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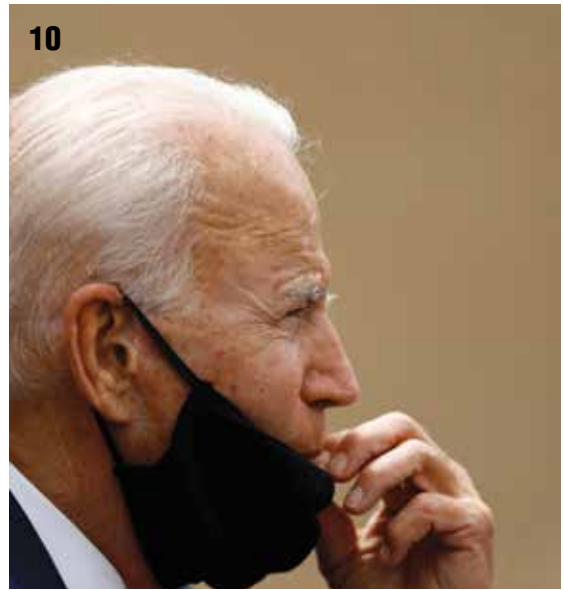
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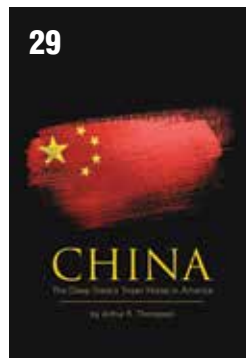
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“Constitutional Savings”

I'd like to comment on Howard Last's letter to the editor regarding "Constitutional Savings" (July 20 issue).

Last's is the first voice I have heard, besides mine, calling for the abolishment of Social Security. I am 77 and have so far refused to take Social Security. I think it was a bad idea when it started, and not enough of us have had the courage to say enough is enough! Last offered some equitable solutions. I particularly liked the part where the government gives back all the money it has collected.

With education, I think individuals could take charge of their retirement money. It would have the benefit of encouraging people to take responsibility for their lives and their choices. There are many good reasons to defund it: unnatural dependence on the government, push toward socialism/communism, and it is unconstitutional.

Let's go on and stop Medicare too! Medicare has destroyed our healthcare system. For better or worse, doctors march to the Medicare beat. I get 10 minutes in an appointment and am given tests I don't want. I was annoyed and frightened recently when I saw a statement detailing an office visit to my internist that had a \$38 charge for testing for depression. Upon entering the office, I had simply been handed a lengthy questionnaire, which had been pushed by the government.

When I was a child, there were three options: Visit the doctor in his office, call him/her for advice, or get a home visit. Doctors were paid by their patients just as people paid other businesses for service. Doctors worked out payment arrangements for people when needed. When we go to the doctor today, we don't first ask, "How much is this going to cost?" In fact, as a senior citizen I don't find out until much later how much it will cost, when I am often shocked.

A few years ago I tried to find out from a hospital how much

a tonsillectomy, appendectomy, or open heart surgery cost, and they couldn't give me a straight answer. That is a problem. And one that hospitals seemingly don't want us to solve! Let's take back our healthcare system and encourage doctors and hospitals to run their practices like businesses. Competition is healthy.

Keep the government out of it!

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A \$50 Lesson

Recently, while I was working in the front yard, my neighbors stopped to chat as they returned home from walking their dog. During our friendly conversation, I asked their little girl what she wanted to be when she grew up. She said she wanted to be president someday. Both of her parents, Democratic Party members, were standing there so I asked her, "If you were president what would be the first thing you would do?"

She replied, "I'd give food and houses to all the homeless people." Her parents beamed with pride!

"Wow, what a worthy goal!" I said. "But you don't have to wait until you're president to do that!"

"What do you mean?" she replied.

So I told her, "You can come over to my house and mow the lawn, pull weeds, and trim my hedge, and I'll pay you \$50. Then you can go over to the grocery store where the homeless guy hangs out, and you can give him the \$50 to use toward food and a new house." She thought that over for a few seconds, then she looked me straight in the eye and asked, "Why doesn't the homeless guy come over and do the work, and you can just pay him the \$50?"

I said, "Welcome to the Republican Party." Her parents aren't speaking to me anymore.

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Michael Moore: “Tragedy of Major Proportions” if Trump Wins



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On his Facebook page, liberal filmmaker Michael Moore told his 2.3 million followers on August 29 that unless something drastic happens between now and November 3, a Trump victory is certain: “Are you ready for a Trump victory? Are you mentally prepared to be outsmarted by Trump again? Do you find comfort in your certainty that there is no way Trump can win? Are you content with the trust you’ve placed in the DNC to pull this off?”

Each of these questions was rhetorical. Moore expanded:

“Someone needs to pull the political fire alarm NOW. Where are the stories about Trump gaining on Biden?... We are risking a tragedy of major proportions.... Trump’s base is hateful, excited and they can’t wait to vote. Where’s the excitement for Biden?”

The betting odds have closed dramatically. On July 31, Las Vegas was giving Biden a 24-point margin over Trump. On August 30, the gap had closed to just 1.5 points favoring Biden.

In battleground states Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Florida, and Arizona, RealClearPolitics showed Biden ahead of Trump by an average of 6.3 points on July 28. On August 30, Biden’s advantage had shrunk to 2.7 points.

The same showed up in a Democracy Institute (DI) poll published on August 30 by the British newspaper *Sunday Express*. According to its latest poll, President Trump “has 48 percent of the popular vote over former Vice President Biden’s 45 percent.” And in key swing states, “the gap is even bigger, with 49 percent for Trump to 41 percent for Biden, giving the incumbent U.S. President an almost unassailable seven point lead.”

In the Electoral College, the DI poll gives Trump 319 votes to Biden’s 219. And in its “enthusiasm gap,” DI reported that 82 percent of Trump voters “are strongly or very enthusiastic” about their candidate, compared to just 40 percent of Biden’s supporters.

And in the general election, 57 percent of those polled think Trump will be reelected, compared to just 43 percent who don’t think so.

Over 350 “Faith Leaders” Endorse Abortion Advocate Joe Biden

More than 350 faith leaders endorsed presidential candidate Joe Biden in late August, saying the Democrat will provide “moral clarity” and help “restore the soul of this nation.”

On its website, the coalition Faith 2020 said it is “raising awareness, mobilizing faith-rooted voters to get out the vote and doing our part to restore the soul of the nation.”

“We’re a group of progressives, independents and conservatives seeking change,” the group declared.

Faith 2020 has been endorsed by faith leaders from various religions, including Christians, Jews, Sikhs, and Muslims.

Faith 2020 member Nadia Bolz-Weber, a Lutheran minister who founded the LGBTQ-friendly House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, asserted that Christians such as her who are not part of the religious Right are becoming a powerful force. “I think progressive Christianity is a sleeping giant,” she said.

President Trump has taken aim at the alleged godlessness of Joe Biden, a Roman Catholic. “He’s against the Bible, essentially against religion. But against the Bible and he’s against the Second Amendment,” the president said in an interview with Fox News’ Geraldo Rivera.

“That may be a little harsh, him being against the Bible,” Rivera responded.

“Well, the people that control him totally are. I mean, it may be a little harsh for him, but he’s going to have no control,” President Trump said.

In October of last year, Biden was denied communion at a Catholic church in South Carolina due to his support for abortion.

Should he make it to the White House, Biden won’t tolerate pro-life policy from state governments. “As president, Biden will work to codify *Roe v. Wade*, and his Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that so blatantly violate the constitutional right to an abortion, such as so-called TRAP laws, parental notification requirements, mandatory waiting periods, and ultrasound requirements,” his campaign website affirms.



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Chinese Air Defenses Could Soon Neutralize U.S. Stealth Fighters



In simulated war games against China, the United States “gets its a** handed to it,” said a military analyst last year. True or not, there’s now another troubling development on this front: Advances in Chinese air defenses could soon render American air power ineffective, according to one expert.

As the *National Interest* reported August 27:

While the West has been focusing on the power of advanced Russian anti-aircraft missiles such as the S-400, it should have been watching China.

China is pulling ahead of Russia, especially in terms of sophisticated radars and sensors, according to a British expert.

“I’d say we should have been paying more attention to Chinese systems alongside the Russian ones,” Justin Bronk, a researcher at Britain’s Royal United Services Institute, told the *National Interest*. “Not because the latter aren’t still superior, but because of the threat trajectory of the former. China will eventually catch up to and then surpass Russian missile and sensor technologies; and with a much more capable air force and economy than Russia.”

Bronk believes that U.S. airpower will soon be inhibited by improvements in China’s air defenses, which will extend across coastal surface-to-air missile sites on the Chinese mainland, missile batteries on artificial islands in the South China Sea, and better anti-aircraft weapons on Chinese warships. “Coupled with the rapid modernization and professionalization of the PLAAF [People’s Liberation Army Air Force], the ability for the U.S. and its allies to project airpower within 1,000 kilometers [621 miles] of China’s mainland shore in a conflict will shrink dramatically on current trends through the 2020s.”

Could Five Million New Gun Owners Swing the Election?

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) reported August 24 that from January through July, more than 12 million background checks for the purchase of firearms were processed, an increase of 71 percent from the same period a year earlier. “That equates,” said the group, “to nearly 5 million first-time gun owners in the first seven months of 2020.”

An analysis of those background checks by the NSSF further revealed that almost 60 percent of those purchases “were among African-American men and women, the largest increase of any demographic group. Women comprised 40 percent of first-time gun purchasers.”

The NSSF opined that it was the combination of mayors and governors emptying prisons of violent felons in response to the COVID threat, the “peaceful protests” being taken over by radicals such as Antifa and BLM, and the resulting looting, burning, and riots that were followed by calls to defund the police that “continued to spur sales.”

Further encouraging sales, said the NSSF, was the fact that “Democratic candidates Joe Biden and U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) are calling for stringent gun control measures, including forcible confiscation, banning entire classes of firearms from lawful possession, licensing schemes and repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Firearms Act which would expose the firearm industry to frivolous and harassing lawsuits.”

The NRA welcomed the new owners, tweeting that “New Gun Owners Could Sway Future Elections,” adding hopefully that

“voters who recently bought guns for self-defense will join other 2A voters and be an even more formidable voting bloc. They know anti-gun politicians are the biggest threat to their fundamental right to self-defense.”

Will all, or even a significant majority, of those new gun owners automatically vote for Trump in November? Probably not. Most of them are acting out of fear, not ideology. It’s only the well-informed who are likely to turn out in significant numbers for the president on election day. And that’s the challenge of groups such as the NSSF and the NRA: converting those new owners into pro-Trump voters. ■



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CDC: Fewer Than 10,000 Americans Have Died From COVID-19 Alone

Only six percent of Americans who have died with COVID-19 died strictly from the virus and not from other causes, according to new numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC's latest COVID-19 provisional counts, covering February 1 through August 22, say that 164,280 Americans have suffered deaths "involving COVID-19."

That, of course, can mean anything from having had a recent positive COVID-19 test (which may or may not have been accurate) to having tested positive months earlier to simply having been declared positive based on symptoms (with hospitals facing strong financial incentives to claim COVID-19 deaths).

For the sake of argument, however, let us assume that the CDC's numbers are valid. Out of those 164,280 deaths, the CDC calculates that just six percent of them, or 9,857, were caused solely by COVID-19. "For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were 2.6 additional conditions or causes per death," the agency says. In other words, 94 percent of those who died with COVID-19 already had two or more other serious health issues such as hypertension or diabetes.

On top of that, age was a major contributing factor. Ninety-two percent of deaths involving COVID-19 occurred among individuals aged 55 and older. Persons 75 and older accounted for 58 percent of such deaths.

Hence, it is hardly surprising that 22 percent of COVID-19 deaths occurred in nursing homes and long-term care facilities, where most residents are both aged and infirm. That number is considerably higher in states that ordered these facilities to accept COVID-19 patients, and would be higher still in New York if that state had not changed its counting method to disguise the order's deadly results.

LewRockwell.com blogger Michael Rozeff observed August 30:

It is quite hard to shake loose of the idea that if it had not been for COVID-19, these otherwise seriously ill and elderly people ... would still be alive. But there is no way to blame COVID-19 solely when several other co-morbidities are present. The other ailments are present and contributory. I know this sounds terrible to say, but clear thought demands it. These people already had one leg in the grave. We can imagine this, which is true in most instances, that a person who is healthy and has no other ailments shakes off the virus-induced illness. However, what if that person is the victim during that bout of illness of several more



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severe health issues? Then he or she may perish. What's to blame, the initial COVID-19 which could have been survived, or the subsequent co-morbidities like heart disease or emphysema? It is impossible to single out a sole cause when several are present together.

Despite the deaths, the CDC's statistics should be considered good news. According to the CDC, COVID-19 has thus far played a role in the deaths of just 0.05 percent of the U.S. population and was the sole factor in the deaths of a mere 0.003 percent.

This is not the picture one gets from the mainstream media, which thrives on coronavirus panic. In fact, their hysterical reporting of "cases" and other meaningless statistics has led Americans to believe that COVID-19 has wiped out nine percent of the U.S. population. That's 180 times the number of people the CDC claims have died *with* COVID-19 and 3,000 times the number the agency says have died *from* COVID-19.

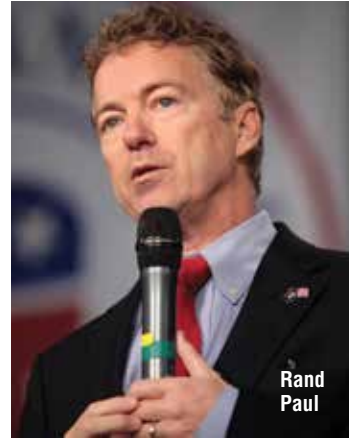
It's also not the impression one gets from most government officials, who are currently enjoying power trips courtesy of the fear they have instilled in their citizens. If those citizens were to become aware of the CDC's latest statistics and other relevant facts, they might well come to the same conclusions as Rozeff: "It means that existing draconian measures should all be shelved immediately! They are not just neutral in their effects. They are known to be harmful in many ways, including causing deaths that otherwise would not have occurred. It means that the crash-push for vaccines should be abandoned. There is no dire need to rush an untested vaccine into production and inoculate large numbers of people."

There is, however, a dire need to put an end to the COVID-19 police state once and for all. ■

Kentucky Senator Praises Trump for His Anti-war Stance

“President Trump is the first president in a generation to seek to end war, rather than start one. James Madison once wrote, ‘No nation can preserve its freedom in the midst of continuous warfare.’ I’m proud to finally see a president who agrees with that.”

*Speaking at the Republican National Convention, Kentucky Senator **Rand Paul** made reference to something President Trump did not do and lauded him for his unwillingness to do what numerous previous presidents had done.*

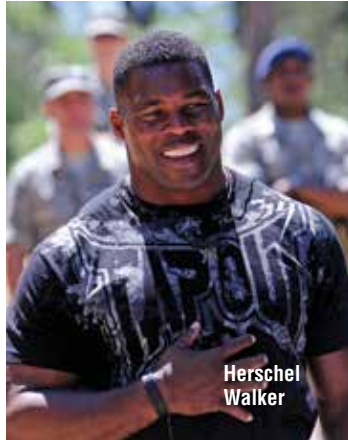


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Dropped Charges Reinstated Against Actor Who Faked Being Attacked

“[The newly appointed special prosecutor who reinvestigated the case found] substantial abuses of discretion and operational failures in the handling of the investigation into the conduct of actor Jussie Smollett.”

*TV star Jussie Smollett hired two men to fake a racial hate crime aimed at him and then lied to the police about the made-up incident. The Cook County (Chicago) attorney’s office investigated after the sitting state’s attorney dropped the charges against the actor. According to reporter **Julia Jacobs**, Smollett will now face criminal charges for his conduct.*



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Former NFL Star Corrects False Image of President Trump

“Most of you know me as a football player. I’m also a father, a man of faith, and a very good judge of character. I have known Donald Trump for 37 years. And I don’t mean we just casually ran into each other from time to time. I’m talking about a deep personal friendship. It hurts my soul to hear the terrible names people call Donald. The worst one is ‘racist.’ Growing up in the deep south, I have seen racism up close. I know what it is. And it isn’t Donald Trump.”

*A speaker at the Republican National Convention, **Herschel Walker** scored the equivalent of many touchdowns for his friend of many years. The two became close when Donald Trump owned the New Jersey Generals, a team in the ill-fated United States Football League.*

He Fleed Cuba and Now Sees Democrats Following the Communist Pattern Here

“I heard the promises of Fidel Castro. And I can never forget all those who grew up around me, who looked like me, who could have been me, but who suffered and starved and died because they believed those empty promises of spread the wealth, free education, free healthcare, defund the police, trust a socialistic state. When Castro was asked if he was a communist, he said he was a Roman Catholic. He knew he had to hide the truth.”

*A longtime resident of Miami, Florida, Cuban-American **Maximo Alvarez** is a very outspoken champion of President Trump. He worries about the claims of Democrats and the unrest in Portland and other American cities because they remind him of what he heard from the communists who seized Cuba 60 years ago.*

Nancy Pelosi Calls for Canceling Biden-Trump Debates

“I don’t think that there should be any debates. I do not think that the president of the United States has comported himself in a way that has any association with truth, evidence, data, and facts. I wouldn’t legitimize a conversation with him, nor a debate.”

*Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi** has good reason to fear that Joe Biden would fare poorly in any debate with the president, though of course she and other Democrats who have similar concerns would not want to frame it this way. ■*



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Joe Biden won a Democratic victory in the primaries because he positioned himself as a moderate, but his positions could vie with those of the most radical Democratic socialists.

by Luis Miguel

Free college. Government-run healthcare. Mass gun confiscations. A Green New Deal.

Democrats' 2020 platform is a glorified wish list for the party's most radical so-

cialist elements. At first glance, one would think Bernie Sanders is the nominee.

Instead, the unprecedented, ambitiously progressive agenda comes from none other than Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the man who clawed his way to the top of the Democratic ticket under the guise of being the

moderate centrist who could bring middle America back to the party of Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton.

But just as those two Democratic presidents moved American policy far more leftward than their campaign promises or public personas suggested, Biden would

also serve as the perfect vehicle for the far Left to achieve a number of key milestones — because he can appeal to the sensibilities of moderates.

Lyndon B. Johnson, the stern Texan, was no ideologue. Much in the way young Democrats today look at Biden with dismay in contrast to progressive champions such as Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, Democrats of the sixties never saw in Johnson the Camelot mystique of John F. Kennedy or anti-war presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy. Yet it was Johnson who ushered in the Great Society, with massive unconstitutional expansions of government such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Likewise, Biden, who can play to the center, to the working class, and to older voters, would be ideally positioned to sell socialist programs that would scare off the mainstream if espoused by someone such as Sanders.

That's what makes Biden such a dangerous candidate. To moderate or Never-Trump Republicans, he extends an enticing offer: "Go ahead. Vote Democrat. I'm no socialist. I'm the middle-of-the road choice, not the extremist." Democrats are banking on that offer winning over on-the-fence voters in this highly polarized political climate.

Vice President Mike Pence gave the most apt description of Biden when he called him a "Trojan Horse for a radical agenda."

What exactly is hiding within that socialist Trojan Horse? Let's have a look inside.

The Green New Deal Rebranded

One of the most striking aspects of Joe Biden's agenda is how extreme his environmental policies are. While his climate-change proposal omits the phrase "Green New Deal" (likely in an effort to avoid some of the automatic opposition baked into that controversial plan), it's as far-reaching as anything rolled out by New Consensus, the think tank that authored the Green New Deal plan associated with Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).

If enacted, the Biden climate program would spend more than \$2 trillion to radi-

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Ready to buy an expensive electric car? Biden's "Environmental Justice" program is as ambitious as the Green New Deal, replete with a plan to get all Americans driving electric cars and proposed prison time for "polluters."

cally transform America's energy infrastructure, directly impacting the life of every person in the country and giving vast new authority to government over the private affairs of businesses and individuals.

Among the goals of the Biden plan are making the United States "carbon-free" by 2035, instituting a federal green-energy jobs program, and establishing an Environmental and Climate Justice Division to crack down on polluters.

Getting the country to a 100-percent clean-energy standard within 15 years would undoubtedly have an effect on the coal and natural gas industries, which currently produce 63 percent of all electricity in the country. And abandoning those carbon-based fuels would skyrocket energy costs, much to the detriment of homeowners and businesses.

The presumptive Democratic nominee

also wants all Americans driving "energy-efficient vehicles," which he hopes to achieve by backing legislation introduced by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) to incentivize car owners to trade in their gas-powered vehicles for electric ones.

The Biden plan would also set aside funding to upgrade millions of homes so that they meet energy efficiency standards.

But how would a President Biden enforce his vision? In a striking example of green totalitarianism, the Democratic candidate's platform states that he wants to create an Environmental and Climate Justice Division within the Department of Justice for cracking down on those who pollute the environment — ignoring the fact that carbon dioxide is not a pollutant, but a cornerstone of life on Earth. The plan reads: "Biden will direct his EPA and DOJ

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Dictating how everyone lives: As president, Biden would not only mandate the wearing of face masks, but would also use COVID-19 as a springboard for instituting globalist policies that would bring America closer to world government.

to pursue these cases to the fullest extent permitted by law and, when needed, seek additional legislation to hold corporate executives personally accountable — including jail time where merited.”

For socialists and globalists, the “climate change” agenda has always been one of the fundamental steppingstones toward establishing a New World Order of all-powerful world government. Because the religion of environmentalism asserts that every human activity contributes to pollution in some way, the government is therefore justified in regulating all aspects of life — from farming and transportation to housing and food.

Under this argument, of course, education must be tightly controlled by the state to ensure students are properly indoctrinated with climate hysteria. And since the very presence of humanity on the planet

is fundamentally the problem, population control becomes an essential plank of the environmental program.

Getting the average citizen on board with the climate agenda has proven challenging for the establishment, however. The proposed governmental controls are too burdensome, while the supposed consequences of climate change are too far off in the distant future and too unlikely to occur for voters to care about in the here and now. That’s why the globalists’ plan is continually frustrated (the United Nations’ Agenda 21 becomes Agenda 2030, etc.).

But the Left has devised a new combination that they hope will make the climate issue more palatable to the minority voters that make up their base, and Joe Biden is all in.

In what it terms a crusade for “Environmental Justice,” Biden’s proposal states

that “rooting out systemic racism” is an important part of climate-change policy, as “environmental policy decisions of the past have failed communities of color — allowing systemic shocks, persistent stressors, and pandemics to disproportionately impact communities of color and low-income communities.”

The proposal calls on the government to “stand up to the abuse of power by polluters who disproportionately harm communities of color and low-income communities” and vows that a Biden administration will “take action against fossil fuel companies and other polluters who put profit over people and knowingly harm our environment.”

COVID Tyranny

Alarmism over the coronavirus outbreak has been one of the biggest gifts that keep on giving for the leftist-globalists. The establishment has taken note of just how willing a large segment of the population has been to surrender basic constitutional liberties because of a virus with a 99.74-percent survival rate — and Joe Biden isn’t about to let a good crisis go to waste.

Besides his oft-repeated insistence that he would issue an executive order forcing all Americans to wear masks in public, the former vice president has a lengthy proposal exclusively dedicated to the coronavirus.

As with climate change, COVID-19 for Biden and Democrats serves as a catch-all under which they can cram any and every policy dream.

Biden’s plan, for instance, declares that he “will invest in infrastructure, like broadband, essential for mitigating the impact of future pandemics. And, he will encourage union organizing and defend collective bargaining.”

Ostensibly, this is because unions “can help negotiate for better safety and health protections, provide better training for personal protective equipment” and “can provide a critical voice in handling crises, especially those that represent the many workers that are exposing themselves to hazards in order to keep Americans safe.”

Biden and his team also see the virus as a useful way of driving home globalism. The Democrats’ plan calls for “lay[ing] the groundwork for sustained global health security,” “build[ing] a global health security workforce, and “re-embrac[ing] inter-

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national engagement ... to strengthen joint standing capacity for biosurveillance and health emergency response.”

In pursuance of the latter, Biden seeks the creation of a “Permanent Facilitator” within the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General for Response to High Consequence Biological Events to coordinate pandemic response among the world’s various health and humanitarian organizations — handing the UN greater power.

Not unexpectedly, Biden “calls for fully resourcing the WHO [the UN’s World Health Organization],” which President Trump has formally moved to withdraw the United States from (though the change does not go into effect until July 2021).

This is the same WHO that all the way back in December ignored concerns from Taiwan about the potential of person-to-person spread of COVID-19, a decision that seems to have been taken to protect China, where the virus originated.

WHO is dominated by Communist China. The organization’s director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, rose to his position with backing from the East Asian superpower.

Tedros is a communist member of Ethiopia’s violent, human rights-violating Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPFL), which the U.S. government and the Global Terror Database have designated a terrorist organization. He helped cover up epidemics in his native Ethiopia and is not even a medical doctor.

Yet Biden has no qualms about funding and working with Tedros and WHO. In fact, he wants to increase the role it plays, calling for “the immediate creation of a Global Health Emergency Board to harmonize crisis response for vulnerable communities.”

Per Biden’s program, the “Board will convene leadership of the United States, our G7 partners, and other countries in support of the World Health Organization (WHO) to ensure a coordinated health and economic response globally, especially with respect to vulnerable countries.”

Adding that the board will

bring together “experts” from WHO and CDC, the plan reveals that “in the future, the convening of the Board would be triggered by a public health emergency of international concern declaration by the WHO.”

The Welfare State

Matthew Yglesias, co-founder of the progressive outlet Vox, noted Biden’s “surprisingly progressive agenda,” pointing to the Democrat’s avowed aim of massively expanding federal spending on entitlements. That includes quadrupling federal spending on low-income housing, tripling federal spending on low-income K-12 schools, pouring \$100 billion into an “affordable housing” trust fund, and doubling Pell Grants — while making community college free. Biden also wants to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Estimates put the expected increase in spending under a President Biden at \$6-\$8 trillion over the next decade. And who would ultimately foot the bill? As al-

ways, the American taxpayer — one way or another, whether through overt taxation or indirectly through the ravages of deficit spending and its corresponding inflation.

While Biden stops short of pushing Medicare for All like Sanders and Warren, he advocates the creation of a government-run health insurance option.

“The public option, like Medicare, will negotiate prices with providers, providing a more affordable option for many Americans who today find their health insurance too expensive,” Biden’s website reads.

Additionally, Biden’s plan to build on ObamaCare includes “expanding access to contraception and protect[ing] the constitutional right to an abortion,” assuring Americans that “the public option will cover contraception and a woman’s constitutional right to choose.”

Should he make it to the White House, Biden wouldn’t tolerate pro-life policy from state governments. “As president, Biden will work to codify *Roe v. Wade*, and his Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that so blatantly violate the constitutional right to an abortion, such as so-called TRAP laws, parental notification requirements, mandatory waiting periods, and ultrasound requirements,” his health plan affirms.

Furthermore, Biden intends to “restore funding for Planned Parenthood” that the Trump administration cut and wants to rescind the Mexico City Policy, reinstated and expanded by President Trump, which stops the U.S. government from funding abortion abroad.

This is a significant shift from Biden’s abortion position in the past. When he was first running on the Obama ticket in the 2008 race, Biden stated that while he was opposed to abortion personally, he did not believe the government should get involved in a woman’s “right to choose” — he also did not want federal funds to be used for abortion.

The radical turn further highlights what makes Biden a Trojan Horse for radical leftism. Democrats have a consistent tendency to downplay the extremist nature of their beliefs when they first enter the public



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Backing failures: Biden wants to keep the United States in the World Health Organization, run by communist Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (above), though it abjectly failed during the COVID pandemic.



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Compromising principles? To win the presidential election, Biden must win over progressives who idolize Bernie Sanders. Thanks to a unity task force between the two campaigns, Biden has adopted several of the democratic socialist's ideas.

sphere, and then gradually bring their supporters and policies ideologically leftward over the course of time.

Gun Control

For Joe Biden, gun violence is a “public health epidemic.” After having been involved with a 1993 bill that established background checks and 1994 legislation that placed a 10-year ban on “assault weapons” and “high-capacity magazines,” Biden appears determined to become *the* gun-control president.

Biden wants to repeal the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Doing so would make it easier for gun manufacturers to be held civilly liable for people who commit crimes with their products. Using that logic, should car manufacturers also be held responsible for all bodily and property damage made by irresponsible drivers?

Even more concerning is Biden's plan to disarm Americans of many semi-automatic firearms. First, he wants to add such weapons to the National Firearms Act, which currently requires owners of machine guns, silencers, and short-barreled rifles to register them with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Then, Biden wants to sign an executive order banning the importation of “assault weapons” (while simultaneously banning

their sale). Finally, he will force Americans to either sell their weapons to the government under a buyback program or register them with ATF. The Democratic nominee also supports legislation restricting the number of firearms an individual may purchase to one per month.

And here's the clincher that should have constitutionalists, conservatives, and patriots everywhere ready to say “No” to Joe on election day: Biden plans to “close the Hate Crime loophole” by enacting legislation prohibiting anyone “who has been convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime, or received an enhanced sentence for a misdemeanor because of hate or bias in its commission,” from purchasing or possessing a firearm.

The beauty of “hate crimes” for the Left is that the definition of “hate” means whatever leftists want it to mean at any given time. Nowadays, merely voicing opposition to liberal sacred cows such as gay marriage, open borders, and Black Lives Matter will get you accused of “hate speech.” How long before it's deemed a “hate crime?”

Once that happens, the government under Joe Biden will be authorized to confiscate guns from law-abiding citizens merely for the “crime” of holding right-of-center political views.

And it doesn't end there. Not only does Biden want to give funding to states to im-

plement “red flag” laws, which allow “the right of the people to keep and bear arms,” guaranteed by the Second Amendment, to be trampled upon by politically motivated judges and law-enforcement personnel, he would also “direct the FBI and ATF to outline a model relinquishment process, enact any necessary legislation to ensure relinquishment when individuals newly fall under one of the federal prohibitions, and then provide technical and financial assistance to state and local governments to establish effective relinquishment processes on their own.”

In other words, Biden would create a gun confiscation task force that would go door to door taking Americans' firearms away — presumably at the barrel of a gun.

Biden would also use Big Brother technology to further hinder the use of the few firearms that *are* legally left in circulation. His gun-control proposal calls for putting “America on the path to ensuring that 100% of firearms sold in America are smart guns,” which would include fingerprint technology that only allows authorized users to fire a gun.

When Big Tech is largely subservient to the globalist-socialist Deep State that is hell-bent on disarming average citizens, can we really trust that “smart guns” won't conveniently self-sabotage right in the moment a gun owner has to defend his life and that of his family? Will such guns be fed information about social-media history in order to block use by those guilty of “hateful” wrongthink?

If “smart” firearms and gun registries Biden wants become the norm, Second Amendment defenders may only have self-made weapons to turn to. But the presidential aspirant wants to go after those, too. His plan makes special mention of ending ownership of “ghost guns.”

“One way people who cannot legally obtain a gun may gain access to a weapon is by assembling one on their own, either by buying a kit of disassembled gun parts or 3D printing a working firearm,” his website reads. “Biden will stop the proliferation of these so-called ‘ghost guns’ by passing legislation requiring that purchasers of gun kits or 3D printing code pass a federal background check.”

Biden doesn't even want armed teachers protecting their students during school shootings. He would “prohibit the use of

federal funds to arm or train educators to discharge firearms.”

The 77-year-old’s position on gun control alone reveals that an unabashed extremist lies beneath the facade of the moderate.

Immigration

Open borders are an essential component of the globalist agenda for eroding national sovereignty to create a monolithic, one-world international system of governance, but Americans have widely awakened to an understanding of economic and national security threats posed by mass migration. President Trump rode that wave into the White House and made gains in restoring sense to American immigration policy (despite continual roadblocks from activist judges), but a Biden presidency would largely reverse that progress.

For one thing, Biden seeks to undo the Trump administration’s public charge rule, which gives immigration officials discretionary ability to bar issuance of visas or permanent residence to individuals who are likely to become dependent on taxpayers once admitted into the country.

He would directly take on President Trump’s signature immigration project — construction of a wall along the southern border — by ending the national emergency declared by the president in response to a wave of thousands of migrants and asylum requests last year. With the national emergency ended, Biden would discard the use of military funds for wall construction.

A President Biden would then eliminate President Trump’s travel bans, reinstate DACA (while ensuring “Dreamers” get taxpayer-funded student aid), and promote “alternatives to detention” for illegal aliens at the border, meaning they will be released into the interior of the country to “wait” for their hearings — code for “they will run off and never be heard from again” (at least until they run over an American citizen while driving without a license).

The Lingering Shadow of Bernie

Whether or not Biden is a true believer in full-fledged socialism makes no difference. He faces the same situation Hillary Clinton did in 2016: Now that he has emerged from the primary following a tense race against Bernie Sanders, he must

satisfy Bernie supporters’ far-left demands lest they sit the election out.

A month after Sanders suspended his campaign and endorsed Biden, the two sides joined forces in several unity task forces that published policy recommendations on various issues. The committee on climate change was chaired by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who seems to sincerely believe that the United States can simply print money to fund every climate-change extravagance without any negative consequences for the country.

The head of Biden’s transition team is Ted Kaufman, a well-known progressive who briefly served as U.S. senator for Delaware after Biden became vice president. Bruce Reed, a political operative and champion of the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, is also found among Biden’s inner circle.

A well-known saying within the Reagan administration was “personnel is policy.” Considering the company Joe Biden keeps and the types of voters he courts, there’s no doubt that his presidency would be one of the most progressive in American history, even if the Bernie supporters will never truly consider him one of their own.

The Kamala Factor

Senator Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), Joe Biden’s running mate, would not lend a

moderate voice to the administration. Instead, she would push the envelope further. She fits the profile of “woman of color” that Democrats were looking for in order to balance running an elderly white man in the age of George Floyd, but the party’s progressives are less than thrilled with the choice, pointing to her record as California’s attorney general, where she proved willing to be as malicious as she had to be to get ahead.

While serving as the Golden State’s top cop, Harris repeatedly refused to investigate police-related shootings. Left-wing activists also criticize her for not supporting reforms that would have supposedly increased police accountability, for supporting anti-truancy laws that critics say disproportionately targeted people of color, and for aggressively prosecuting misdemeanors and violations such as panhandling, graffiti, and marijuana use. Her worst strike, however, is that she would not let DNA testing be done to exonerate possibly wrongfully convicted men.

Harris’ record in the Senate is one of the most liberal in the chamber. From co-sponsoring Ocasio-Cortez’s Green New Deal legislation and Sanders’ Medicare for All, to endorsing free healthcare for illegal aliens and voting to raise taxes, Harris has taken many steps to ingratiate herself with the far left.



Eliminating self-defense for conservatives: Biden would usher in radical gun control with a plan that includes a confiscation task force, “smart guns,” and the banning of firearms sales to those guilty of “hate crimes” (read: conservatives).



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Only missing the communist attire: Harris' network is peppered with Marxist ties, and her voting record, including support for the Green New Deal and Medicare for All, makes her one of the most left-leaning senators.

In fact, the non-partisan website GovTrack.us ranked Harris as the “least conservative” (read: most liberal) senator of 2019. As the only senator with a score of 0.00, she was even more liberal than Bernie Sanders.

Then there is Harris' plethora of radical ties.

In an *Epoch Times* piece, anti-communist author Trevor Loudon noted that Harris is supported by Steve Phillips, a political operative who married into the wealthy Sandler left-wing donor family and who described his political formation in the following words: “I’ve studied Marx, Mao, and Lenin. In college, I organized solidarity efforts for freedom struggles in South Africa and Nicaragua, and I palled around with folks who considered themselves communists and revolutionaries ..., and I did my research paper on the Black Panther Party.... My political baptism was the Jesse Jackson 1984 Presidential campaign.”

Jackson managed to get seven million votes in the 1988 Democratic primary thanks to the Rainbow Coalition, which brought together minorities with progressive whites. This was the formula that propelled Barack Obama into the White House, and it’s what the Left hopes to use again to achieve (Vice) President Harris.

Phillips helped turn once reliably-red Virginia blue with minority voter regis-

tration. In 2017, he and the Sandler family put several million dollars into voter registration in Alabama to help Democrat Doug Jones win the Senate race against Republican Roy Moore.

In Florida in 2018, Phillips, George Soros, and Tom Steyer of the Democracy Alliance put millions behind Democrat Andrew Gillum, bringing him extremely close to victory against Republican Ron DeSantis.

“In Georgia, another Phillips protégé, Stacey Abrams, came within a whisker of winning the Georgia governorship with at least \$10 million of Sandler and Democracy Alliance money and mass minority-voter registration drives,” Loudon recounts, going on to note that Beto O’Rourke came within three percentage points of beating Ted Cruz in the 2018 U.S. Senate race thanks to two Phillips-aligned and Democracy Alliance-funded groups, Battleground Texas and Texas Organizing Project.

Of course, Harris’ radical ties started at home. The senator is the daughter of two 1960s Berkeley radicals: Shyamala Gopalan, a cancer researcher from the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India, and Donald J. Harris, an economist from Jamaica. The couple often took baby Kamala to protests in a stroller.

Donald Harris was a Marxist who wrote papers such as “The Black Ghetto as Col-

ony: A Theoretical Critique” (1972) and “Capitalist Exploitation and Black Labor: Some Conceptual Issues” (1978). Though some try to downplay the full nature of Harris’ political views, several *Stanford Daily* articles at the time described Donald Harris as “Marxist,” and colleague Tracy Mott and his friends made it very clear that Harris was hired specifically for his radical views.

The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. And if the Biden-Harris ticket wins in November, Americans won’t just have to worry about Harris’ far-left views and handlers having influence in the West Wing. Far-left views/handlers will have a direct seat in the Oval Office should Harris assume the presidency. If Biden wins, a Harris presidency is not just a possibility but *likely*, considering Biden’s deteriorating condition. Many question if Biden is even now still mentally and actively fit to be president — or if his handlers are calling the shots while he is largely hidden from public view in his basement. Regardless of his present condition, it will likely continue to decline to the point where he will be replaced before the end of his first term.

The Competition

The 2020 presidential election presents a stark contrast between the two major-party candidates. While President Trump may not rate near 100 percent on the constitutionalist scale, he has continually been a thorn in the side of the globalist-minded Deep State, which loathes the “America First” stance that propelled him into the presidency and the fact that the Deep State has been unable to totally subvert Trump’s goals. He has fought for greatly loosening the regulatory constraints on the free market, a secure border, the Second Amendment, freedom of speech, less bureaucracy, and national sovereignty.

Joe Biden, on the other hand, represents the complete antithesis of Americanism. If realized, his agenda would rob us of our most fundamental rights and put the entire nation on the road to serfdom under the rule of an unaccountable socialist world government.

The Biden campaign is one of radicalism and extremism packaged in the palatable disguise of centrism.

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Kamala Harris Is Not Qualified to Be (Vice) President

Though Kamala Harris was born in the United States, because neither of her parents were American citizens, she is not qualified to be president under the Constitution.



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Deterioration and takeover: Many suspect that Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden suffers from early-stage dementia, placing his running mate, Kamala Harris, unusually close to the presidency. But Harris' constitutional qualifications for the presidency fall short.

by Joe Wolverton, II, J.D.

With Joe Biden's apparent substantial setbacks in his cognitive capacity and his advanced age, Kamala Harris is in a more-likely-than-usual position to assume the office of president. Yet Kamala Harris is constitutionally ineligible to be president of the United States because she is not a natural born citizen, as required by Article II (and, by reference, the 12th Amendment) of the U.S. Constitution.

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While born in the United States — Oakland, California — at the time of her birth, Kamala Harris' father was a citizen of Jamaica and her mother was a citizen of India. This makes Kamala Harris a native-born American — thus eligible to serve as a U.S. senator — but she is not a natural born citizen, the higher standard set for those occupying the office of president.

The Founders' standard is important to follow because preventing constitutionally unqualified candidates from usurping power is of critical concern to every American and every man and woman whose life and liberty could be taken by the person with his — or her — finger on the button.

The Constitution does not define natural born citizenship, neither has the Supreme

Court or Congress. The term "natural born citizen" comes from the English concept of "natural born subject," which came from Calvin's Case, a 1608 decision.

Natural born subjects were those who owed allegiance to the king at birth under the "law of nature." The court concluded that under natural law, certain people owed duties to the king, and were entitled to his protection, even in the absence of a law passed by Parliament.

Let's explore the possible sources and appropriate interpretations of the "natural born citizen" qualification.

At the time of the drafting of the Constitution, a person born subject to the British Crown could hold "double allegiance," a concept similar to "dual citizenship" as understood today.

Our own Founding Fathers, nearly every one of whom was born in some outpost of the British Empire, feared the damage that could come from such divided loyalty. They instituted the "natural born citizen" qualification in order to avoid what Gouverneur Morris described during the Constitutional Convention as "the danger of admitting strangers into our public councils."

As famed jurist of the early Republic St. George Tucker, a contemporary of Morris, explained:

That provision in the constitution which requires that the president shall be a native-born citizen (unless he were a citizen of the United States when the constitution was adopted) is a happy means of security against foreign influence, which, wherever it is capable of being exerted, is to be dreaded more than the plague. The admission of foreigners into our councils, consequently, cannot be too much guarded against;

their total exclusion from a station to which foreign nations have been accustomed to attach ideas of sovereign power, sacredness of character, and hereditary right, is a measure of the most consummate policy and wisdom.

The very source of the “natural born citizen” standard is known to us today. The Swiss jurist Emer de Vattel defined that term in his seminal book *The Law of Nations*, published in 1758 and which, according to Benjamin Franklin, “had been continually in the hands of the members of our Congress.”

Book I, Chapter 19, Section 212 of *The Law of Nations* reads:

Natural-born citizens, are those born in the country, of parents who are citizens. As the society cannot exist and perpetuate itself otherwise than by the children of the citizens, those children naturally follow the condition of their fathers, and succeed to all their rights. The society is supposed to desire this, in consequence of what it owes to its own preservation; and it is presumed, as matter of course, that each citizen, on entering into society, reserves to his children the right of becoming members of it. The country of the fathers is therefore that of the children; and

these become true citizens merely by their tacit consent. We shall soon see, whether, on their coming to the years of discretion, they may renounce their right, and what they owe to the society in which they were born. *I say, that, in order to be of the country, it is necessary that a person be born of a father who is a citizen; for if he is born there of a foreigner, it will be only the place of his birth, and not his country. [Emphasis added.]*

De Vattel’s definition of “natural born citizen” and the benefits derived from distinguishing between “natural born citizens” and “citizens” were well known to our Founding Fathers and, in fact, the very name of that high standard was copied verbatim by them into Article II of the U.S. Constitution wherein the qualifications for president of the United States are set out.

To see that such a qualification was universally agreed to by the delegates at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, one need only look to the record of that convention and note that the requirement that the president be a “natural born citizen” was mentioned only twice and was agreed to “nem. con.,” a contraction of a Latin legal phrase meaning “without opposition.”

As indicated in early records of the

naturalization process, men applying for American citizenship were required to make two renunciations of all fealty to foreign powers before swearing allegiance to the Republic of the United States.

As a matter of fact, the possibility of any legal acceptance of divided allegiance was explicitly rejected in a report issued by the House of Representatives in 1874: “The United States have not recognized a ‘double allegiance.’ By our law a citizen is bound to be ‘true and faithful’ alone to our government.”

The practical effect of that proclamation is that in order to be a “natural born citizen” of the United States, one would have to be free from a competing claim for allegiance from another nation.

That such a schizophrenic situation was not only anticipated but accepted by His Majesty’s government during the time of the American founding can be inferred from the impressment of American sailors into the service of the Crown. During the War for Independence, British ships would block American ships from sailing, and then the seamen on the British vessels would board the American ships and force the Americans to serve the side of the Empire.

The insistence on the part of the British that anyone born within the realm was a British subject regardless of any voluntary severance thereof and one’s subsequent vow of allegiance to another was a significant factor in the hostilities known as the War of 1812.

Finally, in this regard, the British required no process of naturalization as such. Simply being born within the dominions of the monarchy of Great Britain was sufficient to endow one with the rights and privileges granted to any British subject. Nothing such a person did later in life (including becoming a citizen of another country) would ever alter his status as a subject.

Obviously, in the United States that concept is not the law now, nor was it the law at the time of the founding. Quite the opposite, in fact.

One of the scholars frequently cited in articles on the subject of the definition of “natural born citizen” is Temple University law professor Peter Spiro.

Spiro often cites the 14th Amendment to the Constitution as further evidence that, although born outside the United



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What the law states: Unlike the standard for senators and representatives, Article II of the U.S. Constitution requires that the president be not just a citizen of the United States, but a “natural born citizen.” The two terms are not synonymous, and the latter sets a higher bar than the former.

States to a foreign father, recent presidential candidates — including Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio — fit the 14th Amendment’s definition of a natural born citizen.

The relevant clause of the 14th Amendment reads: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the States wherein they reside.”

However, the principal architect of the citizenship clause of the 14th Amendment was Michigan Senator Jacob Merritt Howard, a Republican from Detroit.

Senator Howard crafted much of the language that was eventually ratified as part of the 14th Amendment.

During the debates that embroiled the Senate in the years following the Civil War, Senator Howard insisted that the qualifying phrase “subject to the jurisdiction thereof” be inserted into Section 1 of the 14th Amendment being considered by his colleagues. In the speech with which he proposed the alteration, Howard declared:

This amendment which I have offered is simply declaratory of what I regard

as the law of the land already, that every person born within the limits of the United States, and subject to their jurisdiction, is by virtue of natural law and national law a citizen of the United States. This will not, of course, include persons born in the United States who are foreigners, aliens, [or] who belong to the families of ambassadors or foreign ministers accredited to the Government of the United States, but will include every other class of persons.

How could a person “born in the United States” be simultaneously a citizen and a “foreigner” or “alien” if the mere fact of nativity settled the question of citizenship?

Another legislator commenting at the time of the ratification of the 14th Amendment, Representative John Bingham, provided the following clarification of the meaning behind the “subject to the jurisdiction thereof” clause: “*Every human being born within the United States of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty is, in the language of your Constitution itself, a natural born citizen.*” (Emphasis added.)

While similar questions have been raised regarding the Article II eligibility of Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) who ran for president in 2000 and in 2008, and Mitt Romney, who ran in 2008 and 2012, the case of those two men is distinct from that of Kamala Harris.

Both McCain, who was born in the Panama Canal Zone to an American father serving overseas in the military, and Romney, whose father was born in Mexico to American parents, pass constitutional muster.

However, in the case of Senator Kamala Harris, the principles of constitutional law and interpretation set forth above call into question her eligibility for president.

There is no reasonable or legal doubt that at the time of her birth (regardless of the location), Harris’ father was not an American citizen — and thus, should she assume the office of the president, the president would be the child of a person with legal allegiance to a foreign sovereignty. She would not conform to the accepted legal, constitutional, and historical definition of “natural born citizen,” and thus Kamala Harris could not serve as vice president. ■



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With much of the understandable — and deserved — attention on the presidential contest between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden, Americans tend not to put as much focus on the contests for Congress that will also be decided in November.

This is unfortunate. Despite the modern-

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day focus on the president, it was not intended that we be ruled by an elected dictator. The Founders actually intended for Congress to be the most powerful branch of the federal government, not the president, and certainly not the federal judiciary. Under the Constitution, “all legislative power” granted to the federal government was vested in a Congress, consisting of a House of Representatives and a Senate. And in comparing the two, most citizens mistakenly tend to give greater importance to the Senate than the House.

But all money bills must originate in the House, with each representative rep-

resenting a particular district, which presently is only about 1/425th of the country. Because of this, and combined with the fact that each representative must face reelection every two years, members of the House of Representatives were intended to be the closest to the will of the people.

For Americans frustrated with our bloated and powerful federal government, Congress is the key, particularly the House of Representatives, to restoring sound government on the federal level. Many naively believe that the solution is limiting terms for members of Congress. The reality is, however, that were, say, Nancy Pelosi to be term-limited, her replacement would likely be no better, and would possibly be even worse. After all, the same voters who have sent Pelosi to Congress, and reelected her several times, would be choosing her successor.

The only real solution, then, is by informing our fellow Americans in both election years and non-election years. While we cannot term-limit the voters, perhaps we can educate the voters on the principles of limited government found in our U.S. Constitution, making the election of better representatives and senators more likely, and perhaps pressuring those already in office to vote the right way, so as to *stay* in office.

As such, we would like to profile a few selected races, which are intended to be illustrative, not exhaustive.

Tuberville Challenges Jones in Alabama

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higher profile can make them responsive to an informed electorate. Senators have the exclusive power to advise and consent to — confirm — judicial nominations by the president, and they have the sole power to hear impeachment charges against executive or judicial officials. And under the Constitution, no treaty made by the president is binding law unless agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

In Alabama, liberal Democrat Doug Jones was able to win election in the solidly conservative state because of the national media smear campaign against Republican candidate Judge Roy Moore in 2018. Jones won by fewer than 22,000 votes out of 1,348,720 cast. He had been a federal prosecutor, appointed by then-President Bill Clinton in 1997.

Despite carefully crafting a “centrist” image, Jones is a typical liberal Democrat, earning a mere 20-percent score on THE NEW AMERICAN’S Freedom Index, which measures fidelity to the Constitution. To demonstrate the woeful mistake that Alabamians made by being taken in by the national media, Jones voted to convict — on both articles — President Trump on the impeachment charges brought by the Democrat-controlled House, though Democrats failed to show Trump was guilty of a single crime.

Jones also voted for national gun-control legislation, for a proposal to give a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants, and against President Trump’s border wall. He is a supporter of same-sex “marriage” and has been endorsed

by the LGBT-supporting Human Rights Campaign.

Jones also introduced the International Climate Accountability Act, which would keep Trump from using any federal funds to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. He opposes repeal of ObamaCare, and he opposed the tax cuts of 2017.

In short, Alabama could do better than Doug Jones.

The man offering himself as that better alternative to Jones is former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville. Tuberville defeated former Senator Jeff Sessions in the Republican primary, aligning himself closely with Trump. He certainly offers a strong contrast to the liberal Jones, opposing abortion and favoring repeal of ObamaCare. He strongly supports Trump’s desire to build a wall on the southern border. The former coach also wants to reduce the national debt by cutting the federal budget.

Tuberville said that Sessions “wasn’t man enough to stand with President Trump when things got rough.”

During his tenure at Auburn, Tuberville was active in the local Church of Christ, and contributed time and money to Storybook Farm, a program offering free therapeutic care to children with debilitating illnesses.

John James Takes On Gary Peters in Michigan

While political prognosticators think that Tuberville has a better-than-even chance of ousting Doug Jones in Alabama, a more difficult task is that taken on by Republican candidate John James in Michigan, in that state’s Senate contest. James ran a surprisingly close race against Democratic Senator Debbie Stabenow in 2018 (not a good year for Republicans nationally), and is now taking on the other senator, Democrat Gary Peters.

Whereas Jones talks “moderate” in conservative Alabama, Peters makes no pretense of being anything other than a liberal in Michigan. In fact, Peters’ dismal 16-percent score on the Freedom Index is even further to the left than Stabenow’s very liberal record.

Peters previously served in the House of Representatives, where he compiled a strongly liberal voting record. While there, he voted for the stimulus package pushed through by President Barack Obama in

2009. He later identified himself with the leftist Occupy Wall Street movement, even speaking at Occupy Detroit in 2011. He signed a letter that same year urging Obama to support the United Nations Population Fund (for worldwide abortion), and later criticized the Michigan Legislature for a law that prohibited insurers from offering abortion coverage as a standard feature of health insurance plans.

The National Rifle Association awarded Peters a “D” rating because of his lack of support for gun rights. In 2019, Peters demonstrated his radical anti-gun-rights views when he offered a bill to require background checks for the sale or transfer of all firearms, even from one private citizen to another.

In contrast, John James is running as a conservative. He earned a degree from the U.S. Military Academy, and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a pilot of an Apache helicopter. After serving in the Army, Jones joined his family’s automotive-logistics business.

During his 2018 campaign, James described himself as “a pro-life, pro-second amendment, pro-business conservative.” He supports defunding Planned Parent-

hood. He has compared the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* to “genocide.” He favors repeal of ObamaCare, describing it as a “monstrosity.” He opposes sanctuary cities, and says that he backs President Trump “2,000 percent.”

James is an African-American, and were he to win in Michigan, he would no doubt become important in taking conservative values to the black community both in and out of the state.

The Senate Race in Colorado: Gardner vs. Hickenlooper

Senator Cory Gardner’s Colorado race is closely watched as a key battle in the effort to retain GOP control of the U.S. Senate in the fall. When Gardner won in 2014, defeating Democratic incumbent Mark Udall, his victory was critical in the Republican tide of that year, which gave Republicans their present Senate majority.

Gardner’s voting record while in the Senate can best be described as “mixed.” His Freedom Index score is only 59 percent, but he tends to be a reliable vote on most of the high-profile issues, such as abortion. He argues that the states, not the

federal government, should be making the decisions on that issue. While in the Colorado Legislature, Gardner cosponsored a “personhood” bill entitled the “Life Begins at Conception Act.”

Gardner has supported Trump 89 percent of the time, but opposed Trump’s expressed desire of withdrawing from NATO.

On the positive side, Gardner has supported legislation to audit the Federal Reserve System, and has supported the Keystone Pipeline and is pro-fracking. He opposes gun-control legislation as unconstitutional. Specifically, he voted against the Feinstein Amendment, which intended to ban gun sales to anyone who had been on the terrorist watch list in the last five years, and opposed an amendment making a background check necessary at gun shows and online.

He has been part of an effort to repeal ObamaCare, and has chastised fellow senators for their failure to pass any repeal legislation.

Politico has described Gardner as “reliably conservative on most issues other than immigration,” where his record is rather mixed. He favors both a guest worker program and increased border security.

He opposes same-sex “marriage,” but after the 2015 Supreme Court decision that declared it a constitutional right, Gardner said, “We must honor their legal decisions.”

While such a mixed record might cause constitutionalists to write off Gardner as a lost cause, his Democratic opponent, former Governor John Hickenlooper, would almost certainly be even worse. Hickenlooper is another of those supposedly moderate Democrats we often hear about from the national media who is really just a liberal who mouths moderate rhetoric.

For example, while Hickenlooper once had what was described as a “cordial relationship” with the National Rifle Association, as governor he signed some of the strictest gun-control measures of any state. In 2013, Governor Hickenlooper signed a bill to limit the capacity of magazines bought, sold, or transferred within the state to a mere 15 rounds. Another bill required background checks for any firearm within the state, and yet another bill placed a tax on firearm transfers. A former mayor of Denver, Hickenlooper is a mem-

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hometown of Adlai Stevenson, who was the Democratic governor of the state in the 1950s, and the 1952 and 1956 Democratic nominee for president). Curran has to hope for a major upset to remove Durbin from the Senate.

Less emphasis is placed on contests for the House of Representatives, but those who would like to see a return to a constitutionally restrained federal government should concentrate more of their efforts, concerns, and money on that body. These individuals represent a *single district*, not the entire nation, and because of the frequency of their election contests (every second year) and the smaller voting districts — both in population and geographical size — a constitutionalist has a better opportunity to win. The stunning upset victory of David Brat in 2014 in the Republican primary over House Majority Leader Eric Cantor — the first time that had happened since the position was created in 1899 — is a prime example.

AOC Challenged in New York City House Race

A similarly stunning upset was scored in 2018, when Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez defeated Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, a 10-year incumbent, in the Democratic primary for the New York City congressional district. In the general election, she captured nearly 80 percent of the vote in the heavily Democratic district. This catapulted the 29-year-old waitress and bartender into the national spotlight.

She has used that spotlight to advance a very left-wing agenda. AOC, as she is often called, is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, and her platform reflects that. During college, AOC interned for Senator Edward Kennedy. Ocasio-Cortez has admitted that the design of her campaign posters was inspired by revolutionary posters of the past.

AOC is for socialized medicine through “Medicare for All,” which would, of course, terminate private health insurance in the United States. Perhaps her most well-known issue is what she calls the Green New Deal, a program that would effectively cripple the modern economy of America, all in the name of fighting global warming. The plan would phase out fossil fuels, and it calls for upgrading or replacing every building in the country, and

ber of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, co-chaired by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, one of the country’s most high-profile opponents of gun rights.

As a mayor and a governor Hickenlooper has not had to take stands on foreign-policy issues such as trade and aid, but his invitation to a meeting of the secretive globalist organization the Bilderbergers is a strong indication of his globalist tendencies. When Bill Clinton was still a fairly obscure governor of the small state of Arkansas, his attendance at a Bilderberg meeting in 1991 should have given us a strong indication that he was being groomed for bigger things. The next year, of course, Clinton was elected president.

Liberal elites have taken note of Hickenlooper for a long time. In 2005, when he was still just a mayor in Colorado, *Time* magazine tapped him as one of the top five big-city mayors in the United States. In 2012, *Esquire* even listed him as one of their “Americans of the Year.”

Senate Races in Arizona, Virginia, and Illinois

Another race that bears watching is the Arizona Senate contest in which incum-

bent Republican Martha McSally is locked in a fierce battle with Democrat challenger Mark Kelly. While Kelly, a noted gun-control advocate, has led in polls, the race appears to be tightening. McSally is not a strong conservative, with a mediocre 49-percent score on the Freedom Index, but Kelly would almost certainly be worse.

A Senate race that could also prove interesting is in Virginia, where incumbent Democrat Mark Warner (12 percent on the Freedom Index) is being challenged by Republican Daniel Gade, a retired Army colonel who is now a professor at American University. Gade would almost certainly vote more conservatively than Warner, but faces an uphill battle in a state that has not elected a Republican statewide in over a decade.

Illinois is a difficult state for Republicans because of Chicago. Most of the state is like Indiana, but when the votes — legitimate and illegitimate — from Chicago are added to the state’s totals, Democrats usually win. *Mother Jones* magazine has called incumbent Democrat Dick Durbin the “top Senate liberal.” His opponent, Republican Mark Curran, is a former sheriff and a resident of Libertyville, Illinois (the

even grounding the airline industry. She says she is not concerned about its initial projected annual cost of \$2.5 trillion (its full implementation could go above \$100 trillion), which she argues can be financed by higher taxes on “the wealthy” and deficit spending.

A fierce advocate of open borders, she desires to abolish the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Other left-wing positions she has pushed include tuition-free public college and trade school, along with the cancellation of the \$1.6 trillion of outstanding student debt, and increased gun control.

She has even criticized a Catholic hospital that refused to perform a hysterectomy on a “transgender man.”

AOC is being opposed by Republican John Cummings, who will appear on the ballot as a Republican and as the nominee of the Conservative Party, as well. Cummings faces an uphill battle in the heavily Democratic district, but is directly challenging AOC’s leftist ideology. “My opponent, the infamous socialist AOC, wants to defund the police and raise your taxes. She believes Americans are deeply racist and that we should sacrifice our way of life to suit her Green New Deal with millions of jobs lost,” he said, adding, “She really does mean it and that should scare all of us.”

Rather than just rail against the far-left views of AOC, Cummings counters with a clear-cut presentation of his own views. He is a strong advocate of school choice, and argues that the more local education is, the more efficiently it operates. He questions whether the federal government should have any role at all in education.

He calls for a reduction in government regulation and a reduction of the national debt, favoring a balanced federal budget. A strong believer in the free market, he argues that the involvement of the government in healthcare at both the federal and state levels is what has driven up costs of medical care. He proposes health savings accounts.

Cummings was born and raised in the Bronx, and joined the New York City police force in 1983. A serious injury forced his retirement in 1991, and he eventually became a history and civics professor at Fordham University, a position that he has held for over two decades.

Thomas Massie of Kentucky — A Noted Constitutionalist

While lovers of constitutionally limited government lament that persons such as AOC are holding posts in the Congress, a person who has held true to the conservative principles he campaigned on in his first election back in 2012 is Thomas Massie of Kentucky’s 4th Congressional District.

Massie holds a 99-percent cumulative score on the Freedom Index, and is widely considered the most consistently conservative member of Congress. He is a member of the House Liberty Caucus, and is often described as a libertarian Republican. Massie, however, describes himself as a constitutional conservative.

Because Massie is often the sole member of the House of Representatives to vote against a bill, *Politico* called him “Mr. No” in 2014. Rather than just oppose additional expansions of the federal government, Massie tries to roll back its areas of control that he contends are unconstitutional. As such, he has introduced legislation to abolish the U.S. Department of Education and the Environmental Protection Agency.

In 2019, Massie, Representative Ro

Khanna, and Senator Rand Paul co-wrote a letter to President Donald Trump urging him to “rein in the use of force that goes beyond congressional authorization.” The letter expressed hope that this would “serve as a model for ending hostilities in the future — in particular, as you and your administration seek a political solution to our involvement in Afghanistan.”

Massie’s principled constitutionalism has frequently caused his Democratic colleagues and even many of his Republican colleagues to castigate his principled stands. In March, it looked as if Massie could face some trouble in his reelection bid, because even President Trump took to Twitter to denounce him. Trump was angry because Massie insisted that a vote on a \$2 trillion “stimulus” bill, sold as a way to aid the economy during the COVID-19 shutdowns, not be held without a quorum requiring a majority of House members to be present, thereby supposedly delaying the vote. Many members of Congress who did not want to return to D.C. were forced to do so.

Massie said at the time, “I swore an oath to the Constitution, and I take that oath seriously.” The Constitution requires a quo-



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rum for a legal vote, and the House leadership — both sides — wanted to avoid that. They also did not want a *recorded* vote, which Massie asked for in order to put his colleagues on record, but failed to get. So the mammoth \$2 trillion bill passed via voice vote — but with the constitutionally required quorum. Some of Massie's supporters were concerned when Trump and some fellow Republicans denounced his insistence on following the Constitution, but he won re-nomination in June with nearly 90 percent of the vote.

Now Massie faces Democrat Alexandria Owensby, a neurology nurse practitioner, in the general election. "Every American deserves affordable, quality healthcare. As a nurse practitioner, I will fight every day to protect and expand healthcare access for all Americans," Owensby said in a recent interview.

"Now, more than ever, it is essential we elect women to the House and Senate to oppose the bills that are seeking to suppress women's rights," Owensby said, adding that "we must pass the Equal Rights Amendment." She expressed concern that less than a quarter of members of the Congress are female.

She also expressed concern about "climate change," arguing that "we need to address it head on." Clearly, Owensby is not a woman that constitutional conservatives would want in Congress addressing any of the major issues of the day.

Illinois' 6th Congressional District: Ives vs. Casten

One woman, however, who might fit that bill is Jeanne Ives, who is the Republican nominee for Illinois' 6th Congressional District. Ives, a former member of the Illinois House of Representatives, is a graduate of West Point and an Army veteran. She was a platoon leader and later

an ROTC instructor at Wheaton College.

After three terms in the Illinois House, Ives narrowly lost to incumbent Republican Governor Bruce Rauner in 2018. She captured the Republican nomination for Congress this year, garnering in excess of 70 percent of the vote.

While in the Illinois Legislature, Ives was known mostly for opposing legislation. "My best work," she told a radio show host in 2017, "is actually getting traction on killing legislation that is bad." That same year, she published an article in *The Federalist* titled "Illinois Governor Breaks Promise, Sends Nonexistent Tax Dollars to No-Limits Abortions." The

bill that raised Ives' ire said that abortions would remain legal in Illinois even if the Supreme Court reversed its infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision. The bill also allowed women with Medicaid and state-employee health insurance to use their coverage for an abortion.

Ives has also said that same-sex "marriages" are a "completely disordered relationship" and that LGBT people were trying to "weasel their way" into acceptability. She added that same-sex "marriage" was a gateway to "redefin[ing] society," expressing special concern for its negative effect upon children.

While in the House, Ives voted in opposition to raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

Ives is running against Democratic incumbent Sean Casten and Libertarian hopeful Bill Redpeth. Casten was first elected in 2018 as one of the many Democrats who captured previously Republican-held districts, flipping control of the House. Before his election to Congress, Casten was with Turbosteam Corporation.

Casten, who voted to impeach Presi-



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dent Trump, has a dismal 20-percent score on the Freedom Index. Since joining Congress, he has voted to expand the definition of protected classes in federal law to include “sexual orientation and gender identity.” The bill Casten supported stated that “an individual shall not be denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual’s gender identity.” In blunt language, Casten would allow men who identify as females to use the public restrooms, locker rooms, and dressing rooms of women. The bill does not allow any religious exemption.

Casten also voted to prohibit any U.S. federal monies to be used for the United States to implement its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement on climate change, and would require the president to develop a plan for the United States to provide all contributions that were promised by the Obama administration.

Finally, Casten voted for a bill that would mandate universal background checks, essentially ban all private firearm

sales, and create a federal registry of all gun owners in the United States.

Fortunately, the Senate did not pass any of those bills. If the Republicans are going to regain the House in November, this will be one of the races they would almost certainly have to win to make that happen.

Ilhan Omar Challenged in Minnesota by Lacy Johnson

A race that involves another high-profile left-wing Democrat is in Minnesota, where Ilhan Omar is a member of the House of Representatives. Omar is a member of the infamous and radical “Squad” that includes AOC, and is known for making outrageous remarks.

For example, Omar, a Muslim, has said that she considers herself the real victim of the 9/11 attacks because the attacks unleashed “Islamophobia.” She considers Christianity a “hostile religious force” that is trying to impose theocracy in America. Instead of fearing Islamic terrorists, or minorities, Omar says that people should “be more fearful of white men.” She is stridently anti-Jewish,

claiming that Jews are paying American politicians to be pro-Israel.

Omar has publicly advocated transforming the United States into a socialist country. She was born in Somalia during a time in which that country was engulfed in civil war. Her family fled to Kenya and lived in a refugee camp for four years, mostly in abject poverty. Then, her family came to the United States, where they received welfare. After a short stay in New York City, her family moved to Minneapolis, where many other Somalis had already settled.

She went to college, got married, and had three children. One would think that Omar would love America, but instead she is a vociferous critic of the very country that accepted a desperate refugee family from war-torn Somalia. Despite her eventually being elected to Congress, she feels America has oppressed her.

The Republican nominee who is opposing her is Lacy Johnson, a black man who has lived in what is Omar’s congressional district for 40 years. In contrast to Omar, Johnson says, “I am a proud American.” Johnson is a computer technologist, businessman, and entrepreneur. “I’ve been able to live my American Dream because I live in the greatest country on Earth,” he has said.

Johnson argues that “only limited government, low taxes, personal responsibility, and traditional American family values will make America great again. Ilhan Omar is against all those things. Not only is she an ungrateful immigrant, *she’s a hardcore socialist.*” (Emphasis in original.)

Can Johnson defeat Omar? He notes that there are many other immigrants living in the Minnesota congressional district. “Unlike her, they love America and don’t want to transform this country into a stagnant socialist state like the one they left.” Hopefully, Johnson is correct.

Other Races

Another contest that could determine which political party controls the House of Representatives will be held in Virginia, where Nick Freitas, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, is trying to regain a seat lost by the Republicans to the Democrats in 2018. His opponent, Abigail Spanberger, defeated David Brat in 2018. During her two years in the House, Span-

berger has managed a mere 20-percent score on the Freedom Index. This district was originally held by James Madison.

And in Florida, Byron Donalds' victory in the Republican primary in August makes it likely that he will go on to win the general election, as his chief primary opponent, Dane Eagle, who finished a close second, has endorsed Donalds enthusiastically for the general election, and Republicans greatly outnumber Democrats in the district.

Donalds describes himself as a "Trump-supporting, liberty-loving, pro-life, pro-Second Amendment black man." In fact, Donalds garnered a string of endorsements from prominent conservative organizations, including both the National Rifle Association and the Gun Owners of America, Freedom Works, the Republican Party Liberty Caucus, and Americans for Prosperity. Florida Right to Life has given Donalds a 100-percent rating.

While in the Florida House of Representatives, Donalds has been a champion of school choice, criminal justice reform, and the banning of sanctuary cities in the state.

His Democratic opponent is Cindy Banyai, who does not have her own legislative record, and says little on her website about her stand on various issues. Interestingly, however, her site prominently features an endorsement from Peter Galbraith, the son of liberal economist John Kenneth Galbraith. In his endorsement of Banyai, Galbraith said that the "climate crisis" could only be solved on a "global scale," which is not surprising, coming from a member of the globalist Council on Foreign Relations. Banyai echoed Galbraith's globalist rhetoric, saying, "I am humbled to have the recognition and support of someone who has been such a staunch advocate for democracy and justice around the world."

When Galbraith was in the Vermont Legislature, he described himself as "unapologetically progressive," and was for universal background checks for gun sales and a ban on so-called assault weapons. Perhaps his endorsement of Banyai gives the voters of House District 19 an insight into her own left-of-center and globalist views.

Banyai has been involved in community development for two decades, working "around the world" on issues such as homelessness, children's services, and sustainable development (government control of land use and ancillary issues).

These are, of course, only a selection of races around the country that merit our readers' attention.

I have read of some who argue that candidates for Congress should not accept volunteers or financial contributions from persons who do not live in their district. My response was, and is, if you can guarantee to me that none of these members of Congress in other districts will cast votes that adversely affect me, I would not care all that much about congressional contests in other parts of the United States. But these races do affect me, and they do affect you, and our readers should carefully consider all of these contests, because the outcome of these elections could very well determine their future, their children's and grandchildren's future, and the future of the country. ■

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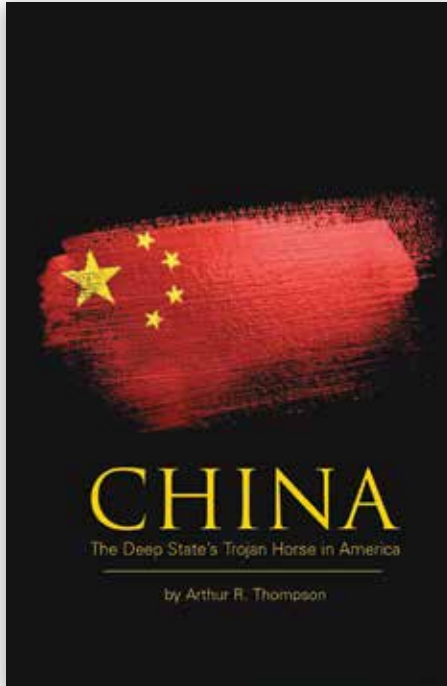
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China: The Deep State's Trojan Horse in America, by Arthur R. Thompson, Appleton, Wisconsin: The John Birch Society, 2020, 132 pages, paperback. See page 32 to order the book.

Arthur Thompson's latest book, *China — The Deep State's Trojan Horse in America*, is the perfect addition for those who have read Michael Pillsbury's *The Hundred-Year Marathon: China's Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower* and/or Jonathan Ward's *China's Vision of Victory*. But one doesn't need to have read those books on China to get a lot out of this one.

Neither Pillsbury nor Ward tells the whole truth about the main problem facing America. The main problem isn't

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China. It isn't even the exaggerated COVID pandemic. It's not the violence in the cities that has been planned, organized, and funded by elites supporting Antifa or BLM. The problem is the Deep State's infiltration of nearly every major cultural and governmental entity in its attempt to establish a world government. What's missing from Pillsbury's and Ward's books — worthy and valuable as they have been in awakening many — is the C-word: conspiracy.

Thompson, on the other hand, has no problem discussing such issues. An author, researcher, historian, scholar, and CEO of The John Birch Society for the past 15 years, he spends 125 pages filling in the blanks left by Pillsbury and Ward.

The guts of the work explain that there is, and has been for many years, a movement by forces to subvert the Republic and merge it with every other nation on the planet under a world government run by them. The globalist groups claim that a centralized government run by them will fairly spread health, wealth, and power — the same thing every communist government in history has promised, and failed to deliver.

Thompson points out that the lead groups in the globalist cabal are the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and its sisters, the Trilateral Commission and the Bilderberg Group. Their goal: "the establishment of a one-world government to be ruled by them [the CFR], and the elimination of God from the lives of the people."

Both Pillsbury and Ward are certainly aware of the influence of the groups, but chose to stay virtually silent about them. Pillsbury is a member of the CFR, but claims he rethought his position when he saw that efforts to convert the Chinese Communist Party into a Western democracy had failed, despite CFR claims that China would change. Ward is a young, brilliant scholar who is also a CFR member, yet he gives a single irrelevant notation to the group in his index.

So both know of the CFR's role in bending America to its will, but have left any

discussion of its importance to others, such as Thompson.

Thompson calls his book a "short overview" of the current attempt to subvert our Republic. The CFR, he says, hopes to make America submit to world government by first turning it into a democracy (instead of a country that protects the rights of individuals through strict adherence to the rule of law) and then pushing, in its last days, a mobocracy, leading to a dictatorship. China is merely a pawn, a tool, in that generations-long effort.

Thompson reveals the fraud in globalist promises: "If we just trade with them and treat them as honest human beings, somehow they will change."

His book is designed as a "wake-up call." And he contends, "Americans supplied the rope to hang themselves with while being sold on the idea that trade would bring peace."

He reminds his readers that it was the uber-socialist Henry Kissinger (who just turned 97 in May) who "sold the idea that trade would change the communist leadership, serve as a bulwark against evil Russian communism, and change China into a capitalist state." President Nixon, a Republican, took his cue from Kissinger, making "a great show of flying to China, meeting with the communist leadership, and basically saying we could get along with China."

Later, NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement, signed in 1994) helped the process along: It "helped accelerate the movement of manufacturing jobs out of America, indirectly to China through Mexico at first, then finally directly into China from the U.S." NAFTA, says Thompson, "was more of a platform for merging North America into a single country than it was a trade deal, and Kissinger knew it."

Added to our suicidal trade policy, Thompson notes, is our equally bad immigration policy. A high priority for globalists has been unlimited immigration to essentially erase borders and

countries' sovereignty, including those of the United States.

To start, he says, "One of the problems with immigration is that, over time, it can change the society into which the immigration is occurring if the number of immigrants is large enough. The sheer numbers will eventually alter the existing society into one that more resembles the background of the immigrants."

And present legal immigration standards allow in Chinese citizens who are trained as spies to infiltrate, steal, and pass on technology and military secrets to their masters. Writes Thompson: "Hidden among those seeking a better life are a number of Chinese agents infiltrating the U.S. How many is unknown." Present estimates are that there are nearly 500,000 Chinese students in U.S. universities who have come legally into the United States with student visas.

Various "initiatives" such as Confucius Institutes give the Chinese Communist Party "total control of staffing and curriculum ... in over 80 colleges and 500 high school classrooms around America." They are used "to see that [Chinese students there] do not deviate from the policies of the Chinese government, and [in addition] disseminate Chinese propaganda."

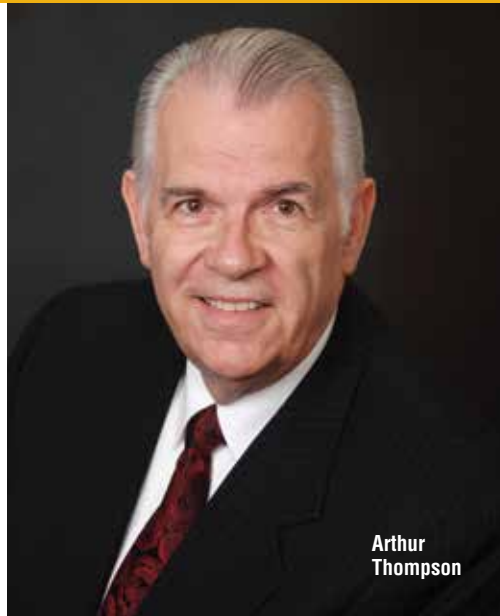
These initiatives have borne fruit, says Thompson:

According to THE NEW AMERICAN online article by Luis Miguel on February 13, 2020, "Trump Administration Investigating Harvard/Yale Links to Chinese Money," a Harvard professor, Charles Lieber, received monies from China through a program through which the communist country recruits foreign experts to contribute their skills and knowledge to Chinese projects, rewarding them for stealing "proprietary" knowledge.

Concludes Thompson:

China uses all of the foregoing examples, and much more, to build this web of subversion and carry out the theft of American research for its military and industrial structures.

Then there's the problem with Chinese purchases: When Chinese Communists



Arthur Thompson

are allowed to purchase property and businesses in the United States, they gain a political advantage. "A natural byproduct of Chinese coming into local communities and buying up property and businesses is that it increases Chinese influence on the local chambers of commerce and local politics," Thompson says.

The Chinese communists haven't failed to take advantage of the opportunity, buying into media organizations in order to influence them in favor of the communists running China. An example is the purchase of the U.S. journalism company *Politico*, which writes about the direction of U.S. politics, purchased by the Chinese Communist Party-affiliated *South China Morning Post*.

China has been equally busy buying into Hollywood moviemakers and theater chains such as Legendary Entertainment, AMC Entertainment, Lionsgate, Carmike Cinemas, Odeon and UCI Cinemas, Universal, and 20th Century Fox to influence U.S. public opinion.

Thompson provided an example of the propagandizing:

In mid-2020, the taxpayer-funded PBS and its affiliates across the country aired a movie called "Voices from the Frontline: China's War on Poverty." Co-produced by CGTN [the China Global Television Network], it was controlled by the Chinese communist government and purported to show that China was eliminating poverty all

over China, while at the same time praising the dictator of China, Xi Jinping, stating, "To President Xi Jinping, ending poverty is his most important task."

As well, China is devoting massive energy and effort into hacking into U.S. websites, according to Thompson: "China's 'hacker army' is estimated to be between 50,000 and 100,000 people under the supervision of the People's Liberation Army." Ren Zhengfei, the founder of Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei, "served as an engineer in the People's Liberation Army during the Cultural Revolution" (1966-1976), and a study of the company "indicates that they mean to not only dominate but to control the world's means of" communications.

And China's massive effort to become the global leader in developing 5G capabilities hasn't been missed either:

If they dominated 5G they would be able to censor the entire world, plant false information, control the ability of businesses to operate, shut down opposition, implant propaganda, etc. — not to mention building a real Big Brother system of thought control, influencing how Americans think and vote.

In a chapter titled "Economic Convergence," Thompson points out that 40 Chinese banks operate in America, adding:

The fact that there are so many Chinese "owned" banks operating in America is an indication of just how much the Chinese communists have infiltrated our economy, with the use of loans and Chinese imported materials in the construction of our infrastructure and business community. Yet it goes nearly unnoticed.

At the end of his treatise, Thompson tells how to break the globalists' hold on our country.

Thompson's *China — The Deep State's Trojan Horse in America* is another excellent tool in the arsenal of Americanists dedicated to returning the heavily damaged and infiltrated Republic to its former glory. It should serve that purpose well. ■



Heroic Flags

Fifteen-year-old Lorenzo Liberti of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, has been carving American flags out of pinewood to help raise money for homeless veterans, special-needs children, and medical professionals across the country.

“During the winter of 2019, I was with my church youth group serving meals at a local food pantry when I came across a homeless Veteran,” Liberti wrote on his website. He continued,

The encounter made an impression on me, ‘How could America abandon the service men and women who fought for our freedom?’, I thought to myself. I wanted to do something about it but wasn’t sure how a 14 year-old boy could make an impact. During the summer, my prayers were answered! With no school to keep me busy, my dad suggested I find a DIY project to keep me occupied. One thing led to another and with a few modifications I created a unique wooden American flag. It looked so cool that my brother and all of my neighbors wanted one too!

With such a positive response, I began to wonder if I could use my talent to support the less fortunate people I had met at the soup kitchen earlier in the year. I reached out to Turning Points (a non-profit organization supporting veterans in Bradenton), and instantly hit it off with them.

Liberti has since expanded his operation to benefit Suncoast Charities for Children in Sarasota, which aids special-needs children in the community.

The current public-health crisis has also prompted him to expand the charities he supports to include the frontline healthcare workers. As part of this effort, he has donated a seven-foot flag to Sarasota Memorial Hospital and intends to donate a flag to every hospital in the state of Florida to show support for medical staff.

Fox News reported that Liberti has completed 50 of the “Heroic Flags” over

the last eight months and has used them to raise thousands of dollars.

According to Liberti, this is something he was “called to do.”

“I pledge to continue supporting these charities by donating my flags.”

Lemonade Stand

When a lemonade stand run by two teens in Peoria, Illinois, was robbed at gunpoint, local police officers and area residents stepped up not only to help the boys recover their money, but to ensure the boys’ profits far exceeded their expectations.

Local surveillance video captured footage of the August 7 robbery. Jude Peterson and Tristan Charbonnel were robbed at gunpoint by two thieves wearing hooded sweatshirts. The thieves fled the scene with \$30 in their pockets. Thankfully, the boys were unharmed. Police have yet to capture the thieves, but said they are making progress on the case.

When the boys reopened their stand for business on August 11, they experienced a significant uptick in business from area residents who wanted to show their support for the boys. A parade of police cars paid a visit to the stand, and officers showed their support by paying more than \$20 a cup, the *Daily Mail* reported.

Peterson’s father, Nathan, told CNN an armored police truck showed up when the boys reopened the stand, followed by about 15 police cars with their lights on.

“The officers and police chief got out of their cars and talked to the boys and told them how much they supported them. They gave them a donation and took turns buying lemonade. It just made them feel so safe and encouraged,” Nathan told CNN.

“I’m getting teary-eyed just talking about it,” he said.

Additionally, news of the robbery prompted local residents to set up Facebook fundraisers for the boys, which have raised more than \$3,500.

Nathan said, “There was so much love poured out on them so fast after the incident, and so much of it for so many days in a row, that their main experience from this incident has been of love and support.”

Back to School

A Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, teen made it her mission to ensure less-fortunate children had the school supplies they needed to start the school year off right.

Aaliyah Reynolds, 17, began in July to purchase backpacks and school supplies for 40 students, MSN News reported. Her GoFundMe campaign raised just over \$700, and she received a number of direct donations, including from the local chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization of women educators.

“With everything going on in the world right now, I think it would be great to spread a little bit of positivity again,” she wrote on her GoFundMe page.

In all, she raised \$1,000, which was enough for her to meet her goal and put together an additional 30 backpacks filled with supplies.

According to MSN, this campaign was a marked increase from last year, when she raised \$30 and supplemented it with her own money to fill 30 backpacks with school supplies.

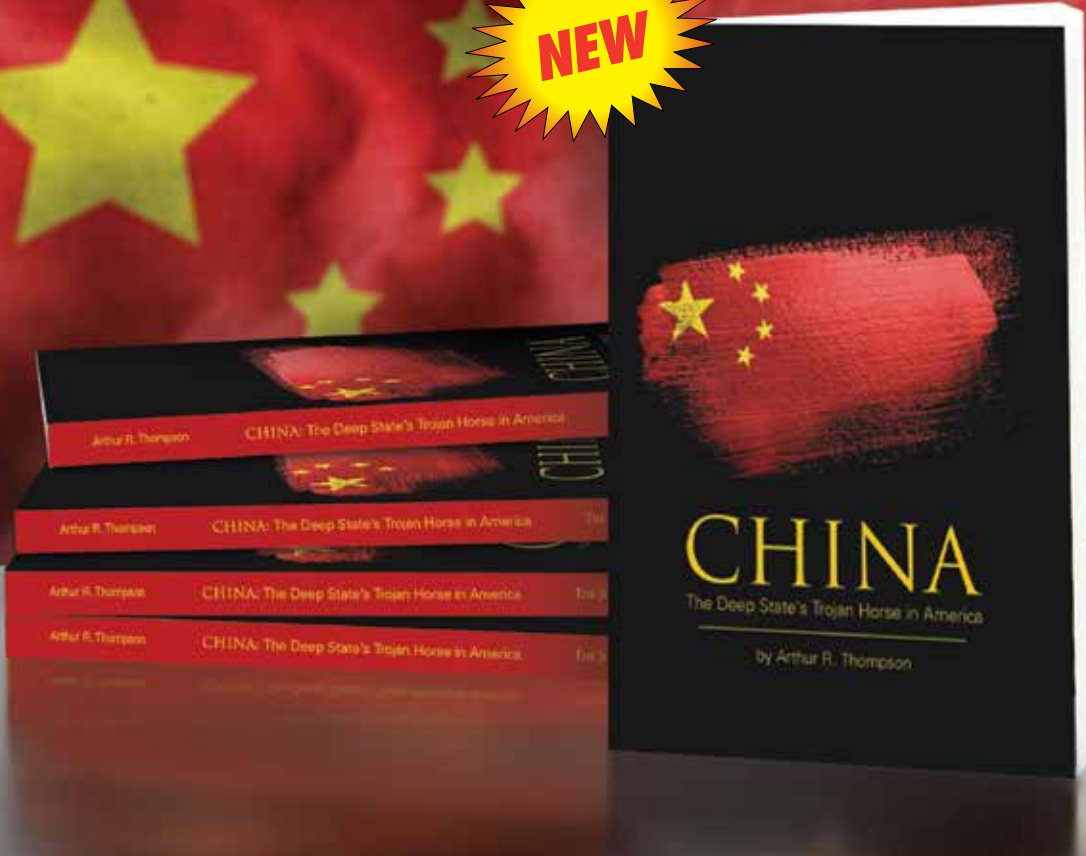
“I’m so proud of my community to pitch in and help raise funds for this cause!” Reynolds said. “It’s so important to me that kids get a good start to the school year. With all the donations, I exceeded my goal of 40 backpacks and made 70. I’m really glad that I may have made a child really happy.”

She took the backpacks to the Franklin County Housing Authority, Fayetteville Elementary School, and Falling Spring Elementary School, according to Herald Mail Media. She also donated to a few people who contacted her directly.

Reynolds will begin studying to become a teacher at Penn State this fall. She said her goal is to build a classroom for her future students where they can learn and grow and feel happiness, even if they do not have positive environments at home.

“I want them to come into school and really love it. I want to make them feel like this is the place they want to be,” she said. ■

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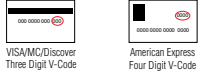
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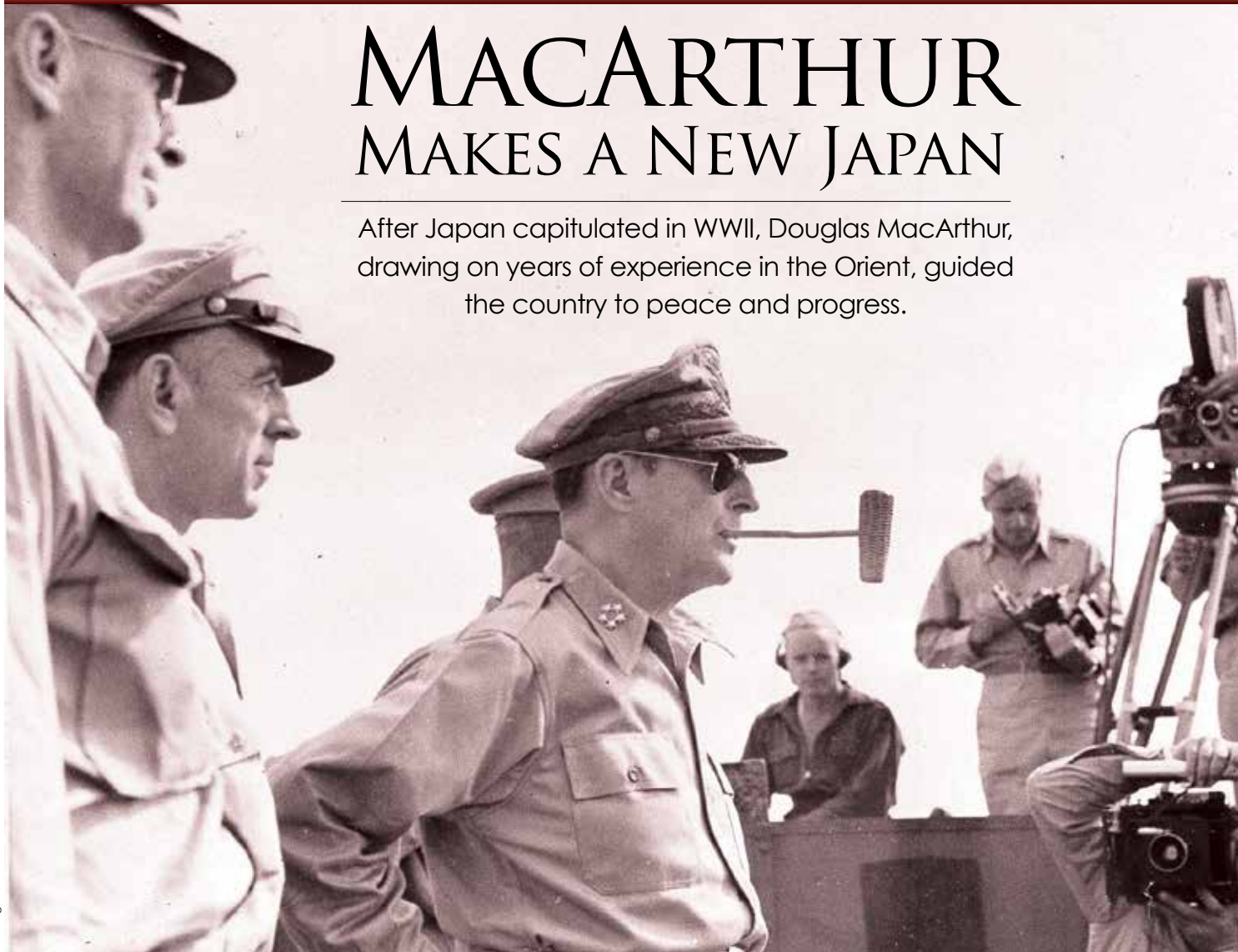
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MACARTHUR MAKES A NEW JAPAN

After Japan capitulated in WWII, Douglas MacArthur, drawing on years of experience in the Orient, guided the country to peace and progress.



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by Steve Byas

When the Second World War ended with Japan's crushing military defeat in 1945, Japan was in a horrific condition. Phone, power, and sewer services were nearly non-existent. Thirteen million were unemployed — one-seventh of the country. Five million Japanese had perished. Fifteen million were homeless, with 700,000 homes destroyed in Tokyo alone.

The average adult was living on a meager 1,000 calories a day — if that.

Despite such utter devastation, Japan eventually emerged from its total defeat and devastation to take its place today as the world's third-largest economy. While several factors are involved in Japan's rise from the ashes, like the Phoenix of Greek

mythology, and much credit should, of course, go to the people of Japan themselves, one man stands out as most responsible for this amazing recovery — General Douglas MacArthur.

He had no small task. In addition to the intense economic problems, General MacArthur had to contend with powerful forces inside Japan, with an aggressive push by the Soviet Union to occupy part of the nation, and with Soviet communist allies within the country. MacArthur even faced opposition from many in his own government. Average Americans wanted revenge for the bombing of Pearl Harbor and Japanese atrocities during the ensuing war, such as the infamous Bataan Death March. Over one-half of American military personnel taken prisoner by the Japanese died in prisoner-of-war camps

Tactical entry: General Douglas MacArthur at Atsugi Airfield in Japan on September 1, 1945, the day before the formal surrender ceremonies took place in Tokyo Bay. MacArthur's famous swagger, demonstrated here with his sunglasses and distinctive corncob pipe, were all calculated to create a certain image for the Japanese in his coming governorship of their nation.

(compared to about one percent in German camps).

Much revenge had already been exacted, of course. For example, some Japanese civilians trying to escape the massive fires in Tokyo and other major cities, caused by American fire-bombing, had tried taking refuge in water tanks, only to suffer being boiled alive by the intense heat. Then the two atomic bombs destroyed much of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Historians, theologians, and average Americans have long debated the moral and strategic issues involved in the use of atomic weapons on civilian targets. It could be argued that the moral line (between waging war on civilians versus combatants) had already been crossed with the fire-bombings — after all, it makes little difference whether one is killed with a fire-bomb or an atomic bomb. More relevant to our discussion here is the question as to the necessity of the atomic bombs to end the war, and how their use impacted the occupation.

Some have argued that their use made it easier for Americans to forgive Japan for Pearl Harbor. Others have made the case that had the bombs not been dropped, not only would hundreds of thousands of Americans have died in the invasion of the Japanese home islands, but far more Japanese would have died in any such invasion. Of the 2,300 Japanese soldiers defending the islands of Attu and Kiska near the Alaskan mainland, only eight were taken prisoner — the others fought to the death.

Interestingly, MacArthur had never been consulted on the bombs' use. Perhaps it was suspected that he believed the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were “completely unnecessary from a military point of view,” as he asserted in his memoirs, arguing that if the Potsdam ultimatum to Japan of July 26 just had included assurances that the emperor would not be removed or harmed, the Japanese would have capitulated immediately. He never changed his mind that Japan would have surrendered without the use of the atomic bombs. Regardless, Emperor Hirohito responded on August 14, 1945, to the dropping of the two atomic bombs by publicly announcing the unconditional surrender of his nation.

Two days earlier, MacArthur had been named the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers, which meant that he would oversee the occupation of Japan. And his accomplishments in Japan overshadowed all others in his long military career, which included exemplary service in World War I, a stint as the Army chief of staff, his

commendable performance in the Pacific Theater of the Second World War, and his future brilliant Inchon landing in the Korean War. What Douglas MacArthur achieved in Japan may not only surpass those accomplishments, but might exceed those of any other leader — military or civilian — in world history, except for Jesus Christ.

MacArthur Wins Over the Japanese

MacArthur created a new country from the ashes of the old — and became beloved by the people he had conquered and ruled for more than half a decade as its virtual dictator.

The formal surrender of Japan took place on board the USS *Missouri* — a decision MacArthur made to honor President Harry Truman, a former senator from Missouri. MacArthur located the site of the surrender on the *Missouri* despite his displeasure that Truman had not consulted him prior to the use of the atomic bombs, while General Dwight Eisenhower had been told of the possible use of the bombs weeks earlier.

The road to peace began with a delegation of Japanese, who arrived in the Philippines on August 19 to begin working out the details of the surrender. When the Japanese expressed misgivings that the surrender document did not accord the emperor with sufficient respect, wisely, MacArthur modified the document, telling an aide, “I have no desire whatever to debase him in the eyes of his own people. Through him it will be possible to maintain a completely orderly government.”

This decision — to use the emperor in his plans for a new Japan, rather than try him as a war criminal as most Americans and most members of Congress wanted to do — would prove critical to MacArthur's success in occupation. John Toland, writing in his book *Rising Sun*, said, “To bring the Emperor to trial would provoke guerilla warfare throughout the nation and perpetuate a military government.”

It was agreed that MacArthur would enter Japan on August 30 at Atsugi air base, 15 miles west of Yokohama. It was the base kamikaze suicide planes had used to wreak much havoc in the last months of the war. There was great concern for his safety, but MacArthur saw his arrival in Japan — unarmed — as essential to his success.



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Mindful of his moves: Ever mindful of symbolism and optics, MacArthur chose to sign the Japanese surrender documents on board the USS *Missouri* because President Harry Truman was from that state. Behind him are two men who had been forced to surrender to the Japanese early in the war — U.S. Lt. General Jonathan Wainwright, who had surrendered in Bataan, and British Lt. General A.E. Percival, who had surrendered in Singapore. In his short speech at the ceremony, MacArthur did not vilify or embarrass the Japanese, hoping to win over their hearts and minds.

MacArthur later explained his thinking: “For the supreme commander, a handful of his staff, and a small advance staff to land unarmed and unescorted where they would be outnumbered by thousands to one was foolhardy. But, years of overseas duty had me well versed in the lessons of the Orient.” He added that it would demonstrate that he took the Japanese at their word — key to his strategy to not lose in peace what his country had won in war.

Between Atsugi and Yokohama, a short distance, there were 22 divisions of Japanese soldiers, numbering about 300,000. Yet General Courtney Whitney, MacArthur’s trusted aide, later said about their arrival at the airfield, “The plane nestled down on the field and MacArthur, his corn-cob pipe in his mouth, got out. He paused for a second or two to look about him.” Not only was he unarmed, he had directed his staff to carry no weapons — not even sidearms — into Japan.

General Whitney wrote, “All along the roadway the fifteen miles to Yokohama they [Japanese soldiers] stood in a long line on each side, their backs to MacArthur in a gesture of respect. They were guarding the American Supreme Commander in the exact fashion that they guarded their Emperor. There were two divisions of them, thirty thousand men, fully armed.” Later, when the Japanese served them dinner at the Hotel New Grand in Yokohama, Whitney watched with concern as MacArthur ate his food with no regard to the possibility that his meal could have been poisoned.

Winston Churchill later remarked that MacArthur’s arrival, unarmed, at Atsugi was the single most courageous act of the war. Japanese historian Kazuo Kawai expressed similar sentiments: “It was an exhibition of cool personal courage,” he said, adding that it was a “gesture of trust in the good faith of the Japanese. It was a masterpiece of psychology.”

In addition to this courageous act, MacArthur took note of the starving Japanese population. His superiors in Washington expected him to simply do what conquering nations had always done — force the conquered nation to feed the conquering army. But as a keen student of history and drawing upon his own experiences in occupying the area around the Rhine River in Germany after World War I, he knew that

He created a new country from the ashes of the old — and became beloved by the people he had conquered and ruled for more than half a decade as its virtual dictator.



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Saving Japan, not punishing it: MacArthur intentionally had this photograph taken of him with Emperor Hirohito. Although the American public and most members of Congress wanted to see the emperor executed, MacArthur considered Hirohito crucial to his plans for a successful occupation — and preventing the communists from taking over Japan.

such a policy was only a breeding ground of resistance. When Washington officials balked at his plan to transfer three million rations to feed the Japanese, he told them they could either send him bread to continue to feed the Japanese, or send him bullets — and one million reinforcements. He got the food.

Arriving in Tokyo, MacArthur established his office on the top floor of the Dai-ichi insurance building, and began writing and rewriting the speech he would deliver at the September 2 ceremonies on the USS *Missouri*, which he saw as a key part of his efforts to achieve reconciliation with Japan. Foreign minister Mamoru Shi-

gemitsu had to be ordered by Hirohito to be part of the ceremony. The chief of the general staff, General Yoshijiro Umedu, threatened *hara-kiri* rather than attend, but in the end he did go.

MacArthur used the ceremony to advance his goal of winning over the Japanese. He chose to say in his speech that the nations were assembled “to conclude a solemn agreement whereby peace may be restored,” rather than bluntly say they were celebrating the “unconditional surrender of Japan.” One of Japan’s civilian representatives at the ceremony, Toshikazu Kase, who was fluent in English, later said that he knew immediately what

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A welcoming reception: The Hotel New Grand in Yokohama was MacArthur's initial headquarters in Japan after his daring landing at Atsugi Airfield. He and his men landed unarmed, despite the presence of thousands of armed Japanese soldiers.

MacArthur was doing. "Is it not a piece of rare good fortune, I asked myself," Kase later wrote, "that a man of such caliber and character should have been designated as the Supreme Commander who will shape the destiny of Japan? In the dark hour of our despair and distress, a bright light is ushered in, in the very person of General MacArthur."

General MacArthur Meets Emperor Hirohito

Emperor Hirohito read Kase's description of the event, which gave him hope for his country's future. MacArthur refused advice to either go to the palace and see Hirohito, or order Hirohito to come see him. Finally, on September 27, Hirohito

emerged from his palace and was driven the short distance to MacArthur's headquarters to visit the Supreme Commander. General Bonner Fellers, an expert on Japan who had advised MacArthur not to try the emperor for war crimes, greeted Hirohito at the front of the building. He later wrote that Hirohito's hands were trembling and that he looked "frightened to death."

When they met, Hirohito pleaded with MacArthur to not punish the people of Japan, but rather punish him instead: "I come to you, General MacArthur, to submit myself to the judgment of the powers you represent as the one to bear responsibility for every political and military move taken by my people in the conduct of the war." Had MacArthur chosen to

imprison or execute Hirohito, his actions no doubt would have pleased the British, the Russians, and even most members of the U.S. Congress — whose constituents were clamoring for Hirohito to be put on trial. But MacArthur knew that Hirohito had been largely only a figurehead during the war, and most importantly, that such a move to try the emperor would lead to a resistance movement.

The American communist newspaper the *Daily Worker* led the way in calling for the death of Hirohito, no doubt realizing that such an action could lead to chaos and pave the way for an eventual communist Japan. Sadly, many American newspapers echoed the desires of the communists, calling for Hirohito's trial and execution. MacArthur also rejected U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson's call for the death of Hirohito, telling him that if that happened, the U.S. government would need to send him a million more soldiers to put down the almost certain rebellion.

Instead, MacArthur was going to use the emperor to advance his plan of occupation. In his memoirs, MacArthur explained that past American occupations had relied on the military rather than civilian authority. He noted "the loss of self-respect and self-confidence by the people, [and] the lowering of the spiritual and moral tone of a population" ruled by the bayonet. He later wrote of Hirohito's positive role in the peaceful occupation: "He played a major role in the spiritual regeneration of Japan, and his loyal cooperation and influence had much to do with the success of the occupation."

MacArthur wanted to decentralize authority as quickly as possible and, perhaps noting what had happened in Nazi Germany with the impunity under which the Gestapo meted out cruel and arbitrary penalties, he wanted the independence of local police from the central government. (Before the war, it was estimated that national police had jailed around 60,000 people for the vague crime of "dangerous thinking.") And he wanted to place authority over the schools in local communities, believing that national control of education leads to "thought control."

Areas of Special Consideration

Civil liberties were another area that was championed by the supreme com-

mander, and he pushed for implementation of the Anglo-Saxon concept of the writ of habeas corpus, which requires formal charges before a person can continue to be held in jail. The constitution that Japan adopted, at MacArthur's direction, has never been amended, and still includes a controversial "no war" clause, which prohibited a national military establishment. This was included in the constitution that was approved in a national vote, at the urging of Japanese Prime Minister Baron Shidehara.

Another controversial part of the constitution, which was included at MacArthur's insistence, was giving the right to vote to Japanese women. In the first parliamentary elections, a mild embarrassment occurred when a prostitute was elected, receiving over 250,000 votes.

By his own admission, MacArthur experienced some trouble in the establishment of a system of free enterprise in Japan. "For many decades a monopolistic control of the means of production and distribution had been exercised by the so-called *Zaibatsu* — about ten Japanese families who practice a kind of private socialism. They controlled 90

percent of all Japanese industry. These great trusts were partially dissolved and a truly competitive free enterprise system inaugurated. We did not expropriate the stock in these industries without compensation. The stockholders, practically all belonging to the big families, were paid off."

But not everyone, of course, was happy with MacArthur's efforts to free up the economy, including Japan's domestic communists, and the foreign communists from the Soviet Union, who were very aggressive in an attempt to occupy much of the country with their own troops. While MacArthur allowed a small number of troops from nations such as Britain, Australia, and New Zealand to join the occupation, he steadfastly refused to let any Soviet soldiers into the country.

As Arthur Herman explained in his book *Douglas MacArthur: American Warrior*, this led to a confrontation with Lieutenant General Kuzma Derevyanko, the Soviet liaison in Tokyo. Derevyanko insisted that the Soviets be allowed to occupy Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan, but MacArthur told him no. Even when Derevyanko began shouting

that he would get MacArthur fired, and that Soviet troops would land in Hokkaido, whether or not MacArthur approved, MacArthur retorted, "If a single Russian soldier enters Japan without my permission, I will at once throw the entire Russian mission, including yourself, in jail."

This strong response by MacArthur no doubt saved Japan from having its country dismembered by the Soviet bear, as happened in Europe and in Korea.

By 1946, MacArthur had become, as Herman put it, "the object of admiration, even veneration, to millions of Japanese who saw in the seventy-year-old supreme commander the kind of awe-inspiring reverence once reserved for Hirohito himself."

But MacArthur did not succeed in making Japan a Christian nation. MacArthur opposed theocracy, and did not take up the emperor's offer to declare Christianity the official religion of Japan, but he was able to open the country to Christian missionaries from several American denominations. These efforts were strongly supported by President Harry Truman (despite their differences on other issues). The emperor's uncle, Prince Higashikuni, strongly supported the Christianization of the country, saying, "We need a new standard of ethics, like Jesus Christ. Buddhism can never teach us to forgive our enemies nor can Shintoism. If Japan is to be revived, we need Jesus Christ as the basis of our national life."

Despite such favorable attitudes toward the Christian faith by Hirohito's family and even Hirohito himself, Christianity never took deep root within the country. Today only about two percent of the population is openly Christian.

By the time MacArthur's occupation of Japan ended in 1951, there was widespread grieving in the country at his return to America after his dismissal by President Truman during the Korean War. Today, Japan is a peaceful nation, and a strong ally of the United States. While the Japanese retained much of their traditional culture, modern Japan in no way resembles the nation it had been before. The one man most responsible for this amazing transformation from a militaristic and authoritarian nation to what it is today is General Douglas MacArthur. ■



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Leaving Japan without political baggage: MacArthur's governorship of Japan ended in April 1951. Here his luggage is shown being carried to Hanedo Airport in Bataan (in the Philippines). By the time of MacArthur's departure, the Japanese people had come to love and revere him.

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Kamala Is a Gun-grabber

On August 11, Joe Biden picked Senator Kamala Harris to be his running mate for the 2020 presidential election, and the mainstream media quickly went to work downplaying Harris’ left-wing views.

However, David Harsanyi, writing at *National Review* on August 17, warned readers that Kamala Harris is a particular threat to Second Amendment-protected rights despite the media’s best efforts to whitewash her past positions. Harris has stated on more than one occasion that she wants to institute a “gun buyback” program to get AR-15s “off the streets.” She said at a March for Our Lives anti-gun rally in October 2019, “We have to have a buyback program, and I support a mandatory gun buyback program. It’s got to be smart. We’ve got to do it the right way, but there are five million [assault weapons] at least, some estimate as many as 10 million, and we’re going to have to have smart public policy that’s about taking those off the streets but doing it the right way.” You’ll note that Harris here talks about “gun buybacks” instead of “gun confiscation,” because “buyback” doesn’t sound as tyrannical, but she’s just attempting to obfuscate her true intentions.

Harsanyi wrote, “Here’s a fact check: Police would almost certainly be sent to homes of Americans to take guns if a ‘mandatory buyback’ program were instituted. AR-15s aren’t ‘on the streets.’ They are hardly ever used in crimes at all. The vast majority of AR-15s are in homes — somewhere around 15-20 million of them, depending on what arbitrary designation Democrats use to define ‘assault weapon.’... The police, incidentally, are already coming to people’s doors in California, where the state’s evolving restrictions on gun ownership are impossible for citizens keep up with even when they make a good-faith effort. These are the restrictions Harris would like to implement nationally. By implement, I mean compel. A ‘mandatory buyback’ would mean the police coming to plenty of doors, because in the United States there will almost certainly be a great pushback against such authoritarianism, even if Harris could get away with it. Once the state is permitted to ban guns over their

aesthetics — since AR-15s share the mechanics of many other firearms — it will almost certainly be empowered to ban any semi-automatic gun. This is the ultimate goal of these incremental efforts to inhibit and eliminate gun ownership.”

Driver Shooting

Fox News reported on July 17 about a violent shooting that was halted by an armed bystander in Brownsburg, Indiana, involving a man later suspected to be suffering from mental-health issues. The situation began when a suspect armed with a handgun attacked two cemetery workers without any provocation. The suspect, 22-year-old Joshua Christopher Hayes, came charging at two men working at the Brownsburg Cemetery and threatened to shoot them with the firearm he was carrying. Hayes chased one of the workers into an intersection, where he shot and killed the man. Hayes then pursued the second worker and fired at him, with his shots hitting a nearby vehicle. Fortunately, the occupant of the vehicle that was hit by that errant bullet had a loaded handgun in his car. The armed driver, who was injured from the glass that shattered when his car was shot, exited his vehicle and fired at Hayes, fatally wounding him.

Brownsburg Police Captain Jennifer Barrett praised the driver, whom she referred to as “victim three,” and said that he saved numerous lives by putting an end to Hayes’ deadly rampage. Barrett told the local news affiliate, “This tragic event could have been much more disastrous.... Victim three not only saved victim two’s life, but he saved potentially the lives of many others. Victim three did exactly what anybody would have wanted him to do at that scene that day.”

Attorney Guy Relford, a prominent Second Amendment advocate, is providing legal representation to the driver. Relford gave interviews with local media, explaining that his client’s actions were completely justified under the law. He told news station WIBC, “One of those bullets actually went through my client’s vehicle window. He was actually injured with shrapnel.... My client looked at that and

realized there was one thing he could do and that was take action to save an innocent life.... The scenario was fairly clear to him in that one person was chasing another and the other was saying, ‘no no no, please don’t shoot me!’... The gunman stood up and was looking around and still had the gun in his hand, appeared to clearly intend to continue the attack, at which point my client fired another two or three shots and the gunman went down.... They very quickly, the Brownsburg Police Department did, determined my client acted completely lawfully and he was justified under Indiana law.”

California Ban on “High-capacity” Magazines Ruled Unconstitutional

President Donald Trump has repeatedly boasted about the number of judges that he has appointed to the federal court during his first term: As of June 1, 2020, Trump had appointed 197 federal judges. One of these appointments, who has proven to be a strong ally of the Second Amendment, is Judge Kenneth K. Lee on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Lee issued an opinion that struck down California’s ban on so-called high-capacity magazines. The California statute stipulated that any magazine that held more than 10 rounds was prohibited, but Judge Lee took issue with this law, which, he wrote in his 66-page opinion, “runs afoul of the Second Amendment.” Judge Lee explained, “California’s almost blanket ban on LCMs (large-capacity magazines) goes too far in substantially burdening the people’s right to self-defense.” Lee added that no matter what the goal of the people behind the law, the law “must comply with the Constitution.”

Supporters of the Second Amendment celebrated the ruling. Chuck Michel, president and general counsel of the California Rifle & Pistol Association, issued a statement praising the decision as “a major victory for the Second Amendment.... This is a huge win specifically for the right to possess these valuable self-defense tools.” ■

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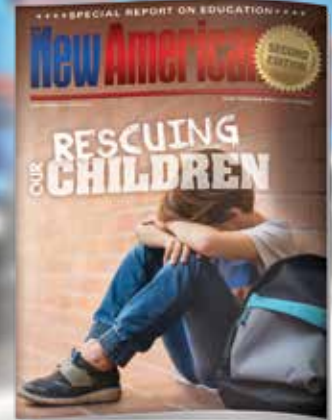
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With Cities Riotous and Aflame, Radicals Bang the Drums for Police Defunding

ITEM: In a double issue dated August 17/24, 2020 (with a feature variously entitled in different parts of the magazine “Reimagining the Police” and “The Police Are Broken”), Time magazine reported that after a Minneapolis police officer “knelt on [George] Floyd’s neck, the Minneapolis city council concluded that its police department was beyond reform and must instead be replaced.” The magazine noted that “many activists and academics alike have come to believe that the relationship between Black Americans and U.S. police can’t be solved with incremental change.”

ITEM: A major piece written by self-styled “agitator” Vicky Osterweil was highlighted in the radical Nation magazine dated June 12. In that article (“Burning Down the 3rd Police Precinct Changed Everything”), the writer trumpeted: “Calls to abolish the police are spreading. Dozens of cities are considering cutting police budgets, and police are resigning across the country.”

She boasted about the “destruction of the Minneapolis Third Precinct house on the night of May 28, three days into the riots. Having just completed a book [In Defense of Looting] on the history of anti-police rioting and uprisings in America, I cannot recall another time when protesters took over and burnt down a police station. It was an unprecedented and beautiful moment in the annals of rebellion in this country.” In conclusion, Osterweil said that “the seizing of two police precincts is a blow against whiteness, against the police, against capitalism and the anti-black world it upholds. May the blows continue to fall, until we stand side by side in a post-abolition world.”

Osterweil and her treatise were subsequently cited in periodicals including the London-based Economist and Jewish Currents.

ITEM: A commentary by “an organizer against criminalization” in the New York



The agenda is violence: After George Floyd’s death, rioters burned the 3rd Police Precinct to the ground. The fact that violence, not justice for Floyd, is the agenda is shown in screeds by the agitators after the incident and the fact that rioting continued after the officers were charged.

Times (June 12) carried this blunt headline: “Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police,” arguing, “We can’t reform the police.” The writer (Mariame Kaba) also said, “We don’t want to just close police departments. We want to make them obsolete. We should redirect the billions that now go to police departments toward providing health care, housing, education and good jobs.”

CORRECTION: So what does the pervasive phrase “defund the police” really mean? And, given the opportunity, what would its advocates do?

Well, since this involves politicians and media mavens, it turns out it can mean whatever they want at a given time. Sometimes it is literally “defunding,” while other times it’s “reimagining,” “redirecting,” or “diverting.”

It certainly seems as if we have fallen *Through the Looking-Glass* with Lewis Carroll:

“When I use a word,” Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, “it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less.” “The question is,” said Alice, “whether you can make words mean so many different things.” “The question is,” said Humpty Dumpty, “which is to be master — that’s all.”

Naturally, our would-be masters promise to keep their word.

How about Joe Biden? We are told that the Democratic presidential candidate doesn’t really advocate police “defunding.” So maintained a *New York Times* (June 27) piece called “Biden Walks a Tightrope as Top Democrats Push to Divert Police Funds.” The same *Times* article noted that virtually all of the dozens of top party personnel interviewed do support the “redirecting” of such monies “toward social services, education and mental health agencies.”

On the other hand, in a double-dealing “fact-check” meant to protect the candidate, the Associated Press contended that Biden does *not* back “defunding,” despite acknowledging that he “supports redirecting some police funding to address mental health or to change the prison system.”

There is no literal “defund the police” demand in the Democratic Party platform. Yet, there is an underlying message to that effect: “Democrats believe we need to overhaul the criminal justice system from top to bottom.” It is “unacceptable,” says the platform, “that millions of people in our country have good reason to fear they may lose their lives in a routine traffic stop, or while standing on a street corner, or while playing with a toy in a public park.” Biden might say (as he did during a

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Correction, Please!

pre-recorded discussion on racial inequality) that police officers are generally good, but the posture of his party's platform is decidedly not pro-cop.

The question is, who would call the shots in a Biden administration, should it come to pass? There's no doubt that activist progressives, who already have pushed Biden far to the left, will claim a good deal of credit and demand a payback.

Avowed socialist Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders has boasted that Biden told him that he (Biden) believes he can become the most progressive president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. And FDR, recall, did not show all his hand, or his furthest-left leanings, until after being elected.

Nevertheless, the notion that black Americans, especially those living in crime-ridden urban areas, want fewer police in their neighborhoods defies common sense. Indeed, even amid considerable anti-cop propaganda, black Americans support the police by more than a two-to-one margin, while 60 percent want more police officers hired, according to a Civis Analytics poll published by Vox. That's not appreciably different from Hispanics (64 percent) or whites polled (65 percent).

Accordingly, those pushing the defunding or outright abolishing of police depart-

ments have not been shy about inventing stories. This has been the case with the usual suspects, including left-wing academics, pols, and celebrities with the personal wherewithal to hire private security. Many recently signed an open letter in this regard. As Kyle Smith put it in the *New York Post*, the letter was

drenched with lies calling for public funds to be turned away from policing and toward more nebulous goals such as "public health." The letter claimed, absurdly, that funding for cops and the military has gone up every year since 1973 while spending on "public health" has gone down every year since 1973.

Here's the reality: Medicaid spending in 1975 stood at \$13.1 billion. It has gone up virtually every year since, and now stands at \$639 billion. Overall, public health spending has risen from less than \$200 billion in 1988 to \$1.6 trillion last year, according to HealthSystemTracker.org.

The lies haven't ended there.

The mainstream media have also created a myth, noted Smith, charging that "it's open season on unarmed black men

in the U.S." He lays out the facts, namely, that 15 "unarmed black people were killed by police last year, as opposed to 25 white people, according to the *Washington Post's* database, but black people are much more likely to have police encounters than white people." He adds some perspective: 49 people, on average, are killed each year by lightning in the United States, according to the National Weather Service.

The leftist media already have their priorities in line. When buildings are torched, shots fired, and lasers aimed at police personnel in an attempt to blind them, these riotous and potentially fatal actions have been repeatedly termed "mostly peaceful protests." Hardly.

Michael Barone, an emeritus fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, described in the *Washington Examiner* the nature of "journalists sympathetic to the Black Lives Matter movement." They appear to be, he observed, "either puzzled by or blithely ignorant of the sharp rise in post-May 24 homicides in cities ranging from New York and Chicago to Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Denver, and Los Angeles. It's the fastest rise in murder rates since the late 1960s, another era of urban riots."

Don't look for valid answers by such media personnel or progressive officials. As Barone put it, they "resist the obvious explanation: Less policing plus lighter punishment and delegitimization of law enforcement yields more violent crime. Almost all the extra victims, including children, are minorities in underprivileged neighborhoods. Some black lives evidently don't matter so much."

Meanwhile, there has been a lot of disinformation about "Black Lives Matter" itself. Few of those who have installed BLM signs on their yards or donned shirts with that motto are aware of what is actually behind the slogan. Here's a summary by Ian Prior, a former top public-affairs official in the Trump administration's Department of Justice. The Movement for Black Lives, he writes, is a radical organization "that advocates political solutions for Black Lives Matter, proposes decommissioning prisons and jails, ending home confinement, defunding the police,



Afraid to offend what he sees as his constituency: It took three months for Joe Biden to finally condemn some of the rioting and violence by leftist radicals — and then he only did it to blame Trump for the problems. It is plain that Democratic leaders support the violence.

decriminalization of all drugs and prostitution, and elimination of criminal punishment fees and fines. In essence, they want to legalize crime.”

The nation has already been reaping the whirlwind of liberalism in urban areas that have been largely run by Democrats.

Heather Mac Donald, a fellow at the Manhattan Institute and the author of *The War on Cops*, observed in 2016 that President Obama “repeatedly accused the police and criminal-justice system of discrimination, lethal and otherwise.” Writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, she noted, “Police have cut way back on pedestrian stops and public-order enforcement in minority neighborhoods, having been told repeatedly that such discretionary activities are racially oppressive. The result in 2015 was the largest national homicide increase in nearly 50 years.”

The Obama DOJ, continued Mac Donald,

imposed an unprecedented number of federal consent decrees on police agencies, subjecting those agencies to years of costly federal monitoring, based on a specious methodology for teasing out alleged systemic police bias. The department assumes that police activity like stops or arrests will be evenly spread across different racial and ethnic populations unless there is police racism. So if police stops are higher among blacks, say, the police, according to this reasoning, must be motivated by bias.

Progressive prosecutors and courts have also played significant roles.

This is not a bogus “conspiracy theory.” Even the left-wing *Washington Post* has recognized and acknowledged the considerable impact on criminal justice by Democratic Party mega-donor and billionaire George Soros. As the *Post* put it on April 24, 2019, “Soros-aligned PACs have given heavily to local prosecutor races across the country in recent years, helping tip contests to reformist Democratic candidates in Philadelphia, Chicago, Houston and elsewhere.” Activists such as Soros “have targeted prosecutor races as one of the most



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Crazy or strategic? Leftist agitators from such groups as Black Lives Matter and Antifa have called for getting rid of the police, knowing that it would cause further crimes and deaths. It seems stupid until one realizes that it gives socialist politicians a reason to move leftward.

direct routes to changing policy because the local offices wield wide power over who gets charged, what charges they face and who goes free on bond.”

The conservative-leaning *Washington Times* has been more critical. As James Varney recently wrote, Soros

bankrolled the successful campaigns of a new crop of district attorneys who now preside over big cities with skyrocketing crime and frayed relationships with police departments.

Soros-backed DAs in Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco and other cities have fired scores of experienced prosecutors and, as promised, stopped prosecuting low-level quality-of-life crimes such as disorderly conduct, vagrancy and loitering.

When the get-tough treatment was dropped, as even a child might guess, major crimes skyrocketed.

Yet, liberal leaders in urban areas aim to make things worse. After recent rioting, New York, Los Angeles, and Austin were among cities making major cuts to police budgets — around one-third of the budget in Austin’s case. Here are some more from a *Forbes* summary: “Baltimore eliminated roughly \$22 million from its police bud-

get; Portland, Oregon, cut nearly \$16 million; Philadelphia reduced police funding by \$33 million; Hartford, Conn., cut \$1 million from its \$40 million budget.... Several other cities are mulling the reallocation of funds within their own departments.”

One national law-enforcement leader who has not pulled his punches is Attorney General William Barr, who forecasts that the police-defunding movement will further devastate inner cities. Safety will suffer in these communities, Barr commented not long ago in a Fox News interview:

Now, a lot of the liberals will buy themselves out of that. They’ll go to resort towns and so forth, and they’ll escape the consequences of it. But the people in the inner cities won’t. Their lives will be destroyed. Their opportunity will be — they won’t have the opportunity they otherwise would have. Their schools will be overrun by gangs. That’s not caring about black lives.

No, it isn’t. Radicals, on the other hand, think differently. Some even believe the burning of an inner-city police building is beautiful. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

With UN Discredited, **Globalists Pursue “League of Democracies”**

With the scandal-plagued United Nations increasingly marginalized and ridiculed as a “dictators club” in the United States, Deep State globalists appear to be pursuing a “Plan B” of sorts to move their agenda forward. Meet the proposed “League of Democracies,” a decades-old plot being rehabilitated and peddled by the global-government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations, the powerhouse Carnegie Foundation, U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and various propaganda organs of the globalist establishment.

The scheme for creating this planetary league of “democracies,” known as “D-10” among supporters, was first reported publicly in May. However, despite being reported as a novel idea, the plan to develop an alternate mechanism for advancing globalism has been on the Deep State’s agenda for decades. According to news reports, British Prime Minister Johnson’s government had already approached Washington, D.C., about it. The *Times of London* reported May 29 that the proposed alliance would include all of the Group of 7 (G-7) governments — the United Kingdom, United States, Italy, Germany, France, Japan, and Canada — representing more than half of global wealth. Also involved would be the governments of Australia, South Korea, and India.

Early in the Trump administration, the globalist powerhouse known as the CFR was pushing for an alliance of nine “democracies” to defend the globalist “rules-based world order” from self-proclaimed anti-globalist President Donald Trump. As *THE NEW AMERICAN* reported in October of 2019, the CFR was openly pushing for a “Group of 9” (G-9) of America’s closest allies, dubbed the “Committee to Save the World Order,” to hold down the fort while Trump served out his term. Unfortunately for globalists, though, the scheme went nowhere. Instead, Trump unleashed a wrecking ball on the architecture of “global governance.” Among other actions, he withdrew from the disgraced UN Human Rights Council, UNESCO, the World Health Organization, and more.

Perhaps recognizing that an anti-Trump alliance of America’s closest allies would not be feasible with Trump in the White House, globalists seem to have gone back to the drawing board. And the D-10 seems to be their next vehicle. In a piece published by CFR mouthpiece *Foreign Affairs* August 3, Edward Fishman and Siddharth Mohandas declared that the “Council of Democracies” could “Save Multilateralism.” Multilateralism is globalist-speak for globalism — essentially making decisions multilaterally with other governments rather than unilaterally as sovereign nations. The subhead of the piece was “Boris Johnson’s ‘D-10’ Is the Club the World Desperately Needs.”

Complaining that Trump has withdrawn from the Communist Chinese-controlled UN WHO and is still setting back globalism on various fronts, the CFR piece argues that the world “desperate-



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ly needs a new institution that is both global in reach and unified in vision” — something along the lines of Johnson’s D-10. The establishment mouthpiece pines for a “group of capable, committed, and cohesive democracies,” especially those that are “most internationally minded,” that could muster “political will and real resources.” It would serve as a “conduit” that “reinvigorates multilateral cooperation.”

The globalist Atlantic Council has been facilitating meetings among D-10 officials since the Obama administration, wrote Fishman and Mohandas, who served in the Obama State Department. And that is good for globalism, in their view. As the CFR journal explained, the UN produced “less impactful international cooperation” than global-governance mechanisms such as NATO or the EU’s predecessor organizations. And so, it is time to open a new front in the war on sovereignty, with the legitimacy of being “democracies.” After pretending to solve the phony concerns over not enough 5G providers, the institution “could easily evolve to address a broader and more ambitious agenda,” *Foreign Affairs* said.

The CFR even outlines the mechanisms by which this new global-governance institution would operate. For instance, it discusses creating a “Secretariat” including bureaucrats from all the 10 governments. Leaders of the governments would come together from time to time. And if all 10 governments could not agree on a particular action or policy, the other members would proceed without it. “Such a structure would enable the D10 to tackle an expansive array of projects,” continued Fishman and Mohandas. Among other ideas, they listed “climate change,” terrorizing companies that do not submit, and cracking down on governments with low-tax policies — so-called “tax havens” — as possible tasks for the new would-be regime of “democracies.”

A “League of Democracies” is not just a foolish idea, it is a dangerous one. It would threaten to further erode self-government while allowing even more American wealth and power to be siphoned off for subversive globalist purposes. Americans should resist the globalist siren calls to constantly surrender more and more sovereignty to the never-ending array of multilateral governance organizations. Instead, a renewed commitment to individual liberty, morality, the Constitution, and self-government represents a real solution to the crises at hand. ■

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