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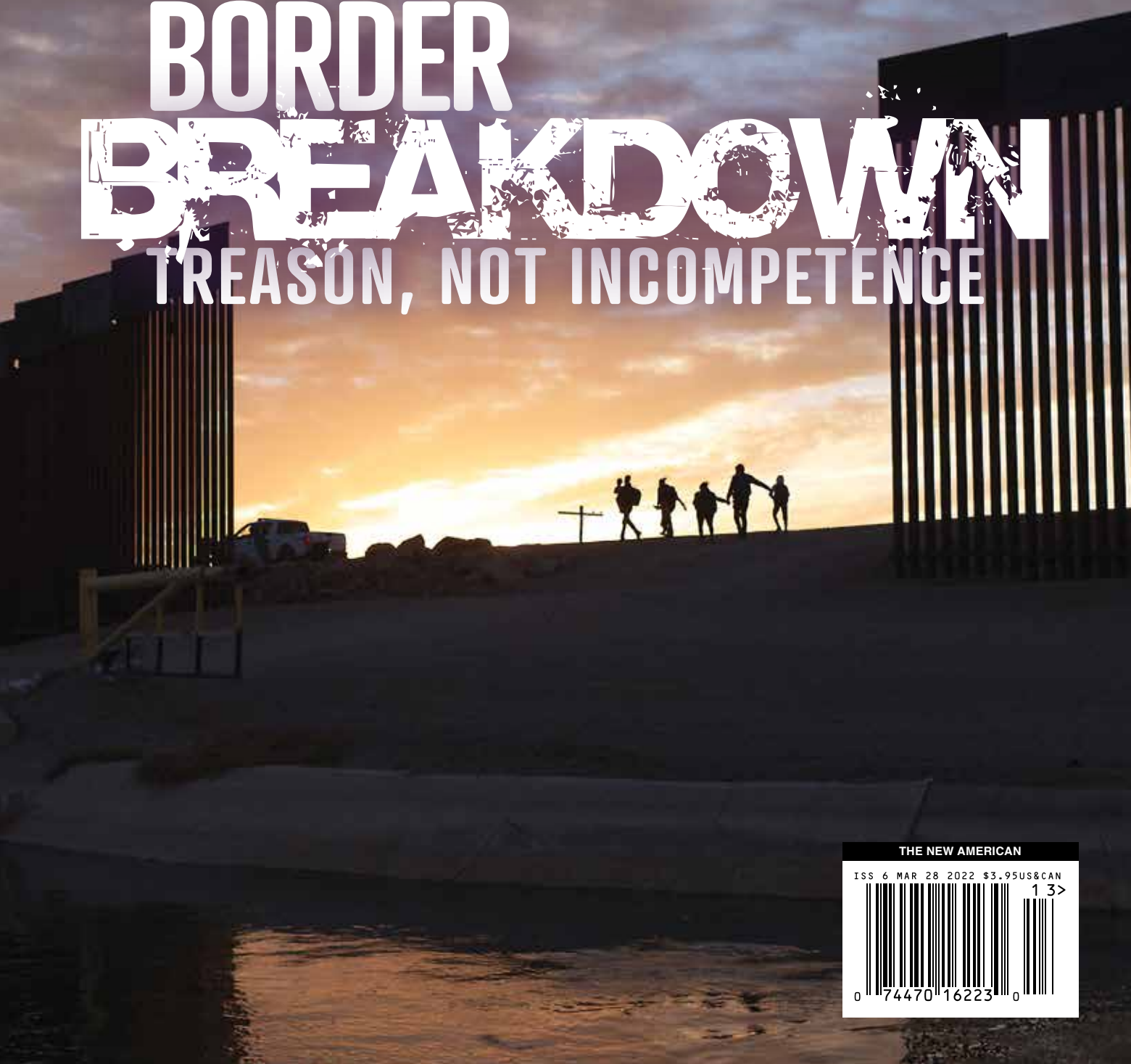
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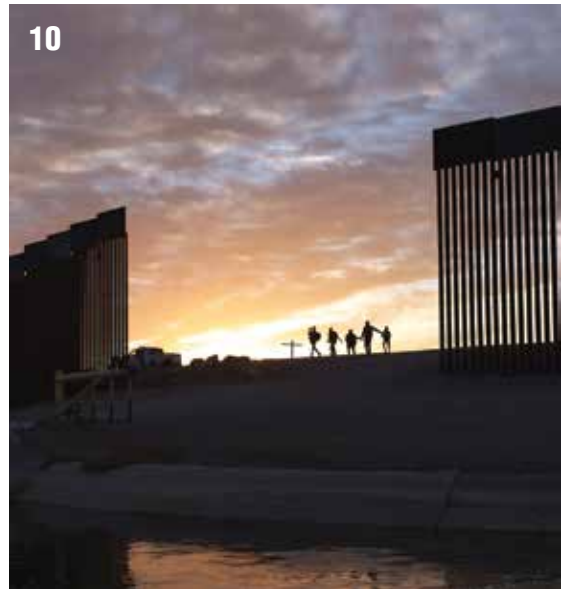
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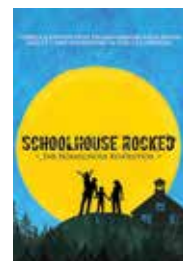
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Dismantling America

White, anti-white liberals are using anti-white ideology as a tool to dismantle the achievements of Western Civilization, suggesting that the West's success arose by natural factors such as cold weather, fertile lands, and navigable rivers. This endeavor, I believe, is to set us up for unrestricted mass immigration. As soon as immigrants arrive on our magical dirt, they will be just as great, according to the narrative.

Just because someone believes in multiculturalism doesn't mean they have to put down uni- or even duo-culturalism in order to make way for it. Equality does not mean raising the minority by putting down the majority. That's nonsense, as both could be lifted up.

It seems that conservatives are seen as a hate group because they don't hate their country, but they shouldn't have to hate their own nation to make way for those who love globalism.

Globalists want a billion people in this country.

I say America for the Americans and the United Nations for themselves. The UN is not our friend. Its agenda has infiltrated our agenda. Savings from stopping foreign aid will not be adequate to account for the great losses America will suffer. Unrestricted mass immigration will make our country another, as our recent former president so eloquently put it, third-world, "sh*thole country."

LUKE MORRELL
Sent via e-mail

American Fascists

Why are most people unhappy with our country's course?

A recent poll showed 72 percent think the country is headed in the wrong direction. To many, "fascism" is just a pejorative, but it's a real, truly sinister, and historically tried

version of socialism. It's what's being reflected in polls. Effects of Democrats' fascist governance are apparent and will make life increasingly worse.

Federal agencies work in concert with drug companies to prevent safe, inexpensive treatments from reducing vaccine profits — at the expense of unnecessary COVID deaths. Fully weaponized agencies, including the CIA, HHS with its CDC and FDA, DOJ with its FBI, NIH with its NIAID, etc., target and bully political opponents, often labeling them domestic terrorists or white supremacists.

Unscientific mask mandates train sheep to virtue-signal compliance with totalitarian government demands. Unlimited illegal immigration is enabled to flood the country with welfare-dependent people, provide cheap labor, and replace American workers and voters with illegal Democratic voters. Inflation is exacerbated. Gun control is pushed as though guns commit crimes, while actual crimes are ignored.

Public education exacerbates racial strife in order to divide people by race and convince them that the government must fix the problem. Fake News and social media function as a Democratic propaganda machine and — as they have been asked to do by the current administration — actively censor and silence opposing views. Political prisoners are severely abused and held without bail or trial under horrific conditions.

People are unhappy because they're experiencing fascism. It's time to recognize this, correctly call it out, and attack it by name.

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Vaccinated People Highly Prejudiced Against Unvaccinated

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Individuals who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 harbor a strong, “one-sided” prejudice against those who have not, believing them to be dangerous, stupid, and untrustworthy, according to a new study from Denmark’s Aarhus University released February 18.

Researchers Alexander Bor, Frederik Jørgensen, and Michael Bang Petersen surveyed 10,740 people in 21 countries, asking them if they would “be unhappy” if a hypothetical individual randomly described as either “fully vaccinated” or “unvaccinated” were to marry one of their “close relatives.” They also asked whether the respondent feared becoming infected with COVID-19 as a result of mingling with the hypothetical individual and whether the respondent considered the individual “unintelligent” or “untrustworthy.”

The researchers found that “vaccinated people have high antipathy towards unvaccinated individuals.... On average they are 13 ... percentage points more unhappy, when presented [with] an unvaccinated (versus fully vaccinated) target.” In addition, vaccinated people are significantly more afraid of being infected by unvaccinated people than by vaccinated people, even though the latter can also be quite contagious. Moreover, they perceive the unvaccinated as both incompetent (perhaps “for believing false information regarding vaccinations”) and untrustworthy (possibly “for their failure to contribute to the collective good of increased epidemic control”).

“Unvaccinated people,” by contrast, “do not exhibit antipathy towards vaccinated individuals,” nor do they think vaccinated people are incompetent or untrustworthy, the authors write. “If anything, they fear getting infected with corona by vaccinated people slightly less than by unvaccinated people.”

Another interesting finding is that “countries that managed to keep the death toll of the coronavirus low ... show very strong antipathy towards the unvaccinated,” while those with higher death tolls do not. They attribute this to the willingness of the citizenry in the former countries to implement various restrictions — never mind whether those restrictions actually work — and to condemn “acts of norm-breaking.” Furthermore, countries with a high degree of social trust also have a high degree of prejudice against the unvaccinated, again probably because more-trusting societies tend to enforce “social norms.”

Top Democrats Fear Rout if Party Doesn’t Change Message

Top Democratic strategists are terrified about a major blowout come the midterm elections in November. And they’ve been terrified for some time.

For a February 19 opinion piece at *The New York Times*, columnist Maureen Dowd spoke to James Carville, a former torpedo for Bill Clinton; David Axelrod, a former torpedo for Barack Obama; and Stanley Greenberg, who identified a new species of voter years ago called the “Reagan Democrat.”

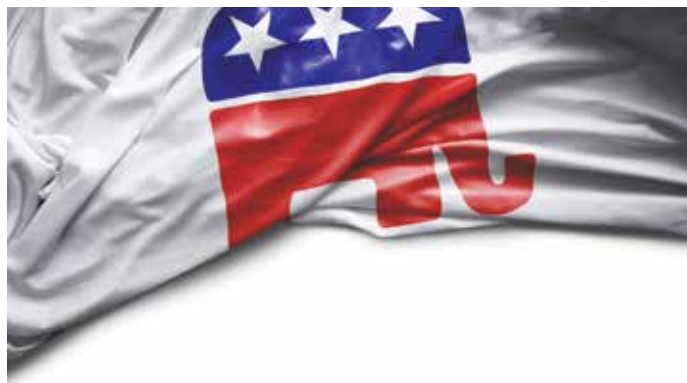
“All three Dems are speaking out with startling candor about the impending Repubocalypse,” Dowd wrote: “Many Americans are fed up. The jumbled Covid response has eroded an already shaky trust in government. Inflation is biting. War is looming. Things feel out of control. People are anxious and reassessing their lives. Democrats have to connect with that.... Exhausted, confused, isolated and depressed Americans are not buying the Democratic line that things are better than they look.”

“One of Biden’s strengths is that, at his best, he speaks the language of America, not Washington. But he has been speaking more in the voice of government officials than he has of Scranton Joe,” Axelrod told Dowd.

Carville still says what he told Vox January 27. Democrats must “not be defined by their left wing or condone nutty slogans like ‘Defund the police.’”

Carville points to San Francisco as the Democrats’ canary in the coal mine. “Seventy percent of the people in San Francisco tried to warn us,” he told Dowd about the recall of three leftist school-board members who wanted to erase the names of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington from public schools.

Another sign that Democrats face a crushing loss is the number of retirements from the U.S. House of Representatives: 10. Beyond that, voter surveys conducted January and February included in the RealClearPolitics average of the generic congressional vote show a solid GOP lead of 4.5 points, 45.5-41.



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“Silent” Majority No More: Winning the Culture War

Representative Jim Banks (R-Ind.) says it is time for the “Silent Majority” to find its voice and speak up loudly. Banks — who has been vilified in the liberal press as a “Trump Republican” — credits President Trump with having “emboldened” the GOP to “fight back against the Left.” Banks is issuing a battle cry, and his message is simple: “Lean into the culture war.”

If the Republican Party follows that advice, it may just find its way home. After a generation of boasting about the Silent Majority, at least some within the party are beginning to realize that the

silence of the majority has not only relegated conservatives to minority status, but has also allowed progressive liberals to take the lead on important social issues. While the Silent Majority remained silent, Loud Liberals were busy remaking America into a socialist dystopia. In a February 17 interview with the Daily Signal, Banks said that silence has allowed “the Left to drag our culture in an anti-American direction.”

This is not the first time Banks has urged his party to engage in the culture war. In June 2021, Banks — as chairman of the Republican Study Committee — authored a memo to roughly 154 Republicans imploring them to “lean into the culture war” as a “winning” issue. And from a purely pragmatic point of view, Banks is correct: America already has one party on the left; It doesn’t need two. By acting as “Left Lite,” the Republican Party has placed itself in a losing position. And poll after poll (not to mention actual elections) shows that conservatives want a conservative party.

Banks told the Daily Signal, “Our party leaders for too long preached that we shouldn’t be involved in cultural fights,” adding, “I can remember Republican leaders at the state and national level, throughout the early 2000s, they stressed that these issues weren’t important, that Republicans should shy away from that.”



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CDC Withheld Data on COVID Hospitalizations, Breakthrough Infections

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has kept reams of its COVID-related data under wraps for more than a year because it did not trust the public to interpret the information correctly (among other reasons), *The New York Times* reported February 20.

Per the *Times*, “Two full years into the pandemic, the agency leading the country’s response to the public health emergency has published only a tiny fraction of the data it has collected, several people familiar with the data said.”

Among the data being withheld from Americans is a breakdown of COVID hospitalizations by age, race, and vaccination status. The agency also did not report on such findings as the efficacy of booster shots in 18- to 49-year-olds, “the group least likely to benefit from extra shots, because the first two doses already left them well-protected,” even though it collected the information, said the article.

CDC spokeswoman Kristen Nordlund told the newspaper that the agency’s priority has been to collect “accurate and actionable” information, but “fear that the information might be misinterpreted” influenced the CDC’s decision not to publicize all the data. An anonymous CDC official reiterated the concern: “The agency has been reluctant to make those figures public, the official said, because they might be misinterpreted as the vaccines being ineffective.”

Another reason was the agency’s “outmoded” data systems, said Dr. Daniel Jernigan, the agency’s deputy director for public

health science and surveillance. While the CDC is currently “trying to modernize the systems,” right now it is simply “not up to handling large volumes of data,” the official added.

Furthermore, the nation’s top public-health agency takes its cues from politicians, the *Times* report revealed. While the Biden administration continuously reassures the public that it always “follows the science” and swears that it bases its policies on the “best scientific advice,” it actually influences the agency’s recommendations. In other words, science follows politics, not the other way around.



EXTENDED INSIDE TRACK

Linguists Claim to Have Cracked Q's Identity

It appears as if “Q” has been unmasked. According to two teams of Swiss and French researchers working independently, Q was actually two men — neither of whom had any inside information.

Since the identity of Q had managed to remain anonymous (thus often being referred to as “QAnon”) since the first “drop” in October 2017, many speculated as to who Q may be. But, according to two independent groups of computer scientists who independently used different approaches and machine-learning software to analyze Q’s roughly 5,000 drops, Q was two men: Paul Furber, a South African software developer; and Arizona congressional candidate Ron Watkins.

According to those researchers, Furber was the first to write under the pseudonym, though Watkins occasionally shared in that role. Then, after Q switched over to Watkins’ father’s 8chan message board, Watkins took over, becoming the only person posting as Q.

As *The New York Times* reported February 19,

The two teams of Swiss and French researchers used different methodologies to come to the same conclusion. The Swiss one, made up of two researchers from startup Orph-Analytics, used software to break down Q’s missives into patterns of three-character sequences. They then tracked how often those sequences repeated. The French team, meanwhile, trained an AI to look for patterns in Q’s writing. Both techniques broadly fall under an approach known as stylometry that looks to analyze writing in a way that is measurable, consistent and replicable. To avoid the possibility of confusing their respective programs, the teams limited their analysis to social media posts. Among all the other possible authors they put through the test, they say the writing of Furber and Watkins stood out the most for how similar it was to that of Q’s.

The French team, made up of computational linguists Florian Cafiero and Jean-Baptiste Camps, told the *Times* their software correctly identified Furber’s writing in 98 percent of tests and Watkins’ in 99 percent. “At first most of the text is by Furber,” said Cafiero. “But the signature of Ron Watkins increased during the first few months as Paul Furber decreased and then dropped completely.”

With the French team able to identify “Furber’s writing in 98 percent of tests and Watkins’ in 99 percent,” those teams are “confident in [their] identification” of Furber and Watkins as Q.



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According to these researchers, Q is not Trump or anyone associated with the Trump administration. In fact, if they are correct, Q was not (as claimed) a “top military insider” with secret knowledge of the inner workings of Trump’s epic battle against pedophile satanists within the U.S. government. If the researchers are correct, Q was two trolls using the internet to do what trolls do.

For their part, both Furber and Watkins have stated they are not Q. According to Furber, the similarity between Q’s writings and his own were due to his emulation of Q, reported the *Times*. Furber also said that Q’s messages “took over our lives, literally,” and that “we all started talking like him.” According to the *Times* report, two prominent experts in the type of linguistic research that went into the machine learning that appears to have unmasked Furber and Watkins “said that was implausible, and the scientists who conducted the studies noted that their analyses included tweets by Mr. Furber from the first days Q emerged.”

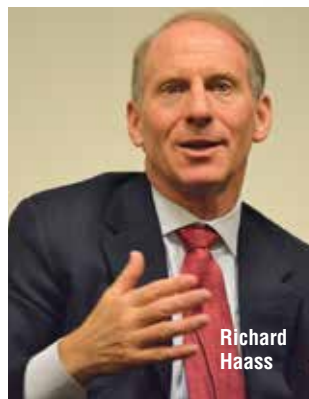
Watkins has stated of Q’s posts, “There is probably more good stuff than bad.” But as we have taken pains to point out in previous articles in this magazine, that is simply not so. With nearly 5,000 cryptic posts spanning just over three years, Q drops ran the full range from the incredible to the ridiculous — and they were all false. Not one thing Q predicted ever came to pass. And even the claims of things that were supposedly taking place in the present were bogus.

But even with all of that, some true believers have held on for dear life, with a faith that mirrors religious conviction. ■

CFR President Does not Mince Words as to How to Respond to Putin's War

"We need now a response of necessity to his [Putin's] war of choice and there's got to be to raise the economic costs at home, to raise the military costs on the ground. I hate to be so blunt, but the most vulnerable thing that Putin's vulnerable to is dead Russian soldiers. So, we have to make sure Ukraine has the means to resist."

*The Council on Foreign Relations has been described as the invisible government behind the visible government of the United States. In fact, it is the key organization behind what is today commonly referred to as the Deep State. So when CFR president **Richard Haass** says what "we need now," it is worth paying attention, since it provides a powerful clue as to what the future direction of U.S. policy might be, regardless of whether one agrees or disagrees with that direction.*



Richard Haass

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Ukrainian Leader Responds to U.S. Offer to Help Him Leave His Country

"The fight is here. I need ammunition, not a ride."

*This pithy statement from Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelensky** made clear his plea for additional Western military assistance.*

Putin's Public Image Takes a Hit Not Only in the West but Also in Russia

"Those who shout that Putin is great and bravo to him are no longer shouting as loud. They're in shock from what is happening, from how quickly prices are changing and how suppliers are stopping deliveries."

*The owner of a chain of beauty salons in St. Petersburg, **Lalya Sadykova** is one of a growing number of Russians who are saying out loud what many more must be thinking.*

Durham Filing Vindicates Trump's Claims

"Special Counsel John Durham's filing in federal court alleged that a lawyer for the Hillary Clinton campaign conspired with a Big Tech executive to monitor and spy on Donald Trump in 2016. They spied on him at home, they spied on him at his office, and indeed, they were spying on the White House itself. They were spying on a sitting president. Donald Trump said all this was happening but the media and the Democrats mocked him and ignored his complaints. But President Trump was absolutely right."

*Durham's recent filing runs contrary to the establishment media's narrative that the spying alleged by Donald Trump never took place. It is therefore not surprising that this filing was downplayed by the major media, but Senator **Ted Cruz** (R-Texas) pegged its significance clearly and concisely.*

Judge Jackson Unlikely to Receive Approval From Most GOP Senators

"Chances for a significant bipartisan vote [for Judge Jackson] appear minimal."

*New York Times reporter **Carl Hulse** is acknowledging the obvious. Any GOP senator who votes to confirm "progressive" Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court would be a Republican in Name Only.*

WEF Leader Maligms America as Systemically Racist

"Laws, rules and regulations that govern American society today have been shaped by the historical subordination of people of color, and this is a driving force behind racial inequality today."

*The founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, **Klaus Schwab** sees dealing with the COVID pandemic as a window of opportunity for societies such as America to adopt changes that will fight against "systemic racism."* ■

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Klaus Schwab

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BORDER BREAKDOWN

TREASON, NOT INCOMPETENCE



The Biden administration has adopted a treasonous open-border policy that violates existing law and betrays the country. Yet the border can be secured.

by R. Cort Kirkwood

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas told us just what he thinks of immigration law, and the men and women who enforce it, when leftists claimed that mounted Border Patrol agents “whipped” Haitian illegal aliens near Del Rio, Texas, in September 2021. After photos of the “whipping” zoomed across social media, the Cuban immigrant swiftly denounced the agents and all but declared them guilty. He suspended the agents from duties involving migrants. He promised an investigation and answers within seven days. The agents “do not reflect who we are as a country” and will be punished accordingly, Mayorkas said. Why an investigation was necessary given that the omniscient DHS chief knew they were guilty is a mystery, but one thing about the case wasn’t. Casting the agents as villains gave Mayorkas the narrative he needed to dump 15,000 illegal Haitians into the country. They had to be compensated somehow.

But within hours of the supposed whipping, the narrative collapsed. Enhanced photos showed that agents did not have whips, that they did not use their reins as whips, and that they were, as they are sworn to do, enforcing the law. But doing that job violated policy established by Mayorkas and ultimately ordered by President Joe Biden.

The man now known as Brandon announced that policy even before he supposedly defeated President Donald Trump on November 3, 2020, and he quickly promulgated it on Day One of his dubiously conceived presidency. In keeping with that policy, Mayorkas has repeatedly declared in writing and in public speeches that he will not enforce U.S. immigration law, and his subalterns will not deport an illegal alien unless he commits murder or another serious felony. Along with ignoring internal immigration enforcement, Biden and Mayorkas have released hundreds of thousands of illegals apprehended at the border, some of them dangerous criminals. Indeed, Biden and Mayorkas are flying illegals into the

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What’s happening at the border, and to internal immigration enforcement, isn’t a failure at all. Refusing to enforce the law and bragging about it suggests quite the opposite. It is purposeful.



Just doing their job: President Biden, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, and other top Democrats falsely claimed border agents “whipped” Haitian illegals at the border. The photos that created the uproar show no such thing.

country on secret flights that release impoverished “migrants” into unsuspecting communities under cover of darkness.

But the most important takeaway from the Biden-Mayorkas immigration “failure” is that it does not prove that the pair is “incompetent,” or that they “don’t know what they’re doing.” Indeed, from their perspective, what’s happening at the border, and to internal immigration enforcement, isn’t a failure at all. Refusing to enforce the law and bragging about it suggests quite the opposite. It is purposeful. The “failure” is designed. The treason has a reason:

Flood the country with “migrants” whom Biden and his party comrades believe will vote for Democrats and permanently enthrone the party. Then begins

the dispossession of the American people and the abrogation of their rights, and the imposition of an unconstitutional, totalitarian regime.

Mayorkas’ Orders

Biden’s border treason began when he ordered Mayorkas to terminate President Trump’s Remain in Mexico policy, which required illegals to stay south of the border while asylum claims were adjudicated. Though the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the policy last year after leftists attempted their usual lawfare, Mayorkas terminated the program in June. Knowing that Biden would open the border, “migrants” — leftist code for illegal aliens — had already begun an invasion. In January of last year, when Biden took office, border

agents apprehended 78,414 illegals. By July, a month after Mayorkas' announcement, the number had exploded — agents stopped 213,593. Since Biden took office, the number is more than two million. The message was clear: Come one, come all. The border is open.

In August, a federal judge ordered Biden and Mayorkas to reinstate Remain in Mexico, pursuant to lawsuits from Texas and other states. But that won't affect Mayorkas' refusal to enforce immigration law internally. In September, he declared that merely being in the country illegally is no longer a reason to be deported. Claiming that immigration authorities will exercise "discretion" in deciding whom to send back home, Mayorkas wrote that "the majority of undocumented noncitizens who could be subject to removal have been contributing members of our communities for years."

And if it weren't for them, well, society could collapse:

In a speech at the annual convention of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mayorkas dispelled any doubts that deportations have, for all intents and purposes, ended.

They include individuals who work on the frontlines in the battle against COVID, lead our congregations of faith, teach our children, do back-breaking farm work to help deliver food to our table, and contribute in many other meaningful ways. Numerous times over the years, and presently, bipartisan groups of leaders have recognized these noncitizens' contributions to state and local communities and have tried to pass legislation that would provide a path to citizenship or other lawful status for the approximately 11 million undocumented noncitizens.

The fact an individual is a removable noncitizen therefore should not alone be the basis of an enforcement action against them. We will use our discretion and focus our enforcement resources in a more targeted way. Justice and our country's well-being require it.

"Justice" actually requires deporting illegals, but in any event Mayorkas then declared that even naturalization fraud would not bar an illegal from citizenship, which was something of an irony given that Mayorkas was caught finagling visas for wealthy foreigners when he worked for President Barack Obama. Obama, in fact, established the precedent of not enforcing immigration law and illegally rewrote it by executive decree, but that fact aside, in December, Mayorkas implemented the no-deportation policy he announced in September. Illegals who landed here before November 2020 will not be deported. Oddly, Mayorkas's memorandum contains this note on illegals and whether they are a "threat to border security" and "priority for apprehension and removal":

A noncitizen is a threat to border security if:

(a) they are apprehended at the border or port of entry while attempting to unlawfully enter the United States; or

(b) they are apprehended in the United States after unlawfully entering after November 1, 2020.

A more arbitrary and capricious application of "discretion" in deporting illegals is almost impossible to conceive. In a speech at the annual convention of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Mayorkas dispelled any doubts that deportations have, for all intents and purposes, ended.

"Unlawful presence in the United States will alone not be a basis for an immigration enforcement action but rather, we will allocate our efforts, we will allocate our resources on those individuals who present a current public safety threat, a threat to national security, or a threat to our border security, and that is a very important principle," he said, continuing:

And we also want, with you, to champion our identity as a country. We want to champion our identity as a nation of immigrants: realize and harness and advance their contributions. That is who I think we are. And I, as an immigrant to this country, say that with tremendous pride and gratitude, not only to my parents, of course, but to the country that gave

Ignoring the law: Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has repeatedly said he will not enforce U.S. immigration law by deporting illegals.



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us this home and me the opportunity to join government service.

Giving Mayorkas that opportunity might have been the biggest mistake this country has ever made, as a tweet from former Trump aide Stephen Miller suggested: “A Cabinet Secretary openly pledges to violate federal law. Impeach.”

Indeed. Mayorkas is violating black-letter U.S. law, Andrew Arthur of the Center for Immigration Studies explained. Illegals must be detained, even if they are applying for asylum, he reported. But monthly court filings from Biden pursuant to the court order that reinstated Remain in Mexico show that Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have released 263,657 illegals.

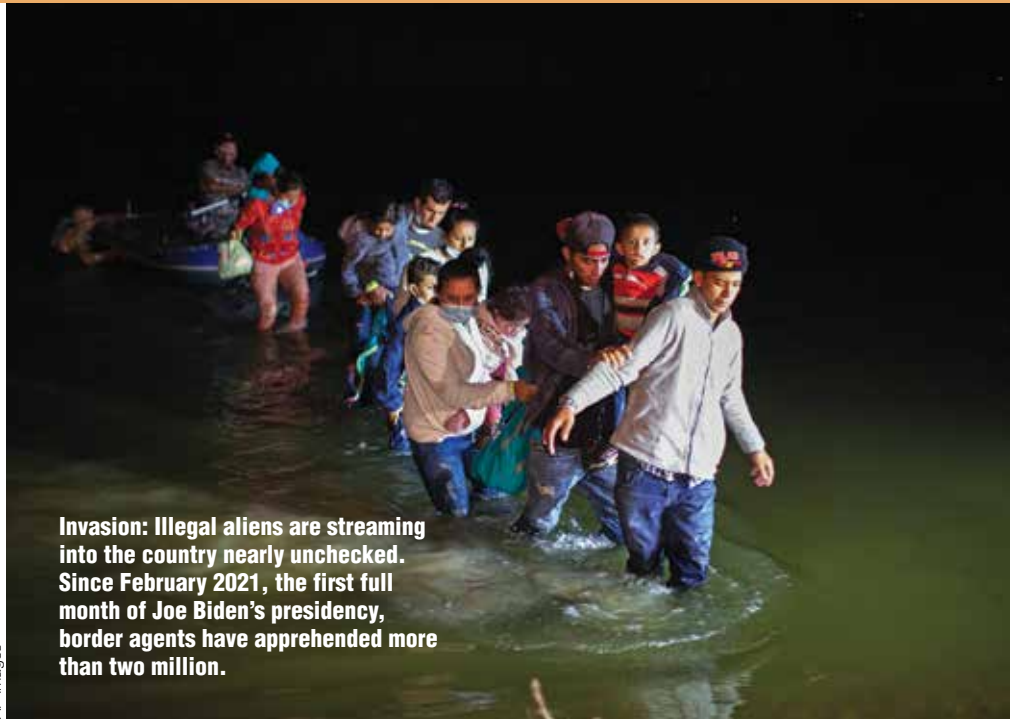
“Under section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), DHS has two options when it encounters aliens at the border who either entered illegally or sought admission at the ports without proper documents,” Arthur explained:

First, section 235(b)(1) of the INA enables DHS to process those illegal migrants for “expedited removal,” under which they can be removed without appearing before an immigration judge, unless the alien claims a fear of harm upon return or requests asylum.

If aliens in expedited removal do claim fear, they are interviewed by an asylum officer to determine whether they have a “credible fear” of return. If the asylum officer makes a positive credible fear finding (which usually happens, because the standard is low), the alien is placed into removal proceedings before an immigration judge to apply for asylum.

Alternatively, under section 235(b)(2) of the INA, DHS can skip expedited removal, charge those aliens with inadmissibility, and place them directly into removal proceedings.

Regardless of whether those migrants are processed under section 235(b)(1) of the INA for expedited removal or section 235(b)(2) of the INA for regular removal, however, they are supposed to be detained throughout the entire process — from apprehension to removal or admission.



Invasion: Illegal aliens are streaming into the country nearly unchecked. Since February 2021, the first full month of Joe Biden’s presidency, border agents have apprehended more than two million.

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And refusing to enforce that law isn’t the only crime Biden, Mayorkas, and their myrmidons are committing. They are also aiding and abetting illegals in the commission of a crime, apropos 8 U.S. Code § 1324 — Bringing in and harboring certain aliens.

Anyone who helps an illegal alien avoid capture or deportation, knowing that the individual is, indeed, an illegal alien, commits a major federal felony if he:

brings to or attempts to bring to the United States in any manner whatsoever such person at a place other than a designated port of entry or place other than as designated by the Commissioner, regardless of whether such alien has received prior official authorization to come to, enter, or reside in the United States and regardless of any future official action which may be taken with respect to such alien; ...

transports, or moves or attempts to transport or move such alien within the United States by means of transportation or otherwise, in furtherance of such violation of law; ...

conceals, harbors, or shields from detection, or attempts to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection, such

alien in any place, including any building or any means of transportation; ... encourages or induces an alien to come to, enter, or reside in the United States, knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that such coming to, entry, or residence is or will be in violation of law.

So with every illegal alien released or put on a midnight flight into the heartland, Biden and Mayorkas break at least one federal law, if not several. That fact is one reason Republicans such as Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) are seriously discussing impeachment if they retake Capitol Hill in November’s mid-term elections.

Night Flights

The Biden-Mayorkas Axis of Treason isn’t just refusing to deport illegals. It is busing and shipping them from the border across the country into communities where they will disappear, never to be heard from again until they suddenly appear on voter rolls.

Fox News has released myriad videos of illegals boarding buses bound for Anytown, America. Some of those released are dangerous criminals, the network’s Bill Melugin reported. Rob Astorino, the Re-



publican county executive for Westchester County, New York — a deep blue area in a deep blue state — released police body-camera video of an illegal-alien invasion flight that landed at the airport there. The video shows a DHS contractor explaining to a cop that he, the contractor, can't identify himself or permit pictures of the illegals. "Everything is supposed to be hush hush," he told the cop.

And why was that? the cop asked.

"You know why," the contractor replied. "Because if this gets out, the government is betraying the American people."

And robbing them, the government data show. Between January and September last year, Biden and Mayorkas spent some \$340 million organizing secret flights and other "detention transportation" that deposit illegals into unsuspecting communities, Representative Mo Brooks of Alabama reported. And as of December 10 last year, the Biden administration had flown almost 50,000 "unaccompanied alien children" into the American interior.

A sign of just how deeply the border treason goes is how the pipeline works — with the assistance of people smugglers called coyotes, and, frighteningly enough, the drug cartels. Biden and Mayorkas have turned CBP into a concierge service for illegals.

Mark Morgan, head of CBP under President Trump, told the *New York Post's* Angie Wong that U.S. officials "now coordinate with the cartels and coyotes on where and when drop-offs will happen."

"Morgan told me they wanted to avoid scenes like the ones of children being dropped over walls in remote areas," Wong reported. "It may be safer, but it also makes the cartel's job easier, and more lucrative. The cartels have taken control of our border, and we're negotiating with the hostage-takers."

After the "migrants" are apprehended, they head to "consolidation centers" where "they are given folders color-coded to the city of their destination," Wong continued:

Covert operation: Such is the Biden administration's zeal to import illegal aliens that if flies them from the border into the heartland. The flights are secret, a federal contractor said, because they show that Biden and his Deep State backers are betraying the American people.

I saw folders with tickets to Houston, Atlanta, Newark and JFK. The folder also contains an airline ticket, a US passport-looking booklet, cash, prepaid credit cards, travel itineraries and an English translation page. The cover of the folder says in capital letters, "PLEASE HELP ME I DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. WHAT PLANE DO I NEED TO TAKE? THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP" with a smiley face.

Each migrant also receives a set of clothing — a gray or black sweatshirt, dark jeans and black sneakers. They get a blanket, a pillow-sized bag of shelf-life food and a carry-on travel bag. Some have received cellphones.

From [the border town of McAllen, Texas] I boarded a plane to Houston with around a dozen migrants. I watched their handlers get them past immigration and security with just a flash of documents, whereas all other passengers had to show identification.

Their handlers, I'm told, are from government-funded NGOs and churches....

Once they arrive at their destination cities, the handlers go missing. I followed one group of female migrants to the airport bathroom and watched as they cleaned up, changed out of the sweatshirts they were given and back into nondescript clothing.

Worse still, illegals can present evidence of criminality as identification to board the flights. "If an individual does not have acceptable ID as listed on TSA's acceptable forms of ID list, TSA will accept additional forms of ID that have the individual's name, with preference given to Government-issued ID," a top DHS official confessed in writing. In addition to arrest warrants, warrants for deportation are also acceptable as ID.

During the same nine months, Breitbart continued, Biden blew \$212 million on illegal-alien healthcare.

As bad as all that is, according to government documents divulged last year by Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich, Biden and Mayorkas plan not to deport more than 8,000 hardened illegal-alien criminals, including these:

- 19 convicted of homicide
- 27 convicted of sexual offenses
- 9 convicted of sexual assault
- 375 convicted of assault
- 17 convicted of burglary
- 9 convicted of commercialized sexual offenses
- 4 convicted of kidnapping
- 7 convicted of obscenity
- 13 convicted of robbery
- 19 convicted of stealing a vehicle
- 91 convicted of larceny

Though outright murderers, rapists, terrorists, and gang members might get the boot (if ICE can find them), criminals in the following categories wouldn't. A memorandum from DHS official Tae Johnson said of "ICE Removal Priorities":

1. Drug based crimes (less serious offenses), simple assault, DUI, money laundering, property crimes, fraud,

tax crimes, solicitation, or charges without convictions.

2. Where a crime is very old — over 10 years and not the reason for the individual's most recent apprehension.

3. [Certain] prior removals or convictions.

4. Gang tattoos or only loose affiliation in records with gang activity.

Frighteningly, Johnson's memo ordered underlings to err on the side of protecting the illegals — not Americans.

"If there is any question as to whether an individual falls into the category of posing a public safety threat, managers should err on the side of caution and postpone the individual's removal until a full assessment, in coordination with local Office of Chief Counsel, is conducted." The memo went on:

If there isn't sufficient time to determine whether an individual was convicted of an aggravated felony or poses a public safety risk, the individual shall be removed from the manifest until such time as the review is completed.

A synopsis of Biden-Mayorkas immigration policies might explain them this way: U.S. immigration law is now abrogated. The borders are open, deportations are

closed, assist all "undocumented immigrants" — criminal record regardless — in colonizing American communities.

Why Open the Borders?

Since February 1, 2021, 12 days after Joe Biden swore to defend his country and the Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic, border agents had apprehended or processed more than 2.11 million illegals as of January 31.

The magnitude of that task for border agents is almost unimaginable. That's 5,780 per day, 241 per hour, every day of the week. The figure exceeds the population of every major American city except four: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston.

As well, Mexico is aiding and abetting the invasion, Todd Bensman of the Center for Immigration Studies reported in January. Just after Christmas, Mexico armed some 50,000 "migrants" with electronic visas and residency cards. Then the "migrants" marched north in an "ant operation," the colloquialism for moving illegal aliens to the U.S.-Mexico border almost unnoticed. The IDs are routinely found scattered at the border.

The numbers show not only the herculean task border agents face, but also the looming demographic disaster the country faces. Or for the Democrats, a demographic bonanza. Given that immigrants overwhelmingly favor big-government spending, care little about individual liberty, and vote for Democrats, Biden, Mayorkas, and their totalitarian gang know that electing a new people is their path to permanent power. Leaving the borders open and refusing to deport illegals will do it.

But electing a new people will end constitutional government as we know it. Gone will be the protections of the Bill of Rights, as leftists move to outlaw guns, "hate speech," voter ID to ensure honest elections, and anything else they view as a threat or even impediment to the permanent imposition of totalitarian measures that will keep middle-class Americans under permanent control and financially supporting the underclass the Democrats have imported. Import the Third World, get a Third World government.

Leftist Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois clearly explained why Democrats oppose measures such as voter ID to keep

Planned crisis: Mark Morgan, former head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said President Biden is purposely importing as many illegals as he can to change the country demographically and cement Democratic political power permanently.



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Sleepy Joe? Too many conservatives call President Biden “incompetent” in his approach to the border crisis. That is incorrect. Biden and his handlers created the crisis, and want it to continue so they can change the country demographically.

elections honest. “The demographics of America are not on the side of the Republican Party,” he said. “The new voters in this country are moving away from them, away from Donald Trump, away from their party creed that they preach.” In fact, those “new voters” were never Republican; they weren’t moving away. Immigrants, again, overwhelmingly vote for Democrats, as election data show.

Morgan explained the Democratic End Game to THE NEW AMERICAN’S Alex Newman.

Biden has “destroyed the border,” he said. But not without purpose; i.e., not because he is “incompetent,” as some professional conservatives and GOP braintrusts contend. “I can draw no other conclusion except they’re doing it because they see a perceived political benefit,” the 30-year immigration veteran said. Noting that illegals are counted in the census, Morgan said Democrats are “playing the long game,” and see future Democratic votes:

They think they’re gonna get a redistribution of House seats and actually get additional seats. And at the end of the day ... [the Biden] administration and the Democrats feel that every illegal alien [for which] they find a

pathway to citizenship, they believe that’s going to equate to a Democratic vote. This is about politics.

No wonder border agents can’t stand Mayorkas. Secretly recorded video of Mayorkas in a meeting with angry agents showed just what they think of him.

“I know the policies of this administration are not particularly popular with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, but that’s the reality and let’s see what we can do within that framework,” Mayorkas said in the understatement of the year.

During that meeting, an agent raked Mayorkas over the coals for the policies he and Biden have pursued, and turned his back on the DHS chief. One agent, TownHall.com reporter Julio Rosas wrote, told Mayorkas how “demoralizing” it is when politicians “demonize” agents who often save illegals from drowning in the Rio Grande or burning to death in the scorching border desert. That was a clear reference to Mayorkas and others who rushed to judgment when leftists circulated the fake “whip” photos on social media.

Recall how Mayorkas reacted. “We do not condone, we do not tolerate any mistreatment of any migrant,” Mayorkas tweeted in an incomprehensibly stupid

overreaction. “The actions we’re taking are swift and strong, and we will take further action as the facts adduced in the investigation compel.”

Or maybe the reaction was perfectly comprehensible. Border agents impede the mass migration of illegals across the border and the demographic dispossession of the American people. Smearing the agents as thugs and bullies was just what Mayorkas would do. Thus, the Twitter thread clearly showed that Mayorkas had convicted the agents, at least in his own febrile mind:

We need this resolved swiftly. I anticipate that the results of the investigation will be available by the end of next week & I’ve committed to making the results public.

The DHS inspector general refused to investigate the matter, a clear signal that the agents did nothing wrong, as the *Washington Examiner* reported. At this writing and as of mid-November, the “investigation” is still incomplete. That’s because the agents did nothing wrong, and Mayorkas can’t — or won’t — admit it. Neither, of course, can or will Biden. And even if an investigation shows they did nothing wrong, agents can’t expect apologies from Mayorkas, Biden, and the Democrats who smeared them.

The agents are guilty of something — but that something is not using “whips” on the put-upon penniless “migrants” from Haiti. They’re guilty of doing their jobs — of defending the border of the United States.

Biden and Mayorkas believe that defending the border is the crime, not their treason in aiding and abetting an illegal-alien invasion. The open-border schemers might find out that belief is mistaken if the GOP resumes power in Congress in January next year and succeeds in impeaching them and removing them from power.

The alternative, leaving Biden in office for a full term, is almost too disturbing to contemplate. Impeachment and removal might be the only thing standing between Americans and the creation of a dystopian, totalitarian corruptocracy that erases the country and Constitution their ancestors created.

The treason must be stopped. ■

SHADOWY FORCES SABOTAGE KEY BORDER EVENT HOSTED BY PATRIOTS

Exposing the planned destruction of the border would thwart the plan, which is why open-border schemers targeted for destruction a recent event in McAllen, Texas.



The New American

by Alex Newman

Thousands of patriots from across Texas and beyond were set to converge on the border town of McAllen, Texas, in late January to hear from some of America's most prominent patriot leaders. The goal: shine a light on the escalating existential crisis developing on the U.S.-Mexico border. But an hour after the We Stand America event was sup-

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posed to start, it was clear something was really not right.

The speakers were all there right on time: conservative "superstars" such as Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, former national security advisor to President Donald Trump and retired chief of military intelligence; conservative rock star Ted Nugent; Colonel Allen West, former congressman and Texas GOP chief; libertarian business magnate and Overstock.com founder Patrick Byrne; former Immigration and Customs Enforcement chief Tom Hohman; former Customs and

Border Protection head Mark Morgan; celebrity actress and author Sam Sorbo; Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem; many sheriffs and lawmen; and leading conservative media personalities.

Numerous national media outlets showed up, too, ranging from left-wing propaganda outlets to top conservative outlets with massive followings. Volunteers were there bright and early, ready to direct the traffic and the masses of people expected to be crowding into the stadium. But almost nobody came. By the time it was all said and done, less than 200 audi-

The Biden administration has deliberately “destroyed” the border after inheriting the most secure border in U.S. history, former Customs and Border Protection chief Mark Morgan told *THE NEW AMERICAN*.



Fearless: Women Fighting for America founder Christie Hutcherson walks at the border after dealing with unprecedented efforts to sabotage her event highlighting the crisis.

ence members showed up, rather than the thousands expected.

It was not because the event was not well advertised. It was, despite the frantic “shadowbanning” by Big Tech companies. In fact, organizers told *THE NEW AMERICAN* magazine that they had tracked over 100,000 visitors on the websites to buy tickets, even as the sites — both Ticketmaster and Eventbrite — continually crashed. Eventually, attacks on the websites were traced back to Pakistan, organizers said. Bad-faith actors also stole over 600 free tickets set aside for veterans, police, and border agents before organizers shut down the scheme.

Despite the relentless attacks, well over 1,000 general-admission tickets had been sold before the event, and many more were expected to be sold at the door, organizers said. But for reasons that have not been properly explained, Ticketmaster refunded everybody’s money and told ticket holders that the event had been canceled. That was news to the organizers, of course. Local media outlets and radio stations also broadcast the false claim that the event was canceled. Ticketmaster did not respond to a request for comment.

“Unfortunately, our event came under relentless and unprecedented attacks from

the moment we announced it,” organizer Christie Hutcherson with Women Fighting for America told *THE NEW AMERICAN* magazine. “The Payne arena’s vendor Ticketmaster posted our event was cancelled and refused to pull it down, the Payne arena would not advertise it like they normally do with other events, and the Hidalgo City Manager called Eric, the manager of the arena, and said the event was cancelled, that he didn’t want a Trump event in his town.”

While the Payne Arena, where the event was held, did allow Saturday’s events to proceed, they denied the group access to the premises for Sunday’s portion of the conference. Even more catastrophic for the organizers, broadcasters who had hoped to livestream the event and important speeches worldwide found out after arriving at the arena that the internet was not working. Organizers said it was obvious that there was a coordinated effort from the start to ensure that Americans did not find out about what was going on at the event or the border.

Before the event began, numerous bizarre occurrences spooked organizers and even speakers. The day prior, for example, there was an incident at the border when some of the key team members of the event went down to get footage of people crossing illegally. According to Heather Hobbs, a John Birch Society coordinator who helped organize the event, a woman from the “Water Department” showed up, took pictures of them, and claimed nobody was allowed to film there.

That incident was reported to the sheriff as a criminal complaint and is now being investigated, Hobbs told *THE NEW AMERICAN*. An unnamed U.S. Border Patrol agent told the magazine on condition of anonymity that “Water Department” officials have previously been arrested for transporting illegal immigrants in official vehicles. Hobbs wondered whether there may be more to the story than just a naïve bureaucrat.

Separately, rumors were spread by local political operatives that the We Stand America event was some sort of security threat. Indeed, the leftist-controlled National Butterfly Center on the U.S.-Mexico border, which fought the border wall and has been raising suspi-

Women Fighting for America

cions among border-security advocates for years over its alleged role in facilitating illegal border crossing, put out a statement announcing that it was closing for the weekend due to supposed concerns over the safety of its staff.

“‘Credible threats’ connected to Mike Flynn rally shut down National Butterfly Center,” blared a headline from the fringe far-left website Raw Story, parroting outlandish claims from leaders of the Butterfly Center. The Butterfly Center itself put out a statement saying the We Stand America event organized by “Trump operatives” would be similar to one organized by Steve Bannon and others “that likely incited the Wal-mart Massacre in El Paso.”

Of course, the accusation was self-evidently ludicrous. But left-wing propaganda organs hyped it. And by the time the first day of the event was over, the establishment media had painted the event as an alleged security threat that law enforcement was supposedly “monitoring.” No mention was made in key media reports about the fact that attendees and speakers in many cases were lawmen themselves, or even top-level former federal officials who barely a year earlier were running huge security agencies. In fact, from the news coverage, it would

have been easy to assume it was a tiny KKK rally.

For reasons that have not been adequately explained, the National Butterfly Center has since announced that it will be shutting down permanently. The leader, Marianna Treviño-Wright, has been telling every left-wing media outlet that will listen that she supposedly lives in perpetual fear of “stochastic terrorism” from conservatives who believe “lies” about illegal border crossings, sex trafficking, and other alleged criminal activity taking place at the preserve.

Ironically, the sliming of Hutcherson and others associated with the event has been far more vicious than anything conservatives allegedly said or did. Hutcherson, the main organizer, has been the subject of relentless personal attacks. Despite no evidence to back up the claims, far-left activists and their allies in the establishment media have repeatedly smeared her as a supporter of “Q-Anon,” a “religious zealot,” and even a “white supremacist.” Hutcherson also slammed the false accusation made against her organization regarding alleged threats to the Butterfly Center.

According to We Stand America organizers, the goal of the event was simply to show Americans what is happening

on the border under the Biden administration. “The intention of our event in McAllen was to illuminate the atrocities committed every single minute along the America/Mexico border,” said Hutcherson. “We wanted to bring to the attention of the American populace how we the people can step in and take control where our ‘governmental leaders’ have failed us so terribly and where they continue to break the laws of the United States.”

“The event focused on domestic security, human trafficking, drug trafficking and the impact it is having on our communities as well as the humanitarian crisis this administration’s policies have created,” she continued. “Our weekend ended with a prayer march to the wall to pray over our nation and to lock arms in solidarity to say, ‘No more not on our watch!’”

In fact, Hutcherson and others involved with the event believe that part of the reason for the unprecedented sabotage against it was that it would shed light on what was going on. “It was very clear our event was threatening Cartel activity to include human trafficking and drug trafficking,” she said. More than a few sources also told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that, although McAllen looks like any American city, Mexican drug cartels are powerful players in the town’s business and government sectors.

The entire weekend was an eye-opening experience. The day before the event took place, during a border tour for VIP participants and speakers, the team witnessed illegal border crossings over the river on a rubber raft. The illegal crossers “mooned” the bus on the U.S. side of the border before the U.S. Border Patrol’s helicopter showed up.

At the event itself, speakers offered tremendous insight into what is going on. Twenty-eight-year U.S. Border Patrol veteran Frank Lopez, who is now running for Congress, explained to *THE NEW AMERICAN* that the Biden administration has taken over a military runway near the border and is now packing 737s full of illegal immigrants and then flying them to various destinations across the nation. Buses are being used for that purpose as well.

Perhaps even more alarming is the fact that there is now a backlog estimat-



Bad intentions: Former national security advisor and military intelligence chief General Michael Flynn said Biden’s open-border policies are aimed at destroying America.

ed at over three years, allowing illegal migrants to live and work in the United States for years before their scheduled court date. Most never show up for the hearings, experts say. And eventually, as soon as they are able to do so politically, Democrats plan to provide blanket “amnesty” to illegal immigrants in the United States to get them on to a “pathway to citizenship” and voting.

The Biden administration has deliberately “destroyed” the border after inheriting the most secure border in U.S. history, former Customs and Border Protection chief Mark Morgan told *THE NEW AMERICAN* from the event. Morgan and former head of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Tom Homan, who together served under six administrations, said it was critical to understand why some three to four million illegal border crossings have been facilitated by the administration’s policies over the last year.

One obvious reason is that illegal aliens are counted in the census, giving Democrats more clout in Congress and elections. Eventually, the Democrats hope to get those illegal aliens amnesty so they can vote. “This is about politics, and it’s disgusting,” said Morgan. All of this is helping cartels, human traffickers,

terrorists, and other threats, too, and is jeopardizing America’s national security in a major way. Morgan said states and Congress must take action to deal with this crisis. “We can’t wait for 2022,” he said, praising Texas officials for working to protect the border and calling on other states to get involved now.

Another expert on this subject who spoke to *THE NEW AMERICAN* at the event, immigration and border attorney Dale Wilcox with the Immigration Reform Law Institute, said that the month prior to the event had seen nearly 200,000 apprehensions at the border. “It is a crisis,” he said, adding that there were over two million during all of 2021. Wilcox and his organization, which are serving as outside counsel to various states in their federal lawsuits against the Biden administration’s lawless policies, are working to get federal laws enforced. He urged citizens to get involved, too.

Numerous speakers and experts at the event also emphasized the national security implications. The human and sex trafficking, the terrorists coming over, the cartel drug-running, and the massive influx of future Democratic voters were all highlighted as key concerns. More than a few leading figures described it as an

“invasion” being engineered and aided by the Biden administration for the purpose of destroying America.

General Michael Flynn, for instance, told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that the ongoing “invasion” of the United States from illegal immigrants representing over 150 nations was literally an existential threat to America’s survival. Colonel Allen West, meanwhile, who is running for Texas governor after having served in Congress and as leader of the Texas GOP, warned that states must tackle the crisis before it is too late, adding that “every state is now a border state.”

It was obvious to everyone involved that the Biden administration, the drug cartels, and the radical Left all had an incentive to sabotage the historic event. But numerous organizers, citing information from their IT and security teams, also suggested the Bush dynasty may have been involved, pointing to multiple connections between the prominent political family and lower-level operatives allegedly involved in the sabotage efforts.

In the end, despite the unprecedented attacks, the organizers decided to proceed anyway. By the time the event was over, they had lost over \$130,000, in addition to the revenue they would have received from a packed arena. But Women Fighting for America is determined to stay the course, and is more motivated than ever amid the onslaught of false allegations and “ridiculous threats,” founder Hutchinson told *THE NEW AMERICAN*.

“We will continue to expose and speak truth. The American people deserve nothing less,” she said. “We will not sit by while those that seek to fundamentally transform America into a socialist communist society demean and destroy our traditional family values nor destroy the fabric of our Constitution.”

That cartels, government officials, fake-news purveyors, and Big Tech companies were able to shut down and silence this event so effectively should terrify Americans of all political persuasions and freedom lovers everywhere. If these internationally known advocates of freedom who in many cases have served at the highest levels of government in recent years can be demonized, silenced, and shut down like this, nobody is safe. ■



State sovereignty: Former Congressman Colonel Allen West (R-Fla.) spoke with *THE NEW AMERICAN* about how states must defend the border from invasion in the face of Biden’s open-border policy.



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BIDEN-EU ENERGY POLICY HELPED PUTIN INVADE UKRAINE

Having cut off our own energy sources to prevent “climate change,” the West is financing Moscow’s recapture of Ukraine, while issuing empty denouncements of Putin and impotent threats against Russia.

by William F. Jasper

Never mind the rhetorical outrage and empty bluster from the Biden White House and the equally feckless “leaders” of Europe over Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The truth is that their militant jihad against fossil fuels and their fanatical devotion to the religion of “renewable energy” not only greenlighted Moscow’s assault on Kiev but guaranteed that the United States and EU (and energy consumers the world over) would foot the bill for Putin’s military venture. The dirty secret is that Europe’s suicidal decision to kill their own nuclear, coal, oil, and natural gas options in the name of saving the world from “climate change” has not only made them politically impotent by increasing their dependence on Russian gas, coal, and oil, but has also emboldened Putin by running up his energy revenues beyond anything he could have done by simply increasing production.

Ditto for the actions of the Biden administration. As his first official act on his first day in the Oval Office, President Joe Biden declared war on U.S. fossil-fuel production and U.S. energy independence. As



Victims of war: Local militiamen help an old woman cross a bridge destroyed by artillery on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine.

a payoff to his radical “green” allies, with the stroke of a pen he issued an executive order canceling the Keystone XL pipeline, a 1,200-mile-long project to bring 800,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada to the United States. “Leaving the Keystone XL pipeline permit in place would not be consistent with my Administration’s economic and climate imperatives,” he declared. (Ironically, in killing the Keystone XL, Biden stopped the world’s *first zero-emission energy pipeline*.)

But killing Keystone was only the opening salvo of Biden’s destructive attacks on U.S. energy production. He followed that up by rejoining the UN’s disastrous Paris climate accord, halting drilling leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), halting oil and gas leases and drilling permits on federal lands and wa-

ters (which account for nearly 25 percent of U.S. production), and placing a strict, new regulatory regime on energy production. On top of all that, Biden sent Vladimir Putin a bonus: Go ahead with Nord Stream 2, the huge (and hugely controversial) natural-gas pipeline owned by Russia’s state-backed energy giant Gazprom that provides a new mainline of energy addiction to Germany.

President Trump had expended considerable political capital and had successfully pressured European leaders to halt the dangerous scheme to put their nations’ necks inside the Gazprom energy noose.

At the 2018 NATO summit in Brussels, Trump spoke bluntly to then-German

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Chancellor Angela Merkel, the “former” communist who was taking Germany into Putin’s energy cartel. “Germany will have almost 70 percent of their country controlled by Russia with natural gas,” Trump said. “You tell me, is that appropriate? We’re supposed to be guarding against Russia and Germany goes out and pays billions and billions of dollars a year to Russia?”

He likewise called out the rest of Europe’s leaders in a breakfast meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, another “former” communist who, until Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, had been disturbingly nonchalant over Nord Stream 2 and Russia’s growing leverage over the EU’s energy. President Trump warned Stoltenberg that Germany was becoming “captive to Russia,” noting further, “It is very sad when Germany makes a massive oil and gas deal with Russia, where we’re supposed to be guarding against Russia, and Germany goes and pays out billions and billions of dollars a year to Russia. We’re protecting Germany, we’re protecting France, we’re protecting all of these countries.”

Stoltenberg tried to paper over the disagreement by acknowledging there can be differences among allies, while offering the empty platitude, “We are stronger together.” Trump was not to be so easily put off. “But how can you be *together* when you’re getting energy from the group you want protection from?” he asked, referring to Germany as an example. Trump asked Stoltenberg to explain why Berlin was dependent on energy from Russia, and asserted that Germany was “totally controlled” by and “captive to Russia” as a result of the pipeline project. “We’re supposed to protect you against Russia and yet you make this deal with Russia,” Trump said, referring to Merkel’s Germany. “Explain that. It can’t be explained.”

Stoltenberg countered that Nord Stream 2 construction is not NATO’s business. “It’s not for NATO to decide; this is a national decision,” he insisted, adding that although NATO allies sometimes have “different views,” NATO has always been able to “unite around our core task to protect and defend each other.”

Naturally, President Trump was blasted by the Democrats and the media for “insulting” our European “allies” and disparaging NATO. Failed presidential can-

didate and former Secretary of State John Kerry later claimed Trump’s comments were “counterproductive.” “It was disgraceful, destructive, and flies in the face of the actual interests of the United States of America,” Kerry said, while failing to explain (and not being *asked* to explain by the press) how Europe’s growing dependence on Russia is in America’s *or* Europe’s interests. “He is steadily destroying our reputation in the world,” said Kerry, who, as Biden’s climate czar, bears much of the responsibility for the global energy policies that are pumping tens of billions of dollars into Putin’s war machine.

As President Trump’s Deputy National Security Advisor K.T. McFarland recently pointed out in a speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, “If oil is at \$40 a barrel, which it was when President Trump left office, the Russians are broke.” “They can’t afford to go to war,” she said. “War is expensive.” But with oil more than \$100 a barrel and rising, and Europeans needing natural gas to heat their homes and run their power plants, Putin is rolling in cash and can do whatever he wants.

For his part, President Trump went to work at home and reversed the anti-energy policies of the Obama-Biden administration (and those of prior Republican and

Democratic administrations). By September 2019, the United States had become energy-independent again — something our nation hadn’t seen since 1957. Many said it was impossible, that it would never happen. But it *did* happen, and we even *exported* energy. The abundant energy — from all sources — dramatically jump-started our economy and benefited everyone. According to Statista.com, the average price for gasoline in the United States in April 2020 was \$1.95 a gallon. Now it is above \$3.50 a gallon.

In May of 2021, Biden Secretary of State Antony Blinken began lifting the Trump sanctions on Nord Stream 2, and before the end of July had removed them altogether. Stoltenberg, Merkel, and Biden — and the globalist interests they serve — had prevailed, and the pipeline forged full-steam ahead, a gigantic boon to the Putin regime that they all claim to despise.

Modern industrialized nations — and their militaries — run on fossil fuels, not fickle windmills, solar panels, and butterfly sneezes. A strong national defense is not possible without a strong economy, and a robust economy is not possible without a robust, diversified, domestic energy sector. The United States is blessed beyond all other nations in this respect, but all our energy resources are being intentionally put

Calling out NATO-EU: At the 2018 NATO summit, President Donald Trump blasted NATO and EU leaders for putting their nations’ necks in Russia’s energy noose.



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off limits, purposely making us dependent, impoverished, and militarily vulnerable. At the same time the Biden administration was killing our domestic Keystone XL pipeline, it was giving Putin's Nord Stream 2 pipeline the go-ahead. And while Biden was nixing domestic oil and gas exploration and production, he was begging OPEC to *increase* oil production. Moreover, while trying to kill America's coal industry, which, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, provides about 19 percent of our electricity generation, Biden signed onto the Paris accord, which allows Communist China to continue to build coal-fired plants like gangbusters. Across the board, the Biden energy plan is an *anti-energy* plan when it comes to America. Biden doesn't seem to have a problem with *foreign* companies and workers producing energy, he just doesn't want *American* companies and workers producing energy. And this has dangerous real-world consequences, as the current war in Ukraine is proving.

Globalist Warhawks

As with the catastrophic Biden debacle in Afghanistan, the deadly ramifications of

Team Biden's domestic and foreign energy policies and the signals they send are proving disastrous in Ukraine. The war that might have been averted with sensible energy measures and resolute statecraft is now upon us. And the people most responsible for bringing it on are pushing to expand the conflict.

On February 25, NATO's Stoltenberg warned Moscow that even though Ukraine is not a member of NATO, the defense alliance may view any spillover effects of the invasion as cause for counteraction by NATO.

"For NATO Allies, we provide the absolute security guarantees under the Washington Treaty Article 5. An attack on one will be regarded as an attack on all," Stoltenberg said.

According to Article 5, if any NATO ally becomes a victim of an armed attack, every member state of the alliance will combine and engage in actions to assist the victim against the aggressor — under the authority of the United Nations Security Council.

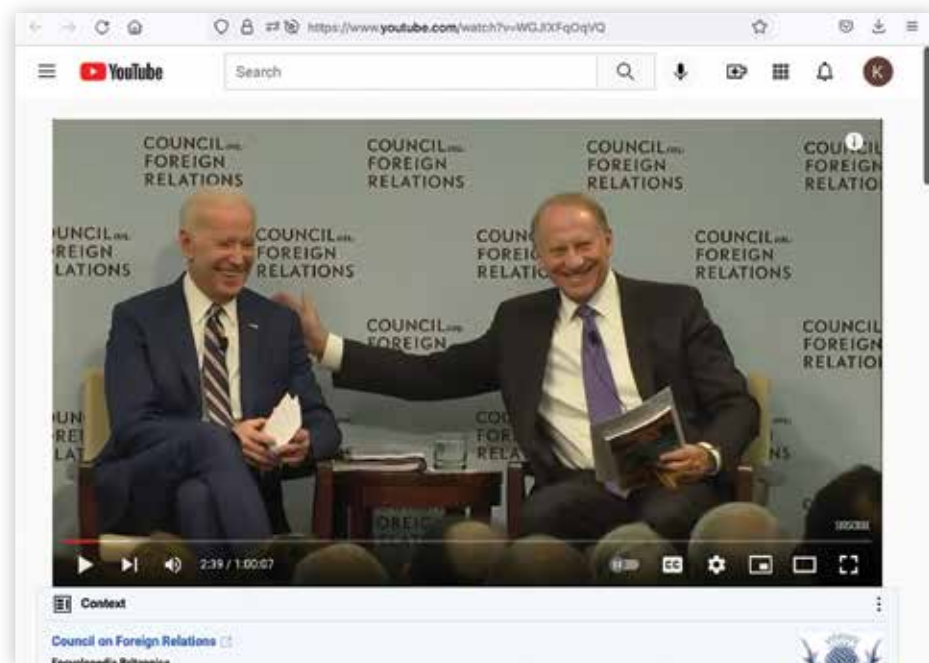
"Any such armed attack and all measures taken as a result thereof," says Article 5, "shall immediately be reported to the Se-

curity Council. Such measures shall be terminated when the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to restore and maintain international peace and security."

After having refused to consider the common-sense, passive-path energy plan proposed by President Trump that might have averted the current conflict, Stoltenberg is now pushing forward with a militaristic plan that could entrap the United States in an unwanted and unnecessary war. Ukraine's application for NATO membership has not been approved. Putin has adamantly opposed Ukraine joining NATO and has made it clear that Russia views Ukrainian membership in the alliance a cause for war. At the same time, the European Parliament has offered Ukraine membership in the European Union, another move that, if carried through, would further inflame the Ukraine-Russia situation and threaten to broaden the war. Is that really in anyone's interests?

Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, has been all over the Twittersphere and the Fake News industrial complex laying out the globalist line in support of Team Biden's plan to put the United States ever more deeply into the Ukraine quagmire. Of course, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, as a longtime CFR member, is but one of many Haass lieutenants who are running Team Biden. Readers may remember the infamous video of Joe Biden bragging about having used his vice-presidential post in the Obama administration to extort concessions from Ukraine by threatening to withhold U.S. funds. That appearance took place at the CFR on January 23, 2018 with Richard Haass sitting on stage right next to him.

The Biden-EU energy policies have been the carrot and the Biden-EU-NATO invitations for Ukraine to join NATO and the EU have been the stick in the globalist scheme to goad Putin into invading Ukraine. Add to that the daily picture of a mumbling, bumbling, stumbling commander in chief in the White House, the appalling U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, and Team Biden's forcing of woke politics on our military services while our military readiness ratings have gone down the toilet. Is it any wonder that Putin would eventually take advantage of all these green lights? ■



Biden's boss: During his appearance at the Council on Foreign Relations in 2018, Joe Biden joked, "I work for [CFR President] Richard [Haass]." Having loaded up his cabinet and his administration with CFR members, it's no mystery who is really running the show.

Faith FAMILY FREEDOM



“WE SHALL NOT COOPERATE WITH VILLAINS”: CANADIAN PASTOR DECRIES TRUDEAU’S TYRANNY

by *Annalisa Pesek*

As Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau takes his fascist policies to dangerous and violent levels, emboldening provincial police to attack protesters rallying for their rights, peaceful freedom-fighter Pastor Artur Pawlowski of Calgary has become the human pawn the government is using to show all Canadians what happens to those who defy its autocratic authority.

For his bold, outspoken criticism of the Trudeau regime, accentuated by his thick Eastern European accent, and for his defiance of Alberta’s severe COVID-19 measures in effect in the province since March 2020, Pawlowski has been arrested five times in less than two years.

The 49-year-old Polish immigrant, who grew up under the brutal oppression of communism and adopted Canada as his home in his early 20s, was most recently detained on February 8 in yet another dramatic takedown by police outside his residence in Calgary.

His arrest followed a fiery speech delivered on February 3 at the Coutts, Alberta, border crossing, where protesters had formed a blockade calling for Trudeau to drop all COVID restrictions infringing upon their civil liberties.

“You Have Power, Don’t Give It Away”

In a YouTube video posted after his father’s arrest, Pawlowski’s son, Nathaniel, explained that his father went to the border to “deliver a sermon, the Lord’s Supper, and to pray with them [the truckers].” “He simply wanted to do his job as a pastor and give them hope.”

Artur Pawlowski is a symbol of hope to people around the world during this unprecedented time of global government crackdown on basic rights — freedom to assemble, freedom of choice, and freedom of speech. His passionate address encouraging determination and perseverance has landed him in a filthy cell in solitary confinement, where he remains as of this writing.

“There is a price for freedom,” Pawlowski told a group

in Coutts. “For two years we have been dancing polka with them [the government.] For two years we have been trying our best to reason with the villains, but I know villains. The bully will never stop bullying — they have big appetites, those greedy dogs.”

He continued, “but you have power, don’t give it away. The eyes of the Lord again are here on this little border. And the Lord is watching you. Will you give in, will you stop fighting, will you stop defending the rights of the free Canadians?”

“It’s up to you now,” he concluded. “For the first time in two years to rise up, to stand up, and to hold the forts.”

For speaking truth and defending liberty, for encouraging Canadians not to give up in what is clearly a battle for securing their freedoms, Pawlowski was arrested and charged with “mischief over \$5,000, interrupting the operations of essential infrastructure, and breaching his condition of not keeping the peace.”



Pastor Artur
Pawlowski

RebelNews

Pawlowski is also the first person to face a criminal charge under the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, a law passed in July 2020 in response to protesters of a pipeline dispute who set up blockades that wreaked havoc on the Canadian rail system.

In an extraordinary move, Lethbridge, Alberta, Judge Erin Olsen denied bail for Pawlowski, refusing to release him because she was not sure he would follow court orders that prohibit him from speaking publicly against the COVID-19 mandates or against the Trudeau regime.

Pawlowski has not been found guilty of any crime, but for voicing his disagreement with the government, he is being treated as the most dangerous of criminals. The judge ruled that he will remain in jail until his next hearing, on March 11.

Lawyers for Pawlowski, Sarah Miller and Chad Haggerty, say they are appealing Olsen's ruling. Yet 15 days into the pastor's political imprisonment, his conditions remain the same.

According to Cindy Chafian, of Firebrand Action, a group working closely with the Pawlowskis, Artur continues to be held in solitary confinement in an unsanitary cell, suffering abuse and neglect at the hands of guards doing the bidding of a tyrannical government.

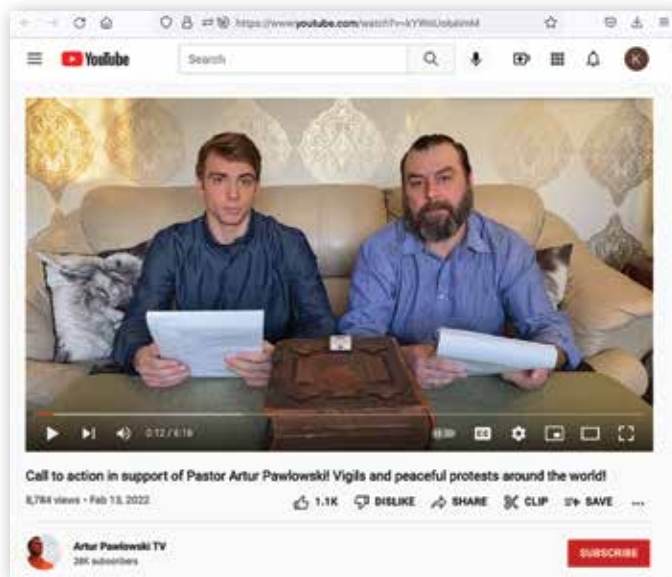
Still, with every fiery trial Pastor Pawlowski passes through, he seems to transform into a stronger witness for the Lord.

God Has Given Us This Moment

Many will remember the gut-wrenching, viral videos from the spring of 2020 capturing Pawlowski yelling at public health officials to "GET OUT" of his church, as they tried to shut it down because he was not following COVID protocols, but Pawlowski has been cited and jailed dozens of times over the past two decades for ministering to the people. His "offenses" include feeding the homeless and preaching in a public park.

On day 11 of his current imprisonment at the Calgary Remand Centre, Pastor Pawlowski sent a message to supporters. His statement, in part, reads:

I am in solitary confinement, in prison because according to the corrupt [Alberta Premier Jason] Kenney government, I have committed a crime! What was my crime? I stood for the people against tyrannical mandates that have caused



Pastor Pawlowski's son, Nataniel, and brother, Dawid, speak out.

many to die. Restrictions that destroyed countless lives! I stood for the people who lost everything. Some lost their loved ones, some lost their jobs, and others lost everything.

My job as a pastor is to stand and to be with the hurting and with the broken. To stand with them in solidarity against the evil in the land. To stand against the evil we see all around us. The evil that claims we are in this together but at the same time gives itself more while others lose more and more.

Evil that says one law for me and one law for thee!

This evil has a name, its name is Kenney's government with its corrupted bureaucrats. A pastor's job is to fend off such evil wolves, and I wish more clergymen would join me in this peaceful fight. Join me against this evil!

I am on my 11th day of fasting without eating. I am reading my Bible, finished studying Esther and Nehemiah, and am currently studying Ezra in the Old Testament. Though I am in solitary confinement 23 hours a day, I give many sermons to the other inmates through small gaps in the cell and when I am passing by in the halls. Some have even asked me to counsel them.

I am standing strong!

Pawlowski broke his fast after 14 days, which his wife, Marzena, has continued in his place. "After two weeks of fasting, my wife is now taking over the fast," said the pastor in a recent statement. "I am standing strong and want to thank everyone who is standing with me. May God bless you."

The World Is Watching

Notably, hundreds of supporters continue to gather daily outside the facility where Pawlowski is held in solitary confinement.

In an interview with Rebel News, Nathaniel Pawlowski said his father had embarrassed Alberta public-health officials on a global scale. "He's exposed their corruption and people are waking up. He has a powerful voice. They are scared of that voice so they want to keep him in prison as punishment."

Artur's brother, Dawid, told the outlet, "They're cooking up all these charges just like I remember from back when I was young [and living] under the Iron Curtain.... He's not a criminal, he's a

pastor, he's a father, he's a brother, a family member. To see him being tortured on the inside like this. This is not right; this cannot happen."

Dawid described Artur's time in jail when "he was fighting for air," after he was reportedly locked into a small, cage-like cell. According to Dawid, "he was tortured like this for hours on end. They didn't give him water. He didn't have water for two days. There is no running water in the cell. They say they are putting him in quarantine for two weeks, but the cell, he says is disgusting."

Artur's wife, Marzena, is "speechless" regarding the treatment of her husband in jail. "We have friends here who say the orders are from the chief of police to act in such a way toward my husband," she said in an interview. "The irony is that they created this. We chose the smallest and most

dangerous park, where we can do our job, preach to them [the people], show them love. By pushing us around and taking our rights, they created this.... We really just want to serve God, and then this escalates and escalates."

"Of course we are not numb," she noted of the continued persecution of her family. "In a way we are stronger each time [Artur is arrested], but this is not easy on us.... This is sickening, this is sickening."

"My father will grow in his notoriety," asserted Nathaniel. "He will never back down. They might as well lock him up and throw away the keys or put a bullet in him because he's never going to back down and he told that to the Calgary police. This is only going to feed the flame and expose what this is all really about. This isn't about safety.... This is expos-

ing what this is really about, it's about control. It's about bowing to the government. It's about tyranny. It has nothing to do with health or the law."

For nearly 20 years, Pastor Pawlowski has ministered to the people of Calgary. As his brother Dawid has repeatedly told reporters, "he loves people." And his actions exemplify his beliefs. While Pawlowski has gained notoriety in the past two years for all the wrong reasons, when asked if he would do it all again, his answer has been a resounding "yes!"

Pawlowski has often said that he has asked the Lord to use him for "a time such as this." Certainly, his prayers have been answered, and despite his incredible mistreatment, he is steadfast in his mission to expose the terrible tyranny of the Canadian government and stand for his faith, his family, and his freedom. ■

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Young Girl Makes Big Donation

Eleven-year-old Olivia Knowles of West Palm Beach, Florida, raised more than \$4,000 this year for a local children's shelter, her biggest donation yet since she started her charitable efforts years ago.

Olivia has been setting up a hot chocolate stand in her area since she was six years old. Each year, she donates her earnings to Grandma's Place, a local shelter for abused children that also provides short-term care for children with disabilities and the people who support them, CBS 12 reported.

This year, the donation was the biggest one yet. Olivia's Annual Hot Cocoa Stand social-media page announced on February 6 that she had raised \$4,331.

"To get this kind of money gives us the chance to do a little something extra for our children that we haven't necessarily budgeted for," said Joan O'Connell, president of the board at Grandma's Place.

Olivia looks forward to donation day every year.

"I love bringing it here and knowing that I'm helping people," Olivia says.

Party of Five-Eight

A Texas family of five grew into a family of eight when they adopted three siblings out of foster care.

The Mills family of Abilene, Texas, had just begun the process of becoming licensed foster parents when they got a call from their foster-care agency about the three children the family lovingly refers to as "the trio" — Xavier, 10; Marie, nine; and Cristian, eight.

"Their birth mother's rights had just been terminated," Jake Mills told *The Epoch Times* on February 19, "and the agency knew it would be very difficult to find a family who would want to adopt a sibling group of three older kids. They thought we might be a good fit."

Jake and his wife, Erin, said they prayed and sought counsel from friends before making the big decision.

"We were committed to not causing more rejection in these precious kids'

lives, so we knew we would have to be fully committed before they ever heard we were interested in adopting them," the couple explained. "Our agency organized a 'respite care' weekend where we took the kids, to give the other foster family a break. Honestly, we had already decided that God wanted us to adopt them by that time."

Despite the trauma the trio had suffered in their short lives — including an absent birth father, a mother who struggled with mental illness and addiction and passed away shortly after losing her parental rights in the summer of 2021, and being in and out of foster care most of their lives — the children were remarkably happy and healthy, according to Jake.

Jake and Erin said that their biological kids — Kennedi, 13; Joshua, eight; and Hannah, six — were beyond excited when the family decided to move forward with the adoption. Joshua, in particular, was excited to gain brothers.

"We've tried to raise them to live open-handed and share their lives with those in the greatest need," said Jake, "so when we told them about the trio's situation, they teared up and said, 'We have to adopt them!'"

The adoption became official on December 23, 2021.

Jake and Erin said there have been so many wonderful moments since the children joined their family.

"Some of the most memorably amazing moments have been the things the kids have said throughout the process," Jake explained to *The Epoch Times*. "When we told them we were going to adopt them, and explained what that meant, Xavier cried and said, 'I'm just so happy I don't have to be a foster kid without a family anymore!'"

During one of the family's "high and low" conversations at dinner one evening, Cristian said his "high" was joining the Mills family.

Jake also recalls the first time Marie asked if she could sit on his lap during family movie night and the first time each child told him they loved him.

Of course, Jake admits, it is not always easy. "These precious kids haven't been

in a family like ours before; it's taken some time for them to get used to having rules and boundaries, even though they've never faltered in their desire to be in our family," he said.

The family said they have found a routine that works for them, and this includes all of the children pitching in with chores. They have also received tremendous help from extended family and their church community.

The Mills feel incredibly blessed to have added to their family the way they did. "Children are a gift from the Lord," Erin posted on her Facebook page, "no matter the path they take to your home."

Comfort Bags

Ten-year-old Sophie Enderton of Niagara County, New York, started making comfort bags for chemotherapy patients after watching her late grandfather undergo the harrowing treatment during his battle with pancreatic cancer.

Sophie was very close with her grandfather, and was saddened when she learned from him about chemotherapy and how difficult it can be for cancer patients. It was in October that she conceived of the idea of the "chemo comfort bags" for her granddad and other chemo patients.

By December, she and her grandmother had created the crocheted bags, which contained pillows, blankets, socks, snacks, tea, and games, WQRZ reported. Sadly, just a few days later, on December 15, her grandfather succumbed to the disease.

But in spite of the heartbreaking loss, Sophie continues to make the comfort bags for other cancer patients and donates them to the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Her goal is to produce 20 chemo bags for pediatric and adult cancer patients by the end of March, to commemorate her grandfather's birthday.

The community has come out in full support of her efforts, Breitbart.com reported, and is donating items and money to help her reach her goal.

"I think he would be very proud of me," Sophie said of her grandfather. ■

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America First

Decades before Trump's "America First" rallying cry, there was the America First Committee, which enjoyed strong popular support prior to Pearl Harbor.



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Americanism on campus: Students in support of the America First Committee and opposed to American entry into World War II stage an anti-war demonstration at Berkeley in 1940. This "peace strike" stands in stark contrast to the radical aims and tone of most campus demonstrations in more recent times.

as a rhetorical sop for those who suspected — correctly, as it turned out — that he intended to embroil America in World War I. And it was resurrected after the outbreak of World War II in the title of the wildly popular and — for a time — influential America First Committee, which sought to keep America and its ambitious internationalist president Franklin Delano Roosevelt out of World War II. Led by the likes of Charles Lindbergh and supported by both political leaders and rank-and-file Americans from a broad spectrum of political convictions, the America First Committee was the last time, until the rise of Donald Trump, that America hosted a consequential political movement dedicated to the fundamental proposition of Americanism, namely, that American policy should put American interests, citizens, territory, and values first.

Historical Parallels

The parallels between America of the 1930s and today are difficult to overstate. Then, as now, the American economy was burdened by unprecedented economic calamity. The great collapse accompanying the coronavirus pandemic has been the most severe since the onset of the Great Depression. Then, as now, economic recovery was being suppressed by a cadre of Big Government fanatics, led by a president with grand Utopian designs of radically restructuring American society and enlarging without rational limit the powers and cost of the federal government. Then, as now, international commerce was on an exceedingly unsound footing. And in the 1930s, as in our time, swaggering dictatorships ascended to superpower status, spewing threats of war and sowing paranoia among their cowed citizenries. One of today's dictatorships has even managed to showcase its regime by hosting a controversial Olympics, just as Germany's Nazis did in 1936.

None of these domestic and international ca-

by *Charles Scaliger*

When President Donald Trump vowed in his first inaugural address to always "put America first," he touched on a theme seldom heard by the American electorate in more than 70 years. Despite decades of foreign policy seemingly prioritizing the interests of illegal immigrants, the sanctity of distant borders such as the Korean DMZ, and foreign military alliances such as NATO — everything, it would seem, aside from American citizens, American borders, and American defense — the rational impulse to prioritize national self-interest has never been completely stifled by internationalist elites.

In fact, the catchphrase "America First" has been around since the late 1800s, coinciding with America's very first dalliances with internationalism. It was disingenuously given currency by unapologetic internationalist Woodrow Wilson

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Heyday: Charles Lindbergh addressed a capacity crowd of at least 20,000 at the Hollywood Bowl in June 1941, warning of the dangers of involvement in a war that, at the time, did not pose a direct threat to America. At its peak, the America First Committee, with more than 450 chapters and 800,000 members nationwide, routinely drew massive crowds at its rallies.

lamities, then or now, were happenstance. Thanks to decades of research, it is now clear that the rise of both Nazism in Germany and communism in the Soviet Union were abetted by Western bankers, capitalists, and leftist ideologues masquerading as statesmen, just as the rise of modern-day China and post-Soviet Russia have been. The painful duration of the Great Depression, after the corrective shock of 1929-1932, was inflicted on America and the world thanks to socialist New Deal policies, and their counterparts abroad, that stifled initiative, penalized success, and, in general, disincentivized free-market capitalism. And perhaps most tellingly, 1930s American political elites, emboldened by victory in World War I, had abandoned the old noninterventionist posture and embraced the Wilsonian policy of “making the world safe for democracy,” inserting America into military and commercial squabbles worldwide and continuing to maintain a fledgling overseas empire that included the Philippines and islands all across the Pacific Ocean.

What was more, the United States was adopting an increasingly adversarial pos-

ture toward Japan, as the latter country invaded China and took over much of the Chinese northeast and its most important international ports, such as Shanghai. On December 12, 1937, an incident took place that strained relations between the two countries almost to the breaking point. The Japanese, in the course of attacking the Chinese city of Nanjing, attacked an American gunboat, the *Panay*, and three Standard Oil tanker ships that were trying to evacuate American and Chinese civilians. Americans were outraged, but Japan, anxious to avoid drawing its trans-Pacific rival into the war, moved quickly to conciliate the American government. Japan took full responsibility and apologized swiftly for the incident, claiming that it had failed to recognize American flags painted on the gunboat. After the Japanese paid a hefty indemnity amounting to more than \$40 million in today’s money, the incident was considered closed, although Japanese and American versions of events have always differed and some historians suspect that the attack was deliberate.

Post-*Panay*, Japanese-American relations continued to be extremely strained.

Anti-Japanese public opinion in the United States reached a fever pitch, especially after details of the infamous Nanjing massacre began to appear in the press.

It was in this context that, in 1939, after war broke out in Europe, American opposition against involvement in another overseas bloodbath began to crystallize. In its war with China, Japan sought to cut off all avenues of weapons shipments from outside of China, and by early 1940, the only remaining overland route was via Indochina (now Vietnam) from the south. The Japanese in June of that year demanded that the French colonial government in Indochina stop shipments of arms to China, and that a Japanese inspection team be allowed into Indochina to ensure that the flow of weapons to China had stopped. Once the French acquiesced, the Japanese further demanded that the border with China be closed completely. The French, well aware of their military weakness vis-à-vis the Japanese, sent out feelers to the United States — still officially neutral — requesting military support. The United States did not provide significant support, but on July 26 imposed a suffocating embargo on imports of steel, iron, and oil. Alongside the United States in the embargo were belligerents Great Britain, Australia, and the Dutch government in exile.

To Americans, the handwriting on the wall was clear, and popular opinion clearer still: However worthy of condemnation Japan’s belligerence might be, a large majority of Americans had no appetite for a reprise of the feckless bloodletting of 1917-1918. But it was becoming evident that, left unopposed, the actions of the Roosevelt administration would end up dragging America into the Eurasian conflagration as surely as Wilson had done two decades earlier. Trade embargoes and a steady supply of weapons delivered to the adversaries of Japan and Germany were not the actions of an administration determined to safeguard American neutrality and non-interventionism.

The America First Movement

On September 4, 1940, a group of students at Yale University Law School decided that the time had come to take action. Led by R. Douglas Stuart, Jr., the son of the founder of Quaker Oats, and including the

likes of future president Gerald Ford and future Kennedy administration official Sargent Shriver, the students declared the creation of the America First Committee (AFC), a political action group dedicated to keeping America out of the war and dissuading American political leadership from once again embarking on the disastrous path of interventionism.

From the outset, it was clear that the America First Committee had struck a responsive chord that reverberated across the political spectrum. The membership swelled rapidly to hundreds of thousands, peaking at around 800,000 in 450 chapters. As the organization ended up headquartered in Chicago, membership in the AFC was particularly pronounced in Illinois and adjacent regions, but the America First Committee's influence extended coast to coast, attracting then-fringe radical leftist agitators in urban Bohemian enclaves alongside salt-of-the-earth farmers, small-town businessmen, and factory workers alike. The organization's star power was formidable. The AFC soon drew to its ranks America's most celebrated aviator, Charles "Lucky Lindy" Lindbergh; Hollywood actress Lillian Gish; and ar-

chitect Frank Lloyd Wright. Nor was the AFC lacking in sympathy from political heavyweights; senators from both sides of the aisle, such as Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) and Gerald P. Nye (R-N.D.), lent their considerable clout to the cause. Not only that, but two future U.S. presidents, the aforementioned Gerald Ford and Democrat John F. Kennedy, were also supporters.

In an age when nationalism and patriotism still ran deep even among American media, financial, and business elites, the AFC was not lacking in wealthy backers, with many of America's richest men donating lavish sums to the organization. One of them, Robert E. Wood, the chairman of Sears, Roebuck and Co., was named president of the AFC and remained in that post for the duration of the AFC's existence. Others, such as Robert McCormick, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*; Joseph Patterson, publisher of the *New York Daily News*; and H. Smith Richardson of the Vick Chemical Company, donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the AFC, assuring the organization of the means to make its voice heard and its influence felt.

Even in an age when the phrase "America First" had not yet been turned into an epithet, the America First Committee attracted controversy and obloquy. Then, as now, those who advocated for American national self-interest were smeared as "anti-Semitic" and "Nazis" — this, even though both terms were of very recent vintage. Dorothy Thompson, a columnist writing for the *New York Herald Tribune*, a reliably pro-establishment mouthpiece, fulminated that Charles Lindbergh, the most visible face of the AFC, was "pro-Nazi. I am absolutely certain that Lindbergh foresees a new party along Nazi lines." What had Lindbergh done to cause such a reaction? He expressed publicly the opinion that American Jews who favored involvement in the war were more concerned with the welfare of their people in Europe than with the long-term best interests of the United States. "Instead of agitating for war," Lindbergh opined in a widely criticized speech on September 11, 1941, "the Jewish groups in this country should be opposing it in every possible way for they will be among the first to feel its consequences." He went on to note that "tolerance is a virtue that depends upon peace and strength. History shows that it cannot survive war and devastations. A few far-sighted Jewish people realize this and stand opposed to intervention. But the majority still do not."

Lindbergh went on to note large Jewish ownership in American media, and although he tried to clarify that he had the highest respect for the Jewish people, the rhetorical damage was done. Lindbergh, not a silver-tongued politician, had given the pro-war faction ammunition to try to discredit him and the entire AFC movement.

The America First Committee's broad-based appeal was also something of a political liability. At first, it attracted even American communists and fellow travelers on the far left, but as soon as Hitler declared war on the Soviet Union, the American Left abandoned the organization and, along with the American establishment, began clamoring for war. In hindsight, of course, the AFC was better off without such allies, but the mass defections created the appearance of an unstable movement, which was easily exploited by its many foes.



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The end of America First: Three days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor propelled America into World War II, the America First Committee disbanded and encouraged its members to support the war, in the broader interest of being united and patriotic citizens.



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Dogs of war: FDR declared war on Germany on December 11, 1941. From that time until the arrival of Donald Trump on the American political scene, the “America First” cause had been declared dead by the globalist media and political establishment. But reports of the demise of Americanism are premature.

Internal divisions, inevitable in an organization so large and diverse, gave additional fodder to the movement’s enemies. Before the full horrific nature of Nazism was laid bare to a shocked world, many in the salons of the West admired the Nazi program. Nazism was, after all, short for “National Socialism,” and most of Hitler’s economic policy goals differed little from those of other socialist factions in Europe and the United States. Hence some among the American anti-war movement were motivated by unabashed admiration for Hitler and his program. One such was businessman and Nazi supporter William Rhodes Davis, who, along with journalist Verne Marshall, founded the “No Foreign Wars Committee.” Once the Nazi supporters’ true sympathies became apparent, Lindbergh, who had initially given the group encouragement, cut all ties and became thereafter a target of its extremist rhetoric. Then, as now, the cause of genuine patriotism was hindered by extremist saboteurs seeking to sow discredit by association.

In spite of all such challenges, the America First Committee forged forward, determined to prevent American entry into

the war and to re-enshrine American patriotism and the noninterventionist foreign policy that had served America so well for a century and a half. Lindbergh and the rest of the AFC took heart in the overwhelming support they enjoyed among ordinary Americans. “The pall of the war seems to hang over us today,” Lindbergh wrote in early 1941. “More and more people are simply giving in to it. Many say we are as good as in already. The attitude of the country seems to waver back and forth. Our greatest hope lies in the fact [that] eighty-five percent of the people in the United States (according to the latest polls) are against intervention.”

That such a high degree of consensus was once possible regarding a pivotal foreign policy strains credulity in our era of bitter partisan, moral, and social animus. Americans understood where their elite classes were trying to take them, and wanted no part of it.

Globalist Machinations

Unfortunately for the AFC and Lindbergh’s 85 percent, the internationalist faction controlling the American government had not been idle. In addition

to actively training and giving support to a Chinese air force (the “Flying Tigers”) since 1939, America had imposed a full oil embargo on Japan in July 1941 and begun actively preventing oil tankers from reaching Japan — a clear act of war designed to strangle the Japanese economy or provoke some kind of attack to give America full *casus belli*.

The full story of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor has been told elsewhere. Suffice it to say that the evidence is overwhelming that FDR knew of an impending attack on American forces in the Pacific, and appears to have done nothing to prevent it, knowing that only a cataclysmic Japanese attack on America would suffice to stifle what has been dismissively called America’s “berserker nativism.”

In this, FDR and his cronies proved correct. Although a few discerning Americans smelled a rat after December 7, 1941, the overwhelming majority saw it as a completely unprovoked attack on America, an attack for which war was the only appropriate response.

America Firsters were nothing if not patriotic. Resigned to the reality of war with Japan and its European allies Germany and Italy, the America First Committee disbanded three days after Pearl Harbor and encouraged all of its members to support the war effort. “I can see nothing to do under these circumstances except to fight,” Lindbergh wrote at the time. “If I had been in Congress, I certainly would have voted for a declaration of war.” He and many of the leaders of the AFC were as good as their word, signing up for the war effort, and Lindbergh himself flew combat missions in the Pacific.

World War II not only shattered, for many years to come, the popularity of noninterventionism, it also provided a pretext for the creation of the United Nations, the Bretton Woods institutions, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT, which was transformed decades later into the World Trade Organization), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the “free trade” European Common Market (which eventually was expanded into the European Union). All of these organizations are part of the modern globalist “international system,” the United Nations-centered network of international institutions designed to dilute the

sovereignty of member states, including the United States, and to furnish the architecture for an eventual global government. Since the end of World War II, the U.S. military has fanned out across the globe in the service of UN Security Council resolutions and defense of nebulous new “national interests” in far-flung spots such as Kosovo, Somalia, Syria, and Libya. Larger conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq have cost tens of thousands of American lives and trillions in national treasure. Over time, the precedent of American interventionism in the service of global “stability” became almost unassailable — until the rise of Donald Trump and his latter-day emphasis on America First.

Lessons for Today

What lessons can be drawn from the America First Committee, its failure to deter American involvement in World War II, and the decades of globalist policymaking that followed, to America’s immense long-term detriment? First of all, the movement was birthed in a time when America was wallowing in an unexampled depression,

and in which patriotism was perhaps less broadly informed than is the case today. Many otherwise well-meaning Americans, who had not yet learned the truth of what was going on in the Soviet Union, for example (thanks to the obfuscations of *The New York Times* and other leftist news organs, who artfully concealed Stalin’s purges and the Ukrainian Holodomor from the world), were at least tolerant of the appealing rhetoric of the Left. After all, the world had recently suffered unprecedented devastation in a world war and Great Depression, and socialism promised to cure such ills. Very few Americans understood the nature and designs of conspiring globalists already entrenched in the halls of political and financial power, and few had heard of the Council on Foreign Relations or suspected the power it wielded over the American body politic. The America First Committee, despite its popularity and laudable aims, was very much a single-issue movement that proved no match for the well-coordinated machinations of the globalist establishment.

What chance does the modern “Ameri-

ca First” movement have, with the world seemingly again building toward some kind of epochal conflagration centered on Eastern Europe or the South China Sea? In our time, while the globalist agenda and its agents are as entrenched as ever and enjoy almost unanimous backing in the news media, the academy, and the worlds of Big Business and Big Finance, we have the advantage of 80 years of hindsight. We have seen firsthand the real fruits of communism and socialism, and have experienced again and again the humiliation of fruitless interventionism, most recently in the Afghan debacle. We also know a good deal more of the globalists’ organizations and methods of operation. And perhaps most critically, popular understanding of constitutional principles and appreciation of the Founders’ noninterventionist foreign policy is probably higher than it has been for generations, thanks to the efforts of Americanists and partisans of liberty such as The John Birch Society, former Congressman Ron Paul and his movement, and many others. Meanwhile, the outspoken Trump presidency and its welcome emphasis on America First opened many eyes.

To truly reverse the tide of globalism, however, more work is still needed. Based on the continued impoverishment of rational thought in Washington, America in 2022 remains — as it was in 1941 — just one international incident away from yet more globalist consolidation in response to a terrorist attack or a major war. Had America had 80 senators like Wheeler and Nye in 1940, perhaps confrontation with Japan could have been avoided prior to Pearl Harbor.

Of course, it is always easy to speculate in hindsight, at a safe distance from the world-altering events of the 1930s and early 1940s. But in our time, it has surely become evident that our program of relentless globalism and interventionism has done great harm to the American body politic. Moreover, our domestic challenges are daunting enough without assuming all of the burdens of the rest of the world into the bargain. But only a sustained effort on the part of an educated and principled electorate will be able to restore control over American foreign policy to the people of the United States — where it has always belonged. ■



Gage Skidmore

America First president: President Donald Trump made putting “America first” a central theme of his administration, and popularized a phrase that had been in America’s memory hole since World War II.

Smash-and-grab Robbery Attempt Thwarted

KTVU.com reported on January 26 about a robbery at a jewelry store based in a mall in San Bruno, California, that was stopped cold by an armed store owner. The incident began when a man armed with a crowbar rushed into the store and began smashing a display case in an apparent attempt to steal jewelry. The store's owner, Usman Bhatti, grabbed the crowbar-wielding man and tried pulling him away. The suspect raised the crowbar in a threatening manner as if preparing to strike Bhatti. Fortunately, Bhatti was armed; he quickly pulled out a gun he was lawfully carrying, pointed it at the suspect, and yelled for the robber to halt. As soon as the burglar with the crowbar saw Bhatti was packing heat, he ran from the store in a hurry. Bhatti later spoke to the news about what happened and said that his actions were purely reactive in nature. “I’m not trying to be a hero or a macho man.... It just happened very quick and I had no choice,” he told KTVU. Police are still trying to identify the suspect, but they’re hopeful that the security camera from the jewelry store will aid them in bringing the perpetrator to justice.

Man’s Best Friend

In another story proving that store owners in high-crime areas often need to be armed to survive, Fox29 reported on a shootout between armed robbers and a clerk in a Philadelphia store. Surveillance video showed two armed suspects rush into the store and point guns at the owner, who was standing behind the counter, and demand money. The store owner’s dog quickly jumped up and started barking in the face of the first gunman, which provided enough of a distraction for a female store clerk seated nearby to pull out a handgun and start shooting at the suspects, hitting one of them. The suspects returned fire, injuring the woman before fleeing from the store. The female clerk was treated at a nearby medical facility for gunshot wounds to her hip and upper waist and was later released. Police did

apprehend the wounded robbery suspect after he was dropped off near Temple University with gunshot wounds, but are still searching for the second suspect. The store owner told Fox29 that he credits his fast-acting clerk, her gun, and his dog for saving their lives.

Bolstering Self-defense

The *Seattle Times* reported on February 2 about a proposed bill in Missouri that shifts the burden of proof from a person who uses deadly force to prosecutors to present clear and convincing evidence that the shooter was acting for a reason other than self-defense before any charges can be brought. According to the *Times*, supporters of the potential legal change say this is a long-overdue protection for people “who exercise their Second Amendment rights and are protected by existing state self-defense laws, from unfair prosecution.”

The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys is opposed to the law because of the burden-shifting requirement, but why should someone who was a victim of a crime and who was forced to defend his life have the onerous burden of proving he acted in self-defense? Why shouldn’t the burden be on the state? This proposed law in Missouri is very similar to self-defense laws in Florida, where people are presumed to have acted in self-defense unless prosecutors can prove otherwise.

Some critics of the proposed bill claim that it will unjustly protect white people who have shot black people. Nimrod Chapel, Jr., president of the Missouri NAACP, decried the measure and said that it would unfairly impact people of color. Chapel is representing the family of a black man from rural Missouri who was shot by a white neighbor after forcing his way into his home. Even though the prosecutors in that case decided to not press charges and felt the shooting was justified, Chapel is lobbying for the case to be investigated by the state attorney general and may even petition the governor to ask for a federal investigation.

The bill is sponsored by Republican state Senator Eric Burlison, who stated in

his Senate remarks that it protects “law-abiding Missourians whose only quote-unquote crime is that they were trying to defend themselves and/or their family members.”

St. Louis attorney Mark McCloskey, who gained national prominence after standing up to Black Lives Matter rioters who were trespassing on private property and threatening violence, lauded the bill, “arguing that it shields people from overzealous prosecution and protects their Second Amendment rights,” according to the *Seattle Times*.

The political chances of the law being passed are actually quite good, considering that the state Legislature just passed another pro-Second Amendment gun law last year that forbids local law-enforcement agencies from assisting the federal government with enforcing unconstitutional gun control.

Feds Sue Missouri Over Pro-Second Amendment Law

CBS News reported on February 17 that the U.S. Justice Department is suing Missouri over the pro-Second Amendment law mentioned at the end of the previous story. The Second Amendment Preservation Act is similar to laws passed by open-borders leftists who declared their states and/or municipalities were “sanctuary states” or “sanctuary cities” for illegal aliens, prohibiting local law enforcement from complying with federal immigration authorities. *60 Minutes* ran a hit piece critical of the law, which was actually cited by Attorney General Merrick Garland when he announced his lawsuit.

Politico reported that Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt was not too worried about the lawsuit. In a statement released to the media, Schmitt wrote, “Time and again, the Biden Administration has put partisan politics ahead of public safety.... Make no mistake, the law is on our side in this case, and I intend to beat the Biden Administration in court once again.” ■

— PATRICK KREY



THE REVIEW

Dealing with the Chinese Dictatorship

by William P. Hoar

Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win, by Peter Schweizer, New York, N.Y., Harper (an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers), 2022, 341 pages, hardcover.

You have probably heard a version of this sad song before. In fact, author Peter Schweizer, president of the nonpartisan Government Accountability Institute and a former fellow at the Hoover Institution, has written other best-sellers with similar refrains, albeit directed at different targets. His previous works include *Architects of Ruin*, *Clinton Cash*, *Secret Empires*, and *Profiles of Corruption*.

As we write, this book has been number one on the *New York Times* bestseller list for the past several weeks, as well as sitting atop Amazon and Barnes & Noble lists since being published in late January. It kicks off with Lenin's infamous prediction that capitalists "will work on the preparation of their own suicide." That has often been rendered as a forecast that capitalists will sell communists "the rope with which to hang them."

As you might imagine, there are not a lot of giggles in this book. There are facts, particulars, and specifics — pointing at



those who are helping the dictatorship in Beijing while lining their own pockets at the expense of U.S. interests and freedom in general.

Without extraneous commentary or sensational language, Schweizer has compiled an impressive litany of disheartening (but crucial) facts covering many years. It includes — to start at the top — considerable evidence that the current occupant of the Oval Office has made "excuses for Beijing while his family secured multiple deals with Beijing worth tens of millions of dollars. This, through the courtesy of individuals with direct ties to Chinese intelligence." And Schweizer goes into detail about how the Biden family scored this

lucre in multiple deals, despite (or because of) working with characters with ties to Beijing's intelligence apparatus.

As we say, this is not a new tale.

"History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes," as Mark Twain is reputed to have said. Whether he did utter those words is less important than the observation itself. For, if you examine the past, one may well be struck with *déjà vu*. Reading Schweizer's book brings to mind, for example, Antony Sutton's scholarly volumes on *Western Technology and Soviet Economic Development* — a theme popularized in his 1973 book *National Suicide*. Those works documented how the free world's technology helped create the military wherewithal that threatened the non-communist world. Later, Sutton wrote about how certain New York financiers were linked to the Bolshevik Revolution and the rise of Hitler.

When it came to China, celebrated Western reporters and prominent academics were eager to lionize the communists during the civil war — the Reds were supposedly going to save the Chinese from the alleged corruption of Chiang Kai-shek — thus helping to put the country into the hands of mass-murderer Mao Tse-tung.

Will a resurrection of the Red Guards be next? Probably not under that name, but an updated adaptation of Mao's *Little Red Book* does seem to be a possibility. Indeed, the *Times* of London has just taken note of how China's schools must now teach the thoughts of Chairman Xi, reporting, "Chinese schools have been ordered to appoint political commissars to ensure that all children receive instruction on President

Xi’s ideology and definition of the ‘rule of law.’”

Names Not Omitted to Protect the Guilty

The author of *Red-Handed* piles up his indictments and backs them with concrete proofs; he also gives credit to the contributions of his research team.

There is considerable evidence. We learn of a Chinese global energy company linked to a Chinese intelligence operation that sent almost \$6 million to Joe Biden’s son Hunter; of more than a score of former U.S. senators and representatives (both Democrats and Republicans) who, after leaving office, have lobbied for Chinese military- or intelligence-linked firms; and how the spouse of Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), former chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, was part owner of a Chinese firm that allegedly sold computers with spyware chips to the U.S. military.

That’s a small taste. All lend credence to the utilization of a strategy formerly proposed by Mao: *yang wei Zhong yong*, or “make the foreign serve China.” As the author notes: “More than sixty years later, the strategy has only become more aggressive. Beijing offers deals, inducements, praise, and access to seduce foreign elites into serving their interests.”

Schweizer explains in this book (a point he also makes in personal publicity remarks) that in the espionage world, practitioners — especially the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) — “use the term ‘elite capture’ to describe successful efforts to essentially buy off members of a country’s leadership. Opportunities to get wealthy are a key motivator.”

The documentation is very thorough. Studying the book — with about 80 pages of source material and more than 1,000 endnotes — it occurred to this reviewer that the meticulous citations would give the proper authorities a leg up for, say, an official investigation. Lo and behold,



Peter Schweizer

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Hikvision is a surveillance company in China, largely owned by a government-controlled defense conglomerate called the China Electronic Technology Group. Hikvision has a particularly odious reputation because its surveillance cameras have been installed by the Chinese government to monitor Uighurs being held in prison camps. But that has not deterred several former politicians from signing up to lobby on their behalf.

Yes, their names are there.

Then you have Machiavelian individuals such as billionaire Bill Gates.

Author Schweizer, while promoting his book, recently told Fox Nation that Gates is among others who have a “weird admiration for what they call the efficiency of the

Chinese dictatorship. And I laugh because, of course, dictatorships are efficient because they don’t have to worry about civil rights. They don’t have to worry about property rights. They can do whatever they want.”

In *Red-Handed*, he goes deeper into the dodgy actions of one of the world’s richest men, writing that the Microsoft co-founder is also an investor “in a Chinese electric vehicle company with the uplifting name Build Your Dreams (BYD).” While that might sound innocuous enough, take a glance under the figurative hood. BYD, as the author points out,

shortly after the book appeared, several Republican congressmen urged Attorney General Merrick Garland to appoint a special counsel to investigate the dealings of Biden family members with the CCP.

Many others get the spotlight turned on them. The book also has the goods on the “Bush and Trudeau Dynasties” (the name of one chapter), along with culpable activities of current and former congressional leaders; former ambassadors, intelligence and security officials; prominent universities; wealthy industrial bigwigs; and leading lights out of Silicon Valley.

Sellouts from Washington, Wall Street, and Elsewhere

Just spending some time in Washington power circles may lead to a comfortable sinecure down the road, especially if you are willing to look the other way about your unsavory partners. Multiple former members of Congress, for example, have aligned themselves with a Chinese company that has a low public profile (though it is better known among military and defense cognoscenti). Per the author:

also has deep ties to, and cooperates with, the Chinese military. According to a study sponsored by the Alliance for American Manufacturing, BYD grants military enterprises access to its technologies and research data. In 2018, for example, BYD announced that it would conduct “strategic cooperation” with the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology — a PLA entity — which is the “larg-

est research and production base of missile weapons and launch vehicles in China.” At the same time, BYD works with military institutions to shape its products. For good measure, the company’s founder and CEO is a Communist Party official.

Gates must be aware that BYD is involved in creating advanced guidance systems for Chinese missiles, as Schweizer says.

A careful examination of this book might help a reader better understand what is behind today’s news and financial activities. Consider the world’s biggest asset manager, BlackRock, and its CEO, Larry Fink — a prominent advocate of “social responsibility” in investing. Well, not all investing. Those standards, as is made clear in *Red-Handed*, don’t apply in Communist China.

And the abuses heaped on Hong Kongers or Uighurs apparently don’t matter if you believe that other Chinese may be doing better financially. The author quotes Fink’s remarks from the *Australian Financial Review*, in which he praised the leadership of Xi Jinping for improving the quality of life for many Chinese. “In theory,” Fink said dismissively, “some elements of society may have less rights, but on the other hand I would say the majority of society in China have done very well.”

That brings to memory the *New York*

Times’ Red apologist (and Pulitzer Prize winner) Walter Duranty; he liked to quote Stalin’s alleged comments when the Soviet dictator’s atrocities became better known, to wit: “You can’t make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.”

Do you support social good? Fink does — though not for everybody. The financier has used, as Schweizer puts it, “BlackRock’s muscle to help the Communist Party consolidate control over companies.” Fink’s alleged passion, recall, is “climate change,” notwithstanding the fact that more than half of the coal power in the world is currently generated in China.

Fink’s public face in the free world is different. As *The Wall Street Journal* put it in mid-February, BlackRock and other asset managers are trying to “impose their policy agenda on corporate America” rather than to pursue higher returns. “Two years ago,” said the editors, “Fink wrote a letter to CEOs threatening to vote against corporate managers if they didn’t follow environmental, social and governance (ESG) disclosures prescribed by the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board. That Michael Bloomberg-backed outfit wants companies to report minutia from how much plastic they used to sales from sugary beverages.”

To close that loop, jump back to *Red-Handed*, where we are reminded that multibillionaire Michael Bloomberg has

asserted that the tyrannical Xi, the top guy in Communist China, is “not a dictator.” Tell that to the man in the street. Or concentration camp.

Peter Schweizer proves otherwise in spades, even while exposing the duplicity of Beijing’s numerous apologists and protectors.

The communist leaders in China, we find, are willing to tolerate “big help with a little badmouth.” That dictum is referenced several times by the author, who explains, “As long as these elites deliver on key policies and actions that benefit the regime, some criticism is acceptable.” Some defenders (and partners) in the West may not even go that far. Schweizer jogs our memory in his book:

When Joe Biden hit the campaign trail for the presidency, after his family had received \$31 million from Chinese intelligence-linked businessmen, he continued to dismiss the challenges posed by China. “China’s going to eat our lunch? C’mon man,” he told a campaign rally in Iowa. He added, “They are not bad folks, folks.”

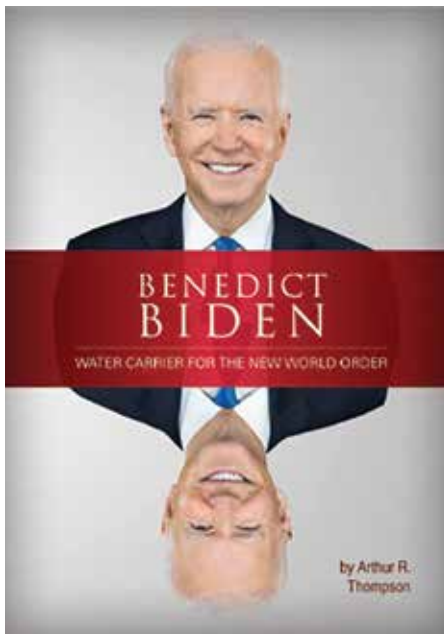
Perhaps Joe missed his intelligence briefings. He does appear to think more of tolerance (of certain types) than he does of truth. For an antidote, don’t miss *Red-Handed*. ■

Benedict Biden

by C. Mitchell Shaw

Benedict Biden: Water Carrier for the New World Order, by Arthur R. Thompson, Appleton, Wisconsin: The John Birch Society, 2021, 145 pages, paperback. (To order, see back cover.)

The Biden administration is a difficult-to-understand phenomenon. Joe Biden himself seems a bit like a mash-up of someone’s creepy uncle and their out-to-lunch, geriatric, demented grandfather. But the liberal media portray him as reasonable and in control. Clearing away many of the cobwebs that impede an understanding of the man behind the



administration is *Benedict Biden: Water Carrier for the New World Order*, by Arthur Thompson, former CEO of The John Birch Society, this magazine’s parent organization.

In 145 pages, Thompson drills down into the real Joe Biden, showing that the mainstream media portrayal of the life-long politician as a left-of-center moderate is far off the mark. In 13 chapters, Thompson addresses Biden’s background, his worldview, and his plans to take America forward as part of the New World Order fully under the control of the internationalists who sit at the helm of the United Nations.

Benedict Biden unpacks the origins of Biden’s “Build Back Better” plan, showing that, while most Americans are under the misguided belief — created and prop-

agated by mainstream media — that the plan is the brainchild of Biden himself, it was actually borrowed from the UN plan of the same name. As Thompson writes:

Build Back Better is a campaign slogan of the United Nations that came about in 2015 at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Reduction. Since then, it has been used in a wide variety of UN initiatives, including socialist political campaigns in foreign countries.

In other words, it is not an original idea of Biden's; it is a campaign of the United Nations. Though it started out referring to "building back" after a disaster, it also has been used in environmental initiatives.

Thompson goes on to explain that Biden is using that same play under the pretense of "building back" from COVID; but even that idea was borrowed from the United Nations. Thompson points to "the UN's website concerning the environment (unenvironment.org)," which contains "a page titled 'Building Back Better: Why we must think of the next generation.'" That page states that after the pandemic "attitudes may shift most ... on the environment," and that the "youth of the world are way ahead of their elders when it comes to protecting the planet."

Thompson likewise unpacks Biden's views on immigration, gun control, local police, and other important policy topics — showing Biden to be what the title of the book calls him: a water carrier for the New World Order.

As stated above, the Biden administration is a difficult-to-understand phenomenon. That is so — at least in part — because (as Thompson points out) "Too many people believe that President Biden is a bumbling fool, a man who has



Arthur R. Thompson

lost his faculties." It is truly confusing to try to figure out how a man who can't string six words together into a coherent sentence after the sun goes down can remain in the Oval Office and control the most powerful single position in American politics. But, as Thompson explains, to understand the phenomenon of the administration, one needs to see a clear picture of the man. One needs also to have a clear picture of the agenda that Biden, his supporters, and even many of his "opponents" are following. And to do that, one needs to see the wider canvas. As Thompson writes:

While it is true that his age is showing, and he has lost the physical attributes he once had, his political actions are deliberate. His entire political life demonstrates this to be true. What he wanted as a young man, he is now accomplishing as president.

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The record is clear and unmistakable when it comes to Biden. One interesting aspect of his involvement in politics is that no one who has ever run against him has used the evidence at hand to defeat him — by exposing what has been his agenda all along. The information is easy enough to find, but rarely has it been brought forward.

The mass media have never exposed his weaknesses, and later in his life even protected him and his family from exposure. Even when the evidence was before the public, the media and Biden's opponents covered up the significance of his agenda.

In clear and concise language, Thompson shows how the Biden administration is a tool in the hands of the one-world crowd. After addressing Biden's nomination of Saule Omarova — whose Marxist-communist instruction at Moscow State University under a Lenin Personal Academic Scholarship helped shape her economic views — for controller of the currency, Thompson writes of "a more dangerous group subtly filling slots in the Biden administration, from top to bottom — members of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

Regular readers of this magazine are likely familiar with the global-government goals of the CFR. Thompson takes the time to unpack those goals in the book, writing:

It is not only what these members believe in, it is that they follow an agenda designed to bring to fruition a one-world government — regardless of any administration's stated beliefs.

Basically, the CFR was created to convince the American people to become part of a one-world government, the New World Order (their words, not ours). You will recall that we pointed out that Marx and Engels used this term before they penned *The Communist Manifesto*.

Benedict Biden is an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand book that keeps the author's promise "to show in this volume what Biden's political aims are and have been for decades — and the consequences of achieving those aims." Written both for the well-informed and the novice, this book exposes the Biden administration as an important subsidiary of a larger conspiracy for global control. Those already familiar with the globalist agenda of the CFR and other such groups will gain a better understanding of how the Biden administration fits into that agenda. The novice will likewise

see how the administration fits into that agenda, but will also find in the book a primer on the greater agenda for global control.

Perhaps, though, the greatest value of *Benedict Biden* is in its call to action. As Thompson writes, "Being informed first requires an understanding of the principles of liberty and knowing who the enemy is. The next step is involvement; it is of no use to know what is going on if you are not willing to do anything about it."

This call to action is clear and to the point:

A few dedicated people working together in a community can achieve great things and make things happen. This is what the Left has been doing for decades, while the average Joe has not been paying attention. However, Joe is now noticing and doesn't like the job the Left has been doing.

An informed individual knows that he has to do something. He has to take some responsibility in his community. But what? And how? He could work alone, but usually doesn't know how to do so. He would be far more effective working with others in a concerted program to get things done. A little work here, a little there, in concert with the work of others, can really make a difference.

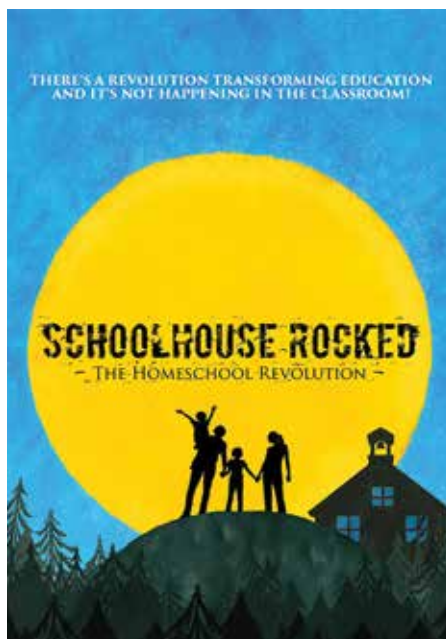
As regular readers of THE NEW AMERICAN know, that call to action is best answered by joining The John Birch Society. After all, if — as Thompson's book shows — the enemies of freedom are organized and diligent in their concerted efforts to create a one-world government, then lovers of liberty must likewise be organized and diligent in keeping the Spirit of '76 alive. And The John Birch Society has been organized and working on that goal since 1958. ■

The Mass Exodus From Indoctrination to Freedom

by Annalisa Pesek

Since the COVID-19 lockdowns began in early 2020, parents have been made aware of what their children were really learning in both public and private schools. Zoom classes were especially effective in exposing teachers telling students of the growing problem of white supremacy, and that schools were built on stolen land. Educators have even gone so far as to abandon the advice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — to judge people on the content of their character rather than the color of their skin — in favor of the "anti-racist" views of propagandist Ibram X. Kendi.

Yet despite the best efforts of teachers unions, school boards, and classroom instructors to turn children into leftist activists separated by race, parents are waking up. Despite fears about homeschooling,



many moms and dads feel they have no choice but to pull their kids out of the public schools.

The great news is that, to date, more than three million American children have been liberated from state-sanctioned schools seeking to indoctrinate rather than

educate, and the number of households educating at home is steadily increasing as the massive exodus from the public-school system into homeschooling continues to gain momentum.

Offering a uniquely personal and in-depth look at the rise of the homeschooling movement, married filmmakers Garritt Hampton (*Interstellar*, *Furious 7*, *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*) and Yvette Hampton (*Schoolhouse Rocked* podcast) have released an illuminating and authoritative new documentary titled *Schoolhouse Rocked: The Homeschool Revolution*.

This hopeful, eye-opening film begins with the Hamptons selling their California home, along with most of their possessions, as they prepare to travel across the country with their two young daughters, Brooklyn and Lacey.

What starts out as a plan to be on the road for a year ultimately turns into a remarkable, three-year journey that introduces the family to hundreds of homeschooling parents, as well as some of the most prominent voices advocating for this growing alternative form of education.

The film's producer, Yvette Hampton, sits down with luminaries such as actress



Mass exodus: Beginning with a handful of brave parents in the '70s and '80s, the homeschooling movement has grown into a thriving cultural phenomenon, with more than three million children being educated by their parents.

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cator and parent. Their feelings mirrored hers when she and Garritt first decided to teach their girls at home rather than send them to school.

“We said we would never do this homeschool thing but only because we didn’t really understand it,” says Yvette at the beginning of the film. “We had all the reasons why not to homeschool: Our children would be socially awkward; they won’t be well-educated. We were not trained as educators and we could not give them everything they needed.”

Having conquered those anxieties, Yvette and Garritt set out to dispel these common homeschooling myths in their documentary. This goal, without a doubt, was achieved.

Prepared for Battle

Viewers may be surprised to learn that not until 1993 did homeschooling become legal in all 50 states. The filmmakers devote an entire segment to those pioneering homeschool families who faced extreme hardship and pushback from the government and from other families who believed education at home was detrimental to children.

In the film, trailblazer and advocate Zan Tyler describes losing all her friends after having made the decision to homeschool. “They were vicious,” Tyler says. “This was 1984, and when I say we knew nobody when we started [homeschooling], we knew nobody when we started.”

J. Michael Smith, founder of the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA), who started homeschooling in California in 1981, said that he didn’t have any idea that the government would vehemently oppose the idea of homeschooling. “I found out pretty quickly that homeschooling in California was not legal for our family because the California Department of Education was of the opinion that you had to be a certified teacher,” said Smith in an interview.

“Homeschool moms are America’s greatest heroes,” exclaims Smith. And we can’t forget the dads, such as Garritt, who remain the pillar of the home.

“We had to fight,” declared Robert Bortins, CEO of Classical Conversations, recalling his initial homeschool experience. “We knew people who were being threatened with jail time, fines, maybe having

and homeschool mom Sam Sorbo (TV series *Hercules*), professor and author Dr. Carol Swain (*Black Eye for America: How Critical Race Theory Is Burning Down the House*), and U.S. congressional candidate and homeschool mom Heidi St. John (founder, Firmly Planted Family Homeschool Resource Center), among many others.

Inspiring and encouraging, the film urges parents to “get off the bench and onto the battlefield” and to take their children back. As St. John remarks in an interview with Yvette, “Our children have been held hostage by a school system that is telling them that their parents are not the authority in their lives, and parents have not known what to do with it.”

“Your children are your responsibility,” advises St. John, “and the very hearts and minds of the children hang in the balance. It is time for parents to take back what the public school has stolen from us, which is the education of our children, and realize that we have already been equipped, and we can do it!”

On the Road

In late 2016, when the documentary opens, the Hamptons had packed up an

RV with whatever possessions they hadn’t sold and were heading south toward Georgia, which was to serve as a home base for the Christmas holiday. Along the way, they recorded the stunning desert canyons of Arizona, the rocky hillsides of New Mexico, and the vast, rugged prairies of Texas, allowing viewers an arm-chair tour of the expansive American Southwest. Later, they crisscrossed back west and up to towns surrounded by forests of evergreen trees in Washington State.

In an interview with *THE NEW AMERICAN*, director Garritt Hampton, now happily settled with his wife and children in Oklahoma, said leaving California was hardest on their 11-year-old daughter, Brooklyn, who missed her school and her friends. But, noting the resilience and adaptability of children, Garritt said his daughters did wonderfully, and that their family grew immensely closer to the Lord and to one another during their travels.

The family attended dozens of homeschool conventions and visited the homes of families who have bravely pulled their kids out of government-run institutions. During this part of the journey, Yvette met a number of parents who expressed real fears in performing the dual role of edu-

their children taken away from them when they were just trying to give their children a great education.”

But now we live in 2022, and while parents are well aware of the damaging impacts of education focused on Critical Race Theory and gender studies as well as all day mask-wearing, they still possess a wealth of phobias about removing their children from these schools and making the leap to homeschooling.

However, there is hope. During the 2020-2021 school year, homeschooling numbers in the United States doubled, with black households seeing the highest rate of increase, from 3.3 percent in the spring (April 23-May 5) to 16.1 percent in the fall (September 30-October 12), according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Finding Solutions

As today’s younger generation moves up through the public-school system, parents who have chosen to enter the battlefield have recognized, as Dr. Carol Swain observes in the film, “that the quality of education has steadily deteriorated in Ameri-

ca.” Dr. Swain further asserts, “there is a plan to steal our children,” to turn them away from the firm foundations rooted in family and American values.

In one scene, news headlines from past decades flash across the screen: “Schools continue to perform miserably,” and “education spending slated for \$1.2 billion boost.”

In an interview with Yvette, Andrew Pudewa, founder of the Institute for Excellence in Writing, states, “if money could have fixed public education it would have done so long ago. If the newest iteration of standards could have changed public education it would have done so long ago.” For Pudewa, “real life started when school ended.... No one is able to turn the great Titanic of institutional education. It is going along its path and it is essentially unturnable and unchangeable.”

Until the system is taken apart and rebuilt, the schools will operate as they were intended to operate, and parents won’t know what is taking place in the schools on a daily basis. They shouldn’t wait to pull their kids out, believing that

the schools are going to change anytime soon.

“Your kids belong to you,” St. John reminds us in a moving closing scene. “They don’t belong to the school; they don’t belong to the state. They belong to you. It’s time for parents to step up to the plate and get off the bench and onto the battlefield. It’s time to bring our children home.”

Homeschooling is not for the faint of heart or for parents who choose to work alone in this battle to train their children; it takes a committed mother and father working as a team. With confidence that the Lord is leading their efforts, homeschooling parents can find the school years the most important in their children’s development and growth into adulthood. David says in Psalm 1:3, “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord; he is like a tree, firmly planted by streams of water who yields its fruit in due season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”

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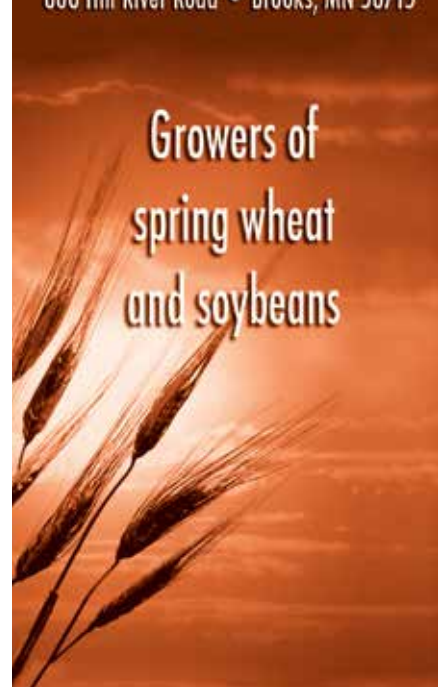


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CPAC and the War for **the Soul of the GOP**

The war is accelerating and coming to a tipping point.

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It's the war within the Republican Party.

The Left — and that includes not only garden-variety liberals, but also globalists, Deep Staters, and totalitarians of all stripes — has long understood the importance of controlling institutions and systems, methodically infiltrating everything from government to media to universities to local libraries and PTAs.

The Right, on the other hand, has traditionally tried to work from “outside the system.” Conservative activists won't get involved in electing their people to office; they'll just flag wave outside the homes of the Marxists who *do* get elected. They won't get on the school board themselves (“we're too busy working” is the popular refrain), just vent on social media when an inane policy is enacted.

But owing to a shift in understanding among the electorate brought about by decades of grassroots effort by America-first organizations, a new generation of patriots is poised to accomplish what has not been seen in this nation since the War of Independence: the creation of an organized political movement that combines the intellectual policy depth to be relevant in today's political discourse, the emotional and rhetorical appeal to win over a broad swath of the electorate, and the political acumen necessary to gain and successfully exercise structural power.

This patriot movement is a broad coalition of truthers, medical freedom advocates, paleoconservatives, anti-communists, immigration hawks, populists, Christian reactionaries, and economic nationalists.

What unites them is a decidedly anti-establishment mentality. Those who comprise this movement have read their history. They understand who the specific players destroying their country are, and by what philosophical and institutional means they have done so.

Public vocal rejections of the Council on Foreign Relations, Bilderbergers, World Economic Forum, Chamber of Commerce, and other globalist power brokers are now commonplace. Vitriolic opposition to individuals such as Mark Zuckerberg, George Soros, and Bill Gates is the norm.

And these patriots are unifying, not only to fume and com-



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plain, but to obtain decision-making power.

While most conservative Americans have little patience for party politics, the Left has shown that in a representative system of government where policy is enacted through blocks of ideologically aligned lawmakers in a legislature, control of a major political party is essential to ensuring one's vision becomes reality. This is why the Democratic Socialists of America went through such pains to take over the Nevada Democratic Party by means of a years-long effort to elect

their people to the party's top leadership positions.

Donald Trump and his allies have focused and directed the attempt to achieve the same on the Right. Trump is on a quest to transform the Republican landscape by endorsing candidates at all levels of government, from state representatives and local elections officials to U.S. Congress and Senate hopefuls.

These efforts are already paying dividends. In Alaska, the state GOP made the surprising move of going against a sitting U.S. senator from their party in the 2022 primary race, and instead endorsed challenger Kelly Tshibaka over Senator Lisa Murkowski, a Trump critic who voted to convict him during the second impeachment trial.

In Ohio, two county Republican parties endorsed challenger Jim Renacci over incumbent Republican Governor Mike DeWine.

Even House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), who once defended impeachment supporter Liz Cheney (R-Wy.), has now shifted gears and endorsed Harriet Hagemen, the Trump-backed challenger to the unpopular congresswoman.

The gradual transformation of the GOP could be seen at the 2022 Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in February, where President Trump was the centerpiece of the event and Trumpian officeholders such as Florida Governor Ron DeSantis were the talk of the town. Moreover, the “fiscal conservatism” of yesterday's GOP made way for topics such as election integrity, immigration, trade, CRT, China, and medical freedom during CPAC's various speeches and panels.

Fifty years ago, the Republican Party vehemently ostracized those (such as The John Birch Society) whom it considered “fringe.” Now, the “fringe” are the majority at the grassroots and are on their way to becoming the dominant force within the party — and are building its influence in other sectors such as the media (via alternative media) and education (via the home- and private-school movement). ■



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