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Mask Mayhem

Many thanks to Dennis Behreandt for his well-researched article appearing in the October 19, 2020 issue of THE NEW AMERICAN concerning the results of lockdown mandates.

In his section on “Destroying Life,” he quotes, in part, findings from Belgian doctors’ open letter: “The current crisis management has become totally disproportionate and causes more damage than it does any good.” Because of this state of affairs, the doctors’ letter (not quoted in the article) goes on to “call for an end to all measures and ask for an immediate restoration of our normal democratic governance and legal structures and of all our civil liberties.” Amen to that.

The section of the doctors’ letter that I found most unsettling was the section dealing with masks and the imposition of mask-wearing, another form of lockdown, or rather “lock out,” of good clean air. The findings in this regard are quite disturbing, especially for those employees who are now being forced to wear cloth masks all day, such as those who service the public. For example, masks are required for people who work in restaurants, post offices, grocery stores, and the like.

The findings continue: “Oral masks in healthy individuals are ineffective against the spread of viral infections.” Moreover, “Wearing a mask is not without side effects. Oxygen deficiency (headache, nausea, fatigue, loss of concentration) occurs fairly quickly.”

In exhaling, your body is expelling CO₂ and other impurities, and in placing a cloth mask on your face, not only are you accumulating CO₂ in your system by breathing it back in, but you are reducing the amount of fresh air you breathe, which includes oxygen.

The doctors also point out that their workplaces must not exceed a maximum of 1,200 ppm of CO₂ and, “After wearing a mask for ONE MINUTE you have exceeded . . . these maximum values. Anyone who wears a mask is therefore in an extremely poorly ventilated room.”

Governor DeSantis of Florida has issued an executive order that masks in Florida be a personal choice. However, many heads of companies have continued to issue orders that their employees *must* wear a mask. My view is that these em-

ployees may have grounds for legal suits if they suffer detrimental effects to their health because of this mandate.

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Progressive Mayors

The mayors of our large national cities remind me of a bunch of groundhogs. They come out every morning and meet the press, then see their shadows. As progressive mayors, they go back under their desks, and sleep there until the next morning at press time, when they tell the press that they saw no anarchists on their streets the night before.

How can people vote for these progressive Democrats who will not protect their cities from riots or back up their own police departments?

Shops and stores, whose owners probably voted for these mayors, were broken in to and looted. A police station was burned down. Police officers had been shot. Others had been injured. The rest had been abused.

JAMES BROWN
 Morgantown, Indiana

Welcome Correction

I am writing to point out a slight error in William Jasper’s Last Word article in the October 19 issue. In referring to the 1944 movie *Gaslight*, Jasper incorrectly stated that “the Joseph Cotten 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 that nothing has changed.”

I just watched this movie with my wife a couple of weeks ago. The husband’s role was played by Charles Boyer, while Joseph Cotten played the man who saw through Boyer’s evil scheme.

Just a slight matter of no real significance, but I know that your magazine strives for the highest degree of accuracy.

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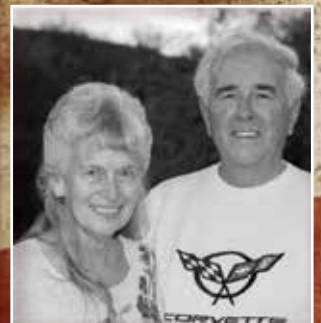
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Study Touts Dietary Changes to Save the World From Global Warming

A new study published November 6 in the journal *Science* is claiming that without a significant change to the world's current agricultural model and the collective diet of humanity, the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement are unreachable even if the world could rid itself of fossil fuels from other sectors.

The study — done by researchers at Oxford's Martin School, the University of Minnesota, the University of California-Santa Barbara, and Stanford University — reached the conclusion that if the world does not change its dietary habits and cut down on carbon emissions from the agricultural sector, it will be impossible to meet the temperature targets set by the Paris Climate Accord in 2015.

The United States withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement under President Donald Trump but, if elected, Democrat Joe Biden has promised that one of his first actions upon taking office will be to re-enter the agreement — a move that is destined to cost American taxpayers trillions of dollars.

Although the study itself eschews giving concrete suggestions on just how to reduce agricultural emissions, the study's lead author, Michael Clark of the Oxford Martin School, gave some hints as to how such a reduction could be accomplished. "There needs to be more focus and more effort to reduce emissions from the food system. Greenhouse gas emissions from the food system have increased due to a combination of dietary changes — more food in general, with a larger proportion of food coming from animal sources — population size, and how food is produced," Clark said.

Clark added that solutions "include both raising crop yields and reducing food loss and waste, but the most important is for individuals to shift towards predominantly plant-based diets."

One way to get people to eat less meat is to tax it so that it becomes unaffordable for the masses. A powerful coalition of health professionals in the United Kingdom has called for such a tax to be imposed upon any foodstuffs that are said to have a heavy environmental impact by 2025.



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EU Wants to Create Backdoor in Encrypted Messaging Apps

The European Union Council's internal documents show that the bloc now wants to ban end-to-end encryption on messaging services such as WhatsApp and Signal in response to recent Islamic terror attacks in France and Austria.

A draft resolution from the European Resolution on Encryption, dated November 6, said that while the EU considers encryption a useful tool for protecting citizens' privacy, it has been a roadblock to law enforcement's efforts to combat terrorism, organized crime, child exploitation, and cybercrimes.

Thus, the resolution called for the EU to mandate that messaging services using end-to-end encryption also create a backdoor so that government can access private messages, putting an end to any semblance of privacy the apps may have offered.

The Austrian broadcaster ORF pointed to last month's Islamic terror attack in Vienna as an impetus for the change. But as the outlet notes, the Austrian counterterrorism agency BVT had received a warning from Slovakian intelligence about

the threat posed by the terrorist, and therefore having a backdoor into the messaging services would not have made a difference.

The resolution will be presented to the Council of Permanent Representatives of the EU Member States (COREPER), where it can pass without any debate.

Lord Daniel Moylan of Britain, reacting to the EU's attempted assault on encrypted messages, said, "Thank God we got out. It would have been excruciating hearing Remainers defend this."

Moreover, the British anti-government surveillance campaign group Big Brother Watch warned, "Make no mistake: they are trying to ban the right to a private conversation."

Curiously, the European Union is now concerned about dealing with Islamic terror; but its solution is to violate the fundamental rights of its law-abiding citizens instead of doing the obvious: enacting a rational migration policy that doesn't flood European countries with hostile migrants from the Middle East. ■



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Senate Majority Leader Defends Trump's Challenge to the 2020 Election Results

“President Trump is 100 percent within his rights to look into allegations of irregularities and weigh his legal options. Let's not have any lectures about how the president should immediately and cheerfully accept preliminary election results from characters who just spent four years refusing to accept the validity of the last election.”

Satisfied with the results of the Senate and House races but not the presidential contest, Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) defended President Donald Trump's decision to not concede the election to the Biden-Harris ticket.

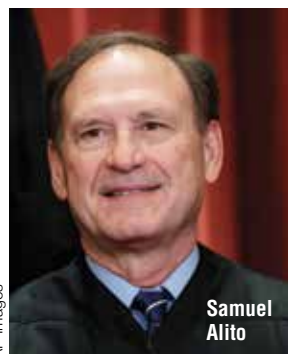


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If Biden Is Named U.S. President on January 20, 2021, Abortion Providers Will Rejoice

“Americans can expect to be forced to send hundreds of millions of tax dollars to pro-abortion groups if Joe Biden is confirmed to be the winner [of the 2020 election].”

As president, Donald Trump reinstated the Mexico City Policy that blocks federal funding for overseas abortion providers, terminated the sending of millions of taxpayers' dollars to Planned Parenthood, and helped to secure relief for the Little Sisters of the Poor, who faced being forced to provide abortifacients in their employee healthcare plans. In a posting carried by lifenews.com, reporter Micaiah Bilger summarized what can be expected from a Biden presidency.



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Supreme Court Justice Condemns Closing Churches While Allowing Casinos to Function

“Take a quick look at the Constitution. You will see the free exercise clause of the First Amendment which protects religious liberty. You will not find a craps clause, or a blackjack clause, or a slot machine clause. We have never before seen restrictions as severe, extensive, and prolonged as those experienced for most of 2020.”

In his speech at the Federalist Society's annual convention on November 14, Justice Samuel Alito condemned the laxity regarding attendance at casinos and the severe attendance restrictions on churches.

Newly Elected House Member Registers Strong Opposition to Compulsory Masks

“Our first session of New Member Orientation covered COVID in Congress. I proudly told my colleagues that masks are oppressive. In Georgia, we work out, shop, go to restaurants, go to work, and go to school without masks. It's my body, my choice.”

One of several conservative women who won seats in Congress in November, Marjorie Taylor Greene denounced the campaign to require wearing masks everywhere.

Democrats Blame Pelosi and Left-wing Allies for Poor Showing in Congressional Races

“When Democratic leaders make unforced errors like showing off two sub-zero freezers full of expensive ice cream on national television, or cozy up with Wall Street executives and corporate lobbyists while Trump tells voters we are the party of the swamp, it is not surprising that we lose expected support.”

BizPacReview reported that a memo created by left-wing groups such as the Sunrise Movement and Justice Democrats criticized Nancy Pelosi for her televised boasting about the Democratic Party's concern for American workers. Her boast was delivered in front of her \$24,000 refrigerator stocked with costly ice cream.

Senator Mocks a Goal Attributed to House Progressives

“Defund the police? Defund my butt.”

West Virginia Democratic Senator Joe Manchin responded colorfully to one of the reputed goals of the “Squad” led by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. ■



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EXPOSING THE STEAL

Though big media says that claims of fraud in the 2020 election are baseless, there is much evidence of large-scale fraud. The question is whether Trump can prove it in court or not.

by Alex Newman

The fake media have been celebrating “President-Elect” Joe Biden for weeks, but Biden is not actually president-elect — and he may never be. In fact, reports, videos, and other evidence of rampant and brazen voter fraud from all across the country continue pouring in faster than the Big Tech giants can censor them and the fake “fact-checking” industry can dishonestly attempt to discredit them. The evidence is especially widespread in big-city jurisdictions controlled by Democrats. The outcome of the election and the future direction of America are at stake in the battle over fraud. The implications could not be more serious. But the fight is not over by a long shot.

At this point, virtually anybody who is not depending on the fake-news media as their only source of information can see the fraud clearly. Despite Fox News tipping its hand and trying to play along with the fraud, a poll from *Politico* showed that by the week after the election, well over two-thirds of Republican voters did not trust the outcome, with the numbers continuing to grow. By November 10, a poll by Rasmussen showed less than half of likely voters believed Biden won the election. Trump supporters are now rallying nationwide by the millions against the “Big Steal.”

In the run-up to the election, Biden appeared to have inadvertently let the cat out of the bag, bragging about having the largest “voter fraud organization” in history. “We’re in a situation where we have put together — and youse guys did it for President Obama’s administration before this — we have put together the most extensive and inclusive voter fraud organization in the history of American politics,” he said in an interview. The fake media and fake “fact checkers” dismissed it as Biden misspeaking. However, the evidence strongly suggests Biden may have inadvertently uttered the truth.

Despite fake-news outlets peddling the lie that officials everywhere said there was no fraud, even the top federal official involved in elections stated clearly that some-

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Some analysts have suggested that the Democrats’ vote fraud was so brazen in this election that it was as if the fraudsters did not even care if it was known.



Federal Election Commission Chairman Trey Trainor called the 2020 election “illegitimate” due to massive voter fraud across America.

thing serious was amiss in the 2020 election. During an appearance on Newsmax, Federal Election Commission Chairman Trey Trainor said he “does believe there’s voter fraud taking place.” In fact, the fraud and the refusal to let poll watchers do their job was so widespread and blatant that Trainor expressed his view that the legal violations documented across America make this an “illegitimate election.”

“I do believe that there is voter fraud taking place in these places,” Trainor said. “Otherwise they would allow the observers to go in.... When you have claims of 10,000 people who don’t live in the state of Nevada having voted in Nevada, when you have the video showing where people are either duplicating a spoiled ballot right there, or they’re in the process of just marking a ballot that came in blank for a voter, that’s a process that needs to be observed by election observers.” Concerns

about Dominion Voting Systems, Smartmatic, and other electronic mischief have also been growing.

Some analysts have suggested that the Democrats’ vote fraud was so brazen in this election that it was as if the fraudsters did not even care if it was known. In any case, despite blatant censorship by Silicon Valley “Big Tech” totalitarians, President Trump is fighting hard to expose and defeat the fraud. Lawsuits have been filed by the Trump campaign across the nation, especially in crucial swing-states where much of the most significant voter fraud appears to have taken place. And Trump is gearing up supporters for a fight.

Team Trump on the Warpath

“The Democrats will try to steal this election,” Trump warned in an e-mail to supporters after facing blatant censorship and other shady antics from far-left social-

Trump, who has already publicly suggested that he won, warned for months that Democrats would try to cheat and steal the election, with help from their Deep State allies in the press and social-media firms.



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Confidence: Former U.S. Attorney and NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, one of the Trump campaign's top lawyers, said he has more than enough proof of fraud to ensure an election victory for Trump.

media services such as Twitter and Facebook. “Just like I predicted from the start, mail-in ballots are leading to CHAOS like you’ve never seen, plain and simple! The Radical Left is going to do whatever it takes to try and rip a TRUMP-PENCE VICTORY away from you.”

Trump, who has already publicly suggested that he won, warned for months that Democrats would try to cheat and steal the election, with help from their Deep State allies in the press and social-media firms. “I warned the Nation this would happen,” he said in the e-mail to supporters vowing to fight on. “I knew the Democrats wouldn’t be able to accept another CRUSHING defeat, so now they’re trying to mess with the results. It’s madness!” Still, Trump promised to “fight back” to ensure the integrity of the

election. Evidence of fraud is turning up all over the place.

According to Trump’s attorneys, the evidence of fraud is so massive and so widespread that the rigged election results in key states are certain to be overturned. Former federal prosecutor Sidney Powell, a highly respected attorney, said on Fox News that the documentation proving fraud in the election was coming in “through a fire hose,” faster than the legal team could handle it. But already, Trump’s attorneys have plenty of proof to expose and reverse the fraud, she explained before vowing to “release the Kraken.”

“We’re getting ready to overturn election results in multiple states,” Powell said, adding that criminal prosecutions of the fraudsters would be required and

that “millions of votes” were switched from Trump to Biden. “I don’t make comments without having the evidence to back it up.” In particular, she pointed to the voting machines, which she said were easy to hack, even from foreign nations. “We’ve identified mathematically the exact algorithm they’ve used — and planned to use from the beginning,” she said, referring to the computer code that switched “millions” of votes from Trump to Biden.

Another key Trump lawyer, former U.S. Attorney and New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, has made similar remarks on Fox News and other media outlets. Famous for taking on the mafia, he has a reputation as a fighter. Among other explosive statements, Giuliani said the voting technology by Dominion, which he called a “radical left” company and a “front” for the Venezuelan regime-linked Smartmatic, “has a back door that allows the votes to be mirrored and monitored, allowing an intervening party a real-time understanding of how many votes will be needed to gain an electoral advantage.”

“I can prove that they did it in Michigan,” the former prosecutor and mayor explained. “I can prove it with witnesses.” Giuliani also said Trump’s legal team had proof of “more than enough illegal ballots already documented” to overturn the fraudulent result in multiple key states, including Pennsylvania, Arizona, Michigan, and more. In the end, Giuliani expressed confidence that the phony 2020 election results would be “overturned” and that Trump would be president for another four years. Top administration officials including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo appear confident, too.

A third high-profile attorney for the Trump campaign, Lin Wood, who successfully represented Catholic school teen Nicholas Sandmann in his suits against the dishonest media after they falsely accused him of harassing a Native American man in Washington, D.C., also expressed total confidence that the truth would come out. “Be patient. Wait. It will take time,” he said. “The key is to get it right. Biden has not been elected President by ‘We The People.’ Media lies do not elect The President. Every lie will be revealed. The coup will fail.” Wood also said the coup plotters would end up in jail.

Evidence of Fraud

The evidence of fraud is everywhere, and even common sense and basic math suggest something is very wrong. According to Richard Baris of Big Data Poll, one of a tiny handful of pollsters to accurately forecast Trump's victory in Florida, Trump secured the largest share of minority votes of any GOP presidential candidate in the last six decades. Biden, meanwhile, "underperformed Hillary Clinton in every major metro area around the country, save for Milwaukee, Detroit, Atlanta and Philadelphia," Baris explained. Those were the key Democrat-controlled cities that delivered Biden's suspicious victory after most Americans fell asleep with Trump way in the lead. Coordination is also apparent.

The massive Trump rallies, in contrast to the pathetic Biden gatherings, are a clear indicator to the public that the results are fishy, to say the least. Trump stickers, flags, and gear were everywhere, while support for Biden was largely invisible across most of the nation. And after the election, Powell and others found almost half a million ballots marked with only Biden and no down-

ballot candidates: Pennsylvania (98,000), Georgia (80-90,000), Arizona (42,000), Michigan (69-115,000), and Wisconsin (62,836). There were just a handful of such ballots for Trump.

Of course, the establishment media claimed from the start that there was "no evidence of vote fraud." However, that is self-evidently ludicrous. Indeed, a number of arrests have already been made, stretching back months, as more and more evidence of fraud emerges. In Vanderburgh County, Indiana, for example, Janet Reed was arrested on felony charges for sending out hundreds of ballot applications with the Democratic Party box pre-checked. In Gregg County, Texas, a county commissioner and three others were arrested in September on 134 felony charges of election fraud, illegal voting, and more in a scheme to help Democrats in a recent election. Numerous other arrests on elections charges have been made nationwide, and police are investigating many more cases.

And so the media narrative has shifted to "no evidence of *widespread* voter fraud." But that is untrue, too. Michigan, a

key state in the election, has been plagued by reports of massive and widespread fraud and irregularities. Perhaps one of the most infamous — and important — was the supposed software "glitch" that turned 6,000 Republican votes into Democratic votes in Antrim County. Numerous reports of similar "glitches," always in favor of Democrats, emerged in the days after the election.

At least a handful of apparent Democratic victories have already been revoked, owing to the fact that "glitches" were caught and fixed by officials.

In Oakland County, Michigan, part of the Detroit metropolitan area, a supposed "computer error" led election authorities to declare that a Democrat won a race for county commission. In reality, however, Republican Adam Kochenderfer won the race, as the actual votes later revealed. "Apparently, there was a technical glitch in Rochester Hills," said Kochenderfer, adding that he had not planned to seek a recount after learning that he supposedly lost. "And so I actually ended up winning by a little over 1,100 votes." In Connecticut, meanwhile, authorities declared a Democrat the winner of a state House election, only to have GOP House Representative Craig Fishbein overturn that claim due to an "error" discovered by the town clerk. "I can't answer if it was a clerical error or a computer error in the elections management system," said Wallingford town clerk Barbara Thompson. "All I know is we caught it yesterday and amended it."

The mail-in voting was also extremely problematic. The investigative journalist group Project Veritas, for instance, released an interview with a U.S. Postal Service worker who explained that he was ordered by his superior to postmark ballots for the day before they were received. "Separate them from standard letter mail so they can hand stamp them with yesterday's date and put them through," the worker said he was told. Another video, this one from Nevada, includes a postal worker pledging to use voter fraud to remove Trump from office.

When mailed-in votes in Detroit were being counted, observers and Republicans were barred from watching, with cardboard and other obstructions placed in the way. The bizarre spectacle led to



Warning: Trump campaign attorney Lin Wood (left), who has a strong record of defeating powerful foes in court, warned that the attempted coup and election fraud are existential threats to America.

“I can prove it with witnesses.” Giuliani also said Trump’s legal team had proof of “more than enough illegal ballots already documented” to overturn the fraudulent result in multiple key states, including Pennsylvania, Arizona, Michigan, and more.



Transparent: Trump supporters overwhelmingly recognize the Deep State effort to steal the election for Biden, polls and rallies show.

widespread accusations of impropriety and a lawsuit by the Trump campaign. A lawsuit filed in Michigan on November 8, citing sworn eyewitness statements and other evidence, alleges that tens of thousands of suspicious ballots arrived in vehicles with out-of-state plates at the Detroit vote-counting center amid an early-morning shift change. Every one of the ballots was “counted orally and attributed only to Democratic candidates,” the witnesses said, adding that after the poll watchers cried foul, they were locked out of the counting room so the ballots could be processed without witnesses.

Similar antics occurred in Democrat ic strongholds across the state and beyond, and lawless efforts to block GOP

poll watchers and election observers were caught on tape by concerned citizens.

And those were hardly the only problems with suspicious ballots and mail-in voting in Michigan. For instance, according to publicly available data on the Department of State’s Michigan Voter Information Center, a 118-year-old man named William Bradley received an absentee ballot in Wayne County, Michigan, and voted with it. The problem is that Bradley actually died in 1984. Similarly, a 120-year-old woman named June Aiken voted absentee in Jackson County, Michigan. Same for Donna Brydges, who was born in 1901 and voted absentee in Michigan’s Mason County.

Indeed, close to 1,000 votes from dead people have already been invalidated by

authorities after the dead voters were exposed — a problem so serious that jokes were made about Biden being nominated for sainthood due to his ability to raise people from the dead. If Republicans and alternative media outlets had not cried foul, it is unlikely that those illegal votes would have been caught. It remains unclear how many more were not caught.

Obviously, none of those votes were legitimate. Authorities responded to the scandal by claiming that even though the government Web page shows dead people voted, they do not count those votes once they become aware of them, and based on that statement, “fact check” services falsely claimed the reports of dead voters in Michigan were false. Republican Party officials nationwide are calling for law-enforcement officials to visit the addresses and determine what is going on so that criminals involved in election fraud can be prosecuted and punished. Countless similar examples from Michigan and other states will undoubtedly be discovered in the days and weeks ahead. In Florida, a man has already been arrested for voting using ballots belonging to the dead.

In Wisconsin, which is also crucial to the 2020 election, the results were more than a little suspicious, critics said. For one, the state counted more votes in 2020 than it had registered voters in 2018. However, even comparing the latest official voter-registration figures, 3.68 million, with the number of votes counted, 3.3 million, reveals that about 90 percent of registered voters turned out — a massive number that defies historical norms and makes little sense.

Statistical analysis by experts has been used to argue the occurrence of massive, widespread fraud not just in Milwaukee, but coordinated across multiple key jurisdictions.

Even Texas!

Even conservative states run by Republicans have not been immune to widespread Democratic fraud. In Texas, for example, Harris County, home to left-leaning Houston, appears to be an epicenter of incredibly brazen fraud in the Lone Star State. Raymond Stewart, a poll watcher and retired police officer, submitted a sworn affidavit to the district attorney about a

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Houston precinct judge — identified in news reports as a Democrat — and election staff who unlawfully used a “large stack of Texas driver’s licenses” to allow people to vote illegally at a “drive-through voting window.”

“Staff would come inside from the drive-through voting booth and scan a driver’s license from someone outside and get a ticket and return outside,” Stewart said. “But sometimes a staff member would search through the stack of driver’s license on the table, then scan it, receive a ticket and also go outside to the drive-through booth. As a Police Officer, I quickly became suspicious that they were committing a crime by having the unattended D.L.’s just sitting on the table and that possible voting crimes were being committed using these forms of ID.”

The problems in Texas appear to go very deep. The state political director for Joe Biden’s campaign, Dallas Jones, has been accused in affidavits filed at the Texas Supreme Court of operating a massive, illegal ballot-harvesting scheme involving as many as 700,000 ballots. The affidavits making the accusations, filed by a former FBI agent and retired police officer, allege that Jones was also ordering those ballots to be filled out in the names of homeless, dead, and elderly people. National File broke the story.

“This scheme involves voter fraud on a massive scale,” explained retired Houston Police Department Captain Mark Aguirre in his sworn statement. Using interviews, documents, and other information, Aguirre publicly identified Jones, Texas State Senator Borris Miles, political consultant Gerald Womack, and Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis. “This entire operation is being run by the elite politicians of the Democrat Party in Houston/Harris County,” the retired lawman explained, adding that he had video evidence as well.

Project Veritas also released video footage from San Antonio suggesting electoral fraud there, with somebody “helping” an elderly citizen to change her votes from Republican to Democratic. “What’s shown in the video is shocking and should alarm all Texans who care about election integrity,” Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement. “We are aggressively investigating the serious allegations and potential crimes that Project Veritas’s



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Irregularities and fraud in counting the votes were reported nationwide, but were especially widespread in key cities in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Georgia.

documentary audio and video recordings shed light on today.”

Observers in key states also documented widespread funny business. Trump volunteer lawyer Tom Ranieri, who was posted in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, told the Daily Signal that as soon as he arrived, he started hearing reports from local workers about unlawful tampering with the machines. He also noted that election officials there worked very hard to prevent observers from doing their jobs and being allowed to see the ballots as they were being counted. And efforts to count invalid ballots that would be disallowed under state law were also observed, he said.

In Fulton County, under the guise of a busted water pipe, vote counting was supposedly stopped at the State Farm Arena. Trump was well ahead in Georgia. However, according to the GOP Party chairman, the vote counting continued, just with Republican observers and the media forced out. Public records requests later revealed that the “water pipe burst” story was “highly exaggerated,” as vice president of facilities Geoffrey Stiles put it. “It was a slow leak,” he explained, adding that “we contained it quickly” and “it did not spread.”

Computer Fraud

Perhaps the most important evidence of widespread fraud involved even more sophisticated methods, such as hacking, complex algorithms, and other crime involving vote-counting machines and software. Trump’s attorneys, including Giuliani and Powell, have said they have proof that millions of votes were stolen from Trump in dozens of states using the shadowy firm Dominion Voting Systems.

Powell and Giuliani said Dominion works closely with a controversial firm called Smartmatic that helped rig votes in Venezuela, and is chaired by George Soros associate Lord Mark Malloch-Brown. Another shady firm involved in the U.S. election is the Spain-based Scytl, which boasts that its technology was widely used across America during the 2020 election.

The proof that these computer systems helped rig the election is so overwhelming that the Trump attorneys expect criminal prosecutions and a powerful victory for team Trump. However, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, a U.S. government agency, claimed the 2020 election “was the most secure in American history.” Obviously, somebody is not telling the truth.

Former intelligence and military of-



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Making a computer output a certain outcome: Dominion Voting Systems, which was used in numerous key states across America, is at the center of voter-fraud reports, with evidence suggesting millions of votes were flipped for Biden.

officials interviewed by Dave Janda on *Operation Freedom* and Brannon Howse on *Worldview Weekend* alleged even before the election that computer programs would be used to rig the election. “Scorecard steals the elections by tampering with the computers at the transfer points,” explained Lieutenant General Tom McInerney, referring to a computer program known as Scorecard used by vote-fraud perpetrators to rig the vote in an imperceptible way. In an interview with *THE NEW AMERICAN*, the retired general — the number three man at the U.S. Air Force — explained how it worked. (See article on page 17)

At the center of the computer-based vote-rigging accusations is Dominion Voting Systems. Interestingly, the firm’s vice president of U.S. Engineering, Eric Coomer, was a rabid anti-Trump activist who regularly denounced the president online with violent, unhinged rhetoric. In 2016, he urged everyone on Facebook to unfriend him if they planned to vote for the “autocratic, narcissistic, fascists, ***-hat blowhard and his Christian jihadist VP

pic.” Using all caps, Coomer continued to hurl vile language at Trump and anyone who supports him.

Incredibly, in another post after Trump was president, Coomer even called for shutting down the administration’s Election Integrity Commission, presumably meaning he did not want the federal government investigating possible threats to election integrity. And even more incriminating, on a conference call with Antifa terrorists plotting against Trump and America, when asked about what would happen if Trump actually won, Coomer reportedly declared: “Don’t worry about the election, Trump’s not gonna win. I made f**king sure of that!” That was revealed on the Michelle Malkin program by an undercover journalist who infiltrated Antifa’s online strategy meetings.

Ironically, until recently, even many top Demo-

crats were extremely concerned about vote rigging using computer schemes. In 2019, Democratic Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), and other Democratic lawmakers probed Dominion Voting Systems, Election Systems & Software, and Hart InterCivic. After the investigation, they expressed serious concerns over the security of elections.

“We have concerns about the spread and effect of private equity investment in many sectors of the economy, including the election technology industry — an integral part of our nation’s democratic process,” the Democratic officials wrote in letters to the companies last year. “These problems threaten the integrity of our elections and demonstrate the importance of election systems that are strong, durable, and not vulnerable to attack.” More than a few critics have suggested these systems were used against some Democrats in the primaries, too.

Federal judges have also expressed concerns. Just weeks before the election, U.S. District Judge Amy Totenberg blasted Dominion in an order. “The case presented serious system security vulnerability and operational issues that may place Plaintiffs and other voters at risk of deprivation of their fundamental right to cast an effective vote that is accurately counted,” she wrote in a case against Georgia, adding that the risks “are neither hypothetical nor remote under the current circumstances.” However, she did not wish to upend the whole election, and so let it stand.

As evidence of massive, widespread fraud from Democrat-controlled jurisdictions continues to pile up, and as the establishment media and the Big Tech firms try frantically to cover it up so they can declare Biden the winner, more than a few experts have suggested that an attempted coup d’état is under way.

Whether it succeeds or not will depend on what happens in the coming weeks. ■



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DID CIA TECHNOLOGY CHANGE THE ELECTION RESULTS?

Former Air Force General Thomas McInerney and others are claiming that a CIA computer program called Hammer/Scorecard was used to steal the 2020 presidential election.



Hammering “The Hammer”: Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney is taking point in the effort to expose the CIA Hammer/Scorecard election-stealing program. He is shown here in a November 10 video interview with THE NEW AMERICAN.

by William F. Jasper

Lieutenant General Thomas G. McInerney (United States Air Force, retired) flew 407 combat missions in Vietnam. Now, at the age of 83, he is leading one aspect of the fight to expose and oppose the stealing of America’s 2020 presidential election. Far more important, says the general, than the many egregious election fraud examples that have been in the news — dead voters, mail-in ballots, “lost” ballots, dumped ballots, illegally blocking election monitors, etc. — is the *real* mechanism that was used to steal votes from President Trump and give them

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to Joe Biden. That mechanism, General McInerney says, is a CIA supercomputer system known as The Hammer and its election-controlling software application called Scorecard.

In a video interview with THE NEW AMERICAN on November 10, one week after the election, General McInerney warned that if this criminal and treasonous violation of our laws and the Constitution is not thoroughly exposed and Joe Biden is installed in the White House, “We will never have another free election in America.” (The interview can be viewed at thenewamerican.com) The Hammer/Scorecard program succeeded in switching millions of votes in a number of key battleground states, the general charges, and has demonstrated that it can be used to throw an election by

changing the vote counts after they have been tabulated and are being electronically transmitted. This is *big* news from a credible source — backed up by technical analysis from top-level intelligence experts. But it has been almost totally blacked out by the Fake News censors and their Big Tech allies controlling the search engines and social-media platforms.

On November 7, General McInerney appeared on Steve Bannon’s *War Room* radio/video program, one of the few shows with significant national reach that have sounded the warning on the Hammer/Scorecard Biden steal. In an interview with Fox’s Lou Dobbs on November 8, Sidney Powell, one of President Trump’s lead attorneys, explained to viewers that the vote-flipping by the Hammer/Scorecard program was one of the matters on which the Trump campaign lawsuits have focused. Mentioning the programs by name, Powell stated she was glad to hear that the Department of Justice is investigating the voting fraud because there are “any number of things they need to investigate, including the likelihood that three percent of the vote total was changed in the pre-election voting ballots that were collected digitally by using the Hammer program and the software program called Scorecard that would have amounted to a massive change in the vote that would have gone across the country and explains a lot of what we are seeing.”

Powell, who is a former federal prosecutor and the celebrated “super lawyer” defending General Michael Flynn, appeared the following day on Fox Business with Maria Bartiromo. Oddly, during that appearance Powell did not mention Scorecard or Hammer, although she did

mention that votes were being changed by computer. General McInerney explains that discrepancy: Bartiromo had instructed Powell that she could not mention Hammer/Scorecard on the program. McInerney, who was an expert military commentator on Fox News for sixteen-and-a-half years, says this type of censorship at Fox is another alarming development at the cable company, coupled with Fox's early calls for Biden in Arizona and Virginia. In all his years at Fox, he says, he had never seen or heard of anyone telling a guest what they could or couldn't say.

During a return appearance on Bartiromo's Fox program on November 11, Sidney Powell again addressed the computer vote-flipping "irregularities," in which identical blocks of votes (for Biden) appeared multiple times. These "statistical anomalies," she said, "show it was statistically impossible for this election to come out the way it did. It's just mathematically impossible." "We have evidence," Powell said, "of the same number of ballots or same number of votes being injected into

the Wisconsin system and into the Michigan system three different times."

Dominion Voting Systems

Bartiromo asked Powell if she was referring to Dominion Voting Systems, the major Canadian voter services company that provides voting machines and software to many U.S. counties and states. The infamous "glitch" in Antrim County, Michigan, that caused 5,000 to 6,000 votes to flip, brought national focus on problems associated with the Dominion systems. "We are still investigating all of that and connecting the dots," Powell stated. "There is a substantial problem with the Dominion Systems because Texas even refused three different times to accept and adopt those systems because they have inherent defects. One of our theories is that those defects were built in for a reason. There is Chinese software and other components within those systems. And, of course, China has the greatest interest in the world in disrupting this election. I think it is entirely possible that the NSA and the DIA, the

Defense Intelligence Agency that General Flynn used to head, should be conducting their own investigations for national security reasons, because I think it is a high likelihood that China — for the benefit of Joe Biden — ... did this election rigging."

At a televised Washington, D.C. press conference by President Trump's legal team on November 19, Sidney Powell provided more details concerning vote fraud involving Dominion and Smartmatic, the computer voting system that was developed in Venezuela and used to by dictator Nicolas Maduro to steal the country's Constitutional Assembly election. Smartmatic CEO Antonio Mugica testified in 2017 that Maduro used his company's system to throw the election by digitally adding one million votes for his own party. Now based in London, Smartmatic has disturbing ties to the Obama administration, to Joe Biden — and to George Soros. Peter V. Nefenger, Smartmatic's chairman, previously served as head of the Transportation Security Administration under President Obama and has been named to Biden's transition team. An even more troubling connection is Lord Mark Malloch Brown, chairman of the board of SGO Corporation, Ltd., the holding company that owns Smartmatic. A prominent anti-Trump globalist who has held top posts at the World Bank and the United Nations, Lord Brown is also a longtime associate of George Soros, serving as vice president of Soros' Quantum Fund and vice chairman of Soros Fund Management, to mention only two of his many ties to the left wing billionaire.

As with the Hammer/Scorecard concerns, the controlled media have been quick to dismiss any worries about Dominion Voting Systems, basically adopting the trope, "There's nothing to see here, move along." Are there connections between Dominion Voting Systems, Smartmatic and Hammer/Scorecard? That appears to be the case, but as we go to press that is still under investigation and the precise connections are unresolved. One thing we can be certain of is that the anti-Trump, pro-Biden globalist media are not going to uncover any of these mysteries for us; they're too busy celebrating and crowning "president-elect" Joe Biden and "vice president-elect" Kamala Harris. Neverthe-



Foreign influence? John Poulos is president and CEO of Dominion Voting Systems, the Canadian company that provided voting machines and software used in dozens of states where vote fraud and "irregularities" are under investigation.

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less, despite the heavy-handed censorship by Big Media and Big Tech, word of the Hammer/Scorecard election meddling is getting out. Dr. Dave Janda of *Operation Freedom* (www.DaveJanda.com), who has been a premier promoter of General McInerney, has continued to hammer the Hammer. Also, General McInerney appeared, along with investigative reporter Mary Fanning, on *Worldview Radio* with host Brannon Howse on November 5. These and additional appearances on a variety of programs have circumvented the blackout and alerted millions of Americans to the existence of the Hammer/Scorecard skull-duggery.

Disinformation About Disinformation

Having failed to completely suppress the exposure of their chief election fraud instrument, the Deep State-controlled media have trained their guns on the whistleblowers who are exposing it. An early major salvo came from the online site *The Daily Beast*, in a November 9 article entitled “Infamous ‘Hoax’ Artist Behind Trumpworld’s New Voter Fraud Claim.”

Here is the opening line of the story by Will Sommer: “As Donald Trump refuses to concede the election, some of his most loyal allies have become obsessed with a bizarre new conspiracy theory about the race, insisting that Trump only lost the election because a deep-state supercomputer named ‘Hammer’ and a computer program named ‘Scorecard’ were used to change the ballot count.”

The disinformation machine at *The Daily Beast* claims that it is exposing disinformation while actually disseminating disinformation. That is par for the course. As we have seen for the past four years, Hillary Clinton and her Fake News accomplices have been pointing at President Trump and yelling “Russia, Russia, Russia,” while it is Hillary who has the damning Russia-Russia-Russia connections — both obtaining the fake Steele dossier from a Russian spy and passing U.S. uranium reserves to Russia as secretary of state. Ditto for Joe Biden and his media cohorts who scream “Trump-Ukraine corruption” while covering up the mountains of evidence demonstrating Biden-Ukraine corruption, with Biden covering for multi-million-dollar payoffs by corrupt Ukrainians to



Mainstream exposure: Trump attorney Sidney Powell (right) succeeded in a limited exposure of the Hammer/Scorecard program on Fox’s *Lou Dobbs Tonight*.

Biden, via his son Hunter. In these and similar cases, former CIA director John Brennan and former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper have shared starring roles, with their minions still in the “intelligence community” carrying on the perfidy after their chiefs departed from their official capacities to take posts at CNN (Clapper) and NBC/MSNBC (Brennan).

Smearing the Whistleblowers

But, back to *The Daily Beast*’s story. According to Sommer, “The mythical supercomputer claim has been embraced by prominent Trump backers.” Among those he lists are former Trump advisor Steve Bannon and former NYPD Commissioner Bernie Kerik. “The American Report has claimed that Montgomery invented ‘SCORECARD’ and ‘HAMMER’ for intelligence purposes, an apparent reference to his controversial programs that purported to track al Qaeda,” Sommer writes. “In this telling, ... the Obama administration hijacked Montgomery’s software to steal elections. The murky reporting was embraced a few days later by Bannon and McInerney, with Bannon calling [the] news ‘very disturbing’ and praising the site for ‘incredible reporting.’”

Diving Deeper

Sommer and *The Daily Beast* would have been wiser not to mention *The American Report*, since they have driven much traffic to that site (theamericanreport.org), where many readers, no doubt, will determine for themselves the reporting there is (in Bannon’s word) “incredible” rather than “murky,” as Sommer puts it. Credit for that goes to the deeply detailed work of *The American Report*’s writers/researchers Mary Fanning and Alan Jones, who have dogged the Hammer/Scorecard story for several years and have posted numerous articles, along with affidavits, court documents, whistleblower tape recordings, and much more.

Notably, Sommer did not mention the immense trove of documentary evidence that supports Montgomery’s election-stealing charges. Nor did he mention any of the top-level intelligence personnel who are treating this as a deadly serious reality and have publicly warned of the imminent danger it presents — experts such as legendary National Security Agency techies Dr. William Binney, formerly director of the NSA’s World Geopolitical and Military Analysis Reporting Group, and NSA senior analyst J. Kirk Wiebe, not to mention three-star General McInerney and

four-star Admiral James “Ace” Lyons, former commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and deputy chief of naval operations (now deceased).

In a May 25, 2019 interview with the streaming service called SGT Report, Dr. Binney sounded an early and prescient warning. “The Hammer program, as far as I can see, was run by the CIA,” the former NSA technical director stated. “And the point was, that the NSA already had their massive collection on everybody anyway. That was called the Stellar Wind program and it had the tapping points for the upstream collection of everything on the fiber networks. Everything. So they didn’t have to do Hammer because they already had all of the data.” Why set up Hammer then? Because, Binney explains, CIA knew that anytime they went to NSA to get data, their query and the data they received would be recorded. And they definitely didn’t want to leave a trail of their activities, which involved illegal spying on millions of Americans, including especially judges, politicians, and public officials.

In a recent video podcast, Kirk Wiebe

explained that “Hammer and the application that works with it called Scorecard is designed to change votes on the fly as they are reported by tallying locations in all precincts and counties — in whatever applies to your state — as totals are reported via the internet.” “The data is grabbed in real time,” he continues, “changed, and then sent on its way. And this happens in microseconds.... The data is changed so quickly, in favor of whatever candidate it’s told to favor, that no one notices the delay and just accepts the total. And this has been going on in numerous states, to include battleground states, during this whole election.”

But what about Dennis Montgomery? Just how credible is he, and how credible is the Hammer/Scorecard thesis? There are still many unknowns in this story and much evidence to check and verify, but writer/researcher Mary Fanning, who has done more digging on this than probably anyone else, points out that there are several easily verifiable key facts that should tell any reasonable person that there is plenty of evidence to challenge the claims

that Hammer/Scorecard is merely some Trumpian myth. Among the copious evidence is the fact that former FBI General Counsel James Baker, during his second day of testimony before a committee of the U.S. House of Representatives, on October 18, 2018, amended his testimony of the previous day after “remembering” that Montgomery had indeed come to the FBI with “evidence of unlawful surveillance by the government of Americans.”

In fact, on August 19, 2015, Montgomery turned over 47 hard drives with millions of pages of data to Baker at the FBI’s Miami Field Office, for which the FBI/DOJ provided him detailed receipts and two agreements of immunity. Yes, that is the same James Baker who was an underling of James Comey at the FBI — before going to his current slot as general counsel to Twitter. Now, as a minion of Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, he is helping censor the tweets of the president of the United States, as well as tweets of millions of Americans who express thoughts deemed politically incorrect by the ruling elites. ■

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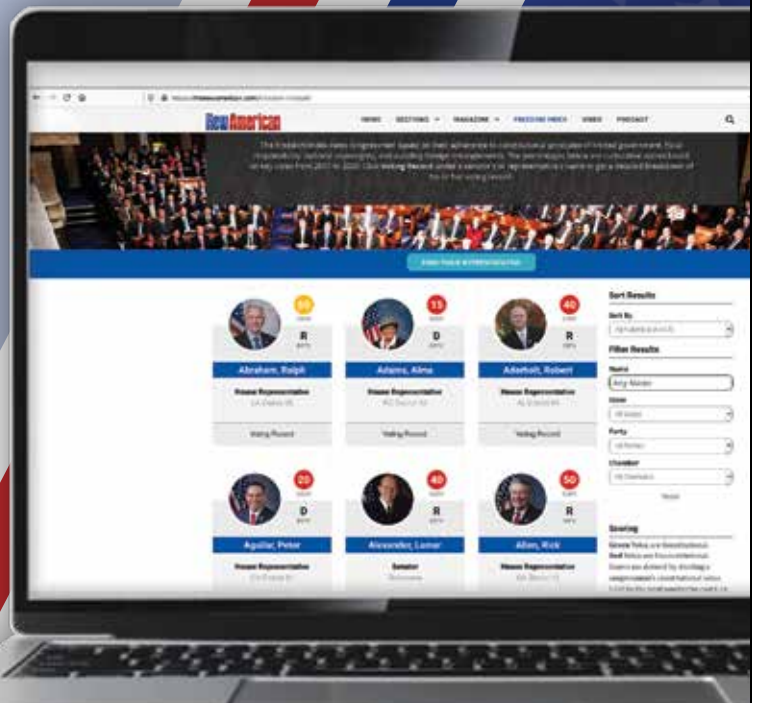
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STOPPING THE STEAL

We tell how concerted pressure brought to bear on Republican state legislatures could force the exposure of fraudulent votes in contested states.



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Action needed: The fact that the election was plagued by widespread voter fraud is now irrefutable, so the question then becomes, what can be done?

by Alex Newman

Amid unprecedented voter fraud and even what many analysts have described as an attempted “coup d’état,” America is in a constitutional crisis of incredible significance. Fortunately, the Constitution provides solutions. President Donald Trump has vowed to keep fighting. Top Republicans from Congress to governors’ mansions have promised to stand with him as investigations, lawsuits, and other efforts to overturn the fraud attempts work their way through the system. All over the nation, patriots furious about the half-baked effort to rig the election and steal the presidency are seeking guidance and leadership. There is much that can be done.

The U.S. Constitution offers many potential remedies, including a trump card. In Article II, Section 1, the Constitution explains: “Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors.” In other words, just because Democrats and Deep State operatives were able to stuff the ballot boxes or rig the outcome with computer programs, state legislators have a winning strategy at their disposal. Most of the states that are most hotly contested have solidly Republican legislatures, including Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

Electors will meet on December 14 this year. And on January 6, votes cast by those electors from the Electoral College will be counted in Congress. Typically, those

functions are seen as a mere “formality,” as the outcome of the election is already known. However, this time, it may not be so simple. In fact, a vast coalition of organizations and prominent media personalities including The John Birch Society, Phyllis Schlafly’s Eagles, Fox News host Mark Levin, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, commentator David Horowitz, and many more are advocating for GOP legislatures to overturn the obvious vote fraud by sending pro-Trump electors.

Leaders Rally

In an e-mail to GOP legislators in Pennsylvania, prominent attorney Andy Schlafly, a leader with Phyllis Schlafly Eagles and the son of the late conservative legend, urged them to do their duty to save America from vote fraud. “The voting in this presidential election has been tainted beyond repair,” he explained. “Poll watching and transparency were blocked; improper ballot harvesting is evident from the severely imbalanced mail-in results; and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overstepped its authority by expanding mail-in voting. Those who voted on Election Day in compliance with federal law have been disenfranchised by ballot-box stuffing by mail.”

As such, Schlafly argued, the Pennsylvania legislature “should fulfill its duty under the U.S. Constitution” by appointing electors to honor the legitimate votes cast on election day. “Last year an election board in North Carolina overturned a congressional election won by a Republican, based on an anecdote about ballot harvesting,” he said. “When, as now, an election result is tainted and lacks the confidence of the American people, then the Consti-

Already, the U.S. Supreme Court has intervened in Pennsylvania, ordering authorities to segregate those ballots that were received after the election was officially over.



Justice: Fox News personality and former Justice Department chief of staff Mark Levin is urging GOP-controlled legislatures in states stolen by Biden to send Trump electors to the Electoral College.

tution calls on the state legislature to act. The governor has no role in this.”

“Please step up and do what is best for our country, and honor the votes cast on Election Day rather than disenfranchising them by improperly voted and improperly counted mail-in ballots,” Schlafly concluded. “There needs to be a check-and-balance against election misconduct and the Constitution authorizes the statute legislature for this. As a legislature please select the Electors and end this crisis. Let the other side litigate this issue to the U.S. Supreme Court if they like, which will enforce the Constitution as it was written in favor of your authority. When the Pennsylvania legislature leads on this issue, other states will follow.”

Very high-profile media figures and legal experts have joined the fray too. Fox

News personality Mark Levin, the former chief of staff to Attorney General Edwin Meese III during the Reagan administration, is among the prominent voices calling on legislatures to override the fraud. “Reminder to the Republican state legislatures, you have the final say over the choosing of electors, not any board of elections, secretary of state, governor, or even court,” he posted on Facebook as the fraud was becoming clear. “You have the final say — Article II of the federal Constitution. So, get ready to do your constitutional duty.” One of Trump’s sons re-tweeted the message, prompting a meltdown among those pretending Biden is the president-elect already.

Former CEO Arthur Thompson of The John Birch Society, an organization that has had some high-profile disagreements with

Levin in recent years, also called on lawmakers to use the Constitution to block the fraud. “What we need to do — what you need to do — is to contact your state representative and senator and point out to them that they have the power to overturn the fraud in their state if they simply will meet and do so,” said Thompson. “It’s their responsibility. They must be made to accept it, and then do something about it. For instance, if the governor, with or without the state courts, changes the means by which the people vote for president, then the legislature must intervene and restore the power where it belongs — in this case, the legislature.”

“If the votes show overwhelming evidence of fraud, then it is the responsibility of the legislature to invalidate the votes cast that have not followed the standard, normal means of voting,” the retired JBS CEO continued. “However, don’t get caught up in the investigations into the fraud. Leave it to Trump and his legal team. For us citizens, this is a dead end. We can’t do anything about it anyway. Instead, focus your energy on contacting your state representative and senator and have them convene and rectify the problem in your state. The results of the recent election can be rectified if the president doesn’t give up, the state legislatures in the questionable states assume their responsibility, the Supreme Court does its duty if the case is brought before them, and you don’t give in.”

Could It Work?

So far, GOP leaders in the key states have resisted calls to try it. But, pointing to the U.S. Constitution, former Clinton advisor and master political operative Dick Morris has also been advocating such a move. “We have to move the fight from the executive branch of the states to the legislative branch of the states. In all of these four key states — North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin — there are Democratic governors, but both houses of the legislature are Republican. Those guys need to wake up,” Morris told Newsmax host Grant Stinchfield. “And if you live in those states, you need to call your state rep and your state senator and say, get on the ball. Get to the state capitol, demand that the legislature be called into session, and take over the counting process.”

“The U.S. Constitution does not say that the states shall decide the procedure for

electoral votes. They say the legislature should decide. Not the governors, the legislature,” added Morris. “And what they should do is step in and say the evidence of missing votes, suddenly discovered votes, unexplained delays, not granting access to poll watchers shows the corruption of this process, and we the state legislature are taking it over. We’re going to set up a joint committee to run this process, and then we the legislature will do what our Constitution charges us to do: determine who won the election and to get the electoral votes of our states. That’s what they should do.”

The strategy has attracted some high-profile backers in elected office, too, including Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. Speaking on Fox News’ *The Ingraham Angle* with Laura Ingraham, DeSantis urged legislators to use all means at their disposal. And in particular, he called on citizens to lean on their elected officials to ensure the vote fraud is overturned by state legislators.

“Under Article II of the Constitution, presidential electors are done by legislatures and the schemes they create in the framework,” DeSantis said. “If there’s departure from that and they’re not following the law, if they’re ignoring law, then they can provide remedies as well, so I

would exhaust every option to make sure we have a fair count.” He called out Pennsylvania and Wisconsin as particularly egregious examples, blasting the “4 a.m. dump of massive votes for one candidate and almost none for the other.”

Already, more than a few lawmakers in key states are working behind the scenes to try to build a coalition that would overturn the fraudulent election results by sending Trump electors to the Electoral College. And the calls and e-mails from Trump supporters urging them to do so are flooding in faster and faster as the word spreads.

In response to an e-mail about it, Pennsylvania State Senator Mario Scavello said, “I agree.” He also included a link to a video he made about the massive fraud in his state. Referring to the controversial secretary of state and state court decisions to change election rules before the vote, Senator Scavello blasted the judicial and executive branches for trying to usurp the legislature’s role in elections. “It’s the best court money can buy,” he said. “But if they want to legislate, don’t do it from the bench, they should run for state senator or run for state representative. And governor, same for you, if you want to legislate, run for legislature.... That’s not your job.”

He also accused the governor — whom

he described as a “phony” — of trying to “steal elections.” Noting that Philadelphia sometimes has more votes than registered voters in certain precincts, and that top executive-branch officials called Pennsylvania for Biden even while Trump was 700,000 votes ahead, Scavello suggested something was truly amiss. And he vowed that lawmakers would not let it slide without a response.

In Michigan, lawmakers have taken action, too. The weekend after the election, the legislature even met for a highly unusual Saturday session. At the top of the agenda was a “software glitch” that mysteriously recorded some 6,000 Trump votes as Biden votes in rural Antrim County — a “glitch” that was only discovered when the votes were manually recounted. Similar “glitches” are being discovered in numerous other jurisdictions, giving GOP legislatures plenty of ammunition and cover if they decide to send Trump electors to the Electoral College. Trump pointed to massive irregularities in voting machines by Dominion Voting Systems, too.

While the fake “fact checking” industry has been working overtime in an effort to discredit voter-fraud claims, the self-proclaimed “fact checkers” at *USA Today* did acknowledge the fact that legislatures will choose electors. “We rate this claim TRUE, based on our research,” wrote Chelsey Cox for the paper in response to claims about legislators being able to save the day despite the fraud. “The Constitution grants state legislators the power to choose electors for the Electoral College. But the electors have the ‘final say’ in the outcome of the presidential election.”

In fact, even recently, in the *Bush v. Gore* case, the U.S. Supreme Court made clear that state legislatures “can take back the power to appoint electors” at any time. That means regardless of the phony outcome achieved through fraud, the GOP legislatures — without any consent or input from the governor or the courts — could choose to send a slate of Trump delegates to the Electoral College. The Constitution is clear, and virtually every analyst agrees that it would be upheld by the courts if a lawsuit were to be filed.

Even if the Electoral College vote is not clear by the deadline, Trump still has a strong opportunity to win. If no candidate secures the needed 270 electoral votes for



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Governors sing the same tune: Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is one of the high-profile elected officials urging GOP legislatures to send Trump electors to the Electoral College to overcome Biden’s fraud.

a clean victory, which could happen if delegates from fraud-ridden states are not certified, the Constitution's 12th Amendment kicks in. "The House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President," it states for a scenario where there is no Electoral College winner. "But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote." Of course, Republicans currently control a majority of state delegations and are almost certain to retain that majority in the new Congress. That means Trump would have another path to victory. Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz said on Newsmax that may be what Trump is hoping to accomplish by challenging the fraud in multiple states.

Lawfare: Investigations, Lawsuits, and More

Lawsuits and criminal investigations at the local, state, and federal level can and must be another important part of the strategy. At the federal level, the Trump administration has filed an array of lawsuits, many of which legal experts believe are likely to be successful. Already, the U.S. Supreme Court has intervened in Pennsylvania, ordering authorities to segregate those ballots that were received after the election was officially over. Whether a series of rogue rulings from state courts and the executive branch in violation of state law will be allowed to stand remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, lawmakers are pushing U.S. Attorney General William Barr to get involved. In a letter to Barr, 39 House Republicans said it was time for the law to take action. "While each state runs its own election process, the United States Department of Justice is ultimately responsible for the integrity of federal elections," explained the U.S. lawmakers. "The American people must have the utmost confidence that the outcome of the presidential election is legitimate."

Blasting the decision to ignore court orders mandating that observers be allowed to observe the process, among other brazen lawlessness, the congressmen called on Barr to get busy. "What are you doing to ensure the integrity of the voting and counting process right now?" they asked, demanding that the attorney general provide an "immediate" response. "Will you

commit to using all the resources at your disposal to ensure that only legal votes are being counted and being counted in a fully transparent and manner immediately?"

State-level officials are also pursuing that avenue. The Nevada GOP, for instance, announced shortly after the election that its legal team was asking the Justice Department to investigate widespread "criminal voter fraud" across the state. "Our lawyers just sent a criminal referral to AG Barr regarding at least 3,062 instances of voter fraud," the state party said on social media. "We expect that number to grow substantially. Thousands of individuals have been identified who appear to have violated the law by casting ballots after they moved from NV."

In a letter to the DOJ providing proof that thousands of illegal votes were cast in Nevada, the Trump campaign noted that "voter fraud is a serious federal felony." Responding to the concerns, Barr ordered the prosecutors across America to begin investigating "substantial allegations" of election fraud. While he said the probe was not in itself a claim that voter fraud had occurred, it is important that the American people have confidence in their elections.

Republican state attorneys general are joining the fray, too. Noting that electoral shenanigans in Pennsylvania and other

states affect citizens in all states, attorneys general from Kentucky, Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Texas filed a brief at the Supreme Court supporting the Trump campaign's lawsuit against Pennsylvania's scandalous election. More action is expected.

Information War

A key element of the ongoing "Color Revolution" against Trump and America is control of the narrative. Right now, the establishment's propaganda machine — including controlled opposition outlets such as Fox News and other News Corporation properties such as the *New York Post* and the *Wall Street Journal* — is working overtime to create the impression that a Biden presidency is inevitable. The "Big Tech" totalitarians in Silicon Valley behind Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google, and other outlets are also working to censor anyone (including this writer) who exposes the dishonest narrative.

That means bypassing the propaganda machine will be critical to winning the fight. To begin with, all those seeking to ensure election integrity and block an illegitimate Biden presidency must find ways to disseminate information. The John Birch Society already has an archi-



Congress: If no candidate gets the required 270 Electoral College votes, the 12th Amendment instructs Congress to select the president by giving each state one vote — most of which would be Republican.



ecture in place, as well as tools (such as this magazine) that enable members to educate their communities — and especially opinion molders — despite the best efforts of Big Tech and the establishment media. The JBS has been doing this successfully for over six decades.

Separately, all over America, AM and FM radio stations continue to broadcast truth and conservative voices over the airwaves. And a growing variety of cable news options including One America News (OAN) and Newsmax have proven their willingness to defy the establishment narrative by broadcasting information about the ongoing effort to steal the 2020 election — at least for now. They are benefiting enormously from the exodus of Fox viewers.

Meanwhile, “Stop the Steal” rallies are already happening nationwide. With his ability to draw tens of thousands of passionate supporters almost anywhere in America, Trump has a means to communicate with people directly — and prove that the media narrative and psychological warfare is failing. Facebook has been trying hard to stop the organizing going on, but so far has been unsuccessful. No-

body, including the dishonest media, will be able to ignore massive Trump rallies demanding election integrity without losing all credibility.

Of course, the effort to silence all those who speak out is escalating. This writer was recently put in “Facebook jail” for 30 days right after posting an article on election fraud. YouTube has been removing some of THE NEW AMERICAN’S videos. However, there is also a growing array of alternatives when it comes to social media that can be used: Parler, MeWe, Gab, BitChute, Brighteon, Rumble, and more, all of which are experiencing explosive growth amid the escalating Big Tech censorship.

If Biden Is Inaugurated

If Biden somehow is selected by the Electoral College, despite the obvious voter fraud and the best efforts of Trump and his supporters to stop it, that does not mean that patriots give up. In fact, they must redouble their efforts, and there will be plenty of work to do.

One of the most important tools will be exercising the power of nullification at the state and local level. Biden has promised all manner of unconstitutional programs and

Schemers: Twitter and Facebook both worked relentlessly to censor the elected president of the United States of America and other prominent voices when they mentioned voter fraud.

power grabs. However, if state and local governments across the nation refuse to cooperate or submit, all the lawless executive orders in the world will be impotent. With their “sanctuary cities” and “sanctuary states,” along with ending marijuana prohibition, Democrats have provided valuable lessons in how it is done.

For instance, Biden promised he would seek to confiscate Americans’ “AR-14” firearms. Setting aside the fact that no such weapon exists (they are AR-15s), gun confiscation would be utterly impossible if sheriffs, police chiefs, governors, city councils, county commissions, state legislatures, and other authorities resist. And there is good reason to believe that — with enough support from the public — those “lesser magistrates” will indeed fight back.

No matter what happens in the weeks and months ahead, it will be more critical than ever that American patriots be involved in the fight at every level. Liberty and the future of the United States hang in the balance. ■

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THE BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF CONGRESS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

Though it is true that if Biden is declared president the Democrats will have much power, many of Biden's bad plans could be forestalled or averted by congressmen.

by Steve Byas

The 2020 presidential election somewhat overshadowed the very important contests for the 435 seats in the House of Representatives, and the 35 seats that were up for election in the Senate. As the dust has settled, it appears the Republicans gained several seats in the House — albeit still short of a majority in that body — and also appear likely to keep their majority in the Senate. Democrats in Congress and in the mainstream media had been confidently predicting a “blue wave” that would gain them seats in the House and enable them to capture the Senate.

It did not happen. Instead, the composition of the next Congress will illustrate the

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deep political and social divisions that exist in the country. While Republicans in Congress exhibit less-than-stellar dedication to the principles embedded in our federal Constitution, the Democrats have lurched far to the left in the past few years, openly and brazenly advocating radically changing our established form of government.

With the Democrats' House majority being diminished, and if the Republicans do keep the Senate by winning at least one of two senatorial run-off contests in Georgia on January 5, the most radical goals of the present leadership of the Democratic Party will be stymied for the next two years. We can expect millions of dollars to be poured into the twin Senate contests in Georgia.

If all members of Congress took their oath of fidelity to the Constitution of the United States as seriously as it is taken by Representative Thomas Massie, a Kentucky Republican, our country would

be much better off. Massie came under intense criticism from both sides of the aisle — both Democrats and Republicans — and even from President Donald Trump this past year when he insisted that the Constitution be followed (by insisting on a quorum), even during the time of the coronavirus pandemic.

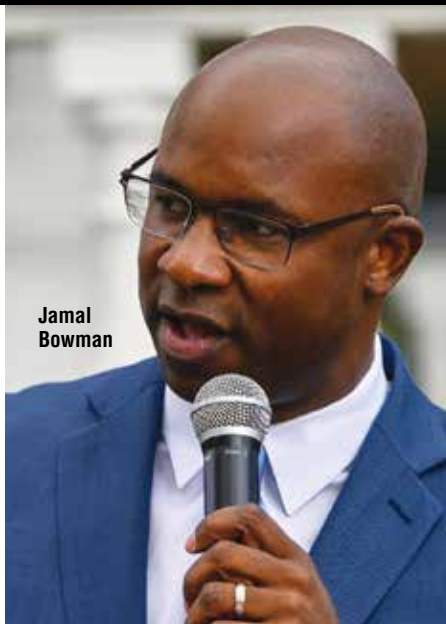
Fortunately, Massie was among those Republicans who coasted to an easy victory, both in his primary, and in the general election, but we must face a harsh reality. Very few members of Congress, in either the House or the Senate, consistently follow the limitations placed upon them by the Constitution they swear to uphold. The Constitution is quite clear. Only Congress can make law. Article I, Section 1 states, “All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives.”

This tells us two things. One, presidents



Cori Bush

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Jamal Bowman



Mondaire Jones

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who often arrogantly claim to make law via executive orders are not following the Constitution. And two, federal bureaucrats are not constitutionally empowered to make laws, either. And neither are federal judges. Also, even Congress is not allowed, under the Constitution, to make laws on any matters except those which are “herein granted.”

The House of Representatives

On election day, the Democrats had been confidently predicting increasing their House majority of 232 (218 being the minimum number for a majority in the House) and re-taking the Senate, in which the Republicans held an advantage of 53-47. This would enable them to enact a package of radical ideas designed to make it more difficult for Republicans to regain the House or Senate for the foreseeable future. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York had vowed to add Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia as states, which he presumes would add an additional four senators to the Democratic totals, and more members of the House.

Schumer was supported in this publicly announced goal by many other leading Democrats. After Schumer vowed to pack the Supreme Court with new members — with the intended result of giving the Democratic president the ability to nominate and the Democratic Senate to name jurists that would be compliant with the

political ideology of the present Democratic Party — Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden refused to say whether he would support such legislation. In fact, Biden basically said the voter really had no right to know until after the election. When Biden added that he would favor massive tax increases, and that he desired to phase out the oil and gas industry, control of Congress was seen by many voters as highly important to the future of the country.

In the aftermath of the election, some Democrats were quite angry at how radical proposals such as socialism and “defund the police” not only kept them from adding to their majority, but almost cost them the House and kept them from taking the Senate. Representative Abigail Spanberger (D-Va.) was narrowly reelected in her district, but during a post-election conference call of House Democrats, Spanberger, in profanity-laced remarks, told her colleagues they should quit talking about socialism, and that calls to defund the police nearly cost her reelection.

Other Democrats disagreed, however, and advocated doubling down on embracing socialism and continuing attacks upon local police as systemically racist. In fact, the “Squad” of hard-core leftists, led by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, an avowed socialist, appears to have added more members to its group — Jamal Bowman of New York; Cori Bush

More cadres: Cori Bush, Jamal Bowman, and Mondaire Jones are all radical leftists newly elected to the House of Representatives. They are now expected to join the so-called Squad of leftists led by the avowed socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York.

of Missouri; and Mondaire Jones of New York. With reduced numbers of Democrats in the House, it is expected that this radical group will wield even more clout in the Democratic Party in the next Congress.

Among the Democratic incumbents who went down to defeat in the 2020 elections was Representative Kendra Horn of Oklahoma. Horn had won an upset victory over an incumbent Republican in 2018 — the first time that a Democrat had won Oklahoma’s 5th congressional district since 1974. She lost to Republican State Senator Stephanie Bice. Horn was not atypical of the Democrat who runs in places such as Oklahoma as something of a “moderate,” but then winds up supporting most of the Democratic agenda. She even voted to impeach President Trump, despite the fact that there was no evidence that Trump had committed any impeachable offense and he had overwhelmingly won the state in 2016 (and would win it again in 2020).

In Minnesota, Republican Michelle Fischbach ousted Democratic Representative Collin Peterson. Among Republican incumbents to win was Representative Ann Wagner in a St. Louis suburb, despite a fierce Democratic effort. In Arkansas, Democrat Joyce Elliott went down to de-

feat to Republican Representative French Hill, in the Little Rock suburbs.

One of the more interesting victors was Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina, a Republican who, at just 25 years of age, is the youngest Republican ever elected to Congress. “Cry more, lib,” Cawthorn tweeted after his victory by more than 50,000 votes. Cawthorn spoke at the Republican National Convention this past summer, gaining attention for having overcome a severe automobile accident in 2014, which had left him partially paralyzed.

Another Republican victory came in Florida, where Byron Donalds, an African American, won with over 60 percent of the vote. Donalds had described himself as “Liberty-loving. Pro-Trump. Pro-2nd Amendment. Pro-Life. Husband & father to 3. Conservative.” He added that he was anti-socialist.

Donalds is an example of a definite increase in the number of black Americans who are trending to the Republican Party and more conservative principles. Not surprisingly, many Democrats are quite dismissive of such conservative black Republicans. One might recall that Biden said that any person even thinking about voting for Trump “ain’t black.” Representa-

tive Maxine Waters, the radical California Democrat, was even more adamant, saying she “will never, ever forgive” blacks who voted for Trump, calling them “shameful.”

Donalds, who was endorsed by Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky, had previously served in the Florida House of Representatives. “We need to secure our southern border and reform our entry/exit visa system, so we eliminate visa overstays,” Donalds said during the campaign. On the Second Amendment, Donalds said it was “just as important as the rest of the Bill of Rights.” He also promised to “fight to protect the life of every unborn child without exception.”

Republicans Pick Up Seats in the House

It is unclear exactly how many House seats were lost by the Democrats, but NBC said it could be as few as six or as many as 14. If the latter, that would give the Democrats 218 seats, the bare minimum for a majority. At any rate, the Republicans have defeated at least seven House Democratic incumbents, while losing no incumbents. The Republicans also gained the seat held by Representative Justin Amash in Michigan, who had been elected as a Republican, but switched to Independent. Republican Peter

Meijer defeated Democrat Hillary Scholten to replace Amash.

Other contests the Republicans won include the defeat of Representative Joe Cunningham in South Carolina by Republican Nancy Mace; Republican Yvette Herrell, who won her rematch over first-term Democratic Representative Xochitl Torres Small in New Mexico; Republican Ashley Hinson, who defeated first-term Democratic Representative Abby Finkenauer in Iowa; Republican Carlos Gimenez, who ousted Democratic incumbent Debbie Mucarsel-Powell in Florida; and Democrat Donna Shalala, closely tied with the Clintons, who lost her seat in Florida to Republican Maria Elvira Salazar.

In another interesting contest, Representative Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey, who switched from Democrat to Republican after disgust at the partisan impeachment of President Trump earlier in the year, defeated Amy Kennedy (who is married to a nephew of President Kennedy). Van Drew overcame a huge spending disadvantage in keeping his seat.

Also noteworthy, considering the narrative pushed by the Democrats in Congress and most of the national media, was that at least 13 conservative Republican women were added to the House in the election. At least six of them took seats that had been held by Democrats. The Republican effort was led by Representative Elise Stefanik of New York, who launched E-PAC (Elevate Political Action Committee). Stefanik said on election night, “The story of the night is the success of Republican women at the ballot box.” Prudence Robertson, speaking for the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List, was ecstatic. “Several of our endorsed candidates have won. There are 13 new pro-life women who have been elected to the House.... There are still eight races to be called, and a lot of them are looking really good.”

Robertson added, “It’s a stunning blow to Nancy Pelosi and her pro-abortion agenda.”

John Gizzi of Newsmax said that as many as 33 Republican women could win seats in the House, many of whom Gizzi says have a “take-no-prisoners” style much like President Trump. For example, Lauren Boebert, who ousted a Republican in the primary, is well known as the owner of a pub in which waitresses openly wear firearms.



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Masked, not muzzled: Chuck Schumer of New York, shown here with the Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California, is the Democratic Party leader in the Senate. Before the election, he was confidently predicting a “Blue Wave” of Democratic victories. He vowed to then pack the Supreme Court, add more states in order to create new Democratic senators, and terminate the Senate filibuster.

With the stunning losses, the Democrats are fearful about the 2022 midterms. One Democratic House member was quoted as saying, “If we don’t get our act together, we’re going to get creamed in 2022.” That is certainly possible, if history is any guide. Political parties who control the White House typically lose seats in the midterm, as the supporters of the party that has the White House tend to be somewhat more lackadaisical, and the supporters of the party that do not have the presidency are more energized. The Republicans lost 26 House seats in 1982 during Reagan’s first term, and the Democrats lost the House in 1994 during Bill Clinton’s first term. Then, in 2006, after 12 years of control, the Republicans lost the House during George W. Bush’s second term. In 2010, the Democrats lost the House during the first term of Barack Obama, and in 2018, the Republicans lost the House during the first term of Donald Trump.

With the more high-profile contests for president and the Senate, the battles for seats in the House of Representatives are mere after-thoughts to even political junkies. But the House of Representatives is

highly important, as the Republicans found out with the partisan impeachment by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the House Democrats earlier this year. (This was after the Democrats led the voters to believe impeachment was essentially off the table during their successful campaigns in 2018.)

The Importance of Focusing on the House of Representatives

All bills affecting revenue must, by the Constitution, originate in the House of Representatives, although the Senate and the president must agree, as on all other bills. Biden’s vow to dramatically raise taxes would likely get nowhere if the Republicans had a House majority. Any efforts to impose the totalitarian Green New Deal would be stillborn if its advocates did not have a majority in the House.

This is not to downplay the power of a president to advance (or block) a political agenda. Certainly, a cursory look at the presidencies of Obama and Trump illustrate that quite vividly. But without the acquiescence of the House of Representatives to provide the money for a president’s grandiose plans, we basically have

gridlock — which despite its bad reputation is usually quite good for Americans.

It should also be considered that it is much easier for a constitutional conservative to “fly under the radar,” so to speak, in a House race than a more high-profile Senate race. This past election demonstrates that powerfully.

On the other hand, if one party holds the House and the other party controls the Senate, we can also see a president’s agenda frustrated. Perhaps the most important domestic constitutional role of the Senate is the confirmation of federal judges, particularly on the Supreme Court. While the Founders did not envision the elevated role of the Supreme Court in our political system, the reality is that the control of the Senate plays a central role in the makeup of the federal judiciary. Without a majority of the Senate, President Trump could not have placed three lifetime nominees on the Supreme Court.

It is probable that the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, in which a 7-2 decision asserted that state laws against abortion were generally unconstitutional, is the major point of contention in Supreme Court nominee confirmation hearings. And since the Senate — and only the Senate — has a role in that confirmation process, Senate races often develop into contests that highlight a candidate’s position on what should be the proper role of judges in our system.

Senators are elected for terms of six years, with about one-third facing the voters every two years. As such, the party that holds the most seats that appear on the ballot generally has a more difficult task of holding on to its present membership. Going into the 2020 election, the Republicans held 53 seats, compared to 47 for the Democrats. Because of a special election in Georgia, in addition to the regularly scheduled election, two of those seats were in that state, for a total of 35 Senate seats on the ballot. About a dozen Republican seats were considered competitive, with only a couple of Democratic seats thought to be possibly in play.

Democrats Hoped to Win the U.S. Senate

Democrats were quite optimistic that they could win the White House and at least three more Senate seats, which would



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Great black hope: Representative Byron Donalds, a black Republican from Naples, Florida, won election to the U.S. House of Representatives. He ran as a staunch conservative, and Republicans hope that his victory signals a rise in support for their party among black Americans.



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Plans to bypass the law: President Donald Trump has, with a Republican Senate, added three more (hopefully constitutionalist) justices to the Supreme Court. Many Democrats, however, are enraged and plan to “pack” the Supreme Court with more left-wing judges when they can.

have given them control. (If that happened, the Democrats would be able to count on their party’s vice president to give them a 51-50 edge as a tiebreaker). Actually, the Democrats expected to do even better than that, but it was not to be.

First of all, Senator Doug Jones, the Alabama Democrat, won his seat in a special election, after Republican Senator Jeff Sessions resigned to take the post as attorney general in the Trump administration. When Judge Roy Moore won the Republican nomination, the national media launched a smear campaign against Moore, allowing Jones to win an election largely considered a fluke in heavily Republican Alabama. It was widely believed that Jones would lose the seat in 2020, when his special two-year term ran out, which is what happened. Former Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville easily ousted Jones, which brought the Republicans up to 54 Senate seats.

But two Republican incumbents — Martha McSally in Arizona, and Cory Gardner in Colorado — lost their bids for reelection. Those two were considered the most vulnerable of all Republican Senate incumbents, but there were others whom the Democrats hoped, and even expected, to retire: Thom Tillis of North Carolina;

Susan Collins of Maine; Dan Sullivan of Alaska; Joni Ernst in Iowa; and Steve Daines in Montana. All were reelected, despite most polls showing them losing. Democrats also spent nearly \$100 million against Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, fueled by anger that as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee he pushed through Trump’s three Supreme Court nominees. Despite such spending against him, Graham won by a strong margin.

Polls almost uniformly supported the Democrats’ hopes, which has led many Republicans to question the honesty of the polling industry. For example, in Maine, Collins trailed in every establishment poll for months, yet she won by better than seven points! Tillis was seen as a goner in the North Carolina Senate race, with polls indicating a Democratic pickup, yet Tillis won there.

At the end, Democrats had a net gain of *one* Senate seat, with the two Georgia seats that will see run-off races in January expected to determine control of that chamber. When Republican incumbent Johnny Isakson was forced to retire early due to failing health, Kelly Loeffler was appointed by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp to replace him until a special elec-

tion could be held in conjunction with the regular election in November 2020.

There was no primary to determine the nominees of the Democratic and Republican parties, as all candidates, regardless of party, were placed on the ballot. Under Georgia law, if a candidate won a majority of the vote, that candidate would be declared the winner. However, with nearly 20 candidates, including six Republicans, eight Democrats, a Libertarian candidate, a Green Party hopeful, and four Independents, it was highly unlikely that any one candidate was going to achieve a majority of the vote.

Loeffler finished second, with 26 percent of the vote, behind Democrat Raphael Warnock, who had about 33 percent. Warnock ran far ahead of the rest of the Democrats, while Loeffler had a strong Republican opponent, who took 20 percent of the total. That Republican, Doug Collins, has given Loeffler a ringing endorsement for the January 5 run-off.

The total Republican vote was 2,416,635, as opposed to the total Democratic vote of 2,360,576. In January, the contest will be limited to Warnock and Loeffler, and it is expected that millions of dollars will pour into Georgia from outside of the state to influence the outcome of what is expected to be a close contest.

Incumbent Republican David Perdue was almost able to win without the January run-off, as he bagged 49.8 percent of the vote, to 47.9 for Democrat Jon Ossoff. In Perdue’s race, since it was a regular general election, there were no additional Republicans or Democrats on the ballot, but there was a Libertarian, Shane Hazel, who took in 2.3 percent. This is something that our readers should be aware of — Libertarian candidates may have cost Trump valuable votes in the close swing states, enough to swing the state to Democrat Joe Biden. Based on studies of how people who vote Libertarian vote when there is no Libertarian on the ballot, a certain number will not even bother to vote. However, when Libertarians *do* vote absent a Libertarian candidate, it is well established they are more likely to vote Republican than Democrat. In other words, had Hazel not been on the ballot, it is almost certain that Perdue would have already been reelected. Now, he has to win a run-off on January 5.

We can expect that in both Georgia races,

If one party holds the House and the other party controls the Senate, we can also see a president's agenda frustrated.



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Missed their target: Despite about \$100 million being spent to defeat Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), he won easily. Graham was one of many Republican senators targeted for defeat who were ultimately reelected. Progressives were particularly angry at Graham because he shepherded Trump's judicial nominees through the Judiciary Committee, which he chairs.

the national media will slant their coverage against the two Republicans, and polling will probably have the Democrats leading, in an effort to demoralize the Republicans and hurt their fundraising. Polling in this past election, in both the presidential contest and these competitive Senate races, had the Democrats performing better than they actually did — in every case. It is difficult to believe that was just coincidental. Also, with widespread evidence of election rigging by Democrats in this election, the election might rest almost exclusively on whether or not efforts are made to ferret out and punish fraudsters. If no one is held accountable for fraud, we can count on a repeat in the senatorial election.

Political Realignment Taking Place in America

Pollsters underestimated the percentages of minority voters voting Republican in

both the presidential and congressional races, missing the political realignment that is taking place. Working and middle-class voters have been trending more Republican for the past several election cycles, a process that was probably retarded by some weak presidential Republican candidates such as Mitt Romney and John McCain, but was accelerated by Donald Trump. While Republicans such as Romney, McCain, and George W. Bush tended to soften their differences (if they have any) with the Democrats, Trump opted to highlight the differences. Scott Jennings, a Republican strategist, said in the aftermath of the election that Trump had “reorganized the political parties,” and the Republicans, not the Democrats, are now the home of “working-class America.”

Erick Erickson, a conservative with *The Resurgent*, expressed similar sentiments. “For the last decade I have been saying

... that we were headed towards realignment as black and Hispanic voters leave the Democratic Party and secular white people move to the Democrats... In Florida, Hispanic voters and young black men handed Donald Trump the state [while] in Texas ... working-class white voters and Hispanic voters saved the GOP.”

Erickson contends that the socially liberal policies of the progressives who are now driving the agenda of the Democratic Party are “anathema to these voters.” Insulting the traditional standards of morality of millions of voters, while focusing on such things as the LGBTQ agenda, is pushing many working-class Americans — of whatever ethnicity — into the Republican Party. As well, many voters understand that destroying the oil and gas industry would destroy not only the oil and gas industry, but the entire economy.

Interestingly, before Donald Trump, there was much discussion within the Republican Party hierarchy as to how to reach the very voters that Trump has been reaching. Far too often, these very same people have not given Trump any credit for this, and even more importantly, have not even considered why more Hispanics and blacks voted for Trump — and other Republicans — this time than voted for either Romney or McCain in the past presidential elections.

In preparing for the next election cycle, it is important that those who understand the issues (such as the socialist agenda behind the alarmism of “climate change”) and the principles behind the issues (limited, constitutional government and the power of the free market) educate those who do not. We cannot expect candidates to conduct educational campaigns in order to win. Instead, a good candidate running in a congressional district in which the electorate understands the proper role of government has a much better chance of winning than one running in a district dominated by sources of information emanating from the Left.

It is a difficult task. Those forces that favor the collectivization of society largely control academia, from kindergarten through graduate school, as well as the media and the entertainment industry. Even professional sports are now used to advance a secular progressive agenda.

But it is a task worth taking on if we want to see the survival of a free society in America. ■



THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

Race to Kindness

Fifth-grader Orion Jean of Dallas, Texas, is on a mission to prove that kindness can change the world and has set some ambitious goals to achieve just that. His latest campaign is to donate 100,000 meals to people in need by Thanksgiving, CBS Dallas reported.

According to the news outlet, altruism is in Jean's blood. Earlier this year, he won a Think Kindness National Speech Contest in which he answered the question, "How can kindness change a nation?"

"The difficult situations impacting our world has shown us that kindness is more important now than ever before," he wrote. "We've heard about the families hurting from this pandemic; the communities suffering injustice, and the people being OVER virtual learning.... We could really use a big hug right now. And that's just it. Kindness is like spreading hugs around the world to those who need it and those who might not even know they need it."

"The acts could be something small, but in the end, make a big difference to the person receiving it."

Jean's speech won first prize: \$500. But Jean walked away with so much more than just prize money. The speech contest inspired Jean to create his own "Race to Kindness" events, according to Jean's Race to Kindness website.

"Of course I told everyone in my speech to go do an act of kindness and the best way to do that is lead by example so I decided there's more money coming in anyway, why don't we start a series of events?" Orion said, according to KTEM News Radio 14.

It was with the \$500 he won from that speech contest that Jean started his Race to 500 Toys Drive, in which he collected and donated more than 600 toys to hospitalized children.

Jean has now launched the Race to 100,000 Meals food drive and is asking for food donations. Meals will consist of a bottle of water, two tangerines or one apple, one cup of applesauce or a tuna pouch, and one packaged granola bar. The items should be placed in a brown paper bag with an uplifting message written on the outside.

"I'm asking everyone to join me in a

race to kindness," Orion said. "This has been a rough year for everybody."

The Race to 100,000 Meals campaign will go until November 25. Individuals who wish to donate can either drop off donations locally or submit monetary donations via racetokindness.com.

Heroes Helping Heroes

When wildfires destroyed the homes of six volunteer firefighters in Berry Creek, California, in September, a local hero stepped in to provide shelter.

Woody Faircloth had founded a nonprofit with his then-seven-year-old daughter, Luna, in 2018, called RV-4CampfireFamily. The two started the nonprofit after a campfire in Paradise, California, turned into the deadliest wildfire in California history, killing 85 people and destroying 14,000 homes, leaving more than 50,000 people homeless. Faircloth's nonprofit saw to it that more than 70 RVs were delivered to survivors so they had shelter.

"People have RVs (that) may be used once or twice a year, or maybe they don't use them anymore at all," he explained. "When they donate them to us, we can immediately deploy them to people that need them most.... It's super powerful and just an amazing gift from the donors."

Recently, when Faircloth learned that the homes of six volunteer firefighters from Station 61 had been destroyed in a wildfire and that the losses did not keep the firefighters from working around the clock to save others, he knew he wanted to thank them in a big way. With just 14 miles between Berry Creek and Paradise, Faircloth was local enough to provide nearly immediate help from his recently renamed nonprofit, EmergencyRV.org.

According to CNN, all the firefighters who lost their homes received RVs within a week.

The firefighters were beyond grateful for Faircloth's generosity. One firefighter, Katherine Molohon, recalls the moment she learned her home was destroyed by the fire and how she kept working in spite of it.

"We were driving through, trying to get people evacuated, drove by my house — I

said, 'Bye house' and kept going," she told Faircloth.

Until Molohon was given one of Faircloth's RVs, she had been living in a shed on her mother's property.

Berry Creek's fire chief, Reed Rankin, who heads the volunteer department, also lost his house, and had been forced to sleep in a truck before Faircloth stepped in.

Get Well, Zion

A family friend of four-year-old Zion of Trenton, New Jersey, put out a Twitter request for "Get Well" notes for the toddler, who was struggling following a bone-marrow transplant, and the response has been enormous.

"Dear parents of small children, I have a 4 y.o. friend having a tough time," family friend Theresa Chapple tweeted. "I would like your help in making her smile. Could your child make and send Zion a get well card?"

Zion suffers from sickle cell anemia, and recently required a bone-marrow transplant. To prepare her body for the transplant, Zion required chemotherapy, which caused her a lot of pain and discomfort. According to Zion's mother, Sara Hicks, Zion was having a hard time and had not smiled much.

Chapple wanted to do something to help. She explained the pandemic has been particularly hard on families of children with health issues. Support services have been suspended in many areas, and families have been feeling isolated, Today.com added.

"All I was out to do from this is to try to get Zion to smile," she told Today.com. But she did not expect the flood of support that followed. The tweet received approximately 900 responses, according to Chapple.

"It really took off quickly," Chapple said. "People wanted to know if there were other things that they could send, if Sara needed anything else with her hospital stay."

Today.com reported that, in addition to sending notes of encouragement and "Get Well" cards, people have donated meal vouchers for Zion and her mother, who has been staying at the hospital at Zion's bedside. People have also donated toys to help Zion and other sick children who have been at the hospital for lengthy stays. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

The LONG SHADOW of the SPANISH FLU

One hundred years ago, an influenza pandemic killed tens of millions. Some cities trialed public-health policies that today have become standard measures in “lockdowns.” Those measures were ineffective then, as they are today.



What's new is old: Police officers in Seattle wear masks to ward off the Spanish flu. Interventions widely used today were tried in scattered fashion then, with little effectiveness.

by Dennis Behreandt

In the fabled California of yesterday, land of blue skies and optimism, of sun-kissed valleys filled with spreading oaks flanked by the majesty of snow-capped peaks, a youngster walked, contemplating the glory of nature around him. It was an idyllic place. “Under the live oaks, shaded and dusky, the maiden-

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hair flourished and gave a good smell...” this youngster would go on to write many years later. “Under the mossy banks of the water courses whole clumps of five-fingered ferns and goody-backs hung down. Then there were harebells, tiny lanterns, cream white and almost sinful looking, and these were so rare and magical that a child, finding one, felt singled out and special all day long.”

To this beauty of nature, man had added industry, utilizing the soil of the valley to grow first wheat then vegetables, and especially sugar beets. Looking to that valley the youngster — at 16 too old to be a boy, but not yet a man — saw those ever expanding fields of beets where the purple roots were harvested and loaded

for shipping to the great Spreckels beet works in Salinas, there to be refined for their sugar. The great factory, the youngster knew, had been thrown up by an army of workers only a few years before his birth in 1897. It was an odd coincidence, he thought, that the house he and his family lived in had also been built in that year of optimism and confidence in Salinas.

As he looked on, he might have noticed a feeling of unease. A gasp of breath here, the slight pounding in his head, foreshadowing a blossoming headache. It had started while still in class at the high school. Now he was beginning to feel dizzy. John Steinbeck, at once enraptured, as usual, by the land around him, made for home.

He arrived at the family home pale, dizzy, and weak, and went straight to bed. As his mother looked on in growing concern, his fever skyrocketed and he became delirious. It was 1918, and John Steinbeck was in the grip of the great and terrible Spanish flu, a terrifying and mysterious disease that had roared across the country and the world, striking down even the youngest and most fit. "I went down and down," Steinbeck recalled of the experience, "until the wingtips of angels touched my eyes." A doctor was called.

The situation was grim indeed. Emergency surgery seemed to be the only possible treatment. The doctor administered ether to the deathly ill boy and began cutting. He removed a rib and gained access thereby to an infected lung, from which he drained the pus generated by the infection. It was a shockingly aggressive treatment. Could it work? One of the boy's sisters recalled her brother's condition. "We thought surely he would die on us," she said. "John looked horrible, horrible. We did everything we could for him. And he had a relapse. It took a long time, but he was all right in the end. I must say, we were scared to death."

John Steinbeck, suspected by George Orwell of being a "crypto-communist," went on to be a giant among 20th-century journalists and novelists, reporting from the front lines in Europe in World War II and penning the classics *East of Eden*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Of Mice and Men*, and *Cannery Row*.

Unlike millions of others who perished from the Spanish flu, some survived, and Steinbeck, sans the surgically removed

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It spread like wildfire: Soldiers treated for the flu in an emergency hospital at Camp Funston in Kansas. Medical professionals had few answers for treatment of those sickened.

rib, was one of those. Now a century from the great influenza, we face our own pandemic, though one that is far less lethal in comparison. Still, the parallels, if at least where policy if not biology is concerned, are instructive. Many of the policies that have been imposed by statist technocrats and opportunistic politicians worldwide today were tried locally and on smaller scales when John Steinbeck was a teenager. Those policies, while efficiently destroying liberty in the United States and abroad today, have been ineffective in stopping the increase in the number of cases. This should not come as a surprise in light of 1918. Though tried on smaller and more local scales at that time, they failed then, too.

Not Spanish, but Death

Rumor has it that the Spanish flu got its start, naturally, in Spain. This is probably not true. It may have started out, like our own plague, in China. Possibly, too, it started out in Kansas. Or it came from the battlefields of the Western Front, where it struck early and viciously. And maybe it wasn't even simply the influenza virus alone, but some other complicating pathogen of bacterial strain that took advantage of a flu-weakened immune system. And, all too familiar to our COVID world today, there may have been also a disordered immune cascade response in the bodies of the afflicted. Whatever evil combination of pathogens and events it was that added up to "Spanish flu," it was

Whatever evil combination of pathogens and events it was that added up to “Spanish flu,” it was in the end remarkably — and quickly — deadly.



So-called success: A flu victim is carried on a stretcher in St. Louis. Despite public-health interventions, the Spanish flu still claimed many victims in the city.

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Writing in his history of the flu — *Influenza* — Dr. Jeremy Brown pointed out that an early report of the disease in Valencia, Spain, on May 28, 1918 appeared in medical literature, which noted the “disease was stated to be characterized by high fever, to be of short duration.” A month later, Brown noted, “the *New York Times* noted that a new disease, the ‘Spanish Influenza,’ was ‘now epidemic all along the German front’” during the latter days of World War One.

But this wasn’t the first occurrence of what forever after would be named the “Spanish Flu.” Author and academic Catharine Arnold pointed out that the disease

was already carrying off victims a year earlier. One of its early victims was Private Harry Underdown of Kent in England. In the late winter of 1917, Underdown took ill with what was termed a “widespread broncho-pneumonia.” J.A.B. Hammond of the Royal Army Medical Corps thought he had seen this disease before: “He had witnessed similar symptoms in previous patients at Étaples, one of whom had recovered,” Arnold wrote. Summarizing his symptoms, Arnold noted that he had the usual signs of pneumonia but with certain important differences. These included “the amount of purulent pus Harry produced, together with a terrible breathlessness that made him visibly distressed, panicking and attempting to leap out of bed.” As he succumbed to the

disease, she wrote, “his skin began to acquire a ‘dusky heliotrope type of cyanosis of the face’ due to lack of oxygen.” Harry Underdown died of the disease on February 21, 1917. Whatever this disease was, it was spreading — “the disease that killed Harry Underdown had eventually caused the death of 156 soldiers at Étaples during February and March 1917,” Arnold noted.

This ominous development was little noticed at the time, for good reason. War was raging in Europe, and America, hitherto standing apart from the fray (at least militarily), was being dragged ever closer to the hostilities, not the least by an administration in the White House that had designs on creating a world government on the wreckage left in the wake of the bloody destruction of the world war. On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress for a declaration of war against Germany, and America began arming for war. This was to have consequences not just in the spheres of war fighting and foreign policy, but also, as yet unknown to doughboys, policymakers, politicians, and military leaders alike, in the spheres of public health and epidemiology.

The call-up of troops, raised via the draft, saw millions of young Americans, at the prime of their young lives, summoned for training and service. Under the call-up, “all males aged 21 to 30 were required to register for military service and a draft of some 2.8 million men for training and overseas service began,” noted authors Dr. Steven Hatfill, a bioweapons expert; Robert Coullahan; and Dr. John Walsh of Vanderbilt University in *Three Seconds Until Midnight*, their 2019 book on the threat of pandemic viral outbreaks. “Consequently,” they continued, “thousands upon thousands of fit young men began to pour into the large military training camps that were quickly set up throughout the United States.” These training camps put tens of thousands of young men into living quarters of close proximity, creating near-perfect conditions for disease outbreaks. Moreover, the living environment and climate were themselves conducive to disease, not the least in the camps in Kansas where the large training ground of Camp Funston was to be found. That winter in the region “was typified by extreme cold weather” and “the coal-heated tents and formal barracks at the

Camp Funston cantonment were not only overcrowded but also poorly ventilated. In addition to the low humidity created by the cold weather, this created the perfect environmental conditions for the spread of any airborne respiratory virus.”

In early March 1918, the first soldier to catch the Spanish flu fell sick. Like a wildfire the virus quickly erupted into a raging inferno of disease at the camp. By the end of the month over 1,100 soldiers had been hospitalized.

This outbreak, however, didn't stop preparations for war, and soldiers were transferred to other bases as normal. They brought the flu with them. “By the end of March, some 24 of the 36 largest military training camps in the United States were experiencing Influenza outbreaks,” Hatfill and his co-authors noted. “In addition, some 30 cities near these Army camps, were also suffering from outbreaks of Influenza.” And the spread wasn't confined to America. As American soldiers transferred to France, the outbreak spread in Europe, too. “By mid-April, outbreaks were occurring in both the French and British Army and by the end of that month, Influenza outbreaks were occurring in the suburbs of Paris.”

Neither were the Germans immune. “Our army suffered. Influenza was rampant,” German General Erich Ludendorff wrote in his memoirs. “It was a grievous business having to listen every morning to the chief of staff's recital of the number of influenza cases, and their complaints about the weakness of their troops if the English attacked again.”

Though it sickened many, at this stage the quickly spreading disease had not yet displayed, on a large scale, the lethality for which it remains known today. But there were scattered concerning reports. “One isolated report described an outbreak in a remote French Army Camp with a 5% mortality rate,” Hatfill, Coullahan, and Walsh noted.

Soon, the disease grew deadlier on a wide scale. Alarming and extreme symptoms with rapid onset began to be noticed, and the number of deaths began to grow as spring and summer gave way to autumn in 1918. The new, deadlier sickness struck the East Coast, first in Boston and then Philadelphia, brought to the region by the movement of soldiers.

Perhaps worst hit in the region was Camp Devens, only 35 miles from Bos-

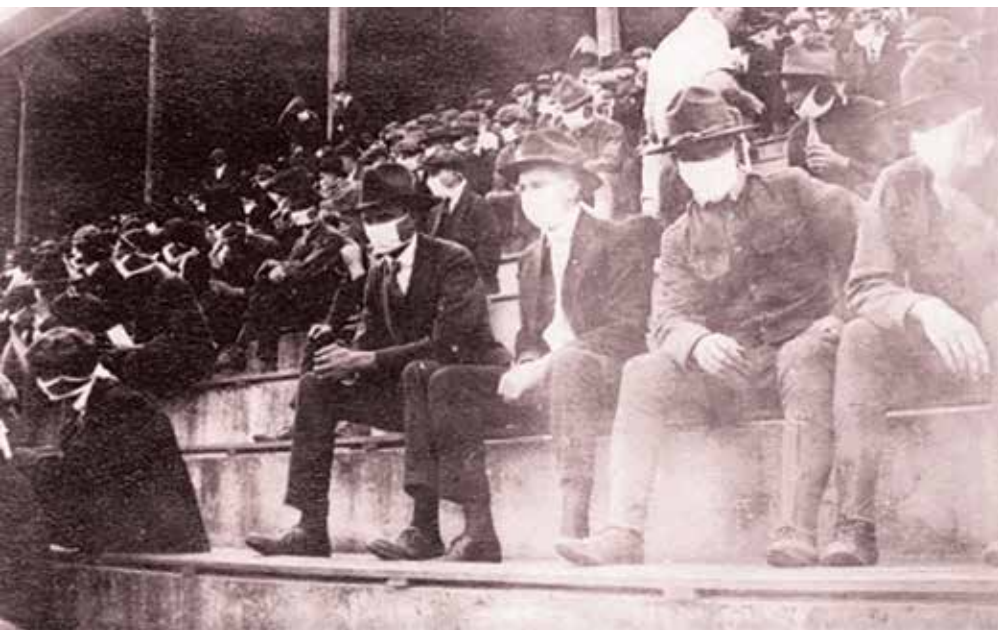
ton. Designed to house 36,000 men, the population of the camp had grown to more than 45,000. Quickly, it seemed, the entire camp was sickened, and the camp hospital was massively overwhelmed. But this time, the disease was much more deadly — terrifyingly so.

An eyewitness account came from an orderly at the camp hospital, known to history only as “Roy.” The infection started like any other flu but, according to Roy, soon developed into “the most vicious type of Pneumonia that has ever been seen.” As many as 20 percent of the soldiers at the camp became sick, Hatfill and his co-authors noted. In his book on the disease, *Influenza*, Dr. Jeremy Brown noted that there began to be up to 100 deaths from the disease each day at the camp. “It beats any sight they ever had in France after a battle,” Roy, the eyewitness who had seen the battlefields in Europe, wrote of the deaths.

Another witness to the outbreak at Camp Devens was Dr. Victor C. Vaughn, dean of the medical school at the University of Michigan, who was haunted for life by the grim experience of the pandemic at Devens.

“I see hundreds of young, stalwart men in the uniform of their country coming into the wards of the hospital in groups of ten or more,” he wrote in his memoirs. “They are placed on the cots until every bed is full and yet others crowd in. The faces soon wear a bluish cast; a distressing cough brings up the blood stained sputum. In the morning the dead bodies are stacked about the morgue like cord wood.” There was little he could do for his patients. “The deadly influenza,” he concluded, “demonstrated the inferiority of human interventions in the destruction of human life.”

Writing in the journal *Science* in early November 1918, Major George Soper of the U.S. Sanitary Corps, at the time a leading expert on epidemic disease, described the impact of the Spanish flu on the American military. “Rarely before in the history of war has infection exhibited a more explosive character or has so large a proportion of troops been infected in camps under conditions of abundant shelter and food and freedom from strains and anxieties of conflict,” he wrote. “The epidemic has been attended,” he noted ominously, “by an unusual fatality.”



They didn't know about viral infections: A masked crowd assembles for a Georgia Tech football game in 1918. Viruses were unknown, and it was hoped masks might be effective against the bacteria that many believed caused the infection.

From the Army camps and Navy yards, the deadly contagion spread across the country and the world.

Resistance Is Futile

As Dr. Vaughn had become painfully aware, medicine in 1918 had no practical means of treating the disease, of slowing it down, or of saving the lives of the afflicted. Survival or death was a matter only for the individual's immune system to decide.

Still, some localities tried non-pharmaceutical strategies to stop the pandemic. Unlike today's, these were largely local efforts in the places they occurred. But many of these efforts were very similar to the large-scale mandates of today. And, like today's, most of them were reactionary and merely symbolic.

In his paper for *Science* in 1918, Soper was already warning about the danger of imprudent reactions to the outbreak of disease. Pandemic diseases, he warned, "appear with electric suddenness, and, acting like powerful, uncontrolled currents, produce violent and eccentric effects." The result, he warned, always startles. "The consternation and alarm which it produces frequently lead to irrational and futile measures to check it."

An effective solution, Soper offered, was isolation of the sick to prevent them from spreading the disease. Though sensible, this in practice rarely works, he warned, because such efforts are rarely, if ever, taken in time to stop the disease. In the end, he noted, "the epidemics stop themselves. This they do either by the exhaustion of the susceptible material, by a reduction in the virulence of the causative agent, or both."

One of the panicked efforts some localities used to try to stop the Spanish flu was to require citizens to wear masks. At the end of November 1918, Phoenix, Arizona, mandated mask-wearing on public streets. The very next day, police began arresting those who did not comply. "In fulfillment of the announcement made yesterday morning that strict enforcement of the order requiring the universal wearing of influenza masks by all persons appearing on the streets would be made that day, the first person to be taken into custody was Edwin C. Moore, an employee of the E.S. Wakelin Grocery Company," the *Arizona Republic* reported on November 30, 1918. "Moore was arrested shortly after noon

and taken before Justice De Souza, where he was charged with violation of the health department regulation providing for the compulsory wearing of influenza masks."

Being as viruses were unknown in 1918, compulsory mask mandates were slightly more understandable in the context of the time, though the mandates did nothing to make the masks more effective.

Even so, many opposed mandatory mask-wearing in places where it was tried. On January 10, 1919, the *East Oregonian* of Pendleton, Oregon, reported that the city was forced to stop mandating masks due to opposition. "The provision of Pendleton's new flu ordinance requiring restaurant waiters, barbers, dentists and the workers in a number of other occupations to wear flu masks while engaged in their work was repealed at a special meeting of the city council," the paper reported. "Enforcement of the ordinance threatened to close a number of the restaurants and dining rooms through the refusal of waiters to wear the masks and quitting their jobs rather than to do so. The doctors of the city did not uphold the ordinance, in fact themselves refusing to wear masks." The city council vote in

Pendleton overturning the mask mandate was unanimous.

Still, Pendleton continued other restrictions that are similar to those imposed for COVID. "Repealing the flu mask requirement in no way affects the rest of the ordinance," the *East Oregonian* noted. "The number of people to be allowed in store rooms is still limited to one to each 100 square feet. Crowds are not allowed to gather at the depots. In transacting business people are not allowed to get closer than four feet to each other. Pool rooms are limited to two players to a table. Churches can be opened provided those attending are limited to one to each 100 square feet."

Other places imposed regulations of more dubious and extreme character. The state of New York, for instance, sought to regulate sneezing. An announcement of the New York sneeze regulation was carried by the *Audubon County Journal* in Exira, Iowa, on October 17, 1918. A few days earlier, that paper reported, "Dr. Herman Briggs, state commissioner of health was directed by the public health council of the State Department to take charge of the Spanish Influenza situation in the state. The council adopted a rule making it



The opposite of being locked in and locked down: Flu patients at Walter Reed Hospital being treated in an open gallery for fresh air.



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Pretend protection: A visitor's temperature is checked by an employee at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Compared to COVID, the Spanish flu was far more deadly, and public health interventions were just as futile as today.

a misdemeanor for any person to sneeze in a public place without covering the mouth or nose. Violators will be rigidly prosecuted," the paper warned. "Punishment will be \$500 or one year in prison or both."

Illinois, meanwhile, demonstrated an early predilection for tyranny in the face of disease, a habit continued to the present. "Further drastic steps to check the spread of Spanish Influenza in Illinois were taken last night when a proclamation was issued with the consent of the governor forbidding 'all public gatherings of a social nature not absolutely essential to war work,'" reported the *Bridgeport Times and Evening Farmer* of Bridgeport, Connecticut, on October 18, 1918.

Herd Immunity?

As Major Soper warned in his article in *Science*, these measures indeed proved futile. Three days after Christmas, 1918, the *Seattle Star* reported that many measures "hurt businesses" and tended to "alarm the people." Quarantines, theoretically useful if properly implemented, were often impossible to use in any type of timely fashion, as Soper also warned. "New York's health officer, Dr. R.S. Copeland, opposes

quarantines as a method for checking spread of 'flu,'" the *Star* reported.

Closures were ordered and meetings banned, for example, in Washington, D.C. On October 9, 1918, the *Washington Times*, then a William Randolph Hearst paper according to the Library of Congress, reported: "All outdoor public gatherings must be discontinued in the district. A formal order to this effect will be issued late today by Commissioner [Louis] Brownlow."

The *Times* then quoted Brownlow regarding the order: "'This order includes all indoor and outdoor services in churches,' Commissioner Brownlow said. 'No funerals or weddings will be permitted in churches, and no outdoor gatherings will be allowed.'"

The Spanish flu was deadly — more so than most previous pandemic diseases, and more dangerous than any since, by a wide margin. The efforts made to stop its spread, futile though they were, in context were nonetheless understandable. Still, data from Washington, D.C., underscored the impossibility of stopping the disease by these measures. Between October 1, 1918 and February 1, 1919, nearly 34,000

residents of the city were sickened by the disease; 2,895 people died. "The result was one of the more devastating epidemics in the nation: an excess death rate of 608 per 100,000," says the *Influenza Encyclopedia*. For comparison, the United States has seen 85 excess deaths per 100,000 during the COVID pandemic, according to *The Economist*. Sweden, where masks are not worn and lockdowns are greatly limited, has seen 62 excess deaths per 100,000.

A further illuminating comparison between the Spanish flu and COVID can be made by looking at the infection fatality rate (IFR) of each. The World Health Organization has produced statistics that it says indicates that 10 percent of the world's population has been infected by SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID. As *OffGuardian* pointed out, "That's an infection fatality rate of roughly 0.14%. Right in line with seasonal flu." By comparison, as *Human Events* pointed out, "According to the National Institutes of Health, the Spanish Flu infected approximately 500 million worldwide, with anywhere from 50 to 100 million people having died from the disease. This creates an IFR of 10-20%."

Notwithstanding the non-pharmaceutical measures taken to stop the Spanish flu, deaths mounted precipitously in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere. Despite this, the *Influenza Encyclopedia* argues that "those cities that used social distancing measures and other non-pharmaceutical interventions in 1918 fared better than those that did not." Such measures, though, did not stop Washington, D.C., from having one of the worst Spanish flu outcomes.

A large part of the case made to support the idea that social distancing worked in 1918 comes from a comparison of Philadelphia with St. Louis — a comparison made by *USA Today* on May 25, 2020. Philadelphia, it is said, did not engage in aggressive lockdown-type regulations, and even had a large parade that likely contributed to the spread of the pathogen. Meanwhile, St. Louis' measures appeared to work. But many other factors may have been in play: There were one million more people in Philadelphia than St. Louis and the population density almost certainly was a factor; Philadelphia and St. Louis both had nearby military facilities, but Philadelphia was a major transportation hub for materiel and soldiers and oth-

ers traveling to Europe and back for the war. Two million men were transported to Europe, tens of thousands from Philadelphia. The highly concentrated influx and throughput of people and materiel for the war led to a much greater degree of exposure to infection in Philadelphia.

An example of the uniqueness of Philadelphia at the time as a manufacturing and shipping hub for the war is the launch of the steamship *Quistconck*. This freighter was launched from the city's huge Hog Island Shipyard on August 5, 1918 to great fanfare. Attending the launch were President Woodrow Wilson and First Lady Edith Wilson, who christened the ship. Along with the president, the crowd watching "numbered more than sixty thousand people, and special trains from Washington and New York brought many notable guests," recounted Francis March in his 1919 *History of the World War*. This was in addition to the 35,000 people employed by the shipyard. For this and other reasons, Philadelphia and St. Louis are not necessarily a strong comparison. Moreover, even with

stronger and more rapid social controls imposed, theoretically, in St. Louis, the Spanish flu remained deadly — nearly 0.4 percent of the population still perished. Approximately 0.8 percent of the population of Philadelphia died from the infection.

In total, across the globe, as many as 50 million people likely died from the Spanish flu. Other estimates are much higher, with one noting that as many as 100 million died. This was a devastating disease, and while lockdowns and social distancing were attempted on a haphazard basis, they proved to have only a minor impact, a point made by bioweapons expert Steven Hatfill and his co-authors in *Three Seconds Until Midnight*.

"One paradox," they wrote, "is that despite the social measures introduced in 1918 to disrupt the spread of the virus, these failed to reduce its transmission" to the extent needed to control the spread. "This is important," they continued, "because most of the social interventions tried in 1918, are identical to the measures that would be implemented today."

Those words were written before the outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 and make an important point that must be emphasized: It is ludicrous to think that we can combat a pandemic with public-health approaches from more than a century ago.

Surely we can do better than indiscriminate tyranny.

In the end, the worst of the Spanish flu pandemic had come to an end as the calendar ticked over to 1919 and was, for the most part, over by 1920. The end came not because of any action taken by public-health "authorities" or because medical treatment proved effective. Unlike today when medical science is rapidly coming to grips with treatments for COVID, in 1918 there was no treatment for the Spanish flu available. The end came through herd immunity.

Though the concept of herd immunity is heavily criticized by mainstream sources today, even left-wing *Slate* admitted that this was how the Spanish flu ended. The pandemic, *Slate* explained in 2009, "eventually ran out of nonimmune, nondead people to infect." ■



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Pro-Second Amendment Advocate Elected N.C. Attorney General

While Second Amendment supporters might have been dismayed on election night, the Blaze reported on November 5 about one victorious Republican candidate whose strong pro-gun views are what originally propelled him into the spotlight. Mark Robinson won the race for attorney general in North Carolina with 52 percent of the vote, and it all started with a speech Robinson gave back in 2018. Shortly after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, Robinson spoke to the Greensboro City Council in a speech supportive of the Second Amendment. The rousing speech was recorded and shared on social media, where it ended up going viral and being shared millions of times. The speech is so powerful that some key portions of it are reproduced below:

It seems like every time we have one of these shootings, nobody wants to blame, put the blame where it goes, which is at the shooter's feet. You want to put it at my feet. You want to turn around and restrict my right — constitutional right — it's spelled out in black and white.... You want to restrict my right to buy a firearm and protect myself from some of the very people you're talking about in here tonight. It's ridiculous; I don't think Rod Serling could come up with a better script. It does not make any sense.... That's the reason I came down here today.

Gun show or no gun show, NRA or no NRA, I'm here to stand up for the law-abiding citizens of this community, because I'm going to tell you what's going to happen. You can take the guns away from us all you want to, you all write a law, I follow the law, I'll bring my guns down here, I'll turn them in. But here's what's going to happen: The Crips and The Bloods on the other side of town, they're not going to turn their guns in, they're going to hold on to them. And what's going to happen when

you have to send the police down there to go take them? The police can barely enforce the law as it is, as what I see we demonize the police, criminalize and vilify the police, and we make the criminals into victims. And we're talking about restricting guns? How are you going to do that? How are you going to do that when the police department is already hamstrung? You guys aren't going to be able to go down here and take these guns from these criminals, so the criminals are going to hold on to their guns, they're still going to have them. They're still going to break in my house and they're still going to shoot me with them, and guess who is going to be the one that suffers? It's going to be me. Well, I'm here to tell you tonight, it is not going to happen without a fight, and when I say fight, I don't mean shots fired, I don't mean fists thrown, I mean I'm going to come down here to this city council and raise hell just like these loonies from the Left do until you listen to the majority of the people in this city, and I am the majority. The majority of the people in this city are law-abiding, and they follow the law and they want their constitutional right to be able to bear arms. They want to be able to go to the gun show and buy a hunting rifle or a sport rifle.... So, we need to dispel all these myths and we need to drop all this division that we got going on here, because the bottom line is, when the Second Amendment was written, whether the framers liked it or not, they wrote it for everybody, and I am everybody, and the law-abiding citizens of this city are everybody, and we want our rights and we want to keep our rights. And by God we're going to keep them, come hell or high water.

Last-minute Robbery

Fox Carolina reported on October 14 about a shooting in a parking lot that was later determined to be a justifiable homicide. The

incident occurred in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where a suspect physically attacked a concealed-carry holder and ended up getting shot. Investigators had to piece together what happened, but after reviewing security footage and interviewing witnesses, it appears the victim was targeted because he was known by the suspect to be carrying a large amount of cash. Investigators believe the suspect was in a nearby CVS and overheard his intended victim trying to buy money orders. The victim then asked the CVS employee where the nearest ATM was so he could withdraw cash. The victim left the CVS and went to the nearest QT convenience store to use the ATM. The suspect was observed on video monitoring the victim's activity and leaving the CVS to go to the QT parking lot. Once the victim left the QT after withdrawing cash, the suspect ran up to him and tried hitting him. Investigators say that was when the man pulled out a concealed handgun, which he was lawfully licensed to carry, and shot the suspect in the stomach. Police and EMTs were called to the scene, and the wounded suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he died in the operating room.

Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Lieutenant Kevin Bobo later told the media that investigators met with the Spartanburg County Solicitor's Office and, after reviewing the case file, ruled that the shooting was a "justifiable homicide" because the shooter was in fear for his life when he was violently attacked. Bobo added that the shooter did cooperate with the investigation. "The person that shot him remained on scene, cooperative through the whole thing." Police also said that based on the video and witness statements, the victim and the suspect never interacted before the violent encounter.

These details imply that the deceased suspect simply overheard the man talking about withdrawing large amounts of cash and made a last-minute decision to try to take the man's money from him by force. Unfortunately for the deceased suspect, the intended victim had a gun and knew how to use it. ■

— PATRICK KREY



Correction, Please!

Calling the Game

ITEM: *The New York Times definitively announced the presidential victory of Joe Biden on Saturday, November 7, under the headline “Presidential Election Results: Biden Wins.” It included a map showing Biden at 279 electoral votes to President Donald Trump’s 217.*

ITEM: *Also on Saturday, November 7, the New York Times — not content to prematurely announce that Biden had won — ran an article about how he had won. The article — subtly entitled “How Joe Biden Won the Presidency,” stated that Biden “campaigns as a sober and conventional presence, concerned about the ‘soul of the country.’” It went on to say, “He correctly judged the character of the country, and benefited from President Trump’s missteps.”*

That piece claimed “Americans made Mr. Biden only the third man since the Second World War to topple a duly elected president after just one term.” And after describing the tension in the Biden camp when early votes favored Trump, the article stated, “Within a matter of hours, Mr. Biden’s fortunes had improved as the big cities of the North reported their votes.”

ITEM: *To continue the ruse, the New York Times reported on the celebrations of Biden supporters after media reports of his election. That article — published the same day as the others proclaiming Biden the winner — ran under the headline “‘A New Day in America’: Biden Victory Prompts Spontaneous Celebrations.” In the closest thing the Times could muster to an effort at balance, that article did at least include a mention of the idea that the election may have been stolen — but that mention was only to dispute the claim, referring to it as “the president’s baseless claims of election fraud.”*

ITEM: *That same day, the Chicago Tribune boldly proclaimed Biden the winner with a headline reading, “Joe Biden will be the 46th president of the United States, says it’s ‘time to heal’ in speech to nation; Trump disputes election results.”*

ITEM: *On Sunday, November 8, the Washington Post ran a headline saying, “After*



Two sides of a coin: When Al Gore challenged election results in Florida in his presidential bid against George Bush, he was not pushed by media to give up his efforts. Now, in a similar situation, the media won’t stop telling Trump to give up in the battle against Biden.

Biden’s win, parties gird for ferocious Senate runoffs in Georgia.” That piece unambiguously stated, “Within minutes of Joe Biden becoming president-elect, top Democrats and Republicans raced to the front lines of 2020’s last battlefield: a pair of January Senate runoffs in Georgia where the country’s racial, economic and cultural crosscurrents could help determine whether Democrats complete their takeover of Washington.”

CORRECTION: The media’s overinflated sense of self-worth notwithstanding, the Fourth Estate does not decide elections. As clear as that truth is, it appears to be a shock to them, because on the afternoon of the election, CNN brazenly tweeted: “The role of declaring the winner of a presidential election in the U.S. falls to the news media.”

After being called out for the hubris involved in such a public claim, CNN deleted the tweet and tweeted a “clarification,” saying:

Correction: We’ve deleted an earlier tweet that referred imprecisely to the role of the news media in the U.S. presidential election. The news media projects winners and reports results; it does not declare the winner of the election.

The “imprecise” original CNN tweet is a glimpse into the minds of modern-day media. And CNN is not alone in that mid-set. Soon after that tweet, NPR tweeted, “NPR will not report election results being tallied or projected by news outlets that are not the Associated Press.” Again, the implication is clear: The media decide who wins. The argument over which media get to make that call is a difference without distinction. That would explain why after the Associated Press (AP) called the race for Biden, NPR tweeted Biden’s “win,” while saying, “President Trump is refusing to concede the 2020 election, falsely claiming that the election is ‘far from over.’” That tweet went on to say, “The AP and networks only call a race when they determine the trailing candidate has no possible path to victory.”

Of course, none of that answers the real question: Who appointed the media to “call a race” in the first place? A basic middle-school civics course would teach them that *according to the Constitution*, that power belongs first to the Electoral College and then (should the Electoral College fail in its duty) to Congress and *never* to the media.

This writer lived in Columbus, Ohio, during the 2000 election. The morning after the election, confusion ensued. I

woke up to *two* copies of the *Columbus Dispatch* on my doorstep. They were identical except for the headline above the fold on the front page. One declared Gore had won while the other proclaimed Bush the victor.

It's a good thing indeed that the media do not call elections.

And NPR's protestations of President Trump's claim duly noted, Trump is still correct. The race *is* "far from over." That is because votes in several battleground states — counted by mainstream media for Biden — are heavily contested. As of this writing, recounts are already under way in Georgia. Others will likely follow since a DOJ investigation of voter fraud is also under way. And a federal judge has ruled that Pennsylvania ballots without proof of voter ID cannot be counted.

Furthermore, LifeSiteNews has reported that former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who is helping the Trump campaign with its legal pursuit of election fraud, says enough votes were improperly counted in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh that those votes could easily affect the outcome of the race if an audit, re-canvassing, and recount were performed. One major point Team Trump has accurately highlighted is the number of dead Pennsyl-

vanians who had ballots illegally cast for Biden. Finally, Republican state senators from Michigan have called for a full audit of 2020 votes for the presidential election "prior to the certification of any results."

If Georgia, Michigan, and Pennsylvania are examples of a larger problem of voter fraud and irregularities, President Trump may not only have won the election — he may have won it by a landslide. In short, the winner of the election is yet unknown.

The Spoiler

Tim Murtaugh, campaign manager for Trump, tweeted to all at "Team Trump HQ" that "the media doesn't select the president." And Murtaugh was not alone. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) tweeted, "This is a contested election and the media doesn't decide who becomes President," correctly adding, "If they did, you would never have a Republican President." And Senator Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), who serves as chairman of the Rules Committee, told ABC News chief anchor George Stephanopoulos — who, remember, served as White House communications director under President Bill Clinton — "You know, actually, the media can project, but the media doesn't get to decide who the winner is. There is a canvassing process.

That needs to happen." He added, "I said on Friday, I thought it was time for the president to turn this discussion over to his lawyers, time for the lawyers to make the case that they have, both in court and to the American people, and then we're going to have to deal with those facts as they're presented. That has to happen, and then we move forward."

Giuliani, Graham, and Blunt are not alone. Republican Texas Senator Ted Cruz told Fox News in an interview on November 8, "At this point, we do not know who has prevailed in the election," adding, "The media is desperately trying to get everyone to coronate Joe Biden as the next president. But that's not how it works, the media does not get to select our president; the American people get to elect our president."

And Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) joined the chorus of the brave and truthful when on November 9 she told Fox News, which — to put in the for-what-it's-worth column — had also called the election for Biden, "One of the things that the media forgets is they do not select the President of the United States." Blackburn went on to say:

The American people elect the president of the United States. And in 2000, Al Gore spent 37 days exhausting every option, and President Donald Trump should also exhaust all options that are available to him. He is doing this to make certain that the votes that are legal are counted, that illegal votes are tossed out, and that the American people can have confidence that this election was properly run, that votes were properly cast and counted.

The 2020 election is indeed "far from over." The courts may yet have to beat it out on the threshing floor to separate the wheat from the chaff, but this much is certain: The media — controlled by insiders — do not get to decide who is president. The *people* — via the Electoral College — do. ■

— C. MITCHELL SHAW



Self-satisfied media: During a time that President Trump had legal challenges against the election results in the toss-up states and ballots were still being counted, the media took it upon themselves to declare Joe Biden the winner, and disparage anyone who disagreed as crazy.

Fox Loyalists' **Wake-up Call**

“I only watch Fox News.” “Thank God, we have Fox News!” How many times have you heard those, or similar, expressions from conservatives over the past decade? But the endorsements have turned to condemnation and howls of rage since Fox’s inexcusable early calls of victory for Joe Biden in key battleground states on election night.

Understandably, much of the ire of Trump supporters quickly focused on Arnon Mishkin, who runs the “decision desk” for Fox News’ election coverage. Their outrage was further stoked on November 5 by a press release from the Trump campaign entitled “A Clinton-Voting, Biden-

Donating Democrat Runs the Fox News Decision Desk.” Mishkin, the release pointed out, “prematurely called Arizona for Joe Biden before hundreds of thousands of ballots had been counted. Even left-leaning election analysts like Nate Silver have criticized the decision, but Mishkin is standing by his terrible decision ... and refusing to retract his unjustified call.”

“Why would Mishkin put his finger on the scale for Joe Biden before so many votes are counted?” the Trump release asked, before noting that “Mishkin is a registered Democrat who voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016, worked as a Democrat political consultant, and has a long record of donating to Democrats, including the 2008 Obama-Biden campaign.” All of which is true, as even the untrustworthy “fact checkers” at the *Washington Post* and other virulently anti-Trump media organizations admit. However, Mishkin isn’t the real issue, nor is Fox’s Chris Wallace, who similarly earned the wrath of Trump supporters for his over-the-top bias while “moderating” the Trump-Biden debate on September 29. As even a number of liberal-left commenters noted, Wallace was so obviously hostile to President Trump and deferential to former Vice President Biden — even to the point of prompting Biden and running interference for him — that the event should have been labeled “Trump vs. Wallace-Biden.”

What should be now more apparent to Fox devotees is that the problems with the network involve much more than infiltration by liberal Democrats such as Mishkin and Wallace. The problems come from the top, which means 89-year-old globalist billionaire Rupert Murdoch, his scions, and their fellow globalists who run the Fox-News Corp-Sky-New York Post-Wall Street Journal empire. Far from embracing any core conservative beliefs (political, philosophical, or moral-spiritual), Rupert Murdoch is a left-leaning internationalist who appears to be comfortable among those



of similar ilk at gatherings of the Bilderberg Group and the World Economic Forum. Although he appears to have recently dropped his membership in the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), more than 20 of the “journalists” and executives in his media conglomerate are members of that world-government-promoting organization, including his son James Murdoch, Jerry Seib, Judith Miller, Walter Russell Mead, Derooy Murdock, and Maria Bartiromo. Rupert is also a longtime friend and business associate of Lord Jacob Rothschild, of the storied banking dynasty, infamous for its Deep State political-financial intrigue. Moreover, he has received kudos from leading

greenies for committing his global media empire to the promotion of “sustainability,” “climate change,” and other so-called environments designated by the United Nations.

The elder Murdoch’s true political leanings should have been recognizable with his repeated strong support for media mogul Michael Bloomberg’s presidential aspirations. Murdoch began urging fellow billionaire Bloomberg (CFR) — the former New York City mayor, and a proponent of abortion, gun control, environmental extremism, the radical LGBTQ agenda, etc. — to run for the White House as early as 2015. He supported Bloomberg in the 2020 Democratic primary. In October, scant weeks before the election, a widely circulated news story reported that News Corp Chairman Rupert Murdoch was predicting a “landslide” victory for Biden, criticizing Trump, and saying that after the tumult of the Trump presidency, America is “ready for Sleepy Joe.”

But, but, but — what about Sean Hannity, Tucker Carlson, Laura Ingraham, Lou Dobbs, and all the other commentators, reporters, experts, and analysts who offer a desperately needed contrast to the massive disinformation operation of the Fake News choir? Valid point, but it obscures the elephant in the room. The conservative talking heads are the camouflage, the honeyed anodyne that keeps the awakening masses corralled inside a prescribed circle of acceptable dissent. *But*, if any of them get truly “woke” to the globalist peril they may find their days at Fox numbered. Laura Ingraham and Tucker Carlson may be close to that point. In recent days, both of them have exposed and indicted “The Great Reset,” the imminent plan by the globalist elites of the World Economic Forum to jumpstart world socialism. Let’s encourage them to continue to break ranks with these same elites governing Fox. ■

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