

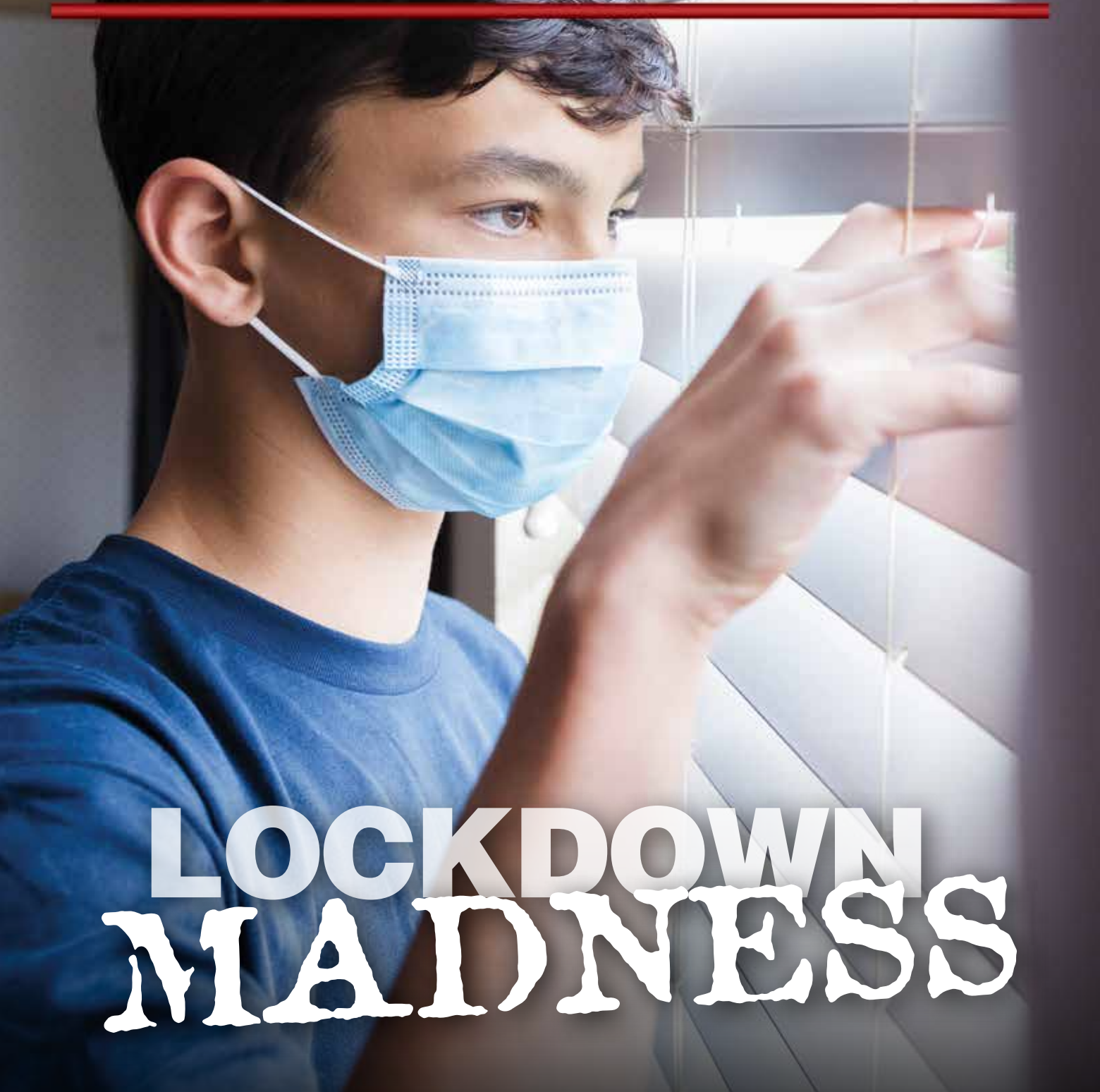
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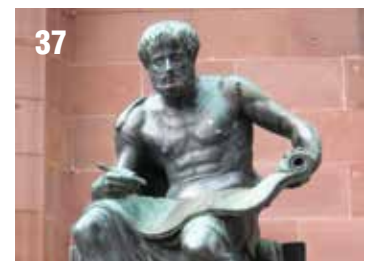
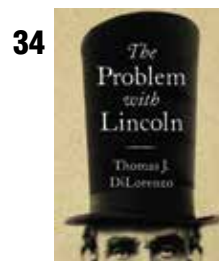
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Stereotyping

It is entirely normal to harbor preconceived ideas and suppositions about various demographic groups. Not fair and just, but normal.

We cannot possibly know all the members of a demographic group, so we draw conclusions about the entire group based on those members of the group we observe, and those members of the group with whom we have personal dealings. We assume the actions and behaviors were derived from a common cultural group ethos.

Group social cohesion depends upon a common unwritten code of behavior (*lex non scripta*), and politically incorrect upstream swimmers sooner or later wind up being social outcasts from the group. So it should come as no surprise when we judge the many on the basis of only a few.

LAWRENCE K. MARSH
 Gaithersburg, Maryland

They're All Bad

I am sick and tired of hearing about protesters who are good and anarchists who are bad. They are one and the same. The "protesters" give cover and protection to Black Lives Matter. The so-called good people are marching with Antifa, which wants to destroy America as we know it and love it.

If the so-called protesters are so good, why don't they stay home, milk their cows, plow their fields, slop their hogs, plant their gardens, teach their children good manners, go to church, fly the American flag, support law enforcement, vote for those that support traditional America, and wish four winds on these vile revolutionists?

It would be a snowy day where the devil is going before I would march with a group of thugs who would destroy the great life I have had in America.

The fox is in the chicken house. We bet-

ter get him out before he sucks the eggs, eats the young, and drags off the old hen and rooster, or the house that great Americans have built for us will be desolate.

Look what happened to Christians in 1949 when the communists took over in China. We never say, "God bless Mao."

JAMES BROWN
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Plow Under USMCA

A headline in Western AG on Thursday July 9 said AG organizations applaud the implementation of the USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada trade deal). It is disheartening. Just like NAFTA, the USMCA allows for the continued dumping of cheaper subsidized and inferior foreign imports of beef and other commodities on our markets, labeled as products of the USA.

It also undermines the sovereignty of the USA, setting up appointed international tribunals and commissions and effectively gutting the Constitution.

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The USMCA was written by an Obama acolyte by the name of Robert Lighthizer; the agreement's purpose is to create what is called a North American Union similar to the European Union.

There is a word for such dealing; it is called treason. The USMCA and the Constitution are diametrically opposed to each other. You cannot support both. A recall would be in order for all of those who voted for the USMCA.

ROBERT VICKARYOUS,
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Election Chaos

The days leading up to, and following, election day will almost certainly be fraught with chaos — not just civil unrest but a chaotic, drawn-out, and dubious vote count. To keep up to the moment regarding the election chaos, as well as to access key already-published articles on the dangers of massive mail-in voting, etc., go to our new Web page: <https://thenewamerican.com/tag/election-chaos/>

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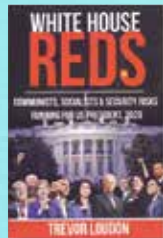


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Amazon Announces “Innovative” Automated Indoor Surveillance Drone

Amazon is now offering customers “An Innovative New Approach to Always Being at Home.” The innovation: an indoor drone!

At an event held on September 24, the tech titan announced a slate of new devices, including one that it calls “The Ring Always Home Cam.” Here’s how the company’s press release described the home-based surveillance drone:

That’s why I’m excited to announce the Ring Always Home Cam, a new way to look after the home and provide multiple viewpoints with one device. This autonomous indoor security camera flies your chosen, personalized paths so that you

can easily check in on your home for peace of mind — like whether someone left a window open or forgot to turn the stove off.

The Ring Always Home Cam also easily integrates with Ring Alarm — our home security system — charting a new path forward not just for how people use security cameras, but also for the benefits of a home alarm system. When Ring Alarm is triggered while in Away Mode, the Always Home Cam will automatically fly a set path to see what’s happening. You can easily stream video while the camera is in-flight via the Ring App, making sure that you’re in the know when it comes to everything happening at home.

Wow. Amazon has been promising drones for years, but who would have thought they’d have drones that fly around inside your house while you’re not home!

Will Ring employees be able to fly the drone around without the homeowner’s permission? Will hackers be able to take control of the Ring drone and spy on users of the device? Where will the videos and audio recorded by Amazon’s new indoor drone be stored? How long will they be stored? Will Amazon continue to give police access to the images without the obtaining of a warrant?

The Always Home Cam costs \$249.99 and is expected to launch next year.



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No Fracking Permits by 2024, No Gas-powered Vehicles by 2035

When California Governor Gavin Newsom mandated September 23 that all new cars and passenger trucks be zero-emission by 2035, he paid homage to the climate-change gods: “This is the most impactful step our state can take to fight climate change. For too many decades, we have allowed cars to pollute the air that our children and families breathe. Californians shouldn’t have to worry if our cars are giving our kids asthma. Our cars shouldn’t make wildfires worse — and create more days filled with smoky air. Cars shouldn’t melt glaciers or raise sea levels threatening our cherished beaches and coastlines.”

It’s a mandate, to be backed up by supportive legislation from compliant politicians in Sacramento, which means that it’s something free people would not choose to do on their own.

Newsom also asked the California legislature to end the issuance of new fracking permits by 2024.

The mandates predictably will cost California thousands of energy industry-related jobs. Said Rock Ziernan, CEO of the California Independent Petroleum Association, “Today’s announcement to curb in-state production of energy will put thousands of workers ... onto the state’s [already] overloaded unemployment program, [and] drive up energy costs when consumers can least afford it.”

Mark Green, writing for the American Petroleum Institute, said, “It’s difficult to see how the mandate won’t make life in California — already among the most expensive in the nation —

more costly, hurting people least able to afford it.”

Western States Petroleum Association President Catherine Reheis-Boyd added: “Big ideas are only better if they are affordable for us all and can be backed by science, data and needed infrastructure. There are many questions about all of those concerns in the Governor’s orders. Dismantling our oil and natural gas industry right now means betting everything on alternative energy resources that we don’t have in place and a supporting infrastructure that’s far from being at the scale we need.”



Gavin Newsom

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Trump Unveils “America First Healthcare Plan”

After years of promising a replacement for ObamaCare, President Donald Trump unveiled his “America First Healthcare Plan” September 24 at an appearance in Charlotte, North Carolina. But far from replacing ObamaCare, the plan seeks to retain its most popular feature, the ban on denying health insurance to individuals with preexisting conditions, while making only modest changes to existing policies.

“Under the America First Healthcare Plan,” Trump said, “we will ensure the highest standard of care anywhere in the world, cutting-edge treatments, state-of-the-art medicine, groundbreaking cures, and true health security for you and your loved ones.”

Much of Trump’s speech, like the executive order he signed

afterward, consisted of recounting his accomplishments with regard to healthcare. Some, such as repealing the individual mandate, are constitutional; others, such as grants for HIV treatment, are not.

Moreover, while Trump ran on repealing ObamaCare and supports a lawsuit to overturn it, his remarks seemed to suggest he had made peace with it. “ObamaCare,” he declared, “is no longer ObamaCare” because his administration has “managed it very well.” In fact, he said the American people can’t lose regardless of the outcome of the suit: A win would mean the end of ObamaCare, but a loss would mean the continuation of the new, improved ObamaCare.

Trump’s executive order states, “It has been and will continue to be the policy of the United States to give Americans seeking healthcare more choice, lower costs, and better care and to ensure that Americans with pre-existing conditions can obtain the insurance of their choice at affordable rates.”

Trump claimed the order was necessary because Democrats, whom he likened to “radical socialists and communists,” give lip service to protecting people with preexisting conditions, “yet preexisting conditions are much safer with us than they are with them.” Similarly, he asserted that he had “made Social Security stronger, better,” and that “as long as I’m President, no one will lay a hand on your Medicare.” In other words, vote Republican if you want efficient, well-managed socialism.



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Democrats Want to Limit Supreme Court Terms Through Legislation

Despite the U.S. Constitution providing for a life term for members of the federal judiciary, some Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives are calling for limiting the tenure of Supreme Court justices to 18 years, with a bill announced September 25.

Article III of the Constitution states, “The judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their office during good behavior.”

The “Supreme Court Term Limits and Regular Appointments Act,” sponsored by Representatives Ro Khanna of California, Joe Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Don Beyer of Virginia, would allow the president to nominate two justices to the Supreme Court during each four-year term and would limit the tenure of a justice to 18 years. The three House members have “Freedom Index” scores of 24 percent, 22 percent, and 15 percent, respectively. The Freedom Index rates members of Congress on how their votes demonstrate fidelity to the U.S. Constitution.

This proposed law is a reflection of those low scores. Regardless of the merits of the proposal, it is *not* what the Constitution provides. And because of that, simple legislation such as this proposal by these three House Democrats cannot change the Constitution. Particularly egregious is the idea that every president would be allowed to nominate two justices to the Supreme Court during each four-year term. While one may argue that this

would be a good policy (or not), such a proposal would require an amendment to the Constitution.

Representative Khanna said that his proposal “would save the country a lot of agony and help lower the temperature over fights for the court that go to the fault lines of cultural issues and is one of the primary things tearing at our social fabric.” Perhaps so, but again, this cannot be accomplished by mere legislation — it requires a constitutional amendment.

Regardless of the merits of their proposal to limit terms of office of Supreme Court members, such proposals require amending the Constitution. Changing our political structure through legislation is not what the Founders intended. ■



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Poisoned Anti-Putin Leader Recovers; Putin Aide Suggests His Poisoning Occurred in Germany, Not in Russia

“The fact is, at the moment Alexei Navalny left Russian territory, he had no toxic, poisonous substance in his body [so] we have a number of questions for the Germans.”

*Navalny became ill in Russia on August 20. He was transported to Germany, where medical personnel from France and Sweden confirmed the presence of the nerve agent Novichok in his body and took proper measures to restore his health. The leader of Russia’s foreign intelligence service, **Sergey Naryshkin**, now suggests that Navalny was poisoned after he was transported out of Russia.*



Sergey Naryshkin

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Chinese Military Official Sends Sharp Warning to Counter U.S.-Taiwan Cooperation

“Those who play with fire are bound to get burned.”

*A spokesman for the Chinese Ministry of National Defense, Senior Colonel **Ren Guoqiang** explained that Beijing’s sending of 18 fighter jets into the Taiwan Strait amounted to a warning to both Taiwan and the United States. The communist leaders in China don’t approve of the increases in political and military cooperation between the United States and the breakaway enclave of anti-Communist Chinese in Taiwan.*



Milos Vystrcil

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Top Czech Senator Expresses Friendship With Taiwan

“I am inclined to uphold morals and values instead of counting money.” *After completing a trip to Taiwan and ignoring a threat from Beijing regarding business dealings, the speaker of the Czech Senate, **Milos Vystrcil**, restated his support for relations with the anti-communist people of that island enclave.*

Report Blaming Riots on Police Debunked by Writer for The Federalist

“The cause of violence is not the police. It is not poverty. It is not one’s race. To say so is in fact a smear against poor people of the racial group identified. The cause of violence is the people who have chosen to be

violent. The report constantly pushed the criminal victimization narrative that the rioters are not to blame for their rioting.”

*A writer for The Federalist, **Joy Pullman** insists that the report published by the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data project (ACLED) is wrong. Not surprisingly, what ACLED offered was supported by liberal Princeton University.*

A Black Political Scientist and Author Explains When Rioting Received a Green Light

“When we decided we did not want to enforce our immigration laws and we allowed people to get away with whatever they wanted to do in the sanctuary cities, we encouraged people to break laws.”

***Carol Swain** is an award-winning author, the host of her own podcast, a student of history, and an opponent of government programs that dole out money that stifles initiative. She contends that today’s rioting can be traced to widespread tolerance for law-breaking throughout our country over many decades.*

President Condemns the Trashing of American History

“On this very day in 1787, our Founding Fathers signed the Constitution at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It was the fulfillment of a thousand years of Western civilization. Our Constitution was the product of centuries of tradition, wisdom, and experience.... Yet ... a radical movement is attempting to demolish this treasured and precious inheritance.”

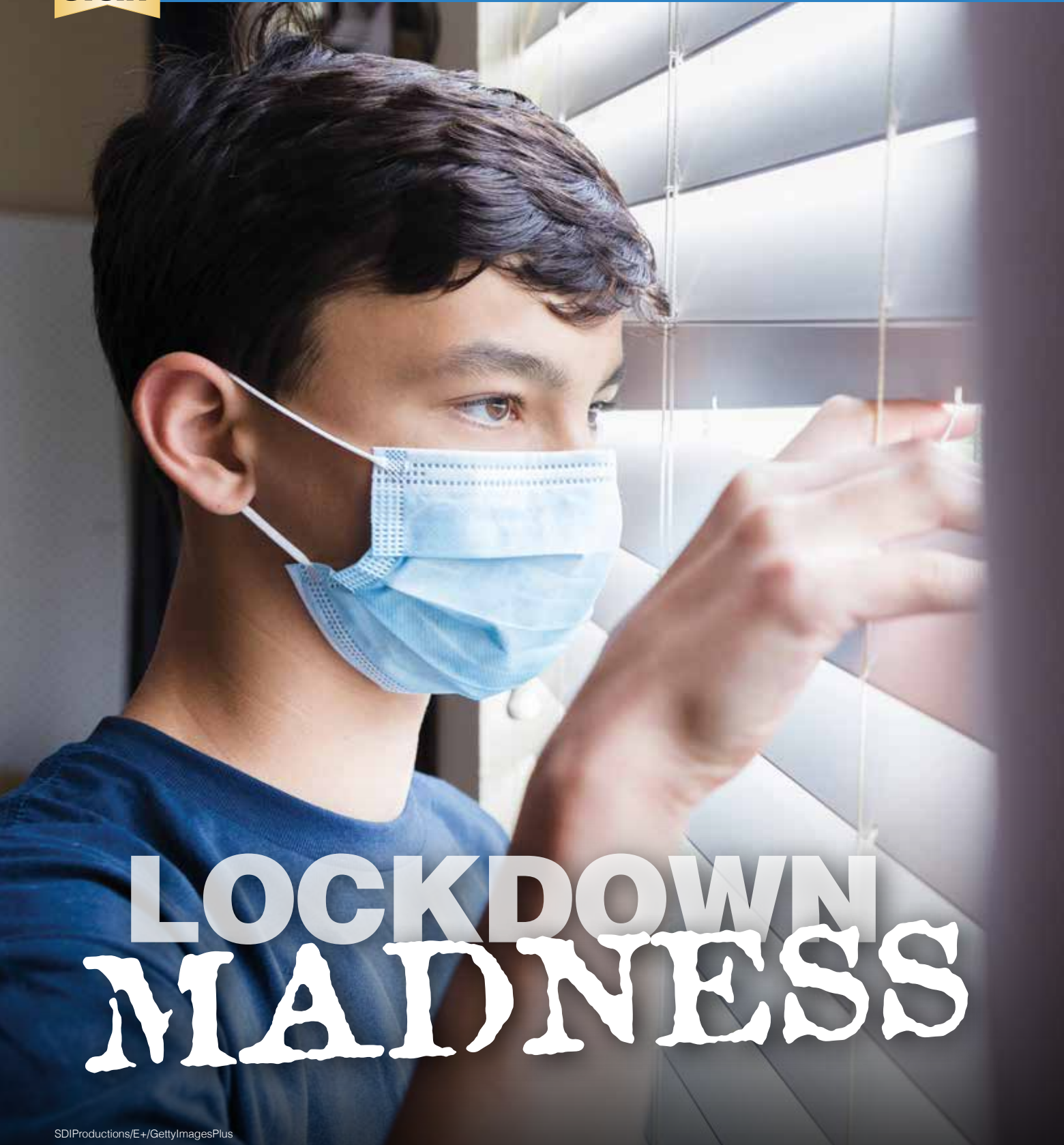
*In his remarks delivered at the National Archives Museum on Constitution Day, President **Donald Trump** sharply disagreed with the common classroom propaganda “holding that America is a wicked and racist nation.” He also said he will create a new 1776 Commission to help restore “patriotic education.” ■*



Donald Trump

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LOCKDOWN MADNESS

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Progressives promised frightened citizens that lockdowns were for their own good. This pernicious lie has caused not only massive economic upheaval, but needless deaths.

by Dennis Behreandt

Probably few Americans have heard of Sunetra Gupta. As a brief summary, Dr. Gupta is one of the world's leading epidemiologists and also an acclaimed novelist. She graduated from Princeton University in 1987 and earned her Ph.D. from Imperial College London in 1992. Today she is professor of theoretical epidemiology at Oxford University's Department of Zoology.

Again, for emphasis: She is one of the world's leading epidemiologists. In 2009, she was awarded the Royal Society Rosalind Franklin Award in recognition of her scientific achievements. For those who do not recall Rosalind Franklin, she was a chemist and x-ray crystallographer whose work was instrumental to the effort to understand the structure of DNA.

In an interview in 2018 with Developing Experts, a U.K.-based home education organization, Gupta described her youthful interest in physics and then described her current work. "Now I work on infectious diseases," she said, "but I apply some of the ideas that physicists have had about physical systems to try and understand how infectious diseases evolve and what we can do, on a practical level, to try and stop them from causing the havoc that they do."

On a practical level for COVID-19, she doesn't think indiscriminate lockdowns are the right approach. In June, according to the U.K.'s *Guardian* newspaper, she said the lockdowns were hurting people and should be lifted. "It's becoming clear that a lot of people have been exposed to the virus and that the death rate in people under 65 is not something you would lock down the economy for," she told the paper. "We can't just think about those who are vulnerable to the disease. We have to think about those who are vulnerable to lockdown too. The costs of lockdown are too high at this point."

The costs of the lockdowns have always been too high, because the lockdowns have always been unnecessary and inap-

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"Not long after the Covid-19 outbreak in Wuhan, the number of deaths [had] ceased to follow the exponential growth scare," they noted. This suggested, they continued, that more people were already somewhat or entirely immune to the virus than suspected.



Comparing dangers: One of the world's leading epidemiologists, Dr. Sunetra Gupta is opposed to lockdowns as a public health response to COVID-19. "The costs of lockdown are too high at this point," she has said.

propriate. While many, if not most, people have been persuaded to buy into the fear being spread by the mainstream media, socialist Democratic politicians, and RINOs (Republicans in Name Only), the fact is that the pandemic never represented the calamitous danger posed for it in popular caricature.

This is and has been the opinion of Dr. Vernon Coleman, for example. In a recent video, Dr. Coleman argued: "It has been painfully, depressingly clear since March that the lockdowns, the social distancing, the face masks and all the rest of the nonsense had absolutely nothing to do with the coronavirus. Back in February and March, I called the panic a hoax. This wasn't because I didn't believe that the

virus existed. I called it a hoax, and still believe it a hoax, because I believed that the threat of the coronavirus had been dramatically exaggerated. And that belief has never wavered and now the evidence supports my assertion." Dr. Coleman studied medicine at Birmingham Medical School and began practicing medicine in the U.K. in 1970. In his bio he notes that he has appeared frequently as an expert guest on U.K. television and media, including the BBC, and has written more than 100 books that have sold more than two million copies.

Likewise, Nobel laureate Michael Levitt has been a consistent voice of reason in addressing the pandemic. In a recent op-ed for another U.K. paper, the London *Tele-*

Lives have been lost due to government panic and decree, livelihoods have been destroyed, industries have been upended, citizens have turned against each other over divisive mandates, and supply chains of critical materials and supplies have been disrupted.



Wuhan, China, the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak: Despite frightening stories about the threat of the pandemic, Nobel laureate Michael Levitt noted in a recent article that already in January “the number of deaths [had] ceased to follow the exponential growth scare” in Wuhan.

graph, he and co-authors Uri Gavish (a biomedical consultant), Udi Qimron (head of clinical microbiology and immunology at Tel Aviv University), Eyal Shahar (epidemiologist at the University of Arizona), and Ifat Abadi-Korek (research director, Assuta Medical Center), pointed out that it should have been obvious from the outset that the coronavirus pandemic was not going to be catastrophic.

“Back in January, not long after the Covid-19 outbreak in Wuhan, the number of deaths ceased to follow the exponential growth scare,” they noted. This suggested, they continued, that more people were al-

ready somewhat or entirely immune to the virus than suspected.

“China, a country of almost a billion and a half people, eventually registered less than 5,000 deaths, and South Korea (51 million people) — about 300. The obvious explanation for those negligible mortality rates — highly prevalent preexisting immunity — was widely ignored. The world chose to believe that the tough lockdown in Wuhan, along with restrictions in other parts of China, somehow eradicated the virus.”

But it wasn’t the lockdowns, mask wearing, or social distancing that stopped

the virus. Instead, Levitt and his co-authors note, the plausible explanation is “cross-reactivity.”

“People had been exposed to relatives of SARS-CoV-2,” they write, “which are common causes of the common cold, and their T-cells memorized features they share with SARS-CoV-2,” giving them some immunity.

Because of this, Levitt and his co-authors note, the lockdowns and other invasive policies rabidly and doggedly preferred by statist worldwide were unnecessary. And, they conclude, should be stopped.

“In short, it is extremely likely that most of us are at least partially immune to Covid-19,” they write. “Let’s accept this fact and try to quantify it. Continued self-destruction is a bad alternative.”

Indeed, lockdowns have been a terrible alternative. Lives have been lost due to government panic and decree, livelihoods have been destroyed, industries have been upended, citizens have turned against each other over divisive mandates, and supply chains of critical materials and supplies have been disrupted. All of this because statist governors and mayors, mostly Democrats but including RINO quislings, have been eager to burn to ash the Bill of Rights.

Lockdowns: A Catalog of Destruction

The first thing to note about the lockdowns is that they have been aimed by their partisans, guided-missile-like, at destroying American liberty. The ethical foundation of this country was expressed by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration when he noted that all people, created equal, are “endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” By forcing people to stay in their homes, not visit their friends and families, limiting their access to goods, services, and entertainment, and more, the despots in our nation’s statehouses, counties, and cities have quite literally attempted to cancel the “pursuit of Happiness.”

This was noted by none other than Attorney General Bill Barr. Speaking at Hillsdale College, Barr noted: “You know, putting a national lockdown, stay-at-home orders, is like house arrest. Other than slavery, which was a different kind of

restraint, this is the greatest intrusion on civil liberties in American history.”

Because of this radical disruption of the American way of life, the harms to the people of the nation have been extreme. These harms start with the economic consequences of the lockdowns.

You can begin to appreciate the scale of the economic devastation the lockdowns caused by examining unemployment. At the end of March, when the lockdowns became extensive throughout the United States, jobless claims skyrocketed.

“The number of initial claims surged in the initial phase of government lockdowns, hitting almost 7 million for the week ending March 28,” Robert Hughes recounted for the American Institute for Economic Research (AIER). Even though the jobless situation has improved considerably since then, the number of unemployed Americans remains concerning. In August, the unemployment rate was at a still-high 8.4 percent, after peaking at 14.7 percent in April, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

It’s easy to look at such numbers as merely statistics. But those numbers rep-

resent real people who are out of work. And that means they are not earning an income that is needed to provide food, clothing, and shelter for themselves and their families. Moreover, it means they are not producing goods and services needed by others. And because these unemployed workers are themselves facing reduced circumstances, their own demand for goods and services is reduced. And still that is not all, because the newly unemployed will seek assistance from various programs, both state-run and private, that redistribute wealth and provide charitable relief. The end result is a significant drag on the economy.

To see the impact of this drag on the economy, just examine the trends in GDP for the year so far. Commenting on the corona economy, also for AIER, Richard Ebeling, professor of ethics and free enterprise leadership at The Citadel, wrote in September: “During the first quarter of the year, U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) declined by 5 percent (at an annualized rate) and then by a whopping 30.7 percent in the second quarter of 2020 (at an annualized rate).”

Much of this drag on the economy has been hidden by regulatory and monetary sleight of hand and by the flight of wealthier people from cities to suburbs and the countryside in search of escape from both current urban turmoil and the prospect of further urban disruptions in the future. These people have spent accumulated capital on property, goods, and services in rural and suburban areas, masking or reversing some economic declines in those areas. But the cities they are abandoning face increasing economic problems. Witness New York City. A poll commissioned by the Manhattan Institute found that “44 percent of high-earning New Yorkers have considered leaving the city in the past four months.” Those workers “make up 80 percent of New York City’s income-tax revenue, making the city especially vulnerable to tax-base erosion,” the institute pointed out.

One of the manipulations distorting the economy is the Federal Reserve’s attempt to juice economic activity via monetary inflation. The monetary manipulators at the Fed have said they intend to pursue higher rates of inflation, which is done by inflating the money supply. The infusion of new dollars into the economy reduces the value of already-existing dollars, putting upward pressure on prices (prices of goods in stores go up, hurting the poorest Americans the most). But, it becomes cheaper to borrow money, because the amount of money available to borrow increases. The result, however, is that stocks rise (as they have lately despite market turmoil), giving the impression of a roaring economy. Don’t be fooled: The apparent positive results of monetary manipulation of this sort are often transitory, creating distortions and bubbles that later burst, sometimes catastrophically.

Destroying Life

In addition to destroying freedom and destabilizing the economy, the lockdowns have caused direct physical harm, increasing psychological problems, crimes, and suicides, and even driven down the availability of medical and healthcare services for conditions other than COVID.

Medical professionals and others around the world have begun to point out the obvious: that these lockdowns are unnecessary and dangerous. In Belgium, for



Indiscriminate lockdowns forced businesses around the nation and the world to close. The result was devastating to the economy and to livelihoods: Jobless claims have remained at historic highs for as many as 26 weeks, according to economist Robert Hughes.

example, an open letter signed by nearly 2,000 healthcare professionals, including nearly 400 doctors, calls the lockdowns unjustified and more dangerous than COVID-19. “The current crisis management has become totally disproportionate and causes more damage than it does any good,” the open letter notes. “‘A cure must not be worse than the problem’ is a thesis that is more relevant than ever in the current situation,” the letter continues. “We note, however, that the collateral damage now being caused to the population will have a greater impact in the short and long term on all sections of the population than the number of people now being safeguarded from corona.”

Though the numbers of increased deaths the lockdowns are responsible for can only be speculated, we know the numbers are extremely high.

For example, healthcare facilities noted that they had seen dramatic *decreases* in the number of cardiac and cancer patients visiting hospitals. *Time* magazine reported on one such case in late August.

“Before the pandemic, about 1,000 new patients came to Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for treatment consultations each week,” *Time* reported. “When COVID-19 hit Massachusetts this spring, the number of new consultations fell by half.”

This was a nationwide phenomenon. Data from the CDC’s Research and Development Survey (RANDS) show that nearly 40 percent of adult Americans had difficulty or were unable to access healthcare services (“including urgent care, surgery, screening tests, ongoing treatment, regular checkups, prescriptions, dental care, vision care and hearing care”) during the lockdowns.

Several studies have underscored the deleterious impact of lockdowns on access to care. For cancer care, services declined across the board and, said one study, “cancer screenings declined drastically, with breast cancer screenings dropping by –89.2% and colorectal cancer screenings by –84.5%.” This study, published in the journal *JCO Clinical Cancer Informatics*, warned: “The steep decreases in cancer screening and patients with a new incidence of cancer suggest the possibility of a future increase in patients with later-stage cancer being seen initially.” And late-stage cancer often means fatal cancer,

as well as additional need for aggressive, invasive treatments that themselves cause pain and suffering, even when those treatments are successful.

For cardiac patients the news was just as bad. A paper published in *Open Heart*, an official journal of the British Cardiovascular Society, found: “There has been a greater than 50% drop in the number of patients presenting to cardiology and those diagnosed with myocardial infarction. All areas of cardiology service provision sustained significant reductions, which included outpatient clinics, investigations, procedures and cardiology community services such as heart failure and cardiac rehabilitation.”

Dr. Lisa Rosenbaum, reporting for *The New England Journal of Medicine* on the reduction in access to healthcare services during the pandemic, pointed to the opinion of Dr. Zoran Lasic, a New York-based cardiologist. “I think the toll on non-Covid patients will be much greater than Covid deaths,” Lasic said, according to Rosenbaum.

Psychologically, the stress of the pandemic fearmongering, the instantaneous overthrow of American life by lockdown

tyranny, the loss of jobs, and the dramatic increase in uncertainty in the ability to pay bills, feed families, or access healthcare — all began to drive increases in suicide.

By mid-May, healthcare providers were warning that they were seeing more and more suicides and suicide attempts. On May 21, KGO-TV, the local ABC affiliate in San Francisco, reported: “Doctors at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek say they have seen more deaths by suicide during this quarantine period than deaths from the COVID-19 virus.”

Kacey Hansen, a veteran trauma nurse of 33 years, told the station that the trend was unprecedented in her experience. “What I have seen recently, I have never seen before,” she said. “I have never seen so much intentional injury.”

The trend caused one doctor to call for an end to the lockdowns. “I think, originally, this (the shelter-in-place order) was put in place to flatten the curve and to make sure hospitals have the resources to take care of COVID patients,” Dr. Mike deBoisblanc told the news station. “We have the current resources to do that and our other community health is suffering.”



Stress: Lockdowns have separated families and friends, drastically increasing rates of depression and suicide. According to psychiatrist Dr. Leo Sher at the Icahn School of Medicine, “There is a high probability that suicide rates will increase in many countries of the world.”

Continuing, he commented on the dramatic increase in the number of suicides. “We’ve never seen numbers like this, in such a short period of time,” he said. “I mean we’ve seen a year’s worth of suicide attempts in the last four weeks.”

Dr. Leo Sher of the Department of Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, summarized the threat of COVID-19 and associated lockdowns on mental health and suicides for a report in the journal *QJM*, which was founded in 1907 under the title *Quarterly Journal of Medicine* and is published by Oxford University Press.

According to Dr. Sher, “The psychological sequelae of the pandemic will probably persist for months and years to come.”

Elaborating, he continued: “Social isolation, anxiety, fear of contagion, uncertainty, chronic stress, and economic difficulties may lead to the development or exacerbation of depression, anxiety, substance use, and other psychiatric disorders in vulnerable populations.”

Breaking down the threats that are likely to cause increased incidence of suicides, Dr. Sher pointed out that just about all the various impacts of the lockdowns, including economic uncertainty, fear of contagion, social isolation, and chronic stress, play significant roles. He concluded: “There is a high probability that suicide rates will increase in many countries of the world. This problem may be especially difficult in the U.S.”

A bleak outlook indeed. And one caused by power-hungry politicians.

Total Harm Minimization

The statist insistence on indiscriminate lockdowns in reaction to COVID-19 has been, without question, far more damaging than the disease itself. Far from minimizing the danger presented by the pathogen, the lockdowns have added a wide array of additional threats and dangers to those presented by the virus.

Moreover, the insistence from authorities that lockdowns are designed to keep people safe from the pathogen can no longer be taken seriously. The lockdowns have persisted and even been strengthened and extended even as their impact on the course of the pandemic is dubious at best. In Australia, the state of Victoria is now one of the world’s most thorough police



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Oppression: Lockdowns are far from over, with the Australian state of Victoria becoming, alongside North Korea, the world’s chief totalitarian state. But in the United States, too, the trend is for ever more zealous COVID enforcement, as demonstrated by the treatment of Alecia Kitts, an Ohio mother tased and arrested for a mask violation while sitting alone at a middle-school football game in late September.

states, ostensibly because the threat of the virus is so extreme.

How bad is the outbreak in Victoria? According to official government data, as of September 20, there have been 20,042 cases and 761 deaths. There are 6.6 million people living in Victoria state. This means only 0.01 percent of Victorian citizens have perished from COVID-19, while only 0.3 percent have tested positive. Putting this another way, 99.9 percent of residents of Victoria have not died from the virus. Still, political leaders in the state of Victoria have erected a totalitarian police state based on this “outbreak.” In August, according to the U.K.’s *Independent* newspaper, Shane Patton, Victoria’s chief commissioner of police, warned: “On at least three or four occasions in the past week we’ve had to smash the windows of people in cars and pull them out of there so they could provide their details because they weren’t telling us where they were going, they weren’t adhering to the chief health officer guidelines, they weren’t providing their name and their address.”

Your papers please, or else.

But this type of over-the-top statist response is not confined to Down Under. In the United States, for example, a terrifying example of statist tyranny comes from Hardin County, Kentucky. There, out of an abundance of caution, and though having no symptoms, Elizabeth Linscott sought COVID-19 testing ahead of a planned trip to visit her parents in another state. When her test came up positive, local officials insisted that she and her husband sign documents that would limit her travel unless she called and received health department permission first. She and her husband refused to sign.

Local TV news station WILX 10 described what happened next.

A couple of days after she denied signing the Self-isolation and Controlled Movement Agreed Order, Linscott said the Hardin County



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Sheriff's Department arrived at her home without warning. Her husband, Isaiah, was home.

"I open up the door, and there's like eight different people, five different cars," he said. "I'm like, 'What the heck's going on?' This guy's in a suit with a mask. It's the health department guy, and he has three papers for us — for me, her and my daughter."

The couple was ordered to wear ankle monitors. If they travel more than 200 feet, law enforcement will be notified.

"We didn't rob a store. We didn't steal something. We didn't hit and run. We didn't do anything wrong," Elizabeth Linscott said.

Indeed, public health measures, if there are to be any, should seek total harm minimization. This is the reasonable concept that health authorities should weigh the costs imposed by proposed measures on all aspects of society and health in an effort to ensure that a proposed "cure" does

not cause even more problems than the "disease" in question. In a broad sense, total harm minimization is an approach to the Hippocratic concept *primum non nocere* — first, do no harm. Dr. David L. Katz, founding director in 1998 of Yale University's Yale-Griffin Prevention Research Center, has been a vocal opponent of indiscriminate lockdowns and the harms they add to the disease impact of COVID-19. The proper response, he has argued, is to pursue a policy of total harm minimization. As spelled out in policy points he has presented to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, this policy is "aimed at mitigating the direct harms of COVID19, and the indirect harms of societal upheaval and economic collapse." It recognizes that quarantines should protect those that actually are at risk (the elderly, for example), while not unnecessarily blocking a return to normal that "should culminate in herd immunity and the 'all clear.'"

Total harm minimization is much more in keeping with a deontological

ethical framework in that it is respectful and protective of the natural rights of the citizens as integral to successfully protecting health outcomes during a pandemic. It does not ignore and destroy those rights in single-minded pursuit of some desired outcome regardless of collateral damage. The latter approach — ends-justify-the-means teleological ethics — is the basis of the police state lockdowns favored by politicians who are willing and eager to sell out their fellow citizens in pursuit of either their own power and aggrandizement or some other esoteric statist goal.

We've already seen enough collateral damage from statist interventions. And, we'll be seeing serious lingering social, health, and economic impacts from these interventions for months, if not years, into the future.

As it was true before, it remains true today: To end the pandemic and prevent unnecessary harm, the tyranny preferred by our burgeoning population of despots must be ended.

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BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS

Progressives have waged a war against hydroxychloroquine for months, despite the fact that both medical experience and scientific examination show that the drug saves lives.



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Success: Despite intense mainstream attacks on hydroxychloroquine as a therapeutic for COVID-19, several studies have found the drug to have potential as a treatment, and many doctors have experienced positive outcomes in patients treated with the drug.

by Dennis Behreandt

Texas Republican congressman Louis Gohmert tested positive for COVID 19 on July 29. According to the *Washington Examiner*, the then-66-year-old congressman self-quarantined in Texas while he “suffered several days of mild symptoms, including fatigue.”

Progressives, who claim to be always concerned for the well-being of others, were delighted by Congressman Gohmert’s bad luck. Speaking to Chris Salcedo of Newsmax, Gohmert recalled: “I know there were people, from some of the comments I got, they were hoping I would just die.”

The hateful hordes of the progressive Left must be sorely disappointed, as Gohmert recovered from the infection. And he credits hydroxychloroquine-based therapy with his rapid recovery. “I got the hydroxychloroquine, azithromycin, the z-pak, and zinc, and vitamins, steroid nebulizer, and I’m telling you, it made a huge difference, a huge difference,” Gohmert told Salcedo. “So, I’m doing so much better than I would have expected,” he concluded.

For months, despite testimony from doctors experiencing success in treating patients with hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), the mainstream media and government bureaucrats the world over have waged an

aggressive campaign to disparage the drug and ban its use.

That war now seems over, even if progressives haven’t gotten the message. There are too many doctors attesting to success with the treatment and too many studies showing that the treatment has promise for HCQ to be dismissed outright.

That doesn’t mean that the bans on the use of the drug have been rolled back. Quite the contrary, progressive despots continue to bar its use whenever and wherever they can. Apparently, the progressive despots continue to be willing to sacrifice the health and lives of their fellow citizens in pursuit of their political goals.

To put this bluntly, in the progressive ethic of ends justifying means, lives are being put at risk in pursuit of inscrutable political gain.

In opposing, and continuing to oppose, useful treatments for disease, progressive politicians and their enablers in the mainstream media quite literally have blood on their hands.

HCQ Works

That the drug combination of HCQ and azithromycin plus zinc offers a useful treatment option has become increasingly difficult to dismiss. Many studies and individual doctors have found that the drug, alone or in combination, has saved lives or reduced the severity of COVID-19.

One example: Researchers in Saudi Arabia posted the results of their observational study to the medRxiv preprint server on September 13. They found: “Early intervention with HCQ-based therapy in

patients with mild to moderate symptoms at presentation is associated with lower adverse clinical outcomes among COVID-19 patients, including hospital admissions, ICU admission, and/or death.”

Another example: A study published on September 14 in the peer-reviewed journal *Clinical and Translational Science* concluded: “We found a reduced in-hospital mortality in patients treated with a combination of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin after adjustment for comorbidities.”

One more: A study published in the new October 2020 issue of the peer-reviewed *International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents* offered this outcome: “In conclusion, in this large nationwide observational study of patients hospitalised with COVID-19, HCQ monotherapy administered at a dosage of 2400 mg over 5 days was independently associated with a significant decrease in mortality compared with patients not treated with HCQ.”

Doctors, too, attest to the positive results that can be obtained using HCQ treatments for COVID-19.

One of the doctors having incredible success saving patients with HCQ triple therapy including zinc and azithromycin is

Dr. Brian Tyson of All Valley Urgent Care in El Centro, California.

Speaking with San Diego’s KUSI news, Dr. Tyson described his experience with COVID-19. “We’re the only level one urgent care out here in El Centro, California,” he said. “We’ve seen over 15,000 patients that we’ve tested. We have a positive rate of about 1,650 cases that we’ve treated. And our mortality rate, surprisingly, is zero.”

Dr. Tyson then elaborated on his experience using HCQ-based treatment with his COVID patients.

“We see all ages at the urgent care,” he continued. “We’ve seen as low as eleven months, we’ve seen pregnant women — which we have not used the hydroxychloroquine on, just to clarify that — as well as the very old, up to age 88. We’ve classified, and we’ve been keeping our statistics for the entire pandemic. We classify them into mild and asymptomatic patients, moderate patients and then severe patients. When we look at the severity of the patients, the severe cases we looked at chest x-ray, we looked at the positive nasal swab as well as our serology, pulse oximetry, and all of our patients went through a full evaluation by practitioners. And once they had

that evaluation we decided whether or not the triple therapy would be prescribed for them and under all of those cases, every single one of those patients that has been treated has recovered.”

Another doctor who has experienced significant success with HCQ treatment for COVID-19 is Texan Dr. Ivette Lozano. Speaking to Laura Ingraham of Fox News, Dr. Lozano described her experience with HCQ.

“Every patient that I’ve treated — serious, moderate — has had resolution of symptoms within 24 hours. They are improved within 5 hours. The fevers are gone within two days. The lung restriction, which is the most important, resolves within about 4 to 5 hours — you see dramatic improvement.”

Dr. Lozano operates the Lozano Medical Clinic, an urgent care center, in Dallas, Texas. Her academic and medical credentials are formidable. Her biography notes that she “followed a traditional Premed curriculum at Southern Methodist University ... graduating in three years with a major in Chemistry and minors in Biology and Psychology.” She then “attended Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Medicine.”

Limiting Access

Federal and state regulators have sought to reduce access to HCQ despite the evidence and experience of doctors that attest to its utility in fighting COVID.

In Texas, for example, the state pharmacy board issued a rule that no prescriptions for the drug could be dispensed without the prescribing doctor justifying the prescription by providing the pharmacist with a patient diagnosis. The rule, in effect, made it possible for pharmacists to overrule doctors.

This made it difficult for healthcare providers such as Dr. Lozano to prescribe the drug for patients who badly needed it.

In May, Dr. Lozano described for Laura Ingraham the roadblocks she ran into.

“When I wrote a prescription [I] had the pharmacist call me and let me know that he could not fill that without me disclosing the diagnosis of the patient,” she recounted. “And so we had a little scuffle on the phone and I told him I couldn’t do that because of HIPAA laws and he was insistent that the laws had been changed and



Used there more than here: According to news organization BloombergQuint, India’s Dr. Harsh Vardhan, who is also chair of the World Health Organization’s executive board, noted that India uses hydroxychloroquine for mild but high-risk and moderate COVID-19 cases.

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the pharmacy board had passed a mandate that that drug could not be dispensed unless it was accompanied by a diagnosis.”

This kind of stonewalling apparently happened more than once. Dr. Lozano continued describing efforts pharmacists were making to restrict her access to the drug. “It’s been an extremely difficult situation,” Lozano told Ingraham. “Yesterday I wrote five prescriptions for hydroxychloroquine and I sent them to a pharmacy that I use and have used for the last 20 years. And I actually got a phone call from the pharmacist letting me know that she was not going to refill another prescription for me for hydroxychloroquine. And so I told her that she couldn’t do that, that these patients were sick and that if I wrote the prescription she needed to fill these. And she told me that she was not going to fill another prescription for me. And so I said

I need your name and I’m going to call the pharmacy board and she said, ‘I have the right to deny to fill this prescription for you.’”

Another state where HCQ has been hard to get is Minnesota. On March 27, governor Tim Walz issued an executive order that blocked access to the drug. That order was rescinded on August 12. Effectively, the governor’s order in that state increased the probability that people who could have been saved by hydroxychloroquine might have died. But even after the order was lifted, HCQ remained hard to get, according to Dr. Scott Jensen, a medical doctor who is also a Minnesota state senator.

Jensen, who has been investigated repeatedly by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice because of his outspoken opposition to mainstream coronavirus propaganda, said in a video on August 14

that pharmacies in his state indicated that they would not fill HCQ prescriptions.

“I got on the phone and called pharmacists and said, ‘If I write this hydroxychloroquine, will you fill it.’ And I was told, ‘no.’ And I said, ‘You’ve been filling my scripts for decades and decades and now you say ‘no.’ Why? And it was clear that they were fearful, but what they said was, ‘Well, it might set a precedent. The board might not like it. Maybe we’ll run out.’”

This kind of culture of fear, combined with regulatory restrictions, needlessly and immorally puts patients’ lives at risk.

Do Any Lives Matter?

Of course, during the summer of 2020, it has been made clear to anyone even paying brief attention to affairs in our towns and cities that progressives, generally the very same progressives who so zealously promote lockdowns and restrict access to life-saving medicine, don’t actually care about the well-being of American citizens. They have stood by, giving silent assent to rioting terrorists as their own cities were burned to the ground, as property was vandalized and destroyed, as stores were looted and as innocent citizens have had their lives turned upside down. The ends they seek — total state control, expulsion of Donald Trump from the presidency, etc. — have in their minds justified a wide slate of crime.

Among these crimes, perhaps the most dire, is the potential death toll related to restriction of life-saving HCQ treatments.

Yale epidemiologist Harvey Risch made this point in comments this summer.

In July, on her show on Fox News, Laura Ingraham asked Risch about the potential impact of HCQ.

“Do you think thousands of lives could be saved going forward if they released that hydroxy stockpile and even gave it as a prophylactic like India has done and other countries have done for frontline workers, if they wanted it?” Ingraham asked.

“I think 75,000 to 100,000 lives will be saved if that happens,” Risch responded.

Or, as El Centro, California’s Dr. Brian Tyson put it, what do we have to lose? “I always say, if I’m wrong, people are still going to die,” Tyson told San Diego’s KUSI news. “But if I’m right, we’re going to save thousands of lives. And that’s, I think, the most important thing.” ■

MASKS

Behavioral Modification Through Health Concerns

Masks are not a silver bullet for stopping COVID. Rather, they work to demoralize and divide society, while also putting some, and perhaps many, people at risk.



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Mandatory masks: Officials in many locations are forcing citizens to wear masks, even though most popular types of masks have little or no efficacy. They are, however, efficient tools for behavior modification and control.

by *Dennis Behreandt*

A preferred public health policy for fighting the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus — following lockdowns in popularity among statisticians — has been the implementation of public mask wearing. In many states governors have mandated the wearing of masks. And many members of the public, made fearful by the continual drumbeat of fear propaganda from the government and mainstream media, have taken to demanding, sometimes aggressively, that their fellow citizens cover their faces with masks.

The public, frightened by the pandemic, generally believes masks to be a nearly foolproof method of preventing the spread of the disease. This, however, is untrue. The most popularly used and mandated

masks, in fact, offer very little in the way of protection from the spread of viruses. Even the best masks, those designated N95, are not foolproof. Moreover, though mask wearing has been common not only in the United States but in many areas of Europe and around the world, the course of the pandemic has not been altered by their use.

What masks do provide, rather than coronavirus mitigation, is social distress and behavioral conditioning. The fact that masks instigate social distress is obvious. Those wearing masks, believing them effective, come to view those not wearing masks as direct threats to their lives. Meanwhile, those not wearing masks, believing them ineffective and, when mandated by government, a direct attack on their freedoms and individu-

ality, view the masked as fools, dupes, and quislings. Masks, in this case, are a wedge destroying social cohesion.

Official Propaganda

Rather than put the danger of COVID in perspective — in comparison to numbers of viral deaths in a normal year — government has stoked fears.

If one looks at deaths from *all causes* around the world, a statistic that has been rigorously kept for about 75 years, it's evident that “all-cause mortality rates” have not spiked because of COVID — in other words, total deaths have not gone up. In fact, they show virtually no change from previous years. Denis Rancourt, Ph.D., a physicist and researcher at the Ontario Civil Liberties Association, noted in an online video entitled “Exposing the Real Threat Behind COVID-19” that each winter viral deaths — caused by numerous respiratory viruses — kill about 10 percent of all people who die each year. That figure has not changed because of COVID-19 — it was still about 10 percent this past winter during COVID. So deaths from respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, did not increase this past winter. Yet the Centers for Disease Control continues to take pains to remind Americans to wear their masks when they are out in public.

A missive from CDC that encouraged COVID safety during the Labor Day holiday says: “Do your part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 this Labor Day weekend. If you go to a park, beach, event or gathering, be sure to” do several things, including “wear a mask to protect yourself and others.”

On its website, the CDC offers guidance on mask selection. Masks should “have

The most popularly used and mandated masks, in fact, offer very little in the way of protection from the spread of viruses.



Taking a stand: Protests against mask mandates have been held across the country, including Salt Lake City (shown above) on September 12.

two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric,” they proclaim.

Such a mask, the CDC suggests, *will filter* the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 from the air we breath.

Will it?

Electron micrographs show that the size of the virus varies from 60 to 140 nanometers in diameter (.06 to .14 microns). N95 filters provide filtration down to .3 microns — an N95 mask lets through matter more than twice the size of the virus. On this basis alone, it is reasonable to conclude that masks should not be relied on for protection from small virus particles such as those of SARS-CoV-2.

Still, the mainstream media and the organs of the state insist that N95 masks are nearly foolproof and that even mere cloth masks work for protection from the COVID virus. *USA Today* published a “Fact Check” that insists that N95 filters

work effectively for COVID-19 regardless of the fact that virus particles are small enough to pass through.

“The COVID-19 particle is indeed around 0.1 microns in size, but it is always bonded to something larger,” *USA Today* says.

According to the paper, “The virus attaches to water droplets or aerosols (i.e., really small droplets) that are generated by breathing, talking, coughing, etc. These consist of water, mucus protein and other biological material and are all larger than 1 micron.”

These are caught up by the mask. “Breathing and talking generate particles around 1 micron in size, which will be collected by N95 respirator filters with very high efficiency,” Lisa Brosseau, a retired professor of environmental and occupational health sciences told the paper.

Moreover, the paper insists, the .3 mi-

cron limit on filtration from N95 masks is meaningless, because such masks actually filter even smaller particles — through the capturing effect of static electricity (imagine brushed hair sticking to a sweater in winter).

Science, Not Fiction

This mainstream narrative was recently upheld by Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the CDC. In testimony to the Senate Appropriations Committee, Redfield referred to masks as “the most powerful public health tool we have” when it comes to stopping the spread of the coronavirus. They’re even better than a vaccine, he chortled.

This was the same Dr. Redfield who tweeted on February 5: “CDC does not currently recommend the use of facemasks to help prevent novel #coronavirus.” Of course, in the world of ends-justify-the-means ethics, consistency is irrelevant. If the desired end requires on one day that four plus four equals eight, it may likewise require that on the next day four plus four equals three.

There are quite a few problems with claims by the CDC and major media. First, as a trip to nearly any store would verify, almost no one wears N95 masks. People most often wear surgical masks and cloth masks instead, so we should mainly be concerned with the effectiveness of those masks.

Second, often “mask studies” simply test the filtering capacity of the filter material (i.e., the mask); they don’t look at how effective they are at actually stopping illnesses.

For instance, a team of researchers affiliated with the Center for Health-Related Aerosol Studies, Department of Environmental Health, at the University of Cincinnati looked at the effectiveness of mask materials in a study published in the *American Journal of Infection Control* in 2006.

Here is the abstract of their paper (Notice that even surgical masks let through large amounts of virus):

Background: Respiratory protection devices are used to protect the wearers from inhaling particles suspended in the air. Filtering face piece respirators are usually tested utilizing non-biologic particles, whereas their use often aims at reducing exposure to bi-

ologic aerosols, including infectious agents such as viruses and bacteria.

Methods: The performance of 2 types of N95 half-mask, filtering face piece respirators and 2 types of surgical masks were determined. The collection efficiency of these respiratory protection devices was investigated using MS2 virus (a nonharmful simulant of several pathogens). The virions were detected in the particle size range of 10 to 80 nm.

Results: The results indicate that the penetration of virions [virus] through the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-certified N95 respirators can exceed an expected level of 5%. As anticipated, the tested surgical masks showed a much higher particle penetration because they are known to be less efficient than the N95 respirators. The 2 surgical masks, which originated from the same manufacturer, showed tremendously different penetration levels of the MS2 virions: 20.5% and 84.5%, respectively, at an inhalation flow rate of 85 L/min.

Conclusion: The N95 filtering face piece respirators may not provide the expected protection level against small virions. Some surgical masks may let

a significant fraction of airborne viruses penetrate through their filters, providing very low protection against aerosolized infectious agents in the size range of 10 to 80 nm. It should be noted that the surgical masks are primarily designed to protect the environment from the wearer, whereas the respirators are supposed to protect the wearer from the environment.

Too, the mask effectiveness above assumes that the masks are perfectly sealed around the edges of the mask, whereas in real life surgical masks are loose-fitting, and most of the air one breathes in or out while wearing one flows through the gaps along the edges of the mask, something glasses wearers clearly note when their glasses fog.

Third, even if all masks were sealed around the edges, wearers' mishandling of the masks would undo their beneficial effect. A recent study published in the *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health* further elaborated on the efficacy of masks. "Surgical facemasks are designed to be discarded after [a] single use," the researchers wrote. "As they become moist they become porous and no longer protect. Indeed, experiments have shown that surgical and cotton masks do not trap the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) virus, which

can be detected on the outer surface of the masks for up to 7 days. Thus, a pre-symptomatic or mildly infected person wearing a facemask for hours without changing it and without washing hands every time they touched the mask could paradoxically increase the risk of infecting others."

Worn properly, N95 masks *reduce* exposure to particulate contamination, including viruses. But the "worn properly" proviso must be emphasized. An inexperienced user, or a careless user, can easily negate any benefit of the mask by contaminating themselves with it while removing the mask. The CDC took part in the Respiratory Protection Effectiveness Clinical Trial (ResPECT), testing the efficacy of N95 masks versus surgical masks in preventing respiratory viral infection, and *JAMA* reported on the findings of the study:

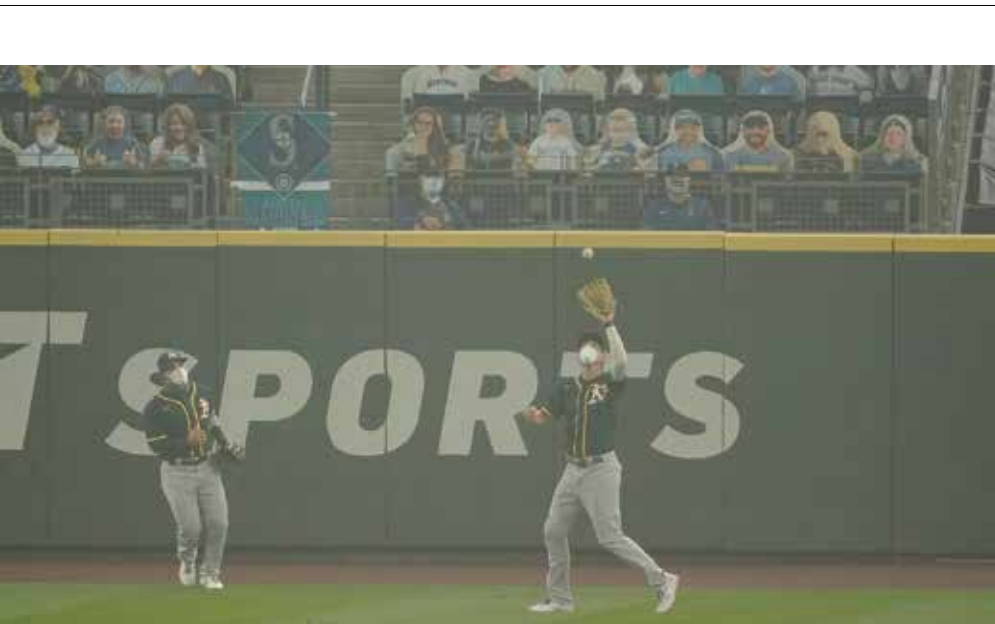
Findings In this pragmatic, cluster randomized clinical trial involving 2862 health care personnel, there was no significant difference in the incidence of laboratory-confirmed influenza among health care personnel with the use of N95 respirators (8.2%) vs medical masks (7.2%).

Meaning As worn by health care personnel in this trial, use of N95 respirators, compared with medical masks, in the outpatient setting resulted in no significant difference in the rates of laboratory-confirmed influenza.

Moreover, the health impact of wearing the N95 mask must not be discounted. A study published in the *Journal of the Formosan Medical Association (JFMA)*, a journal published in Taipei that has been in continual publication since 1902, looked at the impact of wearing N95 masks on physiology.

The study reported these results:

Thirty nine patients (23 men; mean age, 57.2 years) were recruited for participation in the study. Seventy percent of the patients showed a reduction in partial pressure of oxygen (PaO₂), and 19% developed various degrees of hypoxemia. Wearing an N95 mask significantly reduced the PaO₂ level (101.7 +/- 12.6 to 92.7 +/- 15.8 mm Hg, p = 0.006), in-



Seeing through the smokescreen: Wildfire smoke clouds Seattle's T-Mobile Park on September 14. The CDC has warned that commonly used masks for COVID will not filter out smoke particulates. Yet they insist the same masks are effective for even smaller virus particles.

creased the respiratory rate (16.8 +/- 2.8 to 18.8 +/- 2.7/min, $p < 0.001$), and increased the occurrence of chest discomfort (3 to 11 patients, $p = 0.014$) and respiratory distress (1 to 17 patients, $p < 0.001$). Baseline PaO₂ level was the only significant predictor of the magnitude of PaO₂ reduction ($p < 0.001$).

From this, the researchers reached the following conclusion: “Wearing an N95 mask for 4 hours during HD [hemodialysis] significantly reduced PaO₂ and increased respiratory adverse effects in ESRD [end-stage renal disease] patients.”

Granted, the participants in this study were very ill. But the results underscore the fact that universal mask wearing can be dangerous for some, and possibly for many, people.

The CDC itself continues to contradict itself on masks. Just days before Redfield told the Senate Appropriations Committee that masks are better than a vaccine, on August 30, his organization posted a contradictory warning about face masks to Facebook related to smoke generated by the forest fires blazing on the West Coast.

“Cloth masks that are used to slow the spread of COVID-19 offer little protection against wildfire smoke,” the CDC said. “They do not catch small particles found in wildfire smoke that can harm your health.”

Writing for *RedState*, Scott Hounsell

makes several good points about this CDC admission: “Remember that ‘science’ that they always like to throw in the face of conservatives?” Hounsell writes. “Let’s take a quick look at this info through the lens of actual science. They just told us that smoke particulates are too small to be stopped by a cloth mask.... A quick Google search will tell us that smoke particles and debris are usually .4 to .7 microns in size. According to the CDC, cloth masks are not effective in stopping materials that size.”

Hounsell continues:

Another quick Google search will tell us that the Wuhan Virus is .12 microns in size, about a quarter in size of the smoke and fire debris particulate. Even if we factor for the “respiratory droplets” that are allegedly to blame for the spread of coronavirus, those droplets are as small as .5 microns, or as small or smaller than smoke and fire debris particulate. These factors and figures aren’t hidden in some CDC vault that only their scientists are capable of accessing. Yet another quick Google search will show these figures within seconds.

The CDC cannot, on one hand, demand we wear masks because of the prevention of the spread of a disease (or droplets containing the disease) and then tell us that those same masks are ineffective in stopping par-

ticles that are bigger than the disease we are trying to prevent.

In short, if cloth masks are ineffective against smoke — and they are, according to the CDC — then it’s crazy for the CDC to claim they can be effective against a virus.

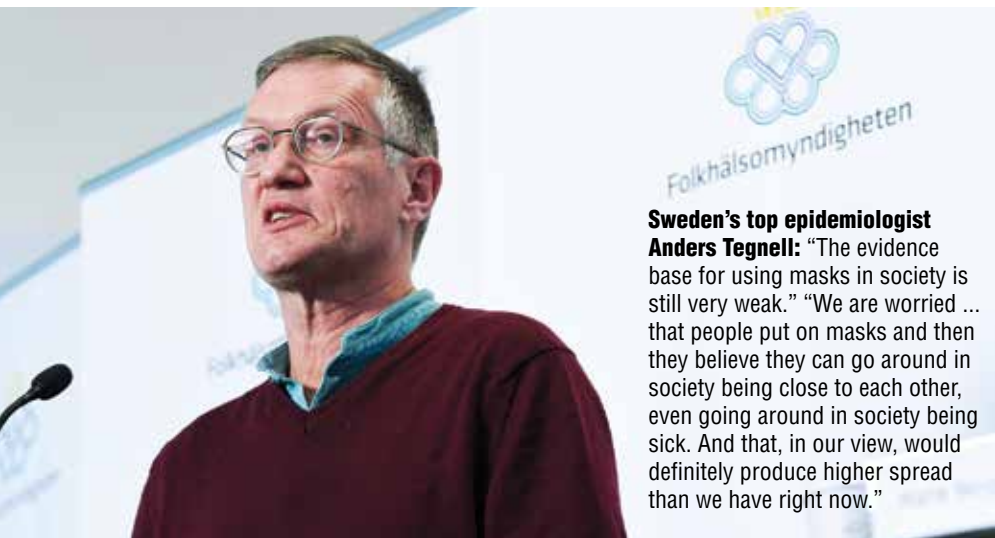
Ethics and Facemasks

The masks, more than anything, are a tool of psychological manipulation. As the psychologist B.F. Skinner pointed out, “The environment can be manipulated” to change behaviors. In Skinnerian practice, masks are a tool of *operant conditioning*, used to modify human behaviors through positive and negative reinforcement. Currently, masks have the effect, especially when mandated, of teaching erstwhile free American citizens that they only may access goods and services, and even their careers, if adorned with a mask, under the pretense of *safety*.

The connection between the Skinnerian doctrine of behaviorism and the current demand for masking is no small matter. Indeed, in 2014 a report on the impact of behavioral sciences on public policy from the U.K. Economic and Social Research council reported: “The behavioral sciences are clearly having a global impact on public policy initiatives.” These, the report noted, are especially pushed by internationalist NGOs. “Our study reveals that while certain states are taking the lead in applying the insights of behavioral sciences to public policy design, the international spread of nudge-type policies is also being facilitated by a series of influential non-governmental organizations.” These include large multinational firms. “Of particular interest in this context is the emerging role of multinational corporations (such as Unilever) in promoting forms of behavior change that are usually associated with public bodies.”

It is, in fact, a public-private partnership of governments, multinational firms, and internationalist NGOs that is promoting the extreme lockdown policies in general and mask mandates in particular.

It should be made especially clear that behaviorism is directly opposed to human freedom. In its biographical sketch of B.F. Skinner, Harvard notes: “According to Skinner, the future of humanity depended on abandoning the concepts of individual



Sweden's top epidemiologist

Anders Tegnell: “The evidence base for using masks in society is still very weak.” “We are worried ... that people put on masks and then they believe they can go around in society being close to each other, even going around in society being sick. And that, in our view, would definitely produce higher spread than we have right now.”

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freedom and dignity and engineering the human environment so that behavior was controlled systematically and to desirable ends rather than haphazardly.”

The behaviorist seeks to control an environment in such a way as to coerce entities within that environment to move toward or embrace “desirable ends.” The ends, in other words, justify the means.

Masks are currently the primary tool being used to implement the Skinnerian vision of a psychologically controlled population. No less than Anthony Fauci, for example, has admitted that he views mask wearing in Skinnerian behaviorist terms. He wears his, he admitted according to *Politico*, “because I want to make it be a symbol for people to see that that’s the kind of thing you should be doing.”

A major issue with face masks then, like most everything else, comes down to ethics. The proponents of masks and mask mandates are believers in ends-justify-the-means ethics. For them, any imposition on others is ethical, as long as some desired overriding end is achieved. Particulars about mask effectiveness, danger potential,

and other concerns, to them, are immaterial. More important is the modification of the behavior of the subject population.

The partisans of this dangerous ethical framework need to be opposed with great vigor, especially where mandatory masking is concerned. Forced masking eliminates the freedom of people to make health choices for themselves, generates social discord, and has little or no impact on stopping the spread of disease. In fact, according to one noted epidemiologist, universal forced masking may cause more disease spread.

That expert is Anders Tegnell, the man responsible for Sweden’s public-health policy that has seen that Nordic nation successfully confront and control COVID-19 without the use of mandatory masks and lockdowns.

Asked by UnHerd’s Freddie Sayers about why masks are not mandated in Sweden, Tegnell pointed to the lack of evidence of society-wide mask effectiveness.

“One reason is that the evidence base for using masks in society is still very weak,” Tegnell responded. “Even if more and more countries are now enforcing them in dif-

ferent ways ... we haven’t seen any new evidence coming up, which is a little bit surprising. The other reason is that everything tells us that keeping social distance is a much better way of controlling this disease than putting masks on people. We are worried (and we get at least tales from other countries) that people put on masks and then they believe they can go around in society being close to each other, even going around in society being sick. And that, in our view, would definitely produce higher spread than we have right now.”

Ends-justify-the-means mask mandates cause individual harm by restricting liberty and by putting society at large at risk of greater harm. They might cause additional disease spread and animosity and strife among citizens. Moreover, mandates all too often result in legal enforcement issues that result in overbearing and tyrannical official actions against citizens.

In the end, people who wish to wear masks of whatever type should feel free to do so. But mandates as favored by Democratic and RINO politicians are inappropriate, ineffective, and immoral. ■



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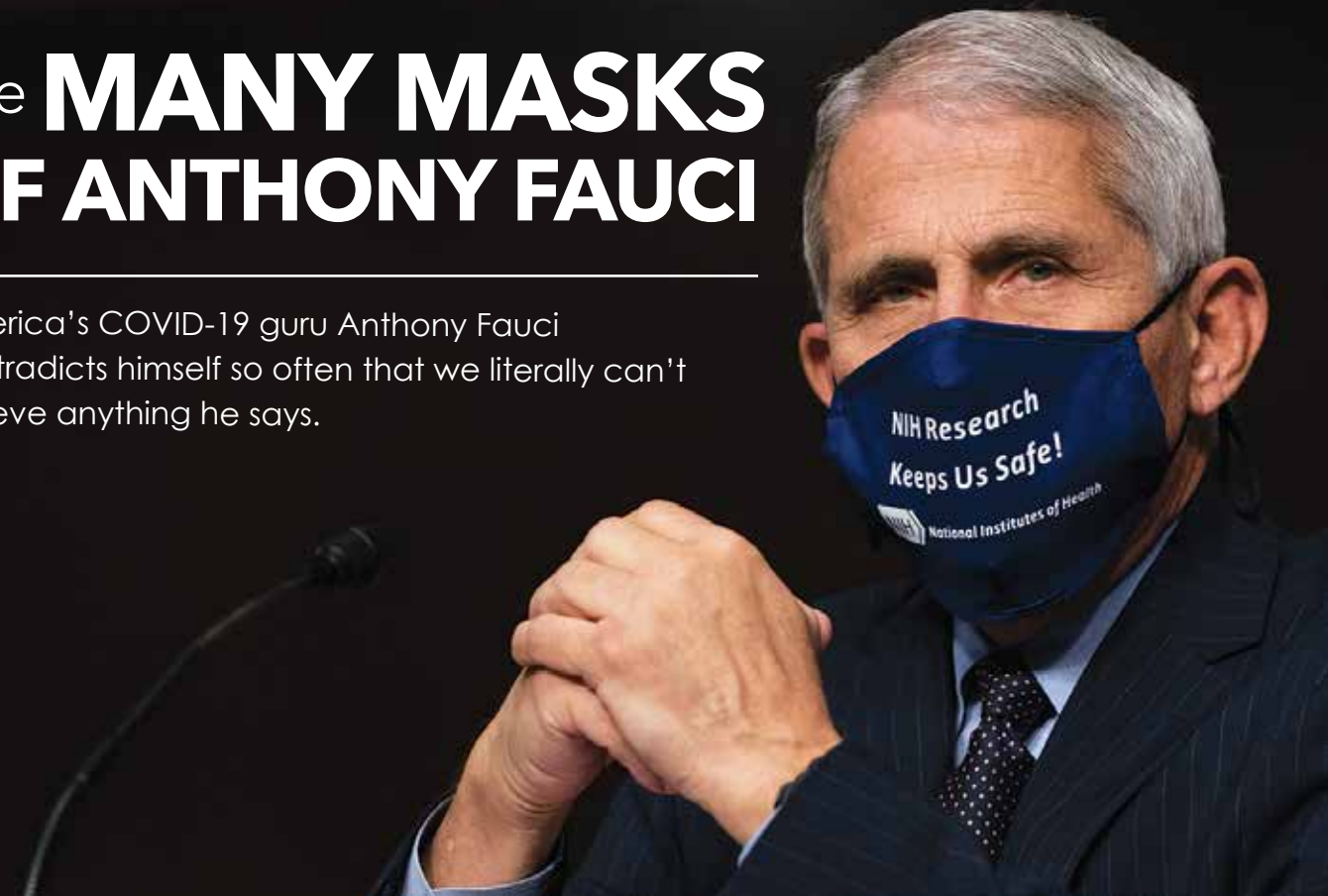
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The MANY MASKS OF ANTHONY FAUCI

America's COVID-19 guru Anthony Fauci contradicts himself so often that we literally can't believe anything he says.

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by Selwyn Duke

That “Fauci” in Italian means “jaws” or “mouth” certainly lends itself to some humor. First, there’s how our Dr. Anthony Fauci just loves talking to the media, attracted to cameras like a moth to flame. Then there’s how Lockdown Tony had helped position us in the gaping maw of economic death. There’s also, however, how heeding his counsel has placed us in the jaws of confusion — within which he, apparently, has been ensnared for decades.

Unbeknownst to most, the 79-year-old Fauci could be our country’s longest-serving bureaucrat, having been with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) since 1968 and acting as its director since 1984. He’s not actually an immunologist (or an epidemiologist or virologist. Get the gist?), however, though

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he’s often thus billed. His bio lists only a medical degree in internal medicine as relevant credentials, yet the *Sun Sentinel*, for example, called Fauci “the nation’s leading expert on infectious diseases.” Where he’s leading, though, is the question.

While the current Wuhan virus pandemic has raised that question in the minds of many, the doctor’s expertise was put to the test at least as far back as AIDS’ emergence in the 1980s. It was then that “Fauci claimed that AIDS might be transmissible by ‘routine close contact.’ (May 5, 1983, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*),” wrote the Gateway Pundit’s Jim Hoft April 5. “Fauci claimed that ten percent of the HIV/AIDS infected would be heterosexual — more than two and half times the rate — four percent — it actually was,” Hoft continued.

Apropos to this, it was common knowledge in the ’80s that AIDS affected mainly the “three H’s”: heroin users (sharing dirty needles), hemophiliacs (contaminated blood received via transfusions), and homosexuals (high-risk sexual practices). But not according to Fauci, Hoft relates. When

The best pandemic money can buy: Ironically, Fauci’s NIAID gave \$7.4 million to fund the Wuhan Institute of Virology — the apparent source of the coronavirus. It’s a connection that inspired some Web wise guys to dub the doctor “Fao Chi.”

columnist George Will told the doctor on February 15, 1987 that HIV/AIDS mainly plagued homosexuals and that it was not exploding into mainstream America, Fauci shot back, “That’s not correct.... It is projected that that [heterosexual] number will be up in 1991 to about 10 percent.”

Now, there’s a parallel here involving our time. That is to say, insisting that everyone was gravely imperiled by the Wuhan virus no doubt contributed to not focusing resources and attention where they would do the most good — for instance, on nursing homes, in which 40 to 50 percent of our virus deaths have occurred. Likewise, Fauci’s ’80s counsel might have prevented us from directing attention during the AIDS situation where it belonged: on the homosexual population. Note here that the 10-percent heterosexual

infection rate “claim was a standard talking point of his,” as Hoft puts it.

But Fauci doesn’t seem to have many standard talking points with the Wuhan virus today, as he has regularly contradicted himself in significant ways. As Hoft reported April 13, “Dr. Fauci says he warned Trump in January that the US was in real trouble but that is not what he said publicly.” Rather, on January 21, “Dr. Anthony Fauci told Newsmax TV that the United States ‘did not have to worry’ about the coronavirus and that it was ‘not a major threat,’” Hoft relates.

Fauci then repeated this pattern. In an Easter Sunday interview with CNN’s Jake Tapper, Fauci claimed “that the government had been advised to begin social distancing measures in February,” the U.K. *Sun* informed. “We look at it from a pure health standpoint,” Fauci said. “We make a recommendation, often the recommendation is taken, sometimes it’s not.” The doctor echoed this later that day on MSNBC, telling host Al Sharpton that he warned the administration in mid- to late January that “we were in real trouble” because of COVID-19.

Yet when he himself was asked on the February 29 edition of the *Today Show* if Americans should change their habits, Fauci answered, “No, right now, at this moment, there is no need to change any-

thing that you’re doing on a day-by-day basis.” The doctor has never explained these contradictions.

As Hoft also reported April 13:

Dr. Fauci warned of an apocalyptic coronavirus pandemic — then just weeks later he ... compared the coronavirus to a bad flu.

Dr. Fauci based all of his predictions on ... IHME [Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation] models that were OFF BY MILLIONS and then told reporters this past week, “You can’t really rely on models.”

Dr. Fauci pushed these ... models every step of the way.

Three weeks ago Dr. Fauci claimed 1 million to 2 million Americans would die from coronavirus. Then he said 100,000 to 200,000 Americans will die from the virus. Then last week he agreed 81,766 Americans would die from the coronavirus. Then by Wednesday the experts cut the number of deaths to 60,415 projected deaths.

Of course, one of the doctor’s guesses could be correct, but to know which one we’d have to ascertain how many Americans have actually died of COVID-19. That number is officially about 206,000, yet according to the CDC’s own statistics

only about six percent of those who died with COVID-19 died because of COVID-19 alone.

What’s the Travel Ban Plan?

Next there are Fauci’s migrating positions on travel restrictions. On February 26, he was asked by CNBC host Sara Eisen, “Is there any talk of closing flights from Europe or flights from Asia, outside of China?”

“No, I don’t think at all that that will happen,” the bureaucrat answered. “When you have a pandemic that involves multiple countries, travel restrictions become almost irrelevant because you can’t keep out the entire world.” Doubling down, Fauci later reiterated that “when you have multiple countries involved it’s very difficult to do that. In fact, it’s impossible.”

Just a bit more than two weeks later, however, Fauci believed in the impossible. While addressing the recently instituted travel restrictions involving China and Europe, he told reporters on the White House lawn March 12 that they were a “prudent choice” because a majority of the United States’ new cases “are from Europe.” “We spent a lot of time thinking about it, discussing it, about whether we should do it,” he explained — “and it was the right public health call.”

Back to School?

Then there was Fauci’s answer when Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) suggested, during May 12 Senate testimony, that schools should reopen come fall. Paul, a physician himself, pointed out that New York data showed that the Wuhan virus mortality rate for individuals aged 0 to 18 “approaches zero.” Unmoved, Fauci replied, “We really better be very careful, particularly when it comes to children, because the more and more we learn, we’re seeing things the virus can do.” Yet in a CNN phone interview just three weeks later (June 3), Fauci said that “to make an extrapolation that you shouldn’t open schools [in the fall], I think is a bit of a reach.”

In fairness, at least this is an area where Fauci hasn’t made definitive pronouncements — the problem is that it’s an area where he should have. As the *Washington Post* reported September 12, German schools had seen no coronavirus outbreaks since reopening a month before. This just reflects earlier data showing that, as the *Telegraph* told us May 18, no virus spikes



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Kid you not: The flu is more dangerous to children than is COVID-19, which poses almost no threat to them at all. Yet authorities maintain the illusion — once enabled by Fauci — that opening schools is a danger to the young.

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The incredible shrinking social distance: Fauci gave new meaning to “game of inches” when he was caught at a July baseball game up close and personal and unmasked. PR-wise, it wasn’t exactly a home run.

were “found after re-opening schools in 22 EU countries.” Note, too, that a study out of Britain’s Newcastle University found that children under 10 are twice as likely to die of the flu as of the Wuhan virus; moreover, other research indicates that kids don’t readily spread the latter to others.

Where Fauci has been more definitive (at least provisionally) is in his predictions regarding autumn in general. He told MSNBC in April, “It’s inevitable that the coronavirus will return next season.” Yet a month later Fauci sang a different tune: “We often talk about the possibility of a second wave, or of an outbreak when you’re reopening,” he told CNN in a May 27 interview. “We don’t have to accept that as an inevitability.”

Now Fauci takes a somewhat different position altogether, saying that there won’t be a second wave because we never emerged from the first one. As he warned a Harvard Medical School Grand Rounds

session in September, reported *Newsweek* on 9/11, “I just think we need to hunker down and get through this fall and winter because it’s not going to be easy.”

Is Donning a Mask a Holy Task?

Regarding face masks, which increasingly appear to be our current collective version of Linus’ security blanket, Fauci’s stance has also varied depending, well, on what mask he was wearing at the time. “No, right now, people should not be wearing — there’s no reason to be walking around with a mask,” the physician told CBS’ *60 Minutes* on March 8. “When you’re in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people feel a little bit better, and it might even block a droplet. But it’s not providing the perfect protection that people think that it is,” he elaborated. “And often there are unintended consequences; people keep fiddling with the mask, and they keep touching their face.”

A couple of months later in early May, however, Fauci recommended during Senate testimony that people wear masks whenever they can’t socially distance. You should get “some sort of a covering,” said he, citing a CDC recommendation. But here’s the kicker: Explaining his reversal, Fauci said, “Back then we were concerned we would be taking masks away from the healthcare providers.”

This apparent deception raises a question: If Fauci was lying then, how can we be sure he isn’t lying now? Whatever the case, by late May Fauci had done a complete 180 and said that everybody should wear a mask in public, that he wears one as a “symbol” of right action, and that it shows “respect for another person.”

Note that the doctor would later be caught on video July 23 at Nationals Park stadium in Washington, D.C., neither social distancing nor wearing a mask.

A Shot in the Dark?

Injecting more confusion, Fauci has also changed his tune on vaccines. After Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar made a fear-assuaging statement on March 3 to the effect that rapid progress was being made on developing a vaccine, Fauci chimed in to “caution everybody” that what Azar described is only the first phase of the development of the vaccine,” reported *Business Insider* at the time. “The whole process is going to take a year, a year and a half, at least,” Fauci said, definitively, while standing a few feet from President Trump (unmasked!).

Yet addressing a question about biotech company Moderna’s developments while speaking to NPR May 22, Fauci said, “I think it is conceivable ... that we could have a vaccine that we could be beginning to deploy at the end of this calendar year — December 2020 or into January 2021.”

Of course, it’s understandable that such projections could change. But as ancient Chinese sage Confucius wrote, “Wisdom is, when you know something, knowing that you know it; and when you do not know something, knowing that you do not know it.” Fauci will turn 80 this December, and he has been with the NIAID for 52 years. He should know that medical advances are complicated, hard-to-predict matters. He should also know

that there's nothing wrong with uttering certain three words: "I don't know."

Consider also what I omitted with an ellipsis from Fauci's May 22 statement. To wit: We can have a vaccine by year's end "if we don't run into things that are, as they say, unanticipated setbacks." It's notable that the doctor included a qualifier with his good news (as he should), but was definitive when delivering fear-inducing bad news.

As an aside, completely unacknowledged by Fauci is that the vaccine search may be a fool's errand, anyway. As the *Atlantic's* James Hamblin related in February, "'If we're putting all our hopes in a vaccine as being the answer, we're in trouble,' Jason Schwartz, an assistant professor at Yale School of Public Health who studies vaccine policy, told me. The best-case scenario, as Schwartz sees it, is the one in which this vaccine development happens far too late to make a difference for the current outbreak."

Protest Over Prayer?

"I feel like we are living in a George Orwell novel." So said an Internet commenter in June, in reference to the politicians who encouraged Black Lives Matter protesters/rioters to hit the streets, but placed COVID-19 restrictions on everyone else. Grilled about such contradictions July 31 while testifying before the House of Representa-

tives, Fauci was asked by Congressman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) "if he thought the government should crack down on [BLM] protests similar to how the government has banned churches from congregating or businesses from operating," reported Daily Wire at the time. "After admitting that crowds of people increase the chance of spreading the disease, Fauci demurred on whether the government should ban protests."

For example, Jordan pressed Fauci and said, "Well, you make all kinds of recommendations. You make comments on dating, on baseball, on everything you can imagine. I'm just asking, you just said protests increase the spread. I'm just asking, should we try to limit the protest?" (In fact, the doctor didn't shrink from providing specificity in mid-July, when he recommended closing bars.)

"I think I would leave that to people who have more of a position to do that," was Fauci's evasive response.

Yet Fauci's perhaps most striking moment was when Jordan asked, pressing the bureaucrat, "So you're allowed to protest millions of people on one day in crowds yelling, screaming, but you try to run your business you get arrested? And if you stood right outside that same business and protested you wouldn't get arrested? You don't see an inconsistency there?" Fauci refused to acknowledge the obvi-

ous contradiction and instead stated, "I don't understand what you are asking me as a public health official to opine on who should get arrested or not. That's not my position. You can ask as much as you want and I'm not going to answer it."

Don't Shake Hands!

Then there are the Fauci contradictions that truly raised eyebrows. On a *Wall Street Journal* podcast April 7, the man who once said Americans needn't change their behavior stated that he didn't think they "should ever shake hands ever again." But then a week later, April 14, he said in a Snapchat Good Luck America interview that it was okay to have sex with a stranger you meet via a dating app if "you're willing to take a risk — and you know, everybody has their own tolerance for risks."

Yet this raises a question: Why the lockdowns then? Isn't everything — from visiting hair salons and gyms and restaurants and parks to shaking hands — a matter of "if you're willing to take a risk"?

Gods of the Moving Goalposts

Even more striking, perhaps, is how the criteria for returning to post-pandemic normalcy have consistently changed as soon as they were met. First we were told that we needed to stay "locked down" for two weeks, or perhaps somewhat longer, to "flatten the curve" and ensure the healthcare system wasn't overloaded. "In many respects, it's not whether the situation is going to get worse but how quickly," wrote *USA Today* March 11, pointing out that the total number of people infected may end up being the same. "In flattening the curve, the goal is not so much to reduce the total number of people getting sick but to slow the rate at which they do," the paper later emphasized. *USA Today* also quoted Emily Gurley, an associate scientist in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, as saying, "Our best guess is that most people are going to get this virus at some point."

The healthcare system was never overwhelmed, however, and the models showing it could be — even those factoring in mitigation efforts — were revealed as gravely flawed. This was when lockdown justification B was put forth as if A had never existed. To wit: We were told that a state should experience a "decline in cases



A "woke" virus: Politicians' schizoid restrictions make sense if you believe SARS-CoV-2 will infect churchgoers, small business owners, college students, and gym attendees but not throngs of left-wing activists. Perhaps the virus was seen under a microscope wielding a BLM sign.

over a 14-day period” before reopening, as NBC News related it April 28.

Next we moved on to Justification C, which was that “we will be facing rolling waves of restrictions and shutdowns until we have a vaccine,” as *Scientific American* put it July 18. Now we have Justification D, the Mother of All Justifications: We can never return to normalcy.

As World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus proclaimed during a news conference from the agency’s Geneva headquarters, “We will not, we cannot go back to the way things were,” CNBC reported August 21. “Throughout history, outbreaks and pandemics have changed economies and societies,” the outlet writes, summarizing his message.

“In particular, the Covid-19 pandemic has given new impetus to the need to accelerate efforts to respond to climate change,” Ghebreyesus said,” CNBC continued. “The Covid-19 pandemic has given us a glimpse of our world as it could be: cleaner skies and rivers.” How this will stop China from releasing deadly viruses from its labs was not explained.

As for Fauci, being our federal point man on the pandemic and its management’s face, it would’ve helped if he’d provided a steady hand and message to help negotiate this orchestrated confusion.

So what drives Fauci? For one thing, he’s a career bureaucrat showing no signs of wanting to retire, and, hey, you don’t get to work in government under nine presidents without “playing the game” — and the game isn’t science. Just consider how Fauci ingratiates himself to the powerful, having once concluded an adoring 2012 e-mail sent to Hillary Clinton by way of her aide/lawyer Cheryl Mills with, “Please tell the Secretary that I love her more than ever[,] you guys too, of course. Best regards, Tony.” (The next Clinton “love letter” was signed “Warm regards.”) But that the doctor loves the camera even more and apparently craves attention are also troubling. I believe Fauci may be a narcissist, a man who craves the feeling of being listened to and considered intellectual; he may revel in sounding authoritative and in command and be willing to say anything to effect that image at the moment. In fact, one could get the feeling

that, deep down, he has an emotional vested interest in perpetuating the pandemic and, with it, his 15 minutes of fame.

Making it permanent may not be hard, either. Not only did Fauci co-author an August 15 report stating that the China virus “should force us to begin to think in earnest and collectively about living in more thoughtful and creative harmony with nature” — but he also said in July that he didn’t think the coronavirus would ever be eradicated.

Perhaps the simplest analysis of Fauci, however, was provided by Dr. Knut Wittkowski, former longtime head of the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at the Rockefeller University in New York City. Wittkowski warned early on that lockdowns were misguided, saying that herd immunity and the virus’ eradication could be achieved in weeks with the right policy. When asked to explain why Fauci would nonetheless prescribe lockdowns and warn of life disruptions lasting years, Wittkowski replied, “Well, I’m not paid by the government, so I’m entitled to actually do science.” ■

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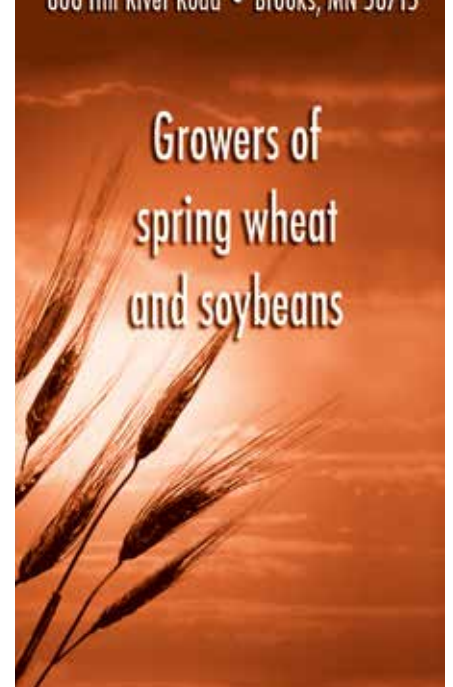


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CHRISTIANS CALLED TO POLITICS



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Acknowledging that Christians are losing the culture war, The Liberty Pastors Training Camp met to teach pastors how to fight back.

by Kelly Holt

“What part of your life is Jesus Christ not the Lord over?”

So opened the Liberty Pastors Training Camp (LPTC) conference on August 29. Paul Blair, senior pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, delivered the above in opening statements at the three-day event in Grapevine, a Dallas suburb. Blair’s commentary signaled the direction of the conference: His comments, and those of other leaders and scholars, called specifically on pastors to talk about politics in their preaching. Three hundred and fifty attendees from various Christian tradi-

Kelly Holt, who hails from Texas, is a second-generation, life member of The John Birch Society.

tions heard the message that the Bible includes instruction for our political lives, and that includes action from the pulpit — and that political involvement is a legitimate and biblical role for Christians, especially in light of America’s teetering position.

“We hope to shore up an area we’re not taught in seminary, the area of biblical worldview,” Blair continued. “Jesus is supposed to be Lord of *all* of our lives, not just Sunday morning.”

Many attendees were admittedly disheartened at the obvious truth that the church is losing the culture war. Social-media addiction, government schools, media bias, riots, lawlessness, and a fake COVID emergency have people’s attention most of the week; churches get an hour. If any pastor pays any attention, he’s aghast at happenings in the streets.

Pastors for Liberty: Paul Blair, senior pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, delivers opening remarks on the first day of Liberty Pastors Training Camp in Grapevine, Texas.

Clergy know they’re losing ground, but what are they to do?

LPTC training goes aggressively to the heart of the problem. But pastors have to first understand it, and acquire the tools to combat it. Jack Hibbs, pastor of Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills, California described his particular form of pushback.

After Hibbs and a few other California pastors re-opened their churches after the initial COVID shutdown order, Governor Gavin Newsom doubled down on churches, issuing a second shutdown order. Hibbs refused to shutter the doors, then joined several churches in suing the governor.

Hibbs told LPTC pastors via video, “No pastor, nor government has the authority to shut the doors of a church. It’s not your church, but God’s.” He added: “And Acts 5 calls us to obey God rather than man!”

Walk the Walk

The message throughout the training was that God has a plan for civil government, and intends for Christians to get involved. As Blair said in his opening message, “Christians are to start thinking like Christians if they’re to start acting like Christians. God is either the Lord of *all* of your life, or of *none* of it. He has a plan for the whole of our lives — including civil government. Yet the American church has adopted a modern form of Gnosticism — acting as if what we do in the material world doesn’t matter, as long as our hearts are pure.”

One speaker at LPTC put it this way, “When the church vacates governance, who takes over?” Duh — non-Christians.

Religious discussions about politics always end up with discussions about Romans 13. Conference speakers addressed the oft-misinterpreted text, which calls Christians to “be subject to the governing authorities.” A critical study reveals that that doesn’t mean blind obedience.

Dan Fisher, co-pastor at Paul Blair’s church in Edmond, Oklahoma, chimed in about that. The text of Romans 13 tells us government is designed by God to act as His minister for good, to execute wrath on

evildoers, and protect those who do good, but not to be blindly obeyed.

“How then shall believers proceed when government goes awry?”

Fisher continued, “Logic demands government isn’t then entitled to obedience. The previous chapter calls Christians to live peaceably with others, when possible. But pastors can’t hide behind a false understanding of Romans 13. They are to simply obey God rather than man.” Since American government has denied God’s law, it’s up to clergy to steer the course to biblical governance.

And, Fisher concluded, “Since God created government, it’s inconceivable to think He’d want Christians to stay out of it!”

Speaking of the dire need for pastors to engage, one *cannot* ignore the impact of abortion, and Christians’ failure to end it. To understand why abortion is still here requires another article, but it’s fair to ask the question: If so many Christians and elected officials claim to be pro-life, why is legal abortion still here?

Pastor Scott Lively of Springfield, Massachusetts, and president of Abiding Truth Ministries, answered this at LPTC with a darker accusation: “Abortion is about the breakdown of the family ... it’s simply a by-product of the sexual revolution driven by Marxists.” And the church caved — mainly because pastors failed to get their parishioners on board.

Blair recounted a pastor-backed effort in Oklahoma in 2016, which invoked the 10th Amendment to end abortion in that state. At the last minute, with the bill on the governor’s desk, a signature away from becoming law, pastors who’d sup-

ported it failed to show up, and the governor folded. After all, Satan always seeks to destroy that which God creates — that’s what he does. And he’s after America.

Blair’s analysis concluded the effort failed because Oklahoma pastors who’d signed a petition in support of the bill hadn’t even mentioned it from their pulpits, so there was no outpouring of support to push the governor to sign it. What could have happened if righteousness had been as organized and intentional as the enemy is? Our heritage is going, going, gone unless pastors learn their heritage and how to use basic civics.

To illustrate that heritage, Fisher explained the Black Robes, an informal band of Colonial pastors, and their monumental role in leading the American War for Independence. Fisher’s authentic reenactment of a talk by 18th-century pastor Peter Muhlenberg revealed these pastors understood that civil and religious liberty are inextricably linked, and were willing to fight for it. They often led soldiers into battle to defend liberty, and this was a critical lesson for conference attendees.

The pastors were advised to remember that the Democratic Party is the party of abortion. There’s only one choice here for Christians.

Another area where pastors are failing to speak biblical truth is in the area of homosexuality — which God dubs a sin, or an offense to God.

Stephen Broden, pastor of Fair Park Bible Fellowship in Dallas, addressed that very thing at LPTC. “The Equality Act, if passed will change Christianity forever, and it’s happening while we’re sheltering in place! Where’s the outrage over socialism,

the sexualization of children, transgenderism, child trafficking, and the destruction of the family! We can expect pedophilia to be the next thing to be accepted!”

The Equality Act, passed by the House in 2019 and now sitting in the Senate, is an egregious attack on religious liberty. If passed, it will amend the Civil Rights Act in such a way that it could force churches to hire homosexuals or be in violation of civil law, and make calling homosexuality a sin “hate speech.”

Nearly every LPTC speaker recognized these attacks on the church as a result of the advance of Marxism in America, and that it drives apathy in the American church.

While many Christians, including pastors, see socialism/Marxism as a way to bring about equity and fairness, it not only lowers the standard of living for most people living under it, it degrades the church, the family, and the state — the very forms of government God established. Marx advocated the destruction of private property and capitalism — destroying society through perpetual conflict and paid agitators, then transformation. See any of that happening? Marxism is a godless “ism,” and that’s why pastors are *required* to stand up against it.

Trevor Loudon, a popular author and activist, has researched Marxist and terrorist movements and their covert influence for decades. Speaking at LPTC, he said unequivocally, “Churches are the backbone of liberty in America, and they’re under attack. The church is responsible for handing off a Christian nation to the

Good turnout: Over 350 attendees, mostly pastors, gain tools and knowledge in learning how to apply biblical instruction to the practice of civil government.



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next generation, especially since ours is the civilization more responsible than any other for the spread of Christianity. Communism is the most organized form of Satanism on earth, and we cannot enable it.”

Broden concurred: “We’re the only Christians *in history* who haven’t been persecuted for our faith. Christians won’t long enjoy the comfortable existence they’ve had in America. Communism is an instrument of Satan to move us to a one-world government, and Marxists know the U.S. Constitution and Christianity are the only two things in the way of their destruction of America. This is about much more than just religious liberty.”

E.W. Jackson of Virginia and founder of S.T.A.N.D. (it is noteworthy in these times of BLM riots that he is a black pastor) reminded the crowd that ours is the first government ever established to protect individual rights, to protect the weak from being prey to the strong. Now he has received death threats after preaching political messages. When asked how it changed his work, he said, “Not one bit. God is the one to fear, not man.”

So You Want to Be Popular?

A telling observation about the “state of the church” came from Patrick Mmuokebe, who left his native Nigeria to evangelize in America. While attending an American Bible college and observing the American church, his one prevailing conclusion was this: Americans left disciplining of children to government, and the government took advantage. “Pastors have to stand up if they want to change things.”

But why don’t they? A Barna study reported that preachers don’t preach what they acknowledge is biblical truth for two reasons: It will hurt their attendance and the offering (as if Jesus died for either one of those), and they fear violating the Johnson Amendment, which threatens churches with losing their tax-exempt status if they get involved in politics.

Even if this argument were legitimate, so what? Obey God, not man, right?

But the Johnson Amendment is a toothless lion. Mat Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel, explained the truth about that in



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Dan Fisher, co-pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, authentically re-enacts a Colonial pastor. A majority supported the War for Independence, believing civil and religious liberty are inextricably linked.

a pre-recorded video message. The upshot: “By virtue of being a church, you’re exempt. You don’t need a letter or official status. No church has ever lost its tax-exempt status so it’s time to replace your muzzle with a megaphone.”

For three days, pastors benefited from substantive history, wisdom, and knowledge. But, any good leader knows not to present a problem without a solution. The short-term strategy is this: First, encourage pastors to speak biblical truth, including politics, from their pulpits, using resources from LPTC if needed. Since the November election is crucial, emphasis was placed on getting congregants to vote their values, rather than their traditions.

Second, pastors were encouraged to register their congregations to vote. Third, preach at least three election sermons — *three* — before November, followed by encouraging the congregations to vote their convictions. They know there will be consequences — Pastor Steve Smothermon of Legacy Church in Albuquerque preached godly political messages, and 4,000 members out of the 20,000-plus-member-church walked. But as pastor James Burrell, a black pastor from Peters-

burg, Virginia, said, “It’s not our job to decide whether to stand up.”

That’s maybe the most important point of all. There’s a long road to recovery, and only truth overcomes error.

Many clergy outside the conference are standing up, too, and engaging in politics. For example, witness Father James Altman, a Catholic parish priest in La Crosse, Wisconsin. A former attorney, he has delivered stinging video homilies that have gone viral. For example, he has decried the mask edict of Wisconsin’s Governor Tony Evers. Altman said, “There is no emergency. God gave us a brain, use it! How can there be a virus so dangerous, so lethal, so deadly you have to be tested to even know you have it! It’s a dehumanizing lie. None of the science backs the claim.”

He wants churches fully open and believes the COVID edicts are serving to supplant the church with the government. He also believes the COVID danger has been intentionally overplayed so that it can only be ‘solved’ by socialist government intervention, thereby elevating man to the position of savior. That role belongs exclusively to God, and therein is the critical issue.

Altman went on, “The entire premise of Comrade Evers’ emergency order is a godless, diabolical farce.”

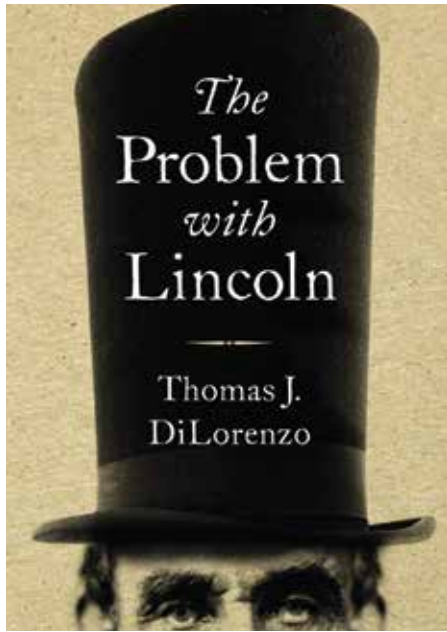
Father Altman wasn’t shy about another point: “Since politics should be a moral enterprise, then the church should have something to say about it. Here’s a memo to clueless baptized Catholics out there: You cannot be Catholic and be a Democrat. Period. The party platform absolutely is against everything the Catholic Church teaches, so just quit pretending that you’re Catholic while you vote Democrat. Repent your support of that party and its platform or face the fires of hell. Because there will be 60 million aborted babies standing at the gates of heaven barring your Democrat entrance and nothing you can say will ever excuse you for your direct or indirect support of that diabolic agenda. It’s our fault, because too many shepherds of the church haven’t taught them.”

God bless clergy who speak the truth about things that matter. ■

For more info on the Liberty Pastors Training Camp, go to <http://reclaimamericaforchrist.org>.

UNPOPULAR PROBLEM

It's unfortunate that there is so much bad scholarship on Abraham Lincoln that evidence-based research, such as this showing Lincoln's many flaws, is an outlier.



by Laurence M. Vance

The Problem With Lincoln, by Thomas J. DiLorenzo, Washington, D.C.: Regnery History, 2020, viii + 248 pages, hardcover.

Not only have more biographies and books been written about our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, than any other president of the United States, I think it is safe to say that few men have had as much written about them as Abraham Lincoln. The problem with most of these works about Lincoln is that they are more hagiographical than historical. Thank God that Thomas J. DiLorenzo has devoted a good part of his life to rectifying this historical injustice.

Although DiLorenzo is an economist by education and training, he is also quite the historian of American history. DiLorenzo

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is a senior fellow at the Ludwig von Mises Institute in Auburn, Alabama, and former professor of economics at Loyola University Maryland, where he is now professor emeritus. DiLorenzo is also a prolific writer. Not only has he written many scholarly articles for academic journals, he is also widely published in more popular outlets such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Barron's*, and other national media outlets. He is the author or co-author of 17 books, including *Hamilton's Curse* and *How Capitalism Saved America: The Untold History of Our Country, from the Pilgrims to the Present*. Most notably, however, he has written three books on Lincoln.

In *The Real Lincoln: A New Look at Abraham Lincoln, His Agenda, and an Unnecessary War* (2002), DiLorenzo portrayed Lincoln “as a man who devoted his political career to revolutionizing the American form of government from one that was very limited in scope and highly decentralized — as the Founding Fathers intended — to a highly centralized, activist state.” In *Lincoln Unmasked: What You're Not Supposed to Know About Dishonest Abe* (2006), DiLorenzo presented “a litany of stunning new revelations” to explode the most enduring myths about Lincoln and offered “an alarming portrait of a political manipulator and opportunist who bears little resemblance to the heroic, stoic, and principled figure of mainstream history.” Now, in his newest book, *The Problem With Lincoln*, DiLorenzo shows how Lincoln “overturned our original constitutional order, violated the rights of Americans both North and South, massively inflated the federal government, and plunged the nation into a wholly unnecessary war.”

The Problem With Lincoln contains 10 chapters and is supplemented by 10 valuable appendixes. The book has no preface

or introduction, but the first chapter, “Un-Founding Father,” serves as the book’s introduction since it contains brief synopses of chapters two through 10. Every chapter destroys numerous widely held myths about Lincoln as it presents the unvarnished truth about “honest Abe.” The appendixes are all documents from the Lincoln-era that relate to Lincoln, slavery, or the ratification of the Constitution. The book concludes with endnotes, the sources of the appendixes, and an index.

This book, says the author, is “intended to challenge the designation of Abraham Lincoln as America’s greatest president.” Although the truth about Lincoln “can be found in myriad scholarly publications and documents,” the problem “for the average citizen is that these facts are squirreled away in university libraries, the National Archives, and other such places, and they rarely make their way into the public school textbooks from which most Americans learn whatever they know — or think they know — about Abraham Lincoln.” DiLorenzo remedies this glaring deficiency by pointing out, among many other things, how Lincoln did not invade the South to free the slaves, how he promised to protect slavery forever, how he was a virulent racist, how he destroyed the Constitution, how his Emancipation Proclamation did not free a single slave, how he was a masterful lying politician, and how he was hated and reviled during his lifetime.

In chapter two, “The Racial Saint,” we learn that Lincoln “was not just pandering to Northern racist voters with his racist rhetoric.” Lincoln believed that “black people were inferior to whites.” He was not “in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races.” According to Lincoln, negroes should never be voters, jurors, office holders, or the spouses of white people. Lincoln thought it “morally right”

to send all blacks — including free blacks — back to Africa or to a colony in Central America. Lincoln, points out DiLorenzo, “never opposed Southern slavery, only the extension of slavery into the territories” “so that the territories could be preserved for ‘free white labor.’”

In chapter three, “The President Who Invaded His Own Country,” DiLorenzo makes the shocking statement that “there can be no clearer example in American history of an act of treason than Lincoln’s invasion of the Southern United States.” The Constitution defines treason against the United States as “levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort” (Art. III, sec. 3). And as DiLorenzo reminds us: “In all of the founding documents the phrase ‘United States’ is always in the plural.” Because Lincoln “never conceded that the Confederate government was legitimate,” and that “the Southern states were always in the Union,” when he invaded the South “he was invading his own country.”

In chapter four, “War Crimes,” we learn that Lincoln’s armies terrorized civilians, stole their property, slaughtered their livestock, destroyed their infrastructure, and burned their farms, houses, and businesses. Lincoln “was as much of a hands-on commander in chief as has ever existed in America,” and “was always fully informed of what his generals were doing in the field.”

In chapter five, “Lincoln’s Greatest Failure,” DiLorenzo identifies Lincoln’s greatest failure as his failure to peacefully end slavery. All throughout the world, slavery was ended without war, death, and destruction — except in the United States. Lincoln’s “invasion of the Southern states” was not “necessary to end slavery.” The Emancipation Proclamation that Lincoln issued on January 1, 1863, “freed nobody because it applied only to states or parts of states ‘in rebellion against the United States’ that were under the control of the Confederate government.” DiLorenzo asks what should be obvious: “If the Emancipation Proclamation freed

the slaves, why was the Thirteenth Amendment, which actually did put an end to legal slavery, necessary?”

In chapter six, “King Lincoln,” DiLorenzo shows that Lincoln was a de facto dictator. Lincoln scholars even admit this, but excuse it by saying that he was a benevolent dictator who did what was necessary to save the Union, as if that justifies hundreds of thousands of deaths. Lincoln “eviscerated the U.S. Constitution.” He essentially “resurrected the Sedition Act.” He “arrested and imprisoned judges,” and wanted to imprison the chief justice of the United States for the crime of enforcing the U.S. Constitution.” He imprisoned “tens of thousand of Northern state citizens” for “criticizing the government.” He “shut down more than three hundred opposition newspapers in the Northern states.”

In chapter seven, “Consolidation Bot-tomed on Corruption: The Hamilton-Clay-Lincoln Agenda,” DiLorenzo explains the connection between Lincoln and Alexander Hamilton and Henry Clay. Lincoln was “the political heir to the economic

nationalist tradition in American politics.” DiLorenzo describes this as “high protectionist tariffs to protect the Northern corporate plutocracy from international competition (at the expense of consumers); what we today call corporate welfare for the Northern corporate plutocracy in the form of ‘internal improvements’ subsidies (taxpayer-funded, for road-, canal-, and railroad-building); and a national bank controlled by politicians that would supply cheap credit for the politically connected Northern corporate plutocracy.”

In chapter eight, “Lincoln’s Lies,” DiLorenzo contrasts the true nature of the government of the United States under the Constitution (a voluntary union of sovereign states) with Lincoln’s view of a “sacred union” of federal supremacy over the states maintained by force.

In chapter nine, “The Invention of ‘Saint Lincoln,’” DiLorenzo points out how each year since his death, Lincoln has “become more religious,” thanks to the Republican Party of his day turning him “into a Christ-like figure.” Yet, Lincoln was regarded by

his contemporaries as an “open infidel” and “lifelong atheist” who “had no faith.” The Lincolns held “at least eight seances in the White House in attempts to communicate with their deceased sons.” In this chapter, DiLorenzo also shows the connection of Lincoln with Karl Marx and exposes the fake Lincoln quote industry.

Chapter 10, “What the Lincoln Myth Means for Americans Today,” details the growth in government and destruction of federalism resulting from the Civil War. The voluntary union of the states was transformed into a coerced union with all power centralized in Washington, D.C. From 1865 onward, “The federal government would be the sole judge of the limits, if any, of its own powers.”

There is so much truth packed into every chapter of *The Problem With Lincoln* that a brief review such as this cannot do the book justice. Every college student should be given a copy before he begins school in the fall. I cannot recommend the book highly enough. ■



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THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

Altruistic Veteran Gifted a Car

An anonymous donor worked with an auto body shop to surprise a veteran with a car in this story out of Knox County, Tennessee.

Breitbart News reported that Jerrold Eaton served in the U.S. Army for nine years, four of which were in active duty. Now retired, Eaton spends his days engaged in community service, which includes caring for his elderly neighbors by taking them grocery shopping, mowing their lawns, and ensuring they make it to their doctor's appointments.

But as much as his elderly neighbors appreciate his good deeds, they struggle climbing into his large Ford F-150 pickup truck, which is without air conditioning, making the summer months in his truck particularly difficult.

Serendipitously, a vehicle became available that would eventually be gifted to Eaton. According to WATE, an ABC-affiliated TV station, a woman who wished to remain anonymous went into an auto repair shop owned by Wendy Caldwell and her husband, Miller Brothers Transmission Auto Repair and Body Shop, with an SUV that belonged to her deceased father. The woman said she wanted to donate the vehicle to someone in need and wanted to do so anonymously.

Caldwell's shop performed repairs on the vehicle — a 2012 Jeep Liberty — gave it a tune-up, and replaced the tires. Once the vehicle was in good condition, they were unsure of how to go about deciding who should receive the donated vehicle, but "As we learned more and more about her dad, we found out he was a proud Vietnam veteran," Caldwell said.

With the help of the Knox County Mayor's Office, the Caldwells contacted the Disabled American Veterans Tri-County Chapter 26, a local veterans' organization, and they suggested Eaton would be a good candidate for the gift.

Of Eaton, Howard McNeill, a commander with Chapter 26, said, "He's a giver and has a servant's heart."

Eaton received the car on August 14.

For Eaton, the new car is only going to make it easier for him to continue to do

the good work he has been doing for his neighbors.

Paying It Forward Since 2017

A \$1,000 tip given in 2017 continues to reverberate goodness three years later.

Lexy Burke was a waitress at the Honky Tonk Central in Nashville in 2017 when she received a \$1,000 tip from a very generous customer.

Stunned, all she could do was repeatedly ask, "Are you sure?"

Burke and her husband decided they were going to pay forward the kindness shown to Burke on that fateful day.

The *Tennessean* reported that Burke and her husband recently gave \$1,000 to a man playing violin outside a Target with a sign that read, "Need to help my mom with rent — God bless."

Footage of the August 8 encounter went viral, prompting kind people all across the country to donate more than \$80,000 to Burke's Venmo account so that she could continue to bless others in the same way.

"\$80,000+ raised to date just because you all have wanted to make a strangers [sic] day!! still so much to give. THANK YOU," she wrote on her TikTok account, which now features a compilation video of all the individuals who have received gifts.

But even though Burke's campaign has only recently gained national attention, she has been handing out \$1,000 gifts since May.

According to some of the worthy recipients of Burke's gifts, the experience is more than just the money — it offers a sense of hope in a world that seems hopeless at times. "It's great to know there's really good people out in the world. Everything, all the chaos and anger, went away for a minute," said deli server Toni Hayes, who immediately gave \$20 to each of her fellow workers in the restaurant after receiving \$1,000 from the Burkes on August 2. "It really just gave me a sense of hope."

The feedback has been so positive, both from the recipients of the money as well as from generous donors, that Burke has announced she will be able to start increasing

her tips to \$2,000 up to \$2,500 in the very near future.

Forever Family

When nine-year-old Jordan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, said his only wish was to find a forever family to adopt him after his little brother, Braison, was adopted last year, his story tugged at many heartstrings.

"I would just like to have a family to call mom and dad or just mom or just dad. I don't really care. The reason it's important is because so I could have some people to talk to anytime I need to. I hope one of y'all pick me," he told KFOR's Lacey Lett in an August TV interview.

Jordan and Braison were featured in a story by KFOR three years ago, when, at the time, the siblings lived in separate group homes and were desperate to be adopted together.

Unfortunately, Braison was adopted, but Jordan was not, and Jordan admits he does not get to see much of his little brother anymore.

By the time he was featured again by KFOR in August of this year, finding a forever family was the only thing on Jordan's mind.

"If you could go anywhere, anywhere in the whole wide world, where would it be?" Lett asked.

"To an adoption party for a home," Jordan said.

And if he were granted three wishes? "To have a family, and family, family. Those are the only wishes I have," Jordan said.

Just days after the feature, Lett announced Jordan's story had been viewed more than two million times. According to Jordan's permanency planning worker, Christopher Marlowe, more than 5,000 applications have flooded in for the boy.

What's more, Marlowe said he was hopeful he would be able to reconnect Jordan and Braison. "His brother's adoptive family has been agreeable to that and even if things go well, they said they would be willing to take them out on day passes so they could spend some good quality time together," he said, according to Breitbart News. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

ARISTOTLE ON TYRANNY

Already in Aristotle's day there were radicals trying to break up the government.



Michael Paraskevas

Ahead of his time: The Greek philosopher Aristotle wrote a book that, among other things, exposed the tactics used by tyrants to destroy good government. That book is known as *Politics*.

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"The study of history is the best medicine for a troubled mind for in history you have a record of the infinite variety of human experience plainly set out for all to see; and in that record you can find for yourself and your country both examples and warnings; fine things to take as models, base things, rotten through and through, to avoid."

— Livy, *History of Rome*

Thomas Paine's apt analysis of the cold and critical December of 1776 said, "These are the times that try men's souls." In the days before Paine penned those words, the American Continental Army was nearly defeated, nearly disheartened, and totally disillusioned. They'd limped out of New York, having been routed by the British regulars and run out of Long Island. The rout was so brutal and embarrassing that General Washington lost nearly 90 percent of his Continental Army to desertion.

Eviscerated, Washington and his harrowed and hungry troops retreated back across the Delaware River, most of the men believing the dream of American independence from Great Britain would never come true and that all the hardships and all the sacrifices for freedom would be wasted.

Thomas Paine, realizing that the cause of liberty was at a crisis point from which it might not be able to return, wrote a pamphlet for the purpose of giving hope to the weary and worried American soldiers and to the families depending on them to protect their lives, liberty, and property from a tyrannical central government bent on denying them their God-given rights.

In that historic pamphlet, Paine penned the following warning, hoping that it would serve to preserve the hopes of the dispirited soldiers and keep them engaged in the fight against tyranny:

THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. [Emphasis in original.]

With the seemingly unstoppable growth of government; its multi-pronged assault on our own lives, liberty, and property; and its never-ending quest to confine our liberty into boundaries the

government defines, we are forced to face a soul-trying battle against tyranny, just like the one that stood against our patriot forefathers.

We, as they, must decide whether we will accept defeat. Will we console ourselves with the thought that we gave it our best, but our enemy was too strong, that we were outnumbered, and that even nature herself fought against us (there was a smallpox epidemic ravaging New England, followed by a measles outbreak in New York and Pennsylvania during the War for Independence)? Should we allow the anti-police riots or the tyrannical coronavirus restrictions to discourage us in our own perilous times?

Just as Thomas Paine’s timely words gave hope to the desperate and diseased soldiers in General Washington’s army, there is hope for us in our trying times, too.

Our Hope Is History

Some time in the fourth century B.C., the Greek philosopher Aristotle (his name means “complete perfection” in Ancient Greek) wrote a book aimed at inquiring into what it was that could keep the community — the polis — peaceful and functioning well and to the benefit of the citizens of the community. Aristotle’s guidebook to good governance is known as *Politics*.

Book 5 of *Politics* reads as if it were

written for our day. Aristotle begins that section of his essay by reciting what happens when people in the polis begin to “stir up factions” with the intent of overthrowing the established order by using “party strife” to “change parts of the constitution.” The purported goal of these “revolutionaries,” Aristotle wrote, is a “desire for equality.”

Sound familiar?

These fractious factions believe that “as they are equal to others in one thing, they should be equal in all things,” including control over property owned by others. The people trying to abolish the constitution, Aristotle warned, would not stop until they were given an “unequal share of all things,” due to their perceived unequal treatment in other times and in other areas.

Sound familiar?

What is the motivation of these adversaries of the constitution and order? Aristotle asks rhetorically. His answer might surprise you: “feelings.”

The “spirit of feelings,” Aristotle writes, grips those seeking to overturn the constitution and to seize control over the property of others.

“Those that desire this ‘equality’ stir up party strife because they feel that even though they are the equals of those that have more, they are not treated equally,” Aristotle explains. “We have said that those who feel they ought to be greater

than others start party conflict because of the state of their feelings.”

Sound familiar?

Next, the great Greek philosopher reveals, the goal of these agitators is “to get gain and honor by creating conflict and partisan fighting to prevent themselves and their friends from experiencing any dishonor or loss.”

Sound familiar?

After igniting these fires of faction, those organizing the disturbances continue following their feelings because “they resent others unjustly getting a larger share than them.” If the uproar and the conflagrations don’t deliver the power they are seeking, then the instigators will resort to “election intrigue.”

Sound familiar?

Now, so you don’t misunderstand Aristotle’s insightful understanding of the political situation that creates the sort of cultural cacophony we’re experiencing today, he does point out that many of those who support these insurgents are motivated to migrate to that camp by the “insolence and greed shown by men in office.” This greed of the politicians leads them to “prey on private property and raid the common treasury.” The men in power then use their “excessive predominance” to hand out benefits and honors to themselves and their friends, and to begin secretly setting up a tyranny on the ruins of the constitution.

Sound familiar?

With the de facto establishment of the despotic government, the tyrants use their extraordinary power to “gradually and little by little without being noticed” destroy the “peace and wealth of the middle class.”

Sound familiar?

In one of the last pushes for complete control over the polis and its property, the tyrants and the terrorists join forces to strengthen their stranglehold on the polis. They squeeze the middle class out of any political influence by siphoning its wealth and gaining control over its property. The cabal’s single policy is the perpetuation of its own power and the prevention of others from ever diminishing its dominance or growing powerful enough to challenge its hegemony.

Sound familiar?

The last act of the despotic drama is the construction of a political program, each plank of which is a part of a larger



Property and poverty: One of the policies listed by Aristotle as always being enacted by tyrants is taking the property of the middle class and transferring it to the poor, promising greater equality. As designed, the middle class is then impoverished and the poor are worse off than before.

platform supporting the strongmen in their positions of absolute power.

Much to our benefit, in Book 5 Aristotle identifies the weapons in the autocratic arsenal, giving us a 2,300-year heads-up, plenty of time to build the barricades between the liberty of our own polis and the tyrants have through all ages of time have with laser focus fought to demolish them.

Herein is the list of despotic policies published in *Politics* by Aristotle. With this advanced warning, it is hoped that we may, as Livy counseled, use history to avoid falling prey to those people and programs that are “rotten through and through.”

What follows is Aristotle’s slate of statist tactics designed to destroy a republic. I have modernized the language used in the English translation of Aristotle, but the substance of each is faithful to his original text. Readers are encouraged to read Book 5 of Aristotle’s *Politics* to see for themselves just how accurate and applicable these tactics are to those being used by tyrants in our own day.

- Ostracize outstanding men.
- Embarrass the virtuous people.

- Prohibit eating together at public places.
- Prohibit the meetings of clubs.
- Close schools.
- Keep close watch over anything in the society which could lead the people to develop confidence or pride.
- Close down any venues where people could gather to discuss or debate politics.
- Do whatever is necessary to make it difficult for people to get to know each other.
- Keep the people who live in the cities constantly under the surveillance of the government.
- Never allow the government to be uninformed about any conversations or actions of citizens.
- Keep spies among the people or keep them under surveillance so that people become afraid to speak openly.
- Cause friends to quarrel with each other.
- Create class warfare.
- Keep the people divided into groups and pit those groups against each other.
- Make sure the people are not able to employ private security forces, requiring

them to accept the government’s police forces as their only law enforcement.

- Keep the people occupied with the daily demands of living so that they will not have time to think about uniting to oppose the tyrant.
 - Keep the people always working, but never able to increase their wealth.
 - Tax the people heavily so as to be able to reduce a man to poverty within five years.
 - Stir up war so that the people are compelled to demonstrate loyalty to the state and to need a strong leader to guide them through the war.
 - As a tyrant, show that you distrust your friends and that you are in charge and they depend on you for their power.
 - Flatter the lower classes of people.
 - Make friends with foreign leaders.
 - Tear down anyone who is perceived as being superior to the tyrant.
 - Be rude and vengeful to anyone who displays an independent and free spirit or who refuses to recognize the tyrant’s usurped supremacy.
- Sound familiar? ■



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Tragic Ending

This column previously covered the story of Jake Gardner, who lawfully defended himself when he was attacked by Black Lives Matter rioters in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 30. Gardner was well within his rights when he shot a rioter, James Scurlock, who was choking him. Scurlock had a lengthy criminal record of violent crimes, including beating the mother of his child, and he had both cocaine and methamphetamine in his system the night he died.

The whole incident was recorded on cellphone video, and Gardner was initially cleared by the county prosecutor, but leftist agitators and a biased media demanded criminal charges. This column specifically chronicled how Yahoo News went to great lengths to smear Gardner as a “white supremacist” based on unsubstantiated allegations by people with an agenda. The relentless agitation from the far-left mob and media not only hounded the poor man out of his hometown, but they even got a special prosecutor appointed to prosecute Gardner. The special prosecutor eventually drummed up egregious charges against Gardner, which had him facing 95 years in prison! This story ended tragically when Jake Gardner took his own life.

This outcome was heartbreaking for patriots all across the country who saw a bit of themselves in Gardner. If they could do this to a former Marine and successful business owner who lawfully defends himself, then couldn't they do this to all of us gun owners?

The special prosecutor, Fred Franklin, held a press conference to defend his charges, but gave confusing answers that even the media was forced to admit looked bad. The *Omaha World Herald* reported that special prosecutor Franklin said that Gardner was hoping a looter would break in to his business “so he could light him up,” but then minutes later when asked a question by the media, Franklin denied using the phrase “light him up.” “Those are your words, not mine,” Franklin told a reporter.

The county prosecutor, Don Kleine, who had originally found that Gardner acted lawfully, strongly questioned the arguments Franklin made in support of

his charges. Kleine told the CBS affiliate KMTV in Omaha on September 23 that he was aware of the text messages that the special prosecutor relied upon in his indictment and that he thought they weren't indicative of any criminal intent. Kleine also brought up that the rioter, James Scurlock, showed evidence indicative of a violent mindset on the night of the shooting. “James Scurlock was committing a felony.... He broke into a building, tore property up, broke out the windows there. Immediately prior to where he went to the Hive [Gardner's bar] ... he had previously been involved with his child's mother where he broke into a house and beat her. Her comment to the police was that his violence was escalating.” Kleine also told the *Omaha World Herald*, “I know Fred Franklin — he's a good man. But he really seemed to have his mind made up before he went in there as to what his theory of the case was.”

Gardner's lawyers also refuted the special prosecutor's evidence and claimed that the fact that charges were brought at all was a travesty of justice. “The statements made by special prosecutor Franklin did not change our belief in our client's innocence or the belief that he never should have been charged and Don Kleine shares that view. There was no new credible or relevant evidence provided by Mr. Franklin today that Mr. Gardner's state of mind was to harm anyone.”

Conservative columnist Ann Coulter echoed those sentiments in her syndicated column on September 23, where she recounted the details of the incident that started all of this and profiled the cast of characters who came out of the woodwork to call for Gardner to be prosecuted. Coulter wrote about two Nebraska state senators who are both “bisexual” and smeared Gardner. Senator Megan Hunt repeatedly called Gardner a “white supremacist” and Senator Kara Eastman decried the shooting as a “cold-blooded murder.”

Coulter explained that the far-left mob even protested at the county prosecutor's home, which resulted in the special prosecutor being called. “Kleine responded to the mob's demand for ‘justice’ by calling in a black prosecutor, Fred Franklin, to

make damn sure the grand jury indicted Gardner — whom Kleine (the elected D.A.) had found to be innocent. As he was expected to do, Franklin produced a series of fanciful indictments, including for manslaughter and making a ‘terroristic threat.’ (The ‘terroristic threat’ was Gardner lifting his shirt to show the peaceful protesters that he was armed.)”

Coulter accurately captured the tragedy of this whole story when she wrote that “poor Jake Gardner didn't stand a chance against the raging, hate-filled multitude. Even those sworn to uphold the law, like Kleine and Franklin, leapt in with the mob.... Last weekend, facing death threats and a kangaroo court, and with no means to mount a defense, Gardner killed himself, rather than be killed by the mob waiting for him back in Omaha.... It's official: You can't protect yourself. Not even a blameless ex-Marine could defend himself from being choked to death. The D.A. will call in a ‘special’ prosecutor to throw you to the wolves, and they'll both be praised for railroading an innocent man in the *Omaha World Herald*, while the ‘elite’ media defame you.”

Cassandra Fairbanks, writing at The Gateway Pundit, shared the sadness she felt after finding out about Gardner's suicide. “Gardner's body was found outside a healthcare clinic in Hillsboro, Oregon — roughly 20 minutes outside of Portland,” where sources stated that he was staying with an uncle.

Fairbanks also wrote that “people were doxxing his mother and that his family was receiving death threats.” Fairbanks explained that “Gardner was allegedly planning to turn himself in to the police on Monday.

His family and friends believed that his bail was expected to be one million dollars. He was facing up to 95 years in prison if convicted on all charges.”

This is definitely a heartbreaking story, and the takeaway is that armed patriots need to be prepared for the far Left and the media to coordinate against them to prosecute them even if the facts don't support it. We are truly entering a scary time in our nation's history. ■

— PATRICK KREY



Biden's New Plan Is an Old Ploy: More Taxing, Spending, and Regulating

ITEM: Bloomberg Businessweek, in a double issue on voting dated September 7, included a section on "What Will Change" in various U.S. post-election policy scenarios. In the "Regulation" section, for example, the scenario shown is President Trump's reelection. The outcome (clearly opposed by the left-wing magazine) is: "A 'bonfire' for rulebooks as Trump continues deregulation."

The potential results with a Democratic Senate (and a White House win by Joe Biden) are summarized under "Taxes." The publication happily projects: "The top individual rate, now 37%, returns to 39.6%. Payroll tax is levied on incomes over \$400,000. Capital gains are taxed as ordinary income for high earners. Step-up in cost basis for estate tax is eliminated. Corporate income tax rate rises to 28%, from 21%."

ITEM: A CNN account that appeared in the (New York) Daily News for September 14 states: "The nation's deficits and outlays have hit post-World War II highs thanks to tax cuts under President Donald Trump, but Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden is proposing adding to that, at least in the near term, with a \$5.4 trillion spending plan." These figures came from a recent analysis by the Penn Wharton Budget Model, an organization within the University of Pennsylvania's business school.

Quoted is Michael Gwin, the Biden campaign's deputy rapid-response director, saying: "Biden is committed to paying for the ongoing cost of his bold agenda in the long run by making sure big corporations and the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share — with no one making under \$400,000 seeing an increase in their taxes."

ITEM: Bloomberg.com for September 14 carried a bullet-point summary of policy differences between Biden and Trump, noting, under "Energy Jobs," that Trump "has said he will 'continue to unleash American energy' by cutting more regulations."



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Math challenged or untruthful? America's "rich" — those making over \$200,000 per year — earn about \$3.5 trillion per year, and taking half of that would barely pay off America's yearly deficit, yet Biden promises only the rich will pay for his multiple multi-trillion-dollar plans for our country.

Meanwhile, Joe Biden "says his plan for \$2 trillion in clean-energy projects would create at least 10 million jobs — including some in the auto industry, driven by a shift to electric cars. He'd also set up a 'civilian climate corps' modeled on work-relief programs during the Great Depression. The Democratic contender acknowledges that some existing energy jobs, such as those at coal mines and power plants that rely on the fossil fuel, would disappear — and he's pledged training and other support for the displaced workers."

CORRECTION: Alternatively, you could consider the situation from a constitutional vantage point: As bad as Joe Biden's policies are, those of other Democratic candidates were worse. (Biden has on occasion called himself a "transition" candidate. This naturally raises the obvious question: A transition to what?)

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), widely known as AOC and an influential Sanders acolyte (who subsequently co-chaired a task force for Biden's campaign on climate change), has publicly asserted that she and her radical allies "can likely push Vice President Biden in a more progressive direction across policy issues" should he be elected president. Be assured: The Left never stops pushing further.

That said, even Biden's current public

positions are injurious enough to shun, if they're not yet full-bore Bolshevik. The nation cannot afford such levels of spending, taxing, and regulating.

Be prepared. The following are notices from Biden promoters, not opponents. Nonetheless, they should be read as words of warning.

For example, *New York Times* columnist Jamelle Bouie cheers:

If the goal is to move America to the left ... then a Biden candidacy ... represents an opportunity.... If Biden goes on to win the White House, there's real space for the pro-Sanders left to work its will on policy.... It can fulfill some of its goals under the cover of Biden's moderation, from raising the minimum wage nationally to pushing the American health care system closer to single-payer.... Biden ... is a creature of the party. [March 11, 2020]

Here's a boost from the influential website FiveThirtyEight (May 21, 2020), which quotes Waleed Shahid, the communications director for Justice Democrats, a left-wing group aligned with AOC:

Joe Biden is running on the most pro-



Correction, Please!

gressive platform of any Democratic nominee in recent history. But given the pandemic, he has to look at the New Deal and Great Society traditions in the Democratic Party and go bigger.

Steve Friess puts it this way for *Newsweek* (June 1, 2020):

Go forth, he [Biden] urged his financial brain trust, and bring back the boldest, most ambitious proposals they'd ever dreamed of to reshape the U.S. economy.... Biden began issuing a raft of new proposals that move his positions closer to the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, with a promise to unveil an even more transformative economic plan this summer.... It's a yes to adding \$200 a month to Social Security benefits and lowering the qualifying age for Medicare from 65 to 60. Yes to trillions in new spending, yes to new regulations on banks and industry, yes to devil-may-care deficits.

Finally, here's another *New York Times* opinion columnist, Michelle Goldberg, who gushes (April 20, 2020):

To try to unite the party around him, he's making serious progressive commitments.... he's moving leftward. Biden recently came out for tuition-free college for students whose families earn less than \$125,000. He endorsed Elizabeth Warren's bankruptcy plan.... His climate plan already went beyond any of Barack Obama's initiatives, and he's pledged to make it even more robust.

Robust is one word for it. More accurate terms would be irrational, bizarre, or outright daft. Here are some of the promises in Joe's plan (though clearly put together by others). He will "establish an Environmental and Climate Justice Division within the U.S. Department of Justice"; the Biden Department of Health and Human Services "will lead a Task Force to Decrease Risk of Climate Change to Children, the Elderly, People with Disabilities, and the Vulnerable"; and the presumed president will "establish an Office of Climate Change and Health Equity at HHS."

Imagine the thunderstruck reaction of a returning Patrick Henry if he saw what it is like to have taxation *with* representation!

There are heaps of taxing and spending boosts in the various Biden proposals — as

well as a growing pile of regulations that would reverse the progress of the Trump years. Many of these "climate change" edicts are meant to appease the wildest of progressives en route to completely reorganizing the nation's economy. Biden's goals, points out the *Wall Street Journal*,

include carbon-free electricity by 2035 and "a 100% clean energy economy and net-zero emissions no later than 2050." He'd ask Congress to pass "an enforcement mechanism" with "clear, legally-binding emissions reductions." This means either a carbon tax or tight mandated limits on fossil-fuel energy, or both.

He'd start by spending \$2 trillion in four years — building 500,000 electric-vehicle charging stations, hiring 250,000 workers to plug abandoned oil-and-gas wells, and even building "an end-to-end high speed rail system that will connect the coasts." California can't even build this train from Bakersfield to the Bay Area.

A massive figure such as \$2 trillion can be hard to comprehend. For perspective, consider that it represents around \$6,000 for each adult and child in the country.

Meanwhile, Joe boasts himself to be a proud enemy the world's primary energy source — fossil fuels. And, depending on the day and location, the candidate either wants to ban or phase out "fracking," a game-changing process to extract such fuel — all of which should make millions of people worry about their jobs. It also should be a concern for those of us fond of the ample use of electricity, transportation, and heating.

In fact, in the real United States (not the pipedreams of those afflicted with the Green New Delusion), Americans obtain about 80 percent of their energy from oil, gas, and coal. By some counts, around 1.2 million people work in coal, oil, and natural gas fields, while about 800,000 work in the petroleum industry.

Other accounts place the number with such related jobs much higher than that, including many found in "battlefield" states of this year's elections. The oil, gas,





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Against gas and oil: Though Joe Biden vacillates on the topic of fracking, depending on his audience, he routinely says that he will eliminate fracking — and the jobs that go with it.

and coal industries account for an estimated five million to 10 million jobs, as pointed out by economic commentator Stephen Moore. A study by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (cited by the *Washington Times*) revealed that a ban on hydraulic fracturing would have a wide effect on the U.S. economy, potentially eliminating 14.8 million jobs and doubling the cost of gasoline by 2022.

If pressed, lifelong politician Joe blithely says he would simply retrain (or put on the dole) the folks he throws out of their current good-paying jobs. How generous and considerate. Oil roustabouts will magically become solar installers and rough-necks will quickly transit into wind techs in the new Biden world order. Of course, those pushed into “renewable” jobs would probably take a “50% to 75% pay cut,” according to the president of North America’s Building Trades Union (NABTU).

Repeatedly, as if saying it over and over again makes it so, Biden and his socialistic buddies claim that absolutely none of those making less than \$400,000 will have their taxes increased with the coming money grab. Don’t believe it. Many Americans with smaller incomes than that will pay the bill in lower wages, poorer returns on their retirement investments, and other

ways. A study by the American Enterprise Institute finds: “Overall, 24.7 percent of the new tax revenue in 2021 would come from the bottom 99 percent of taxpayers.”

Biden’s proposed increased corporate taxation would further tighten the handcuffs on businesses and hurt investment — driving down wages, sending operations out of the county, and reducing the GDP, among other negative effects. Indeed, if Joe were to get his way, and push the U.S. corporate tax rate from 21 percent to 28 percent, this would become one of the highest such rates in the developed world (a point that has been made by Americans for Tax Reform).

Casey Mulligan, a professor of economics at the University of Chicago who also served as chief economist of the White House Council of Economic Advisers from 2018 to 2019, has determined the actual cost of the regulatory state that Biden would create. He includes a fracking ban, other consumer regulations, and regulations on labor (as reflected in wages). Progressives say they want to soak the wicked rich. Yet, as Mulligan shows, it is the poor who would be paying:

The costs to the bottom group amount to 15.3% of its total income — representing a burden equal to all the taxes

they currently pay. This group would experience part of the cost as lower wages, but the biggest bite would come in diminished purchasing power due to higher prices for energy, cars and other consumer goods.

Biden’s would-be spending totals are staggering. A recent study by the Penn Wharton Budget Model, a group at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, points to \$5.4 trillion in new spending over the next decade. Large as that is, the total is likely low-balling, say other analysts.

The calculations of Brian Riedl, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, show a considerably larger aggregate. Joe Biden, according to this reckoning, backs an astounding \$11 trillion in new spending over the next 10 years:

His \$1.4 trillion health care plan would expand the Affordable Care Act, bring a “public option” to the health exchanges, and expand long-term care assistance. More recently, Biden proposed reducing the Medicare eligibility age to 60, at an estimated cost of \$300 billion. He also has proposed new spending on climate and infrastructure (\$2 trillion), Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (\$1 trillion according to the Progressive Policy Institute), college, K-12 education, and preschool aid (\$1.5 trillion), family leave assistance (\$550 billion), “Buy America” investments (\$700 billion), housing aid (\$640 billion), and combatting opioid addiction (\$125 billion). Finally, Biden has endorsed the \$3 trillion in stimulus spending passed by the Democratic House.

Biden doesn’t ever pretend to cover all these expenses with his massive taxation.

On the other hand, here’s a real radical suggestion: Why not allow Americans keep more of our own assets and use them as we deem proper? Sadly, as history has shown time after time, a government that gives too much also costs too much. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Gaslighting America, **Stealing the Election**

President Donald Trump intends to “steal the election.” He “refuses to commit to a peaceful transfer of power.” He is “encouraging supporters to menace voters at the polls.” He is attempting to “suppress the black vote.” He is trying to “sabotage mail-in voting.” He is “undermining our democracy.” He is “destroying our Constitution.” He is “court-packing” to bring about an “extreme rightward drift of the judiciary.” He has “failed miserably” in his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, etc.



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You’ve heard these and similar charges repeated endlessly — by the likes of Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Nancy Pelosi, Bernie Sanders, Chuck Schumer, and their media surrogates. The *Washington Post*, the longtime epitome of the Deep State media, ran a September 17, 2020 opinion piece by its Editorial Board entitled “Trump is trying to undermine our democracy. It’s un-American.” The pretext for the *Post’s* alarm was a tweet by Trump in which he (justifiably) expressed concern about the huge potential for vote fraud introduced by the “new and unprecedented massive amount of unsolicited ballots” that are being mailed out.

Day after day, the *Post’s* reporters and opinionators have hammered the president relentlessly. On September 28, the *Post* Editorial Board dropped any pretense of objectivity and non-partisanship: It openly endorsed the Democratic Party ticket, with an editorial entitled “Joe Biden for president.” This crescendo was, of course, about as surprising as finding sand in the Sahara, since the *Post’s* incessant anti-Trump/pro-Biden drumbeat was leading toward no other conclusion. In addition, for most of the past century, the *Post* has been one of the most dependable transmission belts of globalist and anti-American propaganda for the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the premier Deep State brain trust that is leading the attacks on President Trump and his America First agenda. Today, the paper’s Editorial Page Editor Fred Hiatt and Deputy Editorial Page Editor Jackson Diehl (both CFR members) lead the paper’s Editorial Board and carry on the globalist legacy of CFR members Eugene Meyer (the Wall Street financier and former chairman of the Federal Reserve who bought the paper in 1929) and his daughter, Catherine Meyer Graham (who led the paper almost up to the recent takeover of the *Post* by billionaire globalist Jeff Bezos).

Like its Deep State rival/ally the *New York Times*, the *Post’s* lingering outsized influence stems largely from the echo-chamber effect of being a favorite quote source for the liberal-left Fake

News herd, as well as providing a stable of “experts” for the talking-head shows on CNN, CBS, NBC, ABC, PBS, etc.

What most honest, sentient voters find excruciatingly aggravating is the obvious gaslighting of America by the lying elites and their enablers in the Fake News media. In the 1944 George Kukor movie *Gaslight*, the Joseph Cotton character tries to convince his wife (played by Ingrid Bergman) that she is insane by dimming the gas lights and making other subtle changes in their home, while insisting nothing has changed. For the past four

years, the leading Democrats and their media gaslighters have been trying to blame President Trump for the very offenses that they themselves have been committing, while attempting to convince the American public that we are delusional and suffering from faulty memory syndrome when we remember inconvenient facts.

Thus, they tell us:

Trump failed to act expeditiously in halting COVID-19 transmission from China. (No, President Trump, on January 31, halted entry to the United States from China, while Joe Biden denounced this move as “hysterical xenophobia, and fear-mongering.”)

Trump colluded with Russia. (No, that would be Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, who gave us the Uranium One deal and huge aid to Skolkovo, Putin’s Silicon Valley — not to mention Hillary’s collusion with Russia on the phony and treacherous Steele dossier.)

Trump obstructed an active investigation. (No, that would be Representative Nancy Pelosi, Representative Adam Schiff, Senator Chuck Schumer, et al.)

Trump admits he sabotaged the Postal Service to skew the election. (No, he is taking sensible action to avert massive voter fraud and protect election integrity.)

Trump had a quid pro quo with Ukraine. (No, that was Joe Biden and his son, Hunter, who have been exposed with massive corrupt ties to Burisma Holdings, raking in massive payouts.)

Biden will be tough on China. (No, Biden’s public record shows nearly five decades of bowing to the China Lobby. By contrast, Trump has taken the first hard line toward the communist dictatorship since Kissinger led us into the Beijing embrace.)

It goes on and on. Richest of all the media mendacity and hypocrisy is the claim that it is *Trump* who is gaslighting America! Yes, that is the claim of the premier gaslighters (*Washington Post*, MSNBC, *USA Today*) of the New World Order. They are very afraid of your vote. ■

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Confer Plastics has been proudly making all of our products in the United States since 1973.



More than 200 people work at our factory near Niagara Falls, New York where they operate some of the largest blow molding machines in the world to make durable consumer products that you are likely familiar with.

PROPRIETARY PRODUCTS

The pool & spa industry is an important part of who we are and what we do. Our Confer-branded products - like **ladders, steps, and spa cabinets** - are beloved in the industry. We have a strong reputation of providing innovative goods of the highest quality that **allow families to get the most enjoyment out of their backyard.**

CUSTOM BLOW MOLDING

As a **custom manufacturer**, we have helped countless inventors and entrepreneurs achieve their American Dream by allowing them to **transform their ideas into reality.**

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We helped to develop one of the very first blow-molded kayaks.



The Living Hinge

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Flexible Funnels

Doug Confer's flexible fuel funnel was patented in 1976 and we made hundreds of thousands of them. You will still see them in use in most every garage.



Purple Martin Gourds

Were it not for plastic gourds like this one the Purple Martin would be extinct. Over the centuries, the colorful bird evolved to need human-made birdhouses.

Pool Ladders

We've always been a leader when it comes to safety. Features such as the patented Roll-Guard enclosure on this ladder give parents the peace of mind they need to know that their children can't enter their swimming pool when it is unsupervised.



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The War on Local Police

Joe Biden Unmasked

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