

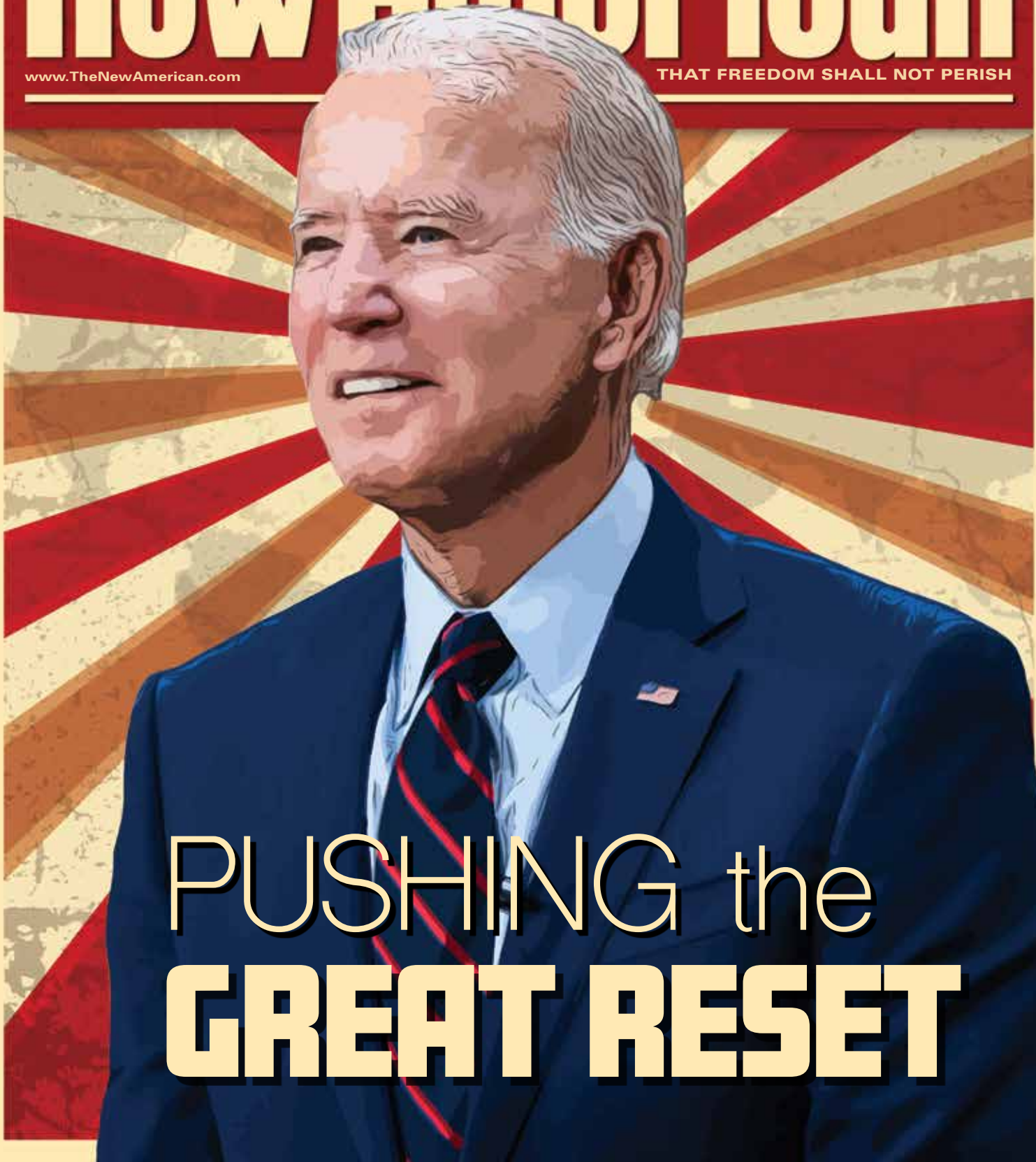
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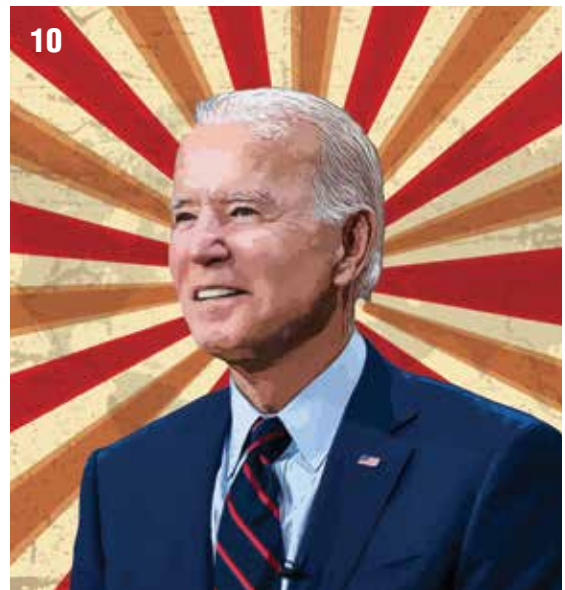
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## “Google It” Has a New Meaning

Not satisfied with Facebook’s continual jailing, persecution, and war of extermination of America’s best people, when a million or so of those people adopted Parler as their new social-media homeland, Apple, Amazon, and Google targeted Parler.

What drives the killer instinct of this cabal? It’s their burning hatred of liberty as America’s Founders defined it — freedom linked to Christian principles — and our elites’ never-ending quest to eradicate it from American consciousness and culture and install communist principles and practices in its place.

So, warm up your fingers thou keypunchers of Wikipedia! Sharpen your pencils, thou writers at Britannica, Funk & Wagnalls, and World Book, because the world now has a new definition of “Googling it.” To “Google” is “to destroy, kill, or murder that which is good and innocent in the eyes of God.”

Thus, when we speak of communists burning an American flag or outlawing Confederate flags, we can speak of them as “Googling” those flags. When we talk about communists destroying monuments to American and Confederate heroes, we can say they “Googled them.” When we hear about good people being lynched, shot, or stabbed by communist revolutionaries, we can say, “The communists Googled those people.” The list could go on and on.

But wait! There’s more! We can substitute the words “Amazon,” “Apple,” and “Facebook” for the word “Google” — it turns out that they’re synonyms after all.

RAY SHORES  
Flora, Mississippi

## Benevolent Dictator

Alexander Tytler, in his 1770 book, *Cycle of Democracy*, wrote: “A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the

most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world’s greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage.”

The United States has outlasted the average democracy by over 40 years, but with over 100 federal programs that foster dependency and nearly half the adult population getting a monthly check from government, we are now on the final road to bondage. Americans are becoming increasingly addicted to government.

Let’s hope and pray we get a benevolent dictator.

BILL BAKER  
Sent via e-mail

*Editors — In our view, America is not lost. The fact that the last presidential election was stolen is just one of the signs of hope, since those who have already won have no need to cheat. We can still use our freedoms to save our freedoms, and we recommend for accomplishing this realistic, albeit Herculean, task membership in The John Birch Society (JBS.org), the parent organization of this publication.*

**CORRECTION:** “The Great Awakening” in our March 8 issue incorrectly cited the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as the basis for state legislatures nullifying unconstitutional federal laws, when the intent was to cite the Constitution’s Article VI. We apologize for the mistake, which has been corrected in our new reprint of the cover-story article. To order the reprint of “The Great Awakening,” see the inside front cover.



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## Polar Bears Doing Just Fine, According to New Report

Just in time for International Polar Bear Day — February 27 — came some good news for the hypercarnivorous, Arctic-dwelling species. Canadian zoologist Susan Crockford has published the *State of the Polar Bear Report 2020*, in which she concludes that the bears' allegedly dire situation is improving despite climate-alarmist concerns that the animal is almost assured of going extinct due to the scourge of anthropogenic global warming.

For years now, climate alarmists have been using images of polar bears supposedly “stranded” on ice floes as evidence that global warming is destroying the habitat of the apex predators, thus putting the species at risk of extinction.



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But according to Crockford's report, published February 26 by the Global Warming Policy Foundation, polar bears, at least currently, are not so stressed. Global populations for polar bears appear to be on the rise.

In fact, 2020 seems to have been a banner year for the species, despite 2020 having the second-lowest September Arctic sea-ice extent since 1979. “This indicates summer sea-ice levels are not as critical to polar bear survival as USGS (United States Geological Survey) biologists assumed,” Crockford states in the report.

Despite the low level of summer ice in 2020, Crockford notes, “there were no reports from anywhere around the Arctic that would suggest polar bears were suffering as a result; no starving bears, no drowning bears, and no marked increases in bear conflicts with humans.”

Such reports suggest that summer ice may not be as important to polar bear survival as many researchers believe. “Indeed, contrary to expectations, several studies have shown that polar bears in many regions have been doing better with less summer ice, either because multi-year ice has been replaced with more productive seasonal ice, or because the increased primary productivity that has come with longer open-water seasons has been a net benefit,” Crockford writes.

Instead of being endangered, the global polar bear population appears to be growing or stable among most of the subpopulations of the species.

## Major Spike in Business Bankruptcies Due to COVID Lockdowns

Almost a year after governments at all levels used COVID-19 as a pretext for forced quarantines for the non-sick, causing many businesses to fail, those that survived on loans are now declaring bankruptcy at an all-time high. Court records show that Chapter 11 filings were up nearly 20 percent in 2020 compared with 2019.

The increased debt has become just another liability to businesses who have out-borrowed any reasonable projection of repayment. The COVID debt bubble has burst for many of them, and is stretching to the bursting point for many others. This year will likely see many more businesses declare bankruptcy. The *Washington Post* reported February 26 on the spate of businesses bankrupted by government policies related to COVID. That article also pointed out, “Because bankruptcy filings lag other signals of economic distress, experts say the worst may be yet to come,” adding, “Bankruptcies stemming from the 2007 financial crisis didn't peak until 2010.”

As the *Post* article shows, the most recent batch of bankruptcies is far from being evenly distributed across the spectrum of businesses:

Bankruptcies filed by entertainment companies in 2020 nearly quadrupled, and filings nearly tripled for oil and gas companies, doubled for computer and software companies and were up 50 percent or more for restaurant owners, real

estate companies and retailers, compared with 2019, data from the research firm show. There were 5,236 Chapter 11 filings in 2019, but 6,917 last year, a tally at least 30 percent higher than any of the previous four years.

What the *Post* did not point out is that, as a result of the COVID-regulation-related closures and bankruptcies, Big Business (Amazon as the perfect example) is doing fine while Mom and Pop are being crushed. The middle class is being squeezed out.



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## New Mexico Legislature Makes Abortion-on-demand Permanent

The New Mexico legislature on February 19 passed a bill guaranteeing unlimited abortion in the state regardless of the fate of *Roe v. Wade*.

According to the *Las Cruces Sun-News*, by a vote of 40-30, with six Democrats and one Republican-turned-Independent joining all Republicans in opposition, the New Mexico House of Representatives approved legislation repealing a 1969 law that “criminalizes performing an abortion procedure as a fourth-degree felony, or a second-degree felony in the case of the patient’s death. It grants exceptions in cases where a pregnancy threatens the life or health of the mother, the child is likely to suffer a ‘grave physical or mental defect,’ or when the pregnancy results from rape or incest.”

The statute has not been enforced since 1973, when *Roe* was decided, but pro-abortion forces fear the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe* in the near future. The *Sun-News* reported that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) has made repeal of the dormant law “one of [her] major legislative goals,” an indicator of just how skewed her priorities are.

Pro-life representatives, on the other hand, “argued abortions end the lives of unborn children who do not have a voice for themselves,” wrote the *Santa Fe New Mexican*.

Pro-lifers also argued that the bill “would repeal the only conscience protections for medical workers in the state,” reported LifeNews.com on February 22. “Currently, the statute protects

medical workers from discrimination if they refuse to abort an unborn baby on moral or religious grounds.”

Republicans attempted to offer amendments to retain the conscience protections, but the amendments were rejected.

The bill now heads to the governor, who, of course, has said she will sign it. In so doing, she will also be consigning countless future New Mexicans to death before they ever lay eyes on the Land of Enchantment.



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## Trumpism Is the New Conservatism: What CPAC 2021 Really Taught Us

On the road outside Orlando’s Hyatt Regency hotel, hundreds of exuberant conservatives lined the sidewalk bearing Trump signs, waving Trump flags, and sporting Trump hats and Trump-themed T-shirts as they engaged in ecstatic chants in eager anticipation of the 45th American president’s arrival on Sunday, February 28 to deliver the closing speech at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC.

The environment inside wasn’t much different. A common theme tied together the various speeches and panels that took place during the conservative movement’s four-day equivalent of the Super Bowl: an unabashed dedication to the principles espoused by President Donald Trump.



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On Friday, February 26, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis declared that “we cannot, we will not, go back to the days of the failed Republican establishment of yesteryear. We reject open borders and instead support American sovereignty and the American worker. Building a movement on amnesty and cheap foreign labor is like building a house on a field of quicksand.”

Later the same day, Senator Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Florida’s former governor, likewise railed against open borders, while Senator Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) spoke of “oligarchs” using mass migration, Big Tech censorship, and the offshoring of American jobs to make the country poorer and less free.

President Trump himself openly took shots at Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and, in one of the highlights of his speech, named a list of “grandstanders” in the House and Senate who voted to impeach and convict him. He insinuated that they should be defeated by primary challengers, even as he confirmed reports that he is vetting candidates whom he will endorse and financially back against establishment incumbents.

“It has just been stated that President Trump’s endorsement is the most powerful asset in politics,” Trump declared. And it’s hard to argue against that statement.

A look at the CPAC crowd shows that, at least when it comes to the fight for the heart of voters, the battle is over, with Donald Trump winning overwhelmingly. ■

## After Bombing Syria, Biden Cites UN Charter

In a letter to Congress purporting to justify his February 25 air strikes in eastern Syria, President Joe Biden cited the United Nations Charter, among other sources, as the supposed authority for bombing a foreign nation. Under the U.S. Constitution, however, only the U.S. Congress has the legitimate authority to declare or authorize American involvement in a war.

Responding to outrage among lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, Biden sent a letter on February 27 to congressional leaders to meet the requirements of the War Powers Resolution, explaining the strike and the rationale behind it. According to the document, Biden ordered U.S. military forces to conduct “a targeted military strike against infrastructure in eastern Syria used by Iran-supported non-state militia groups.” Biden also claimed those “militia” groups were “involved” in recent “attacks” that injured a U.S. serviceman in Iraq as well as some contractors. He did not mention that at least 22 people were killed in the U.S. strike on Syria, or that the alleged perpetrators denied involvement.

Perhaps the most chilling element of the letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Pro Tempore Senate President Patrick Leahy was the reference to the UN. “The United States took this action pursuant to the United States’ inherent right of self-defense as reflected in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter,” wrote Biden, as if the UN Charter, authored by a disgraced body chaired by Soviet spy Alger Hiss, were more important than the U.S. Constitution. Of course, the U.S. government has no need for the UN Charter to justify its inherent right of self-defense.

In addition to referencing Article 51, and totally ignoring the clear text of the Constitution, Biden cited a variety of imaginary authorities. “I directed this military action consistent with my responsibility to protect United States citizens both at home and abroad and in furtherance of United States national security and foreign policy interests, pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct United States foreign relations and as commander in chief and chief executive,” Biden claimed.

Biden also cited the unconstitutional “War Powers Resolution,” which purports to allow the president to launch military action for 60 days without congressional approval if the United States is attacked.

Critics from across the political spectrum slammed the illegal bombing of Syria. Former Congressman Ron Paul, who gained a national following of millions of passionate Americans with his presidential runs, called for Biden to be impeached.

More than a few Democrats in Congress have expressed outrage over Biden’s lawlessness, too. “We ran on ending wars, not escalating conflicts in the Middle East,” fumed Representative Ro Khanna (D-Calif.), who similarly blasted Trump when he launched unauthorized attacks in the Middle East. “Our foreign policy needs to be rooted in diplomacy and the rule of law, not retaliatory air strikes without Congressional authorization.”



In the U.S. Senate, while neocons such as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell approved, a number of top Democrats expressed alarm. “The American people deserve to hear the Administration’s rationale for these strikes and its legal justification for acting without coming to Congress,” said U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va.) in a statement. “Offensive military action without congressional approval is not constitutional absent extraordinary circumstances. Congress must be fully briefed on this matter expeditiously.” Other leading Democrats were similarly upset.

On the Republican side, Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) highlighted the hypocrisy of the Democrats who are now remaining silent. “When President Trump launched an attack against an Iranian general in Iraq, the Democrats offered a resolution to assert that any further attacks against Iran would require the proper approval of Congress,” said Massie, one of a handful of Republicans who supported that resolution. “Now that President Biden has launched an attack directed toward Iran in a sovereign country without permission, I wonder if Speaker Pelosi will be consistent and offer a similar resolution to assert the Constitutional authority of Congress to decide when we go to war?”

Abusing America’s military, bombing a foreign country without authorization, and being a raging hypocrite are all bad enough. But to then cite the UN charter as justification for it all is beyond inexcusable. The Biden administration must be held accountable by Congress, the courts, and the American people before the “War Party” gets the United States embroiled in yet another illegal no-win war for the Deep State. ■

### Alabama Senator Announces 2022 Retirement

“I had a good run and I still have a couple of years left. I didn’t mean to stay that long.”

Now 86 years old, Republican Senator **Richard Shelby** (Ala.), who began his congressional career as a Democrat, was first elected to the House in 1978 and the Senate in 1986.



Richard Shelby

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### Senator Widely Criticized for Taking Vacation During Texas Deep Freeze

“He’s a smart, sharp, clever, ambitious guy, but what he did today was a brain-dead moment. He will be reminded of it for the rest of his life.”

Senator **Ted Cruz** (R-Texas) headed for Mexico and a family vacation when the Lone Star State was suffering from unusual cold, snow, electricity failure, and water shortage. Veteran Texas lobbyist **Bill Miller** noted in his comments about the incident that the move by Senator Cruz was “an indefensible action,” though what Cruz could have done to remedy Texas’ problems as a U.S. senator is not clear.

### Former Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Blasts Biden’s Border Strategy

“What President Biden has created right now is an open border strategy. You might as well put billboards in the Central American countries saying, ‘Come to the United States, our borders are open.’”

**Mark Morgan** served as acting Customs and Border Protection commissioner from early July 2019, until stepping away when Joe Biden was declared the winner in the 2020 presidential race. He also served as the chief official of the U.S. Border Patrol during part of the Obama administration. He emphatically disapproves of President Biden’s use of executive orders to completely reverse our nation’s border policy.



Thomas Homan

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### Former ICE Director Claims Surge in Border Crossings Not Accidental

“I wrote an op-ed for Fox News seven months ago saying that if Joe Biden became president we would lose the border — and it’s happening. And we knew this would happen because of all the promises Joe Biden has made and continues to make. [Crossings into the United States] amount to 4,000 a day which adds up to 1.4 million in a year. This isn’t by accident; this is by design. This is an open border strategy.”

Former Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Acting Director **Thomas Homan** angrily denounced Biden’s policy regarding illegal entrants coming into the United States through its southern border.

### Council on Foreign Relations Admits Sharp Decline in Approval of UN Among Americans

“Public views of the United Nations have become much more negative over the past four years. Only about half of Americans (48%) now express a positive opinion of the UN, down from 77% four years ago.”

Reporting its findings every four years, the world-government-promoting **Council on Foreign Relations** announced late in 2020 that American support for the world body had declined markedly.

### Death Silences Radio Star Rush Limbaugh

“There is no talk radio as we know it without Rush Limbaugh; it just doesn’t exist. I’d even make the argument that in many ways there’s no Fox News or even some of these other opinionated cable networks.”

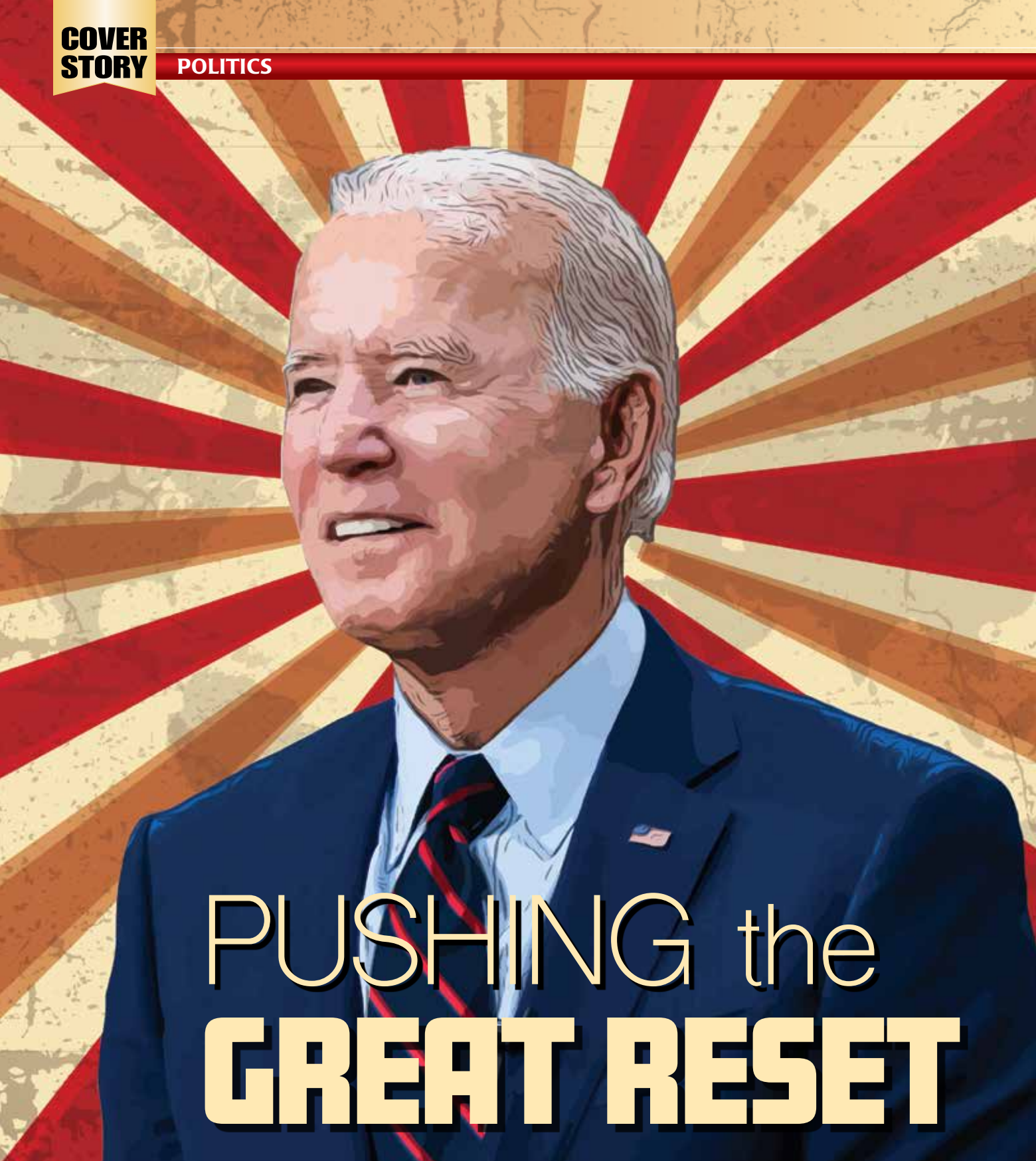
Praised by colleague **Sean Hannity** after his death, Limbaugh succumbed to cancer on February 17. His career took him from daily broadcasts on a single station to his week-day syndicated three-hour programs heard by millions. An early debunker of conspiracy theories, he earned criticism in the New York Times report of his death for “his conspiracy theories.” ■



Sean Hannity

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# PUSHING the **GREAT RESET**

As a senator, Joe Biden wrote an op-ed called “How I Learned to Love the New World Order.” Now, as president, he is showing his love for the NWO and his hatred for the Constitution he has sworn to defend.

by William F. Jasper

On April 23, 1992, the *Wall Street Journal* published an op-ed from then-Senator Joe Biden entitled “How I Learned to Love the New World Order.” In that piece, Biden extolled “collective security” through the United Nations and called for arming the UN with a “permanent commitment of forces for use by the Security Council.” “Why not breathe life into the U.N. Charter?” Biden asked, not mentioning that the same life-breathing action for the UN Charter would mean toxic death for the U.S. Constitution, which he has taken an oath (repeatedly) to uphold and defend. Not to mention that it would also be the death knell for American sovereignty, independence — and freedom.

Where does Joe Biden get his catchy globalist memes: New World Order, Build Back Better, Fourth Industrial Revolution, the Great Reset? Here’s a clue: They don’t spring full-blown from the feeble cerebral cortex of the president. He is a sock-puppet for the internationalist oligarchy that lusts to rule.

As many of our writers here at THE NEW AMERICAN have been pointing out for decades, the catchphrase “New World Order” (NWO) is a mantra used by globalist elites worldwide (including Democrats, Republicans, communists, and socialists) signifying their vision of a one-world government under the United Nations and its ancillary agencies. And as this writer pointed out in his 1992 book *Global Tyranny...Step by Step: The United Nations and the Emerging New World Order*, the expression “new world order” has a long history, emanating from the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and its British sister institution, the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), also known as Chatham House. As just one example out of many in *Global Tyranny*, this author cited an article from the Spring 1991 *Foreign Affairs*, the official house organ of the CFR, entitled “The U.N. in a New World Order.” Authored by Professors Bruce Russett and James S. Sutterlin, the CFR-promoted article especially endorsed proposals to provide the United Nations with vast new military assets and “peace-

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Of course, Biden’s op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* promoting the New World Order came after President George H. W. Bush had made a major splash with several high-profile televised speeches pushing the United Nations and the New World Order.



**The Great Resetter:** Joe Biden, as U.S. vice president, delivered a speech at the World Economic Forum in 2017. As president, he is pushing the WEF plan to use COVID-19 and global warming as pretexts to “reset” the entire global political-economic-social-spiritual system.

keeping” forces. This has been the stock-in-trade of globalists since World War II and the founding of the United Nations.

### Bipartisan Treachery — and Treason

Of course, Biden’s op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* promoting the NWO came after President George H.W. Bush had made a major splash with several high-profile televised speeches pushing the United Nations and the New World Order. In his speech to the nation and the world on September 11, 1990, Republican President Bush, a longtime CFR insider, stated: “Out of these troubled times, our fifth objective — a new world order — can emerge.” He proceeded to announce his hopes for “a United Nations that performs as envisioned by its founders.”

Those visionary UN founders praised by Bush included Soviet mass-murderer Joseph Stalin’s representative Vyacheslav Molotov. They also included Stalin’s communist agents in our own government, led by the notorious American traitor Alger Hiss, who was made secretary-general at the UN’s founding conference in 1945 in San Francisco. Using this position, Hiss filled the UN conference with fellow Soviet agents: Soloman Adler, Virginius Frank Coe, Lawrence Dugan, Noel Field, Harold Glasser, Victor Perlo, Nathan G. Silvermaster, Harry Dexter White, and others.

Comrade Molotov gave his name to the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (also known as the Stalin-Hitler Pact), which paved the way for the newly allied Nazi and com-

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munist regimes to carve up Europe and launch what became World War II. It was this same Molotov who worked with communist agent Alger Hiss to create the UN Charter at the critically important 1944 Dumbarton Oaks Conference. Besides being a Soviet agent of influence in the top echelons of the U.S. government, Hiss was also a member of the CFR. Leo Pasvolovsky, pro-Soviet assistant to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, was the other principal author of the UN Charter. He also was a member of the CFR.

Globalists of all stripes revere the United Nations Charter and hold it up as the Holy Writ to which all humanity must bow down. They much prefer UN founders Molotov, Hiss, and Pasvolovsky to U.S. Founders such as Madison, Washington, and Jefferson. In the globalist scheme of things, the UN Charter must completely

supersede the U.S. Constitution (and all other national constitutions) in the quest for a world government. The late Richard N. Gardner (law professor, ambassador, and CFR luminary) wrote much on the New World Order, including his now-famous article in *Foreign Affairs* in 1974 entitled “The Hard Road to World Order.” Since hopes for “instant world government” had proven illusory, he wrote in that essay, “the house of world order” would have to be built through “an end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece.”

What is essential to note in all of this is that whether it’s Fidel Castro, Mikhail Gorbachev, George H. W. Bush, or Joe Biden — or any of the multitude of UN kleptocrats and bureaucrats — hymning the New World Order refrain, they are all singing the same hymn.

### His Past Praises

As noted above, Joe Biden has been on board the New World Order bandwagon for quite some time. We reported on this in *THE NEW AMERICAN* years ago. Biden has returned to the New World Order theme many times since, as the videos of his speeches still on the Internet clearly show. There was, for instance, his April 5, 2013 speech at the Export-Import Bank conference in Washington, D.C., in which he averred that “the affirmative task we have now is to, um, create a new world order, because the global order is changing again.”

Then there was his May 28, 2014 commencement address to the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2014, in which he told the cadets, “You, your class has an incredible window of opportunity to lead in shaping a new world order for the 21st century.” It was more of the same in his speech to the billionaires club known as the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos 2017 and his special program at the Council on Foreign Relations with CFR President Richard Haass. At the CFR event, Biden and Haass discussed the article Biden had co-authored with Michael Carpenter (CFR) for the January-February 2018 issue of the CFR propaganda journal *Foreign Affairs*. During the introductions, Biden joked that he works for Haass. However, for those who understand the relationship, it is no joke.

Biden doesn’t only *talk* about the New World Order; his entire political career has been built on promoting the CFR’s NWO program, including supporting virtually every measure that increases the size and power of the United Nations. And since moving into the White House, he has begun appointing CFR globalists to the top slots in his administration. (See our companion article on page 15.)

### “Build Back Better,” “Global Reset”

Last year presidential candidate Joe Biden came out with his new campaign slogan: Build Back Better. The trouble is, aside from the snappy (or sappy) alliteration, the BBB slogan is not Biden’s. It is another case of Biden’s infamous tendency toward plagiarism. Except, in this case, the original authors of the slogan have no problem with being plagiarized. In fact, they have encouraged politicians worldwide to use the phrase as a mantra, as part of their push for “The Great



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**Veteran NWO devotee:** Twenty-nine years ago, then-Senator Joe Biden showed he was on board with globalist schemes for world government under the UN, with his *Wall Street Journal* op-ed “How I Learned to Love the New World Order.”

Reset,” the globalists’ most brazen grab for total world power.

And sellout politicians from Biden to U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson (and many others) have climbed aboard the BBB bandwagon.

In an in-depth online article for THE NEW AMERICAN last September, Alex Newman reported on the pedigree of the “Build Back Better” meme as a catchphrase that came out of the United Nations and the World Economic Forum. It is a slogan hatched and promoted by the UN and the WEF to promote the UN’s Agenda 2030, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the UN Paris Climate Pact — and the UN’s global health governance scheme, utilizing the COVID-19 “pandemic” for a medical world dictatorship under the UN’s World Health Organization.

Just give them absolute power and these brilliant, selfless, angelic, benevolent beings will redesign, re-engineer, restructure — reset — the whole of our lives to save us from all our worldly woes! Just trust them! They’re smarter and better than the rest of us, and they know what’s good for us! We’ve published extensively, in these pages and online, about the insanely despotic plan of the WEF to use manufactured global “crises,” such as COVID and global warming, to seize permanent power. WEF founder Klaus Schwab and Microsoft founder Bill Gates have told us quite literally that the world can “never” return to pre-COVID normal. “Many of us are pondering when things will return to normal,” Schwab says in his book *COVID-19: The Great Reset*. “The short response is: never. Nothing will ever return to the ‘broken’ sense of normalcy that prevailed prior to the crisis because the coronavirus pandemic marks a fundamental inflection point in our global trajectory.”

One needn’t even be a “crazy, right-wing conspiracy theorist” to see that the megalomaniacal scheme of the World Economic Forum’s jet-setting Wall Street/Silicon Valley billionaires and their Beijing commissar counterparts to “reset” the economic, social, political, moral, and spiritual agenda of the entire planet is totalitarian to the core. Even “progressives” such as enviro-activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Hollywood bad boy Alec Baldwin, feminist professor/author/columnist Dr.



**Comrades:** Joe Biden, as U.S. vice president, meets with Chinese dictator Xi Jinping in Beijing, in 2013. The Biden family has numerous financial ties to Communist China, with alarming implications for national security.

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Asoka Bandarage, and a few other liberal-left activists have been able to see the dangers in this naked grab for unbridled power. But where are you Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Nancy Pelosi, AOC, Michael Moore, Amy Goodman, Don Lemmon, Rachel Maddow, and the rest of you anti-capitalist social-justice warriors? Apparently the billions of dollars poured into your campaigns, companies, and NGOs by Soros, Gates, Zuckerberg, Rockefeller, Sandler, et al. have bought your silence. Like prostitutes, you have decided to keep mum about the biggest planned heist in history, in order to keep your money flowing.

In his speeches to the WEF in 2016 and 2017, Biden addressed the “Fourth Industrial Revolution,” which is the WEF’s code phrase for the wonderful new Orwellian surveillance-and-control society using artificial intelligence, advanced robotics, and the Internet of Things — all of which they have packaged as wondrous, desirable baubles under their Great Reset branding campaign. Although we are not aware that Joe Biden has personally used the term “Great Reset,” his newly appointed “Climate Envoy,” former U.S. Senator and Secretary of State John Kerry (CFR), let the wannabe world rulers know that the new administration is on board with all of that. “The notion of a reset is more important now than ever before,” Kerry

told the WEF at its recent summit. “I personally believe,” Kerry said, “... we’re at the dawn of an extremely exciting time.” Exciting indeed. And extremely dangerous — potentially lethally so — to the vast majority of human beings on this planet.

The good news in all of this is that tens of millions of Americans (in addition to many millions more of various nationalities worldwide) have awakened to the fact that beneath the honeyed words of the totalitarian-minded globalists represented by Joe Biden is a malevolent plan to enslave all of humanity. And a great many of those newly awakened will no longer be silenced and cowed into group-think submission with media smears of being “conspiracy theorists.” One indication of the elitists’ alarm over this mass awakening is their increasing willingness to use overtly totalitarian means in attempts to censor, silence, and intimidate the rising waves of patriots who refuse to be assimilated as automatons into their collectivist Borg system. They want us to believe that “Resistance Is Futile.”

That is a lie. Resistance to tyranny is *never* futile; it is always an obligation of free men who wish to stay so. And the increasing oppression by the Big Government/Big Tech/Big Business/Big Media globalist cabal is stimulating and stiffening that resistance among millions of liberty-minded Americans. ■

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# BIDEN'S NON-DIVERSE “Diversity” Cabinet

Media mavens have swooned over the gender/race diversity of the Biden Cabinet, but they ignore the globalist ideological sameness of the appointments.

by William F. Jasper

“With Kamala Harris and 11 women nominees, seven of them women of color, President Joe Biden’s Cabinet will be, as he promised, ‘the single-most diverse ... that’s ever existed.’” So gushed an article entitled “A Cabinet That Looks Like America,” in the January 24 edition of *Ms. Magazine*, the longtime Bible for the man haters of the militant Estrogen Lobby.

The rest of the media cartel has been similarly swooning over all things Biden, most particularly his “Diversity Cabinet.” A January 18 ABC News report on President Biden’s top-level appointments and Cabinet picks, for instance, began with a headline quote from Biden: “We’ll have a Cabinet of barrier breakers, a Cabinet of firsts.”

As president, Joe Biden will make around 4,000 executive branch appointments, about 1,200 of which will require confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Since World War II, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) has gained a virtual stranglehold on the executive branch of our federal government, with both Democratic and Republican administrations filling their ranks with CFR apparatchiks. Biden is following suit, naming CFR veterans to his Cabinet and other top slots. However, the liberal-left Fake News media (and even most of the conservative/alternate media) have ignored this completely, focusing all their attention on the supposed “diversity” of his appointments.

“On the campaign trail, Joe Biden guaranteed his White House would ‘look like the country,’” the ABC story said, before noting, “As he enters the White House, he’s taking steps towards keeping that promise — assembling a historically diverse slate of top-level nominees.”

“Half of the president-elect’s Cabinet



**Deep State CFR continuity:** Biden Secretary of State Antony Blinken continues the dominance of the CFR at State (with the exception of the Trump administration) since World War II. His wife, White House Cabinet Secretary Evan Ryan, is also a CFR member.

picks are women, and the majority are people of color,” the ABC story continued gushing. “Biden has noted that many of his selections would be pioneers in their roles — including the first woman to serve as treasury secretary, the first black defense secretary, the first openly gay man confirmed to a Cabinet role and the first Native American Cabinet secretary.”

Biden’s highly publicized “diversity” appointments have set most “progressive” hearts atwitter. Most, but not all. There are still strident voices on the fringes claiming that his “historic” selections have fallen short of the demands of “equity” and “justice.” To placate the transgender lobby he appointed man-lady Shawn Skelly to his transition team. (President Obama had appointed Skelly to the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, making him/her one of the

highest-profile, openly transgender presidential appointees in U.S. history.) Then, to further advance the gender confusion/subversion agenda, Biden appointed Dr. Rachel Levine, another gender-disoriented man-lady, as assistant secretary of health.

Biden’s diversity ploy is aimed not only at appeasing all the radical grievance lobbies that supported him, but at the media as well, which he knew he could count on to celebrate every politically correct, virtue-signaling nomination, regardless of the nominee’s qualifications. So, stick to the plan. First, load up with women: Check, check, check, check. Next, the “people of color”: Check, check, check, check, check. Then, reward the noisy LGBTQLMNOP mob: Check, check, check, etc.

These politically motivated quotas based on XX chromosomes, melanin content of skin, or sexual/gender disori-

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entation may satisfy the "social justice" revolutionaries and give a surface appearance of genuine diversity that looks something like some parts of America (at least those parts controlled by radical Democrats that are rapidly degrading into no-go zones).

However, when one looks beneath the skin-deep/sex organ criteria of the Biden nominees, there is little diversity to be found. Whatever ideological diversity one may find (left, far-left, over-the-cliff left, off-the-planet left) among these appointments, the one characteristic that stands out and begs to be noticed (but is studiously covered up by the lapdog media) is that the new crop is overwhelmingly *globalist*. More specifically, it is overwhelmingly globalist as denoted by membership in the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the ruling oligarchy that is the brain trust, the backbone, and the public face of the shadow government that has become popularly known as the Deep State.

### CFR Admissions

In an October 1993 column, *Washington Post* ombudsman Richard Harwood called the CFR "the nearest thing we have to a ruling establishment in the United States." Harwood was in a position to know, as he worked closely with CFR members and was intimately familiar with the Washington power elite. He noted all the top federal officials that were also members, along with the top "journalists" who served as propagandists for the CFR globalist line in the major media organizations.

Two decades before Harwood's admission, Wall Street banker and leading Deep State operative John J. McCloy had revealed the CFR's clout in running our nation. McCloy, who had served as FDR's assistant secretary of war during World War II, recalled in an interview with the *New York Times* how he

had populated government ranks with CFR members. "Whenever we needed a man we thumbed through the roll of the Council members and put through a call to New York," McCloy said. A friend and advisor to nine U.S. presidents and known as "the chairman of the establishment," McCloy served as chairman of the CFR from 1953 to 1970, a position that was then handed off to megabanker David Rockefeller, who continued the process of placing CFR members in key positions throughout the federal government, the military, major corporations, the media, academia, think tanks, and the leadership of the Democratic and Republican parties. In addition, Rockefeller founded the Trilateral Commission (TC) and was a longtime leader of the Bilderberg Group (BG), two of the premier vehicles through which the global-

ists coordinate their worldwide schemes for complete economic, political, and social control.

A WikiLeaks e-mail showed that this McCloy-CFR process was still continuing into the Obama administration. In an October 6, 2008 e-mail to Barack Obama, a month before he was elected president of the United States, the CFR provided him with a list of their selections "for senior level jobs in a potential Administration."

The e-mail, which is addressed to "Barack," carries a subject line that states merely, "Diversity."

The e-mail states: "Barack — Following up on your conversations with John [Podesta] over the weekend, attached are two documents: — A list of African American, Latino and Asian American candidates, divided between Cabinet/Deputy and Under/Assistant/Deputy Assistant Secretary levels, as well as lists of senior Native Americans, Arab/Muslim Americans and Disabled Americans. We have longer lists, but these are candidates whose names have been recommended by a number of sources for senior level jobs in a potential Administration. — A list of women, similarly divided between candidates for Cabinet/Deputy and other senior level positions."

David Dayen of *The New Republic*



**Security threat:** Biden National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan is shown here in 2009 while deputy chief of staff to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. He is a member of the Trilateral Commission and was an architect of the Obama administration's dangerous Iran Nuclear Deal.

noted, “The cabinet list ended up being almost entirely on the money.” The CFR list had “correctly identified Eric Holder for the Justice Department, Janet Napolitano for Homeland Security, Robert Gates for Defense, Rahm Emanuel for chief of staff, Peter Orszag for the Office of Management and Budget, Arne Duncan for Education, Eric Shinseki for Veterans Affairs, Kathleen Sebelius for Health and Human Services, Melody Barnes for the Domestic Policy Council, and more.”

Who sent the e-mail to Obama from the CFR? Wall Streeter Michael Froman, the Citibank executive who was then serving as a senior fellow at CFR headquarters. Obama also brought Froman on board as his trade negotiator to, among other things, negotiate the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), two of the Deep State’s key agreements aimed at destroying American sovereignty and political-economic independence. He later returned to the CFR where he currently serves as a “distinguished fellow.”

### Lockstep Appointments

In our special report last August entitled “Directing the Disorder: The CFR is the Deep State powerhouse undoing and re-making our world,” we provided a 12-page infographic chart detailing the domi-

nance of CFR members in Republican and Democratic administrations from Herbert Hoover to Donald Trump. The chart also shows the incredible reach of the CFR throughout the media, consulting firms, NGOs, think tanks, corporations, health



**Bilderberg man:** Biden CIA Director William J. Burns, a CFR member and the immediate past president of the Carnegie Endowment, attended the highly secretive and exclusive Bilderberg meetings in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

# BIDEN CFR-TC-BG APPOINTEES

Secretary of State — Antony Blinken (CFR, TC)

Deputy Secretary of State — Wendy R. Sherman (TC)

Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs — Victoria Nuland (CFR)

Secretary of Defense — General Austin Lloyd (CFR)

Deputy Secretary of Defense — Kathleen Hicks (CFR)

Undersecretary of Defense for Policy — Colin Kahl (CFR)

Secretary of the Treasury — Janet Yellen (CFR)

Secretary of Homeland Security — Alejandro Mayorkas (CFR)

Secretary of Agriculture — Thomas J. Vilsack (CFR)

Secretary of Commerce — Gina Raimondo (CFR)

Deputy Attorney General — Lisa Monaco (CFR)

Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors — Cecilia Rouse (CFR director)

Director of the Domestic Policy Council — Susan Rice (CFR)

National Security Advisor — Jake Sullivan (TC)

Director of National Intelligence — Avril Haines (BG)

Director of the CIA — William J. Burns (CFR, BG)

Deputy Director of the CIA — David S. Cohen (CFR, BG)

Deputy National Security Advisor — Jon Finer (CFR)

Homeland Security Advisor — Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall (CFR)

Special Presidential Envoy for Climate — John Kerry (CFR, BG)

Ambassador to the United Nations — Linda Thomas-Greenfield (CFR)

Counselor to the President — Jeffrey Zients (CFR)

White House Press Secretary — Jennifer Psaki (CFR, 2018)

White House Cabinet Secretary — Evan Ryan (CFR)

Presidential Science Advisor — Eric Lander (CFR)

Coordinator for Middle East & North Africa — Brett McGurk (CFR)

Coordinator for the Indo Pacific — Kurt M. Campbell (CFR)

Co-chair of White House Gender Policy Council —

Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon (CFR)

White House COVID-19 Advisory Board — Jeffrey Zients (CFR)

White House COVID-19 Advisory Board — Ezekiel Emanuel (CFR)

White House COVID-19 Advisory Board — Luciana Boria (CFR)

White House COVID-19 Advisory Board — Michael Osterholm (CFR)



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**Spook central:** Biden Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines is a Bilderberg attendee and a Brookings Institution senior fellow. She worked closely with former CIA chief John Brennan, and worked with Palantir Technologies, the data-mining spy company.

and medical organizations, and more. Any reasonable person surveying the facts would have to conclude that the Council on Foreign Relations has become, indeed, the “ruling establishment,” a de facto oligarchy that has usurped control of the key institutions of our country and is now rapidly trying to destroy any remaining checks and balances that impede turning our constitutional republic into a “People’s Republic” modeled after the idyllic one built by their allies in Communist China.

Hillary Clinton, while serving as Obama’s secretary of state, infamously admitted during an appearance at the CFR’s new Washington, D.C., office that she depends on the globalist outfit to tell her how to think and what to do. She said she was happy that she wouldn’t have to go all the way to the organization’s New York City headquarters, which she referred to as “the mother ship,” where she had gone for directives many times before.

“We get a lot of advice from the Council, so this will mean I won’t have as far to go to be told what we should be doing and how we should think about the future,” she told the CFR audience and its president, Richard Haass. Secretary Clinton was not a CFR member at the time and still is not listed as one, but the council has been known to have unlisted members. Her husband, former U.S. President Bill Clinton, and daughter, Chelsea Clinton, are both listed as members.

But back to Joe Biden, who has obviously had his own list handed to him by the CFR crowd. His newly confirmed secretary of state, Antony Blinken, is a CFR member and will, undoubtedly, defer often to the organization’s “mother ship” in New York and its D.C. adjunct for guidance. Biden’s nominees for secretaries of Defense, Treasury, Commerce, Agriculture, and Homeland Security are all CFR members, as is the director of the CIA, as well as many of the Cabinet under secretaries, deputy secretaries, and assistant secretaries.

We have provided a list of the CFR members who have been appointed thus far to the helm of Team Biden. (See page 17.) Many more CFR veterans will certainly follow. We have also listed the Biden officials who are members of the Trilateral Commission or who have been to the high-powered gatherings of the Bilderberg Group.

The four-year presidency of Donald J. Trump saw a break from the past in terms of the CFR lock on all of the top executive branch slots. He didn’t break entirely, but President Trump learned from bitter experience that his relatively few CFR appointments turned out to be some of his biggest backstabbers. For just three examples, consider Anthony Scaramucci, H.R. McMaster, and John R. Bolton.

Scaramucci (CFR), a former Goldman Sachs man and the head of Skybridge Cap-

ital, served for 11 days as White House communications director before being fired by President Trump. For the past four years Scaramucci, known as “The Mooch,” has carried on a media vendetta against Trump and has supported the efforts of neocon NeverTrumpers to undermine the Trump administration and turn Republicans against Trump.

National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster (CFR) was also given the boot by President Trump after McMaster and his deputy, Nadia Schadlow (CFR), sabotaged the president’s National Security Strategy (NSS) report. CFR Senior Fellow Max Boot praised the McMaster-Schadlow subversion of the Trump NSS as a “*cri du coeur* [cry of the heart] from inside the Deep State signaling to the outside world that Trumpian thinking has not entirely taken over the U.S. government.”

Unfortunately, Trump replaced McMaster with John Bolton, a neocon interventionist warhawk — who is also a CFR member. Like his fellow globalists who had been cashiered, Bolton turned his guns on Trump after getting fired. The CFR contingent in the Trump administration was constantly leaking damaging information to the Democratic opposition, as well as to their CFR comrades in the press, who could be counted on to use the information to foment scandals and diversions that would cripple and impede the administration.

All of this internal sabotage notwithstanding, President Donald Trump’s administration accomplished the first major reversals of the CFR’s decades-long globalist agenda on many fronts: China, tariffs, open borders, immigration, the United Nations, global warming, energy, abortion, gun control, regulation, taxes, and much more. His actions in these areas, along with his purging of CFR globalists from their positions of power in the federal government, precipitated the no-holds-barred moves by the entire Deep State apparatus to remove him by any and all means.

Joe Biden is now president as a result of the most massive vote fraud effort in American history, and his “election” has been ratified by the CFR-controlled Fake News propaganda cartel. The CFR’s Team Biden is now in the process of reversing the reversal, and putting us back on course to the New World Order and the Great Reset. ■

# Lethal Green Leftists

# FREEZE TEXAS



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**They saw it coming:** Forecasters accurately predicted the Arctic blast more than a week in advance, but Biden's Department of Energy refused to allow Texas to prepare for the storm.

Reaction to Texas' deep freeze proves that environmentalists value arbitrary emissions regulations over human life.

by *Rebecca Terrell*

As Texas recovers from February's devastating winter storms, families mourn the loss of loved ones who perished in the frigid temperatures. The mother of an 11-year-old boy found him dead in their mobile home in Conroe after they lost power and temperatures plunged into single digits. Carbon monoxide poisoning claimed the lives of others, such as an eight-year-old Houston girl and her mother; their family had started the car in the garage to keep warm in the

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bitter cold. The Texas Department of State Health Services is working to determine a final mortality count, but by February's end, media sources reported at least two dozen deaths due to the historic freeze.

Just days before these tragedies, anticipating life-threatening winter conditions, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in all 254 Texas counties. The power grid supervisor, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), had petitioned the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to temporarily waive onerous regulatory quotas so it could ramp up production to weather the storm.

The Biden administration refused. Instead, his DOE issued Order No. 202-

21-1 in which, though acknowledging the "imminent threat of widespread ... loss of life," it answered ERCOT's plea for permission to generate additional energy by callously disregarding that life in favor of its run-of-the-mill regulations. Freeze or no freeze, far be it from DOE to let one additional molecule of carbon dioxide escape from a power station!

"Because the additional generation may result in a conflict with environmental standards and requirements, I am authorizing only the necessary additional generation," wrote acting DOE secretary David Huizenga, who then proceeded to put conditions on what he determined necessary. In characteristic left-wing fashion, he shackled only dependable energy sources: coal, oil, and natural gas. Instead, DOE ordered ERCOT to purchase energy from outside the state, despite the fact that many of Texas' neighbors were dealing with the same ferocious winter storm, which the National Weather Service said stretched across 25 states, from southern Texas to northern Maine.

Huizenga also had the gall to insist that ERCOT "exhaust all" backup sources such as generators, solar panels (during a winter storm?!), battery power (to keep the heat on?!), etc., before it would be allowed to resort to the eco-banes of coal, oil, and natural gas. If the latter had to be revved up, the plants would still be taxed at current rates for their excess emissions. Moreover, DOE specified that any such power generated in excess of federal emissions limits had to "be offered at a price no lower than \$1,500/MWh."

By comparison, ERCOT records a cost of \$18.20 per megawatt-hour just one year prior, in February 2020. But DOE's minimum bid pales in comparison to the

The *New York Times* interviewed Scott Willoughby, a “63-year-old Army veteran who lives on Social Security in a Dallas suburb,” who had to empty his savings account to pay his \$16,752 electric bill.



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**Favoring the weak:** Eager for green accolades, Texas’ eco-leftists compensate “renewables” while penalizing “fossil fuels,” leaving the system crippled under extreme conditions.

\$9,000 cap set days later by ERCOT’s boss, the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC), due to record-setting demand and unprecedented scarcity of supply. So, while many Texans suffered and even died without power in the bitter cold, the lucky ones who did not lose power are now receiving life-altering utility bills. The *New York Times* interviewed Scott Willoughby, a “63-year-old Army veteran who lives on Social Security in a Dallas suburb,” who had to empty his savings account to pay his \$16,752 electric bill. Public outcry from such skyrocketing prices has prompted Governor Abbott to appeal to the state legislature to “protect Texans from spikes in their energy bills.” Thus, socialism begets more socialism.

### On the Grid

The *New York Times* went on to blame steep prices and unpreparedness on “the state’s uniquely unregulated energy market” that runs on “an entirely market-driv-

en system.” In an Orwellian contradiction, it then described how the state utility commission “raised the price cap” to \$9,000 per megawatt-hour during the crisis. One wonders what they think “unregulated” and “market-driven” mean, but obviously, the *Times* is oblivious to DOE’s 48-year dictatorial reign.

Equally unaware, and in an embarrassing showcase of her ignorance of the basics of power generation, U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) tweeted the following outlandish claim in the midst of the catastrophe: “The infrastructure failures in Texas are quite literally what happens when you \*don’t\* pursue a Green New Deal.”

Not everyone agrees. “Just like every leftist idea, it’s completely the opposite of the truth.” So says consulting engineer Ed Hiserodt, energy correspondent for THE NEW AMERICAN and author of the myth-dispelling book *Underexposed: What if Radiation Is Actually Good for You?*

Hiserodt describes what actually caused the Lone Star State’s deep freeze debacle. “The system in Texas is inherently unstable because so much of it relies on wind-generated electricity,” he explains. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported last October that 23 percent of Texans’ energy comes from wind turbines, a fact that places the state as a world leader in so-called renewable energy and has earned accolades from the likes of CNN and the World Economic Forum.

Not surprisingly, half of those west-Texas turbines froze during February’s storm. Turns out that when an ice storm hits, wind isn’t quite so renewable as climate alarmists claim. So why couldn’t coal, oil, and natural gas simply fill in the gaps?

“It’s not as simple as flipping a switch,” Hiserodt explains. “Leftists like AOC, who think we can just snap our fingers and generate electricity, are insane.” Understanding why this is true requires knowledge of how an electrical grid works. The fundamental concept to grasp is this: Energy must be used as it is generated and generated as it is used. That is why organizations such as ERCOT are known in the industry as “frequency chasers.” They keep the grid stable by continually monitoring supply and demand. In more technical terms, they keep frequency and voltage steady to prevent surges and blackouts.

“Wind is so variable, you just can’t rely on it to maintain baseload [i.e., fundamental electricity needs], let alone demand fluctuations above that,” says Hiserodt, “which is why the frequency chasers complain whenever wind makes up more than 10 percent of a grid’s power supply.” The situation is then intrinsically unstable, unlike a grid based on coal, where “all you have to do is turn the boiler up or down to keep the frequency and voltages stable.”

So again, why couldn’t they just turn the boilers up in February? “It’s because of government mandates,” explains Hiserodt. “Wind turbines get priority. You have to use the windmills before the other power plants can be exploited.” Adding fuel to this unstable fire, “wind is so overly-subsidized with production tax credits, renewable energy certificates, and other government subsidies, coal-fired plants — along with natural gas, oil, and nuclear — can’t compete. These plants have to back off out

of their efficiency range, or they will have to *pay* for the unused power they produce. If the wind stops, it takes time — and a lot of energy — to bring the reliable producers back online.”

“It’s gotten so bad in some places that reliable producers ironically need government subsidies just to stay afloat,” Hiserodt points out. “There definitely isn’t money or incentive to build new plants or even maintain current facilities.” Yet another example of socialism begetting more socialism.

Hence the failure of Texas’ natural gas pipeline, which was not properly winterized — a dire situation since natural gas provides half the state’s energy needs. Freeze-offs at wellheads and gathering lines crippled 45 percent of production during the crisis, according to OilPrice.com. Abbott is blaming ERCOT for mismanagement and has ordered an investigation of the agency. But is ERCOT to blame?

Climatologist and former frequency chaser Dr. Judith Curry says not. “Texas has stacked the deck to make wind and solar more competitive than they could be in a system that better recognizes the value of dependable resources,” she writes on her blog *Climate Etc.* “Today’s wind and solar cannot achieve high penetration levels in a fair competition.” She explains that Texas’ troubles are magnified by the fact that its inequitable system discourages dependable resources from being ready to

“back up with firm energy supplies.”

“While policy makers could listen to experts” who have sufficient technical knowledge to properly evaluate the effective balance of energy sources, says Curry, “their voices are drowned out by those with vested interests in wind and solar technology who garner considerable support from those ideologically inclined to support renewables regardless of impact.”

Hiserodt agrees, and posits that the best way to ensure against another catastrophe is to stop all government subsidies and let the playing field level itself. In predicting the outcome, he points to leftist investor Warren Buffet, who once famously stated: “We get a tax credit if we build a lot of wind farms. That’s the only reason to build them. They don’t make sense without the tax credit.”

### What a Gas

Yet government waste is not the most scandalous aspect of DOE’s willingness to sacrifice people’s lives in its unremitting crusade to save Mother Earth. The real outrage lies in the fact that limiting greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), does absolutely nothing to help the planet. In fact, as *THE NEW AMERICAN* has reported countless times, CO<sub>2</sub> is not a pollutant but a remarkable benefit to life on Earth. Far from being a poison, it is instead plant food.

The U.S. National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) bragged in 2016

that “a quarter to half of Earth’s vegetated lands has shown significant greening over the last 35 years largely due to rising levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide.” It credited CO<sub>2</sub> “fertilization” for 70 percent of the increased vegetation. NASA gave nitrogen second-place mention at nine percent, which is noteworthy considering that gas makes up nearly 80 percent of the atmosphere, whereas CO<sub>2</sub> accounts for a mere 0.04 percent.

However, mankind cannot take credit for NASA’s boast. According to the non-profit think tank National Center for Policy Analysis, man-made CO<sub>2</sub> amounts to 3.5 percent of all the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. That means 96.5 percent comes from natural sources such as decomposition, respiration, and ocean release. So even if the human contribution doubled, it would still only be seven percent of 0.04 percent — statistically insignificant.

Unfortunately, it seems unlikely in today’s landscape that these facts will impact political or regulatory policies. But there is good news, as Terence Corcoran writes in the *Financial Post*: The “Texas crisis will reshape energy policy-making everywhere as the wind-power collapse puts renewables under scrutiny.” He points out that shares of large renewable corporations dropped precipitously after the crisis, and that Abbott, heretofore a wind energy champion, has cast a scornful eye at his once-favorite child. Moreover, the EIA praised coal and nuclear with keeping much of the power flowing during the storm.

“Renewable advocates are scrambling to the defense of wind and solar, but the Texas case joins others around the world that suggest the great stampede to build wind and solar, fueled by massive government subsidies and price-fixing regimes, comes with risks,” notes Corcoran. He highlights Germany’s growing problem of significant shortfalls in supply with the attendant increased risk of blackouts and price distortions — a landscape alarmingly similar to that in Texas, as well as in Britain, Australia, and Canada, where renewables thrive at the excessive expense of both taxpayers and consumers.

As renewable-generated problems hit more people in the pocketbook, there is reason to anticipate energy-wise decisions in the future. Let’s just hope that happens before additional lives are sacrificed on the altar of renewable energy. ■



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# SHOULD YOU Take the COVID Shot?

The new mRNA COVID vaccines represent significant technology advances. But is it really a good idea for everyone in America and around the world to get the shot?



**Push past common sense:** National Guard and Navy Reserve personnel assist with registration of those seeking COVID vaccinations in New York on February 24. Despite the push to convince people to get the shots, numerous medical, scientific, and other experts have raised serious questions about the effectiveness and safety of the vaccines.

by **Dennis Behreandt**

A young doctor is dead in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. J. Barton Williams was only 36 years old. An orthopedic surgeon, he died at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. Cause of death: “Doctors treating him believe Williams had a delayed immune reaction to having the [SARS-CoV-2] virus earlier, even though he didn’t realize he had it,” reported Mississippi’s *Magnolia State Live* on February

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12. The site also reported that Dr. Williams had recently had the COVID vaccine injection. “Williams had received his second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine just weeks before his death.”

But not to worry, the vaccine was not responsible for his death, according to authorities.

“It does seem to be in every case we have seen so far to be related to the virus itself,” Dr. Stephen Threlkeld, who helped treat Dr. Williams, said. “It’s a post-viral, sometimes a few weeks later, a post-viral effect. Not during the first part of it.”

The trouble is, there doesn’t seem to

be any evidence that Dr. Williams had contracted the virus itself. “Threlkeld says they never found an active virus in Williams’ body,” WREG News Channel 3 in Memphis reported. Antibodies to the virus were discovered, though. But were they caused by exposure to the virus itself, or were they a result of the COVID vaccine?

What has been reported for certain is that “he never knew he had the virus and he’d been vaccinated,” WREG reported.

Nonetheless, according to Dr. Threlkeld, the way to avoid the sickness that tragically claimed Dr. Williams’ life is to be vaccinated.

“The way to avoid this rare, albeit terrible, illness is to get the vaccine,” Threlkeld said according to WREG.

We are asked to believe in this case that Dr. Williams did not die due to the vaccine, but due to COVID, which he did not know he had and for which he had no symptoms. And of course, he died from this phantom disease despite being vaccinated for it, so it is apparent that in his case, the vaccine, at best, was worse than useless. Still, his doctor is advising others to continue to get the vaccine in order to avoid death, although one could be reasonably suspicious, in this case, that the vaccine may have had some role in the death of Dr. Williams.

Such advice is nonsense, if not outright madness.

Is it any wonder people don’t know what to do in the face of the constant barrage of fear and propaganda that has come to be the hallmark of the pandemic? The current narrative is that all should take the vaccine and that we might only get back

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to something approaching normal, or even the Deep State's desired "new normal," when all are vaccinated and have vaccine passports to prove it.

To emphasize this point, the U.S. government's highest paid employee, Dr. Anthony Fauci, has recently taken to the interview circuit to emphasize that the vaccinated *might* be allowed to enjoy a few crumbs of freedom while the unvaccinated stew in state-imposed tyranny forever. "Common sense tells you that, in fact, you don't have to be as stringent in your public health measures" for the vaccinated, Fauci told CNN in a de facto admission that the government is holding citizens' natural rights hostage in an effort to coerce vaccine acceptance.

Should you take the bait and get the mRNA vaccine if it's available to you? It is, in fact, a new technology, something that will interest those who appreciate innovation. And in the testing it has had, it is *reportedly* safe and effective — something that must be said with the proviso that testing was abbreviated and gaps in understanding of its effects exist. Worse, auguring caution, is the government's approach to distribution, relying on outright censorship of critics coupled with propaganda-based social engineering as a means of "nudging" people toward acceptance.

In a simple world, a vaccine that is proven and openly demonstrated to be safe and effective would be an easy sell — millions, billions, would flock to it. There

would be no need for a government propaganda campaign, no military involvement, no censorship. As with everything in a free and open market, people would be free to make an informed choice of their own and would flock to a vaccine product that is proven safe and effective.

We don't have that free and open market today with regard to the new COVID vaccines. What we have instead is a campaign of fear and confusion, of censorship and obfuscation, and of intimidation and coercion. This is reason enough to be worried about the outcome of the mass COVID vaccination effort. Despite the novel and innovative and even promising aspects of the new vaccines, there are plenty of reasons to be cautious.

### New Technology

At least from the point of view of innovation, the new vaccines from Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna are cutting-edge examples of the future of biological and medical science. As has been widely noted, these are mRNA-based vaccines that deliver a bit of messenger ribonucleic acid to cells.

Under normal circumstances, a new vaccine can take years of work before it is ready for use in human populations. "A typical vaccine development timeline takes 5 to 10 years, and sometimes longer, to assess whether the vaccine is safe and efficacious in clinical trials, complete the regulatory approval processes, and manufacture sufficient quantity of vaccine doses for widespread distribution," says Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Both Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech announced development of their respective mRNA vaccines in January 2020. With availability beginning before the year was out, development was therefore five to 10 times faster than normal.

Much of the speed of development, proponents argue, comes from the new technology used by these companies. Normal vaccines require growing live viruses using a relatively cumbersome process and are slower to develop and manufacture. By contrast, the newer technology of mRNA vaccines is conducive to more rapid development.

Not seen, however, is that the technology behind mRNA vaccines has been under development for many years. Writ-



**What success are they celebrating?** Joe Biden and Anthony Fauci look on as a woman receives a COVID vaccination to commemorate the 50 millionth COVID shot. Rapid rollout of the vaccines was enhanced by massive federal spending, with Moderna alone receiving a windfall of up to \$2.5 billion.



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**Masked, but not muzzled:** Joe Biden visits a Pfizer factory on February 19 in Portage, Michigan. Biden criticized former President Trump, saying he “did not do his job in getting ready for the massive challenge of vaccinating hundreds of millions of Americans,” although the Trump administration ordered 200 million doses of the vaccines each from Pfizer and Moderna.

ing in the journal *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* in 2018, Professor of Medicine Norbert Pardi and co-authors from the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and from the Duke Human Vaccine Institute at the Duke University School of Medicine noted that early research into mRNA vaccines was completed as far back as 1990. Since then, they wrote, “Over the past decade, major technological innovation and research investment have enabled mRNA to become a promising therapeutic tool in the fields of vaccine development and protein replacement therapy.”

In other words, what seems like rapid development from the limited perspective of the COVID pandemic is really a technological advance built on many years of research.

### **A Fistful of (Billions of) Dollars**

In addition to the years of research that made rapid development in 2020 possible, the vaccine rollout received a significant supercharge from a massive influx of federal (i.e., taxpayer) dollars into the hands of the pharmaceutical companies developing the vaccines.

For example, in August 2020 Stephen Gandel reported for CBS News that “Moderna has received nearly \$1 billion in federal funding to develop and produce its vaccine.”

But a billion dollars was just a start. A *USA Today* fact check admitted that the figure was much higher. “All in all, U.S. agencies committed about \$2.5 billion to help develop Moderna’s vaccine and buy doses,” the paper said, citing the *New York Times*.

A significant portion of the funding came in the form of federal grants. On April 16, 2020, Moderna announced that it had reached “an agreement for a commitment of up to \$483 million from the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), a division of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to accelerate development of the Company’s mRNA vaccine candidate (mRNA-1273) against the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).”

On July 26, the company announced it would receive additional millions of dollars from BARDA. As the result of “a

modification to its contract with the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA),” the company said, it had secured “an additional commitment of up to \$472 million to support late stage clinical development including the expanded Phase 3 study of the Company’s mRNA vaccine candidate.”

“We are thankful for BARDA’s support to fund the accelerated development of mRNA-1273, our vaccine candidate against SARS-CoV-2,” Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel said at the time.

By contrast, Pfizer turned down federal funding, citing concerns over the federal bureaucracy meddling with its research. “I wanted to liberate our scientists from any bureaucracy,” said Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, according to *The Week*. “When you get money from someone, that always comes with strings. They want to see how we are going to progress, what types of moves you are going to do. They want reports. I didn’t want to have any of that.”

### **Trials**

Both Moderna and Pfizer BioNTech conducted large trials to determine the efficacy of their vaccines.

The researchers behind the Pfizer vaccine published the results of their trial, one that included 21,720 people receiving the vaccine against 21,728 receiving a placebo, on December 10 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. They reported the following results:

There were 8 cases of Covid-19 with onset at least 7 days after the second dose among participants assigned to receive BNT162b2 and 162 cases among those assigned to placebo; BNT162b2 was 95% effective in preventing Covid-19 (95% credible interval, 90.3 to 97.6). Similar vaccine efficacy (generally 90 to 100%) was observed across subgroups defined by age, sex, race, ethnicity, baseline body-mass index, and the presence of coexisting conditions. Among 10 cases of severe Covid-19 with onset after the first dose, 9 occurred in placebo recipients and 1 in a BNT162b2 recipient.

Eric Rubin, M.D., Ph.D, editor-in-chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and



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**Still experimental:** The group America's Frontline Doctors has been critical of mRNA vaccine safety. A white paper from the group, co-authored by Dr. Simone Gold (far right), describes the organization's concern over antibody dependent enhancement (ADE), which could make COVID's effects worse. "Note that coronaviruses are commonly implicated" in ADE, said the paper.

Deputy Editor Dan Longo, M.D., penned a celebratory op-ed in the *Journal* describing what they believed to be the significance of this vaccine.

"We didn't know," Rubin and Longo noted, if mRNA vaccines might be effective or safe. With the results of the new study in hand, they enthused, "Today we have part of the answer, and it is strongly encouraging." Calling the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine a "dramatic success," they concluded that it "holds the promise of saving uncounted lives and giving us a pathway out of what has been a global disaster."

Similarly, the results from the Moderna trial also appeared in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, this time in the February 4, 2021 issue.

For this trial, the study examined 30,420 participants, with 15,210 participants in the Moderna mRNA group and in the placebo group, respectively. For primary results, the authors noted that "196 cases of Covid-19 were diagnosed: 11 cases in the vaccine group ... and 185 cases in the placebo group ... indicating 94.1% efficacy of the mRNA-1273 vaccine ... for the prevention of symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection as compared with placebo."

On the basis of these results, the U.S. government issued emergency use authorizations and both vaccines have now been used across the United States. So far, as of February 23, 2021, 64 million doses of the vaccines have been administered in the United States.

### But Is It Safe?

Notwithstanding the mainstream media's obsession with the findings cited above as evidence of the safety and usefulness of the vaccines in question, and also notwithstanding the promise and peril of the technological approach of mRNA vaccines, which like nuclear technology offers great good (energy) and great evil (nuclear weapons) in one technology package, there is evidence that all is not well with the vaccines as they roll out to tens of millions of Americans and, eventually, billions worldwide.

There are popping up, for example, accounts of sudden deaths or deaths shortly after receiving the vaccines:

- Florida obstetrician Dr. Gregory Michael was pro-vaccine, according to his wife, and took the mRNA shot. The healthy 56-year-old died "due to a strong

reaction to the COVID vaccine," his wife wrote on Facebook. Doctors worked for two weeks to try to save his life. "Experts from all over the country were involved in his care," his wife wrote. "No matter what they did, the platelets count refused to go up. He was conscious and energetic through the whole process but 2 days before a last resort surgery, he got a hemorrhagic stroke caused by the lack of platelets that took his life in a matter of minutes. He was a pro vaccine advocate that is why he got it himself. I believe that people should be aware that side effects can happen, that it is not good for everyone and in this case destroyed a beautiful life, a perfect family, and has affected so many people in the community."

- In Norway, 23 elderly people died shortly after receiving the vaccine. By mid-January, the Norwegian Medicines Agency had assessed 13 of those deaths and linked them to the vaccine. "The reports might indicate that common side effects from mRNA vaccines, such as fever and nausea, may have led to deaths in some frail patients," chief physician Sigurd Hortemo of the Norwegian Medicines Agency noted, according to *Norway Today*. The site also reported that at a webinar for journalists about the vaccines an official with the Norwegian Medicines Agency warned those who are frail away from the vaccine. "If you are very frail, you should probably not be vaccinated," Steinar Madsen said.

- In California, a 78-year-old woman died immediately after receiving the vaccine. She "received an injection of the COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by Pfizer around noon," Michael Morris, director of Kaiser Permanente Southern California's COVID-19 Vaccination Program said, according to KNBC news in Los Angeles. "While seated in the observation area after the injection, the patient complained of feeling discomfort and while being evaluated by medical personnel, she lost consciousness," Morris said. Not to worry, though: Her death immediately after vaccination was deemed purely coincidental. "Her death is not believed to be related to the vaccine, health officials said," KNBC reported.

- In Michigan, Karen Hudson-Samuels, former news anchor for WGPR-TV in Detroit, died just one day after getting

the vaccine. “The Detroit media icon was found dead at her home by her husband last Tuesday, just one day after taking the COVID-19 vaccine but the official cause of her death is still unknown,” reported CBS Detroit.

• A particularly mysterious case occurred at St. Walberg Monastery in Kentucky. There, the Benedictine Sisters had closed the monastery to keep COVID out. “We will not be receiving guests, friends, family, and Oblates,” they wrote on the monastery website. “There will be no public religious services or any event during this time.”

Despite being closed, an outbreak of the virus spread through the sisters at the monastery at the turn of the year, with more than two dozen sisters testing positive for the virus, according to the WKRC Local 12 news station. Three of the sisters died.

“The question is: How did the coronavirus get in?” asked Brad Underwood of WKRC. A good question, especially since the outbreak began “just two days after the sisters got their first COVID-19 vaccine shot.”

There are many similar examples that could be cited, but most share a commonality in terms of how they are reported: The deaths following vaccination are merely a curious coincidence. It is as if reporters on discovering that a town was destroyed a

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day after a tornado tore through an area declared, with complete certainty, that there is no causal relationship between the two facts. The town was not destroyed by a tornado, they insist, but simply was the victim of a rapid unplanned disassembly (RUD) event.

### Medical and Scientific Critics

How could an mRNA vaccine designed to train the human immune system to defeat a viral invader actually cause harm, or even death? One answer is provided by doctors Karina Reiss and Sucharit Bhakdi in their essential book *Corona False Alarm*.

Reiss and Bhakdi have impeccable scientific credentials and so cannot be smeared as pseudoscientific rubes. Reiss holds a Ph.D. in cell biology and is a professor of biochemistry at the University of Kiel in Germany. Bhakdi is a medical doctor who worked as a post-doctoral researcher at no less a place than the Max

Planck Institute of Immunobiology and Epigenetics. He served as chair of the department of Medical Microbiology at the University of Mainz from 1990 to 2012.

In *Corona False Alarm*, they put the potential danger of an mRNA vaccine for COVID-19 into frightening perspective.

“Safety concerns linked to mRNA vaccines include systemic inflammation and potential toxic effects,” they write. “A further immense danger looms that applies equally to mRNA-based coronavirus vaccines. At some time during or after production of the viral spike, waste products of the protein must be expected to become exposed on the surface of targeted cells. The majority of healthy individuals have killer lymphocytes that recognise these viral products. It is inevitable that autoimmune attacks will be mounted against the cells. Where, when, and with which effects this might occur is entirely unknown. But the prospects are simply terrifying.”

Also warning against the unknown potential dangers of the mRNA vaccines are the medical professionals from the group America’s Frontline Doctors (AFLDS). The organization was founded by Dr. Simone Gold, another medical professional with unimpeachable credentials. A board-certified physician, Dr. Gold graduated from the Chicago Medical School then went on to earn a law degree from Stanford University Law School. She has been relentlessly smeared by the mainstream press and was recently arrested for having the temerity to be among those who attended the January 6 Capitol protest.

Doctors affiliated with AFLDS released a lengthy white paper on the subject of the safety of mRNA coronavirus vaccines that describes concerns they have with the mass-vaccination program. The 10 co-authors with Dr. Gold on the white paper include Dr. Lee Merritt, a bodybuilder, former Navy doctor, and accomplished surgeon; board certified neurologist Dr.



**Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla** speaks at a Pfizer factory on February 19. Under Bourla, Pfizer turned down federal funding for vaccine development. “I wanted to liberate our scientists from any bureaucracy,” Bourla said of the decision.

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Teryn Clark; and Dr. Geoff Mitchell, former director of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

According to these doctors, a major concern with the safety of the mRNA and other coronavirus vaccines is the unknown but real potential for the development of antibody dependent enhancement (ADE). “A well-documented and serious side effect of vaccines is known as pathogenic priming or antibody dependent or immune enhancement,” they write.

“Note,” they continue, “that coronaviruses are commonly implicated.”

ADE, they explain, occurs when vaccine-generated antibodies cause a more severe disease when the vaccinated person next encounters the virus in question in the wild. There are many examples of this happening as a result of attempts to develop vaccines against other diseases,

and in some cases ADE led to deaths that should not have occurred.

Of particular note, scientists worked hard to create a vaccine for the original SARS-CoV, “a coronavirus 78% similar to the current SARS-CoV-2,” the AFLDS notes. The result? When tested in mice the results seemed promising at first, “but ultimately it was abandoned because although the mice tolerated the vaccine and produced antibodies, when the mice were exposed to the actual virus in the wild, they died due to what we would think of as sudden cytokine storm.”

Surely this has been ruled out, though, for the current vaccines being used for COVID-19? According to the AFLDS white paper, the trials for those vaccines did not adequately examine the potential for ADE in the vaccinated.

“The Phase III trials from Pfizer, Mo-

derna and AstraZeneca provide little insight in to ADE and VAH,” the white paper’s authors argue. “Not only is the sample size of vaccinated participants who developed COVID-19 very small, but, based on the information publicly available, it is unknown which strains of SARS-CoV-2 afflicted the participants in the trials.”

### Infertility?

Another concern that has been raised by AFLDS is the potential for the mRNA vaccines to cause infertility. AFLDS did not originate this concern, but cited a petition to the European Medicines Agency for a stay of action stopping phase III trials of the Pfizer vaccine until certain matters of concern were tested. The petition was from Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg and Dr. Michael Yeadon. Wodarg is one of Germany’s leading medical doctors, and is a specialist in internal medicine and pulmonology who was also a member of the German Bundestag from 1994 to 2009. Yeadon is the former head of allergy and respiratory biology at Pfizer and founder of the pharma company Ziarco, which was ultimately acquired by Novartis.

In their petition, Wodarg and Yeadon highlight a concern that the mRNA vaccines might lead to infertility. Noting that the vaccines are intended to produce antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins, they argue that those spike proteins contain syncytin homologous proteins and that as a result, antibodies developed by the vaccines might target syncytin naturally occurring in the human body. “Syncytin-1,” they write, “is responsible for the development of a placenta in mammals and humans and is therefore an essential prerequisite for a successful pregnancy.” They admit that there “is no indication whether antibodies against spike proteins of SARS viruses would also act like anti-Syncytin-1 antibodies.” Nonetheless, they continue, “If this were to be the case this would also prevent the formation of a placenta which would result in vaccinated women essentially becoming infertile.”

Some critics have attacked Wodarg and Yeadon for spreading misinformation, suggesting that the pair of scientists wrongfully claimed that the vaccines cause infertility. This is not, however, what Wodarg and Yeadon said. Instead,



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**Dangers:** In its December 17, 2020 briefing document on the Moderna vaccine, the FDA admitted that there is “insufficient data to make conclusions about the safety of the vaccine in subpopulations such as children less than 18 years of age, pregnant and lactating individuals, and immunocompromised individuals.”

they simply pointed out that the vaccine trials did not deliver any findings that shed light on the issue. Dr. Wodarg emphasized this point on his own website. “It is essential to rule out the possibility that a vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 could trigger an immune response against syncytin-1,” he wrote, “otherwise infertility of indefinite duration could result in vaccinated women.”

Is this a “fringe” point of view as some would suggest? Not unless you count World Health Organization guidance as “fringe” as well. In its “Interim recommendations for use of the Moderna mRNA-1273 vaccine against COVID-19: Interim guidance” document from January 25, WHO admits: “The available data on mRNA-1273 vaccination of pregnant women are insufficient to assess vaccine efficacy or vaccine-associated risks in pregnancy.” The organization concludes: “In the interim, WHO recommends not to use mRNA-1273 in pregnancy, unless the benefit of vaccinating a pregnant woman outweighs the potential vaccine risks, such as in health workers at high risk of exposure and pregnant women with comorbidities placing them in a high-risk group for severe COVID-19.”

Since the rollout of the vaccine, there have been troubling incidents of miscarriages and other impacts on pregnancy reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s organization, Children’s Health Defense, pointed out on February 23 that “as of Feb. 12, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) had already received 111 reports of adverse events experienced by women who were pregnant at the time of their Pfizer or Moderna injection.”

The VAERS reports on pregnancy and the vaccines are not conclusive, and though they all report a range of alarming symptoms, many indicate that the vaccine recipients seem to have recovered without implications for their pregnancies. But not all. In one case, a 34-year-old Idaho woman who was four weeks pregnant was given the vaccine on December 22, 2020 and suffered a miscarriage just a few days later. The report’s write-up on this case states, “The information currently provided is too limited to make a meaningful medical assessment hence, the



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**Abortion and the vaccines:** The mRNA vaccines were tested, though not manufactured, using cells derived from an aborted baby. Some other COVID vaccines, including Johnson and Johnson’s newly available vaccine, were developed, tested, and manufactured using cells from aborted babies.

events are conservatively assessed as related to the suspect drug BNT162B2 until further information becomes available.” BNT162B2 is the Pfizer mRNA vaccine.

In another case, a 32-year-old New Mexico woman was seven weeks pregnant when she received the vaccine. One day after receiving the second dose, “She began having abdominal pain and vaginal bleeding at 315 sm on 1/8/2021 progressing to a previable (22w2d) preterm birth at 739pm on 1/8/2021,” states the report in VAERS.

Reports like these in VAERS do not demonstrate definitively that the vaccine in question was the direct cause of these outcomes, but they should raise questions.

### Abortion

There is another moral and ethical concern, too, about these vaccines that stems from the use in the development of the vaccines of fetal cells that were derived from aborted babies. Testing fundamental aspects of the technology used to create the Moderna vaccine, for example, was completed using a cell line know as HEK-293. As *Science* magazine notes, HEK-293 is “a kidney cell line widely used in research and industry that comes from a fetus aborted in about 1972.”

To its credit, Moderna’s vaccine is not manufactured using HEK-293 cells. But

the cell line was used in testing and development, as explained in a research article published in the journal *Nature* on August 5, 2020 that was written by Kizzmekia S. Corbett of the Vaccine Research Center, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Darin K. Edwards of Moderna, along with many other co-authors. Their paper notes, in part, that in their research work, “HEK293T cells were transiently transfected with mRNA encoding SARS-CoV-2 wild-type S or S(2P) protein.” This was done as part of the effort to “detect surface-protein expression.”

Christians and Jews, especially, should be concerned about any tie between vaccines and abortion, regardless of the fact that HEK cells date back to an abortion that happened almost 50 years ago. Evil is not a relative matter that depreciates over time. Using a product developed, even if slightly, using the remains of a murdered baby is disgusting and unconscionable.

Quite scandalously, though, U.S. Catholic bishops have accepted use of vaccines that were either tested using HEK cells or developed using them.

“Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used morally compromised cell lines in the design, development, or production of the vaccine,” wrote Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann. “A



**Protest signs, or targets?** Protesters decry the “plandemic” lockdowns in Florida in April 2020. Mainstream media sources have attacked without mercy anyone expressing skepticism about the nature of the pandemic or the need, safety, or efficacy of the much-touted vaccines.

confirmatory test, however, employing the commonly used, but morally compromised HEK293 cell line was performed on both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any connection to morally compromised cell lines, in this case the connection is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion.”

Concluding their compromise with evil, they wrote: “Given the urgency of this crisis, the lack of available alternative vaccines, and the fact that the connection between an abortion that occurred decades ago and receiving a vaccine produced today is remote, inoculation with the new COVID-19 vaccines in these circumstances can be morally justified.”

This flies in the face of Christian pro-life ethics, not to mention pronouncements on the matter from recent Catholic leaders. In 2003, for example, Pope John Paul II commented on the matter to members of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. “Any treatment which claims to save human lives, yet is based upon the destruction of human life in its embryonic state,” he said, “is logically and morally contradictory, as is any production of human embryos for the direct or indirect purpose of experimentation or eventual destruction.”

Writing for the *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* journal in 2006, Dr. Alvin Wong, M.D., said there could be no compromise with the use of fetal cells such as HEK293 that are derived from abortions. “Anyone who conscientiously objects to abortion, or has a sense of the natural laws, let alone the Faith, could be scandalized by those researchers who use the HEK 293 cell line,” Wong wrote in his influential treatment of the topic. “Their proximate association with those who market these cell lines, and more remotely with abortion providers, even if it is one of passivity, cannot be totally swept under the carpet.”

And make no mistake, we are here talking about a great evil. To see this, it helps to put it in direct terms, something Annamaria Cardinalli did in describing for *Crisis* magazine the creation of HEK293.

“HEK stands for human embryonic kidney,” Cardinalli wrote. “To harvest a viable embryonic kidney for this purpose, sufficiently healthy children old enough to have adequately-developed kidneys must be removed from the womb, alive, typically by cesarean section, and have their kidneys cut out. This must take place without anesthesia for the child, which would

lessen the viability of the organs. Instead of being held, rocked, and comforted in the time intervening between their birth and their death, they have organs cut out of them alive.”

### Fully Informed?

These are but a few of the many issues and concerns raised by the rapid rollout of vaccines for COVID-19 in just a few months. A more exhaustive review would be considerably longer. Most of this, however, is not just missing from mainstream coverage, but is often censored when it is posted to social media. Under such circumstances it is doubtful that those receiving the new vaccines are making fully informed choices.

Thomas Jefferson gave clearest voice, in the Declaration of Independence, to the absolutely essential and fundamentally important doctrine of individual human rights and dignities when he exclaimed that every person has been equally endowed by the “Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

As a direct consequence of those rights that governments cannot legitimately abridge or undermine, every person has the right to choose what is done to their bodies, including what they may choose to ingest or have injected. Coercion and force, as would be necessary for a mandatory vaccination program, directly undermine the basic natural rights inherent in personhood, but purposeful misrepresentation, obfuscation, and omission of critical information are also corrosive of natural human rights and as such can undermine the ability of each person to make fully informed decisions to consent to medical procedures and treatments.

It is necessary, therefore, for each person to seek out information relevant to medical decisions and decide for himself, in conjunction with trusted medical professionals and on the basis of other research and information, whether or not to accept treatments, medicine, or vaccines, especially ones, such as those for COVID-19, that are new and novel and have been “rushed” in order to meet the expectations of a populace that has been needlessly panicked by government and media “authorities.” ■



# NULLIFICATION

## What State Legislatures Are Doing

When the federal government oversteps its constitutional bounds, states can intercede and declare such actions unenforceable in their states. And many states are doing just that.



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**Earning his spurs:** Texas State Representative Cecil Bell is the primary sponsor of the Texas Sovereignty Act, one of the most comprehensive nullification bills. State legislators across the country are advancing bills to enforce the Constitution against federal infringements.

by **Peter Rykowski**

If Joe Biden can be considered a master at anything, it is irony. For someone who made “unity” and “normalcy” his campaign themes, no president has done more in his first month to break norms and further divide the country. In addition to signing a record number of executive orders — advancing far-left priorities on topics ranging from energy to migration

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— he has gone farther than any other president to decimate U.S. national sovereignty, slander American history, and remove federal officials for purely political reasons.

Not surprisingly, many of Biden’s executive decrees are unlawful and unconstitutional. They also are an omen of what the remainder of his presidency will bring. However, this is not a new problem; the federal government has long been overstepping its constitutionally imposed constraints and infringing upon both individual liberties and state sovereignty.

Fortunately, the Constitution contains the tools necessary to push back against these federal overreaches. For example, Article VI states: “This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which *shall be made in Pursuance thereof* . . . shall be the supreme Law of the Land.” (Emphasis added.) That is, laws *not* “made in Pursuance” of the Constitution are *not* the law of the land. In fact, they are unconstitutional and should be declared “null and void” for the simple reason that the federal government may only exercise those powers delegated to it. This is made crystal clear by the 10th Amendment, which states that all powers not granted by the Constitution to the federal government are reserved to the states and to the people.

When states try to curtail unconstitutional federal laws, they are said to be *nullifying* the laws. All that’s needed is for state legislators to take action and enforce the Constitution. Thankfully, a number of bills in state legislatures that would enforce Article VI have already been introduced in the current legislative sessions of multiple states. If any of these bills become law, they will go a long way toward protecting Americans’ rights from federal overreach.

### Comprehensive Nullification

The introduced nullification bills are not identical; they come in multiple forms and cover different topics. Arguably the most comprehensive bill is the Texas Sovereignty Act, or HB 1215. Sponsored by State Representative Cecil Bell (R) and three other representatives, its preface

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**Much patriots can do:** Joe Biden occupies the White House and the far Left controls Congress and the federal bureaucracy. However, the Constitution contains powerful tools for state legislatures to counter radical and unconstitutional federal policies.

explains the proper constitutional balance of power between the federal government and the states, even noting the importance of Article VI.

If passed, HB 1215 would create a Joint Legislative Committee on Constitutional Enforcement, which would “review federal actions that challenge the sovereignty of the state and of the people for the purpose of determining if the federal action is unconstitutional.”

The Texas Sovereignty Act creates clear criteria for determining whether a federal action is unconstitutional, including “consider[ing] the plain reading and reasoning of the text of the United States Constitution and the understood definitions at the time of [its] framing and construction.”

If the committee determines that a federal action is unconstitutional, the Texas Legislature must vote on whether to accept the committee’s conclusion. If ma-

majorities of both the State House and Senate accept its findings, and if the governor approves the motion, that federal action would be formally declared unconstitutional. HB 1215 does not end there. The bill would require Texas courts — rather than depending on case law — to “rely on the plain meaning of” the U.S. Constitution “and any applicable constitutional doctrine as understood by” the Founding Fathers when hearing cases challenging the constitutionality of federal laws.

The Texas Legislature is joined by South Dakota and Wyoming in introducing comprehensive nullification bills. The South Dakota Sovereignty Act (SB 122) is sponsored by State Senator David Janson (R) and six other legislators, while the Wyoming Sovereignty Act (HB 256) is sponsored by Representative Robert Wharff (R) and 14 other legislators. Both bills are substantially similar to Texas’s HB 1215.

Unfortunately, the South Dakota Sovereignty Act failed in committee, thanks in part to opposition from the organization Convention of States, which is pushing for a Constitution-nullifying constitutional convention. However, it is encouraging that this bill received seven sponsors. While not passing this session, it has a strong base of support and is a useful template for other states and for future legislative sessions.

### Defending the Second Amendment

The Texas and South Dakota Sovereignty Acts are the most comprehensive nullification bills. However, other legislation has been introduced that would robustly defend Americans’ constitutional freedoms from federal overreach. Many, if not most, of these bills focus on nullifying federal gun control.

The individual right to self-defense, enumerated in the Second Amendment of the Constitution, is probably the most endangered God-given liberty. Candidate Biden already made his anti-gun stance clear, campaigning in 2020 on extreme gun-control measures and on “defeating” the National Rifle Association. On February 14, 2021, President Biden, commemorating the third anniversary of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, issued a statement calling for new gun-control laws “including requiring background checks on all gun sales, banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and eliminating immunity for gun manufacturers who knowingly put weapons of war on our streets.” Already, multiple Democratic members of Congress have introduced legislation to implement Biden’s draconian vision.

The threat by the federal government to the Second Amendment was clear well before Biden’s inauguration, and four states — Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, and Wyoming — have already passed legislation prohibiting enforcement of federal gun-control laws. Meanwhile, hundreds of counties and municipalities have declared themselves “Second Amendment sanctuaries.”

Now, state legislators across the country, recognizing the present danger, have introduced a number of bills either nullifying federal gun controls for the first time or strengthening existing nullification laws.

Wyoming's SF 81, entitled the Second Amendment Preservation Act, is among the most detailed and comprehensive gun-control nullification bills and would strengthen the state's existing protections. It is sponsored by Senator Anthony Bouchard (R) and 19 other state legislators. An identical companion bill, HB 124, has been introduced in the Wyoming House.

SF 81 gives a list of policies that might be found in "federal acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules and regulations," that violate the Second Amendment and Article 1, Section 24, of Wyoming's constitution. These include any tax that might discourage gun purchases or ownership; gun confiscation laws; laws that prohibit law-abiding individuals from owning, using, or transferring guns; and laws mandating the tracking and registration of firearms, firearm owners, gun accessories, or ammunition.

Importantly, SF 81 nullifies both past and future unconstitutional firearm restrictions. While not naming any specific federal laws, the bill's effect would be wide-ranging, nullifying even the 1934 National Firearms Act and the 1968 Gun Control Act.

The remainder of SF 81 primarily en-

sures that government officials at the state and local levels do not enforce the listed unconstitutional federal gun-control policies and provides citizens with a means of redress if their self-defense rights are violated.

SF 81 is identical in content to proposed legislation in multiple other states, including Alabama (HB 157), Arkansas (HB 1435, SB 298), Florida (HB 1205), Georgia (HB 597, SB 268), Iowa (HF 518), Minnesota (HF1256), Missouri (HB 85, HB 310, SB 39), North Carolina (H189), Ohio (HB 62), and West Virginia (HB 2159, HB 2537). The Missouri bills have an especially good chance of becoming law, with HB 85 already having passed the State House as of this article's writing.

In Alabama, HB 157 not only has the same content, but also explicitly names the 1934 National Firearms Act and the 1968 Gun Control Act as being null and void in Alabama.

Although the above bills are the most detailed and thoroughly worded gun-control nullification legislation, they are not the only such efforts in 2021. Legislation in multiple other states would prohibit state and local enforcement of federal gun controls. These include Arizona (HB 2111, SB 1328), Arkansas (SB 59), Mis-

issippi (SB 2564), Montana (HB 258), Nebraska (LB 188), Oklahoma (SB 486), South Carolina (H 3012, H 3119, S 369), Tennessee (HB 928), and Texas (HB 635). Other states' bills, anticipating the Biden administration's coming actions, would specifically prohibit enforcement of future federal gun controls.

### **Nullifying *Roe v. Wade***

The 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision remains one of the most infamous Supreme Court rulings in U.S. history, not only because of its disastrous consequences for human life, but also for its total lack of constitutional grounding. Even liberal law professors such as John Hart Ely and Lawrence Tribe have admitted that the ruling, which created a supposed constitutional right to abortion based on a "right to privacy," had a weak legal basis.

At least one bill has already been introduced that would nullify *Roe v. Wade* and related Supreme Court abortion rulings. Arizona HB 2877, entitled the "*Roe v. Wade* is Unconstitutional Act," is sponsored by State Representative Walter Blackman (R). If passed, it would prohibit all state or local officials from taking any action to enforce federal court rulings that mandate legalized abortion, and it would require those officials to enforce state and local prohibitions on abortion irrespective of those rulings. In essence, HB 2877 nullifies the entire federal abortion regime and allows Arizona to ban abortion under the Constitution as properly interpreted.

In recent years, state legislatures have seen increased interest in protecting the sanctity of life and challenging *Roe v. Wade*. For example, in 2019, Alabama enacted the Human Life Protection Act, which nearly entirely prohibits abortion, and other states including Arkansas are currently considering similar bills that also directly challenge *Roe v. Wade*. However, while the passage of these bills is a positive development, a major flaw with them is that they make no attempt to nullify the Supreme Court's unconstitutional rulings. They merely seek to coerce the Supreme Court into reconsidering its abortion precedents. So far, this strategy is failing; the Alabama law is enjoined in federal court and not being enforced by the state, and the Supreme



**Nullifying gun control:** Legislation to prevent enforcement of past, present, and future federal gun controls is a major topic this year in many state legislatures — and for good reason.

Court has refused to hear the case thus far. Similar legislation in other states will likely meet the same fate.

Arizona's HB 2877 succeeds where the other bills do not by ordering state and local officials to disregard unconstitutional court rulings.

### Targeting Biden's Decrees

While most nullification bills focus on broad topics such as abortion and the Second Amendment, several bills proposed this year aim directly at Joe Biden's executive orders.

In South Dakota, State Representative Aaron Aylward (R), State Senator Julie Frye-Mueller (R), and 14 other legislators are sponsoring HB 1194. This bill would create a process for reviewing the constitutionality of presidential executive orders relating to six topics: "A pandemic or other public health emergency; ... The regulation of natural resources; ... The regulation of the agricultural industry; ... The regulation of land use; ... The regulation of the financial sector through the imposition of environmental, social, or governance standards;" and "The regulation of the constitutional right to keep and bear arms." Under HB 1194, if the South Dakota attorney general finds any such executive order unconstitutional, state and local agency would be prohibited from enforcing it.

This targeting of Biden's executive actions is not isolated to South Dakota. In Oklahoma, over 70 state representatives are co-authoring HB 1236. Similar to the South Dakota bill, it adds several other executive order topics for the state attorney general to review, and it allows the state legislature to nullify these orders if the attorney general declines.

Meanwhile, similar legislation (SB 277) has been introduced by Montana State Senator Tom McGilvray (R). In North Dakota, HB 1164 would have also created a similar process for reviewing and nullifying executive orders on those six topics, but it has since been amended to merely require the state to seek overturning those orders in court.

### Other Nullification Bills

Multiple other nullification bills have been introduced that do not fit in any of the above categories but still warrant a mention.

One such bill is North Dakota HB 1282, introduced by seven legislators. If passed, it would create a process for identifying and nullifying federal laws, regulations, and executive orders in existence prior to the bill's enactment.

Under HB 1282, once such federal actions are identified by a newly created committee, both houses of the legislature would vote to nullify them, and if simple majorities of the House and Senate agree with the committee's recommendation, state officials would not be required to enforce those actions. While narrower in scope than the Texas and South Dakota Sovereignty Acts discussed above — which also cover court orders and future federal actions — HB 1282 would be an excellent start to challenging unconstitutional federal actions.

Some state legislators are also using nullification to push back against the federal government's neocon foreign policy. In Iowa, State Representative Jeff Shipley (R) sponsored HF 332, which would prevent combat deployments of the Iowa National Guard by the federal government in the absence of a congressional declaration of war in accordance with Article I, Section 8, Clause 11, of the U.S. Constitution.

In Kentucky, Senator Adrienne Southworth (R) introduced similar legislation, SB 173, which would only allow federal combat deployment of the Kentucky Na-

tional Guard if consistent with Clauses 11 and 15 of Article I, Section 8. Similar legislation has also been introduced in Florida (HB 1163) and West Virginia (HB 2138).

According to the Tenth Amendment Center, over 650,000 National Guard troops have been sent to foreign conflicts since 2001. Additionally, 45 percent of the total U.S. forces sent to Iraq and Afghanistan have been National Guard or Reserve troops. If the states prohibit unconstitutional National Guard deployments, the federal government's participation in these foreign conflicts would be severely hampered.

### Keeping Up the Struggle

As one can see, there is much that state legislatures across our nation can do — and are already doing — to enforce the Constitution and push back against a leftist-controlled and out-of-control federal government.

Patriots must not be deceived into believing that all is lost, nor that it is not worth fighting. Yes, the 2020 presidential election and the Georgia Senate races were devastating for conservatives and gave the Democratic Party control over the presidency and Congress. However, state governments remain overwhelmingly under Republican control. Furthermore, the states have powerful constitutional tools at their disposal to protect individual liberty, namely Article VI and the 10th Amendment. ■



**Defending the Guard:** State legislation prohibiting unconstitutional federal deployments of the National Guard shows that nullification's impact can extend into foreign policy.



### The Gift of a Normal Childhood

Kayleigh Kulage of Pacific, Missouri, may finally have a chance at a normal life, thanks to her pre-kindergarten teacher, who donated a kidney to the five-year-old.

Born premature at just 26 weeks, Kayleigh has needed a new kidney since her birth and has required nightly peritoneal dialysis, Fox 2 Now reported.

According to Kayleigh's mother, Desiree, the little girl has taken everything in stride. "If she didn't have like these tubes on her or anything you wouldn't really know anything's wrong with her," Desiree said. "She never cries. She never complains about pain. She's a happy kid. I couldn't have been any luckier to have her."

But there is so much that Kayleigh has not been able to experience as a result of her condition, including baths and swimming. That is, until now.

Kayleigh's pre-K teacher, Robin Mach, volunteered to donate a kidney. "She was a student at our school. And then she had to receive some home services so I got to do that. So, I've been working with Kayleigh for about a year and a half," Mach said. "She needed it. I wanted her to have a normal life and go to school. And this is how we can help her get there."

Both surgeries took place in February and went very well, with Kayleigh's body adapting to her new kidney very well.

Kayleigh's parents are grateful to Mach, not just for the kidney but also for the incredible kindness she has shown Kayleigh and continues to show her and her family. "She's incredible. She was offering to do our laundry. And take me back and forth. And I'm like, 'you just had major surgery. You need to go home and rest,'" said Desiree. "I don't know how to thank her. So, all I keep on saying is thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

### Gorilla Glue Girl

Tessica Brown of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana — known as the Gorilla Glue Girl — has turned a rather embarrassing and terrifying ordeal into an opportunity

for incredible generosity.

Brown went viral in February after she posted a video on social media revealing her hair had been stuck solid for more than a month because she foolishly opted to use Gorilla Glue in place of hairspray.

"Bad, bad, bad idea," she said in the video, which was seen more than 30 million times.

Brown desperately tried getting the glue out of her hair and even visited the emergency room, to no avail.

"It went from scary to terrifying to pretty much being tortured," Brown told the *New York Times*.

Brown's video garnered so much public attention that LA-based surgeon Dr. Michael Obeng reached out and offered to remove the Gorilla Glue from Brown's hair for free, with TMZ posting video footage of the actual February 10 operation — a \$12,000 procedure.

"When I found out this was a reality, you can only feel compassion and sympathy for Tessica," he told CBS Los Angeles.

Brown set up a GoFundMe page to raise \$1,500 to help her pay for the expenses related to her ordeal, namely her travel from Louisiana to Los Angeles for her surgery and an emergency room visit she had to make back home. Surprisingly, the page raised more than \$23,000 by February 17, far more than she needed to cover her costs.

As a thank-you to Dr. Obeng for his kindness, Brown decided to donate the remaining funds, approximately \$20,000, to the Restore Foundation, a reconstructive surgery nonprofit run by Dr. Obeng. "I can show my appreciation for his foundation and also I can help the next person," Brown said.

Because Brown intends to use the funds for something different than she originally stated on her page, her fundraising account is being investigated by GoFundMe. A spokesperson from GoFundMe told the *New York Post* they were "in touch" with Brown and "working with her on the withdrawal of funds."

In the meantime, Brown continues to express her gratitude to the doctor who saved her hair. "Words cannot even explain how I feel about @drmichaelko-

beng," she posted on her Instagram. "You really gave me my life back and I am forever grateful."

### Heroes Helping a Hero

Local veterans groups came together to provide much-needed repairs to the home of nonagenarian World War II veteran Alfred Guerra, in response to a desperate social-media post by Guerra's daughter.

Guerra's son was working to make extensive repairs to Guerra's home in San Antonio, Texas, before he suddenly passed away from cancer. On top of the obvious pain of losing his son unexpectedly, Guerra also found himself desperate, as his home was uninhabitable, with most of the interior torn out during the remodel.

Guerra's daughter Maria reached out for help on social media. Her post reached a variety of veterans groups who jumped at the chance to help a veteran who had earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for acts of bravery. "As combat warriors, we leave nobody behind. And as veterans, we leave no veteran behind," Tony Roman, of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, told KSAT-News.

Veteran volunteers reportedly turned out to raise funds and work on the home's interior while Guerra stayed with his daughter.

WTSP reported the home now has a new roof, air conditioning unit, and insulation, but it still needs electrical, plumbing, and siding working done before the home becomes habitable. The family had set up a GoFundMe page with a goal of \$5,000, which was met, but remodeling efforts have revealed the house will more likely need close to \$14,000 worth of repairs.

In the meantime, Guerra is happy staying with his daughter, but his ultimate goal is to go back to his house that he shared with his beloved wife before she passed away from cancer. "He yearns to be home; he wants to be at home, but there's no way he can be at home right now because the house is in total disarray," Maria said.

Still, Maria notes her father is "overwhelmed" by the generosity he has experienced through this effort. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

# Belknap Trial

## Was a Precedent Against Second Trump Trial

The impeachment of Secretary of War William Belknap has been used to show that the Trump impeachment was constitutional, but it actually shows the opposite.



**Unimpeachable scandal:** When it became clear he was about to be impeached by the House of Representatives, Secretary of War William Belknap handed his resignation to President U.S. Grant. Despite his no longer being in office, he was impeached anyway. But when Belknap was tried in the Senate, senators — who almost unanimously believed he was guilty of taking kickbacks — argued the trial was unconstitutional as he was out of office, and found him not guilty.

by Steve Byas

Going against the text of the Constitution, precedent, and logic, the House of Representatives — no doubt fueled by the hate of now-former President Donald Trump — including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other members of the Democratic Party leadership, decided to rush through a “snap” impeachment of Trump in the aftermath of the storming of the Capitol on January 6.

Despite the fact that Trump’s term was

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going to end on January 20, the House voted to impeach him, ignoring any opportunity for Trump to mount a proper defense to the charges. As the impeachment occurred too late for the Senate to conduct a trial before the end of Trump’s term, the logical thing for the Senate to have done was to consider the whole sham a moot point.

After all, the whole purpose of an impeachment trial under the Constitution is to consider the removal of a federal officer — in this case, the president — from office *before* the end of his term. Searching for a precedent to go ahead and try Trump anyway, the Democrats in Congress and in the media latched on to

an obscure 19th-century case in which a secretary of war was impeached and tried *after* his resignation.

### The Case of Secretary Belknap

The case involved Secretary of War William Belknap, who resigned in 1876 over a kickback scheme just hours before an impeachment vote was scheduled in the House of Representatives. While Belknap was impeached by the House, he was acquitted in the Senate trial. But the fact that he was even tried in the Senate was held up as “precedent” by angry opponents of Trump.

But a closer examination of the Belknap case, the Constitution of the United States, and other cases leads the honest observer to a far different conclusion — that instead of being a precedent to have a Senate trial, it is a precedent to *not* have a Senate trial.

First of all, while Trump’s guilt in inciting the storming of the Capitol on January 6 is very much in dispute, Belknap’s actions that led to his resignation are not. Belknap ordered soldiers at Fort Sill in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) and other military forts to purchase supplies only through vendors authorized by him. Belknap even sold breech-loading and repeating rifles to hostile American Indians.

Belknap had persuaded Congress to give him the sole power to select and license agents, known as sutlers, to provide goods at army posts. This included sales to soldiers, who really had no other option than to buy from Belknap’s licensed agents, often leaving many of these low-paid soldiers economically destitute.

A panel of the House investigated Belknap after questions were raised as to how he was living lavishly on a salary of \$8,000 per year. It found that Belknap

had selected an associate of Caleb Marsh to run the Army's trading post. Beginning in 1870, and continuing for several more years, money was passed to Marsh, who in turn gave money to Belknap, eventually totaling more than \$20,000.

When it became apparent that Belknap was going to be impeached, he handed his resignation to President Ulysses S. Grant. (While Grant's presidency was tainted by the corruption of his underlings, most historians believe that Grant was personally honest.) Rather than allow that to end the matter — at least as far as Congress was concerned — the House proceeded to impeach Belknap, even though he was now just a private citizen, and Congress has no constitutional authority to try private citizens.

Congressman George Hoar of Massachusetts objected to the hasty impeachment vote in the House, considering that there was the important question of whether an officer could still be impeached after resignation.

The Constitution specifically prohibits Congress from issuing a bill of attainder — the exercise of a judicial role in which they try, convict, and punish private citizens. And as a private citizen, Belknap could be tried in the regular courts if he had indeed committed any crimes.

### **The Case Against a Second Trump Trial**

In the case of President Trump, the House of Representatives charged that he had incited the riot that led to the storming of the Capitol on January 6. Incitement to riot is a crime, but it is difficult to see how Trump could be charged with that, considering that the invasion began before Trump had even finished his speech almost two miles away — a speech in which he urged peaceful protest.

When the articles of impeachment against Belknap reached the Senate, the major disagreement was over jurisdiction. His lawyers argued that the Senate lacked jurisdiction, as Belknap was now a private citizen. Despite this, the Senate voted 37-29 to assume jurisdiction. The 35-25 vote to convict Belknap fell well short of the two-thirds majority that the Constitution requires for conviction on an impeachment charge.

Twenty-two of the no votes came from

senators who expressed agreement that Belknap was guilty of the charges, but they voted against conviction, arguing that they lacked jurisdiction to try a private citizen. One more senator refused to even vote.

In the Trump case, Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky attempted to persuade the Senate to drop the case against Trump on grounds that the Senate lacked jurisdiction, but his effort was defeated 45-55. The 55 votes came from the 50 Democrats in the Senate (including two Independents who caucus with the Democrats), plus a few additional Republicans who have expressed personal animus against Trump in the past.

Senator James Lankford of Oklahoma explained his stance against even having a Senate trial. "You cannot vote to remove someone from office who is not

even in office. This is nonsense and sets a terrible precedent for the future." Lankford added that it was impossible to remove someone from office "when he is already gone. This impeachment trial is clearly unconstitutional."

Lankford's fellow senator from Oklahoma, Jim Inhofe, expressed similar sentiments, citing what he called his "plain reading of Article II, Section IV of the Constitution," which led him to believe that the Founders "did not intend for us to impeach and try former federal office-holders."

Some might argue that Lankford and Inhofe are both Republicans from the heavily Republican state of Oklahoma, and might be just offering a partisan assessment. But *Democratic* law professors Jonathan Turley and Alan Dershowitz agree that the Senate trial is unconstitu-

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**Donald Trump stunned the Deep State in 2016** when he won the White House. It is obvious that many Democrats fear Trump could win again in 2024, which explains their insistence on impeaching and trying him despite his being a private citizen. Had Trump been convicted, the Senate could have voted to disqualify him from holding a federal public office again.



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**House Speaker Nancy Pelosi** spoke to the media after the Senate failed to convict former President Donald Trump on impeachment charges brought by the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives.

tional. It is also reasonable to presume that John Roberts, the chief justice of the United States, likewise considers the trial unconstitutional. After all, the Constitution provides that whenever the president of the United States is on trial in the Senate, the chief justice *shall* preside over the trial. The conclusion is obvious — Roberts believes that the Constitution requires his service at a trial of a president, but not a former president.

The famous 19th-century Supreme Court justice Joseph Story, in his influential *Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States*, opined that impeachment does not apply to former public officers because removal — the very reason for the impeachment — is no longer necessary. In the Belknap case, Congressman Hoar specifically cited Story’s view against impeaching former officers of the government.

One can search the notes that Madison took at the constitutional convention in vain looking for any discussion of impeaching a former public official.

It certainly is not provided for in the actual text of the Constitution, which provides, “The President, Vice President and all civil officers of the United States, shall be *removed* from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.” (Emphasis added.)

Professor Turley wrote, “For my part, I am admittedly fixated on the fact that impeachment refers to the removal of ‘the

President’ and other officials in office.” He added, “At the second Trump impeachment trial, the president shall be Joe Biden, not Donald Trump. So the Senate will hold a rather curious vote to decide whether to remove a president who has already gone.... The question is who is being tried. Is he a president? Obviously not. Is he a civil officer? No, he is a private citizen. A private citizen is being called to the Senate to be tried for removal from an office he does not hold.”

Furthermore, Turley disagrees with the argument that the purpose of the second Trump Senate trial to consider disqualification from *future* office by Trump was a legitimate use of the impeachment process. “The Senate may, in its discretion, add disqualification after a president has been removed. The second optional penalty language was expressed as a limitation on the authority of the Senate and again references removal.... It is obvious that the Senate could not simply hold disqualification trials under this language. Its authority to disqualify is not triggered until after ‘the President’ has been removed from office.”

### **Framers Did Not Intend Impeachment as Political Weapon**

Turley argued that the Framers did not intend the use of impeachment for political purposes. “What they did not discuss was a lifetime eligibility for [an] impeachment trial for anyone who serves in federal office.”

While the Belknap case is cited by proponents of trying Trump on an impeachment charge, despite his now being a private citizen, it is actually a precedent *not* to try someone after the person has left office. After all, the only reason that Belknap was acquitted at all was because so many senators who believed him guilty voted not guilty simply because they believed they lacked jurisdiction to try a private citizen.

Moreover, over the years, several judges have resigned as a result of an impeachment inquiry, according to a 1974 article in the *Duke Law Journal*, all of which ended the impeachment proceedings. However, the most famous and relevant case for the present Trump “trial” was the impending impeachment of President Richard Nixon in 1974 in the Watergate Scandal, which caused him to resign. Once Nixon resigned, all impeachment procedures terminated, without any significant public discussion.

As the *Duke Law Journal* noted, “Resignation need not represent the defeat of the impeachment process, but instead may be just one aspect of its successful operation,” meaning resignations could be deemed a successful resolution of impeachment proceedings.

If one is looking at precedent to determine the constitutionality of the Trump Senate trial, the record seems quite clear. But, essentially speaking, it is the Constitution, not precedent, that should determine the correct course of action, and the Constitution seems quite clear on the matter. Writing in *Impeachment: The Constitutional Problems*, the late famous law professor Raoul Berger took a dim view of overreliance upon precedent, arguing that precedents do not make law. Citing Chief Justice Nathaniel Chipman of Vermont, who in turn cited British judge Lord Mansfield, “The law of England would be an absurd science indeed, were it decided upon precedents only. Precedents serve to illustrate principles.... The law of England depends upon principles.”

The principles that American law should rest upon are those found in the supreme law of the country, which is the Constitution. And one can search it in vain for any mention of trying former office holders or any other private citizen in the Senate. ■



## Early Night Intruder Shot

The local CBS affiliate in Philadelphia reported on February 21 about a break-in that occurred in the early hours of the morning. CBS 3 Philly reported that a man broke in to a house where two women were sleeping in the Kensington neighborhood of the city around 3 a.m. But once the suspect was inside, one of the female occupants shot the man in the thigh. The ladies called 911, and the wounded suspected was transported to Temple University Hospital, where he was listed in critical condition. People in the area praised the woman's fast actions: Neighbor Robert Gonzalez told CBS 3, “If he was getting into my house, I probably would have done the same thing if I had a gun.”

## Repeat Felon Attacks Family

WTSP.com reported on February 8 about a felon with a long rap sheet who had a deadly run-in with a family. The incident occurred in Frostproof, Florida, when, police say, Jory Plummer broke in to a family's house around 1 a.m., where a mother, father, and their three children were fast asleep.

The mother was awakened by the sounds of loud banging on the front door of the family home. She frantically woke up her husband, who retrieved a firearm and went downstairs to investigate. The father was shocked to observe that his front door had been broken open.

The husband would later tell police investigators that the suspect, Plummer, was right outside the house, screaming obscenities at him. The father told Plummer to leave, but the deranged man ignored the father's verbal commands and charged at him. The Polk County Sheriff reported in a press release that the father was “in fear for his life” and fired his gun, hitting Plummer with one round. But even that didn't stop the aggressor, who, police say, charged at the father a second time. The father fired again, and Plummer was mortally wounded, collapsing to the ground. The injured suspect was

transported to a nearby hospital and later succumbed to his injuries.

The Polk County Sheriff's written statement explained that the deceased suspect's long criminal history involved many felonies and misdemeanors including, but not limited to, sexual assault, domestic violence, and resisting law enforcement. In the statement, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd emphasized that “people have a right to be safe in their home, and when necessary, defend that safety. At this point in the investigation, the evidence indicates that the resident acted in self-defense.”

## Alcohol and Guns Don't Mix

A tragic story out of Erie County, Pennsylvania, reminds us of how dangerous it is to consume alcohol while handling firearms. The incident unfolded on December 22 at a gun range, where two men and their girlfriends were firing a pistol that one of the men had just recently purchased. Investigators later determined that one of the men, who had a blood alcohol content of .21, which is almost two and half times the legal limit for driving, began randomly firing the pistol at the other man and his girlfriend, hitting the man multiple times.

A 67-year-old man, who was at a nearby shooting stall when the dangerous scene unfolded, quickly intervened to stop the deadly attack. The older man fired his pistol at the intoxicated man and hit the shooter five times, with two shots hitting the suspect in the rib cage and three hitting him in the back. The older man administered first aid to the wounded suspect and called 911.

The shooting suspect was taken to a nearby medical facility, where he was later pronounced dead. The man who had been shot by the intoxicated shooter was treated for five gunshot wounds but was released the same day.

Erie County District Attorney Jack Daneri later issued a determination that the senior citizen who intervened was justified in his actions. Daneri said in a February 2 press conference at the Erie County Courthouse that the 67-year-old man is “aware

he took someone's life and he has remorse over what he did, but listening and watching his statement to the state police, he believed it was necessary for him to do what he did at the time... It's my determination that it was reasonable for that man to believe he needed to use deadly force against [the shooter] and because it was reasonable for him to use that deadly force, no criminal charges are warranted.” Daneri added that investigators still don't have any insight into why the shooter turned the gun on his friend, as the two were lifelong friends and there wasn't any fighting or hostility prior to the shooting. In closing, Daneri only noted that the autopsy showed the high level of alcohol in the suspect's system.

## Lauren Boebert Granted Concealed Carry Permit in D.C.

This column previously reported how Congresswoman Lauren Boebert of Colorado made national news by very publicly proclaiming her intention to carry a concealed firearm in our nation's capital, which sent the gun-control crowd into a tizzy. Now they can be more upset, as *The Hill* reported on February 4 that Congresswoman Boebert was officially granted her concealed-carry permit. D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee held a press conference, where he told members of the media that a “concealed carry permit was issued” to the first-year congresswoman. Contee further explained that as the D.C. police “do with all our permits, if citizens are allowed to carry, then we grant them a permit... In this case, she was allowed to carry and she was granted a permit.” Contee also added that when it comes to permits being issued to other members of Congress, he believes “there are probably others.”

Boebert's spokesman, Benjamin Stout, was very positive about the congresswoman being granted the permit and stated that “as a co-chair of the Second Amendment Caucus, she has proudly helped some of her colleagues receive this permit as well.” ■

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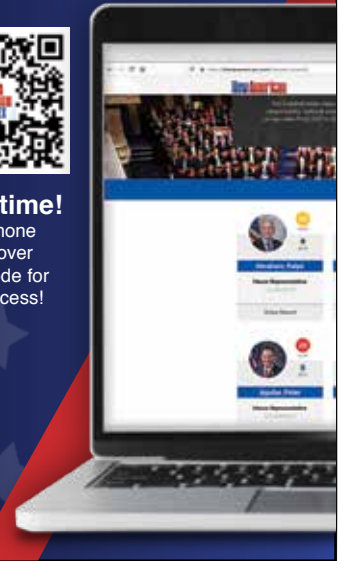
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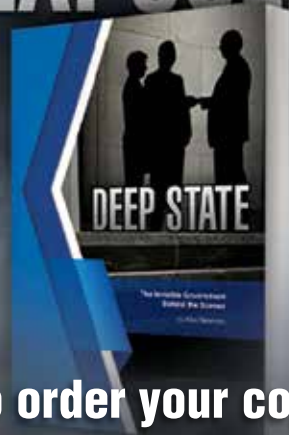
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## Biden Ends National Emergency Along Southern Border, Pushes Amnesty, Prompting New Immigration Crisis

**ITEM:** Bloomberg Businessweek, in a special issue about the year ahead dated January 25, noted that President Joe Biden “plans to propose immigration to Congress immediately. The priority will be a faster path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, including ‘Dreamers,’ who were brought to the U.S. as children.”

**ITEM:** Biden did quickly issue multiple immigration-related executive orders, eliciting negative reactions. He signed three on February 2. As NPR reported that day, Biden said this “would lead to a more ‘fair, orderly, humane’ immigration system, including one that would begin the difficult process of reuniting migrant children separated from their parents after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.”

**ITEM:** UPI reported on February 11 that Biden had just “officially ended a national emergency declaration at the United States’ southern border that allowed former President Donald Trump two years ago to divert federal funds to build his border wall.”

**ITEM:** The New York Times, in its print edition dated February 19, reported that on the previous day “President Biden’s allies on Capitol Hill” had “unveiled a far-reaching overhaul of the nation’s immigration system, describing it as a humane response to four years of President Donald J. Trump’s assault on immigrants. The U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, formally introduced by a dozen Democratic lawmakers in the House and Senate, amounts to a lengthy wish list for pro-immigration activists and a down payment on Mr. Biden’s campaign promise to provide a path to citizenship for 11 million undocumented immigrants.”

The legislation, said the left-wing paper, “would allow virtually all undocumented immigrants to eventually apply for citizenship; increase legal immigration;



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**From a stream to a flood:** President Biden, backed by a Democratic Congress, has been signing a flurry of executive orders in order to make sure that nearly no illegal immigrants are expelled from the country and that millions more head our way.

add measures to secure ports of entry and speed processing of asylum seekers; and invest \$4 billion in the economies of Central American countries to reduce migration. ‘We’re here today because last November 80 million Americans voted against Donald Trump and against everything he stood for,’ Senator Bob Menendez, Democrat of New Jersey, said at a virtual news conference.”

**CORRECTION:** It is apparently easier for the sneer-sighted to insult the former president than to make a reasoned case for his successor’s proposed mass legalization for aliens.

That’s probably understandable — considering that the would-be overhaul does not secure the nation’s borders; does revive the process known as “catch and release” (allowing “undocumented” aliens to stay in the United States while awaiting official proceedings); and would encourage even more illegal immigration.

Meanwhile, the Biden administration is trying to solve the illegal-alien problem, at least in part, by proscribing some inconvenient words — thus, defining it away. A recent official memo to employees of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services promotes the use of “more inclusive language in the agency’s outreach efforts, internal documents and in overall communication with stakeholders, partners and the general pub-

lic.” The memo pushes for the terms “undocumented noncitizen” or “undocumented individual” in place of “illegal alien.” Never mind that the law — the U.S. Code — has long employed the word “alien.”

Disciples of wokeness in Washington marched in lockstep. The Democrat-run Senate committee dealing with immigration has dropped its “border security” name, going with the less offensive “border safety.” In the corresponding House subcommittee, words dealing with “legal and illegal” are being called “authorized and unauthorized.” And the Department of Homeland Security (if you will excuse the triggering expression) is going with “undocumented” and “noncitizen,” eschewing the toxic “alien” and “illegal alien.”

Border-jumpers were clearly happy to see Biden in the White House — with his campaign promise (among others) of a 100-day moratorium on virtually all deportations. During inauguration month, the numbers of arrests and detention cases jumped to almost 78,000, becoming the highest January total in a decade. As the far-left *Washington Post* begrudgingly acknowledged (in the final paragraph of a long article), that total was more than double from the year before, and the December numbers also rose “despite a typical winter lull.”

Biden’s early guidelines, outlined in



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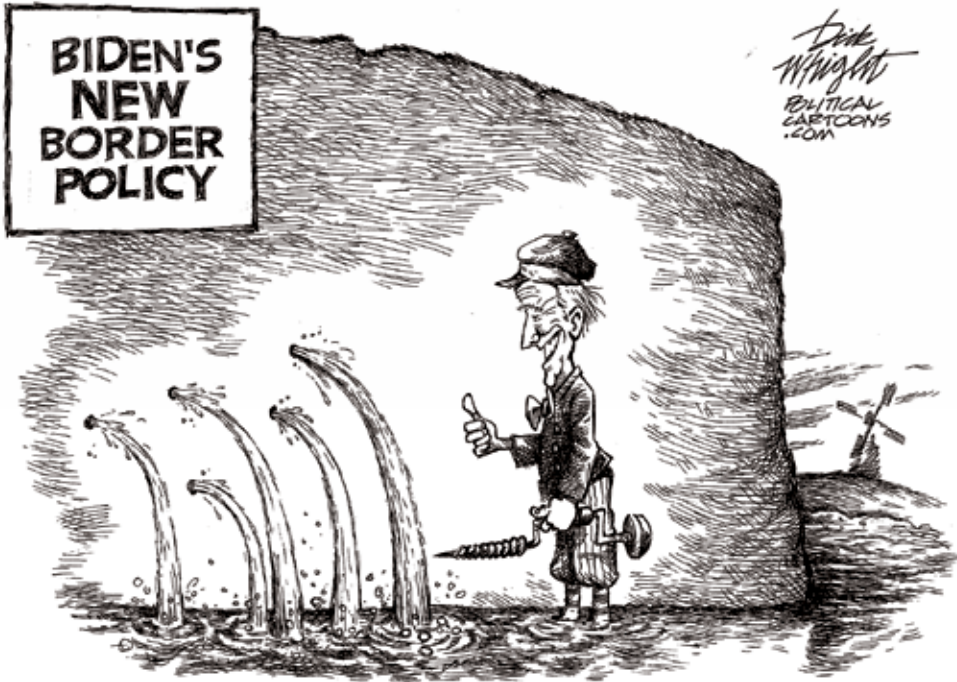
internal memos, revealed that the new administration was going to have new “priorities,” according to the *Post*. Under the new guidelines, it had been decided that illegal aliens convicted of simple assault, driving under the influence, and “less serious” drug crimes, among other actions, would not be deported, as they would have been otherwise.

There was a bit of discomfiture, however, for the new administration when it became known that the U.S. Marshals Service and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) had to “reevaluate” enforcement operations on sex offenders after an early executive order issued by President Biden. As pointed out by a spokesman for the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) in early February: “ICE had been planning a nationwide operation in partnership with the U.S. Marshals targeting at-large sex offenders, but it was scuttled by the new directive.”

The mass media looked the other way. Similarly, there was no media-led outrage when the Biden administration decided to open a “temporary Influx Care Facility” in Texas to accommodate unaccompanied migrant children. When officials in the Trump years were required to use similar facilities (built by the sainted Obama administration), there was overwrought, exaggerated fury over the “kids in cages.”

There were some new rules instituted in short order, superseding some of Biden’s initial moves. It still seems that the Biden administration will allow certain high-level felons and national security risks to be arrested and deported. But the Biden people are making such arrests more difficult, to the point that ICE officers “will need approval from a senior manager before trying to deport anyone who is not a recent border crosser, a national security threat or a criminal offender with an aggravated-felon conviction,” reported the *Post*.

Don’t expect the revised Biden strictures to be particularly strong. Almost all the criminals will still slide through. Look at some numbers compiled by the Center for Immigration Studies: ICE removed 95,360 aliens from the interior of the United States in 2018. However, even



if the new deportation policies — the more “strict” Biden policies — were in place, writes Jessica Vaughan for CIS, “Only about 3,367, or 3.5 percent, would have been considered appropriate to remove.”

Keep in mind that this is only one part of Biden’s hydra-headed immigration fix.

Stephen Dinan gives a good overview of the larger plan in the *Washington Times* for February 19 — including the legalization of perhaps 11 million already in the United States and fewer penalties for future offenders. The plan, he reports, “goes light on border security, with backers arguing illegal immigrants come not because of lax enforcement or easy access to jobs, but because of rough conditions pushing them to leave home. The proposal calls for a major round of nation-building in Latin America to try to stem that ‘push’ factor.”

CNN, being “progressive,” calls this a \$4 billion “investment” for the Mexican-U.S. border area and Central America. Realists, on the other hand, anticipate that this would be a U.S. tax subsidization of kleptocracy (“rule by thieves”), typical of so much foreign aid.

The overhaul, as Dinan notes,

backtracks on key compromises that had made past attempts viable, such

as border security or requiring businesses to check new hires against E-Verify, a government program to screen out unauthorized workers.

The Biden plan retreats on both of those issues.

“This is not a bipartisan bill,” a senior administration official acknowledged to reporters in defending the changes.

Some legislative proponents, hoping to rope in some GOP support, are promoting a piecemeal effort. Others, anticipating that there will not be sufficient Republican backing regardless of window-dressing, are pushing for the elimination of the filibuster or applying the budget “reconciliation” tool so this overall effort can be passed through the Senate with a simple majority.

There is a lot at stake. The effort by the Biden administration is “the most ambitious amnesty proposal in history,” in the words of Heather Mac Donald.

A fellow at the Manhattan Institute and the author of *The Diversity Delusion*, Mac Donald notes in *Newsweek*:

The plan would legalize virtually the entire population of illegal aliens, including those who arrived as late as



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**May I have a disease, please?** Mexico has now become the deadliest COVID hotspot in Latin America; and at least at this point, migrants are not being screened for COVID at our southern border.

December 2020 and who have thus developed none of the alleged community ties that have justified amnesties in the past. Criminals with all but the most heinous rap sheets would also qualify.

Traditionally, amnesty proposals have come packaged with a quid pro quo: an offer of enforcement regarding future immigration violations. Amnesties have a powerful magnet effect; they induce further illegal border crossings, undertaken with the assumption that the next tranche of illegal aliens will also be granted legalized status and an eventual pathway to citizenship. The promised future enforcement is intended, at least nominally, to counter that magnet effect.

Yet, as noted previously, Biden is not even employing an additional security promise. The president's most recent lip service suggests that he would find targeted approaches to immigration reform to be acceptable "in the meantime."

While there are many aspects to this issue, at its root it involves national security. Those seeking to open our borders are feeding the crisis. Mark Morgan, the for-

mer acting commissioner of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), is on target in saying:

By reducing border security, stopping deportations, and promising legalization, the Biden administration encourage[s] illegal immigration. With catch-and-release back in play as well, U.S. policies are a stronger recruiting tool for human smugglers and traffickers.

Commenting in mid-February, Morgan observed that, in just a few weeks in power, the Biden administration had

taken a wrecking ball to America's border security and enforcement capabilities — ending construction of the border wall; stopping lawful deportations; terminating agreements with our neighbors to the south that helped stanch asylum fraud into the U.S.; ending the Migrant Protection Protocols program, which was responsible for the end of catch and release; dismantling interior enforcement authorities, which will result in thousands of gang members and

criminals being released into cities across the country; and promising free health care, expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and an amnesty to millions of illegal aliens currently in the U.S.

After the Biden-led Democrats introduced their revamping of the immigration system, it drew deserved scorn in some quarters. Jim Jordan of Ohio, the senior Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, blasted it, saying in part: "This blatantly partisan proposal rewards those who broke the law, floods the labor market at a time when millions of Americans are out of work, fails to secure the border, and incentivizes further illegal immigration."

In a mid-January article entitled "America May Soon Face Unlimited Illegal Immigration," the Heritage Foundation's Mike Howell and Lora Ries were pessimistic about the coming Biden presidency and leftist-controlled Congress. Scarce resources, they wrote,

would be directed away from current Americans and toward amnestied immigrants. This means it would be open season on the buffet of federal government welfare programs, as well as the continued strain on America's job availability, education budgets, health care costs, and public safety resources.

Translation? Americans forced to compete for employment opportunities as wages decrease, crowded schools with burgeoning numbers of students who don't speak English, rising health care costs, increased COVID-19 spread, and more gang-related crime, as Americans have seen from the ruthless MS-13 where it has taken hold.

But as Biden says of illegal immigrants, "We owe them."

Negative. It is an apology to the citizens of the United States that is owed. That, and a prompt about-face from the latest ill-starred policies. ■

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## Making an Example of Trump

On January 20, the Deep State, radical Left, Never Trump Republicans, and their leftist media information ministry inaugurated their president, but they weren't going to let his predecessor go peacefully.

Defeating Donald Trump wasn't enough. And even with Joe Biden safely in the White House, the Trump Derangement did not abate. The Democrats ignored the Constitution and held an impeachment trial in the Senate

after impeaching him a second time, and not because he incited an "insurrection" at the U.S. Capitol on January 6.

Trump still threatened the leftist, ruling-class political establishment, as he had since he declared his presidential candidacy in 2015, when he exposed and stigmatized it.

That was an unforgivable sin. He had to be destroyed. And so, of course, must those who supported him.

That effort began, of course, *before* he won the GOP nomination. Leftists openly discussed impeaching him in April 2016.

Trump's anti-war, anti-free trade, pro-life, pro-Christian campaign threatened the GOP establishment and begat the rise of Never Trump Republicans. The possibility of such a president terrified the pro-abortion, pro-sodomy, anti-Christian Left.

Conventional inside-the-beltway conservatism was out. Conservatives would no longer play the Washington Generals to the Democrats' Harlem Globetrotters, as Michael Anton put it in the "The Flight 93 Election," the pro-Trump essay at *American Greatness* that so infuriated the housebroken Right.

Trump didn't care whom he offended, even after he won. He railed on Twitter against "Crooked Hillary," then after defeating her, bashed and sneered at "Sleepy Joe," "Crazy Nancy," and "Cryin' Chuck." He opposed illegal immigration. His Christmas greetings were explicitly Christian. He fought for the unborn. He attacked endless imperial wars abroad, and China's frightening power over the American economy. He didn't start a new war.

For the Deep State elite, it was DefCon 1.

The 24-7-365 campaign to vilify and destroy Trump reached apogee with the failed impeachment of 2019-2020. Trump had beaten the establishment again. The only hope was Biden.

The hate-Trump alliance wasn't finished, again, even after that suspect victory. The second kangaroo court tried and failed to ruin Trump, and now he and his America First ideas are poised to control the GOP for the foreseeable future.

Beyond that positive development, Trump did something few



Republicans would. He told the truth about the political establishment. He exposed the Deep State and its auxiliaries — the radical left, the Democrats, the mainstream media, the Never Trump Republicans — for what they are: anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-American. He stigmatized them in eyes of ordinary Americans.

So too, by the way, did the late and lamented Rush Limbaugh, even with all his faults, which included supporting the failed George W. Bush, who

gave us a 17-year, \$5 trillion, 7,000 KIA war. Limbaugh relentlessly attacked Democrats, most notably Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, and ruined their images with ordinary Americans. On occasion, he uttered the unthinkable. He broke some taboos. And after blindly supporting the establishment GOP through the years, he switched to Trump. When Limbaugh died, Twitter leftists erupted in elation. "Rot in hell" and "rest in pi\*\*," they tweeted with sadistic glee.

The hysteria is familiar. Six decades ago, when Senator Joe McCarthy proved that communists had penetrated the government, and the Democrat-Republican establishment knew about and in some cases supported the subversion, he was politically assassinated. Trump has learned McCarthy's lesson. You don't expose the Deep State and get away with it.

The second impeachment was payback. A conviction would stigmatize *him* — forever. That failed, and instead Trump is leading a more conservative, America First movement and by and large controls the GOP. So the Left is now attacking conservatives in general. Example: Any claim of election fraud is now a "lie" and "debunked conspiracy theory." Facebook and Twitter are censoring such claims.

Writing again at *American Greatness*, Anton explained that leftist pundit Andrew Sullivan obsessively insisted, during an interview, that Anton say that Biden won fair and square on November 3. So we must not only accept Biden's shady victory, we must also believe he won fair and square, *and* that tales of crooked votes are a crazy pro-Trump narrative.

Thus, what the Left calls "our democracy" really means "blues perpetually outvoting reds and ruling unopposed," Anton wrote. "The purpose of voting today is ... to give a democratic veneer to an undemocratic regime.... 'Our Democracy™' — I lost count how many times Sullivan flung it at me — is a weaponized term meant to assert moral superiority and squelch dissent."

But moral superiority cannot be asserted if dissidents relentlessly tell the truth. Trump did, and freed patriots to do the same. That explains why the Left cannot allow him to return, and why its war against the rest of us will never end. ■

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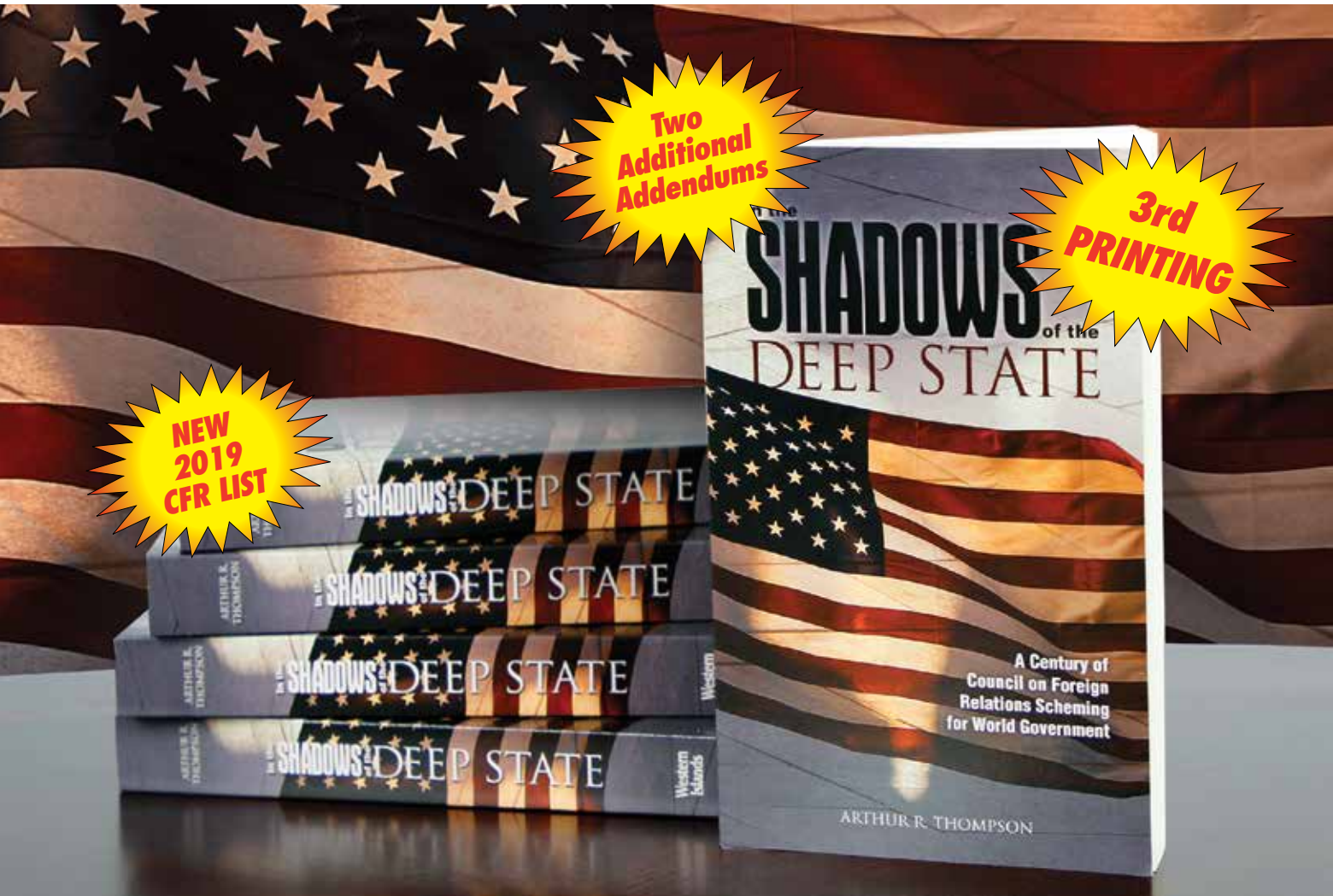
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