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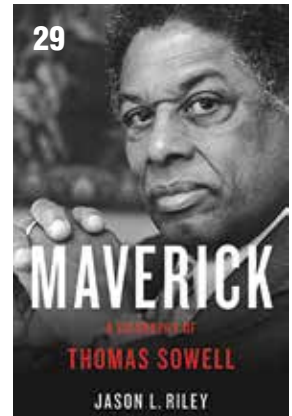
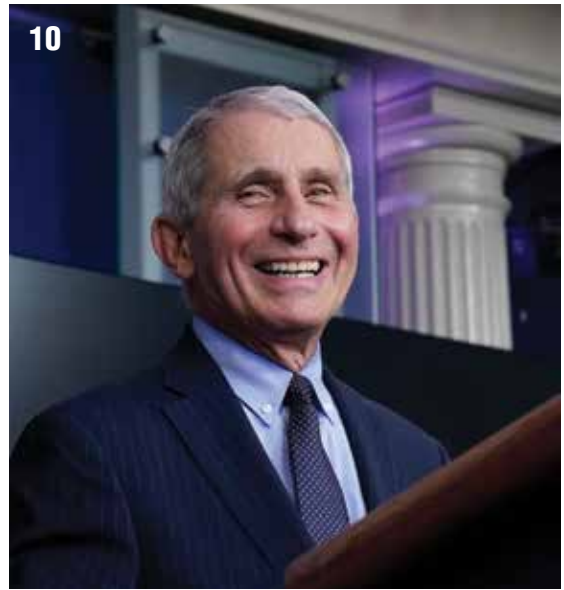
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COVID Lies Can Be Overcome With Truth

“The great masses of the people ... will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one,” Adolf Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*, prior to becoming chancellor and (soon thereafter) dictator of Germany. Hitler employed the “big lie” again and again to beguile the German people into not only voting his National Socialist (Nazi) Party into power, but also surrendering their freedoms.

One big lie was the demonization of the Jews, who were blamed for Germany’s woes. That lie culminated in the Holocaust. Another big lie was the promise of national socialism, which was supposed to make Germany great and prosperous. Instead, Germany endured misery and despotism.

In addition to Hitler, other demagogues throughout history have also used the big lie to great effect to accomplish their nefarious designs. Among them were communist leaders such as Lenin and Mao, who promised a workers’ paradise but delivered a totalitarian nightmare.

Here and Now

Many Americans today, aware of the monstrous lies and crimes of the Nazi and communist tyrants of the last century, may protest that today’s lies, regarding COVID or otherwise, pale by comparison to those that led to the murder of millions. Many, in fact, may not view the official rationales for government-pressured and -mandated mask-wearing, lockdowns, and vaccines as “lies” at all, but as unpleasant realities that must be accepted and acted upon to end the COVID pandemic once and for all.

On the other hand, many may agree that much of what we’ve been told about COVID is false, while cautioning that the purveyors of this propaganda may sincerely believe what they are saying — meaning, they are not lying. Undoubtedly, in most cases, they are not. But that does not make them any more correct. Nor does it mean that no lying is being done for nefarious purposes.

Regardless of your current thinking about COVID policies, we invite you to thoughtfully read our main cover story “COVID Lies” (page 10), as well as the related articles on pages 21, 25, and 44. After doing so, we believe you’ll agree that what the CDC and WHO “experts” have been telling us has been wrong, and that they could not be so far off base unless motivations and agendas unrelated to keeping people healthy are involved.

After all, how else does one explain Dr. Anthony Fauci’s flip-flops on wearing masks? Or the simple fact that using a mask to block the coronavirus is akin to using a chain-link fence to stop a mosquito from flying through? Or the quarantining of not just the sick (as was the case with past epidemics) but all of us, including the healthy? Or lockdowns that fall more heavily on churches and small businesses than on big-box stores? Or the suppression of freedom of choice in medical therapy, including alternatives to the COVID vaccines? Or blaming those who do not get vaccinated for the pandemic?

Step by step, in the name of fighting COVID, political leaders, in partnership with big business and big media, are acquiring and consolidating power. Should that power become total and absolute, wanton disregard for human life will undoubtedly follow, as history has repeatedly shown, despite the good intentions of those who honestly fall for the propaganda.

Yet as powerful as the propaganda juggernaut may be, the truth is far more powerful. The propagation of truth will both dispel the lies and show that freedom — not tyranny — is the cure. ■

— GARY BENOIT

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County Officials Vote Themselves Bonuses From COVID-19 Relief

While millions of Americans remain unemployed, commissioners of a Michigan county voted themselves and other county employees thousands of dollars in “hazard pay” out of federal COVID-19 relief funds.

On July 15, Shiawassee County commissioners voted unanimously (except for one absent commissioner) to distribute American Rescue Plan Act money to county officials and employees. That cash was intended to help businesses and local governments weather the storm caused by government overreaction to the virus.

As WILX-TV reported July 21, “The average payment for each employee was \$2,100.” The minimum payment was \$1,000, though commissioners and other officials received many times that, reported the Associated Press July 22. Board of Commissioners Chairman Jeremy Root, County Administrator Brian Boggs, and Sheriff Brian BeGole received \$25,000 each. County Prosecutor Scott Koerner raked in half that. Commissioners John Plowman and Brandon Marks snagged \$10,000 each, while the other commissioners, except Root, got \$5,000 apiece.

“I think that I earned it,” Commissioner Cindy Garber told WILX-TV. “I work really hard at this job. I was here in-person all through this crazy year.” Garber made \$14,000 in her part-time position last year, and received a \$5,000 bonus “that she plans to spend,” the station noted.

Commissioner Marlene Webster, on the other hand, said she was shocked when the extra \$5,000 appeared in her bank account

and promptly posted a picture of the payment on Facebook. She told WILX-TV she was “giving the money back.”

Nichole Ruggiero of Owosso sued the board of commissioners not so much for voting themselves money but for allegedly going about it in an underhanded way. She charged that the commissioners violated the state’s Open Meetings Act by discussing the details of the bonus proposal in closed session and then voting on it after returning to open session.

On July 26, Genesee County Circuit Judge Mark Latchana granted Ruggiero’s request for a preliminary injunction rescinding the payments until the commissioners meet again to reconsider them. One presumes they will be more circumspect in their deliberations next time.



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Hurricanes Not Stronger or More Frequent or Due to Climate Change

A study published July 13 in the scientific journal *Nature Communications*, titled “Changes in Atlantic major hurricane frequency since the late 19th century,” concludes that a recent uptick in the number of named hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean is not due to so-called climate change. The study instead concludes that any increase in hurricanes is more likely due to natural variability in weather patterns over time.

Last year, we were inundated with pronouncements that 2020 had been a “record year” for Atlantic hurricanes, and climate

alarmists told us that climate change was to blame. A study of satellite images dating all the way back to 1979 told us in breathless tones that the likelihood of Category 3 storms (top winds of 111 mph or higher) was rising by eight percent per decade due to human-caused global warming.

Maybe not, say the new study’s authors, who include Gabriel Vecchi of Princeton, Christopher Landsea of NOAA, Wei Zhang of Utah State, Gabriele Villarini of the University of Iowa, and Thomas Knutson of NOAA.

The study suggests that the recent uptick in named storms can be explained by a number of factors, including observation bias. In other words, since the advent of satellites in the late 1960s, we’re able to see more storms than we could in the past, thus the storms of the past are likely underrepresented in the data.

The researchers were able to find no evidence of a larger-than-usual number of hurricanes in recent decades when compared to the old-school data. Indeed, they show that the increase in hurricanes in current decades is similar to previous spikes in hurricane activity in the early 1880s and late 1940s. They also find no evidence that the storms of today are more intense than historical storms.

The researchers also conclude that the recent increase in storms is not a new record number of hurricanes but, rather, a rebound from a low number of hurricanes in the late 20th century.



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Big Tech Counterterrorism Group Now Targets “Far Right”

A multi-company Big Tech project created to combat “terrorism” will now shift its focus away from cracking down on Islamic terror networks such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda and instead target “far-right” organizations.

The Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT), a collaboration that includes the likes of Facebook, Google, Twitter, and Microsoft, has created a shared database of “extremist” content that is shared by participating companies, allowing them to more easily monitor and suppress such content from platform to platform.

Thus far, the GIFCT database has largely been comprised of content from the Taliban, al-Qaeda, the Islamic State, and other violent Islamic groups. Now, domestic right-wing organizations will be the priority.

“Over the next few months, the group will add attacker manifestos — often shared by sympathizers after white supremacist violence — and other publications and links flagged by U.N. initiative Tech Against Terrorism,” Reuters reported July 26. “It will use lists from intelligence-sharing group Five Eyes, adding URLs and PDFs from more groups, including the Proud Boys, the Three Percenters and neo-Nazis.”

The 14 companies that can access GIFCT also include Snapchat, Reddit, Verizon, and LinkedIn. The organization was created in 2017 under pressure from the American and European governments following Islamic terror attacks in Paris and Brussels. Recently, the group brought on Airbnb and Mailchimp as members.

The news comes shortly after it was announced that PayPal, one of the world’s biggest online money-transfer platforms, will partner with the leftist Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to tackle “extremist” and “hate” movements on its platform.

According to a July 26 article at *The Hill*, the PayPal-ADL partnership will specifically research the financial patterns of such “extremist” groups. Officials from the two organizations say they will share their findings with law enforcement and policymakers.

The news of Big Tech’s crackdown on right-wing “extremism” also comes as voices claiming voter fraud in 2020 and questioning the legitimacy of Joe Biden are branded by the establishment as “far-right,” and even “terrorists” and “insurrectionists.”



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Dallas “Justice” Group: Whites Must Stop Sending Kids to Top Colleges

A recently launched racist outfit in Dallas, Texas, demands that “wealthy white liberals” living in the Highland Park Independent School District not send their children to Ivy League and other top colleges, to make room for blacks and Hispanics.

In an appeal to their “white allies,” Dallas Justice Now says they must sacrifice the future of their children. Those who don’t are “racist hypocrites.”



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The imperious demand from the outfit, which features a large photo of racist James Baldwin on its home page, doesn’t mince words or beat around the bush, even if it is addressed “to our white allies.”

“Talk is not enough,” the angry note begins. “Commit yourself towards taking action and making sacrifices to correct centuries of injustice.”

The group’s “white allies” must “open up spaces for Black and LatinX communities by refusing to send your kids to Ivy League and US News & World Report Top 50 schools.”

As well, “white allies” must “encourage friends, neighbors, and family members to do the same. Imagine if those hundreds of thousands of spots at these institutions were occupied only by marginalized communities. Imagine the opportunities. We can achieve true equity within our lifetimes but only if white folks are willing to sacrifice their privileges.”

White allies must take the “Dallas Justice NOW College Pledge.” “Don’t be a racist hypocrite,” the group says; “Sign the pledge today!”

The suggestion that Ivy League schools have no place for blacks and “Latinx” is false: While whites comprise 60-65 percent of the U.S. population, the incoming class at Ivy League schools ranges from 32-52 percent white. ■

GOP House Leader Creates a Fitting Term for Republicans Who Favor the House Speaker

“They are Pelosi Republicans.”

Labeling Liz Cheney (R-Wy.) and Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.) “Pelosi Republicans,” House Minority Leader **Kevin McCarthy** (R-Calif.) pointed to the House speaker’s choice of two anti-Trump GOP members for prominent roles in the panel created to investigate the breaching of the Capitol building on January 6, 2021.

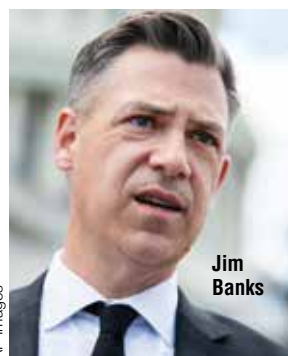


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Cuba’s Leaders Act Quickly to Stop People Seeking an End to Communist Control

“The Cuban people are brave, but the repression right now is very strong and the effect is being felt. There are still families who don’t know where their loved ones are.”

The July 11 protests that brought many Cubans into the streets to demand an end to communist rule prompted the Cuban authorities to snuff out further demonstrations. **Annia Zamora** saw her husband, Armando Abascal Serrano, arrested because he was a member of a well-known opposition group.



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Pelosi Bars Two GOP Congressmen From a Panel Investigating the January 6 Ruckus

“Make no mistake. Nancy Pelosi created this committee solely to malign conservatives and to justify the Left’s authoritarian agenda.”

Outspoken Republican Congressman **Jim Banks** of Indiana, along with similarly inclined Congressman **Jim Jordan** of Ohio, both enthusiastic Trump backers, were deemed by Speaker Pelosi unacceptable for the committee. Three additional GOP members of Congress withdrew their willingness to serve on the committee when Pelosi bared her intention to use the committee to damage former President Trump and the Republican Party.

Hopes to Retain Limited Freedom in Hong Kong Disappearing

“The Chinese and Hong Kong governments have been successful in using the national security legislation to instill fear in Hong Kong. The message could not be more clear, which is that Beijing will not tolerate any opposition let alone activities considered seditious or subversive.”

An adjunct professor of politics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, **Willy Lam** rendered a sobering assessment of the near-complete assumption of control recently imposed over the island province. Elements of freedom previously tolerated by the Chinese Communist leaders are swiftly disappearing.

Ocasio-Cortez Invests \$1.4 Million for T-shirts, Hats, and Other Campaign Items

“Republicans like to make fun of the fact that I used to be a waitress, but we all know if they ever had to do a double [shift] they’d be the ones found crying in the walk-in fridge halfway through their first shift.”

Using money already raised for her next reelection campaign, **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez** (D-N.Y.) sells shirts that say “Tax the Rich,” a coffee mug promoting the “Green New Deal,” a hat stating “Abolish ICE,” and a shirt emblazoned with “Social Economic Racial Justice.”

COVID Leads to Congress Voting Via Proxies

“It involves the worst impulses of the modern congressman — which is to spend all their time flying around the country raising money and avoiding all the nuts and bolts of legislative work.”

Representative **Mike Gallagher** (R-Wis.) pointed to abuse of the novel procedure, created in the wake of the COVID threat, whereby members of Congress can telephone their vote on matters before Congress to a proxy and have it counted. Initially a critic of this unique voting process, Gallagher was later criticized for sending in a vote while appearing at a political rally in his state. ■



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COVID LIES

Government and media have lied to us from pandemic day one.
Are they lying about the vaccines, too? What is their goal?

by Rebecca Terrell

The television ad begins on a Google search screen, with slow, sad music playing as someone types terms such as quarantine, lockdown, and school closings. Gradually, a change begins with what sounds, far-off, like parents cheering at their kids' soccer game. The melody builds expectantly, and negative terms are replaced with uplifting words accompanied by sounds of reopenings and in-person events. Suddenly, the song slows heart-rendingly with a cut to a white screen and the words "Get back to what you love"; then, a last Google search for "covid vaccine near me" fades to the words "Learn more at CDC.gov."

As you wipe tears away, your heart skips a beat at the thought that all you need are a couple of little shots to recover the freedoms you lost in 2020. And who better to trust with your personal health than federal bureaucrats, mainstream media, and an antitrust-violating ex-software developer? No matter that their other dictates have proven to be the exact opposite of what should have happened to promote health and prosperity.

Indeed, since March 2020 when the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a global pandemic, calling on all countries to "double down" with "aggressive" virus containment efforts, the official response to this nebulous advice has made matters far worse than the disease. From mask mandates to economic shut-downs, from quarantining healthy people to placing COVID patients in nursing homes, from ignoring proven remedies to mandating untested experimental vaccines, the reaction to COVID would be laughable if it were not so destructive.

Before rolling up your sleeve for the jab, it may be wise to take a closer look at the track record of COVID deceit, and to learn what Deep State perpetrators openly admit is their ultimate goal.

Yet these are the same leaders who are now dangling the carrot of vaccines in exchange for your hostage liberties. Your cooperation is so important that President Joe Biden is sending government agents to your home to make sure you're vaccinated. (Did thoughts just spring to mind of Nazi agents and their mass sterilization and ethnic-cleansing programs of the 1930s? As today, government then claimed it could rid society of disease, and public health was their excuse for stripping individual rights, too.)

Before rolling up your sleeve for the jab, it may be wise to take a closer look at the track record of COVID deceit, and to learn what Deep State perpetrators openly admit is their ultimate goal. Also of interest is what experts are saying about our disastrous course — experts whom bureaucrats and major media are desperately trying to suppress.

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01 FACE MASKS



Do face masks stop the spread of viruses? This is a clinical question with a very simple answer (i.e., "no"), but alarmists worldwide have managed to convince us that masks play such a vital role against COVID that refusing to wear them is akin to murder.

Prior to 2020, there was little debate. During the 2003 SARS outbreak, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that Australian officials imposed fines up to \$110,000 for retailers who "cash in on community fears about SARS by exaggerating the health benefits of surgical masks." University of Sydney professor of infectious diseases Yvonne Cossart explained, "As soon as they become saturated with the moisture in your breath [surgical masks] stop doing their job and pass on the droplets," a process which takes only 15 minutes.

Early last year, when the supply of N95 and surgical masks for proper clinical use was short due to panic-induced demand, the U.S. surgeon general tweeted: "Stop buying masks! They are NOT effective in preventing the general public from catching #Coronavirus...."

His colleague, Dr. Anthony Fauci, has publicly claimed the opposite, but damning e-mails released in June of this year in



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Since March 2020 numerous medical journals have reported headaches, acute anxiety, impaired learning or concentrating, drowsiness and fatigue, and increased incidence of respiratory and eye infections among the grim consequences of masking.

response to FOIA requests — the same e-mails proving he knew the real origins of the virus — reveal that the nation’s top medical advisor also knows the truth about masks. In 2020 he wrote, “The typical mask you buy in the drug store is not really effective in keeping out virus, which is small enough to pass through the material,” and that even in healthcare settings mask policies should remain “voluntary.”

Both science and history back up these statements. Last year’s “Danish Mask Study” published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* found no statistical difference in SARS-CoV-2 infection rates between masked versus unmasked groups. It proved a point made during the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic, when San Francisco was the only place in the country that threatened fines and imprisonment for not wearing masks. Infection and death rates remained unchanged. Today, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), an arm of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), cautions on its website that even surgical masks do “NOT provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and [are] not considered respiratory protection.”

Even CDC’s March 18, 2020 video *Answering 20 Questions about COVID-19* contains this statement from Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases Jay Butler: “CDC does not recommend use of masks in the general community, and that’s not a new recommendation. That’s been a standing recommendation for some time.” He cautioned that mask use may *increase* infection risk; people tend to touch their faces more often, and are apt to relax effective preventive measures due to a false sense of security.

Inexplicably, less than one month after Butler’s statement, CDC did an about-face, recommending cloth face coverings in public areas, with no research to justify the reversal. “The recommendation was published without a single scientific paper or other information provided to support that cloth masks actually provide any respiratory protection,” said Dr. Michael Osterholm in a June 2020 interview at the University of Minnesota’s Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), where he leads a team of experts in respiratory protection. “Never before in my 45-year career have I seen such a far-reaching public recommendation issued by any governmental agency without a single source of data or information to support it. This is an extremely worrisome precedent of implementing policies not based on [scientific] data.”

Osterholm continued, “I have talked to close friends and colleagues who work at CDC.... They universally disagree with the publication of this recommendation.” But because the issue has become so politicized, CIDRAP funders have threatened to pull their support in reaction to Osterholm’s statements. “In all my years in public health, I’ve never experienced this blowback.”

Mask-shaming hasn’t been the only ill effect. Since March 2020 numerous medical journals have reported headaches, acute anxiety, impaired learning or concentrating, drowsiness and fatigue, and increased incidence of respiratory and eye infections among the grim consequences of masking. CDC’s own February 2021 mask study reported obstructed breathing.

Physical, psychological, and behavior issues are especially rife among children. Problems reached such a pitch in Belgium last year that doctors petitioned the minister of education to abolish the mask mandate in schools, citing anxiety, sleep problems, behavioral disorders, and impaired development among children in their care. This June, *JAMA Pediatrics* detailed a German study of schoolchildren. Researchers discovered consistent carbon dioxide levels under their face masks up to six times over the acceptable limit for closed rooms set by the German Federal Environmental Office. They noted that most of the kids’ ailments were related to “elevated carbon dioxide levels in inhaled air” and said their findings “suggest that children should not be forced to wear face masks.”



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CO₂ trap: Popularly referred to as “face diapers,” masks increase levels of carbon dioxide in inhaled air by as much as six times the limit recommended by healthcare authorities, research reveals.

02

LOCKDOWNS



If face masks were the only farce foisted on the public by those who know better, mask mandates might be forgiven as misguided overzealousness. But their deleterious effects pale in comparison to what draconian lockdowns have wrought.

As tens of thousands of businesses shuttered last year under onerous restrictions, National Public Radio wailed, “3 Months of Hell: U.S. Economy Drops 32.9% in Worst GDP Report Ever,” while Bureau of Labor statistics recorded a loss of more than 22 million jobs during the early days of the pandemic. Media pundits blame the virus for the financial devastation, but Ryan McMaken of the Mises Institute calls that a smoke screen. He notes that deadly pandemics of the past did not result in “economic damage on a scale we now see,” and says the government, not the virus, botched things. A January report from the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) backs up McMaken, finding significant correlations between lockdowns and sales losses across California, one of several states set to lose a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in what pundits are calling the mass “leftugee” exodus from blue states to red.

Even WHO backpedaled on its early push for lockdowns after witnessing the dire consequences. Citing industry devastation, skyrocketing poverty, and widespread malnutrition, Dr. David Nabarro, WHO special envoy on COVID-19, appealed to world leaders on Spectator TV last October: “Stop using lockdowns as your primary control method.” He said that they only succeed in “making poor people an awful lot poorer.”

But isn’t all the loss and suffering worth it? Didn’t lockdowns stop the virus?

Not in the least. While countries such as China, India, Italy, Spain, and Belgium imposed some of the strictest lockdowns, other places such as Sweden and Taiwan remained comparatively lax. NBER research found that lockdowns did not reduce COVID transmission rates or mortality. In fact, excess mortality in Spain and Belgium (deaths in 2020 compared to the four preceding years) was double that of Sweden, as reported by *Reuters* in March.

Moreover, according to Stanford University, SARS-CoV-2 has proven itself remarkably similar to most influenza viruses. Indisputable evidence from acclaimed researcher Dr. John Ioannidis — based not on national statistics but on the actual presence of



Lockdown lunacy: New York City leaders turned their bustling metropolis into a ghost town, issuing economically devastating stay-at-home orders in 2020, while COVID patients were placed in nursing homes across the state.

viral antibodies in patients — reveals that COVID’s global infection fatality rate is 0.15 percent, making it roughly equivalent to that of seasonal influenza.

Though COVID is far less deadly than alarmists claim, the human cost of lockdowns is astounding. In a March Associated Press interview, Dr. David Greenhorn of the Bradford Royal Infirmary in England blamed lockdowns for a spike in child suicides, which he called “an international epidemic.” Meanwhile, media is awash with reports of increases in domestic violence, drug overdoses, and mental-health issues exacerbated by government-imposed lockdowns.

Others inadvisably sequestered themselves due to propaganda-induced fear. In mid-2020, NPR reported that emergency rooms across the United States saw a “staggering” drop-off in patients — with volumes down as much as 50 percent — because “officials advised people to avoid emergency rooms if at all possible” to make way for the expected surge of COVID-19 patients. The surge never happened; doctors complained of ERs shrouded in an “eerie calm” and of non-COVID patients who eventually showed up later and sicker. Not surprisingly, data posted online at CDC.gov in June showed that deaths related to heart disease and diabetes increased dramatically last year: about 32,000 more heart-disease deaths and 13,000 more

diabetes deaths than in 2019. Since they didn't die of COVID, did they matter less?

COVID has become so politicized that such evidence carries no weight. Instead, major media peddle wild falsehoods fed to them by our leaders and their medical advisors, stirring irrational fear and perpetuating the underlying message that we are nothing more than walking incubators, able to kill anyone within a six-foot radius. Meanwhile, a fearful public readily hands over its rights, clamoring for a nanny state in the false hope that things will soon return to normal. We now have record unemployment rates as businesses search in vain for workers who would rather stay at home feeding off the public largess. We have “economic impact payments,” even for the incarcerated, further inflating our ballooning national debt, though the Federal Reserve reports that only a small percentage of each stimulus check has been used to pay for the necessities of life. The CDC is even telling landlords they cannot evict tenants for non-payment, recently extending its national moratorium of last September, on the flimsy excuse that it prevents tenants from spreading the virus while they look for housing.

Some of the most criminal lockdown measures have happened in America's COVID epicenter, New York. Shortly after quarantining everyone in his state — a move he later brushed off as “probably not the best public health strategy” — Gover-

nor Andrew Cuomo issued a directive at the request of some major campaign funders, forcing nursing homes to accept infected patients, supposedly to free up hospital beds for more urgent COVID cases. Those cases never materialized, as evidenced by thousands of federally provided beds that remained empty in New York's Javits Convention Center and on the U.S. Navy ship *Comfort*. But thousands of nursing-home residents perished as a result, and the *New York Times* revealed in March that Cuomo lied about the death count to avoid prosecution.

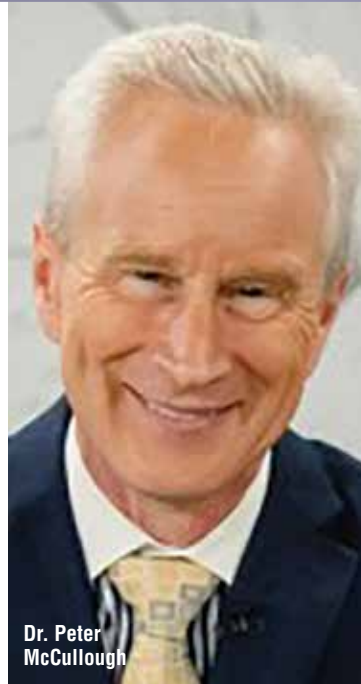
All of this has happened because of a diagnostic test that easily yields false positives. Dr. Kary Mullis won the 1993 Nobel Prize in chemistry for inventing the PCR test (polymerase chain reaction), but he was clear that it was not a diagnostic tool, saying in a 1993 panel discussion that the test could “find almost anything in anybody” (video available on YouTube channel *Stichting Vaccinvrij*). Predictably, the corona PCR test, developed by German virologist Dr. Christian Drosten using an old SARS virus, triggers a positive result in the presence of any coronavirus residue. Writing about this phenomenon in “Lies, Damned Lies and Health Statistics — the Deadly Danger of False Positives” in last September's *Daily Sceptic*, former Pfizer VP and chief science officer Dr. Michael Yeadon said, “The likelihood of an apparently positive case being a false positive is between 89-94%, or near certainty.”

03 ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS



Dwarfing these crimes is the epidemic of silence about clinically proven treatments for COVID such as hydroxychloroquine (HCQ). “A glaring difference between countries with high COVID mortality” and those with “low mortality is the early use of HCQ,” notes the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS), a professional group representing thousands of healthcare practitioners. AAPS is suing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for blocking their patients' access to the proven, lifesaving medicine.

Last year, even as the Trump administration sent millions of doses overseas as prophylaxis for medical workers, the FDA inexplicably revoked its authorization for use of HCQ and chloroquine (CQ) in COVID cases stateside, making the unsubstantiated claim that these meds — which have been safely used for more than 60 years — were ineffective against COVID and could cause harm. When several U.S. senators demanded an explanation, the agency sent a seven-page



Dr. Peter
McCullough



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COVID cure: Internationally renowned Dr. Peter McCullough developed a successful outpatient COVID treatment, though health authorities deny its benefits at the unpardonable risk of lives.



Yellow journalism: CBS used footage from an Italian hospital to report COVID news in New York City. When caught, CBS apologized but later used the same footage in reference to news from Pennsylvania.

could have saved 85 percent of COVID hospitalizations and lives lost. But, he told *THE NEW AMERICAN* in an April interview, early intervention is key to treatments such as his, thereby exposing the viciousness of policymakers urging people to stay home until their symptoms become bad enough to require hospital treatment. By the time those patients need ventilators, it's often too late, and many die.

Media is in lockstep with this deadly bureaucratic cover-up. "Fox came at my throat for standing up against censorship," declared Fox 26 Houston reporter-turned-whistleblower Ivory Hecker. In a June interview with Project Veritas, she played recordings of telephone conversations in which her bosses reprimanded her for reporting positive news about HCQ.

What were her offenses? She chronicled the video that went viral last summer of Houston doctor Stella Immanuel, who announced at a press conference, "America, you don't need to be afraid. COVID has a cure... If they put everybody on hydroxychloroquine right now... [it] will stop COVID in

dodge, citing no proof. "The FDA's response is evasive and fails to answer several of the Senators' excellent questions," remarked AAPS. "If the FDA responded like this in a court of law, a judge would order it to answer the questions asked." AAPS points to the website c19study.com, a database of hundreds of scientific studies cataloging the overwhelming success of HCQ and other popular COVID treatments worldwide.

A renowned success story relates to AAPS member and master of public health Dr. Peter McCullough, a practicing specialist and professor of medicine at Texas A&M College of Medicine. The most published expert in his field, he developed a treatment early in the pandemic that statistics prove

its tracks in 30 days." Hecker also quoted the chief of critical care at Houston's United Memorial Medical Center, Dr. Joseph Varon, who told her, "We know that it's a drug that has been politicized up to the wazoo," but "we use it with good success."

The response from Hecker's bosses: "You need to cease and desist posting about hydroxychloroquine," her news director spat. "In my opinion you failed as a reporter." Her assistant news director also warned, "Industry executives — who are the people who hire us and keep us employed — that's the part that needs to make a difference to you. It's not just about the viewers. It's about what our CEO reads. It's about what our GM [general manager] reads."

04

VACCINES



“**T**he suppression of early treatment was tightly linked to the development of a vaccine,” Dr. McCullough relates in a June webinar with Dr. Reiner Fuellmich and members of the Corona Investigative Committee (CIC), an international network of lawyers planning to sue the orchestrators of the pandemic for what CIC calls the greatest crime against humanity ever committed. McCullough believes that the government ignored effective treatments because acknowledging them would have prevented the FDA from legally granting Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the experimental substances.

Bureaucrats and media assure us that these new drugs are safe and effective. But how do they know? It is obvious the therapies are untested, because EUA isn’t necessary for meds that are clinically proven safe. In fact, initial test results are only now hitting medical journals, such as a study of preliminary findings in pregnant women published this June in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. Shouldn’t such tests have occurred before release to the general public?

When it comes to safety, our primary metric is after-the-fact. CDC’s Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), which collects information about side effects, logged nearly 12,000 deaths from mid-December through July 23 (though the agency’s weekly report published on its website claimed 6,340 reported deaths, adding to CDC’s track record of confusion). This is an astonishing number considering the 280 average annual reported vaccine deaths from 1990–2020. Moreover, the death toll is likely a low estimate since CDC admits fewer than 10 percent of actual cases are usually submitted to the voluntary VAERS system. McCullough’s contacts within CDC have confirmed that “the real number is ten-fold.”

Added to deaths are more than 500,000 adverse events — including thousands of miscarriages, heart and circulatory problems, neurological disorders, and severe allergic reactions. U.S. Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) recently held a press conference in Milwaukee for some victims and their families who related heartbreaking stories of life-altering conditions — which they say are being ignored by politicians, drug companies, and media. Dental hygienist Kristi Dobbs, whose condition is so serious that she has prepared

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Untested & experimental: Despite mandates, there are no third-party, unbiased safety studies of COVID-19 vaccines, and health authorities appear to ignore more than 500,000 adverse events reported to the CDC so far.

her will, lamented, “I would give my whole life savings if I could go back to January 17th” when she received the Pfizer vaccine.

Granted, the VAERS system only tabulates *reported* cases, without proven causality. However, contrast today’s numbers with 4,000 *reported* adverse events that brought the 1976 swine flu mass-vaccination program to a screeching halt. *60 Minutes* interviewed some of the victims in a program that aired November 4, 1979. “Washington decided that every man, woman and child in the nation should get the shot,” Mike Wallace recalled sardonically. “Well, 46 million of us obediently took the shot. And now, 4,000 Americans are claiming damages from Uncle Sam amounting to \$3.5 billion.”

Times have certainly changed, as the push to vaccinate rages with alarming ferocity despite skyrocketing adverse-reaction statistics. A growing number of organizations are requiring vaccination as a condition of school or work, and countries such as France and Greece are mandating vaccine passports of their citizenry in order for them to lead normal lives.

Meanwhile, it doesn’t look like vaccines are actually protecting people from COVID. Israel implemented an aggressive public vaccination program last December. Death rates among the vaccinated have since outpaced those among their unvaccinated peers, and cases have soared in recent months, according to data from the minister of health. One of the country’s top coronavirus officials told *The Times of Israel* in early July that 56 percent of “current serious COVID cases” involve fully vaccinated people. The U.K. is witnessing a similar phenomenon. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson bragged in July that more than two-thirds of his countrymen are fully vaccinated, but cases have been on a steep rise since mid-May.

Can we blame the Delta Variant? “There is no evidence that the Delta variant is somehow distinct,” explained Dr. David Martin in a deposition to Fuellmich. Martin is CEO of M-CAM International Innovation Risk Management, whose work involves investigating biological and chemical products. He explained that genome sequencing is a composite process, and the strand they call Delta is just another section of an already-disclosed sequence. “I could come up with Variant Omega tomorrow ... and I could run around the world going ‘Oh my gosh! Fear the Omega Variant!’” (Sure enough, the Lambda variant made its debut in late July.)

Martin’s scrutiny of thousands of patents has uncovered incriminatory evidence about the origins of both SARS-CoV-2 and the vaccines to treat it. He searched for the genetic sequences that WHO published as the novel coronavirus and found patent records for them dating back to 1999. “The declaration of a novel coronavirus was actually entirely a fallacy,” said Martin.

“We made SARS, and we patented it on April 19, 2002,” he declared, naming U.S. Patent 7279327, issued to Anthony Fauci’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). The first SARS outbreak was reported in Asia less than one year later.

Other patents prove that pharmaceutical companies were researching antiviral agents for the current so-called novel virus years before its definition. Martin points out those agents couldn’t have been developed without insider information.

“This could well blow up into a RICO [Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act] case ultimately,” Fuellmich remarked. Martin answered, “It is a RICO case.”

The orchestrators openly admit their profit motive. Martin quoted Dr. Peter Daszak, president of EcoHealth Alliance, a nonprofit, taxpayer-funded infection-research organization, as reported in the *National Academies Press* in 2016, four years before the pandemic:

We need to increase public understanding of the need for medical countermeasures such as a pan-coronavirus vaccine. A key driver is the media, and the economics will follow the

hype. We need to use that hype to our advantage... Investors will respond if they see profit at the end of the process.

Interestingly, EcoHealth has deep-rooted ties with both NIAID and China’s Wuhan Institute of Virology, serving as a funding conduit between the two, according to the organization’s website. Daszak’s conflicts of interest forced the British medical journal *Lancet* to recuse him from its COVID-19 commission investigating the pandemic’s origins. But that only happened after Fauci’s FOIA-recovered e-mails exposed Daszak thanking Fauci in 2020 for publicly supporting the idea that the virus originated in nature and was “not a lab release from the Wuhan Institute of Virology.”

Knowing that both public and private organizations have spent years planning to cash in on coronavirus solves a lot of pandemic puzzles. It explains how Fauci could make such an accurate prediction in 2017, 10 days before Trump was sworn into office, when he told an audience at Georgetown University, “There is no question that there will be a challenge to the coming administration in the arena of infectious disease. There will be a surprise outbreak.”

It also explains why WHO downgraded the definition of pandemic in 2009 to include any worldwide disease, regardless of severity. It makes sense of WHO’s decision to redefine herd immunity as only that gleaned from vaccination, not the result of naturally acquired infection. It makes it easy to understand why Merriam-Webster’s definition of “vaccine” curiously changed earlier this year to include a description of the experimental gene therapies marketed to treat COVID.

These mRNA gene therapies bear little resemblance to traditional vaccines, which inject an organism to incite immune response. The mRNA gene therapies now labeled as vaccines insert a genetic code into your cells to make viral proteins that *theoretically* incite immune response. Incidentally, how long the synthetic mRNA remains viable is still unknown, and there is plenty of evidence to show that the mRNA-induced “spike proteins cause harm,” as physician and vaccination expert Sherri Tenpenny described in a recent *NOQ Report* interview. Why not just call them gene therapies? Since 1986, vaccine manufacturers have been federally shielded from product liability; other drug makers are not.

The profit motive also explains pandemic bonds, a novelty introduced by the World Bank reputedly to help poor countries during outbreaks. While most bond investors are lucky to earn one-percent interest, the World Bank offers payoffs up to 13 percent, with the stipulation that the bonds will default if a pandemic is declared before their maturity date. Former World Bank economist Olga Jones exposed the hoax in the journal *Nature* in August 2019, describing how the bonds enriched investors at the expense of the sick in the Congo during the devastating 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak. Nevertheless, the year 2017 saw the launch of coronavirus bonds worth \$320 million. They defaulted when WHO declared a pandemic in March of last year, only four months before the maturity date. Did the funds go to the needy? Jonas told *The Guardian* that the bonds’ complex payout criteria were “so convoluted it is not at all clear whether they will pay out at all. It is too little, too late — and in this case, maybe never.”



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Strange bedfellows: Anthony Fauci’s agency at the National Institutes of Health had been NIH’s top issuer of grants to China’s Wuhan Institute of Virology for the past decade, according to a Judicial Watch FOIA lawsuit.

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FREEDOM IS THE CURE!



The lies and deceit surrounding COVID-19 seem endless. As former Pfizer VP Yeadon wrote in a recent e-mail: “What almost every government told their people was an absurd set of statements, most of them easily disproven by reference to published literature & often simply by thinking” (published at off-guardian.org). “We hear the imminent arrival of ‘vaccine passports,’ which don’t enhance public safety yet grant to the state totalitarian tyranny,” he concluded. “There is no other interpretation that fits all the major facts, than that the goal is control through what will be the world’s first digital identity database.”

So-called fact-checkers dismiss Yeadon as a quack, but digital IDs have been in the works for years. Former Microsoft head Bill Gates explained the plans during an April 2020 Reddit Q&A session: “Eventually we will have some digital certificates to show who has recovered or been tested recently or when we have a vaccine who has received it.”

Again, the Orwellian fact-checkers howl that this was mere speculation. But ID2020 has been around since 2016, founded by Microsoft, the Rockefeller Foundation, and Gavi — The Vaccine Alliance (which was in turn co-founded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank). ID2020.org explains that digital IDs will enable people “to exercise their rights as citizens and voters and participate in the modern economy,” a veiled admission that without the IDs, rights will be restricted. The World Bank and the Gates Foundation are also at the helm of the ID4D Initiative (Identification for Development), working to integrate digital and health IDs. A 2018 World Bank report explained that this “unique foundational identifier” will be “required to enroll in or access health services.” In the light of vaccine passports

and demonization of the unvaccinated, this doesn’t sound quite so far-fetched as it did prior to 2020.

Does this mean we are destined for inevitable techno-enslavement? Not at all. The good news is that both the public and the medical community are waking up. In his testimony, McCullough listed many organizations that are solving public-health crises and defending our freedoms. Among them are the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS), the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FCCC), PANDA (Pandemics — Data & Analytics), BiRD (British Ivermectin Recommendation Development Group), and the Covid Medical Network. Members of these groups have created home treatment guides and established telemedicine services nationwide. McCullough credits the roughly 500 doctors who participate in these programs and says, “we crushed the epidemic curve in the United States.”

These organizations are also helping educate the public about COVID vaccines and support legal action to resist mandates. For example, McCullough is serving as lead expert in the bellwether case before the Texas Supreme Court against Houston Methodist Hospital, which recently lost 153 workers who refused vaccination as a condition of employment.

Another source of COVID legal assistance is America’s Frontline Doctors (AFLD), a group founded by physician and attorney Simone Gold. AFLD has filed injunctions to halt COVID vaccines in children, is helping college students whose schools are forcing vaccination on them, and has formed a citizen corps with chapters in every state. Additionally, the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) provides an Advocacy Portal to protect against vaccine mandates. ■

WHAT YOU CAN DO

To win this battle, more people need to get involved, and that includes you. *THE NEW AMERICAN* recommends three steps to get started. First, turn off the television! They’re lying to you. Second, subscribe to *THE NEW AMERICAN*, or if you are already a subscriber, persuade others to subscribe. It is the most reliable source of news online or in print, and for the past 36 years has been warning of the “Deep State” international alliances that are now planning digital IDs and pushing vaccine mandates. Third, and most important, join The John Birch Society.

The JBS is unique in that local chapters “working in concerted action, multiply into an educational army that has overcome opposing forces many times our size and many times our budget.” Its latest action project, “Freedom Is the Cure,” aims to educate the public about Deep State exploitation of the pandemic and to stop unconstitutional usurpations of individual freedom. Save our Republic; join the JBS. If not now, when? If not you, who?





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Are the Unvaccinated to Blame?

The establishment opinion cartel is shamefully demonizing the unvaccinated for not getting the jab. Their demagoguery has no basis in fact.

by R. Cort Kirkwood

COVID-19 seriously sickens or kills only a few who aren't old, obese, or sick. The young and healthy, and even the old and healthy, easily survive it. Those with one or more comorbidities such as obesity, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease, and pulmonary or cardiovascular disease face serious trouble.

Yet a 24-7 propaganda campaign launched when the "pandemic" began last year terrified almost everyone who wasn't compromised, despite the data. Elected officials and government bureaucrats, aided by the leftist mainstream media, manufactured a mass panic. Mothers feared hugging their children. Intelligent people believed that standing closer than six feet to someone for a few seconds meant almost-certain death. The affianced took vows and kissed through masks, and others overcome with fear wore masks *in their cars* — *by themselves*. Having locked down the economy and persuaded *healthy* Americans to quarantine at home, government officials easily stampeded millions into lining up for experimental vaccines. The jab would save us all.

Such is the religious zeal with which elected officials proselytize the vaccines that we are now to believe in a "pandemic among the unvaccinated," as one

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of President Joe Biden's medical bureaucrats called it. Huffed Kay Ivey, the GOP governor of Alabama, "It's time to start blaming the unvaccinated." With guilt, of course, must come something else: a sentence. Catholic writer Mark Shea wants the "murder-suicide cult" of the unvaxxed brutally punished.

But those who would bully, ostracize, and punish the unvaccinated aren't telling us something. The vaccines that almost 165 million Americans have received have two problems. One, a significant number of fully vaccinated Americans and others around the globe have contracted the virus; and two, more Americans have died or suffered troubling illnesses after receiving the COVID vaccines than the number of average annual reported deaths caused by all other vaccines combined.

Nonetheless, mandatory vaccination might be ahead.

Breakthrough Cases

The trouble with the claim that the mid-summer SARS-Cov-2 infection surge is only or mainly among the unvaxxed is this: It isn't true. One or more variants of the original strain for which the vaccines were created are infecting thousands of the vaccinated. The culprit, the media report, is mainly the Delta Variant.

Alex Berenson, a former writer for the *New York Times* who tracks the numbers, explained in a blog post:

Testing shows that many cases are in vaccinated people (and no country with two-thirds of its adults vaccinated with two doses, like Britain, could have an increase like this unless vaccinated people were also being infected).

In early July, Israel reported that the vaccines appeared to have fallen

Even if refined data on the number of vaccinated individuals who contracted the virus were unavailable, we would still know that people who got the jab compose a significant number of new infections.



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Short-term fix? Scientists worry that the virus outbreak in Israel shows that immunity from COVID-19 vaccines diminished quickly.

to 64 percent effectiveness. An independent analyst reported that effectiveness had fallen below 30 percent by the end of the month.

Now advocates are trying to minimize the significance of the fact that vaccinated people are becoming infected by arguing that they are not being hospitalized or dying.

That theory is also falling apart. The number of people hospitalized with severe Covid in Israel has more than doubled since late June. And an Israeli government advisor acknowledged July 5 that more than half of serious Covid cases were occurring in “fully vaccinated” people.

Data from England and Scotland show similar trends. In Scotland, hospitalizations have risen more than fivefold in the last several weeks. And more than half the people who died of Covid in the last week of June were fully vaccinated.

In the United States, the situation is similar. Even in states where more than 60 percent of residents are vaxxed, infections are rising significantly. As of this writing, in Massachusetts, where 64 percent are fully vaxxed, infections have jumped 219 percent, the *New York Times* reported. In 67-percent vaxxed Vermont, infections have risen 129 percent. In 63-percent vaxxed Connecticut, infections are up 225 percent.

News and government reports provide more details. The *Boston Herald* reported August 1:

The latest breakthrough case count [in Massachusetts] shows that 6,373 fully vaccinated people have tested positive for the virus out of more than 4.3 million fully vaccinated individuals, or 0.15%.

The 6,373 infections is as of July 24 — a jump of 1,923 cases during the previous two weeks. That averages out to 137 daily infections dur-

ing those weeks amid the delta variant uptick.

The fully vaccinated cases have been making up about one-third of the state’s overall reported cases as daily infection tallies near 500 on average.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), July 30:

During July 2021, 469 cases of COVID-19 associated with multiple summer events and large public gatherings in a town in Barnstable County, Massachusetts.... Approximately three quarters (346; 74%) of cases occurred in fully vaccinated persons.

The CDC, July 29:

As of July 26, 2021, more than 163 million people in the United States had been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

During the same time, CDC received reports from 49 U.S. states and territories of 6,587 patients with COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough infection who were hospitalized or died.

And *San Jose Mercury News*, July 24:

A Bay Area News Group analysis shows not only are cases rising fast in much of the Golden State, they are soaring in many urban counties that boast high vaccination rates.

Five California counties have both a higher percentage of their eligible residents fully vaccinated and a higher average daily case rate than the statewide average: Los Angeles, San Diego, Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco. The five counties with falling case rates — Modoc, Glenn, Lassen, Del Norte, San Benito — have below-average vaccination rates.

Vaxxed staffers for President Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi contracted the virus. So did six vaccinated Democratic members of Texas’s state legislature, who flew to Washington, D.C., to avoid a vote on a GOP voter-fraud and ballot-security bill. The Asiatic pathogen

also infected vaxxed Capitol Hill staffers, as it did Representative Vern Buchanan, a GOP congressman from Florida.

Apropos of Berenson's work, the *Times of Israel* has reported that 56 percent of new cases in the country are among the vaxxed. In a second story, the newspaper reported that the vaccine apparently loses effectiveness after about six months, given that breakthrough cases have occurred mostly in those vaccinated in January 2021.

At least 47 percent of new virus cases in England as of mid-July were among the partially or fully vaccinated, the *Daily Mail* reported, and more than 100 sailors aboard a British aircraft carrier contracted the virus after two jabs, as did the country's health minister.

"This is worrying me quite a bit," mRNA vaccine inventor Robert W. Malone tweeted about breakthrough data from Europe. No wonder "scientists have backed proposals for Covid boosters in the autumn after blood tests on hundreds of people revealed that protective antibodies can wane substantially within weeks of second vaccine shots being given." As Britain's leftist *Guardian* reported:

Falls in antibodies after vaccination are expected and do not necessarily mean people are more vulnerable to disease, but the researchers are concerned that if the declines persist the effectiveness of the vaccines may diminish....

"We know levels of antibodies start high and drop substantially," said Prof Rob Aldridge, an infectious disease epidemiologist at University College London. "We're concerned that if they carry on dropping at the rate we've seen, the protective effects of the vaccines will start to drop too, and the big question is, when is that going to happen?"...

Prof Matthew Snape, a vaccinologist at Oxford University, said: "Studies such as this do not in themselves provide evidence of waning protection from vaccines but are really important to help us understand what's going on if population-based studies showed any drop-off in protection with increasing time since immunisation.

"A decline in antibodies in the blood following immunisation is to

be expected, and does not necessarily correspond to an increased risk of disease. Protection against infection could well be down to whether or not there are antibodies.... However, it's clear that ongoing protection from vaccines for months to years after immunisation can't be assumed, hence the importance of ongoing vigilance for any increase in breakthrough infections."

None of this means the vaccines "don't work." Even if they don't provide complete protection against all SARS-Cov-2 variants, they lessen the severity of infections. The question is for how long. They might not be as effective long-term as fully-tested vaccines for other diseases.

As well, the vaccines are *experimental*. Aside from not knowing how long they provide protection, we don't know what the side effects might be a year from now, one reason some Americans don't want to risk the inoculation.

The point is, a claim from Governor Ivey, which others blithely repeat — "the new cases of Covid are because of unvaccinated folks" — is risibly false.

Vaccine Adverse Events

Data about the vaccines show not only large numbers of breakthrough cases but also an inordinate number of adverse events compared to other vaccines.

Using an "all-locations" search parameter, as of July 31, CDC's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System records nearly 500,000 adverse events after the COVID vaccine, including:

- 11,940 deaths;
- 11,198 life-threatening events; and
- 40,991 hospitalizations.

More than 65,000 people have landed in the emergency room.

Using a search parameter for the "United States/Territories/Unknown" returns 481,594 events, including 5,612 deaths, 7,279 life threatening events, and 25,297 hospitalizations.

The events include the potentially fatal conditions myocarditis and pericarditis, inflammation of the heart muscle and lining of the heart. As of July 26, the CDC had received 1,194 reports of the two conditions and had confirmed 699, particularly in teenage boys.



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Trouble across the pond: Though England boasts a high COVID-19 vaccination rate, nearly half of the new COVID cases are among vaccinated individuals. This worries some scientists.

Frighteningly, the number of adverse events exceeds the combined total for all vaccines since at least 1990, when CDC began the reporting system.

CDC insists that the vaccines, two of which monkey with RNA, are “safe and effective” despite those data. “The known and potential benefits of COVID-19 vaccination outweigh the known and potential risks.” Malone isn’t so sure, at least when it comes to young people. “I don’t think the benefits outweigh the risks in that cohort,” Malone told Fox talker Tucker Carlson of 18- to 22-year-olds. “The risk-benefit analysis is not being done.”

Continued Malone, “My concern is I know there are risks but we don’t have access to the data. And so, I am of the opinion that people have the right to decide whether to accept vaccines or not, especially since these are experimental vaccines.”

Perhaps more worrisome is that governments at all levels, along with big business, seem ready to mandate the jab by forcing Americans to carry “vaccine

passports” to enter stores and businesses or board trains and airplanes. To carry out your daily routine, you’ll have to prove you’re vaxxed. New York city now requires proof of vaccination for all workers and customers of gyms, restaurants, and entertainment venues.

Banks, groceries, and other businesses display signs that “require” customers to wear a mask if they aren’t jabbed, yet customers needn’t prove it in most places. How long that will hold true is unknown. A good guess though, is not long at all. Businesses in California have already begun requiring customers to prove they’re vaxxed.

Pro-vaxxers are even ready for mandates and penalties for refuseniks. Consider the aforementioned Shea, who cited Psalm 32:8-11, and then Proverbs 26:3: “A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools.”

“About half the country, some due to ignorance and poor education, some due to pig-headed selfish spite, some due to paranoid fear, some due to boneheaded

stupidity, some due to tribal hatred of Liberals, are avoiding or absolutely refusing to be vaccinated,” Shea began his jeremiad. “The epicenter of this is the MAGA ‘prolife’ Murder/Suicide Cult.”

Thus has Shea planted the idea that the unvaxxed are murderers.

He continued:

I have no trouble at all with the state and corporate America richly rewarding the vaccinated and punishing the stupidly unvaccinated. Vaccine passes, barring the unvaccinated from businesses, restaurants, theatres, sporting events. Punishing places like [the restaurant that banned the vaxxed] with closure for health code violations, vaccine requirements for school and work and travel are all great ideas. Employers can and should imitate Biden, who recently made vaccination compulsory if you want to work for the Feds.

There should also be tax breaks for the vaccinated and penalties for the unvaccinated. Lower insurance for the vaxed, higher premiums for the unvaxed. Also, as the City of New York recently required, there should be weekly testing for the unvaxxed....

Also, people should face fines and penalties for deliberately spreading disinformation and lies about vaccines and public health, particularly if they work in media.

Shea helpfully included a World War II wanted-for-murder poster that was part of the “loose lips sink ships” propaganda campaign.

Thus are the unvaxxed not just to be hectorated, bullied, and vilified — and dehumanized. If Shea and his ilk get their way, the “murder/suicide cult” will hear the hob-nailed boot of a Jab KGB kicking in the door, or feel the thudding lash of a blackjack to the back of the skull at a police station in the middle of the night.

For those tempted to agree with this proposal for fear of the virus, a caution: If the government-industrial complex can mandate compliance on this vaccine, other intrusive mandates will follow. So will punishment for those who refuse to obey. ■



No shot, no mask, no service: Businesses around the country are beginning to require unvaccinated customers to wear masks. How much longer until unvaccinated individuals no longer have access to essential services?

BIDEN'S DOOR-TO-DOOR VACCINE PUSH — AND BEYOND

The push to get every person vaccinated is intensifying. Are mandated vaccines — if not *de jure*, then *de facto* — coming? If you don't want the shot, what can you do?

by C. Mitchell Shaw

On July 6, the Biden administration announced that the federal government will start a door-to-door campaign to boost the number of Americans who have been vaccinated against COVID-19. In a White House press conference, the current resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue addressed Americans who have not received the experimental vaccines, saying, “Do it now.”

Biden said that people will be “knocking on doors” to get “help to the remaining people” who have not been vaccinated. He also said, “We’re intensifying efforts to meet people out where they are” and that the teams sent out by the White House will be made up of officials from the CDC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other federal health agencies.

Despite the federal arm-twisting, many Americans will refuse to get vaccinated. But don’t expect the Nanny State to be content with a “no.” The government is determined to get every American vaccinated, one way or another — “voluntarily” or otherwise.

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“Every Single Person”

The Biden administration’s implementation of a door-to-door plan is at least partially due to the fact that the White House missed its self-imposed deadline to have 70 percent of American adults at least partially vaccinated by July 4. Granted, it did not miss that goal by much: According to CDC data, more than 67 percent of American adults have received at least one shot. But Biden’s administration will press on to that goal and beyond. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said, “You don’t just give up just because you haven’t reached every single person.”

The implication is clear: The full weight of the Biden administration will be used to pressure and cajole people into getting the shots. That he made his announcement the day after the long Independence Day weekend is an example of both cruel irony

and this administration’s absolute disconnect from logic, reason, and the founding principles of America. It reads more than a little like, “Now that you have had your July 4 celebration, fall back in line, do what you’re told, and get the shot.” As Biden said, “Do it now.” And just to put the Red, White, and Blue wrapping on it, he added, “It’s the patriotic thing to do.”

This writer will perhaps be forgiven if he declines to take advice on patriotism from the likes of Joe Biden.

Though the White House has been conspicuously scant with details, Psaki said the plan would include “door-to-door outreach to get remaining Americans vaccinated” and that the “outreach” would be “targeted by community.” The “targeted” part of that comes in where Psaki said that the administration will first focus on communities with lower vaccination rates.

Lists and Mandates?

This, of course, raises at least two important points. First, it indicates that — far from only having general data on numbers of people who have been vaccinated — the government has *specific* information including demographics and location information. This smacks of a list of who has (and conversely, who has not) been vaccinated.

And while it may seem (and would, in fact, be) extreme for the federal government to maintain a database of the vaccination status of Americans, keep in mind that this is the same government that *already* illegally harvests the browsing histories, phone calls, texts, maps, calendars, and more on every American who does not take technological steps to prevent that data-harvesting. This latest violation would not even cause them to stop and think.

Furthermore, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra made it clear during a July 8 appearance on CNN that the federal government does not care about your privacy where this is concerned. He told CNN's *New Day*, "The federal government has spent trillions of

dollars to keep Americans alive during this pandemic. So it is absolutely the government's business [to know who is vaccinated.] It is taxpayers' business if we have to continue to spend money."

The second important point is that such a list could easily be used for making COVID vaccinations mandatory. How else could the Biden regime hope to get this vaccine into the bloodstreams of "every single person" in the United States?

And, to put in the for-what-it's-worth column, the push for mandating vaccinations would not necessarily have to come directly from Washington. Mandates may not even require that the experimental vaccines receive full FDA approval.

On July 11, Dr. Anthony Fauci — whose title is director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, but whose role is essentially High Priest of the Religion of Bogus Science — appeared on CNN. In that appearance, Fauci said he believes that "at the local level" "there should be more mandates." He went on to say, "There really should be. We're talking about [a] life and death situation." Fauci said he believes the "hesitancy"

among states, counties, and cities for putting vaccine mandates in place is caused by the fact that "the vaccines have not been *officially, fully* approved." [Emphasis in original.] But, says Fauci, that is a small matter that should be overlooked. Invoking the power of his office as High Priest of the Religion of Bogus Science, Fauci said, "People need to understand that the amount of data right now that shows a high degree of effectiveness and a high degree of safety is more than we've ever seen with emergency-use authorization."

So, Fauci would have vaccines mandated by law and would have people accept — as an article of faith — that *even without FDA approval*, the vaccines are both safe and effective. This is a tactic used in sales and negotiations of all types: Ask for something completely ridiculous and when rebuffed, back down to something only mildly ridiculous by comparison. Here the tactic appears to be for the Biden regime to push for local mandates before FDA approval of the vaccines and when the people (and some states) push back, have the FDA approve the shots. Then the Biden regime can mandate them at the federal level.

The Pentagon has already indicated that this is the direction the military will take. Though soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines have been cajoled into getting the shots "voluntarily," with the result being that all military branches boast high numbers of vaccinated members compared to the public at large, the powers-that-be want more. The Pentagon has now announced that it is taking steps to mandate vaccines for all military personnel, without waiting for FDA approval.

Moving Toward Mandates

So, while Fauci pushes for local mandates even without FDA approval, the Pentagon is mandating the shots for military personnel. Pause and let that sink in: Military personnel will be required to get an experimental vaccine that has not been approved by the FDA and Fauci plans the same for the rest of us. The reality for average Americans — as it plays out — will likely be a little of both: Some states (mostly blue) may move toward an "emergency power" to require vaccines for people to shop, dine, go to work, or otherwise live their lives, likely even requiring a "vaccine passport" as proof of compli-

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Trust us, we're experts: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra told CNN that "it is absolutely the government's business" to know who is and who is not vaccinated.

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Just following orders: Even with the military already seeing higher COVID vaccination rates than the general public, the Pentagon is taking steps toward making the shots mandatory, even though the vaccines still lack FDA approval.

ance; other states will likely refuse to do so. At some point, the Biden regime may push the FDA to accept the Faucian Decree of the “high degree of effectiveness and a high degree of safety” of these vaccines and approve them. Then, the federal government would feel the need to strip Americans of their liberty to say “no.” The Biden regime is already moving to mandate vaccines for all federal employees, and the Department of Justice — in a clear overreach of authority — has declared that such mandates are legal. Were the FDA to approve COVID vaccines, it would be a short step for the Biden regime to mandate vaccines for all Americans. At that point, vaccine “passports” would almost certainly be on the table.

Fauci’s hope of “local mandates” is bolstered by the existence of an incestuous relationship between the federal government and state governments. Too often, states do for the federal government what the federal government is either prohibited from doing or would find simply too difficult to do. We already see that playing out with this plan. Several states have launched their own programs to go door-to-door asking private citizens about their vaccination status.

Details vary from state to state, with some sending out local volunteers made

up of church leaders or other civic groups, while others are sending out county and state health-department employees. In most states, the door-knockers ask about whether people have been vaccinated and provide information on how to get vaccinated, but at least one county in North Carolina has gone way beyond merely asking questions.

Mecklenburg County — where Charlotte is located — has launched “Doses to Doors” to administer shots on the spot. A flyer circulated to promote the program states, “Mecklenburg County Public Health will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in the neighborhood at no cost. Ages 12+ for Pfizer, and 18+ for Johnson & Johnson.” Local media have given the program positive coverage, helping to boost its success. And while this is a *local* program that hides behind the veneer of the authority of local health officials simply making vaccines available, it is a short hop from this to mandating the same thing. And North Carolina Democratic Governor Roy Cooper is not one bit above doing just that. His state had some of the harshest COVID restrictions in the South.

But even setting mandates aside, there are some real problems with Biden’s door-to-door vaccine plan. First and foremost is the lack of anything in the U.S.

Constitution authorizing anything like this. It is also a clear violation of privacy and a likely violation of HIPAA (a federal law protecting the medical information of Americans), and it sets a dangerous precedent.

Constitutional Concerns

As constitutional lawyer and founder of the Rutherford Institute John W. Whitehead writes in his July 14 piece in the *Augusta Free Press*, “These door-to-door ‘visits’ by COVID-19 surge response teams certainly qualify as a government program whose purpose, while seemingly benign, raises significant constitutional concerns.”

Whitehead enumerates those “significant constitutional concerns,” and lists as the first one “the visit itself,” writing, “While government agents can approach, speak to and even question citizens without violating the Fourth Amendment, Americans have a right not to answer questions or even speak with a government agent.” But, as Whitehead points out, “The reality is far different.” A government official (or a private citizen empowered by a government official) showing up at your door can, as Whitehead puts it, create a situation where “individuals caught unaware by these tactics” will “feel pressured in the heat of the moment to comply.” It *feels* like pressure because it *is* pressure.

And this is not hypothetical: Logan County, Oklahoma, Sheriff Damon Devereaux told Oklahoma City NBC affiliate KFOR, “I’ve had an unusual amount of people calling asking, ‘Hey what do I do if these health people show up on my property and start asking me questions?’” He added that some residents are concerned about being pressured into answering questions about their vaccine status. Devereaux went on to say, “The way that it’s been described from D.C. is strike forces,” adding, “To me, that doesn’t sound like your local church members going door to door.” Devereaux says he is there to help any resident of Logan County who feels unsafe with COVID brigade door-knockers, saying, “If somebody won’t leave, you call us and we will educate them on the trespass laws of the state of Oklahoma.”

So, Whitehead’s point about the implication of government force is already playing out in the real world.

Whitehead also notes that “there is always the danger that this program could be used for other, more nefarious, purposes not related to vaccination encouragement.” On that note, Representative Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) tweeted, “The Biden Administration wants to knock on your door to see if you’re vaccinated. What’s next? Knocking on your door to see if you own a gun?” Given the Biden regime’s naked anti-gun position and the very nature of precedence, that is not a far-flung idea. Precedent could be set and then expanded. After all, isn’t it common for liberals of all stripes to refer to “gun violence” as an “epidemic” and a “health-care issue” when pushing for legislation to ban the ownership of some or all types of firearms?

As to expanding a precedent, Whitehead points out that “there is the question of how the government plans to use the information it obtains during these knock-and-talk visits.” Again, right now — while there is no mandate — they will just be *asking* about your vaccination status. But do you believe — even for a moment — that your negative answer to that question will not be logged and wind up in a database? If there is a mandate in the future, those who are not vac-

inated could reasonably expect another — less pleasant — visit from officials. And having government officials come to your door asking personal questions about your medical decisions could also violate HIPAA. Granted, if answering the question is voluntary, then asking the question *might* not violate HIPAA, but, going back to Whitehead’s point about “individuals caught unaware by these tactics” feeling “pressured in the heat of the moment to comply,” it is worth noting that pressure and voluntary behavior can be (and usually *are*) mutually exclusive.

Liberty vs. Tyranny

As Whitehead demonstrates in his *Augusta Free Press* article, there is a dictatorial mindset that drives the thinking behind the push to pressure or even force COVID vaccines. He writes:

What started out as an apparent effort to prevent a novel coronavirus from sickening the nation (and the world) has become yet another means by which world governments (including our own) can expand their powers, abuse their authority, and further oppress their constituents.

To illustrate that mindset, Whitehead quotes liberal attorney Alan Dershowitz — who, as “a former Harvard law professor,” Whitehead says, “should know better” — as saying, “You have no right *not* to be vaccinated, you have no right *not* to wear a mask, you have no right to open up your business.... And if you refuse to be vaccinated, the state has the power to literally take you to a doctor’s office and plunge a needle into your arm.”

And that may well be a future phase of the Biden regime’s plan. But for now, how do Americans best handle Biden’s door-knockers when they come?

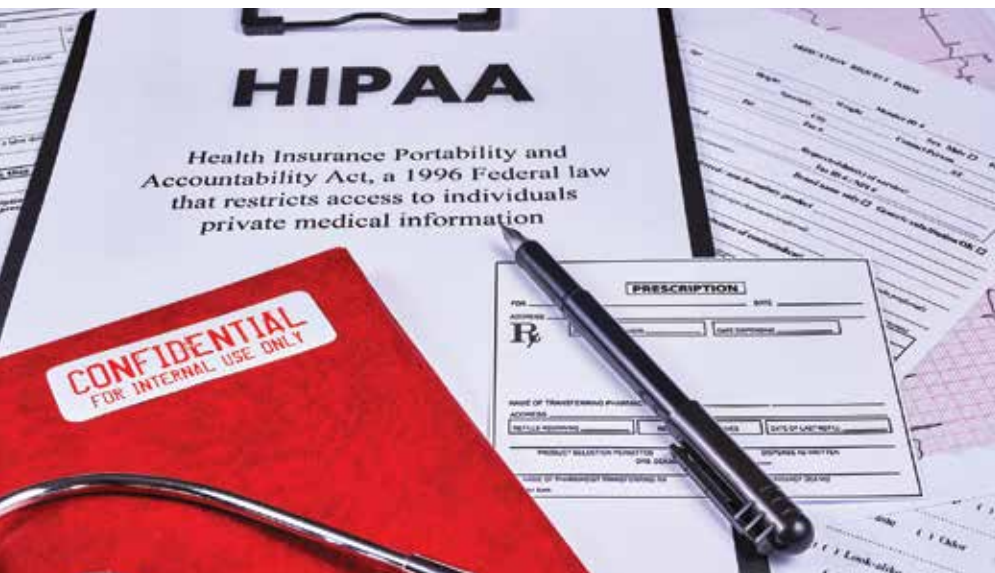
What to Do When They Knock

The good news is that you have several options. First, place “No Trespassing” and “No Soliciting” signs on your property. This allows you to simply ignore them, as if you assume they are selling something or asking for signatures on a petition. You have the right not to answer your door — period.

Alternatively, if you do answer the door, you have the right not to answer their questions. This is a point Sheriff Richard Mack — long known for his “Constitutional Sheriff” positions — makes. Be polite, don’t answer the door armed, and simply refuse to answer any questions. Then, Mack suggests, tell them to leave. This writer would simply state, “As per my understanding of HIPAA, I am not comfortable answering questions about my medical decisions to anyone other than my doctor.”

They will likely interpret that as an admission that I am not vaccinated, but that would be their assumption, not my statement. If they press, I would simply repeat my statement about HIPAA and tell them they are trespassing. Sheriff Mack says if they will not leave, call your sheriff or the police and report them as trespassing. This echoes Sheriff Devereaux’s statement that, “If somebody won’t leave, you call us and we will educate them on the trespass laws.”

Of course, what is ridiculous — even if it is expected under the Biden regime — is that Americans (who *should* enjoy a birthright of liberty) even have to stop and think about how to handle having the COVID Cops knock on their doors to ask nosy medical questions. ■

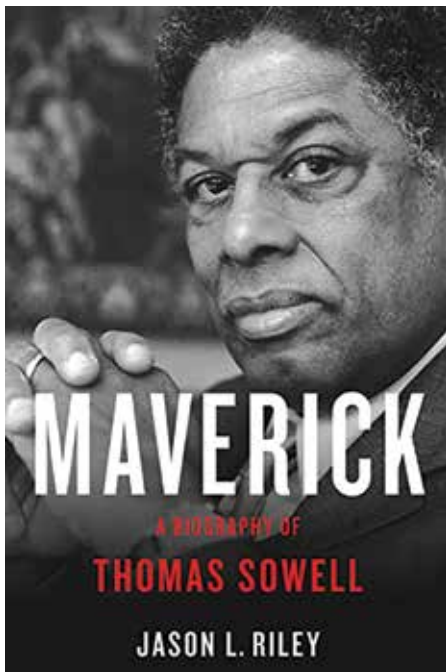


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Privacy violation: The very presence of government officials — or “community volunteers” authorized by government officials — on your front porch asking nosy medical questions may create a situation where you feel pressured to comply and may violate HIPAA, a federal law that protects private medical data.

CHAMPION OF BLACKS AND WHITES

Thomas Sowell has deployed his brilliant mind and powerful pen over many decades to impart the great principles of political and economic freedom that benefit all of us.



by Steve Byas

Maverick: A Biography of Thomas Sowell, by Jason L. Riley, New York: Basic Books, 2021, 248 pages, hardcover.

“When you want to help people, you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear.” This quotation, cited by Jason Riley in his biography of Thomas Sowell, sums up the life and work of the

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renowned economist and social commentator.

There is no question that Sowell has written hundreds of thousands of words over his long career that would certainly help his readers. Unfortunately, while many have read, heeded, and been helped by Sowell's works, far too many Americans have not benefited from his wisdom.

While Riley tells us quite a bit about the man Thomas Sowell, the book is more about Sowell's ideas — informed by meticulous research and analysis — than his life. Of course, the ideas of the man are why I and many others even know anything about him.

The author, Jason L. Riley, is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*. He is the author of several books, including *Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make it Harder for Blacks to Succeed*. Riley, who is black like Sowell, no doubt has been heavily influenced by Sowell's more than 30 books and hundreds of columns.

In some ways, it is unfortunate that Sowell is often referred to as a *black* intellectual, because that gives the false impression that all of his prodigious writings are about the American black experience. While Sowell certainly has written on that topic, out of what he considered a necessity of telling the people he wanted to help (fellow black Americans) the truth, rather than what they wanted to hear, his works are much broader than that.

Sowell and the late Walter Williams, the renowned economics professor for many years at George Mason University who was also a noted conservative black social commentator, became good friends at UCLA. They shared a little joke that they could

never fly together, because if the plane crashed, it would wipe out the black conservatives in America.

Still, Sowell — who is now 90 years old — entered the academic world at a time when Jim Crow was still a serious obstacle for blacks. He overcame all of that, not because of government affirmative-action programs, but because of his own abilities. Born in rural North Carolina in 1930 into a family that had neither electricity nor running hot water, to a father who died before Sowell's birth and a mother who died in childbirth only a few years later, Sowell was raised by his great aunt.

The family soon moved to Harlem, where young Thomas attended a good school, but dropped out when he was 16 years old. He was a troubled youth, and lived in a shelter in the Bronx for homeless boys, keeping a knife under his pillow for protection. After a stint in the Marine Corps, Sowell put his brain to work and earned a college degree.

He never forgot those early years. “It gave me a lasting respect for the common sense of ordinary people, a factor routinely ignored by the intellectuals among whom I would later make my career,” he remarked.

Sowell went on to get a Ph.D. and teach at various colleges, including Cornell, Amherst, and UCLA. He eventually became a scholar-in-residence at the Hoover Institution at Stanford, and began a newspaper column, which he continued writing until he retired from that at age 86.

In his early years, Sowell was intellectually a Marxist, a position he continued to hold even after studying for his doctorate under the famous libertarian economist Milton Friedman at the University of Chicago. While Friedman did not convert

Sowell away from his Marxist philosophy, Sowell was greatly influenced by the way he and fellow Chicago economist George Stigler went about analyzing problems and “bucking received wisdom.”

Although Sowell was often called “the black Milton Friedman” (intended as a slur, not a compliment), and Sowell admired Friedman, he sometimes disagreed with the Nobel Prize-winning economist. For example, he was publicly critical of Friedman’s “negative income tax” proposal. What began Sowell’s conversion away from the socialist line of thinking was a summer job he held at the U.S. Department of Labor in 1960. He wrote that “the experience of seeing government at work from the inside and at a professional level started me to rethinking the whole notion of government as a potentially benevolent force in the economy and society. From there on, as I learned more and more from both experience and research, my adherence to the visions and doctrines of the left began to erode rapidly with the passage of time.”

At the Labor Department, Sowell was given the task of analyzing the sugar industry in Puerto Rico, where the U.S. government ran a program that set minimum wages for workers. Sowell discovered that as the minimum wage increased, rates of employment fell. He had previously supported minimum-wage laws, mistakenly believing that they helped poor people. His analysis, however, led him to conclude that they were simply pricing people out of jobs. What particularly troubled him was that his co-workers did not care much either way.

“Intellectuals have romanticized cultures that left people mired in poverty, ignorance, violence, disease and chaos, while trashing cultures that have led the world in prosperity, education, medical advances and law and order,” Sowell wrote in *Intellectuals and Society*. “Intellectuals give people who have the handicap of poverty the further handicap of a sense of victimhood. They have encouraged the poor to believe their poverty is caused by the rich — a message which may be a passing annoyance to the rich but a lasting handicap to the poor.”

Sowell has written how some

intellectuals’ ideas have caused much damage to society, citing the example of Paul Ehrlich’s writings about supposed overpopulation in the 1960s, and the slum-clearing programs advocated by Jacob Riis. When Riis’ ideas were implemented, it displaced low-income blacks and led to failed public-housing projects — which later were such social catastrophes that they had to be demolished using explosives.

A mistake that many — on both sides of the political spectrum — make about Sowell is believing that he sees no problem with government’s discriminatory policies toward blacks. While roundly condemning segregation laws and the like, Sowell likewise has condemned government programs supposedly designed to help those in the black community. He has a particularly strong response to those who presume to speak for an entire racial group. When C-SPAN interviewer Brian Lamb asked Sowell what those of his “own race” had to say about him, Sowell pointedly responded, “Oh, wait, wait. I think one of the ways that the organized noisemakers have succeeded is saying that what they’re saying is what their race is saying. My *race* is not saying that about me. Those particular individuals, who are a small minority themselves within the black community — who have a vested



Jason L. Riley

interest in many of these [affirmative action] programs — they are saying that.”

So-called black leaders are a group that Sowell has often criticized. He has written that their emphasis is on things that don’t do anything to improve the daily lives of black Americans — issues such as slavery reparations and toppling Confederate statues — rather than offering poor black families escape from failing public schools.

Previous calls for equal treatment of all people, which Sowell has always supported, have “morphed” into special treatment, he claims. In 1963, Sowell responded via a letter to the editor to an article in the *New York Times Magazine* that called for preferential hiring for blacks. He said that Whitney Young, the head of the Urban League, “is tragically wrong in his scheme for special treatment ... wrong not only tactically and morally, but wrong in terms of its probable effect” on blacks themselves.

“The difference between all the other special aids to particular groups which Mr. Young cites — G.I. Bill, etc.” and the program he was supporting for blacks “is very simple: they were all efforts to enable a particular group to meet a certain standard, not efforts to lower the standard for them.” He added that blacks were actually like “everyone else in wanting something for nothing.”

Sowell also criticized the creation of programs such as Black Studies in colleges. He feared that such programs would become “merely a euphemism for black political centers housed on college grounds.” Instead, Sowell argued that “some of the most relevant studies for dealing with ghetto needs would be medicine, law and business administration.”

Needless to say, some self-appointed black leaders such as Carl Rowan, a columnist, have taken offense at some of Sowell’s views. Rowan responded to Sowell’s contention that minimum-wage laws had harmed the job prospects of younger blacks by comparing him to the Norwegian collaborator with the Nazis, Vidkun Quisling, contending that Sowell was “giving aid and comfort to America’s racists.”

Actually, Sowell’s work over many decades has done the exact opposite. ■



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Goodness in the Midst of Tragedy

The unimaginable tragedy that took place in Surfside, Florida, in the early morning hours of Thursday, June 24 is almost too unbearable to think about. A total of 98 people, including children, laid their heads down to go to sleep on Wednesday in their beautiful beachfront homes in Champlain Towers South condominiums, only to be killed before another sunrise in a building collapse virtually unheard of here in the United States. The harrowing search-and-rescue, and later, search-and-recovery, that took place in the weeks following the deadly collapse was torturous for families and strangers alike, who wept for the innocent people who fell victim to a tragedy that was entirely avoidable.

And still, in the wake of this horrific tragedy, good people have managed to shine their light in an otherwise dark place. Hundreds of rescue workers and first responders, which included members of the Miami Beach Police and Fire Departments as well as specialized search-and-rescue teams from all over Florida and throughout the country, descended upon the site of the building collapse and immediately went to work. These workers acted without consideration for the possible dangers that the efforts posed to them, driven solely by the urgency to find survivors.

“The firefighters and the first responders have been working so tirelessly and have been so dedicated,” Champlain Towers East resident Orit Schloss recalled. Schloss somehow slept through the collapse and was woken the next morning by frantic calls from friends and family to confirm she was safe. It was then she looked out of her window and saw what happened. “In those first moments and days, they were searching through the rubble so carefully with their hands, digging through the mountain of debris, standing shoulder-to-shoulder helping one another. Meanwhile, we watched and prayed for their success, hoping for a miracle and that they would be able to find people alive.”

Video from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue



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posted on Twitter showed firefighters wading in knee-high water and using a drill to tunnel under the mountain of rubble upon arrival at the site of the collapse on June 24. As noted by the *New York Daily News*, the “dangerous and delicate work” was done out of “desperate hope” that they might find people trapped under the debris.

Sources told Local 10 that those first responders who rushed into the collapse were not sure they would make it out, but forged ahead anyway. One firefighter, realizing the remainder of the building could collapse on him at any moment, sent a text to his children, which read, “I love you guys, always.” And yet those first men on the scene continued to search tirelessly because they had made communication with a woman trapped in the rubble. They talked with her for hours as they desperately tried to reach her.

One first responder, who asked not to be identified, told Local 10, “Everybody that was there that’s what we’re trying to do get this lady out and comfort her. She was asking for help and she was pleading to be taken out of there. We were continuously talking to her.... ‘Honey, we got you. We’re going to get to you,’” he said.

And when the team could not reach the woman in time before she perished, one supervisor reported that the “wind was knocked out” of those first responders.

“It’s incredibly moving to be on site with these safety personnel, fire rescue. They are totally, totally motivated to find people. They have to be pulled off the shift. That is how motivated they are to continue their efforts,” said Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, noting that “this work is being done at extreme risk to these individuals.”

“Debris is falling on them as they do their work. We have structural engineers on site to assure that they will not be injured, but they are proceeding because they are so motivated, and they are taking extraordinary risks on the scene every day,” she added.

CNN reported that rescue workers, even after working 12-hour shifts, refused to go home at the end of the day, preferring instead to sleep in tents to keep their focus on the rescue. The workers weathered intense winds and rain from Tropical Storm Elsa, blazing Florida heat, and dangerous conditions.

“It’s hard not to put yourself in that situation — not to put yourself in the



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position these families are in,” Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Captain Eddy Alarcon said. “We started thinking about it in that way: What would I do? How hard are we going to work to save our family members if something like this were to happen?”

And though the primary focus in those first two weeks after the collapse was on saving lives, when a body was found, the teams paused and paid a moment of respect to honor the dead. They continually maintained reverence even as they worked against the clock.

When the devastating announcement was made that the search-and-rescue efforts would transition to search-and-recovery after it became clear there were no survivors, rescuers and first responders who had been working for two weeks to find survivors refused to quit, the *Christian Post* reported.

Mayor Cava said at a news conference that Miami-Dade County Task Force 1 members, who had been part of the rescue from the beginning, were able to go home once the transition to search-and-recovery began, but they insisted on staying, according to WSVN.

“With heavy hearts, we begin search & recovery efforts, and will continue to give our all as our commitment still remains to reunite families with their loved ones,” Miami-Dade Fire Rescue tweeted, along with a video of the solemn moment of remembrance.

And because so many rescue workers remained, the recovery effort was able to proceed rapidly, the mayor reported.

Workers also meticulously preserved anything they found in the debris that would likely be of value to the families, including paintings, cards, photos, even unbroken bottles of wine that miraculously survived the collapse, the *Miami Herald* reported.

The work was so difficult for the rescue and recovery teams that Florida Fire Marshal and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis asked for the “nation’s best mental health experts” to assist in the treatment of PTSD among response officials.

And though the purpose of this column is to observe the goodness of Americans,



Daniella Levine Cava

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we cannot discount the efforts by rescue teams that arrived from Mexico and Israel to tirelessly aid in the search efforts. When those teams departed the site to head back to their countries, they were rightfully honored by Florida and local officials for their valiant efforts.

Mayor Cava presented the members with the key to the county, *Local 10 News* reported, “In recognition of your unrelenting dedication, compassionate service commitment to the victims and survivors of the Surfside tragedy.”

The outpouring of support from the community and all across the country for the first responders and rescue and recovery crews has also been enormous. Hundreds of notes and letters have been sent to workers, as well as tokens of appreciation, the *Washington Post* reported. According to WFLA, loads of volunteers have been serving rescue workers and emergency crews everything from water and energy drinks to meals, both prepared and purchased. One good Samaritan, Nicolette Daniel, was so determined to offer first responders a hot meal that she and her husband hired a food truck to cook 350 meals to be distributed in a parking lot near a church. She and her husband traveled from Texas to Florida to offer their assis-

tance. CBS 12 reported that a volunteer chef in Vero Beach drove to Surfside to serve displaced families as well as first responders.

Volunteers have also stepped up to offer aid to the families anxiously awaiting news at the family reunification center. Children’s Disaster Services provided a “kit of comfort” for children at the center impacted by the tragedy. These are suitcases full of play activities, according to WTSP. The organization also sent volunteers to comfort children struggling to deal with the loss of family members, and provided childcare for adults and families who needed to handle affairs in the aftermath of the collapse.

Players from the Miami Dolphins, the Miami Marlins, and the Miami Heat, including Tyler Herro and the retired Dwayne Wade, arrived in Surfside to meet with first responders and the families impacted by the collapse. Some even unloaded food and water to those who were affected by this tragedy.

The *Tampa Bay Times* reported the Miami Heat Charitable Fund was teaming with World Central Kitchen and Direct Relief to help the victims of the collapse. In a joint effort, they plan to “deliver more hot meals and food trucks and help with some of the displaced victims,” Steve Stowe, the vice president and executive director of the Miami Heat Charitable Fund, told the *Times*.

Similarly, the Dolphins worked with Seed Miami Food Bank to deliver meals to families and first responders.

The Miami Marlins sent vans filled with meals and water to the rescue workers, as well as kits of toiletries, NBC Miami reported.

Americans and people from all over the world have donated generously to GoFundMe pages connected to the collapse, according to GoFundMe’s verified page of Surfside fundraisers.

The collapse of Champlain Towers is a tragedy that most of us are not likely to forget. But the greatness of those who came forward to help provides some solace in the wake of this enormous catastrophe. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

CHURCHES BURN IN CANADA BASED ON BLOOD-LIBEL MYTH

The torching of Christian churches in Canada would be wrong even if the rationale for the destruction were 100-percent true. But the rationale is distorted to the extent that it is a lie.



Rebel News

The ghost of ISIS? The Canadian church arson is so striking that reporter Sheila Gunn Reid said it reminded her of something she's seen before — in Northern Iraq. Maybe the Islamic State “did win,” she said, here in the West, with leftists as its foot soldiers.

by Selwyn Duke

“There are not over a hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church,” the late, great Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen stated in 1938. “There are millions, however, who hate what

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they wrongly believe to be the Catholic Church.” In thus noting, perhaps Sheen was thinking of how the Crusades are cast as imperialistic campaigns when they were more like defensive actions designed to ward off Muslim aggression; or maybe how WWII-era pontiff Pius XII was portrayed as “Hitler’s Pope,” though we now know this is an illusion effected via Soviet agitprop. Or maybe the prelate was pondering 100 other things, from the historical to the theological.

But now there’s one more, too: The mainstream-media-enabled allegation

that “residential” schools in Canada — run by the Catholic Church in most cases and Protestants in some — seized American Indian children from their families, brutalized them, and then essentially authored their deaths before burying them in unmarked mass graves. “These government-funded boarding schools were part of a policy to attempt to assimilate indigenous children and destroy indigenous cultures and languages,” reported BBC News July 15. The outlet provocatively calls a now-adult former student it quotes a “residential school survivor,” knowing, perhaps, that what’s assumed is learned best.

With the above and recent talk of the “discovery” of “215 unmarked Indian mass graves” at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in Kamloops, British Columbia, it amounts to a seemingly damning story that could inspire damnable behavior, and so it has come to pass. At least 50 Canadian houses of worship — mainly churches, Catholic and otherwise — some of which serve immigrant and American Indian communities, ironically, have been vandalized or wholly burned down. Meanwhile, some public figures’ reactions have ranged from indifference to tacit approval to blatant encouragement. The head of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, Harsha Walia, responded to the arson on July 4 with, “Burn it all down.” Nesta Matthews, a talk-show host in St. John, New Brunswick, went further, tweeting June 30, “Burn the churches down. Arrest any former staff that were actually there & any current staff that won’t pro-



Good intentions: John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister, was largely responsible for the establishment of the residential schools. It was his intention to help the indigenous people.

vide documentation. Sell everything they own in Canada and give it to survivors. Dismantle it completely.”

Perhaps even more shockingly, politicians have joined this phalanx. New Democratic Party member of the Ontario provincial parliament Dr. Rima Berns-McGown tweeted July 6 that she was standing “in solidarity with Harsha Walia.” On the same day, a former top Justin Trudeau advisor named Gerald Butts tweeted that burning churches wasn’t cool, but “may be understandable.” As for Prime Minister Trudeau himself, when he finally responded (after a week), he referenced the “anger” people feel toward the church and federal government and said at a news conference, “It’s real and it is fully understandable given the shameful history we are all become [sic] more aware of,” the Associated Press related July 2. He then continued, “I can’t help but think that burning down churches is actually depriving people who are in need of grieving and healing and mourning from places where they can grieve and reflect and look for

support.” It’s all quite striking, so much so that it inspired a pause-for-thought observation from another Canadian. “I’ve been to Northern Iraq, and the vandalisms and burnings remind me of what I saw there,” Sheila Gunn Reid, chief reporter for Rebel News in Canada, told *THE NEW AMERICAN*. “Maybe ISIS did win, just not in the cradle of Christianity on the Nineveh Plain. Maybe they won here and the bigoted Left are their foot soldiers.” Maybe. Yet while facts won’t matter to the bigoted, the fact here is that the anti-church leftist agitators are ignoring history.

A Look Back

This is a story that dates back to 1883. It was then that Canada’s first prime minister, John A. Macdonald, “passed a cabinet measure to create three residential schools in the West to be operated by the Catholic and Anglican churches,” reported the *Ottawa Citizen* July 2 in a piece critical of the endeavor. Clearly trying to demonize all involved, the *Citizen* quotes Macdonald — who’d once been a legendary Cana-

dian figure — as having made statements such as when an Indian child attends a reservation school, he is “surrounded by savages.” Of course, historically, this was a pretty common way for advanced civilizations to refer to less developed-peoples (the ancient Romans and Chinese viewed those beyond their realms as barbarians). Yet, though it’s hard to find with Big Tech controlling information flow, there is another side here.

The Canadian West was won by men such as Macdonald and Charles Mair, a businessman, author, and officeholder cited by the blog *KiltSkate.com* in a September 4, 2017 piece titled “Sir John A.: Hero or Villain?” Mair was a poet who loved nature, and he “romanticized the original peoples, but he believed — like most Canadians of his time — that their culture was doomed to extinction,” wrote *KiltSkate*. “When Canadians then, including progressive thinkers like [educator and minister] Egerton Ryerson, called for First Nations to be educated in residential schools, it was not out of a desire to wipe out a people; instead, they thought this was the way to ensure their survival as individuals.”

“Macdonald had a complex relationship with first peoples,” *KiltSkate* later added. “As a lawyer he had represented them as clients. He counted some prominent Ottawa First Nation leaders among his personal friends. He put forward legislation to give indigenous people the vote. But like so many of his day, he considered First Nations culture to be inferior and doomed to extinction with the spread of ‘civilization.’” Macdonald was correct, too, at least in a sense. Indians today don’t live as their remote ancestors did, or have a desire to, any more than I’d embrace the lifestyle of my pre-Roman European forebears. We all benefit from modern wonders and conveniences and, as with everyone else, today’s Indians know that success requires learning to read and write (pre-European Indian cultures lacked the written word) and getting an education. Their early 19th-century culture is, at least in a great measure, extinct.

Interesting, too, is that our anti-Western wokesters complain that Canada’s Indians were subject to “forced assimilation” or even cultural genocide. Apparently, though, they don’t oppose these processes in principle. After all, they didn’t bat

an eye when one of their fellows, Social Democrat politician Mona Sahlin, said in 2001 in reference to the Third World (im)migration transforming her native Sweden, “the Swedes must be integrated into the new Sweden; the old Sweden is never coming back.” Nor do they trouble over today’s China (or over getting rich off it), which currently interns more than one million Uighur Muslims in concentration camps. So it appears leftists like assimilation just fine — as long as the right people are being assimilated.

The point, however, is that the Indian school endeavor, for good or ill, was *government handiwork*. As Canada Free Press wrote June 30 in “The Blame for Residential Schools lies with the Federal Government,” we “should not lose sight of

the fact that it was the federal government that created, funded, oversaw, and was responsible for the residential school system.” The site then asks, “Why is Trudeau trying to shift the blame for this tragic situation?” Well, the answer may be interesting. As the *National Post* noted June 7, “There is almost exactly a century separating the governments of Sir John A. Macdonald and Pierre E. Trudeau” — the current prime minister’s famed *father* — “but not much difference in their approach to Indigenous issues,” which the site called “unseemly.” Feeling guilty, Justin?

Killing Fields? Hardly!

Yet also unseemly is the establishment “children’s cemeteries” narrative. Consider, as refutation, the 2015 report of the

Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada, which examined the residential school situation. Citing its findings, Canada Free Press wrote that, simply put, “the existence of unknown/abandoned cemeteries has been known for years.” In other words, there are abandoned and forgotten cemeteries of all kinds the world over; their existence is not an unusual phenomenon reflecting something nefarious.

“Most importantly, the TRC made six specific recommendations (Calls to Action) for the federal government to act in respect to the questions of missing children, unmarked graves, and residential school cemeteries (Calls to Action: 71 - 76),” the Press continued. “Those six Calls to Action have fallen on the deaf ears of Justin Trudeau and his government. Trudeau has had six years to move forward with the TRC’s recommended framework for addressing the abandoned cemeteries.... [Despite this, he] pretends to be surprised and shocked at the ‘discovery’ of abandoned cemeteries.”

Trudeau is joined in this propaganda by outlets such as the BBC, *Al Jazeera*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*, which make the cemeteries sound like Khmer Rouge killing fields in late ’70s Cambodia. This inspired incredulity from *Toronto Sun* columnist Candice Malcolm: “How come so many media outlets described these as a ‘mass graves’?” she tweeted June 4. “The words never appeared in the original news release from Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc [the BC Indians who examined the graves] either. The media just made it up.”

In fact, they made up much. Consider Malcolm’s July 12 True North piece, “Six things the media got wrong about the graves found near Residential Schools.” Reporting on the “215 bodies” buried at Kamloops — once the largest such institution in Canada — she states that no claims at all have been verified. Ground-penetrating radar was used to evaluate the cemetery, yet this “doesn’t actually see the bodies. It’s not like an X-ray,” Malcolm relates, quoting an anthropology professor. “To be clear: nothing was ‘uncovered.’ No ‘bodies’ were found,” the journalist points out. “There was no excavation, nothing was unearthed, nothing was removed, no identities were confirmed.”

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Not the only mask he's wearing: After waiting a week to address the church arson, Prime Minister Trudeau’s response was practically a cavalier Jerry Seinfeld “That’s a shame.” But is his PC posturing just an effort to obscure his own family’s “complicity” in the system he condemns?



The only game in town: Residential schools (shown is Kamloops, the largest such institution) were the only educational opportunities for people in Canada's cold, remote, untamed north. As Cree playwright Tomson Highway put it, his "thriving international career ... wouldn't have happened" without the residential school he attended.

So in reality, many "children who died at these schools died of natural causes," writes the aforementioned Malcolm.

In other words, we don't know how many bodies are present or whose they may be. This could explain, mind you, why Canada's National Center for Truth and Reconciliation has documented records for only 51 children who died at Kamloops between 1900 and 1971, not "215," a fact that has given rise to accusations of a coverup, to the notion that the "church didn't record all the child deaths because some were murdered!" After all, it "appears that not all of the graves contain children's bodies, Lerat (who is one of the [Indian investigatory] band leaders) said," wrote Malcolm, citing a *Globe and Mail* report. "He said the area was also used as a burial site by the rural municipality." "So what we have here is an abandoned community cemetery, where people of different backgrounds were buried," she sums up.

The Residential Schools

So what's the truth about the residential schools? Greater than 130 in number, approximately 60 to 70 percent were Catholic Church-run, not surprising since Canada was once part of "New France" — the North American area colonized by France, a Catholic country — and since the Catholic Church is the world's largest

church. It's also not surprising that, after the government established the residential school system, it recruited churches to run the institutions; Canada's government school system *wasn't even instituted till the late 1800s*. Molding the young, part of the church's mission, had always been its domain.

So the now much-maligned Kamloops school reflected the norm. Opened in 1890, it was given by government decree to the guidance of the missionary group the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1893. It also isn't unusual that "graves" are found there: After all, churches, especially in rural areas, often have adjoining cemeteries. Remember as well that in earlier, simpler times, it wasn't uncommon for the dead to be interred "on site"; why, sometimes the deceased would be buried in their family's own backyards.

None of this explains, however, *why* residential-institution schoolchildren passed away. As to this, a TRC "report noted 3,200 students who died while attending the schools, although the *New York Times* recently reported the number to be at least 4,100," reported LifeSite June 9. Out of more than 150,000 students who attended the schools, this is two to three percent of the total. Yet the

realities of the time must be considered.

As LifeSite also reported, "Some statistics show that for infant mortality (i.e. deaths under the age of one year), the rate was 187 deaths per 1,000 births [18.7 percent] in 1900. High death rates were seen also between 1910 through 1920, coinciding with the Spanish Influenza epidemic." Note that this disease killed 675,000 people, many *young*, in the United States alone (2,000,000-plus adjusted for today's population).

"Meanwhile mortality rates for children under the age of five record 296.75 deaths per 1,000 births [almost 30 percent] in 1900," LifeSite continued. "That figure only dropped beneath 100 deaths per 1,000 births in 1935, with high rates of child mortality consistently seen from 1910 through 1920." Thus, any "discussion of death in childhood and the experience of children and families living with life-threatening medical problems has to be put in the context of child health as it has improved during the last century," wrote the National Center for Biotechnology Information," LifeSite further informed. Given the aforementioned, the residential schools' mortality record doesn't appear so striking, especially considering that American Indians have historically been more susceptible to diseases to which European-descent peoples developed immunity ages ago.

So in reality, many "children who died at these schools died of natural causes," writes the aforementioned Malcolm. "You can argue that these children didn't receive proper health care, or that some of their immune systems could[n]t handle living in close proximity to other children," she later stated. "But negligence resulting in accidental death is quite different from murder, which is what many in politics and the media have suggested."

Yet even insofar as there was negligence, who deserves most of the blame? Well, note here that early 1900s Medical Inspector to Canada's Department of Interior and Indian Affairs Dr. Peter H. Bryce issued a 1907 report warning that there were "prime conditions" for an "outbreak of epidemics" at residential schools. He also expressed, interestingly, that there were "excessively high rates of tuberculosis among Indigenous children and a *substantial lack of proper financial support from the state*," as LifeSite put it in a June 15 piece. (Emphasis added.) Yet the government ignored his pleas and *wouldn't even publish his report*. It ultimately was published in his 1922 book, *The Story of a National Crime*.

Of course, all the above largely explains why and how residential schoolchildren died, but not why their bodies weren't returned to their families. Wouldn't that have been the Christian thing to do?

Canadian author Michael O'Brien, a former residential-school pupil himself, shed light on this matter. He "noted that transportation difficulties abounded during Kamloops['] operational years," LifeSite reported in its June 9 article. "This meant that the bodies of children who died, for whatever cause, very often could not be returned to their families and were thus buried on the school premises. He was supported in this [assertion] by the *National Post*, who [sic] noted how the government's 'Department of Indian Affairs refused to ship home the bodies of children for cost reasons.'"

Yet shipping the kids to the schools after forcibly taking them from the parents was a different matter, and this did happen for a time — all perpetrated by the government. In fact, while testifying before the TRC, O'Brien pointed "to the chief underlying issue of the institutional abuse of children being removed from their families by the *state authorities*," as LifeSite put it. (Emphasis added.)

Yet what of the allegations of intra-school child abuse, of which there've been 7,000? Well, another former residential school pupil, world-renowned Cree playwright Tomson Highway, says there are 7,000 positive stories people aren't hearing — including his own. "Nobody's interested in the positive, the joy in that school," he told the now-

defunct Huffington Post Canada in 2015. "Nine of the happiest years of my life[,] I spent at that school. I learned your language.... Have you learned my language? No, so who's the privileged one and who is underprivileged?"

Highway also stated that he "came from so far north and there were no schools up there," making the *same point* Macdonald, Mair, and Ryerson did more than a century ago: The residential schools offered Indians opportunities they wouldn't have had otherwise.

Eyewitness Accounts

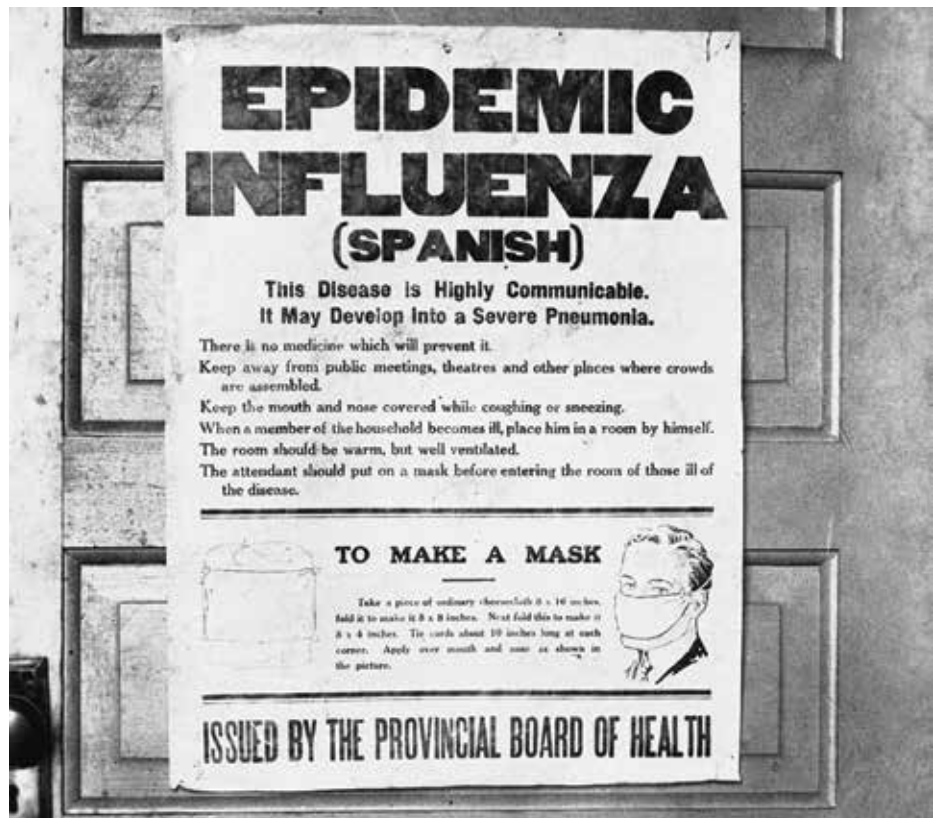
Highway is hardly alone. Consider Cece Hodgson-McCauley, a woman chief and a longtime Northern News Service columnist whom LifeSite showcased in its June 28 piece "Rescued from the memory hole: Some First Nations people loved their residential schools." "When her mother died, the future chief was six and her brother was two-and-half," the site wrote. "Her

father was a trapper, and therefore had 'no choice' but to send his children to the Fort Providence residential school, administered by nuns, to be cared for during the school year."

Hodgson-McCauley, who died in 2018, spent 10 years at the school, going home for summers. "I can swear on the Bible that my time in the convent was good," she said in her own 2012 article.

Given these realities, now-retired Canadian Senator Lynn Beyak decided to canvass her countrymen for relevant information. She published 104 testimonials on her website in 2017, many of which contain positive residential-school stories. What follows are some of them, as related by journalist Robert MacBain in 2018:

- "As retired educators ourselves, with a combined experience of 26 years in Aboriginal and Metis schools, we witnessed first-hand the positive anecdotes and experiences of those who gained from their



Natural causes: Many of the deaths among Canada's residential-school students can be attributed to higher mortality rates typical of the era. The Spanish Flu epidemic, for instance, caused a spike in deaths among children at the residential schools.

attendance at Residential Schools. Unfortunately, current orthodoxy forces their ‘voices’ to be silenced.”

- “I worked with Chipewyan people as an employee of the Catholic Church from 1991 to 2001.... I heard many positive comments by native people who had attended residential school in Fort Resolution.”

- “My husband has worked and lived in several aboriginal communities in the north which greatly benefited from these schools and where the people speak very highly of the care and instruction they received. We are only given one side of the story.”

- “I spent over ten years living and working on reserves and northern settlements. And I remember, as a teacher, how often we had to convince the population to keep their children at home and go to the Day School, rather than to send them to a residential school. If the residential schools had been so bad[,] why were parents insisting that their children go?”

- “I attended a First Nations Art Exhibition in Fort McMurray and I met a native artist who told me how grateful she was to the nuns and priests in her community who ran the school because for her it was a place of refuge.”

- “I myself am a product of a Catholic convent school and while some people who attended that school with me will now say that the nuns were racists and treated them unfairly, that was not my experience. Yes, they were strict, but the principles of kindness and consideration for others were held in high esteem and they instilled in me values that successfully took me through more than 40 years in the business world.”

- “Having worked for and with Aboriginal people in northwestern Ontario — many who are my friends — I support what you have said. Are there not two sides to this story? Why is only one side being expressed? Shame on our government.”

In Perspective

This said, it was acknowledged in the letters that transgressions did occur. The aforementioned author O’Brien himself “revealed that he had indeed witnessed abuse while at the [residential] school, although from lay employees in the schools, and not from the clergy or religious sisters,” LifeSite also related. As an example of such, “a former employee



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A vigil for they know not whom: On June 21, the above group memorialized the “215 children found buried at Kamloops.” The problem? We don’t know who precisely was interred there, and an Indian investigator stated that the Kamloops site was a cemetery used by the whole rural community.

of Kamloops, Gerald Moran, was convicted in 2004 of 12 counts of sexual abuse and given three years in jail,” LifeSite informs.

Yet to gain perspective, and again noting that more than 150,000 children passed through the residential schools over more than a century, can we find an abuse-free major school system anywhere? Of course, every instance of child abuse is tragic, and perpetrators of such should be brought to justice. But man’s sinful nature ensures there’ll be no such thing as perfect people or perfect human institutions. And to paraphrase Abe Lincoln, if you look for the worst in someone — or *something* — you’re sure to find it.

But the media only look where they wish. Just consider, for example, that Hofstra University professor Charol Shakeshaft found after conducting a 2004 federally funded study that the child-sex-abuse problem in American government schools was *100 times the magnitude* of the United States Catholic Church scandal, and is *still ongoing*. (This, not to mention the abusive “transgender” and other sexual devolutionary propaganda

peddled to children.) Despite this, during the first half of 2002, the 61 largest newspapers in California ran nearly 2,000 stories about the church abuse, mostly concerning past allegations — and *four about the government school scandal*. Agendas, anyone?

Lastly and speaking of agendas, not every abuse allegation can be taken at face value — in the United States or Canada. In fact, the late Hodgson-McCauley “ruffled feathers by suggesting some people have lied about the residential school system for money,” LifeSite also reported. But feathered friends or foes, isn’t this just common sense? With \$2 billion in compensation to be had (yes, *billion*), assuming every claim is true would be just as silly as assuming every one is false.

Returning to the violent reaction to the claims, the kicker is that the Canadian churches burned often serve American-Indian congregants, according to journalist Ezra Levant. So we don’t have to theorize about the media’s lies, which catalyzed that reaction: They’re real, they’re extreme, and they’re leading to the abuse of Indian Christians today. ■

Too Young for the Second Amendment?

At what age does the Second Amendment protect a citizen’s right to bear arms? That question may be answered someday by the Supreme Court owing to a recent appellate court decision. The *Washington Times* reported on July 14 that the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down part of a federal law, the Gun Control Act of 1968, that prohibited handgun sales by licensed dealers to anyone under the age of 21.

The case at hand involved a 19-year-old woman who tried buying a handgun after an abusive ex-boyfriend, whom she had an order of protection against, missed a scheduled court date. The woman was unable to buy the gun due to the federal law, and sued to challenge the law in federal court. The judge who wrote the opinion ruled that the Second Amendment extended to 18-20-year-olds and couldn’t be limited to just those 21 and up. Judge Julius Ness Richardson, who was appointed by President Trump, explained his rationale in the opinion by writing, “When do constitutional rights vest? At 18 or 21? 16 or 25? Why not 13 or 33? In the law, a line must sometimes be drawn. But there must be a reason why constitutional rights cannot be enjoyed until a certain age. Our nation’s most cherished constitutional rights vest no later than 18. And the Second Amendment’s right to keep and bear arms is no different.”

The law had been challenged in the past and was upheld by other appellate courts, which found that since the age of majority was understood to be 21 at the time of the ratification of the Constitution, then that same age was suitable for the 1968 law. Judge Richardson addressed this view in his decision and wrote that laws in existence at the time of the Founding mandated 18-year-olds to join militias and even required them to supply their own firearms. “While some historical restrictions existed, none support finding that 18-year-olds lack rights under the Second Amendment,” Judge Richardson wrote.

Legal scholars are expecting this split in the appellate courts to eventually make its way up to the Supreme Court. The attorney for the young woman in the case,

Elliott Harding, told the *Washington Times* that he’s optimistic the case will be heard by the Supreme Court: “I’m hopeful the case will find its way to the Supreme Court should they deem it worthy of consideration, as there’s a circuit split now and the case has significant implications for current and potential legislation concerning young adults’ access to firearms.”

Anti-gun Grandstanding

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has a notorious love of the spotlight, and Fox News reported on July 7 that, true to form, Cuomo was once again trying to grab the media headlines when he declared gun violence a public-health crisis. In his typical self-aggrandizing fashion, Cuomo heaped praise on himself for his executive orders related to COVID and cited those as a model for how he will address the increase in shootings that is plaguing his states’ major cities. “Just like we did with COVID, New York is going to lead the nation once again with a comprehensive approach to combating and preventing gun violence, and our first step is acknowledging the problem with a first-in-the-nation disaster emergency on gun violence.... Now, this is a national problem. I get it. But somebody has to step up and somebody has to address it,” Cuomo told the media. This move was met with collective eye-rolling from both sides of the aisle, as those familiar with Cuomo’s antics were not impressed.

Cuomo found himself being criticized by fellow Democrats. Democratic New York State Assemblyman Ron Kim tweeted, “For Cuomo, this isn’t about fixing gun violence. It’s about continuing his executive powers through a state of emergencies so he can continue to play savior on TV while monitoring his poll [numbers] incessantly.” Kim followed up that tweet with another mocking Cuomo for engaging in these moves simply to garner himself publicity the way he did during the COVID pandemic: “Translation: I want to use gun violence to play hero again on my brother’s CNN show and earn another \$5.1 million on a book deal while not doing anything to end the cycle of violence.”

Former NYPD Commissioner Bernard Kerik placed the blame for the surge in crimes involving guns on a soft-on-crime approach by Democrats. “The governor, prosecutors, and mayor are responsible for the increases in violent crime, shootings, and murder,” Kerik tweeted.

Dog Walker Shoots Would-be Intruder

WUSA9.com reported on July 23 about a woman in Woodbridge, Virginia, who was involved in a shooting called a justifiable homicide by the Prince William County Police Department. Police say the incident unfolded around midnight, when the woman exited her house to walk her dog and was confronted by a masked man wielding a firearm. Thankfully the woman was well-prepared, and she pulled out her own loaded gun and fired at the suspect, seriously wounding him. She immediately called the police, who arrived on the scene and discovered the injured suspect lying near the doorway of the house, suffering from gunshot wounds. The suspect, who was later identified as 20-year-old Azhar Laurent Smart, was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he was pronounced dead.

Investigators from the Prince William County Homicide Unit said they discovered a loaded firearm on Smart’s body. First Sergeant Jonathan Perok of the Prince William County Police Department told WUSA9.com, “She was simply exiting her residence from what we could determine, to walk her dog, something very innocent, something countless people do every day.... She encountered an individual who was threatening her. She stated she saw the gun in his hand, so she took the action that was necessary. It’s very amazing that she was able to take all of that and process it very quickly and make a determination that my life is in danger.” After consultation with the local Commonwealth Attorney’s Office, the shooting was ruled to be justified self-defense, and the woman won’t face any charges for her actions. ■

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The Consequences of Deficits, Debt Are Not Pretty

ITEM: *President Joe Biden's budget, reported the Washington Post for May 28, "is a clear statement that many Democrats no longer worry about deficits." The Biden administration, continued the left-wing paper, "predicts a \$1.8 trillion deficit in fiscal year 2022 and roughly \$1.3 trillion each year after that for the next decade. It's a departure from the thinking of President Barack Obama's administration, which made an effort to bring down the deficit significantly in his second term as the economy improved. Under Biden's plan, much of the deficit reduction would come after he leaves office.*

"According to the White House, this additional spending will produce the economic equivalent of happily-ever-after. The nation will enjoy faster growth, full employment and modest inflation that never rises above 2.3 percent, a magic number that would not require the Federal Reserve to take any heavy-handed action. In short, there would be no negative side effects."

Is the Biden White House worried about the national debt? Apparently not. Nor do larger interest payments seem to bother the administration.

"According to White House projections," says the credulous Post, "debt service costs rise by just \$31 billion in 2031 from the Biden agenda, a negligible amount."

ITEM: *When it comes to Biden's budget, according to The Hill (a D.C.-based paper), progressives have pushed back against critics. That plan would "see trillion-dollar deficits for a decade and increase the debt burden past its highest level on record."*

Progressives question, as The Hill put it on May 28, "the long-held belief that high debts will shift the economy into a lower gear. The left-leaning Economic Policy Institute said the budget 'shows what true "fiscal responsibility" means' by making investments to tackle inequality and level the playing field in the labor market."



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Building back better? Like so many liberals before him, President Biden claims that he can revive the U.S. economy with massive government spending. This is not sustainable long-term.

Meanwhile, continued The Hill: "A variety of progressive groups banded together to counter traditional arguments on fiscal policy, calling themselves 'Stop Deficit Squawks.'"

ITEM: *On July 19, amid skyrocketing prices, Biden made a pitch in the White House East Room to have Congress spend additional trillions of dollars for his programs. He said, in part, that whatever "different views some might have on current price increases, we should be united on one thing: passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework." And, he continued (as quoted by the White House), "my Build Back Better plan will be a force for achieving lower prices for Americans looking ahead."*

Similarly, during a CNN town hall on July 21, Biden asserted that his multi-trillion-dollar spending packages will "reduce inflation," repeating that claim for emphasis. If, he said, "we pass the other two things I'm trying to get done we will in fact reduce inflation, reduce inflation, reduce inflation."

CORRECTION: No, no, no. The president and his sometimes-progressive pals seem to think the country, and especially the federal government, should be debt-propelled. However, what they don't want us

to think about is that public debt essentially is paid for by private people.

In large part because the Fed has monetized trillions of dollars out of thin air, interest rates are now (relatively) low, but huge spending packages and low rates are not sustainable forever. If there is even a small increase in interest rates (as measured in percentages of federal spending), the cost of debt service would jump to 17 percent of the federal budget by 2031 — a hefty increase indeed just to keep up with interest. And then, as pointed out this spring in the "Kiplinger Letter," if nothing is done to rein in the debt, its size becomes "truly mind-boggling ... as high as 260 percent of GDP by midcentury [and] 600 percent by the end of the century."

Leftists and progressives, nonetheless, are keeping the pressure on the president — trying to squeeze every drop of possible political juice out of a narrowly divided government living with borrowed money on borrowed time. Most in the mass media are allied in this reckless effort.

Here are some representative pieces whose titles give away their theses: "Stop Worrying About Budget Deficits" (*The Atlantic*); "The Guardian view on Biden's 100 days: going big, but not big enough," wherein the U.K.'s *Guardian* opines that "The US president is right to spend, but



Correction, Please!

shrinking the federal deficit is not the priority”; “Do deficits matter anymore? Biden’s first budget signals they don’t” (*Washington Post*, as quoted above); “Big Spending May Help Biden Avoid Usual Path to First-Term Drubbing,” (*New York Times*); and “Abolish the Debt Ceiling — by Raising It to One Googolplex Dollars.” The author of that latter piece in the *New Republic* explains that would jack up the ceiling to a mammoth number that translates into: 10^{100} .

The president, meanwhile, mendaciously insisted in May, “I am not willing to deficit spend.” Ignoring reality, the chief executive has even contended that his American Families Plan does not “add a single penny to our deficit.”

His “Build Back Better Plan,” which includes the American Rescue Plan, American Jobs Plan, and American Families Plan (AFP), would cost more than \$7.5 trillion. As we write, the U.S. national debt has exceeded \$28.5 trillion. Some nominal price tags of these plans change as they bounce around Washington, D.C., but, regardless of alterations, their passage would still push the national

debt (as a percentage of GDP) to levels not seen since World War II.

The official debt, as noted by Christopher DeMuth (a distinguished fellow at the Hudson Institute), is often said “to be comparable to the peak debt of the mid-1940s, years of all-out national mobilization in World War II hard on the Great Depression. But today’s debt is much higher than it was then, because of contingencies embedded in the post-war welfare state — \$1.6 trillion in student loans, guarantees behind \$9 trillion in home mortgages, and a shortfall of future revenues to outlays in the big entitlement programs of well over \$100 trillion.”

Contrary to the president’s contentions, his AFP would bleed considerable red ink and add a good many pennies (and greenbacks) to the deficits. You can “follow the science” in a report of the Penn Wharton Budget Model (PWBM) at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. The PWBM projects that the AFP would spend \$2.5 trillion and raise \$1.3 trillion in taxes by 2031. The report estimates that, by 2050, “the AFP would increase government debt by almost 5 percent and de-

crease GDP by 0.4 percent, as the effects from larger debt on the economy outweigh the productivity gains associated with the new spending programs.”

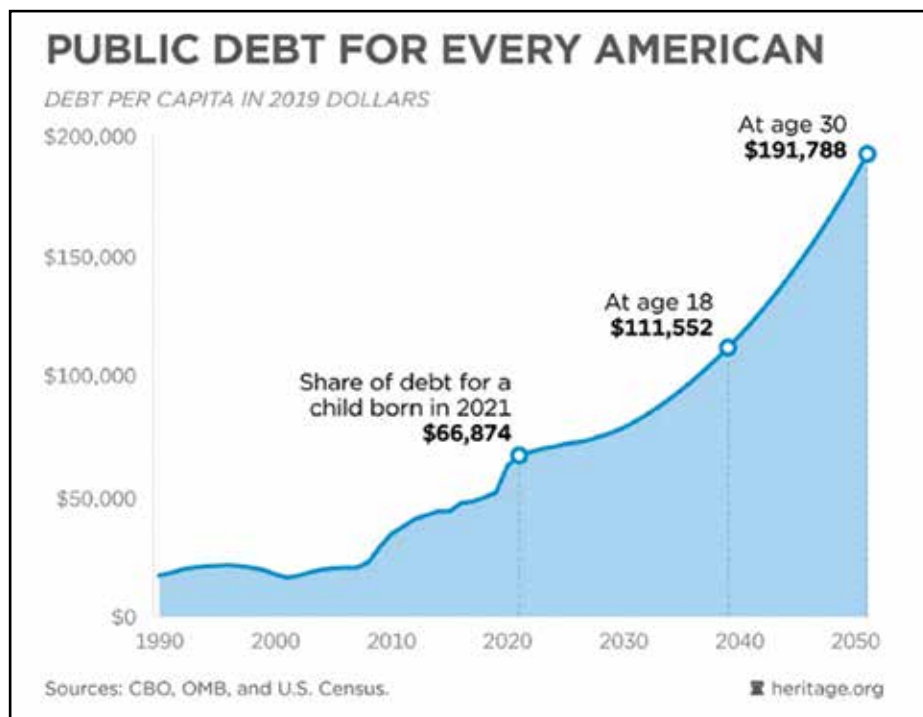
Indeed, it is Joe Biden — the supposed “moderate,” not one of his wild-eyed progressive allies — who appears to be practicing maniacal “modern monetary theory” (MMT). As economist Stephen Moore put it in early June, Biden’s

latest budget calls for \$6 trillion in spending, soon to rise to \$8 trillion, paid for with a \$2 trillion tax hike on the rich and \$7.6 trillion in additional debt. This is more debt than accumulated by the previous four presidents — combined.

The red ink is also on top of the some \$5 trillion we spent to combat COVID-19. Now that the pandemic is over, a sane administration would be looking for ways to start to pay off some of that debt burden, which will grow to more than \$150,000 per child born today.

Earlier this year, the Heritage Foundation marked the event of the national debt hitting \$28 trillion, or about \$225,000 per U.S. household. In 2018, as a Heritage report noted, the amount of public debt per person was just under \$50,000. By this year, it reached almost \$67,000 for every American, including children. It will get worse. Babies born tomorrow could expect to have over \$111,000 in debt to their names when they turn 18, and nearly \$192,000 by age 30. “Those numbers do not account for the new stimulus bill, a potential infrastructure package, or expanded benefit programs. Instead, the main reason why debt will skyrocket over the coming years is because federal spending is being allowed to grow without limits.”

Joe Biden, however, says he’s against adding to budget deficits and the national debt. Imagine if he were a wild spender! The *New York Times* — which doesn’t mind this — has noted that the president’s plan would result in the federal government spending “what amounts to nearly a quarter of the nation’s total economic output every





year over the course of the next decade.”

The Biden administration itself has estimated that the national debt will grow to 117 percent of the total value of the nation’s entire economy by 2031. On July 1, the Congressional Budget Office (which makes its projections based on current law) noted that over the next decade, “interest alone will cost \$5.4 trillion — or \$1.5 billion per day. By 2031, we’ll be spending \$2.5 billion per day on interest payments.”

This disaster has been in the making for years of course, well before Biden wound up in the Oval Office. It includes deficits and debt incurred under GOP administrations such as Bush and Trump, for instance. The debt levels under Biden, however, are two and three times such earlier ones. Indeed, though Biden wants to impose the largest tax increase since WWII, his proposed excessive imposition of \$3 trillion in new taxes (over a decade) does not even keep up with all his harebrained spending schemes.

Our current debt-to-GDP ratio is about 127 percent, and that is expected to rise to 277 percent by 2029. That’s bound to hurt us.

An excellent summary of the growth of our debt appeared shortly after the election, but before Biden assumed office; it was

written by Brian Riedl, former chief economist to Senator Rob Portman (R-Ohio) and now a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. Riedl’s piece appeared, surprisingly, in the *Washington Post*. Let us, he wrote,

examine the rising debt trajectory. The Congressional Budget Office projects that Washington will borrow \$104 trillion over the next three decades if left on autopilot — that is, in a scenario that assumes no new bailouts or spending expansions, and that also assumes the tax cuts passed in 2017 expire on schedule over the next several years. This new debt is almost entirely driven by annual Social Security and Medicare shortfalls, caused by obligations to 74 million aging baby boomers, that will rise to nearly 7 percent of the gross domestic product by 2050.

Altogether, the CBO projects that the national debt — which has already more than doubled, to 100 percent of GDP, since the Great Recession — will approach 200 percent of GDP within three decades and continue to rise steeply thereafter. By 2050, interest payments will con-

sume nearly half of all tax revenue and push annual budget deficits to 12.6 percent of GDP — the equivalent of \$2.5 trillion today. The CBO assumes this large debt will eventually slow the economy and reduce family incomes.

Such CBO projections, keep in mind, are based on existing law (not including pending proposals). As Riedl continued in December:

And that is the rosy scenario of peace, prosperity, no new government initiatives and modest (if steadily increasing) interest rates. But what happens if interest rates exceed the projections by even one percentage point?

Should that occur, over 30 years \$30 trillion in interest costs would be added to the debt, pushing it to 264 percent of the economy’s value, a ratio that is unprecedented in modern economies. And the rate of debt accumulation would be accelerating. By the time today’s babies are in the workforce, two thirds of their federal taxes would simply pay the interest on the national debt.

This was before the dropping of the humungous Biden budget. Indeed, as Riedl later acknowledged, these huge budget numbers didn’t “even include additional spending and debt proposals that are coming later.... During last fall’s campaign, Biden also proposed trillions in new spending for health care, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, climate change, college aid, and other priorities.”

Under Biden’s budget alone, before all of his other expensive delusional programs are included, the national debt would reach \$39 trillion by 2031. Our children and grandchildren will get the mounting bill. As Thomas Jefferson wrote (in retirement): “The principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.” ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Forced Vaccinations: **Next on the Regime's Agenda?**

Frances Kelsey died six years ago at 101.

A physician and pharmacologist who reviewed new drugs for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Kelsey saved untold thousands of children from horrible birth defects. In 1960, she blocked the sale of poorly tested thalidomide in the United States. European and African nations had approved the morning-sickness drug with the now-famous result: babies with malformed or missing arms and legs, along with eye and facial deformities and brain damage. Most Americans don't know or remember Kelsey, but those of a certain age remember the heart-rending pictures and films of those infants and children.

Government officials the world over seem determined to repeat the mistake. They are pushing, and in some cases mandating, mass inoculation with the experimental China Virus vaccines. Terrified of the lab-made pathogen because of the leftist media's 24-7 megaphone, the sheeple have complied.

In May, President Biden said the vaccinated would no longer be required to wear a mask. Now, because of breakthrough cases and the so-called Delta Variant, the Centers for Disease Control says the vaccinated should wear masks inside public places if they live in virus "hot spots." Biden has asked federal attorneys whether he can force Americans to get the jab.

Constitutionally, the answer is no. But consider what Biden asked: Do I have the power to stick a needle in the arm of every man, woman, and child in the country?

No Jab, No Mask, No Service

Even if Biden decides he can't mandate vaccinations directly, he can still easily persuade power-hungry blue- and even red-state governors to lock down the economy again until all Americans are vaccinated. Governors could follow a "recommendation" from the Centers for Disease Control — whose leftist director openly discusses vaccine passports — and require all businesses to impose masking for those who cannot prove they are vaccinated. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio has ordered vaccine proof for gyms, restaurants, and other public places. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has mandated vaccines for state employees. Most businesses implore the unvaccinated to wear a mask, but do not inquire. Don't be surprised when governors crack down.

"We have to knock on those doors, and we have to convince people, and put them in a car and drive them and get that vac-



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cine in their arm," averred the megalomaniac Cuomo. "That is the mission."

Cuomo is a "small man in search of a balcony," as the late columnist Jimmy Breslin wrote of Rudy Giuliani, but that aside, one can imagine what will happen to someone who refuses to hop into Cuomo's car.

How Long Behind a Mask?

We need a Frances Kelsey to blow the whistle on these experimental vaccines, most notably those that monkey with a person's RNA. Thousands of

deaths have been reported — far exceeding the average annual reported deaths caused by all other vaccines combined. The vaccinated are contracting and dying with the virus. NBC News has reported more than 125,000 breakthrough cases across 38 states. However low the risk of an adverse reaction, if the vaccines wear off and boosters are needed after only six months, the obvious observation is that they might not be as effective as advertised.

But practical problems can be resolved and pale next to what's really at stake.

"Make no mistake," GOP House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California tweeted after the U.S. Capitol physician reinstated a mask mandate for a largely vaccinated Congress. "The threat of bringing masks back is not a decision based on science, but a decision conjured up by liberal government officials who want to continue to live in a perpetual pandemic state."

That's right.

Vaccine mandates, or "passports" to avoid renewed mask mandates and lockdowns, are just the beginning. CDC's guidance suggests that public officials will mandate masking and lockdowns even if everyone is vaccinated. Thus, the "pandemic" will never end, and we will be forever stuck in the "new normal," which will justify a massive fortification of the government's anarcho-tyrannical power to code and trace our activities, then meddle in and possibly micromanage our most routine activities for the sake of our "health."

As others have observed, it's one thing to quarantine those with a deadly contagious disease, a just and sensible public health measure. But forcing the healthy — including mostly unaffected children — to wear masks and quarantine, or receive experimental vaccines, arrogates authority of a different order. It usurps an individual's most basic rights, not least the right to be left alone and make health decisions.

It's too late to find another Frances Kelsey. It's not too late to fight this totalitarian power grab. ■



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