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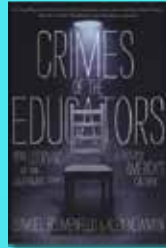
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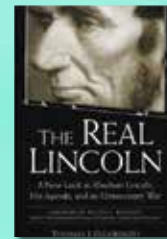


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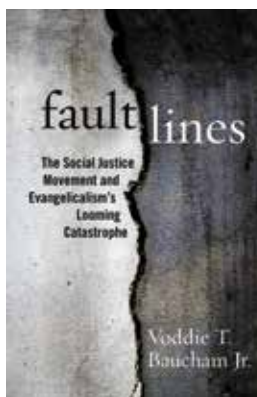
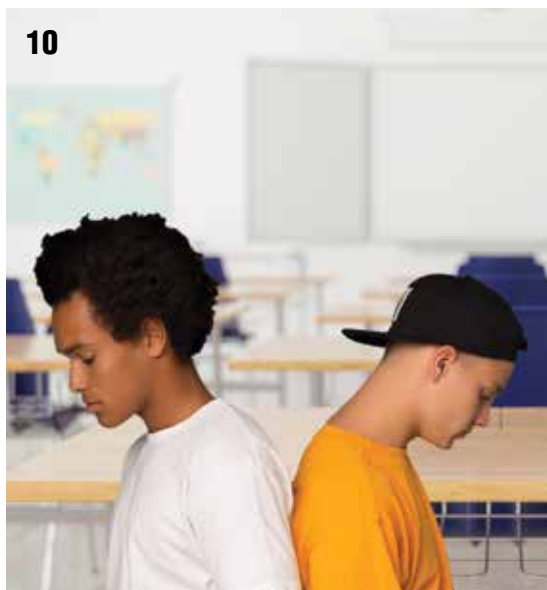
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## Rioting for Revolution

“Let the rioters riot” is the cry, because violence for the sake of social justice is justified. Let the riot run its course, as some sort of influenza, or just consider it a natural disaster, an act of God if you will. These and the widespread calls to purge the police through defunding are reminiscent of the Red Guard movement under Mao Tse-tung. The death toll of the Cultural Revolution was from hundreds of thousands to 20 million. The Red Guards, who at their height were 11 million strong, were out to destroy the Four Olds: Old Customs, Old Culture, Old Habits, and Old Ideas. People were encouraged to criticize cultural institutions. As the Red Guards were released, they subsequently renamed streets with such titles as Worker-Peasant-Soldier Park and Great Leap Forward Road, just as our streets are being renamed in America. China’s historical sites suffered devastating damage; much of China’s thousands of years of history was in effect destroyed. Mao ordered the party and the army not to suppress the movement. It quickly became evident that unbridled violence represented officially sanctioned mass behavior, for neither police nor soldiers came to the help of those whom the Red Guards attacked. The widespread factional attempts made to attack and occupy suburban schools led to constructing defenses and sealing off the entrances, just as our riots have taken sections of cities. This was to produce a new Chinese man devoted to Mao’s conception — one of continuing struggle and collective enthusiasm. By revolution we are preparing subsequent generations to riot, not for justice, but to instill in their minds the socialist stratagems of Marxism-Leninism.

LUKE MORELL

Sent via e-mail

## COVID Discrimination

It is peculiar that in a country enamored with righting the wrongs of social injustices there is a deafening silence on the discriminatory practices of

COVID vaccine passports. Requiring proof of vaccine status for the acquisition of services, free movement, and just treatment, is incredibly illiberal and regressive.

It is so often assumed, wrongly, that history is fixed and that some of the most disgusting and distorted happenings in human history are not repeatable. And yet the path we forge forward on is resembling times in which large segments of peoples deemed unfit, sick, and less-than-ideal due to their race, ethnicity, and national origin were led to extermination sites after ubiquitous propaganda that relegated these segments of peoples to inferior positions for which they became subservient.

As a graduate student at Michigan State University who has been forthright in my declination of acquiring immunization, I find it preposterous that I would have to wait apprehensively while out-of-touch administrators debate requiring me to acquire vaccination in order to return to campus. Similar to my situation, so many individuals around the state are being coerced to acquire vaccination or risk losing their educational status, career status, and, more broadly, their social standing. This is a very dark and concerning path that must be fought back against.

Thankfully, a Michigan legislator named Sue Allor introduced House Bill 4667, which would prohibit government entities from utilizing vaccine passports for the acquisition of services, free movement, and more. Currently, at the time of my writing this, the bill has moved successfully through the Michigan House of Representatives and is now being deliberated on in the Health Policy and Human Services committee in the Michigan Senate. I implore Michigan residents to reach out to committee members and their elected senators to support House Bill 4667. Vulnerable peoples, and those who might not be deemed vulnerable now but would become vulnerable, depend on this legislation that would safeguard them from discrimination.

CHRIS JACOBSON

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## Chinese Authorities, Other Countries Mandate COVID Vaccinations

Following China’s draconian mishandling of its COVID-19 response in early 2020, Communist Chinese authorities are now mandating the coronavirus vaccine.

According to a July 15 article in the *Wall Street Journal*, multiple cities and counties in the provinces of Zhejiang, Fujian, and Jiangxi have mandated that all adults over the age of 18 be fully vaccinated by late August. Starting around late July, most of these areas will also prohibit unvaccinated individuals from entering schools, hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, and other public places.

Although the Chinese central government has not formally mandated COVID vaccinations, several of the local governments stated their own mandates were in response to “national, provincial and municipal arrangements,” suggesting Beijing’s involvement.

This development is only the latest example of COVID tyranny emanating from Communist China — and being adopted by other countries.

A growing amount of evidence suggests that the COVID virus was created in, and leaked from, a lab at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. As the Chinese government downplayed and covered up the extent of the virus’s spread, it locked down roughly 50 million people in multiple cities.

Communist China is not alone in mandating the coronavirus vaccine. Multiple countries worldwide have implemented strict mandates.

For example, as THE NEW AMERICAN has reported, France an-



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nounced it will require all health workers to take the vaccine. It will also prohibit all unvaccinated individuals from visiting public places. Similar mandates for health workers have been imposed in Australia, Greece, Italy, and the United Kingdom, while Poland will mandate the vaccine for those “at high risk from COVID-19.”

Other countries have implemented even broader mandates, with Indonesia and Turkmenistan mandating the vaccine outright, and Kazakhstan, Russia, and Saudi Arabia implementing strict vaccine passport systems.

The jury is still out as to whether the United States will return to the Constitution or follow the world’s lead toward ever-greater tyranny.

## Navy Unprepared to Fight: Too Focused on Non-essential Tasks

The U.S. Navy says the service is unprepared for battle because training to fight wars is secondary to bureaucratic and politically correct diversity nonsense, a 23-page report released July 12 says.

Ordered by Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) and Representatives Jim Banks (R-Ind.), Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas), and Mike Gallagher (R-Wis.), the report is the result of more than six dozen interviews, conducted between September 2020 and March 2021, with current and former sailors and officers.

The overwhelming majority said the Navy is in trouble be-

cause its leaders are terrified of the media and too preoccupied with checking boxes and keeping superiors happy.

The four Republican legislators, all veterans, commissioned the report because of four major incidents: the catastrophic fire on the USS *Bonhomme Richard* pier-side in San Diego; the collisions of the USS *McCain* in the South China Sea and USS *Fitzgerald* near Japan; and the embarrassing surrender of two small U.S. Navy craft to Iran.

“The results of this project are unambiguous,” the report says: “There was a broad consensus across interviewees on numerous cultural and structural issues that impact the morale and readiness of the Navy’s surface force. These include: an insufficient focus on warfighting skills, the perception of a zero-defect mentality accompanied by a culture of micromanagement, and over-sensitivity and responsiveness to modern media culture.”

As well, 94 percent of the interview subjects believe the four disasters exposed major leadership problems. “This sentiment, that the Navy is dangerously off course, was overwhelming,” the report says.

Said a retired senior enlisted man, “I guarantee you every unit in the Navy is up to speed on their diversity training. I’m sorry that I can’t say the same of their ship handling training.”

The Navy must “prioritize warfighting,” the report concluded, “get politics and media out of the wardroom,” and stay out of politics itself.



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## China Isn't Just Trying to Dominate the South China Sea; It's Poisoning It

China is well known as possibly the world's worst polluter. It's responsible, for example, for the presence of 28 percent of ocean-polluting plastics (more than any other four countries combined) despite having roughly 19 percent of the global population and producing just under 17 percent of the world's plastic.

And with Beijing's great presence in the South China Sea — which it aims to dominate and where it has built artificial islands — it's now further gifting its pollution to the wider world. As In-

dia's SCION reported July 13, "Swarms of Chinese vessels have dumped human waste and wastewater for years in a disputed area of the South China Sea, causing algae blooms that have damaged coral reefs and threatened fish in an unfolding catastrophe, a US-based expert said Monday."

Beijing's dumping is such an issue that the Philippines, which can be affected by such pollution, has dispatched its military to investigate.

All of this is driven by power-lust, of course. As Reuters noted July 14, "China maintains a constant presence of coastguard and fishing boats in the South China Sea to assert its claim of sovereignty, including hundreds in the Spratly islands, where the Philippines, Brunei, Taiwan, Vietnam and Malaysia also have claims."

Of course, media-, academia-, and entertainment-borne propaganda would have you believe that the United States is the world's worst polluter. "The Earth is *doomed* if other countries become like us" is the lament. The truth is precisely the opposite.

America has more forested area now than a century ago and water and air cleaner than they were 60 years back. This reflects the truth that there are two prerequisites for environmental health: freedom, in the sense of being able to choose (and reject) your leaders; and prosperity.



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## Dems Propose "Green New Deal" for Government Schools

More than half of New York City schoolchildren can't tackle basic English or math, but a congressman representing part of the city has a solution: a "Green New Deal for Public Schools."

As TruthOut reported July 15:

Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-New York) has introduced a bill aimed at combating the climate crisis while reducing inequities within the public school system called the Green New Deal for Public Schools [GNDPS].

The bill would invest \$1.43 trillion over the next decade to upgrade and retrofit every public school building to be more climate-friendly, with a focus on schools with the highest need. It would also invest in expansions of social services at schools and funding for students from low-income families.

"It's time for a revolution in public education," said Bowman, a former teacher and middle school principal, in a statement. "The Green New Deal for Public Schools represents the level of school infrastructure investment that is urgent and necessary to heal the harm from decades of disinvestment, redlining and cycles of poverty and trauma, particularly for Black and brown children."

*The Hill* adds to the story, writing July 15 that schools "'are the best epicenter to be leaders in what climate infrastructure should look like, in terms of sustainable energy, in terms of renewable energy, and in terms of energy sharing,' Bowman told *The Washington Post* Thursday."

The congressman further stated that the Biden administration is "very receptive and very excited" about the deal.

It's not surprising that those supporting a GNDPS are often the same people who say "math is racist"; or that insisting on good grammar is so; or that, as a 2019 New York City education advisory committee to Mayor Bill de Blasio asserted in 2019, merit is racist. ■



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### Federal Judge Halts DACA, Calls It an “Illegally Implemented Program.”

“I think it’s right to stop a president who just decided that he didn’t like federal law and came up with his own immigration laws. We sued him, rightfully so, for violating federal law and we won.”

*U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen ruled that President Obama had, during his presidency, overstepped his authority when he created a path for citizenship for illegal immigrants via his DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton saluted Judge Hanen’s ruling. The Biden administration will appeal.*



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### Cuban People Stage Largest Anti-government Demonstration Since 1959

“This is the people, and not just ‘the people,’ but the youth. They’ve decided they are not going to continue leaving the country. They want change here.”

*Lifelong Cuban Guillermo Farinas, now 59 years old, has spent several periods in prison for protesting the Castro regime. He was thrilled when he saw thousands of demonstrators angrily demanding freedom.*

### America’s 20 Years of Training Afghanistan’s Military a Resounding Failure

“The Americans trained these forces for 20 years but they were not capable of keeping their outposts for four days when the Americans left. There was no fighting between security forces and the Taliban. These areas were abandoned to the Taliban without the firing of a single shot.”

*Local tribal elder Abdul Wahid Whadat summarized the Taliban’s takeover of much of Afghanistan as American forces departed the nation.*

### Boxing Legend Refuses to Back Away From His Patriotism

“For about 50 years, people have asked me not to keep saying ‘I love America.’ Well I do and I’m not ashamed. Don’t leave it; Love it. Happy Fourth of July.”

*Former heavyweight champion and gold medalist at the 1968 Olympic Games George Foreman has also chided anthem-kneeling Colin Kaepernick and other well-known U.S. athletes who prefer to condemn the country that made them wealthy. He also lets people know he’s a fan of Donald Trump.*



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### Washington and Wall Street Have Gone Off the Deep End

“Nearly 100 percent of Washington’s explosion of borrowing and spending is being monetized — that is, financed with fake credits snatched from thin air by the mad money printers at the Fed. In the

last 365 days, Congress has enacted \$6 trillion in Covid-Lockdown bailouts. This amount is 7.5 times the \$800 billion loss of Gross Domestic Product during the same period.”

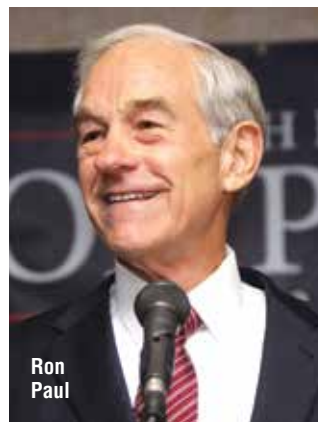
*A former congressman, presidential advisor, and current critic of the economic suicide being practiced in Washington, David Stockman targets reckless money creation brought about by the actions of several recent presidents in league with the money creators at the Federal Reserve.*

### Former Congressman Gives His Assessment of the U.S. Failure in Afghanistan

“Brown University’s Cost of War Project calculated the total cost of the [20-year] Afghanistan War at more than 20 trillion dollars and it took more than a quarter million lives. The Biden Administration may believe it is saving face by installing a military command of nearly 1,000 American troops in the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. Such a move establishes the Embassy as a legitimate military target rather than a diplomatic outpost and is both foolish and dangerous.”

*During the 20 years he served as a congressman from Texas, Ron Paul consistently opposed limited and undeclared wars. ■*

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# CRITICAL RACE THEORY

MARXIST POISON INFECTING AMERICA



Critical Race Theory, all the rage in America's government schools, is just rehashed Marxist Critical Theory attempting to divide the country along racial lines.



by Alex Newman

During China's so-called Cultural Revolution, the mass-murdering monster Chairman Mao and his minions divided the children and the population as a whole into two broad categories: the black classes and the red classes.

The black classes — those who came from families that owned land or businesses prior to the revolution, for instance — were the “oppressors.” Individuals from those classes were ordered to stand in front of their peers and do “self-criticism.” They also had to repent of their supposed “privilege,” though all of the repenting in the world could not get rid of the stain of having been born into a “black” family. In many cases confused children were ordered to denounce their own parents.

The red classes, by contrast, which included landless peasant families and revolutionary Communist Party soldiers, among others, were members of the “oppressed” class that was set to “liberate” China. All of the oppressed's problems, claimed the propaganda and functionaries of the regime and its indoctrination centers, were the result of systematic exploitation and oppression coming from the evil black classes. To fix it, all of the “olds”

— the habits, customs, culture, and ideas of China's ancient civilization supposedly developed by the black classes to oppress everyone else and maintain power — needed to be dismantled and eradicated.

Before long, blood was literally running in the streets, as crazed and brainwashed “Red” youth in thrall to Chairman Mao's lies terrorized and massacred their own countrymen. Children even turned their own parents over to the Communist savages to be tortured or executed. Libraries were burned, statues were torn down, professors and intellectuals who stood in the way were cut down, and frenzied children behaved more like rabid hyenas than human beings.

Lily Tang-Williams, who was just a young girl at the time, remembers it all like it was yesterday — and she remembers getting caught up in the mass hysteria, too. She was there. She lived it. She remembers the seething hatred and division that was inculcated in the population and especially impressionable young children. She remembers the violence that resulted. And she sees troubling parallels with the ideology and worldview that has taken over America like a fast-moving cancer.

“What is going on today in America with Critical Race Theory and identity

politics really reminds me of what happened in China during the Cultural Revolution,” said Tang-Williams, who is now a proud American trying to sound the alarm about the mass insanity involving CRT and race that is gripping her adopted homeland before it is too late.

“I have witnessed how horrible social and political chaos can be when you tell the police to stand down and you ... categorize people into classes, into two groups, oppressors versus oppressed, like the Marxists did,” she recalled, noting that there were five subcategories within the red and black classes that the communists used to foment more and more hate between people. “Mao divided the whole Chinese population into identity politics, fighting tooth and nail with each other, and 20 million people died.”

“I feel like this is a lesson I need to share with my fellow American citizens,” explained Williams, who serves on the advisory board of U.S. Parents Involved in Education (USPIE) and has been raising awareness about the dangers of CRT by doing everything from testifying in legislatures to publishing columns in major newspapers. “This is my new country, and I came here to achieve the American dream, not to relive another Cultural Revolution.”

It's not just Chinese refugees to America who recall with horror the use of Critical Race Theory-style tactics to divide and enslave their nation. North Korean defectors and even those who fled from communist slave states in Europe remember it well, too — and they are expressing shock at seeing the very same techniques being deployed in America, from schools and businesses to government agencies and even in churches.

At a school-board meeting in Bedford Central, New York, in June, a mother who was born and raised in the Soviet Union spoke out against CRT and “equity” schemes. “The proposed ‘anti-racist program’ is just a prettier name for racial Marxist teaching. You don't need to sugarcoat it for me. I lived it. Same methods, same vocabulary, same preferential treatment to certain groups,” explained the outraged mom. “That's why equity is

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John C. Williams

Lily Tang-Williams



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Yeonmi Park

**They've seen this before:** Lily Tang-Williams grew up during Mao's Cultural Revolution in Communist China, and she remembers how children were brainwashed and divided into “oppressor” and “oppressed” classes. After fleeing communist madness in North Korea, Yeonmi Park came to America in search of freedom, but what she found in the “education” system was more outrageous than in her native land.

The reason so many victims of communism from around the world see the parallels between CRT and what they experienced under communist oppression is simple.



**Good Marxists:** When Mao Tse-tung enslaved China, he divided the nation's population into oppressors and oppressed — just as Marxist Critical Race Theory is doing in America.

packed with good causes like ‘diversity’ and ‘inclusion,’ so nobody can challenge it. But, I know.”

Blasting the “equity for all” program and other racialized Marxist teachings, she said it is “actually a tyrannical Soviet ideology” that has resulted in mass starvation and millions of executions around the world. “Ask me how I know? I was born in Soviet Union and my family has seen it all. Suffering first from Nazi and then from tyrannical Soviet ideology. Back there, what started with ‘equity for all,’ quickly ended with nothing to eat for my people,” she declared. “And now my family is here because of it — because ‘equity’ does not work.”

“They told us they were advocates for equity and enemies of privilege, people believed this, and we paid the awful price. This ideology killed millions of people worldwide. And now you’re bringing it

here to indoctrinate our own children,” continued the mother. “Equity was just a tool used by communists to make sure everyone was equally poorly educated so people didn’t question authority. While in definition it was about fairness, in reality, it means same outcome — nobody excels, mind-boggling sameness. The key tactic is to remove all the incentives and motivation to succeed for all the students.”

Now, despite having fled that horror, she sees it rearing its ugly head in her new homeland. “We did not come here for a blanketed synthetic equity. We had enough of that one,” the mom concluded in her stinging three-minute scorching of the indoctrination taking place in government schools. “We came here for equal opportunity under the law and freedoms in this country. Soviets extinguished all the excellence and opportunity.”

According to a North Korean defector,

the anti-American propaganda in America’s “education” system is even more extreme than the North Korean regime’s indoctrination. When Yeonmi Park fled to the United States from North Korea, she was under the impression that America was a land of free speech and freedom of thought. After attending Columbia University, however, her views changed. “Even North Korea isn’t this nuts,” she told Fox News.

The Critical Race Theory was laid on thick at Columbia. “Every problem, they explained [to] us, is because of white men,” Park continued. Many of the hyper-racialized indoctrination sessions on “white privilege” and similar CRT-inspired nonsense reminded her of the “caste system” in North Korea where individuals were placed in categories based on their ancestry and family history.

“I expected that I was paying this fortune, all this time and energy, to learn how to think. But they are forcing you to think the way they want you to think,” Park explained, saying she could not believe how much she was being asked to censor herself. “I realized, wow, this is insane. I thought America was different but I saw so many similarities to what I saw in North Korea that I started worrying.”

### Divide and Conquer

The reason so many victims of communism from around the world see the parallels between CRT and what they experienced under communist oppression is simple. Critical Race Theory, a derivative of Critical Theory, is literally a Marxist tool created by Marxists to be used for dividing and conquering nations to further Marxist objectives.

Leaving aside the fact that the Bible never speaks of “race” as an issue — in fact the Bible says all men come from “one blood” and are descended from Adam and Eve — the New Testament in the Bible sheds light on the dangers of CRT and its utility for subversives. Three of the four Gospels quote Jesus warning that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. In fact, in Matthew, Jesus is quoted warning that divided kingdoms will be “laid waste” or “brought to desolation,” depending on the translation used. And that is the point: Marxists have known all along that the way to destroy a nation is to divide it — espe-



cially one as powerful as the United States.

Marx, of course, viewed the key fault line to base conflict around as being bourgeoisie (capitalist class) versus proletariat (working class). In Russia, revolutionaries backed by American mega-banks, as documented by Stanford historian Antony Sutton in his essential book *Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution*, succeeded with that class-struggle formula. After all, Czarist Russia was already a deeply divided society with a relatively oppressive, quasi-feudalistic ruling class lording over the peasantry. Backed by Wall Street money, Marx's formula proved successful.

In America and Western Europe, however, the class conflict argument was far less appealing. Indeed, trying to persuade "working-class" Americans that they were being "oppressed" by their employers proved largely futile. The "American Dream" was real: People from anywhere could come to America with nothing and, if they worked hard and served their fellow man, they could become rich and successful beyond anything that the world had ever seen. Thus, the Marxists needed a new tactic to divide America.

Enter the exploitation and even weaponization of "race." Communist operatives recognized early on the potential of exploiting racial division in America. In fact, documents from both the KGB and the FBI reveal a Soviet plan to create what they described as a "Negro Soviet Republic" in the American South that could serve as a beachhead for Communist slavery on the American continent.

Black American revolutionaries were brought into leading positions in the Communist Party USA to help advance this agenda. Among them was Manning Johnson, a black radical who rose so far through the ranks in the Communist Party that he was invited to Moscow. But eventually, he realized what was going on and blew the whistle in his historic book *Color, Communism, and Common Sense*. Not only did communists not care about black Americans, he explained, but the Reds were actually vicious racists exploiting black Americans to enslave mankind.

"The placing of the repository of everything, right and just, among the darker races is a dastardly Communist trick to use race as a means of grabbing and enslaving the whole of humanity," explained Johnson,

who defected from the party after realizing he was being used. "Moscow's Negro tools in the incitement of racial warfare place all the ills of the Negro at the door of the white leaders of America.... Moreover, while they talk about 'racial strife' in America as providing grist for Moscow's propaganda mill they are busy creating it."

Today, the situation is the same: Behind the race-mongering and CRT are Marxist operatives. Consider, for example, Black Lives Matter. All three of the co-founders are proud Marxists. Speaking on The Real News Network, BLM co-founder Patrisse Cullors admitted that she and fellow BLM co-founder Alicia Garza were "trained Marxists." The third co-founder, Opal Tometi, posted to Twitter a photograph of herself in Venezuela with mass-murdering Marxist dictator Nicolás Maduro. "Currently in Venezuela," she tweeted along with the picture. "Such a relief to be in a place where there is intelligent political discourse."

And just like the black Marxists pushing racial hatred in Johnson's day, behind the three BLM co-founders are wealthy white financiers such as George Soros, the Rockefeller dynasty, and many of America's Fortune 500 corporations.

CRT fundamentally rejects the official rallying cry of Martin Luther King, Jr., and (more broadly) the Civil Rights movement — the idea that people should be judged on the "content of their character" rather than the color of their skin. Instead, Critical Race theorists argue that people should be judged by the color of their skin. But as always with Marxist campaigns, the issue is never really the issue — the issue is always the revolution, as the 1960s Students for a Democratic Society used to say.

### Marxist Race-mongering

Almost a century ago, a cabal of Marxists led by law professor Carl Grünberg organized around the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at Goethe University Frank-



**Like old friends:** Black Lives Matter co-founder Opal Tometi (right), whose parents came to America from Nigeria (presumably not for the alleged "systemic racism"), stands next to murderous Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro.



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**Coke goes woke:** In CRT indoctrination sessions, Coca-Cola, one of America's most iconic brands, urged its employees to be "less white."

furt in Germany. More commonly known as the "Frankfurt School," this subversive operation was actually hatched in a Moscow meeting at the Marx-Engels Institute convened by the Communist Internationale and mass-murdering Soviet dictator Vladimir Lenin's key operative Karl Radek. Other key players included Soviet secret police boss Felix Dzerzhinsky, Hungarian Bolshevik "cultural commissar" Gyorgy Lukacs, and Communist Internationale (Comintern) bigwig Willi Münzenberg.

Around the same time that Italian communist Antonio Gramsci dreamt up what came to be known as cultural Marxism, the forces behind the Frankfurt school also realized that Marxist "revolution" would not be possible in the West — at least not until the nuclear family, Christian culture, religion, and other key institutions were undermined. And so they set about destroying the pillars that sustained civilization so that a new Marxist society could emerge from the ruins of the old world. After helping lay the foundation for National Socialism's rise in Germany by promoting Nietzsche and others, the Frankfurt School ended up having to flee from the Nazis. They ultimately landed at Columbia University in New York.

There were many tools used to break down the old order — radically sexualizing the youth, demonizing religion, weaponizing education, and more. But among the key weapons formed by the Frankfurt School to deploy against Western civilization was Critical Theory. In his 1937 work *Traditional and Critical Theory*, ISR Director Max Horkheimer explained that the goal of Critical Theory was to bring about radical social change by exposing the alleged oppression of people by capitalism and traditional culture.

Analyzing everything through the lens of "oppression," Critical Theory was used to criticize every institution and idea that was contrary to the Marxist agenda until it became discredited in the mind of the people. The theory was promoted primarily through academia at first, but from there worked its way into K-12 schools and eventually into every American institution. From Critical Theory grew Critical Legal Studies, which worked to demonize the American legal system, grounded in the Constitution and the laws of Nature and Nature's God, as a tool of oppression.

By the 1990s, CRT had been born. In 2001, Critical Race theorists and pioneers in the field Richard Delgado and Jean Ste-

fanc published *Critical Race Theory: An Introduction* outlining the key beliefs of the CRT movement. Among other ideas, they claimed racism was the norm in America and that any advances made by non-whites were only allowed because such advances supposedly served the interests of "whites."

But again, behind the façade, Marxism was never far away. Another modern pioneer of Critical Race Theory, for example, was fringe left-wing UCLA law professor Cheryl Harris. Among other Marxist ideas, she proposed confiscation of private property, including land. The primary difference from traditional Marxism was that, rather than redistributing the property to the oppressed proletariat, it would be doled out by the nation's new racial overlords based on race. In practice, though, it would almost certainly end up with property in the hands of a centralized state, just as Marxist redistribution schemes always do.

More recently, CRT kingpin Ibram X. Kendi, who leads Boston University's Center for Antiracist Research, has proposed a full-blown racial dictatorship. This would include the creation of a "U.S. Department of Antiracism" with the power to overturn any law or policy at any level of government if the department, which would be beyond the reach of voters, determined that it did not contribute vigorously enough to "antiracism." Even the speech of politicians would be subject to controls from the new department.

Basically, the goal is to destroy Christian civilization and replace it with Marxism. "In order to truly be antiracist, you also have to truly be anti-capitalist," explained Kendi, who has also publicly argued that orthodox Christianity, particularly the Christian doctrine of salvation, generally "breeds bigotry."

### CRT Is Everywhere

Today, Critical Race Theory has become ubiquitous in America. From corporate boardrooms and church pulpits to government agencies, entertainment, and even schools, there is no "safe space" to hide from the escalating madness. "Critical race theory is fast becoming America's new institutional orthodoxy," warned Christopher Rufo, founder and director of the public policy research center known as Battlefront and a leading figure exposing CRT.



“Relegated for many years to universities and obscure academic journals, over the past decade it has increasingly become the default ideology in our public institutions,” Rufo continued in a talk for Hillsdale College that was adapted into an essay for the school’s *Imprimis* publication. “When I say that critical race theory is becoming the operating ideology of our public institutions, it is not an exaggeration — from the universities to bureaucracies to k-12 school systems, critical race theory has permeated the collective intelligence and decision-making process of American government, with no sign of slowing down.”

CRT now dominates federal agencies and bureaucracies. This very much includes the U.S. military, where soldiers are being taught that America is plagued with white supremacy and that all whites contribute to this, fomenting division and distrust between soldiers and sailors based on “racial identity,” not to mention encouraging a hostile view of their nation and its institutions. The national-security implications of this madness cannot be

overstated. Meanwhile, the toxic ideology has overrun federal law-enforcement agencies, the “intelligence” apparatus, the bureaucracy, and much more. Rufo gives a brief overview of CRT indoctrination within the federal government:

The FBI was holding workshops on intersectionality theory. The Department of Homeland Security was telling white employees they were committing “microinequities” and had been “socialized into oppressor roles.” The Treasury Department held a training session telling staff members that “virtually all white people contribute to racism” and that they must convert “everyone in the federal government” to the ideology of “antiracism.” And the Sandia National Laboratories, which designs America’s nuclear arsenal, sent white male executives to a three-day reeducation camp, where they were told that “white male culture” was analogous to the “KKK,” “white supremacists,” and “mass killings.” The executives

were then forced to renounce their “white male privilege” and write letters of apology to fictitious women and people of color.

Of course, Trump famously banned CRT training within the federal workforce by executive order. But the fact that it was going on even during the Trump presidency highlights the fact that this insidious weapon — much like termites eating away at the structures that support a building — was already very advanced in destroying the nation before most of the public caught wind of it. In any case, Biden overturned Trump’s executive order on his first day in office so that the dangerous CRT brainwashing of America’s millions of federal employees could continue.

“This is a revolutionary change,” continued Rufo, adding that the entire machinery of the federal government and even state and local power is increasingly being “turned against the American people.” “This ideology will not stop until it has devoured all of our institutions.”

And indeed, CRT now dominates major corporations, megabanks, and more. Coca-Cola even famously told its employees they should try to be “less white.” Megacorporations across the nation are forcing their workers into training sessions where CRT dogma is pounded into them. Those who dare to publicly disagree can be drummed out of their jobs, denied promotions, and more. An entire cottage industry of grossly overpaid “consultants” and “experts,” along with “chief diversity officers” and “equity and inclusion directors,” is now a staple at nearly every major business and institution.

Even more alarming, perhaps, is the infiltration of CRT into the churches. Despite the Bible specifically pointing out that God created all people of “one blood” and never dividing human beings by “race,” churches, including even many conservative evangelical churches, have fallen victim to the poisonous Marxist narrative. In fact, the CRT banner has been picked up even by the Southern Baptist Convention, which infamously adopted a resolution claiming it was a useful “analytical” tool. While the SBC walked that back somewhat in 2021 following outrage, CRT and its proponents continue to wreak havoc among Southern Baptists



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**Training the next generation:** America’s children in all 50 states — even those that banned CRT — are being indoctrinated with CRT and lies to hate their churches, families, and nation.



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**Racist “anti-racism”:** Leading CRT guru Ibram X. Kendi has blasted Christianity and capitalism for promoting “bigotry,” while advocating for a new U.S. Department of Antiracism to rule over America unchecked.

and Christian denominations across the board. For a much more detailed treatment of this subject by prominent Pastor Voddie Baucham, who argues that CRT is actually an anti-biblical “cult” animated by “demonic” ideas, see his book *Fault Lines*, reviewed on page 18.

### CRT in the Classroom

Nowhere is the CRT extremism more out of control than in government schools, however. As detailed in THE NEW AMERICAN’S June 21 Special Report on education headlined “Save Our Children,” CRT is now the lens through which everything from math and science to English and civics is taught. Racial propaganda and Black Lives Matter dogma are taught literally from pre-K to university in every state in the union.

To get a sense of what this looks like, consider an exercise forced on third-grade children, typically aged eight or nine, in one of the wealthiest school districts in the nation, Silicon Valley’s Cupertino Union School District. The confused children were ordered to “deconstruct” their racial, gender, religious, family structure, and sexual identities. After that, they were told to create an “identity map” and rank themselves based on the “power and privilege” received from the “intersection” of their

various “identities.” “A white, cisgender man, who is able-bodied, heterosexual, considered handsome and speaks English has more privilege than a Black transgender woman,” offered the school materials in an example of how to understand the results.

Despite growing outrage from parents of all skin tones across America, the three-million-member National Education Association recently approved a resolution at its convention vowing to teach CRT everywhere. Amid half-hearted denials from dishonest union bosses that CRT is being forced on children, the far-left NEA even vowed to create a team to help teachers “fight back against anti-CRT rhetoric.” Even in the states that have banned it, CRT brainwashing of children continues. Indeed, Biden’s Department of Education is bribing state and local governments to peddle the poison to children in government schools using “stimulus” money.

Of course, promoting a false narrative such as CRT depends on the creation of fake history to support the narrative. Enter the 1619 Project, written by a virulent racist for the far-left *New York Times* and taught nationwide in government schools. This fraudulent narrative holds, among other claims, that “anti-black racism,”

slavery, systemic oppression, and other evils are embedded “in the very DNA” of America. Of course, if America’s very DNA is evil, there can be no change in policy and no possible transformation that would make the nation redeemable. In other words, the only solution is to kill America and replace it with something new. That is the point.

The 1619 Project was so dishonest that even the *Times*’ own fact checker argued against publishing it, and countless left-wing historians have debunked it. Indeed, the screed even omits the historical fact that the first legal slave owner in America was an African named Anthony Johnson, who arrived in America as an indentured servant like most Africans and many Europeans at that time. After serving his time, Johnson purchased rights to many indentured servants, including Europeans.

The CRT-peddling history books have completely rewritten American history. Christian America, organized under the self-evident truth that God created all equally with unalienable rights, went from being the very first society in human history to abolish slavery (numerous states abolished it before Britain) to being portrayed as a uniquely evil nation that practically invented slavery. Instead of being proud of their incredible heritage, young Americans are taught to be ashamed. Even the struggle for independence is falsely portrayed as an effort to preserve slavery.

Of course, to peddle that false narrative, lies and omissions abound. Virtually all the so-called history books today have removed any reference to the first martyr for the cause of America’s independence, a patriot of African heritage named Crispus Attucks, who was the first casualty of the Boston Massacre in 1770, and thus, the first American killed in the revolution. How could Americans of African descent be convinced that they needed their own “Independence Day,” so-called Juneteenth, if they knew the truth? Many other great American patriots of African heritage have similarly been deleted from history because, if people knew their stories, the CRT narrative would implode.

### What Next?

The goal of CRT promoters is to dismantle America. Ultimately, the goal is the complete overthrow of the free



market, freedom of speech, Christianity and Christian culture, federalism, Western civilization, separation of powers, the U.S. Constitution, God-given rights, equality under the law, and even America itself. This can be seen clearly in the effort to demonize each of these as the product of — or even perpetrator of — “white supremacy” and “systemic racism.” If the evil forces behind CRT succeed, America will go the way of many nations before it — China, Cuba, Cambodia, Vietnam, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, Venezuela, Angola, Mozambique, North Korea, and so many others.

Because CRT and its offshoots and proponents increasingly have a bad smell associated with them — and because in some jurisdictions CRT has been banned in government institutions — new terms and phrases are constantly being dreamed up. After all, CRT itself is just re-branded Marxist propaganda. Today, this poison hides behind seemingly innocuous and non-threatening terminology such as “equity,” “social justice,” “inclusion” and “inclusivity,” “diversity,” and so on. No

matter what disguise the monster takes, it must be opposed and exposed.

Defeating CRT will require a multi-faceted response. And it will not be easy. Tens of millions of Americans — including millions of teachers shaping the minds of America’s youth — now see the world from a Marxist-CRT worldview. That means simply passing a state law or school board resolution purporting to “ban” CRT will be totally ineffective. A much more comprehensive approach will be required.

At the political level, Congress, governors, legislatures, and even local governments must root it out from government. Not one cent of taxpayer money should flow to any institution or individual promoting this evil, anti-American ideology. Lawsuits against this poison are already making their way through the courts and may offer a useful avenue when it comes to reining in public institutions. In the business world, consumers should avoid doing business with any company that promotes CRT or any of its derivatives. Churches that embrace CRT should be corrected or, if that proves impossible, abandoned. And parents

must get their children out of government schools before another generation of children is raised to believe these deadly lies.

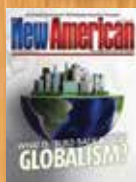
More importantly, though, will be developing and propagating a truthful narrative about America, Christianity, and Western civilization that exposes the evil fraud of Marxism and CRT. Of course, America has had its flaws, and still does, because it is made up of sinful human beings. However, it is also unique and amazing: Americans, first at the state and then at the federal level, were among the first people in human history to reject slavery, an institution that has been ubiquitous throughout human history and was not even criminalized in parts of Africa until the 21st century. America created a model for the rest of mankind to follow. It established liberty and protected the God-given rights of more people, and created more material prosperity and human well-being, than any other nation in history. America is amazing, and it is worth not only preserving, but celebrating. The dishonest Marxists and their useful idiots must never be allowed to obscure that. ■



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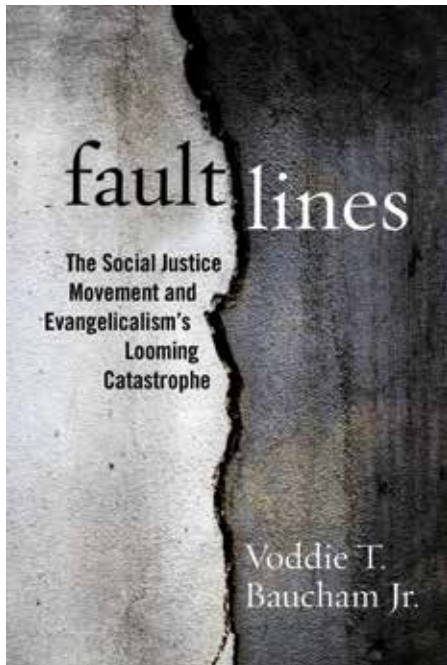
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# BLACK PREACHER DROPS TRUTH BOMB ON “DEMONIC CULT” OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY

An evangelical minister exposes Critical Race Theory as a demonic cult that threatens to tear apart America.



by Alex Newman

***Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe***, by Voddie T. Baucham, Jr., Washington, D.C.: Salem Books, 2021, 251 pages, hardcover.

Critical Race Theory and Social Justice are not just bad ideas, they constitute a dangerous “cult” with “demonic” ideology and theology that has infiltrated virtually every institution in America, including the church. That is the powerful message of Pastor Voddie Baucham — a former Malcolm X shirt-wearing radical raised by a single mother on the rough streets of Southern Los Angeles — in his new book *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism's Looming Catastrophe*.

After a brief background on the geological fault line that runs through Cali-

fornia, Baucham explains that there is a similar “fault line” running through the church that will rupture at some point in the not-too-distant future. He argues that this coming cataclysm is inevitable at this point, with countless church leaders having jumped on the anti-biblical bandwagon in pursuit of “social justice” rather than “biblical justice.”

“When the shift comes, the ground will open up, a divide that was once invisible will become visible, and the two will find themselves on opposite sides of it,” Baucham warns, adding that some churches and denominations are already in turmoil or even splitting over the battle. That chaos is only going to get worse before it gets better, and Baucham wants as many believers as possible to be on the right side of the divide.

While *Fault Lines* is primarily aimed at evangelical Christians, anyone would benefit from reading it. In fact, the book represents perhaps the single most devastating exposé of Critical Race Theory and the social-justice “cult” in existence today. And because these evils have spread like a cancer throughout government, K-12 education, entertainment, business, academia, and more, the book should be considered essential reading for everyone.

As Baucham himself points out, the United States is “on the verge of a race war, if not a complete cultural meltdown.” He is right, of course, as anyone paying attention knows. Leading forces in the effort to plunge America into this escalating conflict include Black Lives Matter, which Baucham exposes as a Marxist-Leninist, pagan movement that aims to demolish the family and Christian civilization.

To avoid any accusation that he is confronting straw men of his own making, Baucham starts off by carefully going over the definitions that leading Critical Race Theorists and social-justice warriors themselves offer. The book gives them plenty of

space to explain their arguments, ideas, and ideologies — before proceeding to rip them to shreds. Baucham also traces the history of the ideas from Karl Marx, the Frankfurt School, communist revolutionary Antonio Gramsci of Cultural Marxism fame, all the way up to the present.

Critical to Baucham’s argument is that CRT and “anti-racism” are actually a false religion — a cult with its own perverted theology that is completely at odds with the Bible and traditional Christian doctrine. The cult has its own cosmology with its own version of “original sin” (racism), law (antiracism), gospel (racial reconciliation), martyrs, priests, liturgy, canon, and more. He proceeds to debunk them with masterful precision.

Consider the horror of this new false religion. As Baucham demonstrates, the new “original sin” is racism, because racism is said to be at the root of virtually every sin, injustice, and evil imaginable. Individuals of European heritage are alleged to be born with this sin. And yet, in CRT’s theological framework, it is also the new unpardonable sin. No amount of penance, confession, reparations, or repentance can ever cleanse a person of his collective “sin” involving melanin levels. He must perpetually engage in the “work” of “anti-racism” with no hope of redemption.

Of course, Christianity teaches that each individual is guilty of sin, but that God offers forgiveness through Christ. The CRT cult, by contrast, like Marxist ideologies everywhere, divides society into two categories — oppressor and oppressed. And yet, despite the self-evident contradiction and incompatibility of Christianity and CRT, Baucham shows, even conservative churches and seminaries are being infiltrated by the dangerous and “demonic” doctrines of the “woke” CRT cult.

Baucham also shows where the conductors of this crazy train are leading Amer-



ica. Ibram X. Kendi, one of the foremost authorities within the new cult, makes his vision plain. “To fix the original sin of racism, Americans should pass an anti-racist amendment to the U.S. Constitution,” Kendi explains, adding that this would create a new “Department of Antiracism” at the Cabinet level. “This DOA would be responsible for preclearing all local, state and federal public policies.”

In other words, if the leaders of the “woke” CRT cult get their way, self-government in America is over. Instead, all Americans would submit to the unchecked tyranny of “experts on racism” who run the DOA, with “no political appointees” allowed, Kendi explains. A technocracy of anti-God, race-obsessed leftists, in short.

Another key service performed by Baucham in *Fault Lines* is to decipher the new language used by the CRT-antiracism cult. For instance, the words “racism” and “white supremacy,” when used by critical theorists, no longer mean what normal people understand them to mean. Baucham quotes books and writings of leading CRT theologians to prove his point. All “whites” are now racist, and every institution of European descent ever created is stained by “white supremacy.”

One of the tasks Baucham does phenomenally well is debunk the lies and distortions that underpin the CRT narrative. Everything from crime and police data to economic statistics is analyzed to show that CRT is based on fraud from top to bottom. No, racist police are not hunting down black Americans. No, black Americans are not being “oppressed” by “systemic racism” or “institutional racism.” And no, the tragedies cited to justify these narratives — George Floyd, for instance — are not what they are portrayed as by critical theorists.

Indeed, Baucham shows that as recently as 2008, key black leaders such as Barack Obama publicly spoke on problems plaguing the black community that had nothing to do with alleged racism. Key among those problems are fatherless homes, which, as Obama pointed out, produce children who are far more likely to get involved in crime and live in poverty.

Incidentally, the high crime rates and high rates of illegitimacy came

after black Americans were freed from slavery and after the end of Jim Crow laws in Southern states, strongly suggesting something other than “racism” is to blame for the contemporary problems.

In response to those problems plaguing black communities, Baucham also shows, it was black leaders who demanded a tough-on-crime approach by government to protect black communities from the terror of gangs, criminals, and drugs. And yet today, the high rates of incarceration are offered as proof that America is systemically racist. Meanwhile, actual racist attacks on the black community such as the abortion genocide inspired by eugenicists such as Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger are ignored or even celebrated by the same forces peddling CRT.

Baucham’s praise for America, his love for his country, and his appreciation for the blessings America has provided run through the entire book. “I believe America is one of the least racist countries in the world,” he says, comparing it to his current nation of residence (Zambia) and other nations around the world. In fact, he argues, even though there are some individual racists left, America does not have a “racial injustice problem” at all.

Indeed, as Baucham points out, CRT is just one facet of the Marxist effort to divide and conquer America. Other categories of alleged “oppressors” to be overthrown in-

clude men, heterosexuals, “cisgender” individuals (those who accept their biological sex), the able-bodied, the native-born, and even Christians. “That’s right: Christianity is part of the oppressive hegemony,” he warns his fellow Christians, sounding the alarm about what is coming as CRT and social-justice ideology continue ripping through the church and the nation.

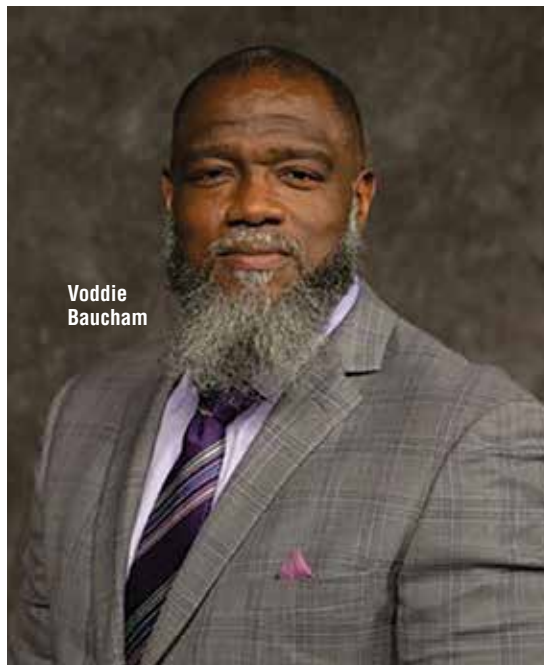
Baucham’s words on America are enough to warm the heart of any patriotic American demoralized by the ubiquitous lies. “I am not an African. I am not an African American. I am an American, and I wouldn’t want to be anything else,” he says in his concluding pages. “America doesn’t owe me anything. America has blessed me beyond measure. If anything, I owe America.” More importantly, he adds, he owes his Savior and his brothers and sisters in Christ.

There is one point of agreement with the CRT cult, Baucham explains: The notion that race is a construct. Christians of any “race,” he explains, must be united as one, as the Bible explains. And all humans come from one blood. Ironically, CRT faithful, while claiming race is a construct, proceed to make everything about race.

Despite the brutal smackdown it offers, the book is written with extreme gentleness for Christian leaders who have fallen for what Baucham views as the satanic deceptions of CRT. In fact, in calling out specific individuals by name, Baucham notes that many of them are his personal friends, and he has nothing but love for them despite their becoming victims of CRT lies.

Baucham is one of America’s most respected evangelical leaders, with an incredible background that makes him immune to the libels that would normally be hurled at critics of CRT. In short, there was nobody else who could have written this book with the same authority and effect.

Already the book has sent shockwaves through the evangelical community and beyond, rocketing to best-seller status almost immediately. Hopefully, the message about the dangers and lies lurking behind CRT will be embraced not just by conservative churches, but by all Americans. The nation’s continued survival depends on these truths becoming known. ■



Voddie Baucham



Like two peas in a pod: Joe Biden and U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed the New Atlantic Charter charting a course toward more globalism and Big Government.

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## BIDEN'S "NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER" Advances Globalist World Order

The New Atlantic Charter between the U.K. and the United States is just another globalist entangling alliance that weakens U.S. sovereignty.

by Alex Newman

The longtime globalist dream of merging the United States with the nations of Europe under an unaccountable transatlantic regime got a big boost this month, with a controversial "New Atlantic Charter" being signed by Joe Biden and U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

The document advances a dizzying array of internationalist Big Government schemes, including "sustainable development," entangling military alliances, man-made global-warming alarmism, and the so-called rules-based international order.

But none of it is new. The historical record shows Deep State globalists have been obsessed with the plot for almost a century. The goal is a radical transformation on par with the unprecedented expansion of government under FDR, with

a nod to globalist George Soros' favorite "open societies" language.

The unconstitutional agreement, which has not been ratified by the U.S. Senate as required for all treaties, actually plays on the original Atlantic Charter inked by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in 1941.

That controversial 80-year-old document vowed to seek the disarmament of nations and build a "new world order," as the *Washington Post* put it, after the quashing of National Socialist (Nazi) tyranny in Europe.

The 1941 document came before the U.S. government even formally joined the war effort. But it set the stage for FDR to break his campaign promises and get America involved in World War II, while building up the barbarous Soviet war machine and laying the foundations for the United Nations. For perspective, consider

that the Soviet Union endorsed the original Atlantic Charter in 1942.

The new document signed on the sidelines of the G7 meeting in Cornwall, England, in June reeks of brazen globalism, too. For instance, under the guise of creating a "peaceful and prosperous future," the two rulers said they "intend to strengthen the institutions, laws, and norms that sustain international co-operation to adapt them to meet the new challenges of the 21st century, and guard against those that would undermine them."

In other words, the institutions of "global governance" will be strengthened and further empowered over nations and peoples, while efforts to undermine critics will be stepped up. "We will work through the rules-based international order to tackle global challenges together," the duo added, using standard globalist rhetoric.



The critical military component of the globalist agenda is also laid out for all to see. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a UN subsidiary that is and has always been at the disposal of the UN to enforce globalist aims at the barrel of a gun, is touted as key to the new order. “Our NATO Allies and partners will always be able to count on us,” the document states, purporting to commit the nations involved to “collective security and international stability.”

They also pledged to help develop global rules for “responsible State behavior” — in other words, global laws for nations — on everything from the Internet to weapons. Even “health threats” were addressed in the document. Considering the way Biden and Johnson dealt with COVID by usurping unprecedented powers, that is an ominous sign.

Globalists were pleased with the document. For instance, Council on Foreign Relations “Global Governance” bigwig Stewart Patrick noted that the original Atlantic Charter “influenced planning for the major multilateral institutions that would come to govern the postwar world.” Think UN, IMF, World Bank, and so on.

“The New Atlantic Charter aspires to something similar,” declares the CFR globalist, saying Biden and Johnson both view themselves as “‘wartime’ leaders” and that the agreement “repudiates” Donald Trump’s pro-sovereignty “America First” foreign-policy doctrines. Biden once joked that he “worked for” CFR boss Richard Haass, so his doing the globalist organization’s bidding is hardly surprising.

Alleged man-made “climate change” and “sustainable development” are also key to the globalist new deal, both domestically and on the international stage. For instance, Johnson and Biden promised to impose “an inclusive, fair, climate-friendly, sustainable, rules-based global economy for the 21st century” on humanity and their own nations, though Communist China will almost certainly continue to be exempt as Western governments destroy their own economies.

In a throwback to 1941, the two also vowed to develop new global “labour and environmental standards” while working to foster “sustainable global development.” All of that rhetoric, of course, comes straight from UN Agenda 21 and the UN

Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, international agreements aimed at creating a socialistic world authority.

Like the original Atlantic Charter, the new one, aside from being packed with globalist platitudes, lays the groundwork for massive government intervention in the lives of citizens and the economy. Under various pretexts, updated for the 21st century, Biden and Johnson promise to make the state far more active across the board.

Indeed, establishment mouthpieces openly trumpeted the fact that Biden (or his handlers), like FDR 80 years ago, is hoping the charter will “propel his own New Deal domestically.” The New Deal represented the most dramatic expansion of federal power in history, something Biden and radical congressional leaders are hoping to build upon.

None of this globalist Big Government mongering from Biden was unexpected. During the campaign, he constantly parroted catchy slogans such as “Build Back Better,” a marketing term for Big Government globalism developed by the UN and embraced by Johnson and other leaders ready to sell out their nations. Indeed, Biden’s support for Green New Deal-type extremism masquerading as “environmentalism” was a dead giveaway about the direction he would go.

In February, meanwhile, Biden declared that “the transatlantic alliance is back.” Further evidence of Biden’s leanings comes from his time as vice president. In fact, the Atlantic Charter scheme appears to be an effort to resurrect the ideas behind the Obama-backed globalist scheme known as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), which would have laid the groundwork for eventually merging the United States and the European Union under a supranational regime similar to the one ruling the EU.

Even before his campaign, going back to the 1970s, Biden was affiliated with “Members of Congress for Peace Through Law,” an avowedly globalist organization of lawmakers that ruthlessly demonized anti-communist U.S. allies such as Rhodesia and South Africa while offering cover to murderous communist regimes and promoting the idea of global law to achieve “peace.”

A key strategy for building that world federalist system was to first unite the nations of Europe under a single regime, then merge that with the United States under a trans-Atlantic government dubbed an “Atlantic Union.” And globalist operatives from the Council on Foreign Relations and others within the U.S. government have been diligently working toward that



**Planning our future:** The controversial New Atlantic Charter was inked ahead of the G7 meeting, where government leaders representing key economies agreed to advance a globalist agenda.

The end goal of unifying Europe under a single regime, then, was to eventually build a transatlantic union merging the United States with the European superstate.



**He got it started:** The Obama administration worked hard on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, a globalist scheme to impose supranational governance over the United States and the EU.

goal since at least the end of World War II.

From presidents to congressional leaders, the idea of an Atlantic Union was all the rage. Among the most important reasons why so many globalists in the United States and Europe felt the unification of European nations under a single regime was so crucial to imposing an Atlantic Union: Many Europeans, especially those from smaller nations, were worried about being dominated politically and economically by the overwhelming power of the post-World War II United States.

In the mid-1960s, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs John M. Leddy summed up in very explicit terms the reason for promoting an EU-style regime. “The simple, but decisive, fact is that our Atlantic allies do not wish to move forward any type of federal political relationship with the United States, even as an objective,” he said.

“The fundamental reason why there is little European interest in federal union with us at this time is, I think, self evident,” he continued. “It is that Europe fears that it would be swallowed by a more powerful United States.”

A single regime for all Europe might change that, even though, ironically, many Europeans were duped into surrendering their sovereignty under the guise of being able to more successfully stand up to America. The CIA helped fund the phony grassroots movement advocating the surrender of sovereignty to what eventually became the EU superstate.

Other senior U.S. officials also acknowledged the goal of support for European integration. On September 20, 1966, for example, then-Under Secretary of State George Ball, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), testified before Congress on the State De-

partment’s view on forming an “Atlantic Community,” essentially merging the United States with Europe.

“I find little evidence of any strong interest among Europeans for any immediate move toward greater political unity with the United States,” he explained. “They fear the overwhelming weight of U.S. power and influence in our common councils.... We believe that so long as Europe remains merely a continent of medium- and small-sized states there are definite limits to the degree of political unity we can achieve across the ocean.”

The end goal of unifying Europe under a single regime, then, was to eventually build a transatlantic union merging the United States with the European superstate. In fact, that is the very same agenda envisioned in Obama’s extraordinarily unpopular Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, or TTIP, with the EU. If approved by the U.S. Congress and European officials, the transatlantic regime created under the TTIP would have served as the nucleus of a future EU-style “Atlantic Union” government to rule over both the United States and the EU.

And that was the idea all along. “Whatever power they can achieve as two separate unions — a United States of Europe and a United States of America — they can achieve far better by forming one union,” explained influential globalist Clarence Streit in testimony before the U.S. Congress’ House Committee on Foreign Affairs in 1948. The eventual goal, though, was to continue strengthening the UN until the various “unions” could be merged into a single global government, Streit explained. Back then, globalists were often more open about their agenda.

And for decades, that was hardly a fringe idea. On July 4, 1962, for example, President John F. Kennedy called publicly for a “Declaration of Interdependence.” “I will say here and now, on this Day of Independence, that the United States will be ready for a Declaration of Interdependence, that we will be prepared to discuss with a united Europe the ways and means of forming a concrete Atlantic partnership, a mutually beneficial partnership between the new union now emerging in Europe and the old American Union,” he said.

This would go on to become a global



federation, the president continued. “For the Atlantic partnership of which I speak would not look inward only, preoccupied with its own welfare and advancement,” he said. “It must look outward to cooperate with all nations in meeting their common concern. It would serve as a nucleus for the eventual union of all free men — those who are now free and those who are vowing that some day they will be free.”

Even as far back as the 1940s, the globalist-influenced U.S. government was pursuing the subjugation of Europe under a single, ultra-powerful regime controlled by globalist interests. In 1947, then-U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall (CFR) — a key player in handing China to Chairman Mao’s murderous communists, and perhaps mass-murdering dictator Joseph Stalin’s most important ally in the world — strongly suggested in a speech that European “economic cooperation” was a precondition for the desperately needed American aid after the war. The scheme eventually became known as the “Marshall Plan.”

“It is already evident that, before the

United States Government can proceed much further in its efforts to alleviate the situation and help start the European world on its way to recovery, there must be some agreement among the countries of Europe as to the requirements of the situation and the part those countries themselves will take in order to give proper effect to whatever action might be undertaken by this Government,” said Marshall, the man after whom the scheme was named.

Marshall, who betrayed free peoples and U.S. allies around the world into communist slavery, was adamant. “The role of this country should consist of friendly aid in the drafting of a European program and of later support of such a program so far as it may be practical for us to do so,” he said, vowing to use American taxpayer money to promote an EU. “The program should be a joint one, agreed to by a number [of], if not all European nations.”

The Committee of European Economic Cooperation, chaired by then-British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, officially responded with a major report that was ultimately transmitted approvingly by the U.S. State Department to President Harry

Truman. Signed by government representatives from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and more, the document outlined efforts to create a customs union that could eventually lead to even further “cooperation.” U.S. officials were pleased.

Members of Congress, especially Representative Walter Judd (R-Minn.), even tried to get language in the statement of purpose for the original Marshall Plan bill of 1948 explicitly declaring that it was the policy of the United States to encourage the economic unification and the political federation of Europe. In the end, language calling for the development of economic cooperation was included instead.

The next year, the “political federation” amendment was pursued again, with the result being the addition of the sentence, “It is further declared to be the policy of the people of the United States to encourage the unification of Europe.” By 1951, Congress finally came out and said it openly, with a clause included in the 1951 Mutual Security Act stating that the goal was “to further encourage the economic unification and the political federation of Europe.”

The U.S. government has similarly supported integration in Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, and beyond. The eventual goal remains the same: merging all of the regional superstates into a single global system often referred to by globalists in both parties and all around the globe as the New World Order.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger spelled it out clearly in his book *World Order*. “The contemporary quest for world order [world government] will require a coherent strategy to establish a concept of order [regional government] within the various regions and to relate these regional orders [governments] to one another,” he wrote.

Contrasting the current Republican Party with internationalist-minded GOP presidential candidate Wendell Willkie in the early 1940s, establishment analysts are already warning that a Republican Party dominated by Donald Trump and America First would be a death blow for the Deep State’s effort to resurrect American globalism through Biden. Republicans must stand firm. ■



**An old idea:** Since at least the end of World War II, the U.S. government has been promoting European unification using schemes such as the Marshall Plan to help impose an Atlantic Union over America and the EU.

# The Freedom Index

*A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution*

Our first look at the 117th Congress shows how every member of the House and Senate voted on key issues such as the impeachment of President Trump, coronavirus appropriations, and federalizing voting.

## House Vote Descriptions

**1 Trump Impeachment.** The article of impeachment (“Incitement of Insurrection”), contained in House Resolution 24, would impeach President Donald Trump for engaging in “high Crimes and Misdemeanors by inciting violence against the Government of the United States.” The article alleges Trump incited violence and insurrection by repeatedly issuing “false statements asserting that the Presidential election results were the product of widespread fraud and should not be accepted by the American people or certified by State or Federal officials”; by reiterating the claim that “we won the election” at his January 6, 2021, Washington, D.C., rally; and by saying in his January 6 speech, “if you don’t fight like hell you’re not going to have a country anymore.”

The House adopted the article of impeachment on January 13, 2021 by a vote of 232 to 197 (Roll Call 17). We have assigned pluses to the nays because President Trump had not committed any crime — much less “high Crimes and Misdemeanors” (the con-



**Move over, ladies!** Under the Equality Act, males would be able to join females in locker rooms so long as they identify as females.

stitutional standard for impeachment) — by exercising his right to free speech regarding the election results and political activism. Also, to interpret his “fight like hell” remark as a call to violence is ludicrous. In the same speech, Trump stated, “I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard.”

**2 Equality Act.** The Equality Act (H.R. 5) would expand the definition of protected classes in federal law to include “sexual orientation and gender identity.” Regarding the latter, the bill explicitly states that “an individual shall not be denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with

## About This Index

“**T**he Freedom Index: A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution” rates congressmen based on their adherence to constitutional principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility, national sovereignty, and a traditional foreign policy of avoiding foreign entanglements. To learn how any representative or senator voted on the key measures described herein, look him or her up in the vote charts.

The scores are derived by dividing a congressman’s constitutional votes (pluses) by the total number he cast (pluses and mi-

nuses) and multiplying by 100. The average House score for this index is 49 percent, and the average Senate score is 39 percent. Forty-six representatives and four senators earned 100 percent. We encourage readers to examine how their own congressmen voted on each of the 10 key measures. We also encourage readers to commend legislators for their constitutional votes, and to urge improvement where needed.

An online version of the “Freedom Index” is also available (click on “Freedom Index” at [TheNewAmerican.com](http://TheNewAmerican.com)). ■



# House Vote Scores ✓

Votes:		1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>ALABAMA</b>												
1	Carl (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2	Moore (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3	Rogers (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4	Aderholt (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5	Brooks (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6	Palmer (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7	Sewell (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>ALASKA</b>												
AL	Young (R)	75%	+	?	+	+	-	+	+	?	+	-
<b>ARIZONA</b>												
1	O'Halleran (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2	Kirkpatrick (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3	Grijalva (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4	Gosar (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5	Biggs (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6	Schweikert (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
7	Gallego (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8	Lesko (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
9	Stanton (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>ARKANSAS</b>												
1	Crawford (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2	Hill (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3	Womack (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4	Westerman (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>												
1	LaMalfa (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
2	Huffman (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3	Garamendi (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4	McClintock (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5	Thompson (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6	Matsui (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7	Bera (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8	Obernolte (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9	McNerney (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10	Harder (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
11	DeSaulnier (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
12	Pelosi (D)	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	-	+
13	Lee (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
14	Speier (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
15	Swalwell (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
16	Costa (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
17	Khanna (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
18	Eshoo (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
19	Lofgren (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
20	Panetta (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
21	Valadao (R)	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
22	Nunes (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
23	McCarthy (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
24	Carbajal (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
25	Garcia (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
26	Brownley (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
27	Chu (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
28	Schiff (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
29	Cárdenas (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
30	Sherman (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
31	Aguilar (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+

Votes:		1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
32	Napolitano (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
33	Lieu (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
34	Gomez (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
35	Torres (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
36	Ruiz (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
37	Bass (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
38	Sánchez (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
39	Kim (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
40	Royal-Allard (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
41	Takano (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
42	Calvert (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
43	Waters (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
44	Barragán (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
45	Porter (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
46	Correa (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
47	Lowenthal (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
48	Steel (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
49	Levin (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
50	Issa (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
51	Vargas (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
52	Peters (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
53	Jacobs (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>COLORADO</b>												
1	DeGette (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2	Neguse (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3	Boebert (R)	100%	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4	Buck (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5	Lamborn (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
6	Crow (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7	Perlmutter (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>												
1	Larson (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2	Courtney (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3	DeLauro (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4	Himes (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5	Hayes (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>DELAWARE</b>												
AL	Blunt Rochester (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>FLORIDA</b>												
1	Gaetz (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
2	Dunn (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3	Cammack (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4	Rutherford (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5	Lawson (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6	Waltz (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7	Murphy (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8	Posey (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9	Soto (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10	Demings (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
11	Webster (R)	89%	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
12	Bilirakis (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
13	Crist (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
14	Castor (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
15	Franklin (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
16	Buchanan (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
17	Steube (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
18	Mast (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-

The scores are derived by dividing the constitutionally correct votes (pluses) by the total number of pluses and minuses and multiplying by 100. (A "?" means a rep. did not vote. If a rep. cast fewer than five votes in this index, a score is not assigned.) Match numbers at the top of the chart to House vote descriptions on pages 24, 26, and 28.

the individual's gender identity." That is, males who identify as females would be able to use the public restrooms, locker rooms, and dressing rooms of females — and vice versa. Moreover, the bill not only fails to include religious exemptions (e.g., allowing a church adoption agency to refuse placing children with homosexual couples), but explicitly states that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 cannot be used as a defense against the bill's applications.

The House passed the Equality Act on February 25, 2021 by a vote of 224 to 206 (Roll Call 39). We have assigned pluses to the nays because of the harm it would cause to heterosexual children and adults, as well as threatening religious freedom and the right of association.

**3 Police Reform.** The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (H.R. 1280) would, according to a fact sheet released by the House Judiciary Committee, “establish a national standard for the operation of police departments,” governing the conduct of police officers. The bill also aims to defund police departments and allocate those funds to leftist “community organizations,” further perpetuating the Left’s war on police.

The House passed H.R. 1280 on March 3, 2021 by a vote of 220 to 212 (Roll Call 60). We have assigned pluses to the nays because the U.S. Constitution does not authorize the federal government to establish any type of national standards governing the operation, conduct, and accreditation of local law-enforcement agencies. To do so would constitute an egregious violation of the principles of federalism, as set forth in the 10th Amendment, and would be a major step toward nationalizing our local police into a federal police force — threatening our very existence as a free people.

**4 Federalizing Voting.** The For the People Act (H.R. 1) would implement a sweeping federalization of American elections. Among the bill’s provisions, H.R. 1 would force states to implement nationwide Internet, automatic, and same-day voter registration. The bill would also mandate states to allow mail-in voting for all voters, make ballot “drop boxes” available in every county, and implement early voting at least 15 days prior to an elec-

tion. Additionally, H.R. 1 would prohibit voter caging, greatly reducing verification of voter-registration lists; require states to set up “independent redistricting commissions” that take redistricting authority out of state legislatures’ hands; and enact additional campaign-finance regulations.

The House passed H.R. 1 on March 3, 2021 by a vote of 220 to 210 (Roll Call 62). We have assigned pluses to the nays because, under our system of government, state legislatures retain primary authority over regulating congressional elections.

**5 Collective Bargaining.** The so-called Protecting the Right to Organize, or PRO, Act (H.R. 842) would end states’ right-to-work laws, empower the National Labor Relations Board to force employees to unionize against their will, encourage illegal aliens to join unions, and align U.S. labor laws with those of Mexico and Canada, in accordance with the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which requires member countries to recognize collective bargaining at the national level.

The House passed H.R. 842 on March 9, 2021 by a vote of 225 to 206 (Roll Call 70). We have assigned pluses to the

nays because the U.S. Constitution does not give the federal government any authority to regulate employers or workers. The 10th Amendment guarantees that the states and the people have authority over these matters.

**6 Coronavirus Appropriations.** H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, would follow the precedent set in 2020 of spending multiple trillions of dollars within one year on unconstitutional programs in the name of coronavirus relief. As summarized by a Treasury Department fact sheet posted after the House and Senate had approved the \$1.9 trillion spending bill, 90 million Americans would receive more than \$242 billion in direct payments (\$1,400 for individuals, \$2,800 for married couples, and \$1,400 for each dependent); families would receive \$3,600 for children under age six, and \$3,000 for other children under age 18; state and local governments would receive \$325 billion in emergency direct payments; states, territories, and tribes would receive \$10 billion for capital projects; states, territories, and tribes would receive \$10 billion for homeowner relief; states, territories, and tribes would receive \$21.6 billion for emergency



**Runaway spending:** Congress continues to pass trillion-dollar coronavirus “relief” bills that in the long run will further harm the economy. It cannot be otherwise, since the government must either tax or borrow to pay for the spending spree.



	Votes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
19 Donalds (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
20 Hastings (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	?
21 Frankel (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
22 Deutch (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
23 Wasserman Schultz (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
24 Wilson (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
25 Diaz-Balart (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
26 Gimenez (R)	70%		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
27 Salazar (R)	70%		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
<b>GEORGIA</b>												
1 Carter (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Bishop (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Ferguson (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Johnson (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Williams (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 McBath (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Bourdeaux (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Scott (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
9 Clyde (R)	89%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	-
10 Hice (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
11 Loudermilk (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
12 Allen (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
13 Scott (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
14 Greene (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>HAWAII</b>												
1 Case (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Kahele (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>IDAHO</b>												
1 Fulcher (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Simpson (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>ILLINOIS</b>												
1 Rush (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Kelly (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Newman (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 García (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Quigley (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Casten (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Davis (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Krishnamoorthi (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Schakowsky (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10 Schneider (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
11 Foster (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
12 Bost (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
13 Davis (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
14 Underwood (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
15 Miller (R)	100%		+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	+
16 Kinzinger (R)	67%		-	+	+	+	+	+	-	?	+	-
17 Bustos (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
18 LaHood (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>INDIANA</b>												
1 Mrvan (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Walorski (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Banks (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Baird (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5 Spartz (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6 Pence (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7 Carson (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Bucshon (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
9 Hollingsworth (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>IOWA</b>												
1 Hinson (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Miller-Meeks (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-

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3 Axne (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Feenstra (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>KANSAS</b>												
1 Mann (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2 LaTurner (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Davids (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Estes (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>KENTUCKY</b>												
1 Comer (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2 Guthrie (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Yarmuth (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Massie (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5 Rogers (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
6 Barr (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>LOUISIANA</b>												
1 Scalise (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Carter (D)	?		?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	+
3 Higgins (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Johnson (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5 Letlow (R)												+
6 Graves (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>MAINE</b>												
1 Pingree (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Golden (D)	50%		-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
<b>MARYLAND</b>												
1 Harris (R)	89%		?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Ruppersberger (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Sarbanes (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Brown (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Hoyer (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Trone (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Mfume (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Raskin (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>												
1 Neal (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 McGovern (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Trahan (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Auchincloss (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Clark (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Moulton (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Pressley (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Lynch (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Keating (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>MICHIGAN</b>												
1 Bergman (R)	89%		+	+	+	?	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Huizenga (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Meijer (R)	80%		-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4 Moolenaar (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5 Kildee (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Upton (R)	70%		-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
7 Walberg (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
8 Slotkin (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Levin (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10 McClain (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
11 Stevens (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
12 Dingell (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
13 Tlaib (D)	11%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	+
14 Lawrence (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>MINNESOTA</b>												
1 Hagedorn (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Craig (D)	10%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+

The scores are derived by dividing the constitutionally correct votes (pluses) by the total number of pluses and minuses and multiplying by 100. (A “?” means a rep. did not vote. If a rep. cast fewer than five votes in this index, a score is not assigned.) Match numbers at the top of the chart to House vote descriptions on pages 24, 26, and 28.

rental assistance for households affected by COVID-19; etc.

The House passed H.R. 1319 on March 10, 2021 by a vote of 220 to 211 (Roll Call 72). We have assigned pluses to the nays because Congress is failing to address its fiscally irresponsible budgeting and appropriating process that yielded annual federal deficits of \$3.1 trillion in fiscal 2020 and an expected \$3.0 trillion in 2021. Moreover, virtually all of the coronavirus aid provisions, including direct checks, federal unemployment benefits, and economic subsidies, are unconstitutional.

**7 Background Checks.** H.R. 8 would criminalize most private firearms transactions unless they include an FBI background check. Specifically, this bill would require anyone desiring to transfer a firearm to bring the firearm to a licensed dealer, who would then take possession of the firearm and complete a background check on the intended recipient of the transfer. The firearm would be returned to the original owner if the transfer is rejected. Although the bill includes some exceptions to this universal requirement for a background check, it still represents a major infringement on our God-given right to keep and bear arms.

The House passed H.R. 8 on March 11, 2021 by a vote of 227 to 203 (Roll Call 75). We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill would be one more steppingstone toward the Deep State's unconstitutional goal of total civilian disarmament.

**8 Agricultural Migrant Amnesty.** H.R. 1603 would give amnesty to illegal aliens who have worked at least 180 days — out of the previous two years — in the agriculture industry, likely affecting over 1.5 million illegals. Those illegals would then be eligible for green cards — and, eventually, citizenship — if they pay a fine and wait up to eight years. The bill makes multiple changes to the H-2A visa program, making it more attractive to migrants, including allowing 40,000 H-2A unskilled workers annually to receive green cards, which in turn would give those workers' family members a path to U.S. residency and/or citizenship.

The House passed H.R. 1603 on March



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**Fifty-first state?** A House-passed bill would purportedly circumvent the constitutional prohibition against granting the District of Columbia statehood by reducing the district to a small area and making the rest of what is currently Washington, D.C., a new state.

18, 2021 by a vote of 247 to 174 (Roll Call 93). We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill would encourage and reward mass migration to the United States. Mass migration is a tool of the Deep State to fundamentally alter the United States. By importing significant numbers of individuals from cultures with no knowledge or understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the Founding Fathers' philosophical principles, the Deep State is able to reshape the nation to its liking — importing the very type of socialist and corrupt governments that many migrants arrived from.

**9 Washington, D.C., Statehood.** H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, would admit most of the District of Columbia as the 51st state, rename it “Washington, Douglass Commonwealth,” and give it full representation in Congress, with two U.S. senators and one U.S. representative. Under the bill, the area of Washington, D.C., surrounding the National Mall and including the White House and U.S. Capitol would remain a separate federal district with three electoral votes in accordance with the 23rd Amendment.

The House passed H.R. 51 on April 22, 2021 by a vote of 216 to 208 (Roll Call 132). We have assigned pluses to the nays because the push for D.C. statehood is

merely a politically motivated effort to gain two Democratic Party senators and thus more easily advance a left-wing agenda. Moreover, granting statehood to the District of Columbia violates Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. H.R. 51 purports to circumvent this constitutional prohibition by reducing D.C. to basically the Capitol and surrounding governmental buildings.

**10 Iraq AUMF Repeal.** H.R. 256 would repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002. Signed into law on October 16 of that year, the AUMF authorized the president to use the U.S. military “as he determines” to “defend the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq,” and “enforce all relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions regarding Iraq.”

The House passed H.R. 256 on June 17, 2021 by a vote of 268 to 161 (Roll Call 172). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because, under the Constitution, the Congress, not the president, possesses the power to declare war, and by adopting the 2002 Iraq AUMF, Congress unconstitutionally abdicated this power. Also, the U.S. military should not be used by the president to enforce UN resolutions or to engage in nation building, and Iraq does not threaten the United States. ■



	Votes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3 Phillips (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 McCollum (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Omar (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Emmer (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7 Fischbach (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
8 Stauber (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>												
1 Kelly (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Thompson (D)	20%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Guest (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Palazzo (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>MISSOURI</b>												
1 Bush (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Wagner (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Luetkemeyer (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Hartzler (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5 Cleaver (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Graves (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7 Long (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
8 Smith (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>MONTANA</b>												
AL Rosendale (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>NEBRASKA</b>												
1 Fortenberry (R)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	-
2 Bacon (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Smith (R)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	-	-
<b>NEVADA</b>												
1 Titus (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Amodei (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
3 Lee (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Horsford (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>												
1 Pappas (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Kuster (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>												
1 Norcross (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Van Drew (R)	70%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
3 Kim (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Smith (R)	60%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
5 Gottheimer (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Pallone (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Malinowski (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Sires (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Pascrell (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10 Payne (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
11 Sherrill (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
12 Watson Coleman (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>												
1 Stansbury (D)												+
2 Herrell (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3 Leger Fernandez (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>NEW YORK</b>												
1 Zeldin (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Garbarino (R)	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
3 Suozzi (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Rice (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Meeks (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Meng (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Velázquez (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Jeffries (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Clarke (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+

	Votes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 Nadler (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
11 Malliotakis (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
12 Maloney (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
13 Espaillat (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
14 Ocasio-Cortez (D)	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	+
15 Torres (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
16 Bowman (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
17 Jones (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
18 Maloney (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
19 Delgado (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
20 Tonko (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
21 Stefanik (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
22 Tenney (R)	78%	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
23 Reed (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
24 Katko (R)	50%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
25 Morelle (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
26 Higgins (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
27 Jacobs (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>												
1 Butterfield (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Ross (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Murphy (R)	89%	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Price (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Foxx (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
6 Manning (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Rouzer (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
8 Hudson (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
9 Bishop (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
10 McHenry (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	?
11 Cawthorn (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
12 Adams (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
13 Budd (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>												
AL Armstrong (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>OHIO</b>												
1 Chabot (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Wenstrup (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Beatty (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Jordan (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5 Latta (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
6 Johnson (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7 Gibbs (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
8 Davidson (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9 Kaptur (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10 Turner (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
11 Fudge (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Balderson (R)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	-
13 Ryan (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
14 Joyce (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
15 Stivers (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	?
16 Gonzalez (R)	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>												
1 Hern (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Mullin (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Lucas (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Cole (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
5 Bice (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>OREGON</b>												
1 Bonamici (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Bentz (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
3 Blumenauer (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 DeFazio (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Schrader (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+

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	Notes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>												
1 Fitzpatrick (R)	50%	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
2 Boyle (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Evans (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Dean (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Scanlon (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Houlahan (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Wild (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Cartwright (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Meuser (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
10 Perry (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
11 Smucker (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
12 Keller (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
13 Joyce (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
14 Reschenthaler (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
15 Thompson (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
16 Kelly (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
17 Lamb (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
18 Doyle (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>												
1 Cicilline (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Langevin (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>												
1 Mace (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2 Wilson (R)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	-
3 Duncan (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Timmons (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5 Norman (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
6 Clyburn (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Rice (R)	90%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>												
AL Johnson (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>TENNESSEE</b>												
1 Harshbarger (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Burchett (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3 Fleischmann (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 DesJarlais (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5 Cooper (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
6 Rose (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7 Green (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?
8 Kustoff (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
9 Cohen (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>TEXAS</b>												
1 Gohmert (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+
2 Crenshaw (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
3 Taylor (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Fallon (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
5 Gooden (R)	90%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6 Vacant		+	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
7 Fletcher (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Brady (R)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	-
9 Green (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10 McCaul (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
11 Pfluger (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
12 Granger (R)	89%	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
13 Jackson (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
14 Weber (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
15 Gonzalez (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
16 Escobar (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
17 Sessions (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
18 Jackson Lee (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
19 Arrington (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-

	Notes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20 Castro (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
21 Roy (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
22 Nehls (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
23 Gonzales (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
24 Van Duyne (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
25 Williams (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
26 Burgess (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
27 Cloud (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
28 Cuellar (D)	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
29 Garcia (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
30 Johnson (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
31 Carter (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
32 Allred (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
33 Veasey (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
34 Vela (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
35 Doggett (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
36 Babin (R)	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	-
<b>UTAH</b>												
1 Moore (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Stewart (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3 Curtis (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
4 Owens (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>VERMONT</b>												
AL Welch (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>VIRGINIA</b>												
1 Wittman (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Luria (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Scott (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 McEachin (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Good (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
6 Cline (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7 Spanberger (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Beyer (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Griffith (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
10 Wexton (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
11 Connolly (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>WASHINGTON</b>												
1 DelBene (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
2 Larsen (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Herrera Beutler (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
4 Newhouse (R)	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
5 Rodgers (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
6 Kilmer (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
7 Jayapal (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
8 Schrier (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
9 Smith (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
10 Strickland (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>												
1 McKinley (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Mooney (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3 Miller (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
<b>WISCONSIN</b>												
1 Steil (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
2 Pocan (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
3 Kind (D)	20%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
4 Moore (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
5 Fitzgerald (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
6 Grothman (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
7 Tiffany (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	?	?	+	+	+	+	+
8 Gallagher (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>WYOMING</b>												
AL Cheney (R)	80%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-

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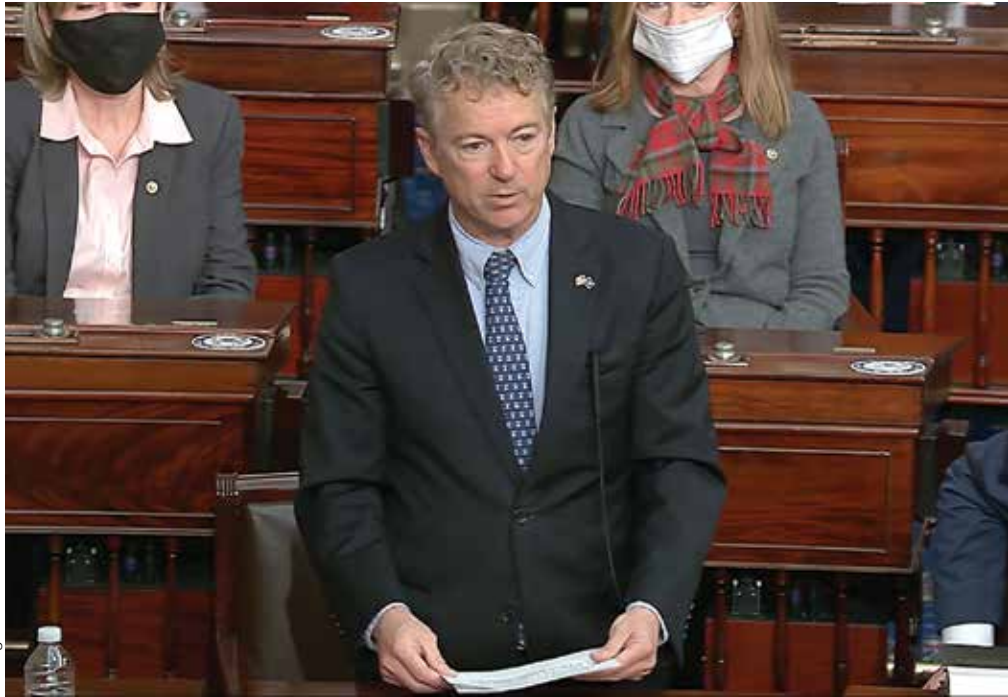
**1 Trump Impeachment.** During the impeachment proceedings against Donald Trump (House Resolution 24), Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) made a constitutional point of order that the “proceeding, which would try a private citizen and not a president, a vice president or civil officer, violates the Constitution.”

The Senate tabled (killed) Paul’s point of order on January 26, 2021 by a vote of 55 to 45 (Roll Call 8). We have assigned pluses to the nays because Paul’s point is constitutionally unassailable. The Constitution states, “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.” Yet as of January 20, when Joe Biden was sworn in as president, Trump was a private citizen to whom the impeachment power does not apply.

**2 Deficit Reduction.** During consideration of the Budget Resolution for fiscal 2021 (S. Con. Res. 5), Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) offered a substitute amendment, which he called the “Three Penny Plan Budget.” According to a press release from his senate office, “Dr. Paul’s plan requires that for every on-budget dollar the federal government spends in Fiscal Year 2021, it spends three pennies fewer each year for the next five years.” This would have reduced spending by \$67.4 billion in fiscal 2022 alone, and by a total of \$7.2 trillion over 10 years.

The Senate rejected Paul’s substitute amendment on February 4, 2021 by a vote of 29 to 71 (Roll Call 31). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because runaway, deficit-laden federal spending, most of which is unconstitutional, must be brought under control, and Paul’s proposal would have been a step in the right direction.

**3 Enforce DHS Asylum Policies.** During consideration of the Budget Resolution for fiscal 2021 (S. Con. Res. 5), Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) offered an amendment to create a deficit-neutral fund, consistent with the Senate’s pay-as-you-go rule in order to be included in a reconcilia-



**Point of order:** Senator Rand Paul’s constitutionally unassailable position that the Senate cannot try and convict a private citizen — which is what Donald Trump was at the time — was rejected by most of his colleagues.

tion bill. This fund would allow for legislation enforcing the Trump administration’s “Remain in Mexico” policy that requires illegal migrants attempting to gain asylum in the United States to wait in Mexico while their asylum claims are determined.

The Senate rejected Rubio’s amendment on February 5, 2021 by a vote of 50 to 50 (Roll Call 51). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because uncontrolled migration is detrimental to preserving our constitutional republic. Furthermore, considering that in fiscal 2020, 71.6 percent of asylum claims were ultimately rejected, it is wise public policy to prohibit asylum seekers from entering the United States.

**4 Trump Impeachment.** The House adopted the article of impeachment (“Incitement of Insurrection”) against President Donald Trump on January 13, 2021. The article, contained in House Resolution 24, was then sent to the Senate to decide whether or not to convict Trump and remove him from office. The article alleges that Trump engaged in “high Crimes and

Misdemeanors by inciting violence against the Government of the United States.” He did so, the article claims, by repeatedly issuing “false statements asserting that the Presidential election results were the product of widespread fraud and should not be accepted by the American people or certified by State or Federal officials”; by reiterating the claim that “we won the election” at his January 6, 2021, Washington, D.C., rally; and by saying in his January 6 speech, “if you don’t fight like hell you’re not going to have a country anymore.”

The Senate acquitted Trump on February 13, 2021 by a vote of 57 to 43 (Roll Call 59; a two-thirds majority of those present and voting is required to convict). We have assigned pluses to the nays because the Senate may not constitutionally convict a private citizen, which is what Trump was at the time of this vote, and also because he had not committed any crime — much less “high Crimes and Misdemeanors” (the constitutional standard for impeachment) — by exercising his right to free speech regarding the election results and political activ-

# Senate Vote Scores ✓

	Votes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>ALABAMA</b>												
Shelby (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+
Tuberville (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+
<b>ALASKA</b>												
Murkowski (R)	40%		-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+
Sullivan (R)	78%		+	+	+	+	?	-	+	+	-	+
<b>ARIZONA</b>												
Sinema (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kelly (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ARKANSAS</b>												
Boozman (R)	80%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Cotton (R)	80%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>												
Feinstein (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Padilla (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>COLORADO</b>												
Bennet (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hickenlooper (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>												
Blumenthal (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murphy (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>DELAWARE</b>												
Carper (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coons (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FLORIDA</b>												
Rubio (R)	80%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Scott (R)	80%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>GEORGIA</b>												
Ossoff (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warnock (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>HAWAII</b>												
Schatz (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hirono (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>IDAHO</b>												
Crapo (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Risch (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
<b>ILLINOIS</b>												
Durbin (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duckworth (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>INDIANA</b>												
Young (R)	70%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Braun (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>IOWA</b>												
Grassley (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Ernst (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>KANSAS</b>												
Moran (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Marshall (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>KENTUCKY</b>												
McConnell (R)	70%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Paul (R)	100%		+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+
<b>LOUISIANA</b>												
Cassidy (R)	80%		+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Kennedy (R)	89%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	?	+	+

	Votes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>MAINE</b>												
Collins (R)	30%		-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
King (I)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MARYLAND</b>												
Cardin (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Van Hollen (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>												
Warren (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Markey (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MICHIGAN</b>												
Stabenow (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peters (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MINNESOTA</b>												
Klobuchar (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smith (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>												
Wicker (R)	70%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Hyde-Smith (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>MISSOURI</b>												
Blunt (R)	60%		+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+
Hawley (R)	90%		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>MONTANA</b>												
Tester (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daines (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
<b>NEBRASKA</b>												
Fischer (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Sasse (R)	56%		-	-	+	-	+	?	+	+	-	+
<b>NEVADA</b>												
Cortez Masto (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosen (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>												
Shaheen (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hassan (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>												
Menendez (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Booker (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>												
Heinrich (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lujan (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW YORK</b>												
Schumer (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gillibrand (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>												
Burr (R)	70%		+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Tillis (R)	80%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>												
Hoeven (R)	80%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Cramer (R)	78%		+	-	+	+	+	-	?	+	+	+
<b>OHIO</b>												
Brown (D)	0%		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portman (R)	70%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>												
Inhofe (R)	80%		+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Lankford (R)	90%		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+



	Votes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>OREGON</b>												
Wyden (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merkley (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>												
Casey (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toomey (R)	70%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>												
Reed (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitehouse (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>												
Graham (R)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
Scott (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>												
Thune (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rounds (R)	67%	+	-	+	+	+	-	?	+	-	+	-
<b>TENNESSEE</b>												
Blackburn (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Hagerty (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
<b>TEXAS</b>												
Cornyn (R)	80%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
Cruz (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

	Votes:	1-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>UTAH</b>												
Lee (R)	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Romney (R)	50%	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
<b>VERMONT</b>												
Leahy (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanders (I)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
<b>VIRGINIA</b>												
Warner (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kaine (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>WASHINGTON</b>												
Murray (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cantwell (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	-	-	-
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>												
Manchin (D)	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Capito (R)	60%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
<b>WISCONSIN</b>												
Johnson (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Baldwin (D)	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>WYOMING</b>												
Barrasso (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lummis (R)	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+

The scores are derived by dividing the constitutionally correct votes (pluses) by the total number of pluses and minuses and multiplying by 100. (A “?” means a senator did not vote. If he cast fewer than five votes in this index, a score is not assigned.) Match numbers at the top of the chart to Senate vote descriptions on pages 31, 33, and 34.

ism. Also, to interpret his “fight like hell” remark as a call to violence is ludicrous. In the same speech, Trump stated, “I know that everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard.”

**5 Coronavirus Appropriations.** H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, would follow the precedent set in 2020 of spending multiple trillions of dollars within one year on unconstitutional programs in the name of coronavirus relief. As summarized by a Treasury Department fact sheet posted after the House and Senate had approved the \$1.9 trillion spending bill, 90 million Americans would receive more than \$242 billion in direct payments (\$1,400 for individuals, \$2,800 for married couples, and \$1,400 for each dependent); families would receive \$3,600 for children under age six, and \$3,000 for other children under age 18; state and local governments would receive \$325 billion in emergency direct payments; states, territories, and tribes would receive \$10 billion for capital projects; etc.

The Senate passed H.R. 1319 on March 6, 2021 by a vote of 50 to 49 (Roll Call 110). We have assigned pluses to the nays because Congress is failing to address its fiscally irresponsible budgeting and appropriating process that yielded annual federal

deficits of \$3.1 trillion in fiscal 2020 and an expected \$3.0 trillion in 2021. Moreover, virtually all of the coronavirus aid provisions, including direct checks, federal unemployment benefits, and subsidization of the economy, are unconstitutional.

**6 Paycheck Protection Program Extension.** H.R. 1799 would extend the authorization for the Treasury Department’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) from March 31 to June 30, 2021. The PPP provides Small Business Administration-backed loans to businesses of 500 employees or less struggling as a result of the draconian COVID-19 lockdowns issued by governors across the country beginning in 2020 and extending into 2021. PPP loans do not have to be paid back so long as employers only use the funds for legitimate business expenses, such as PPP-approved payroll costs, mortgages, rent, operation expenditures, personal protective equipment as may have been required by state-issued emergency orders, property damage as a result of violent mob protests that occurred in 2020 and not covered by the business’s insurance, and suppliers’ costs for contracts or other bills of goods and services purchased prior to taking out the loan.

The Senate passed H.R. 1799 on March 25, 2021 by a vote of 92 to 7 (Roll Call 140). We have assigned pluses to the nays because the Constitution does not authorize the federal government to bail out or lend funds to business.

**7 National Monument Water Rights.** During consideration of the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act (S. 914), Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) offered an amendment to “limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument.” The amendment stated: “(1) No reservation of water rights. — In designating a national monument under subsection (a), the President may not reserve any implied or expressed water rights associated with the national monument. (2) Applicable law. — Water rights associated with a national monument designated under subsection (a) may be acquired for the national monument only in accordance with the laws of the State in which the water rights are located.”

The Senate rejected Lee’s amendment on April 29, 2021 by a vote of 41 to 54 (Roll Call 177). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because the Constitution does not grant the federal government the power to designate national monuments or to grant water rights.

**8 Embryonic Research Restriction.** During consideration of the Endless Frontier Act (S. 1260), Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) offered an amendment to, as he described it from the Senate floor, “simply prohibit any research funded, for the Endless Frontier Act, from using any fetal tissue obtained from an abortion and from creating, destroying, discarding, or putting human embryos at risk.” Lee’s amendment would have essentially codified the National Science Foundation’s agency policy banning research that destroys or creates human embryos.

The Senate rejected Lee’s amendment on May 25, 2021 by a vote of 48 to 51 (Roll Call 206). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because not only does the Constitution not authorize the federal government to fund any type of research that incentivizes abortion, but all human life, at every stage of development from fertilization onward, is sacred and taxpayers should not be forced to pay for the destruction and unethical manipulation of such life.

**9 Research and Development Package.** S. 1260, the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, would authorize \$250 billion over five years for federal funding of scientific research and development programs, including more than \$52 billion for the U.S. semiconductor industry; \$81 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF), including \$52 billion for the existing NSF programs and \$29 billion for a new NSF directorate for technology and innovation that would support research and development in key areas such as artificial intelligence, automation, quantum computing, biotechnology, and advanced energy; and \$23.5 billion (in fiscal 2021 alone) for NASA.

The Senate passed S. 1260 on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 68 to 32 (Roll Call 226). We have assigned pluses to the nays because the Constitution does not authorize Congress to fund research and development programs.

**10 Federalizing Voting.** The For the People Act (S. 2093) would implement a sweeping federalization of American elections. Among the bill’s provisions,

S. 2093 would force states to implement nationwide Internet, automatic, and same-day voter registration. The bill would also mandate states to allow mail-in voting for all voters, make ballot “drop boxes” available in every county, and implement early voting that begins at least 15 days prior to an election. Additionally, S. 2093 would prohibit voter caging, greatly reducing verification of voter-registration lists; require states to set up “independent redistricting commissions” that take redistricting authority out of state legislatures’ hands; and enact additional campaign-finance regulations.

The Senate did not vote directly on S. 2093, but on a motion to invoke cloture (and thus limit debate) so the bill could be voted on. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected on June 22, 2021 by a vote of 50 to 50 (Roll Call 246; a three-fifths majority of the entire Senate is required to invoke cloture). We have assigned pluses to the nays because, under our system of government, state legislatures possess primary authority over regulating congressional elections. ■



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## THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

### The Lawn Kid

Fourteen-year-old Nathan Adams of New York started his own lawn-mowing business as an opportunity to make money, but when his veteran grandfather died, Nathan wanted to use his business as an opportunity to give back.

“My grandfather passed in February, and I thought that maybe in his honor since I had my own business, I could cut lawns for veterans for free,” he said.

Nathan has set a goal of doing 50 lawns for 50 veterans. The first cut for each veteran will be free, and each additional mow will come at a “veteran’s discount.”

Nathan’s mother, Angel, has been posting his progress on Facebook to spread the word and help Nathan reach his goal. Each of her posts contains a photo of a freshly mowed lawn, an American flag, and Nathan holding up his hand to show the number of lawns he has mowed.

Veterans’ organizations have been contacting Nathan and donating military apparel to show their support for the good he is doing.

“I think my dad is looking down on Nathan ... with so much pride because my dad was a fighter and as a veteran, he taught myself, my sister and the grandkids that we should always be thankful to our veterans because they’re the reason why we get to be free and make decisions,” Angel Adams said.

It was Nathan’s grandfather who taught him how to mow.

“When I was strong enough to push the mower. He taught me how to start it and how to make it look good,” Nathan — known to his community as “the lawn kid” — told Fox News.

In kicking off his business, Nathan received tremendous support from the community. When his first mower broke down, area residents donated funds to help him get supplies. One of his clients, Leona Doherty, who worked for Lowe’s, convinced the company to donate a brand-new lawnmower and other supplies, Angel told Fox News.

“There’s always a way to put good into the world when it seems like there’s so much bad going on,” Doherty said.

And while Nathan has not yet reached

his goal of 50 lawns, he has already said that it’s possible he could do many more, WKBW reported.

“I could go to 100, I could go to 1,000,” Nathan said, “I’m not sure when I would stop, I probably won’t stop.”

### A Personal Touch

Florida high-school principal Jeff Reaves has gone above and beyond his duty to his students by hand-writing a personal note to each of the 459 graduates of the 2021 senior class at Matanzas High School.

According to the *Daytona Beach News Journal*, Reaves spent months crafting the notes ahead of the June 2 graduation so that a letter appeared on each graduate’s seat at the ceremony. Reaves used transcripts, e-mails, and memories of the students to write a unique letter to each senior.

“I want to be positive for our students, especially in a time where there’s a lot of negativity and turmoil in the world,” Reaves told the newspaper. “I wanted to shine some light on the students and encourage them as they begin their next journey in life.”

Reaves said the process reminded him of what it meant to be a real part of the lives of his students.

“It was as much for me as them, and I got the chance to learn about each student individually,” he said. “It’s easy to get caught up in the numbers, but it’s the names that really matter. I was doing my part to help them feel connected as a community and have their high school experience to be positive.”

Reaves felt especially compelled because the students’ last two years at school were marred by the pandemic, ClickOrlando.com reported.

“It was an incredible class of students, and I was honored to serve them,” Reaves said. “In a sense they lost five quarters. The pandemic started when they were juniors and it impacted their entire senior year.”

In June of 2020, when COVID-19 restrictions were in full force, Reaves found a way to make the graduation experience memorable for the seniors. Their ceremony took place at the Daytona International Speedway. On top of that, Reaves surprised the students with a customized yard sign for

each student placed across the football field. He used a drone to film the signs for students and their families to see, *USA Today* reported.

Students and parents were touched by Reaves’ personal letter, and expressed their appreciation on the school’s Facebook page.

“It was the first thing my daughter showed me!” wrote one parent.

Another wrote, “It was very sweet and a first I’ve heard of... Principle [sic] Reaves went above and beyond here and my child will never forget him.”

One parent gushed, “As a parent, it meant a lot. That he knew our kiddos personally each and every one of them. MHS is extremely lucky to have such a wonderful leader.”

### Churchgoers and Firefighters

When a fire started on June 20 at a tire shop in Sacramento, California, and spread to a nearby church, several community members acted fast to save the church.

“I was pretty worried when I got word that the church I have loved since I was born was really close to it,” 11-year-old Drake Jordan Chamberlain told KCRA.

Drake and his father bolted from their family’s Father’s Day dinner when they got word of the fire and rushed to the church to see how they could help.

KCRA reported, “The father-son firefighting pair got help from another woman in the neighborhood who jumped the church’s fence to turn on the sprinkler system when she saw the flames from her window.”

The woman, identified as Destiny Bohling, later explained, “I did what I thought was right.”

The Sacramento Fire Department arrived on the scene and took over firefighting duties. Fortunately, no one was injured.

According to KCRA, the church, as well as the tire shop and nearby homes, were still standing after the fire was put out, though the church and tire shop did suffer some damage. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

# THE REAL HISTORY OF "JUNETEENTH" AND EMANCIPATION

President Biden has made "Juneteenth" a federal holiday. In reality, June 19, 1865 was not the end of slavery in the United States.

by Steve Byas

Just two days before the anniversary date, President Joe Biden signed legislation making the observance of Juneteenth (June 19) yet another federal holiday, with paid time off for federal workers, effective immediately. The new holiday — officially called Juneteenth National Independence Day — was passed by the House of Representatives with only 14 dissenting votes, and in the Senate by a voice vote. It purports to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States.

While Biden signed the bill, it seemed that Vice President Kamala Harris — who has some black African ancestry from her father, who was a citizen of Jamaica — was the central figure in the signing ceremony. "As we establish Juneteenth as our newest national holiday, let us be clear about what happened on June 19, 1865, the day we call Juneteenth. They [slaves in Galveston, Texas] learned they were free."

Biden added that the day was "a day in which we remember the moral stain, the terrible toll that slavery took on the country, and continues to take." He argued that great nations "don't ignore their most painful moments. We come to terms with the mistakes we've made," and this causes healing.



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**Not exactly the end of slavery:** Sold as the day to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States, June 19, 1865 was actually the date Union soldiers freed some slaves in and around Galveston, Texas, by force of arms. Legal slavery was abolished six months later by the 13th Amendment, adopted in December 1865.

Not all federal government employees had the observance off — this year, at least. The U.S. Postal Service operated on a normal schedule, noting that it is "not possible to cease the operations of the Postal Service to accommodate an observance over the next 24-48 hours," and that closing "without providing appropriate time" would simply lead to service disruptions. In other words, next year, expect your mail to be delayed while federal employees celebrate "Juneteenth National Independence Day."

Still, most federal employees did get the day off this year — on Friday, June 18, since June 19 fell on a Saturday. So did many students at schools not already out for summer break, and at some colleges across the country.

The impetus for the passage of the bill seems to have been the unfortunate death of George Floyd while being arrested by Minneapolis police officers, after allegedly passing a counterfeit \$20 bill.

## The Origins of Juneteenth

American slavery did *not* become illegal on June 19, 1865. That was accomplished by the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, enacted in December of that year. So, what is Juneteenth all about then?

Juneteenth, as a day to mark the "end" of slavery in the United States, has always been a puzzle. What happened on

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that date was that General Gordon Granger led his Union troops to Galveston, Texas, and announced that the Civil War was over and the slaves were now free. He based his announcement on an executive order issued by President Abraham Lincoln, popularly known as the Emancipation Proclamation, which had been in effect since January 1, 1863.

In what was known as General Order Number Three, Granger said, “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor.”

When General Granger arrived in Galveston, the slaves there were apparently unaware of Lincoln’s executive order. Since slaveowners considered themselves living in the Confederate States of America, in which Lincoln was not president, they had mostly ignored the order until federal troops implemented it by force. Historian Lonnie Bunch told National Public Radio in 2013 that he considered the Emancipation Proclamation important in bringing about the demise of slavery because it began a “creeping process of emancipation.”

Following Granger’s announcement, some ex-slaves simply continued to work on their former masters’ farms for wages. Many became — along with poor whites in the economically destitute South — sharecroppers, in which a portion of their crops was used as a substitute for rent payments (money was quite scarce in the post-Civil War South). Most probably fled the farm on which they had been enslaved, taking employment elsewhere — if they could get it — or facing perilous economic conditions that fell upon the entire South after the war.

But at least they were free, and that was certainly something to celebrate.

As former slaves and their descendants spread out across the South, they would spread the story of General Granger’s telling them on June 19 that they were free, leading to the unofficial celebration of the end of their slavery on June 19. Combining the two words led to the term “Juneteenth.” The day was celebrated with church picnics, speeches, and reminis-

cences. Felix Haywood, a former slave, recalled years later, “Everybody went wild. We all felt like heroes ... just like that, we were free.”

### Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation

Lincoln’s issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation has contributed greatly to a misunderstanding of why the war was fought, and what actually ended slavery in America. It is commonly believed today, contrary to the historical evidence, that the North and South simply lined up and fought a four-year war to settle the issue of slavery, with Union soldiers fighting a grand crusade to end slavery and Confederate soldiers ready to die to “keep their slaves.”

Slavery was certainly a major contributing factor to causing the secession of seven of the Southern states, but to say the war was fought to end slavery, or to defend it, is just not true. Other factors contributed to the secession of these seven states, including tariffs that largely benefited the North-

ern states to the detriment of states in the South. Northern states had, more than once, threatened secession early in the country’s history, mostly due to resentment over the outsized influence of Virginia. At that time, no one suggested there should be a civil war to force New England states back into the Union if they had seceded.

Later, in the 1830s, when South Carolina declared it would refuse to collect the tariff and President Andrew Jackson asked Congress for authority to use force to make sure this principal source of federal revenue was collected, war loomed, and slavery was not even an issue.

In short, secession was not only a Southern threat, and slavery was not the only issue in dispute between North and South.

But after South Carolina seceded on December 20, 1860, following the election of Lincoln, there ensued weeks of negotiations, during which time Lincoln said he had no intention of doing anything about

American slavery did not become illegal on June 19, 1865. That was accomplished by the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, enacted in December of that year.



**Politics and pandering:** President Joe Biden signed the legislation creating yet another national holiday — Juneteenth National Independence Day — on June 17 of this year. Democrats hope it will solidify their support among black Americans. Republicans likely voted for the bill to avoid being tarred as racists.

slavery in the states that had left the Union. Congress later voted that slavery was *not* the issue of the war — they simply wanted the seceded states to return to the fold.

After the Confederate States took Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor by force, Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to enforce federal laws (essentially the collection of the tariff). *Lincoln did not call for an invasion of the South to free the slaves.* Had he done so, he most likely would have touched off riots in the North. At the very least, he would have had far fewer enlistments than he had. Most men put on the blue Union uniforms believing that the dissolution of the Union would lead foreign powers to be more likely to prey upon the United States. While most probably did not like slavery, few took up arms thinking the war was an anti-slavery crusade.

When Lincoln issued his call for volunteers, more slave states were still in the Union than were out — so it really strains credibility to think that the war was initi-

ated to “free the slaves.” As it was, Lincoln’s call for a military invasion of seven states by the federal government led to the secession of four more states that had previously rejected the notion of secession. Three more states almost joined them.

When the war dragged on for several months, with the Confederates winning more battles than they lost, it began to look as though the Confederate States of America would become an independent nation. By the fall of 1862, France and Great Britain were poised to recognize that new nation. Lincoln, in desperation, issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Had Lincoln told the British that they should not recognize the Confederacy because the Confederate States were leaving the Union and had no right to do so, the Brits probably would have laughed, considering what the British colonies in America had done in 1776. “Serves you right,” might have been the British response.

But if Lincoln had freed slaves throughout the country, that would have included

slave states that were still in the Union. This could have precipitated the exodus of those states, and desertions from the Union army. So, he “threaded the needle,” so to speak. He ordered slaves freed in states over which he had no control, while leaving them enslaved in states wherein he did have control. Even if Lincoln’s order had been legal, it freed no slaves.

Nevertheless, it was enough to keep Britain and France out of the war, especially after Union forces were able to repel the attempted invasion of the North by forces under the command of General Robert E. Lee in September of 1862 at Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg, Maryland.

### Slavery and the Civil War

Despite the internal contradictions of the Emancipation Proclamation, it has led many today to believe that the Civil War was fought to end slavery, and slavery was ended by it.

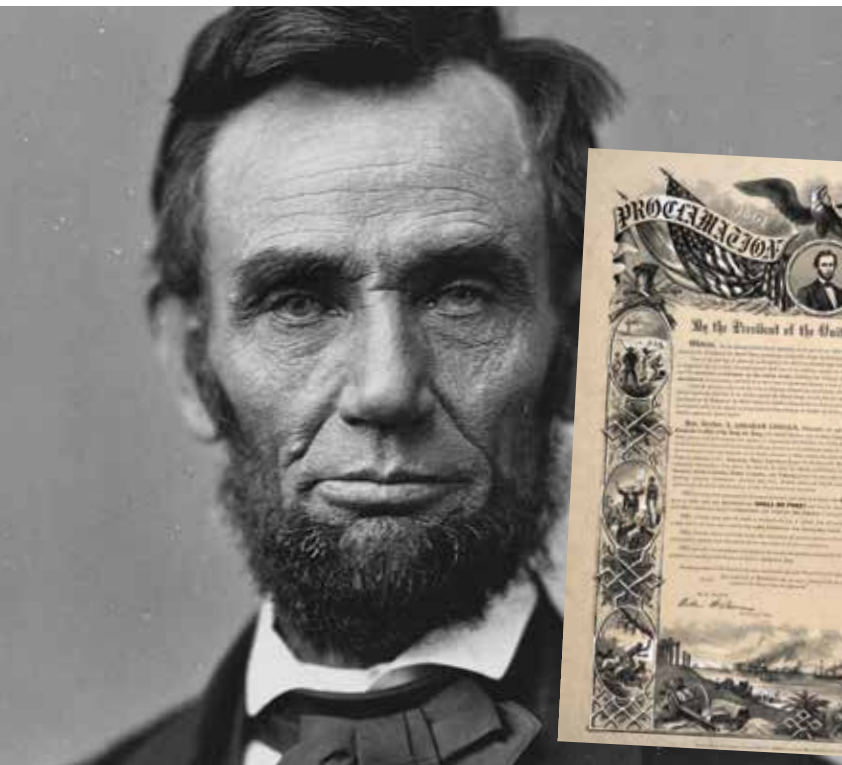
It has also slandered the hundreds of thousands of Confederate soldiers who fought in the war, with many of their own descendants damning them for supposedly fighting to keep human beings in bondage. The reality is that only a tiny minority of Confederate soldiers even owned slaves.

So why did they fight? To stop an invading army, of course. Early in the war, some

Union soldiers asked a captured Confederate soldier why he was fighting. He answered, “Because you are here.” In other words, had there not been Union soldiers there to fight, there would have been no Confederate soldiers, and no war.

This is not to address the issue of whether the war was justified on either side, but a blunt statement of fact. Confederate soldiers fought to defend their homeland from invasion. It is ludicrous to think that 15,000 men charged across the field at Gettysburg in “Pickett’s Charge” thinking, “I am doing this to keep my slaves.” As noted above, hardly any of them even owned slaves.

If the Emancipation Proclamation is not what ended slavery in the United States, and the war was not fought to end it, then what did end slavery? The truth is, while the war was not fought to end slavery, it did indi-



**Know your history:** While many believe that Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation ended legal slavery in America, the truth is that it did not free a single slave, as presidents cannot make law with executive orders. The 13th Amendment, ratified more than two years later, actually ended the ugly institution.



rectly result in that institution's demise. In early 1865, the Confederate Congress voted to formally accept the enlistment of slaves into the Confederate Army, with a promise of emancipation. Once that was done, slavery was a mortally wounded institution.

The legal end of slavery was a result of the 13th Amendment, ratified on December 6, 1865, months after Juneteenth. If any date were to be used to celebrate the end of slavery in America, that should be it.

The passage of the 13th Amendment also helps answer the question of whether the war was fought to end slavery — i.e., if that were the case, then why was a constitutional amendment even necessary? The obvious answer is that the war was *not* fought to end or defend slavery, but it certainly influenced the enactment of the 13th Amendment, which did end slavery.

Regardless of why slavery is no longer legal, we can celebrate that it no longer exists in America. But we should likewise reject the multitudes of myths about its demise, myths created and perpetuated to advance certain agendas rather than to present an accurate historical picture.

The passage of the Juneteenth law, creating yet another federal holiday, well illustrates the problem. Democrats supported it, hoping it would shore up their support among black Americans. Republicans mostly joined in, fearing that if they did not, they would be tarred as bigots among that same group. And so it goes.

### Two “Independence Days”?

Fourteen members of the House of Representatives — all Republicans — voted against creating “Juneteenth National Independence Day.” Some of the 14 explained their reasoning. Representative Ronny Jackson of Texas told *USA Today*, “We have enough federal holidays right now.” Montana Representative Matt Rosendale said shortly before the vote, “This is an effort by the Left to create a day out of whole cloth to celebrate identity politics as part of its larger efforts to make Critical Race Theory the reigning ideology of our country. Since I believe in treating everyone equally, regardless of race, and that we should be focused on what unites us rather than our differences, I will vote no.”



**Not about slavery:** Pickett's Charge, when 15,000 Confederates surged across the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is perhaps the decisive moment of the Civil War. While average Confederate soldiers such as these brave men have been condemned for supposedly fighting to keep their slaves, very few of them had slaves. It is also unlikely that any of them propelled themselves forward into a hail of bullets and cannon fire so others could keep slaves.

Perhaps Representatives Chip Roy of Texas and Thomas Massie of Kentucky offered the best reason for voting against Juneteenth National Independence Day. Roy said, “Juneteenth should be commemorated as the expression of the realization of the end of slavery in the United States, and I commend those who worked for its passage.” He added, “I could not vote for this bill, however, because the holiday should not be called ‘Juneteenth National Independence Day.’ This name needlessly divides our nation on a matter that should instead bring us together by creating a separate Independence Day based on the color of one's skin.”

Massie expressed similar sentiments: “I fully support creating a day to celebrate the abolition of slavery, a dark portion of our nation's history. However, naming this day ‘national independence day’ will create confusion and push Americans to pick one of those two days as their independence day based on their racial identity. Why can't we name this ‘emancipation day’ and come together as Americans and celebrate that day together as Americans?”

Both Massie and Roy will likely be

proven right in their predictions. Next year, we can look for many “progressive” communities deciding to emphasize “Juneteenth National Independence Day” over the day we celebrate our national independence from the British Empire — July 4. After all, with the Left pushing the idea that America began not on that day, but rather in 1619 when the first black Africans came to Virginia, celebrating Independence Day on the Fourth of July will be cast as yet another example of “white privilege” and the oppression of “people of color.”

Certainly, the end of slavery in the United States (the country where the movement to abolish slavery actually originated) is something to celebrate. But it should not detract from the great principles of liberty enshrined in our Declaration of Independence, which led to greater freedom for all Americans.

While adding yet another federal holiday to the calendar will hit the taxpayers in the pocketbook — by paying federal workers to be off from work — the concerns of Roy and Massie are more important. ■

## Florida Permits Carrying Guns in Church

The ABC affiliate based in Tallahassee, Florida, reported on June 30 about a new law in the state that will allow residents with concealed-carry permits to carry their guns at churches or any other religious institutions that share properties with schools. ABC7 reported that state law already permitted people to carry concealed handguns at churches and other religious institutions, but that it excluded sites that shared property with a school. The bill was sponsored by Republican State Senator Joe Gruters, who told ABC7, “There are always threats.... And all we’re doing is giving them, those religious institutions, the ability and the right to be able to say ‘yes,’ if we choose. We’re going to allow concealed permit holders — it’s not the wild, wild West — we’re giving one of the safest subgroups in our society the ability to carry.”

The bill, popularly referred to as “Church Carry,” had long been sought by gun-rights activists, but it wasn’t until recently that it had enough votes to pass. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, a supporter of the legislation, quickly signed the bill into law, which changed the prior restriction on concealed carrying on church grounds with adjacent schools. While this bill does get Governor DeSantis’ name in the national news and elevate his profile at a time when political observers believe he may be planning a 2024 presidential run, some Second Amendment supporters feel that this measure isn’t enough. Matt Collins, director of legislation for Florida Gun Rights, told WFLA.com that while the move was a step in the right direction, gun-rights activists really want permitless carry, also known as “constitutional carry,” to be legalized in the state. Collins told WFLA.com, “Constitutional Carry is the law in 21 other states but where does Governor Ron DeSantis stand on this critical issue? So far he has been silent.”

## Father Shoots “Peeping Tom”

ABC13 KTRK-TV reported out of Harris County, Texas, on June 28 about a shoot-

ing that showed the lengths to which a mother and father will go in order to protect their child. According to Harris County police deputies, the mother and father were awakened in the middle of the night by the sounds of their young daughter screaming. The husband and wife quickly armed themselves and ran to the girl’s bedroom, and discovered a man looking into their daughter’s window. The parents were also horrified to see that the deranged man was inappropriately touching himself while watching the young girl. The mother and father went outside the house to confront the man and told him to lie down on the ground, but he fled to a nearby gas station. In a move that many might criticize as overreaching, the armed couple followed the man and tried detaining him for police. It was at that moment that the suspect wrestled the wife’s handgun from her and aimed it at her. The husband, fearing the suspect would now shoot his wife, fired his own gun at the now-armed “peeping Tom,” hitting him repeatedly. The wounded suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility for treatment and is expected to survive his injuries. Law enforcement said the incident has been referred to the Harris County District Attorney’s Office for a grand-jury review. The father told police that the reason he and his wife were so prepared was because his daughter had complained of a perverted peeping tom watching her during the night in the past. The parents had never seen anyone before, but wanted to be prepared this time.

## 2020 a Record Year for Gun Sales

*The Reload* podcast reported on June 29 about how surging gun sales in the past year produced a boom in the gun industry. *The Reload* reported that Smith & Wesson “reported its best sales year ever in 2020, topping \$1.1 billion in net sales for the first time ever. That’s up more than 100 percent from 2019.”

*The Reload* included statements made by Smith & Wesson CEO Mark Smith on

a recent earnings call in which he said, “Our manufacturing logistics teams produced and shipped nearly 2.5 million units last fiscal year, representing a 70 percent increase year on year.”

The podcast explained the 2020 gun-buying boom was mostly due to the unrest created by the lockdowns and the Black Lives Matter riots, which led to large numbers of people, many of them first-time gun owners, going on a gun-and-ammo-buying frenzy. *The Reload* further explained, “The deluge of new owners has exceeded the industry’s ability to produce new guns and, especially, ammo. Smith & Wesson reported having just one week’s worth of supply in distributor inventory during the earnings call.”

*The Reload* also mentioned how other gun companies experienced a surge in sales and that gunmaker “Ruger reported a nearly 50 percent jump in net sales during its first quarter of 2021, while top ammo makers Olin Company and Vista Outdoor have seen about a fourfold increase in their stock prices over the past year. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), which represents gun makers and dealers, said the entire industry is experiencing huge gains.”

Mark Oliva, an NSSF spokesperson, told *The Reload*, “I think every manufacturer right now is benefiting from this out-sized level of demand that we’re witnessing.... We are in a period of unprecedented demand. That’s undeniable.”

*The Reload* added that sales don’t seem to show signs of slowing down, as “citizens bought up more than 1.3 million guns in May 2021, second only to the previous May. More than 8.5 million guns have been sold so far this year, which is about 400,000 more than during the same period in 2020.” And now with threats of new gun control being pushed by the Biden administration, the gun industry is expecting sales to continue to be strong for a while.

“We’re keeping pace with what we saw last year, and there are no indications, at this point, that demand is going to drop off precipitously,” Oliva told *The Reload*. ■

— PATRICK KREY





## Inflation Clue: Continual Money-supply Expansion Still Debauches the Currency

**ITEM:** *The Biden White House, hearing increased rustling of complaints about its inflationary practices, responded with a punny tweet (dated July 2) trying to reassure the public about Independence Day get-togethers: “Planning a cookout? Ketchup on the news. According to the Farm Bureau, the cost of a 4th of July BBQ is down from last year. It’s a fact you must-hear(d). Hot dog, the Biden economic plan is working. And that’s something we can all relish.” The tweet even bragged that the cost of a Fourth of July cookout “is down \$0.16 from last year.”*

**ITEM:** *Leftist economist Paul Krugman, a notorious inflation dove, also took to Twitter (on June 19) to downplay growing concern about price inflation, saying: “The case for inflation panic” has “died.” Later, in his June 24 New York Times column, Krugman doubled down on his theme. Acknowledging that “supply bottlenecks have caused some inflation,” he said, “recent data seems [sic] to validate the view that this inflation is transitory.”*

*The term “transitory” has been a favorite word employed by the Federal Reserve about surging inflation.*

**ITEM:** *An op-ed column penned in the Wall Street Journal on July 7 (“Don’t Worry Too Much About the Inflation Surge”) similarly tried to mollify the worrywarts. Princeton economics Professor Alan Blinder assured readers that “much of the extreme fiscal stimulus that has been driving spending is transitory.”*

*Yes, he admitted that there has been a “lot of angst these days as a result of the stunning 5% inflation rate (for the year ending May 2021) in the last consumer-price index release.” But he’s not worried — so apparently we shouldn’t fret. To be sure, as he put it, “we haven’t seen a reading that high in 13 years.” However, “the huge supply shocks of the double-digit days aren’t present, and the Federal Re-*



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**What inflation?** The Biden administration and supporters in the mainstream media claim that the recent economic “stimulus” has not, and will not, lead to massive inflation. Many disagree.

*serve won’t let inflation soar.” Blinder is a former vice chairman of the Fed.*

**CORRECTION:** Inflation is when the buck doesn’t stop anywhere. What it does is eat away at market returns, savings accounts, and purchasing power. The loss of purchasing power — or rising prices — is often referred to as inflation, but it is actually a *consequence* of inflation, which is the expansion of the money supply. The money supply is expanded to “monetize” the debt to pay for the profligate spending, and it is this creation of dollars out of thin air that diminishes the purchasing power of the dollars already in circulation.

A few social-media mavens have been taking notice of the recent progression of inflation apologists — from initially denying its existence; to admitting that, well, there is a low rate; to offering an excuse that it is just transitory; to jumping to the ultimate conclusion — namely, that inflation is a positive.

Sure enough, CNBC on July 8 pushed out a near-propaganda piece headed “The upside to inflation: rising wages.” Its two key contentions follow: Although American consumers “may be paying more for everyday items, it’s not all bad news.” After all, as “inflation takes hold, wages may increase, too.”

Here’s what was not in the CNBC story:

the whole truth. As Representative Kevin Brady (R-Texas), the senior GOP member on the House Ways and Means Committee, told his colleagues in June, “Inflation is running twice as high as wage growth.” In fact, he noted, “for Americans, their pocketbook, their paycheck has actually declined in buying power since President Biden took office.”

Brady also said, in a hearing with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, “American workers are hurt by President Biden’s crippling tax increases. His insistence on rolling back the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act will cost 6 million U.S. jobs over a decade, and for the middle-class family of four making just \$73,000 — robs their family budget by \$20,000 over time.”

Yellen has maintained that the president’s \$4 trillion spending plan would be good for the country, even if it contributes to rising inflation and results in higher interest rates. “If we ended up with a slightly higher interest rate environment it would actually be a plus for society’s point of view and the Fed’s point of view,” she told Bloomberg News on June 6.

The Biden White House’s inane crowing, alleging to have created a cookout that was 16 cents cheaper, drew heavy (and accurate) return fire, also on Twitter. From Representative Burgess Owens (R-Utah):





# Correction, Please!

“With an unprecedented humanitarian crisis at our border, soaring gas prices, and more out of control spending that will cripple our future generations, the Biden Administration is bragging about saving us \$0.04 on sliced cheese.”

And this: “Good news: you can save 16 cents on the groceries for your cookout this year,” tweeted Representative Jerry Carl (R-Ala.). “Bad news: the gas to get to the store will cost you 42% more than last year.”

That was no exaggeration. As reported by AAA at the time, the national average price for a gallon of regular gas had risen to \$3.12; that was the highest it had been on Independence Day weekend since 2014. More-accurate accounts also revealed that the cost of fruit, meat, vegetables, and beverages had reached near decade-highs.

Nonetheless, the Biden administration clearly wants us to believe that we can spend ourselves into prosperity. It won't happen. Trillions of “stimulus” dollars from the money machine are supposed to be augmented by trillions more in spurious “infrastructure” spending. Yet, as J.D. Tuccille explained in *Reason* in May, much “of that money was created by the Federal Reserve out of thin air, with M2,

a standard measure of money supply, rising from \$15.2 trillion in February 2020 to \$19.6 trillion a year later.”

This isn't “free.” The worth of our money deteriorates. As Tuccille put it:

Even with relatively low inflation, that fall in the purchasing power of money can sneak up on you, eroding the value of any currency you hold. That's why the 2021 dollar will buy only about half of what a dollar would purchase in 1990. A sudden inflationary surge erodes the value of money even more quickly, eating into people's income and savings.

Moreover, rising inflation rates will likely not be as temporary as contended by the Fed, Paul Krugman, and other Biden administration apologists. Bank of America, for example, “expects U.S. inflation to remain elevated for two to four years, against a rising perception of it being transitory.” The bank's chief investment strategist, Michael Hartnett, finds it “fascinating” that “so many deem inflation as transitory when stimulus, economic growth, asset/commodity/housing inflations [are] deemed permanent.”

The amount of money creation has

been astounding. As Peter Jacobsen, an economics professor at Ottawa University, put it for the Foundation for Economic Education in May, “The quantity of money (measured as “M2” by the Federal Reserve) has increased more than 32.9% since January 2020. That means nearly one-quarter of the money in circulation has been created since then.”

Tim Congdon, chairman of the Institute of International Monetary Research at the University of Buckingham, England, has described how “New Keynesians” dominate the research at the Fed. And the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), which sets national monetary policy, as Congdon writes, pays “little attention to the quantity of money. Over the past remarkable 15 months or so of highly accommodative policies, the FOMC minutes haven't once referred to any concept of the quantity of money.”

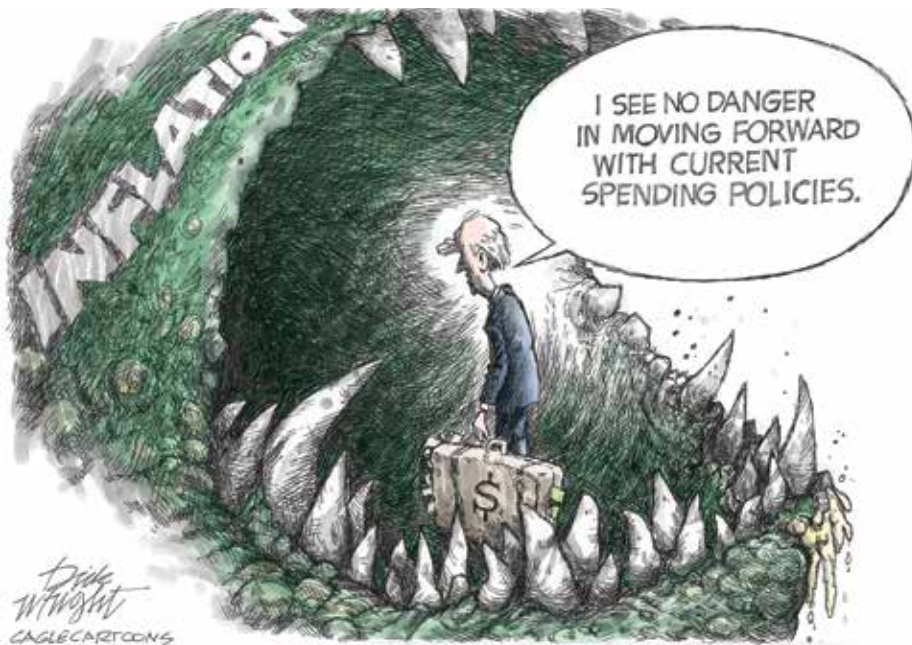
The late John Maynard Keynes might not be recognized by today's “New Keynesians.” Keynes, for instance, pointed out that communist leader “Lenin is said to have declared that the best way to destroy the capitalist system was to debauch the currency.”

He continued (in *The Economic Consequences of the Peace*, 1919): “By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens. By this method they not only confiscate, but they confiscate arbitrarily; and while the process impoverishes many, it actually enriches some.”

Keynes concluded, “Lenin was certainly right. There is no subtler, no surer means of overturning the existing basis of society than to debauch the currency. The process engages all the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction, and it does it in a manner which not one man in a million is able to diagnose.”


Follow the breadcrumbs. The Fed, which expands the money supply, still maintains that our current inflation is just a transient phenomenon. That's really passing the buck. ■

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## Afghanistan War Illustrates **Dangers of Nation-building**

**W**hen running for president in 2000, Governor George W. Bush of Texas promised that he believed the United States needed a “more humble foreign policy,” and that the country did not need to be the world’s “policeman.” After the attacks of September 11, 2001, President Bush changed his tune dramatically, calling for an invasion of Afghanistan, then ruled by the Islamic extremists known as the Taliban, who had harbored the terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.



Bin Laden was believed to have been the mastermind behind the attacks of September 11, which took down the iconic Twin Towers in New York City and inflicted great damage on the Pentagon.

Congress quickly passed a resolution authorizing Bush to use force against those responsible for 9/11. There was understandably little opposition to the resolution in Congress, with even non-interventionist Congressman Ron Paul of Texas voting for it.

Now, nearly 20 years after the attacks and the resolution, American military forces are exiting the country, and it appears possible, maybe even probable, that the Taliban is poised to eventually regain control of the country.

It is interestingly similar to what happened in Vietnam, where two and a half years after U.S. forces abandoned South Vietnam, the communist forces launched what was then the greatest military offensive since World War II, capturing Saigon on May 1, 1975. In both Vietnam and Iraq, U.S. policy was to “nation-build.” In Vietnam, it was to make South Vietnam a “showcase for democracy in Asia,” while in Iraq, it was to make that nation a “showcase for democracy in the Middle East.”

In his second inaugural address, Bush had abandoned any pretense of having a more humble foreign policy, announcing his “ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.” He vowed to change from just defending our own country to treating other nations based on how they treated their own citizens.

This, of course, is in stark contrast to the words of John Quincy Adams, who said, “But she [America] does not go abroad, in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own. She will commend the general cause by the countenance of her voice, and the benignant sympathy of her example. She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and

ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom. The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from *liberty to force.*”

Sadly, after 2,312 Americans have died fighting in Afghanistan, the Afghan army is presently collapsing. Videos have been released purporting to prove that Afghan troops are laying down their arms, and even handing over the keys of U.S.-provided armored Humvees to the Taliban.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani disagrees, at least pub-

licly, with the prospect of an ultimate Taliban victory. At present, while the Taliban control much of the rural countryside, the Afghan government controls the cities. And Ghani is boldly predicting he is going to launch a counter-attack upon the Taliban enemy.

With the Americans gone, it will now be up to the Afghans themselves to defeat the Taliban. U.S. forces left Bagram Air Base near Kabul, the command center of American forces, in the middle of the night. The Afghan general who is now in command of Bagram, Mir Asadullah Kohistani, said that he appreciated the 20 years of military involvement of U.S. and NATO forces, but now, “We have to solve our problem. We have to secure our country and once again build our country with our own hands.”

Under the Taliban, the country was ruled by a despotic oligarchy. Women, in particular, were treated atrociously, not being allowed to do much of anything. They could not even leave their homes unless they were completely covered in a burka.

In the past few years, women have had much greater liberty, with some even taking on careers such as journalism and politics. It will be interesting to see if the Taliban would be able to reimpose their draconian rules again, were they to regain power.

Americans are understandably disgusted at the maltreatment of women under the Taliban. But, there is oppression in nations around the globe, such as in Communist China, where millions of Chinese languish in prisons simply for practicing their religion. While there appears to be no limit to the number of monsters to destroy around the world, there does appear to be a limit to what we can actually do about it.

Should we go abroad, searching for monsters to destroy (and the Taliban leaders certainly had some monsters among them), as Bush advocated over a decade ago? Or should we be the champions only of our own liberty, as Adams advocated nearly two centuries ago?

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