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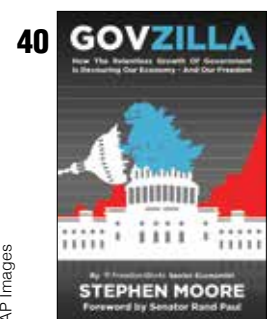
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Where Have All the Leaders Gone?

While contemplating the deplorable state of affairs posed by the current president and his administration, a quote made by a business leader comes to mind in summing up the current nonsense emanating from the White House:

Am I the only guy in this country who's fed up with what's happening? Where the hell is the outrage? We should be screaming bloody murder. We've got a gang of clueless bozos speeding our ship of state over a cliff.

The foregoing quote is from *Where Have All the Leaders Gone?*, a no-nonsense, book-length dissertation by former Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca involving the state of government in Washington, D.C., circa 2007. While Iacocca is no longer with us, his concerns and his summary remain valid today.

The current dearth of leadership in the Biden administration mirrors that expressed by Iacocca well over a decade ago: "We've got a gang of bozos steering our ship of state over a cliff."

In the likely event that my use of a decade-old work by a now-deceased business leader strikes a bitter chord with some, please bear with me while I count just a few of the disasters that can be credited to the current administration.

A food, energy, and commodity shortage is building that could well prompt a depression like no other ever experienced in America. However, there is no plan to deal with either the shortages or the emerging inflation of the dollar. Currently there is zero possibility that the money-printing and debt creation will ever cease — a disaster in the making. Neither the Federal Reserve nor the Biden administration seems to understand that money-printing can be an irreversible process. Meanwhile the blather surrounding the administration's pie-in-the-sky "Build Back Better" agenda seems to have been tempered by the Congressional Budget Office's disclosure that "Build Back Better" is estimated to cost the taxpayers \$4.9 trillion if it is implemented.

As to the Biden administration's dismal failures involving foreign policy, there

is no need to elaborate. The withdrawal from Afghanistan speaks volumes concerning policy decisions, as does the current debacle involving sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine — neither of which, in my opinion, need to have occurred. The administration failed to achieve any diplomatic resolution and not one adult was in the room. We continue to hear of war and rumors of war.

I am anticipating that the midterm elections might bring about needed change; however, election integrity is still a concern.

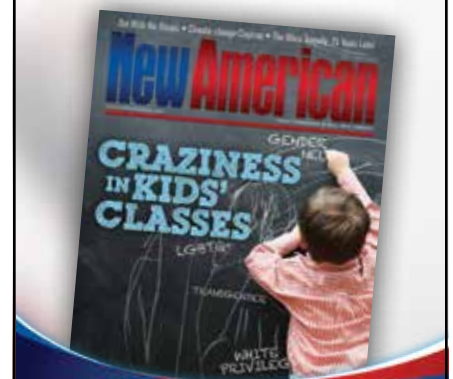
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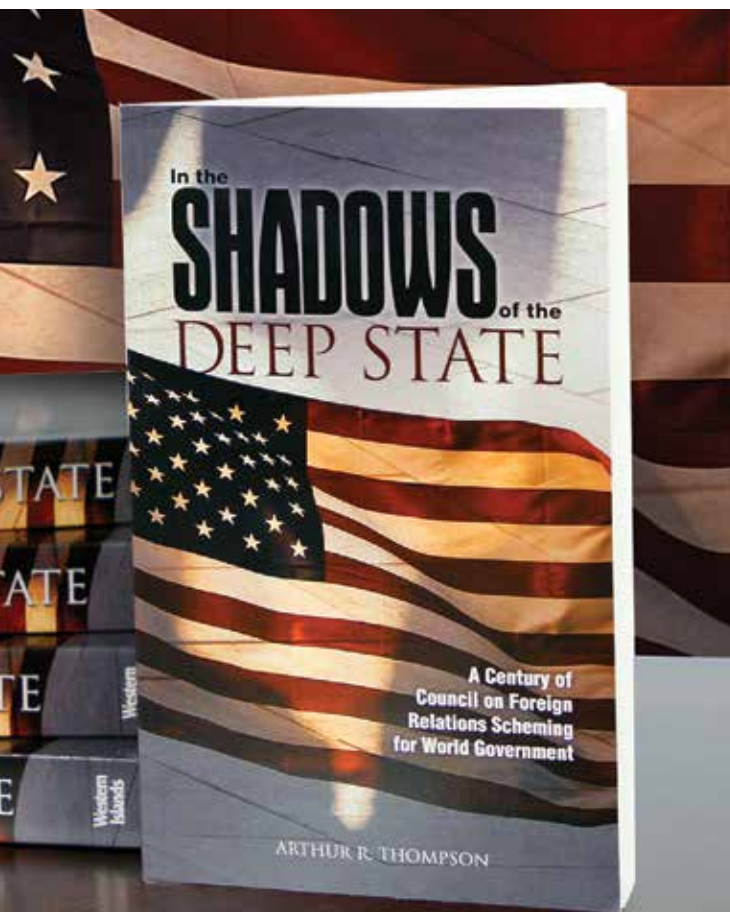
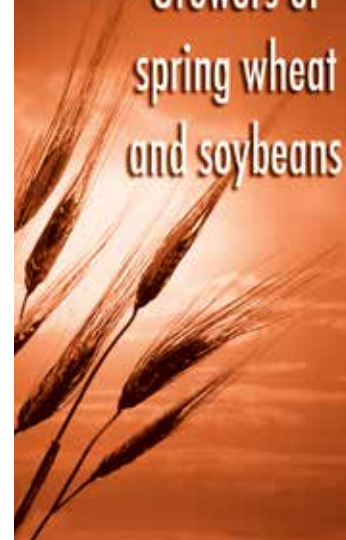


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WAO Urges American Blacks Tired of “Racism” to Move to Ghana

An essay published May 18 by *The Washington Post* suggests that black Americans who have grown “tired” of America’s supposed hostility against them should consider relocating to Ghana, stating, “Sometimes, leaving is the most powerful form of resistance.”

In her piece titled “For African Americans tired of U.S. hostility, Ghana is still calling,” columnist Karen Attiah points to the famous black activist W.E.B. Du Bois, who moved to Ghana in 1961.

“In 1961, 93-year-old Black scholar and historian W.E.B. Du Bois moved to Ghana, and soon after he was granted Ghanaian citizenship. He had endured Jim Crow racism, FBI surveillance and the confiscation of his passport by the United States, and decided it was enough,” Attiah relates.

“Nearly 60 years after Du Bois’s death, America is still trying to perfume itself to the world as a haven of freedom and progress. But the past weekend has been a reminder that America is all too content to tolerate the stench of Black death.”

The WAO columnist then recounts the recent killing of 10 black Americans by white 18-year-old Payton S. Gendron in Buffalo, New York.

Attiah goes on to cite famous blacks such as Maya Angelou and James Baldwin as examples of individuals who “all left America for Europe and Africa to feel mentally and spiritually

free from White America’s psychic violence. Sometimes, leaving is the most powerful form of resistance.”

Notably, Ghana has deliberately attempted to capitalize on the racial tensions in America.

“You do not have to stay where you are not wanted forever,” said Ghana’s tourism minister, Barbara Oteng Gyasi, in 2020, at a ceremony in Accra marking George Floyd’s murder. “You have a choice, and Africa is waiting for you.”

In 2019, Ghanaian President Akufo-Addo gave Ghanaian citizenship to 126 foreign nationals who had spent years living in the country. According to some reports, 5,000 American blacks have relocated to Ghana since 2020. Even Stevie Wonder plans to relocate to the African country.



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Obama Officials Worked With Iran to Undermine Trump

Top officials from the Obama administration met in secret with Iran in 2018 in an effort to undercut the Trump administration’s attempt to isolate that country’s regime, internal State Department documents reveal, according to a May 26 article at *The Washington Free Beacon*.

While the Trump White House moved to amp up pressure on Iran in 2018, a group of former U.S. ambassadors took part in an “off-the-record” meeting with former Iranian foreign minister Javad Zarif at his New York City residence.

The State Department memo that revealed this secret meeting was made public due to a lawsuit brought to force the release of the information. The meeting in question took place around the

time John Kerry was reported to be working behind the scenes with Iranian officials to salvage the 2015 nuclear accord.

Marked as unclassified, the internal memo describes how these former ambassadors engaged in shadow diplomacy with Iran’s top envoy on subjects such as “nuclear weapons, potential prisoner swaps, [the] Afghanistan withdrawal, and negotiations with the Taliban,” according to the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), a legal advocacy group that sued the State Department to obtain the internal memo.

The released document serves as confirmation that Obama-era officials created a back channel to maintain negotiations with Iran even as then-President Trump and his administration worked to isolate the regime.

In exclusive remarks to *The Washington Free Beacon*, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he was not aware of the meetings detailed in the memo. Pompeo said it is startling to know that members of a previous administration were trying to undermine the policies of a sitting president, calling the disclosure “bad stuff, dangerous stuff, un-American stuff.” These former officials, he said, “should be ashamed of themselves. Working against their own nation’s policies alongside such a brutal regime.”

Ben Sisney, senior litigation counsel for ACLJ, said the organization’s legal efforts prove that “there were even more secret meetings happening behind the Trump administration’s back than had been previously reported.”



John Kerry

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Afghan Rebels Ask Biden for Help Against Taliban

One of Afghanistan's most well-known resistance groups against the Taliban, the National Resistance Front (NRF), is urging Joe Biden not to ignore terror threats coming from the embattled South Asian nation, warning that doing so could result in another 9/11.

In a May 24 statement to Fox News Digital, the NRF's head of foreign relations, Ali Maisam Nazary, called for immediate action.

"Our message to the Biden administration is to not make the same mistake the Clinton administration [made] when they ignored the threat of terrorism in the mid and late 1990s and led to 9/11. The White House has to act fast and adopt a proactive approach to counterterrorism by allowing democratic and anti-terrorist forces like the NRF to liberate Afghanistan," he said.

In addition to the NRF, resistance to the Taliban has come from lesser-known armed groups. Although these units have a common goal of dislodging the Taliban from power, they share little else and the lack of coordination diminishes their ability to mount a viable challenge to the regime.

Many analysts do not view NRF and other armed groups as posing a real threat to the Taliban in the absence of foreign intervention.

"For the NRF to pose a real strategic threat to the Taliban, they will need to gain stronger external support, for supplies of weapons, shelter and training. But neighboring states are still more worried about a destabilized Afghanistan than about assisting to

overthrow the Taliban, so there is only moderate support for the NRF abroad," noted Rodger Baker, director at the Stratfor Center for Applied Geopolitics.

Thus far, neither the White House nor Congress has shown a desire to fund the anti-Taliban resistance. Fox News noted May 24, "Observers warn that a significant U.S. investment in the NRF would likely destabilize Afghanistan further and could exacerbate the already catastrophic humanitarian crisis. While the Taliban are likely to remain in power, it's clear their new government is struggling to pacify the entire country."



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British Girl Driven From School for Questioning Transgenderism

An 18-year-old British student was hounded out of school for daring to challenge a visiting pro-transgenderism politician's viewpoint.

The unnamed student was in the sixth form, the equivalent of grades 11 and 12 in the United States, at a private girls' school in the United Kingdom.

According to a May 13 account by John Rickards, a teacher at the school, during an after-school question-and-answer session with a stridently pro-transgenderism member of the House of Lords, the student asked the baroness if she had ever gotten into any debates or arguments over transgender issues with another well-known member of the House of Lords who holds opposing views.

"The language she was using was implying critical theory took precedence over biological reality in defining women," the girl told *The Times* of London May 18. "When I questioned that, she said it wasn't an issue of semantics. She said trans people don't have basic human rights in this country. Afterwards I spoke to her and said I'm sorry if I came across as rude."

However, as Rickards pointed out, "It was probably somewhat naive of her not to realise that this [transgenderism] is indeed 'an ideology' and one with which you're simply not allowed to disagree, however respectfully. To question its basic tenets is simply heresy and heretics in one way or another need to be exposed, attacked and gotten rid of."

Sure enough, shortly after her conversation with the baroness, the girl "was surrounded by up to 60 pupils who shouted, screamed and spat at her," she told *The Times*. "She escaped and said she collapsed, unable to breathe properly."

According to Rickards, word quickly spread throughout the school that the student was a "transphobe" — despite the fact that "she has a close friend who[m] she respectfully refers to as 'they/them' as her friend identifies as non binary."

After a few weeks of being forced to stay in the library and to endure bullying by other students, the girl left the school and began studying at home. ■



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Supreme Court Justice Responds to Journalists Who Hope He Retires

“I will absolutely leave the Court when I do my job as poorly as you do yours.”

With a wry smile on his face, Justice Clarence Thomas added, “And I meant this as a compliment.”

Texas Senator Suggests Steps to Thwart Potential School Killings

“Don’t have all these unlocked back doors. Have one door into and out of the school and have armed police officers at that door.”

Quickly commenting about the tragedy at the Uvalde, Texas, school where 19 children and two teachers were killed, Senator Ted Cruz, a Texan himself, called for changes that would make access to targeted victims more difficult.



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Businesswoman Fears Reprisals After Challenging Public-accommodation Law

“I have received phone calls. I’ve received threats of bodily harm. When you hear things I’ve heard, it’s terrifying. Even my clients have been threatened.”

A strong Christian and the owner of a web-design firm serving the public, Lorie Smith refused a request to create a design that would dignify same-sex “marriage.” Her stand, taken in 2016, has been working its way through the courts in Colorado, where she resides, and has now reached the U.S. Supreme Court, where a ruling is expected this fall.



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He Wants to Buy Twitter as His Switch to Republican Invites Attacks

“In the past, I voted Democrat because they were mostly the kindness party. But they have become the party of division and hate so I can no longer support them and will vote Republican. Now watch their dirty tricks campaign against me unfold.”

One of the nation’s most successful entrepreneurs, Elon Musk has taken some moves and issued some comments that unnerve the nation’s leftists. He expects to be attacked and is preparing to respond to those he now considers adversaries.

California Democrat Says Women Need Abortion to Combat Inflation

“We’re seeing people having to pay more in the grocery store, pay more at the pump, and pay more for housing, and it’s a good reason for people to be able to terminate a pregnancy.”

Democrat Katie Porter took her stand during an appearance on MSNBC. She serves as the member of Congress for California’s 45th Congressional District located in Orange County.

Some Years Ago, a Brilliant Columnist Noted That Politicians Are Slippery

“When most politicians wrestle with their conscience, they win!”

Not only a clear-thinking analyst of political movers and shakers, the late Joe Sobran was also a commentator whose quips would make even hard-hearted opponents smile.

Top-rated CBS Journalist Tells What Happened After She Adopted a Right-wing Stance

“The moment I wasn’t toeing the line, then I was ‘Oh, she used to be great, what happened to her? She’s unhinged and disgraced.’”

Formerly welcomed as the chief foreign affairs correspondent for CBS News and the source of programming for 60 Minutes, Lara Logan left CBS in 2018 and is now considered banished from what is termed “the mainstream media.” She recently visited Donald Trump at his Florida estate, where she was present at a screening of the Dinesh D’Souza film 2000 Mules. ■



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STOPPING WHO'S POWER GRAB



If the globalists have their way, unelected officials at the World Health Organization will be able to impose vaccine mandates, lockdowns, and other “health” measures globally.

by Alex Newman

Under the leadership of a Communist Chinese-backed “former” Marxist terror leader, the UN World Health Organization (WHO) and the Biden administration are plotting an unprecedented power grab to build a planetary biomedical police state. Think Shanghai during lockdown, but worldwide. Leading experts argue that this is truly the emergence of the “New World Order” discussed by Biden and others.


Already, the WHO claims all sorts of draconian authorities, including powers to work with UN member states in quarantining villages or nations, locking down societies, forcing medical “treatments” such as vaccines, and generally crushing medical freedom. When Ebola was spreading, for instance, the Obama administration sent thousands of U.S. troops to help the UN enforce medical martial law in the Ivory Coast.

Under changes proposed to the WHO’s “International Health Regulations” by the Biden administration that were considered at the World Health Assembly’s 75th meeting, the dictator-friendly global “health” body would have gained the power to carry out its wishes without even the approval or consent of the targeted nation. Not surprisingly, neither the WHO nor the Biden administration planned to consult the U.S. Senate on the matter.

“The fifth priority is to urgently strengthen WHO as the leading and directing authority on global health, at the center of the global health architecture,” declared WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus while outlining his plans to the WHO Executive Committee on January 24, 2022. “We are one world, we have one health, we are one WHO.”

When considering all of the issues that have been declared a “public health crisis” by governments, the unlimited scope of the power grab becomes even more daunting. U.S. Centers for Disease Control boss Dr. Rochelle Walensky, for example, recently declared that “gun violence” was a public health crisis. Climate change, alleged by the UN and tax-funded scientists to be caused by human emissions of CO₂, has

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At the helm: “We are one world, we have one health, we are one WHO,” boasts WHO boss Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who would impose totalitarian measures from mandated vaccines to lockdowns if given the opportunity.

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also been repeatedly cited as the world’s most “urgent” public health crisis. And since 2020, numerous American states and governments have even declared racism to be a public health crisis.

In short, virtually anything and everything could fall under the jurisdiction of global “health” bureaucrats if the agenda proceeds. But despite the enormity of the usurpation, and the drastic implications for freedom and self-government around the world, the establishment media have been largely silent on the issue. Still, concern grew quickly as more and more experts and activists spoke out, culminating with multiple U.S. lawmakers, governors, and top cable television hosts speaking out.

In an interview with *The New American*, mRNA scientist and pioneer Dr. Robert Malone called the Biden administration’s involvement an “impeachable offense.” International law professor Francis Boyle, meanwhile, told *The New American* that this unconstitutional power grab by predatory “criminals” needed to be resisted at all levels.

Because the word spread quickly, and opposition was so intense, globalist forces seeking to ram the amendments through under cover of darkness were not as successful as they had hoped, early reports suggest. In fact, multiple governments —

especially the anti-communist government of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro — blasted the Biden-backed scheme. And so, activists opposed to the WHO power grab were able to hold back some of the agenda — for now.

However, experts say it is only a matter of time before the effort is resurrected. Indeed, in September, governments will have an opportunity to submit proposed amendments that will be considered at a November WHO meeting, journalists covering the proceedings said. And the entire process is so opaque, as are other workings of the WHO, that conflicting reports from Reuters and other sources do not even make clear what exact changes were made to the amendments prior to them being approved at the end of May.

There were originally two key routes of attack being pursued by the WHO and its allies. In June (after this magazine goes to press), a dangerous “pandemic treaty” is set to be considered, giving the WHO new “teeth” to enforce its dictates. In a public statement about its plans for the International Pandemic Treaty, the Council of the European Union explained that further empowering the WHO was the objective.

Among other goals, the decision-making EU body called for the international treaty to ensure “a stronger international

health framework with the WHO as the coordinating authority on global health matters.” The regional government ruling over the formerly sovereign nations of Europe also said the objective of the global agreement was to cement “the ‘One Health’ approach, connecting the health of humans, animals and our planet.” Sanctions on noncompliant nations were also a major goal.

Even before that, the Biden administration and others were seeking to prepare the way with a series of 13 controversial amendments to the WHO’s so-called International Health Regulations (IHR). The details of the amendments were only released publicly — and very quietly — a couple of months before they were set to be considered. Reports suggest the amendments that ended up being approved were less extreme than the originals sought by the Biden administration, but the truth remains murky.

The health regime created under the IHR, which was approved by the World Health Assembly in 2005 (the original was adopted in 1969), is already draconian in its current state. Indeed, these regulations are what supposedly empowered the disgraced global organization to “recommend” the totalitarian policies it deployed worldwide in response to Covid. Much of the leadership in the global war on freedom over the last two years came from the WHO and the puppet masters behind the scenes — Bill Gates and the Communist Party of China.

But under the amendments proposed by the Biden administration and considered in late May, it would have gone from bad to catastrophic. Among other concerns, the WHO would have acquired new powers to impose its will on nations and peoples against their will. Indeed, under the original language, the WHO would be able to declare a “health emergency” in any nation,

with virtually no limits, going far beyond even actual pandemics, as long as it “could present significant harm to humans.” In short, a blank check for the WHO.

One of the most significant changes would remove language from the WHO’s international health agreement requiring a government to consent to the WHO’s determinations before action is taken. Under the new language, all that would be necessary is for the WHO boss to claim there is “a public health emergency of international concern” (PHEIC). Even a claimed suspicion of such an “emergency” would be enough to get the gears of tyranny turning.

Once it declares an emergency, the WHO would be authorized to partner with a dizzying array of global agencies and organizations such as the UN and more under the guise of protecting “health.” That includes UN agencies overseeing food, agriculture, aviation, the environment, and much more. In short, a full-on assault on a nation by a range of would-be global government agencies is in the cards for defiance of the WHO.

The power grab would also accelerate the process of turning the head of the

WHO into a global health dictator, numerous critics say. That is especially troubling considering that WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, installed by the regime in Beijing, is a former politburo member of the Tigray People’s Liberation Front, an Ethiopian ethno-Marxist terror group designated a terrorist organization by governments around the world. Countless critics have called for him to be prosecuted for ghastly crimes perpetrated by the terror group he helped lead, and later the brutal Ethiopian regime he served at a high level.

Leading Psychiatrist Speaks Out

Ahead of the World Health Assembly’s meetings that considered the amendments, a veritable battery of experts spoke out. One of those critics, Dr. Peter Breggin, a leading medical voice sounding the alarm about the power grab, told *The New American* that just a few years ago he would have viewed this all as a “conspiracy theory.” Then he investigated the global elites and wrote the bestselling book *Covid-19 and the Global Predators: We Are the Prey*.

Dr. Breggin, a Harvard-trained psychiatrist known as the “Conscience of Psychiatry” for his efforts to rein in abuses in the industry, said the World Health Organization power grab is a threat to America. “If passed, the Biden administration’s proposed amendments will, by their very existence and their intention, drastically compromise the independence and the sovereignty of the United States,” he warned.

According to Dr. Breggin, the same threat applies to the sovereignty and self-government of all of the UN’s 193 member states, representing virtually the entire global population. In an interview with *The New American*, he suggested this was a major step in the direction of global government, led by a global “predator class.” The proposed changes



WHO critic: Dr. Peter Breggin has acknowledged that he once dismissed as “conspiracy theory” the globalist power grab he is now warning against.

would put “enormous new powers” in the hands of “unelected technocrats” — powers that “would be exercised whether the target nation agreed or not,” he explained.

“The amendments would give WHO the right to take important steps to collaborate with other nations and other organizations worldwide to deal with any nation’s alleged health crisis, even against its stated wishes,” warned Dr. Breggin, adding that these measures could include economic and financial attacks orchestrated by the WHO and its partners. Many of those ideas are being pursued in the International Pandemic Treaty, too.

But these attacks would hardly be limited to genuine pandemics. “Under WHO’s approach, it would be difficult to find any important national issue that was not a potential health problem,” warned Dr. Breggin, pointing out that the Communist Chinese regime and Bill Gates were the largest influences at the WHO. Under the Biden-backed amendments, the “WHO will have free rein for using these expansive definitions of health to call a crisis over anything it wishes in any nation it desires.”

If the WHO ultimately succeeds in advancing its agenda, he added, the most important use of these arbitrary authorities would be against the United States — at least if the American people were ever to elect another anti-globalist government such as the Trump administration — so that the WHO could bring the nation to heel. Under Trump, the U.S. government announced its exit from the WHO and defunded it, though the Biden administration promptly reversed that upon taking office.

“We need to face that these American-sponsored amendments are a great step toward America voluntarily forfeiting its sovereignty to the New World Order or Great Reset,” added Dr. Breggin. “Our success or failure in stopping the ratification of these amendments will establish the pattern for the future, including WHO’s ongoing effort to make legally-binding treaties that rob nations of their sovereignty.”

While it seems that some of the most extreme usurpations were defeated, for now, experts told *The New American* that the same forces behind those amendments would be seeking to get them approved in the upcoming pandemic treaty or some



Globalist billionaire: Bill Gates is a key force behind the envisioned global medical tyranny.

other instrument. But it is even worse than a loss of sovereignty. Instead, it amounts to handing power over all of humanity to a global class of predatory elites interested not in health, but in power and money, Dr. Breggin said.

“In reality, they will be forfeiting their sovereign powers to the global predators who rule the UN and WHO, including the Chinese Communist Party and supporters of the Great Reset, like Bill Gates, World Economic Forum founder Klaus Schwab, and giant foundations and corporations — all of whom benefit from weakening or destroying the sovereignty of the Western nations,” continued Breggin. “Western civilization, and mainly the United States, is all that stands in strong opposition to the globalist takeover of the world, called the New World Order or the Great Reset.”

Already, the WHO and its allies — and the global predators behind the whole machine — have shown their awesome powers. During the Covid crisis, the global agency was the key mechanism for unleashing and coordinating the unprecedented assaults on freedom around the world, Breggin explained.

“WHO was highly effective during Covid-19 in implementing the aims of the global predators, led by the groups around

Bill Gates and the Chinese Communist Party, in their organized assault and terror campaign against the Western democracies,” Dr. Breggin said. “This purposely resulted in the vast weakening of any potentially anti-globalist, freedom-oriented, patriotic nations, including the U.S., Great Britain, Australia, Canada, and others. That success may explain why the global predators chose WHO to now deliver a major and potentially lethal death blow to the sovereignty of the world’s nations.”

If not stopped, the ongoing power grabs would make all of it orders of magnitude worse, he said.

WHO Insider Speaks Out

In an interview with *The New American*, Dr. Astrid Stuckelberger, a prominent epidemiologist and international health scientist in Geneva and a former WHO official turned whistleblower, also warned that the WHO was the leading force behind the tyranny that enveloped the globe during Covid.

In defiance of its own IHR, which Dr. Stuckelberger taught at the university level, the WHO used fearmongering to “issue directives that were totally not commensurate to the situation,” she said. If the amendments eventually pass, or if

they are adopted in the looming treaty, it will get even worse. It all shows that the WHO and its backers such as Gates “have moved now, clearly, into global governance,” Dr. Stuckelberger said. “The way they are handling WHO is not like coordinating member states that can decide for themselves.”

The global model truly came into view over the last two years. “Before, in the IHR, we trained [students] that everything should be customized to countries,” she said. But now, “they have brought everybody to obey one governance, to obey a single standard.” “WHO is now more and more taking power of the world together as the only organization to be able ... to direct any epidemic preparedness plan or pandemic intervention plan,” she added.

The dystopian developments are moving from rhetoric to reality. At the WHO’s extraordinary World Health Assembly meeting late last year, member governments were given a document headlined “A Guide to a Pandemic Treaty.” Member states voted to accept the procedures to develop that treaty, which is now underway.

“They are so sneaky,” Stuckelberger said just before the recent meeting. “They are going to take the instrument that will be adopted the quickest, and the instrument likely to be adopted the quickest is the International Health Regulations.” Plan A, the amendments, did not succeed fully, it seems. But the battle is far from finished.

The WHO “Constitution” — something governments have — is likely in place to help turn the agency into a true global authority with governmental powers, Stuckelberger said. And the outfit’s constitution purports to enshrine a “fundamental right” to the “highest attainable standard of health.” It also calls for the “fullest cooperation of individuals and States.” Again, this is basically a blank check for intervention in people’s lives.

In Article 21 of the WHO Constitution, the World

Health Assembly is empowered to “adopt regulations” on everything from “sanitary and quarantine requirements” to “standards” for diagnosing diseases. This is what made possible the global tyranny that enveloped the world in early 2020, as well as the unreliable PCR Covid tests that fed the narrative, said Dr. Stuckelberger, who served as president of the WHO’s Geneva International Network on Ageing.

“We have to be liberated from the United Nations,” said Stuckelberger before urging everyone to contact their elected officials, attorneys, and others in a bid to derail the WHO power grab.

Seeking Even More Powers

With the WHO power grab in late May having been dealt a blow, the next major WHO threat to medical freedom, national sovereignty, and self-government is approaching fast. It comes from the proposed “International Pandemic Treaty” being worked on now behind the scenes.

Under the guise of controlling future pandemics, this global agreement would also hand vast new powers to the global “health”

organization. Multiple experts say the worst of the controversial amendments will be resurrected as the treaty is negotiated. And advocates of the treaty are openly proposing to turn the WHO into a sort of global health ministry with vast powers over every person and government on Earth.

Even actual sanctions on nations whose governments defy their would-be WHO overlords are now being peddled. For instance, WHO boss Tedros claimed that “maybe exploring the sanctions may be important.” Meanwhile, German Health Minister Jens Spahn argued “that countries that fail to follow up on their commitments to the WHO should face sanctions.” This sentiment is widespread among global elites. Basically, nations will submit to the WHO, or face the wrath of the world.

Indeed, less than a year ago, an “independent” UN panel of high-level globalists convened by the WHO chief claimed the health agency “needs to be empowered — financially, and politically.” This empowering should include making the WHO more independent, creating new “capacities” (powers) at the global level, and establishing a “new international system for surveillance.”

The UN report, which suggests Covid damage could have been mitigated with more global tyranny, also seeks to bring in the “precautionary principle.” Similar to the “climate” narrative, the precautionary principle involves implementing policies — in this case medical tyranny — as a precaution against potential dangers rather than in response to a proven threat. Ironically, that same WHO repeatedly claimed Covid was not transmissible between humans, just long enough for it to spread around the world.

Offering broad insight into the objectives, the report celebrated regimes such as the Communist Chinese dictatorship for their authoritarian response to Covid. Numerous globalist bigwigs working with the WHO and Beijing such as Gates and Schwab



WHO whistleblower: Epidemiologist Dr. Astrid Stuckelberger, a former WHO official, is sounding the alarm about how WHO is using fear-mongering to impose global governance.

have repeatedly praised the barbaric Covid response by Beijing while condemning jurisdictions that respected individual rights and the rule of law. This was all foreseen as far back as 2010 in the Rockefeller Foundation’s “scenario,” dubbed Lockstep, involving a hypothetical future pandemic that featured incredible similarities with the response to Covid.

Even as these battles are raging, totalitarians are already scheming on even more draconian powers over basic rights such as free speech. The WHO itself has been working to silence what it considers “misinformation,” “disinformation,” and “conspiracy theories” for years. “We’re not just battling the virus,” said WHO Director-General Tedros in the summer of 2020. “We’re also battling the trolls and conspiracy theorists that push misinformation and undermine the outbreak response.”

The WHO was “working closely” with Big Tech firms to censor the web, it boasted. In fact, the CEO of YouTube bragged about it, too. “Anything that would go against World Health Organization recommendations would be a violation of our policy,” YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki told CNN in April of 2020, early in the Covid pandemic. “And so ‘remove’ is another really important part of our policy.” Ironically, the WHO has urged health professionals to peddle demonstrable lies to parents in order to promote vaccines.

Opposition Grows as Legal Questions Swirl

In a memo to the WHO, U.S. Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs Loyce Pace cited almost 50 other governments that support the Biden administration’s proposed amendments. Those include the member governments of the European Union, along with numerous other governments including those in India, Australia, Japan, Canada, the United Kingdom, and more.

However, massive global opposition, including a threat to withdraw from the WHO by Brazilian authorities, led to a temporary and limited retreat — this time. A coalition of almost 50 African governments also argued that the amendments were being rushed too quickly and without adequate consultation with their governments. In the end, a series of watered-down “replacement” amendments



The future? To know what the future would be like if the WHO agenda is accomplished, one need look no further than the Shanghai lockdowns.

were reportedly approved, despite policy stating that they must be made available months in advance. But the threat of a major power grab being enshrined in “international law” still looms large.

Because of the existing international agreement updated by WHO member states almost two decades ago, the UN WHO considers any new updates to its International Health Regulations to be binding on all nations and all of humanity, legal experts say. Similar machinations were used to impose UN “climate” schemes on the planet without ratification by the U.S. Senate. And a similar process may be attempted to impose the “treaty” being worked on now.

However, there are several constitutional issues at hand as far as the United States is concerned. For one, the states that created the U.S. government never delegated these types of powers over “health” to the government they established. If the U.S. government lacks a specific authority or power, it certainly cannot hand a power it does not rightfully possess over to another body such as the WHO — at least not without a properly ratified constitutional amendment.

In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed as recently as 1957 in the case *Reid*

v. Covert that the U.S. government could not grant new powers to itself — or delegate those powers to other bodies — merely by adopting international agreements. Thomas Jefferson, a key architect of America’s constitutional system, understood that as well. “I say the same as to the opinion of those who consider the grant of the treaty-making power as boundless,” he explained in 1803. “If it is, then we have no Constitution.”

Neither the WHO nor the Biden administration’s Department of Health and Human Services responded to requests for comment.

In an interview with *The New American*, journalist and commentator James Ruskusky, among the first to sound the alarm on the amendments and a leading source of the global opposition, called on people to resist the WHO agenda while it is still possible. “The time to speak out and stand for your rights is now,” he explained. He argued that the defeat of almost all the originally proposed amendments was a “stunning defeat” for the globalist agenda. But of course, the war is far from over.

In an effort to derail the WHO’s power grab, The John Birch Society, the parent organization of this magazine, launched a grassroots effort encouraging state lawmakers across America to nullify the schemes at

the state level. “Rather than sitting back and being complacent, state legislators must take bold action to nullify any WHO agreement,” the Society said in a mass email to its legislative-alert subscribers.

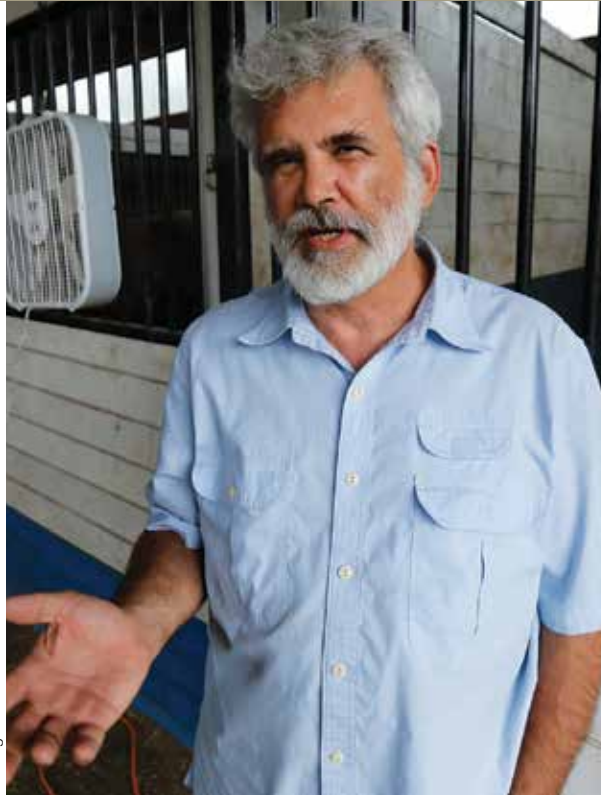
“Nullification of the WHO’s pandemic treaty wouldn’t be the first time the states have taken such bold action,” the organization’s alert continued. “Among multiple other examples, Alabama in 2012 enacted a strong law banning the implementation of the UN’s Agenda 21 (now Agenda 2030) in the state. Multiple other state legislative chambers passed similar bans.”

Urging activists to contact their lawmakers, the group, which has chapters nationwide, called for strong laws to prohibit implementation and enforcement of the WHO scheme. This could include ensuring that no state or local officials can participate in the enforcement of any actions originating from the WHO or under the authority of its illegitimate agreements.

Multiple lawmakers responded to the opposition. In Kansas, for example, the state Senate adopted a resolution warning that the WHO power grabs “are strongly disapproved as they will ultimately hand over the United States’ national sovereignty and authority to the WHO and place our democratic nation in the control of an unelected international organization that is wholly unaccountable to the people of this country.”

At the federal level, lawmakers also moved quickly. For instance, a dozen lawmakers joined as cosponsors of H.R. 419, known as the No Taxpayer Funding for the World Health Organization Act, to defund the controversial global body. In late May, Senators Steve Daines (R-Mont.) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) urged the administration to remove the U.S. government from the WHO due to its “abysmal lack of competence.” The House Freedom Caucus also called on Biden to immediately resume the U.S. withdrawal or “at the very least” take aggressive action against its corruption and stop trying to empower it.

In an interview on Fox News, Sena-



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Not mincing words: In an interview with *The New American*, Dr. Robert Malone called President Joe Biden’s role in trying to cede U.S. sovereign powers to the WHO regime an “impeachable offense.”

tor Rand Paul (R-Ky.) lashed out at the scheme to impose a “world government” under the guise of “health.” “The WHO has announced that they are forming a treaty, it’s going to be this treaty for the next pandemic, but in the next pandemic, it’s not going to be a Washington-based mandate on vaccines, or a Washington-based social distancing or masks, it’s going to be an international one,” he said.

It gets even creepier, Senator Paul warned. “And they actually want to track everybody with a QRS code,” he said, suggesting jokingly that the WHO wanted to put it on the back of peoples’ necks. “But it’s no laughing matter. It is very worrisome. Whenever they talk about it, they have absolutely no concern for privacy, they have no concern for the individual.”

U.S. Senator Rick Scott (R-Fla.), who recently was inter-

viewed by *The New American* about his plan to stop socialism in America, introduced a bill ensuring that public-health policy is made domestically and not by the WHO and Communist China. “The WHO’s radical ‘pandemic treaty’ is a dangerous globalist overreach. The United States of America must never give more power to the WHO. The WHO is a puppet for Xi Jinping, controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, and helped Beijing cover up the origins of COVID-19,” Scott said. “We must quickly pass this bill to ensure that public health matters in the country remain in the hands of Americans, not globalist puppets working for Communist China.”

In an interview with *The New American* magazine about a bill to cut ties to the entire UN and not just the WHO, Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) expressed support for getting out of the UN entirely. “It’s full of dictators, and it’s also something that I don’t think our sovereign government should defer to,” he explained. Legislation to do

just that, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, has been regularly introduced in Congress for decades and is currently pending as H.R. 7806.

Derailing the WHO’s draconian power grabs — especially the looming pandemic treaty — would be a good step in the direction of neutralizing the ever-increasing threat of globalism and international tyranny. However, over the long term, small victories in battles such as this one will not be enough. A full restoration of sovereignty must be the ultimate objective — and this massive attack on humanity by the WHO may be the perfect catalyst to supercharge the movement to stop globalism for good. ■



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GOVERNMENT CAUSES FORMULA SHORTAGE, NOW OFFERS SOLUTION

The shortage in baby formula is a result of government regulation, not the free market, and the solution is not more government regulation and control but the opposite.

by Steve Byas

When President Joe Biden cited the Defense Production Act in May as his authority to order an increase in baby-formula manufacturing due to the recent national shortage, it was just the latest step in using the Cold War law to give the president carte blanche to control the U.S. economy any way he sees fit.

No one disputes that the baby-formula shortage is real, and for those directly affected by it — parents with infant children — a serious problem. But, just as the federal government has misused the “Commerce Clause” found in the U.S. Constitution to expand its power and reach over

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the U.S. economy, using the Defense Production Act to order increased production of baby formula sets the precedent for the president to step in and control American businesses (economic fascism).

The national shortage of baby formula was directly caused by the federal government. In February, a baby-formula manufacturing plant in Sturgis, Michigan, was closed — by the federal government — after four infants who consumed products made there got sick, and two died, of bacterial infection.

The manufacturer, Abbott Nutrition, disputes the charge that it was its baby formula that caused the bacterial infection, arguing there is “no conclusive evidence” to support that claim.

So, why did the manufacturer get shut down in February, and why did the Biden

administration wait until May to do something about the resulting shortage?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigated a severe bacterial infection in *four* infants. One would logically conclude that if this plant's baby-formula product was the cause of this misfortune, then many more infants than four would have been affected. However, logic has little to do with the actions of government bureaucrats, as genetic sequencing on two available samples from the sick babies *did not match strains of Cronobacter* found in the plant. Additionally, samples from the two infants who died did not even match each other, indicating there was no logical connection between the two cases.

The Abbott formula in all four cases was tested by the state of Michigan, the CDC, and the FDA, and in *all four cases*,

all unopened containers tested negative. Officials with Abbott noted that *open* containers from the homes of the sick babies were also tested, and one tested positive for the type of bacteria that caused the infection, while another matched a strain found on a bottle of distilled water that was used to mix the formula.

Neither strain matched strains found in the Abbott plant.

Abbott added, “The infants consumed four different types of our formula made over the course of nearly a year and the illnesses took place over several months in three different states.”

Yet, the plant responsible for 42 percent of the U.S. baby-formula market was shut down. Abbott is, along with Nestle, Perrigo, and Mead Johnson, one of only four major baby-formula manufacturers in the United States, and nearly all of America’s baby formula is produced domestically. While the United States has turned to imports for many consumer goods, baby formula has not been among those goods in the past, with almost 100 percent of baby formula consumed in the United States being manufactured in the

country. Stiff tariff barriers protect these four infant-formula manufacturers from foreign competition.

But tariff barriers are not the only reason that there exists such a strong oligopoly in the baby-formula industry. Another government act, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), operated for low-income mothers by the Department of Agriculture, accounts for about two-thirds of all infant formula sold in the United States.

Under WIC, each state gives an exclusive formula contract to a manufacturer, which then gives the state a large rebate on the formula. In other words, women in a particular state are limited to purchasing formula from whatever manufacturer is given the exclusive contract. Manufacturers, of course, are willing to give these enormous rebates because they are in turn granted a monopoly.

This is hardly “the free market” at work. This is government creating a problem by its attempt to “manage” this part of the economy. Then, when one large plant, such as the one in Michigan, is shut down by government edict, a severe shortage is the predictable outcome.

Additionally, the Biden administration has exacerbated the problem by diverting scarce supplies of baby formula to the southern border to take care of the flood of illegal immigrants attempting to enter the country — another problem caused directly by the government, specifically policies of the Biden administration that practically invite more immigrants into the country.

In his use of the Defense Production Act, Biden is ordering suppliers to send any ingredients used in baby formula to baby-formula producers rather than other companies that have need of those ingredients. Additionally, Biden has ordered the federal Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture to obtain infant formula from other countries — if they meet U.S. health and safety standards.

The Defense Production Act was enacted in 1950 during the Korean War. It allows the president to order businesses to accept and prioritize contracts for materials considered necessary for national defense — even if the business has to do so at a financial loss. A person who performs an act prohibited under the law — or who willfully disobeys the dictates of the law — can be charged with a felony, resulting in a fine of up to \$10,000 or one year in jail.

The law also gives the president the authority to allocate materials, services, and facilities to promote national defense, and to control the national economy if needed for national defense. He can take property, and he can force businesses to expand production, set wages and prices, and even dictate where plants can be located.

Of course, this statute was enacted by Congress under the guise of a potentially dire national emergency, such as warding off invasion by a foreign power.

But since its enactment, presidents of both political parties have used the Defense Production Act to order economic actions that have nothing to do with national defense. For example, President Barack Obama used the law to force companies in the telecommunications field to provide detailed information to the Commerce Department on the use of foreign-made hardware and software. The reason given was to fight Chinese cyberespionage.



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Fascist in chief? President Joe Biden has invoked the Defense Production Act in a stated effort to alleviate the shortage of baby formula. Rather than letting the free market work out a solution, Biden is using what can be rightly termed economic fascism.

President Donald Trump, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, issued an executive order that defined ventilators and protective equipment as “essential to the national defense.” He added that he hoped use of the Defense Production Act would not be necessary, and would only invoke it in a “worst-case scenario.”

Interestingly, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi disagreed with Trump’s hesitance to use the national-defense law to order the production of ventilators, and said that he should “immediately use the powers of the DPA.”

A few days later, Trump issued an executive order that said all “health and medical resources necessary to respond to the spread of COVID-19” were subject to the authority of the law to prohibit hoarding and price gouging. Of course, “price gouging” is a rather subjective standard, and the use of the term indicates one has little faith in the ability of the free market to respond to a crisis. Ordinarily, when there is a shortage of a product, businesses will respond much quicker in response to rising prices. Instead of allowing the law of supply and demand to allocate products through a price system, Trump’s thinking relied on the government to allocate resources.

Since taking office, Biden has made use of the Defense Production Act to order the production of more protective equipment related to the Covid-19 pandemic, and even to supply fire hoses to combat wildfires.

Now, the supply of baby formula apparently falls under “national defense.”

Again, this is not to say that the shortage of baby formula is not a serious problem, but this illustrates how any time government is given a power, political leaders will predictably use it to expand their powers in general.

Such “shortages” are what one can expect when government manages the economy, rather than allowing the free market to function. As Adam Smith famously wrote in his classic economic treatise *The Wealth of Nations*, the butcher does not provide us our supper for our benefit, but rather for his own self-interest (not to be confused with selfish interest). But, it is in the “self-interest” of the butcher to provide us our supper — so therefore, we get our supper.

This is highly relevant to the baby-

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War on shortages: Baby formula is arriving from Europe, flown in by the U.S. military in what is called Operation Fly Formula. Biden should allow more formula to be manufactured here at home, rather than depending on uncertain foreign sources.

formula shortage problem. It is in the self-interest of manufacturers of baby formula to provide consumers with safe baby formula.

While the baby-formula shortage is more acute in some states (because of government policy), and it is of grave concern to families who have infants who need the formula, the majority of Americans have sympathy for these families but are not otherwise affected by the shortage.

But this shortage should provide a warning to *all* Americans. A food shortage in the capital city of Paris was a principal, immediate cause of the bloody French Revolution. Robert Unanue, president and CEO of Goya Foods, recently told *The*

Epoch Times, “We are on the precipice of food shortage.”

The war on fossil fuels by the Biden administration is creating a massive increase in the cost of diesel fuel for the trucks that deliver our food to the grocery stores. Unanue added, “The biggest component of food cost is transportation, and the current war on fossil fuels has made the United States no longer oil independent... Nitrogen-based fertilizers are made from natural gas, so the war on fossil fuels and energy independence also affects the cost of fertilizers.”

When it comes to solving the baby-formula shortage, as well as any other supply shortage, less government, not more, is the solution. ■

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MONKEYPOX: THE NEXT PLANDEMIC?

Monkeypox is the latest real-life outbreak foreshadowed in a Deep State germ game.

by *Rebecca Terrell*

“We’ll have another pandemic,” Bill Gates assured his audience at February’s Munich Security Conference (MSC). “It will be a different pathogen next time.”

He did not finger the monkeypox virus at that time, though he easily could have. It was the pet bug in a pandemic preparedness session that he, as co-head of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, helped coordinate last year. MSC, a European council of internationalist insiders, hosted the fictional scenario, along with depopulationist Ted Turner’s Nuclear Threat Initiative.

Their “tabletop exercise” depicted what might happen if there were another pandemic, with a summary published last November: *Strengthening Global Systems to Prevent and Respond to High-Consequence Biological Threats*.

Heretofore a relatively well-contained germ, the monkeypox virus “is not a significant biothreat, and has never been considered a high threat pathogen in the past,” according to the blog of mRNA-vaccine pioneer Dr. Robert Malone. Gates’ germ game, however, depicted “an unusual strain” that spread “over 18 months” causing a “deadly, global pandemic” that “resulted in more than three billion cases and 270 million fatalities worldwide.”

How did a previously limited infection morph into such catastrophic propor-

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Chicken Little: Media reports exaggerate the threat of monkeypox, likening it to smallpox, while cooler heads compare it to an easily contained and relatively harmless condition like chickenpox.

tions? MSC envisioned terrorists foisting the imaginary outbreak after infiltrating a civilian biolab manned by “sympathetic” scientists, who had engineered the virus to be highly contagious, vaccine-resistant, and deadly. The role-players projected the attack to occur on May 15, 2022.

Wuhan Once More

Though MSC prophets pinpointed both the pathogen and the date of the current outbreak with disturbing accuracy, they failed to speculate about which lab might be involved. Notably absent from the mock-up is the fact that researchers at China’s Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) have been monkeying around with the virus for some time. WIV is the same facility that conducted coronavirus gain-of-function research prior to the Covid pandemic, as mounting evidence indicates.

What has the lab been up to lately? In February, WIV announced its success in assembling a monkeypox virus (MPXV) genome, “using a method researchers flagged

for potentially creating a ‘contagious pathogen,’” reports The National Pulse.

WIV published its findings in the journal *Virologica Sinica*, stating its primary aim was to develop a PCR test to detect the infection in people. PCR, or polymerase chain reaction, is the same test popularly used to identify SARS-CoV-2 infections, though the man who won the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for developing the technology, Dr. Kary Mullis, specifically stated that it is not a reliable diagnostic tool. The inaccuracy of PCR is one of many complaints raised in a grand jury petition filed last fall by Oregon state lawmakers against Covid “statistical manipulation” by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Impervious to such facts, WIV calls PCR “the gold standard for the detection of orthopoxvirus,” the genus that includes germs that cause a menagerie of conditions such as monkeypox, cowpox, horsepox, camelpox, mousepox, raccoon-

With incredible timing, Wuhan crowed success with its new PCR test a mere three months before the World Health Organization (WHO) identified a multicountry monkeypox outbreak in nonendemic regions.



Pandemic planning: Bill Gates, whose foundation has established a global vaccine empire, repeatedly promises future viral pandemics that will be as dangerous as “nuclear war and climate change.”

pox, skunkpox, and their more virulent cousin, smallpox.

At the time of WIV’s research, the CDC website identified monkeypox as “a rare disease,” mostly confined to Africa’s Democratic Republic of the Congo, with infrequent emergence in other countries and continents “linked to international travel or imported animals.” Despite the low severity and occurrence of monkeypox, WIV justified investment in its research, noting that even though “MPXV infection has never been associated with an outbreak in China,” of its two variants (clades) — the West African and Congo Basin clades — “the latter is more pathogenic and has been reported to infect humans in various parts of the world.”

Monkey Business

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three months before the World Health Organization (WHO) identified a multicountry monkeypox outbreak in non-endemic regions. As of May 21, a dozen member states had reported 120 confirmed and suspected cases in Europe and North America with “no established travel links to endemic areas,” a WHO press release stated. The agency said it received the first European report on May 13, just two days ahead of the MSC germ-game projection.

The rest of the world had already learned from *The Guardian* on May 7 that a British patient who had recently traveled to Nigeria was being treated for monkeypox in London. At the time, Dr. Colin Brown of the UK Health Security Agency said, “It is important to emphasize that monkeypox does not spread easily between people and the overall risk to the general public is very low.”

Low risk notwithstanding, 10 days later Bill Gate’s vaccine-plugging organiza-

tion, Gavi, published “five things you need to know about this deadly disease.” The inflammatory short list included comparisons of monkeypox to smallpox and Ebola, and even dropped the dreaded “respiratory droplets” catchphrase. It warned readers that “it causes pustules all over the body” that can make “large sections of skin drop off.” Of interest among Gavi’s need-to-know inventory is that “diagnosis requires PCR tests,” now conveniently available courtesy of Wuhan.

Public health pundits joined in the rant. “MONKEYPOX outbreak in UK, Portugal, Spain — CDC is very worried about transmission,” tweeted epidemiologist and Covid alarmist Eric Feigl-Ding. “#Monkeypox is fatal in ~1 in 10 cases, with severe disease & death more likely among kids,” he squawked, parroting a STAT News article citing Congo Basin clade statistics in Africa.

STAT also reminded readers of the “large outbreak” of 47 “confirmed and probable” cases in the United States that occurred in 2003, each of which involved transmission from exotic pets imported from Africa. It failed to mention the fact that no one died from that outbreak’s West African clade, according to 2005 research by the Saint Louis University Medical Center.

Nevertheless, WHO convened an emergency meeting in late May to discuss MPXV, according to the Infectious Diseases Society of America. (This, despite the fact that European health officials were able to trace a “notable proportion” of their cases to homosexual events in Belgium and Spain.) Several European countries made moves to stockpile vaccines as well as antiviral treatments.

Not to be outdone, the Biden administration — on the heels of the first U.S. monkeypox case — placed a \$119 million order for smallpox vaccines, prompting speculation among conservative media that the “k” in “monkeypox” is silent. The supplier, a Copenhagen-based pharmaceutical named Bavarian Nordic, explains that JYNNEOS is a two-dose med made from another orthopoxvirus cousin, vaccinia. Licensed by the FDA in 2019, it also protects against MPXV and is approved for that use.

Bavarian Nordic says it has already supplied nearly 30 million doses to the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) since 2003, primarily for “emergency use” prior to FDA approval. Curiously, most of those doses are apparently not in the U.S. Strategic National Stockpile. During a CDC media telebriefing on May 23, Captain Jennifer McQuiston, deputy director of the HHS Division of High Consequence Pathogens and Pathology, reported about 1,000 doses of JYNNEOS in emergency storage. She failed to explain what happened to the other 29,999,000.

Fearmongering

Malone calls the rash of public health propaganda “fearporn,” citing a recent CNN broadcast “which was breathlessly reporting on this ‘threat’ while displaying historic images” of smallpox patients. He said that just because the two viruses are related, “this does not in any way mean that [monkeypox] represents a similar public health threat.” Another harmless relative, cowpox, “has even been (historically) used as a smallpox vaccine.”

“The symptoms of monkeypox are somewhat similar to, but much milder than smallpox,” he explains, especially when

infection involves the now-circulating West African clade. Patients manifest flu-like fever, body aches, chills, and swollen lymph nodes, followed by a rash that can leave small depigmented scars. “Unless there has been some genetic alteration” to the virus, transmission is only from very close contact, and it is easily contained with “classical public health measures” like contact tracing and temporary quarantine of infected persons.

As for lethality, Outbreak News Today reported in 2020 that while “monkeypox due to the Congo Basin clade virus has seen mortality of up to 10% ... the West African clade usually displays fatal outcomes in less than 1% of cases.” Will that statistic hold true? Fortunately, orthopoxviruses, being made up of double-stranded DNA, “mutate much more slowly than RNA viruses” like SARS-CoV-2, explains Malone. However, he cited troubling research from the Portuguese National Institute of Health that indicates significant genetic differences in the present variant, meaning it could easily be “a laboratory-manipulated strain ... that is more readily transmitted from human to human.”

Regardless, the relative stability of their DNA structure makes orthopoxviruses cross-protective; patients who have immunity to one are likely resistant to the others. That is why smallpox vaccines can protect against MPXV, though the latter is less dangerous.

The Bigger Pox

Smallpox, on the other hand, is deadly. Easily transmitted and painful, it claims the lives of about 30 percent of its victims, leaving many survivors disfigured and even blind. WHO declared smallpox eradicated after its successful global vaccination campaign of the 1960s and 1970s, but for research purposes public health officials preserved stocks of the variola virus, which causes smallpox. CDC’s website explains that there are only two official holding locations: its own facility in Atlanta, Georgia, and the State Research Center of Virology and Biotechnology (VECTOR Institute) in Russia.

However, officials have long aired concerns about the bioterrorism potential of smallpox, with media coverage steadily rising. “Based on recent CDC vaccine advisory committee meetings, the U.S. is focused on the threat of smallpox,” reported Precision Vaccinations last November.

Thus, health officials have been adding vaccines to the Strategic National Stockpile for years. “We’ve been preparing for the possibility of needing to use [them] for smallpox,” admitted McQuiston, citing more than 100 million doses of the “older generation” ACAM2000, which also has FDA approval despite “potential significant side effects.”

Bill Gates has smallpox on his mind, too. At a Policy Exchange forum in November he proposed a WHO-managed international Pandemic Task Force to host regular “germ games,” with an annual budget of \$1 billion. He offered the sample topic: “What if a bioterrorist brought smallpox to 10 airports? How would the world respond to that?”

He has repeated the speculation often in media interviews, and highlighted it during an MSC event in February 2017. “We also face a new threat that the next epidemic has a good chance of originating on a computer screen of a terrorist, intent on using genetic



Aping Covid? Already implicated in Covid lab-leak theories, China’s Wuhan Institute of Virology published research on the monkeypox virus only three months before a multicountry outbreak made headlines.

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engineering to create a synthetic version of the smallpox virus,” Gates warned.

Smallpox was also the focus of his presentation at the World Economic Forum in 2017, while promoting his new global health security initiative, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). He offered smallpox as a prime example of the urgent need to prepare for global bioterrorism threats, citing a June 2001 “germ game” called Dark Winter, the results of which “didn’t come out very well.”

Hosted by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, this “senior-level war game” depicted a “(then obscure) terrorist group called Al Qaeda” setting off “an outbreak of smallpox in U.S. shopping malls,” as described by *MIT Technology Review* in 2018. “Within three months of the exercise the U.S. was hit by the 9/11 attacks, and anthrax-laden letters were circulating in the US postal system.”

Unruffled by the coincidence, MIT praised Dark Winter for helping to shape the nation’s pandemic preparedness policy. It went on to describe another germ game, also hosted by Johns Hopkins and conducted by many of the original Dark Winter gang. CladeX would turn out to be even more prescient than its predecessor.

Covid Clairvoyance

In the updated 2018 scenario, a fast-moving man-made respiratory virus called CladeX wipes out more than 100 million people across the globe. The perpetrators, population-control-crazed terrorists, used gene-editing CRISPR technology to create the novel pathogen. Scientists moved quickly to sequence the viral genome and develop vaccines, but the pandemic left the global economy in shambles. The United States emerged with a newly nationalized healthcare system.

In a post-Covid world, that scenario may seem uncomfortably familiar, but it pales in comparison to the striking likeness of two other Johns Hopkins-hosted events, in 2017 and 2019. Both involved novel coronaviruses spread from Asia and plenty of overlap of key Deep State players.

Collaborators summarized the first of these events in their report *The SPARS Pandemic 2025-2028: A Futuristic Scenario for Public Health Risk Communicators*. It reads like a Covid-19 playbook, including an officially inflated fatality rate, “misinformation” rumors that “SPARS-CoV” originated in a government-funded lab, and liability protection for vaccine manufacturers.

The other planning session was 2019’s

infamous “Event 201,” which concluded only weeks before Covid-19 burst on the scene. As described by *The New American’s* Alex Newman, the exercise “involved a hypothetical novel Chinese coronavirus that required a globally coordinated ‘health’ policy, including censorship of ‘misinformation,’ global lockdowns, massive economic disruptions, total surveillance, and flooding the world with ‘authoritative’ propaganda.”

Clearly, germ gamers depicted Covid with uncanny precision three times, so readers may be disheartened to know that Dark Winter was not their only smallpox drill. In 2005, Johns Hopkins struck again with Atlantic Storm, in which Islamic bioterrorists spark an international pandemic with a lab-altered strain of smallpox. The scenario’s ensuing bedlam, described in *Navigating the Storm: Report and Recommendations from the Atlantic Storm Exercise*, concluded with predictable recommendations to vastly expand the regulatory authority of WHO, NATO, and the European Union to prepare for the supposed inevitable.

Expansion of regulatory power is an overriding theme of all these germ games, and it is disturbing to think that last year’s monkeypox exercise was not the Deep State’s first foray into the orthopox arena. Should we be concerned that the same planners who foresaw SARS-CoV-2 have been harping on these viruses, especially since media skills screech that monkeypox is now circling the globe?

Preparing for possible disasters is both prudent and essential, but these operatives give every indication that their motives are other than benevolent. Mounting evidence shows that the same pandemic planners foisted Covid on the world in the name of the Great Reset of World Economic Forum fame. Tyrannical Covid countermeasures trampled God-given rights in the name of a so-called greater good, and laid down an infrastructure to ensure future pandemics will advance the same destructive ends: biomedical policing, vaccine passports, lockdowns, censorship, economic destruction, and loss of lives and livelihoods on an unprecedented scale.

Considering the outrageous public health and economic tolls of Covid and the vast expansion of government power in its wake, it is fair to ask which is the greater threat: disease pathogens, or the plague of revolutionary men? ■



Soros-funded DAs Abetting Crime Wave

Turning lawbreakers loose rather than prosecuting them discourages police from doing their job and fosters more crime.

by C. Mitchell Shaw

As police officers and sheriff's deputies across the nation risk life and limb to arrest criminals in the midst of an increase in crime — including violent crime — many of them are finding their efforts amount to little more than an exercise in futility. That is because while police work hard to make arrests and build cases, many district attorneys across America seem to be working just as hard to nullify those efforts by either reducing the charges or refusing outright to bring charges in the first place. And most of those district attorneys have one thing in common: Their campaigns were funded in large part by George Soros.

Soros helped finance the campaigns of at least 23 district attorneys from 12 states across America. In all, Soros spent \$15 million on the elections of those 23 district attorneys. And he appears to have weighed the costs and spent his resources where he could get the most bang for his buck.

For instance, Soros spent nearly one-fifth of that \$15 million on the Los Angeles County, California, race of George Gascon. While Soros actually forked out a total of \$6 million on DA races in California, most of that was to losing candidates. But in George Gascon, Soros seems to have found a man worthy of his best

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Financier of destruction: Billionaire globalist George Soros is deliberately financing the demise of America. He spent \$15 million on the elections of 23 district attorneys, most of whom are enemies of law and order.

efforts. Of the \$6 million Soros spent on the California DA races, nearly half of that (\$2.5 million) went to Gascon, who — not surprisingly — easily won his race. And of all of Gascon's donors, Soros was the most generous. In all, Gascon spent just a smidgen over \$12 million on his campaign.

Dark Money, Dark Purposes

Due to limits on how much money can be contributed directly to campaigns, Soros funnels contributions through Super PACs, which are not subject to contribution limits. The result is that dark money fuels dark purposes, and candidates such as Gascon are able to outspend their opponents by staggering margins. As anyone who has paid even moderate attention to Soros-funded politics would expect, the records of the Soros-funded district attorneys are abysmal.

Take George Gascon as a prime example. As *The New American's* Bob Adelman reported online recently, Gascon's tenure as Los Angeles County DA has been marked — almost from day one — by “the same far-left liberal policies that got him in trouble as San Francisco's DA: eliminating cash bail for certain offenses, not seeking the death penalty no matter how violent or outrageous the crime, reopening closed cases against LAPD officers, and ‘reevaluating’ sentences for which the convict had already served time.”

When Adelman writes of Gascon getting “in trouble” as San Francisco's DA, he is referring to soaring crime rates, including for murders and other violent crimes. While Gascon was DA of San Francisco, criminals understood what the voters who elected Gascon had not: It was open season to commit crimes, since while they



Poster boy for Soros funding: Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon — whose campaign was bankrolled by Soros — has put in place a litany of soft-on-crime, hard-on-police policies that have driven crime up and arrests down.

might be arrested, they would not likely be prosecuted. Even if they were, the sentencing would be light and easy. Crime rose accordingly in San Francisco. And once San Francisco managed to get rid of Gascon and Los Angeles elected him, the result was predictable: Crime went up in L.A. and arrests went down.

Cause and Effect

Gascon is not an anomaly. A brief perusal of some of the other district attorneys Soros funded shows a pattern.

After Diana Becton took office in Contra Costa County, California, the *Contra Costa Herald* reported that “out of the 461 individual municipalities in California, four cities in Contra Costa County made the [FBI’s] list of the 100 most dangerous cities within the state.”

And in Cook County (Chicago), Illinois, Kim Foxx’s policies have made Chicago even more dangerous than it already was. Chicago has long had a reputation as a crime-ridden city, but as Foxx’s office made news for dropping charges against 30 percent of felony defendants during 2020, the city has experienced the highest spike in murders in more than 30 years.

And it is not just large cities seeing these

trends. Hinds County, Mississippi, has a population of about 250,000. But with Jody Owens’ policies in place, even CNN reported that Hinds County is now “one of the deadliest US cities,” with more than 150 homicides in 2021. And while Owens is not going after criminals, he is going out of his way to prosecute police for non-existent crimes. In 2020, he brought murder charges against two police officers, but Hinds County Circuit Judge E. Faye Peterson dismissed the case with prejudice, citing a lack of evidence that any crime was committed.

And while it is hard to imagine Hinds County, Mississippi, as “one of the deadliest US cities,” an even worse distinction now belongs to St. Louis, Missouri. The year after Kim Gardner became district attorney, St. Louis became the murder capital of the nation. Soros — apparently pleased with that outcome — poured \$116,000 into Gardner’s 2020 reelection campaign. And he got what he paid for. The following year, 2021, saw St. Louis become “one of the deadliest cities in the world,” according to the *Washington Examiner*. The result is the same in city after city. And the result appears to be deliberate. Soros is financing the demise of America. And he is playing the long game.

The Long Game

Monique Worrell is the Soros-funded district attorney in Orange and Osceola Counties, Florida. And she is not the first district attorney Soros financed there. Her predecessor, Aramis Ayala, was also a Soros district attorney, elected in 2016 with the help of \$1.3 million from Soros. Ayala was so bad that two different Republican governors removed her from multiple high-profile murder cases. During her reign of terror, violent crime increased, reaching a peak in 2020, with murders up a whopping 26 percent.

When Ayala left her post as district attorney to pursue higher offices, Soros pumped \$1 million into Worrell’s campaign, allowing her to swoop in out of nowhere and take the race at the last minute. Allied with Black Lives Matter and other anti-police leftist groups, Worrell describes herself as a “criminal justice reformer” who began her career as a public defender in Orange County, Florida. Her previous job was as the chief legal officer at REFORM Alliance, which bills itself as an organization that “aims to transform probation and parole by changing laws, systems and culture.”

So, an anti-police activist attorney who last worked to change “laws, systems and culture” to favor probation and parole over prison is now the Soros-funded district attorney in Orange and Osceola Counties, Florida, and is implementing her goals in the way she performs (or fails to perform) the duties of her job.

As things continue to go from bad to worse in areas with Soros-funded district attorneys, many concerned citizens are taking action. Voters have launched recall efforts for some of these district attorneys. Most notably, George Gascon in Los Angeles is facing a serious effort to remove him from office. If that effort succeeds, Gascon would be replaced, but that is when the real work begins. Soros has shown that he is not shy about throwing his money into electing dark district attorneys for the purpose of tearing America down so that he can rebuild it according to his plans. While getting rid of those district attorneys is a great starting place, the effort to restore America moving forward will require an informed electorate that does not fall for Soros-funded lies in the future.

That has to be America’s long game. ■

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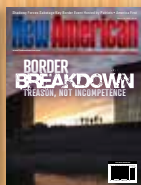
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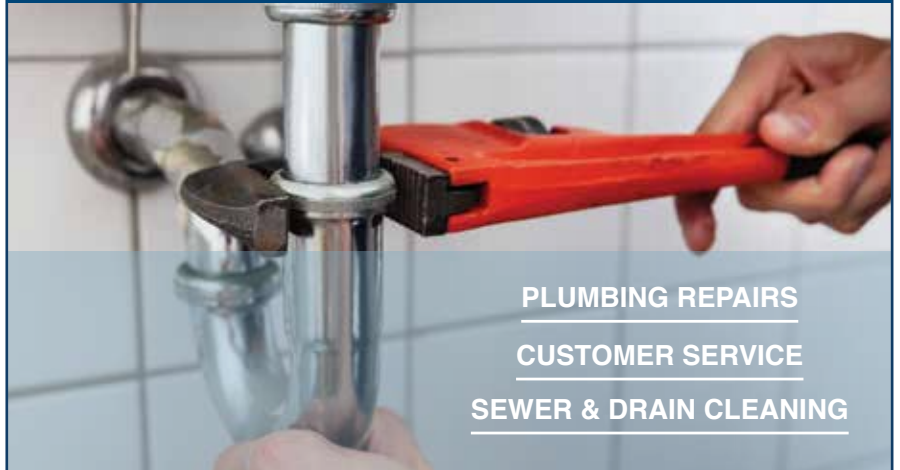
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JOURNALIST JULIE KELLY'S UNSHAKEABLE FAITH IN FREEDOM

by Annalisa Pesek

One word of truth shall outweigh the whole world.

— Soviet dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

On January 6, 2021, hundreds of thousands of Americans traveled to Washington, D.C., to protest election fraud. Some were captured on video seemingly entering the Capitol illegally, though footage also shows Capitol Police steering people through barricades and into the people's house without resistance. Some stood outside on the Capitol grounds singing the National Anthem and praying. Still others used their phones to record what was *really* happening, as the majority of the American-flag-waving crowd were nonviolent, law-abiding citizens making known their political convictions that the 2020 presidential election was rigged.

Journalist Julie Kelly, a patriot with an unshakeable faith in freedom, has uncovered many of the unreported stories of that day, documenting with unrelenting passion and meticulous detail dozens of little-known accounts in her inspiring new book *January 6: How Democrats Used the Capitol Protest to Launch a War on Terror Against the Political Right*.

In the face of intense scrutiny and ridicule, Kelly has corresponded for more than a year with the members of the "insurrectionist mob" and their families. While the activist media told the story that so-called radicalized extremists were encouraged by Donald Trump to attack police officers and engage in outrageous and dangerous conduct to overturn a U.S. election, Kelly told a different story.

Do the Crimes Fit the Penalties?

Out of 400-plus people arrested, "at least 73 are *accused* of committing acts of violence, particularly against police," reported National Public Radio. (Emphasis added.) "At least 35 are *suspected* of causing property damage,

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like breaking windows or doors to gain entry to the building. At least 27 are *accused* of theft, like the man photographed carrying House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's lectern or one woman who *allegedly* took a laptop from Pelosi's office." (Emphasis added.)

Couy Griffin, founder of Cowboys for Trump, was among those arrested and *accused*. Griffin was denied bail and sat in a federal prison cell for 19 days. His true offense was refusing to say that no fraud had occurred in the 2020 presidential election. According to the Associated Press, "U.S. Magistrate Judge Zia Faruqui said Griffin's behavior and statements suggest he might obstruct justice based on his presence in a riotous crowd outside the U.S. Capitol and his insistence that the election was not won by President Joe Biden."

Kelly's careful and consistent reporting brought these political prisoners to life. We learn of the men still rotting in jail cells, of the jobs they have lost, of their businesses that have failed, of their families broken and torn apart.

The gut-wrenching story of 18-year-old Bruno Cua and his fam-



ily sheds light on not only how much about the events of January 6 have been withheld by the media from the public, but also how abusive tactics have been used by the government to break the spirits of those detained.

“I ask for your forgiveness for just my failures as a mom,” said Bruno’s broken mother, Alise, during her son’s detention hearing. “I’m really just hoping that we get a chance to prove that this is behind us. We just want our family together. [We] are completely broken and completely just, honestly and truthfully, remorseful to the core of our beings, and we’re asking for a chance.”

Yet, aside from a handful of lawmakers, including Representatives Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), and Louie Gohmert (R-Texas), the Republican Party has done nothing to support January 6 defendants or their families. And the hunt for “domestic terrorists” marches on.

Jailed in filthy conditions for months on end, those arrested have been denied bail but not convicted of any crime. They have been treated as savages, refused medical treatment and swift legal representation.

Moreover, only a handful of private attorneys are willing to represent January 6 detainees. Those risking everything for justice include Steven Metcalf, Joseph McBride, Marina Medvin, David W. Fischer, and John Kiyonaga.

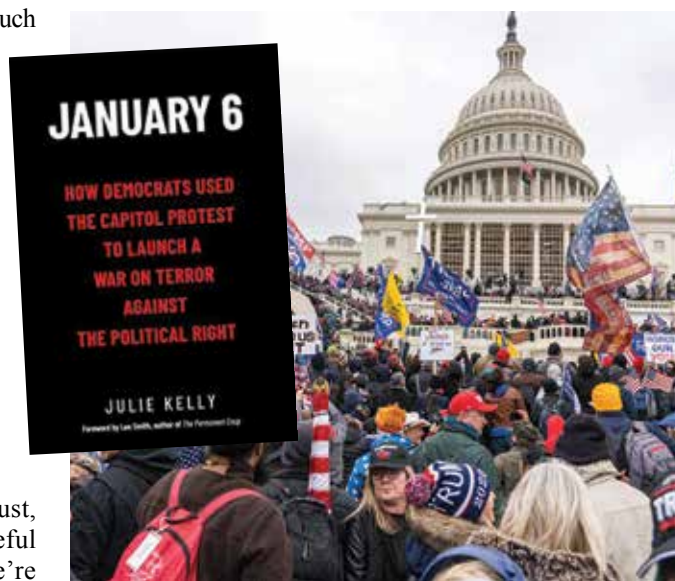
The Prosecution Will Not Rest

Considering that “due process, the presumption of innocence, the right to a speedy trial, and the exercise of ‘blind justice’ were all cast aside in service to the Democrats’ political agenda: to punish and criminalize dissent from their partisan narrative,” as Kelly argues, the deafening silence over barbarous treatment of free American citizens cannot be solely pinned on the Democrats.

Remember how terrible it was to hear *conservative* Ted Cruz say the protest was “a violent terrorist attack on the Capitol”?

In her book, Kelly masterfully delineates the myths of January 6 narratives perpetuated by politicians and the press.

Defendant Brandon Straka, founder of the nonprofit #Walk-away, was placed on a terrorist watch list and ultimately signed a plea deal in which he confessed to something he didn’t do. He was sentenced to three months of house arrest, three years of probation, 60 hours of community service, \$500 in restitution, and a \$5,000 fine, all for standing outside the Capitol and using his



iPhone to record the events unfolding before him. For weeks, CNN touted the false narrative that Straka was in the building, that he was part of the breach, and that he was involved in taking a shield from a police officer. But none of this was true.

The libelous media has succeeded in slandering the January 6 defendants, but has failed to ask the important questions, such as how many of these prisoners have endured mental and physical abuse by jail guards, or have been kept in solitary confinement for extended periods of time and isolated in their prison cells for 23 hours a day.

Defendant Michael Curzio remained incarcerated in facilities across several states for a total of six months after being accused of walking through an open doorway of the Capitol, where he claimed “officers were seated, allowing people to walk in.” Curzio told Kelly that “some of the guys were roughed up” during his stay at the D.C. Correctional Treatment Facility. Another inmate described the water in the jail as “black and chunky.”

Where Is the Liberty and Justice for All?

Kelly’s probe of the role of the Capitol Police officers reveals that many “undoubtedly acted courageously,” though contradictory images exist that suggest some officers admitted demonstrators into the building and even posed with them for selfies.

One of the most disturbing incidents of that day was when Capitol Police officer Michael Byrd fatally shot unarmed 10-year Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt. Although Babbitt’s death was ruled a homicide, the Department of Justice chose not to pursue charges against the officer, quoting “insufficient evidence to support a criminal prosecution.”

Intimidated and possibly threatened not to discuss the particulars of their cases, many Capitol protesters are remaining quiet. But more are speaking up, and one persistent journalist raising up their voices is Julie Kelly.

Still, 100-percent involvement from *all* conservatives is required to win back the country and right the wrongs committed by the Left’s ruthless entrapment of protesters innocent of wrongdoing at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Thus, in pursuit of justice, learn the facts and demand the truth. Purchase Kelly’s book, and read it. It is a work that will truly inspire, shame, alarm, outrage, and wake up every American citizen. ■



THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

Gifts for Local Heroes

An anonymous Milledgeville, Georgia, resident decided to show his thanks to the 48 deputies at the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office by giving each of them \$200, totaling nearly \$10,000.

The anonymous donor sought assistance from Tori Kala, assistant vice president of Century Bank and Trust, to help with the gift by putting together the envelopes with the cash and special notes and hand-delivering them to the agency.

"He said, 'You know what? Law enforcement needs it for what they do. They protect us.' He wanted to thank them for their service and protecting us," Kala told WMAZ.

On April 27 the sheriff's office posted on their Facebook page a photo of officials with the stack of envelopes, noting, "The donor wanted to show his appreciation for the sacrifices our deputies do for the citizens of Baldwin County."

The social-media post garnered loads of praise.

"A tough and often underappreciated job; that's an awesome gesture," wrote one user.

Another remarked, "So deserved. Thanks for all y'all do for our community."

WMAZ reported that the deputies were shocked by the generous gift.

"Usually, we get Chick-fil-A gift cards, you know — just something small — but when I saw it, I was surprised. I wasn't expecting something like that," said deputy Ernesto Lopez, who said the \$200 will help with bills and other expenses.

Pennies for Patients

High-school students at Oak Forest High School in Oak Forest, Illinois, raised more than \$1,000 for a six-year-old battling brain cancer. The donation was just one of many ways the local community has come out in support of Maggie DeVries and her family.

According to Patch.com, Maggie suffers from a rare condition called diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, DIPG, an inoperable tumor on her brain stem for which there is no cure.

Students in the Key Club at Oak For-

est High School learned of DeVries' story and decided that they would make her the beneficiary of their "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser. The students set out donation boxes outside of classrooms where their classmates could donate.

"The students did all of the work," said Key Club Adviser Gary Andruch in a press release. "Some days the students turned in so much change in a plastic bag that I thought it would rip the bottom of it out!"

Maggie's parents told ABC Chicago that they do not want her life to be about nothing but cancer, and they are grateful that the donation will enable her to be able to enjoy more kid-friendly activities such as horseback riding, dance class, etc. Maggie will also be getting a shopping spree at her favorite store, Target, thanks to the gift, WFLD reported.

"So my hope is that we get as many good days as possible with Maggie, and that they're good days for Maggie; whatever can get us good days for Maggie, where she's having fun, is all I can hope for," Maggie's mother, Erin, said, according to ABC Chicago.

Maggie's story has captured the attention of many members of her community, Patch reported earlier this year, when Maggie was first diagnosed. A GoFundMe account called "Love for Maggie" was created to offset the cost of lost income, and has raised more than \$200,000. A Facebook page, also called "Love for Maggie," is selling apparel, decals, and yard signs to raise money for the DeVries family.

Simply Slices, a pizzeria in Mokena, has a standing order that allows Maggie and her family to order as many slices of her favorite pizza and grape shaved ice as she wants, free of charge. A local grocery store, Mariano's, gave Maggie cookies, flowers, balloons, and strawberries at no charge. And United Gymnastics Academy, where Maggie takes gymnastics, has hosted fundraisers for Maggie and her family.

Restaurant Owner Offers Free Baby Formula

Amid the unprecedented national shortage of baby formula, Texas restaurant

owner Benji Arslanovski has been giving away the product to local families who have been struggling to find it, KDFW reported.

Arslanovski, owner of Our Place Restaurant in Mansfield, Texas, told *Fox & Friends* that he has given away more than 300 cans of formula thus far. His generosity has drawn the attention of Texas Health of Mansfield, which has offered to pitch in by donating another 105 cans.

It began when Arslanovski ordered six cases of Gerber Good Start baby formula from the foodservice distributor US Foods, with the initial intent to sell the product at cost. When the product arrived, he posted on social media to alert local families that he had the product in stock for anyone in need.

"I said you don't need to eat here or be a customer — if you need some, come and get it because no baby should go without."

After his first encounter with a desperate mother who needed the formula, he quickly decided that he would give the away the formula for free.

"The first lady that came in and was so happy to have a can — I just couldn't charge her, and that just did a spiral effect, I just couldn't see myself charging anybody," he said. "Just trying to help feed some babies."

Tranda Franklin, a grandparent who had been searching far and wide for formula for her infant grandson, told *The Dallas Morning News* that the free can of formula from Arslanovski was "such a blessing."

"It's been very stressful," she told the outlet. "With gas prices like they are and having to go from place to place looking for formula only to be unsuccessful, it's very difficult. We were on our last can of formula for my grandson and we only had enough to make about three to four more bottles."

In fact, within hours, the first six cases of formula Arslanovski ordered were all gone, prompting him to order another 20 cases. He told *The Dallas Morning News* that he would continue to order formula as long as there was a need and as long as US Foods has it in stock. ■

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Plotting global government: The UN Conference on International Organization, held in San Francisco, gave birth to the UN Charter. Shown are delegates at the First Plenary Session on April 25, 1945.

by John F. McManus

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), created during the post-World War II era for the stated purpose of defending western Europe against the Soviet bloc, is still viewed by many today as a needed military bulwark guarding democratic nations against the threat of foreign aggression. One adherent of this view, President Joe Biden, stated on May 18 of this year that “NATO guarantees the security of one billion people in Europe and North America — united

by our shared commitment to democratic principles and our vision of peace and prosperity in Europe and around the world.”

Biden added, “My commitment to NATO and Article 5 is ironclad” — despite the fact that Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which created the military alliance in 1949, circumvents the war powers of the U.S. Congress, which under the Constitution possesses the power to declare war. However, under NATO’s Article 5, “The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe

or North America shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of them ... will assist the Party or Parties so attacked.”

When NATO was created, there were 12 member nations — France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United States, Canada, Portugal, Italy, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland — meaning that the United States, by becoming a party to the treaty, had pledged to come to the defense of 11 other nations. Today there are 30 member nations — and in the not-so-distant future there could be more. In his May 18 statement quoted above, Biden expressed his support for “the historic applications from Finland and Sweden for membership in NATO.”

Ukraine, too, has expressed a desire for NATO membership and could someday join the alliance. If Ukraine already were a member, the United States (and all other NATO members) would have been pulled into the war in Ukraine under Article 5, without Congress being able to decide on the issue.

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be none of their business — resulting in larger and broader conflicts, including world war.

The Authority Behind NATO

To fully understand the dangers of NATO to the United States in particular, consider that NATO is not a military arm of the United States whose purpose is to put America first or protect American interests. Instead, it is and always has been a totally controlled subsidiary of the United Nations. The Preamble to the North Atlantic Treaty is very clear: “The Parties to this Treaty Affirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.” So a quick review of what the UN itself has always been from its inception is important if one seeks to understand the subsidiary it spawned in 1949.

Fear of the Soviet Union led the American people and members of Congress to accept membership in the United Nations in 1945. The huge stream of information about the danger posed by Soviet communism proved to be so effective that few Americans of the 1940s had any foreboding about national independence and God-given personal freedoms being targeted. Practically all they heard from their political officials, mass media, and religious

leaders told them of the need for a world authority to end war and create peace. The UN offered a promise to end or minimize war for all time. But honest history teaches that there have been more wars, not fewer, since the 1945 founding of the UN.

Only two U.S. senators voted to stay out of the new world body. Before the fateful 1945 vote to approve UN membership for the United States, Minnesota Republican Henrik Shipstead warned his Senate colleagues what joining the UN would mean for America. In a no-holds-barred message aimed at his colleagues, he thundered, “The control of the war power, as provided in the Constitution, must remain in the Congress if the United States is to remain a republic.” What Shipstead had correctly perceived about the potential congressional loss of the war power actually became new U.S. policy several years later, when that pivotal portion of the U.S. Constitution was ignored. Maintaining the power to send our nation into war in the hands of Congress became obsolete, last honored immediately after the 1941 attack at Pearl Harbor. Within days of that tragedy, formal congressional declarations of war against Japan, Germany, and Italy were properly approved. It’s tellingly important to realize that our nation never lost a war through World War II. But the same cannot

be said for the wars that followed — from the stalemate in Korea, to the loss in Vietnam, to the debacles in the Middle East.

Only minutes after his Senate colleague registered strong opposition to joining the United Nations, North Dakota Republican William Langer told his fellow senators that he, too, would vote “No” to joining the world body. Rather than supporting the proposed UN, Langer stated his belief that the UN Charter “will mean perpetuating war, not doing away with it.” He concluded his assessment with, “I cannot support the [UN] Charter. I believe it is fraught with danger to the American people, and to American institutions.”

Highly regarded former State Department official J. Reuben Clark added his own blistering disapproval of the proposed UN. He stated, “The Charter is a war document not a peace document [that] makes it practically certain that we shall have future wars.” But the flood of pro-UN propaganda had captured the thinking of America’s political leaders and the public in general. Blocking U.S. entry into the newly crafted world body became impossible.

Once the 89-2 Senate vote approving UN membership occurred, the world body had gained the support of its prime target, the United States. By October 24, 1945, when the new world organization’s first formal meeting convened, a total of 51 nations had joined the UN. That grew steadily and now stands at 193 nations. Membership requires acceptance of the UN Charter, a small document filling a mere 20 pages. It is readily available to anyone via the internet.

One branch of UN is the General Assembly, where delegates of all member nations meet and posture their effectiveness with seemingly endless bloviation. The world body’s real power is vested in a 15-member Security Council made up of five permanent members (Great Britain, France, the United States, Russia, and China) and 10 other members selected for temporary, two-year terms. The five permanent Security Council member nations possess veto power over matters being considered by the Security Council. At the UN’s inception, the Nationalist (anti-communist) Chinese led by Chiang Kai-shek held the China seat. In 1971, the Nationalist Chinese were ousted from the Security Council and China’s membership was



New war powers: U.S. President Harry Truman signed the North Atlantic Treaty on April 4, 1949, bringing the United States into a military alliance with 11 other nations. However, according to the U.S. Constitution, only Congress has the power to declare war.

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Fighting for a treaty: The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, a collective defense treaty analogous to NATO, was used as a primary justification for U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Once again, American young men fought and died in a country that never invaded the United States, and without a declaration of war by the U.S. Congress.

awarded to the Communist Chinese led by Mao Tse-tung, the greatest mass murderer in world history. The United States declined to use its veto power to block the transfer of power to the Mao-led killers. Still, this world body continued to claim to be a “peace” organization.

Military Power for the UN

Consider for a moment that the UN has never had its own military arm. Whenever it takes action anywhere in the world, it has to raise forces from various member nations. It has done so on numerous occasions. Beginning in 1949, the world body turned to its newly created NATO to conduct some important military action, and it did so with men and armaments gathered from member nations, especially the United States.

Article 25 of the UN Charter is a single sentence that states, “The Members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council in accordance with the present Charter.” No American, and no partisan for his own nation’s independence anywhere on earth, should accede to such a requirement. Yes, the United States has always had veto

power over Article 25, but has never used it. Further scrutiny of the UN Charter soon impelled Ohio Senator Robert Taft to admit he had made a serious mistake in 1945 when he voted to approve U.S. membership in the world body. In 1947, he stated publicly, “The UN has become a trap. Let’s go it alone.” However, the reality was that the UN had not “become” a trap, it was a trap from its very beginning.

The two primary authors of the UN Charter were highly placed U.S. State Department diplomat Alger Hiss (later convicted of perjury and sent to prison for lying about his membership in the U.S. Communist Party) and Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Russia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs. These two didn’t have freedom for mankind or independence for nations in mind.

As mentioned previously, the UN has never had its own military arm. So it has frequently dressed up forces of various nations with blue helmets and arm bands to act in its name. These were borrowed troops such as those who in 1961 attacked the Katanga Province of the former Belgian Congo. The province’s residents, led by a noble freedom advocate named

Moise Tshombe, announced that Katanga was “seceding from the chaos” created by communists and declaring independence. They were telling the world they wanted nothing to do with the recently created communist government in their home country, the Belgian Congo. The UN turned to Article 43 of the UN Charter to assemble a military force for suppressing freedom in Katanga and conducting a murderous rampage. Article 43, another Charter mandate that America’s leaders should never have adhered to, states:

All Members of the United Nations, in order to contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security, undertake to make available to the Security Council, on its call and in accordance with a special agreement or agreements, armed forces, assistance, and facilities, including rights of passage, necessary for the purpose of maintaining international peace and security.

UN Charter Gives Rise to NATO

Over the years, the UN has engaged in numerous military campaigns, always employing trained forces gathered from member nations to carry out its will. But there was another way for the UN to assemble a military force. The UN Charter’s Articles 51-54 authorize the creation of “Regional Arrangements,” groups of nations formed in a joint venture to bring about “pacific settlement of local disputes.” Once those regional arrangements are formed, says the Charter, “The Security Council shall, where appropriate, utilize such regional arrangements or agencies for enforcement action under its authority.” NATO is the most noteworthy of the UN’s use of this feature of its Charter. It enables the UN to establish its own military arm without openly identifying it as a UN creation. As might be expected, the UN has used the groups it has created to carry out plans to build a UN-dominated world government.

In April 1949, when the U.S. Senate considered becoming a founding member of NATO, Secretary of State Dean Acheson emphatically urged senators to approve membership. In a speech he delivered to the senators, he strongly recommended that the United States join NATO because “it is an essential measure for

strengthening the United Nations.” He noted that all of the pact’s provisions are subject to the overriding leadership of the UN, including NATO’s Article 5.

Expecting that the Senate would approve joining NATO and thereby establish more control over nations, including ours, Ohio’s Senator Taft proposed adding a reservation to the treaty stipulating that membership would not commit the United States to supply arms to NATO’s members. New York Senator John Foster Dulles immediately rose to counter the Taft proposal. No surprise there: A member of the small group that founded the internationalist and pro-UN Council on Foreign Relations, Dulles displayed his preference for eventual world government instead of maintaining an independent United States. Only 13 senators voted against entangling our nation in this new UN proposal, and practically all cast a yes vote because NATO was sold to them, and to the American people, as a barrier should the Soviet Union seek to establish its control over additional nations in western Europe. NATO’s birthdate is April 4, 1949.

The UN Charter’s Article 54 should have alerted prospective members to the danger

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ahead. It states, “The Security Council shall at all times be kept fully informed of activities undertaken or *in contemplation* under regional arrangements.” (Emphasis added.) Not only will the NATO pact’s member nations supply personnel and equipment for military action once they become engaged in any conflict, they must inform the UN about how they will conduct any military activity beforehand. In this incredibly unusual arrangement, a military unit must reveal its plans to the UN Security Council before engaging an enemy.

The First “NATO” War

The first war waged with authorization derived from the UN/NATO began in Korea in June 1950, only a single year after formation of the pact. But NATO wasn’t cited

by name as the source of authority to be at war; the UN was. Troops from our nation were sent into what President Harry Truman labeled “a police action,” not a war. He knew he was ignoring the U.S. Constitution’s requirement for a formal declaration of war, so he didn’t call the Korean action a war. Without naming NATO as his source of authority to send men into war without a formal congressional declaration, he hinted that he knew the Constitution was already being ignored when he told questioning senators, “If I can send troops to Europe [under NATO], I can send troops to Korea.” He had indeed sent troops to Europe soon after NATO was approved, and he knew full well that those troops were in Europe under NATO command — which meant, ultimately, UN command.

Years later, a retired U.S. Army general who had fought in Korea and later became my personal friend sent me a copy of the title page of a speech given by General Robert W. Sennewald, an American who had been appointed as the leader of the defense forces in South Korea. I have never seen the text of this general’s remarks, but the title page of his speech showed very clearly that he was serving in a UN assignment. Actually, the military action in Korea and its aftermath has always been a UN operation. On the title page of General Sennewald’s speech (dated September 15, 1982), he is named as the “Commander-in-Chief United Nations Command, ROK/US Combined Forces Korea, Eighth United States Army.” This means that all U.S. forces in Korea, even South Korean forces within this general’s command, were, and are to this day, actually led by the United Nations. For many years, this has been the arrangement to which our country has submitted. It started when a contingent of America’s military were sent to Europe as part of a NATO force. That precedent, agreed to and employed



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Prelude to expansion: The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the subsequent reunification of Germany in 1990 began a rapid expansion of NATO throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, despite assurances that the organization would not expand “one inch eastward.”



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NATO repurposed: With the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, NATO's purpose was brought into question. The organization began to function more as an international police force, intervening in conflicts such as the ones in Bosnia and Herzegovina and later Serbia in the 1990s. Neither of these countries had attacked a NATO member.

by President Truman in 1949, opened the floodgates for undeclared wars and various other unconstitutional assignments.

NATO Paves the Way for SEATO

The launching of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) began in February 1955. Then-President Dwight Eisenhower directed Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to create an alliance whose mission called for protecting Laos, Cambodia, and South Vietnam from being overrun by the communist-led forces of North Vietnam. Vice President Richard Nixon recommended copying the already-functioning NATO for the new alliance. At SEATO's 1955 founding held in Bangkok, Thailand, its eight member nations included Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Great Britain, and the United States.

The stated goal of the new organization was blocking communist gains in Southeast Asia. The exact opposite was achieved. Our nation put tremendous effort into Vietnam. The problem was that its tie to the UN meant failure engineered by disloyal American leaders and their UN partners. SEATO, like NATO, was always a creature of the United Nations, and it

was managed not to win, but to fail in the same manner as its NATO predecessor.

Consider the following official statements from the U.S. government:

- “The Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty authorizes the President’s actions. . . . The United States has reported to the Security Council on measures it has taken in countering the Communist aggression in Vietnam.” — State Department Bulletin 8062, March 28, 1966.

As in the Korean conflict, there was no constitutionally required declaration of war.

- “It is this fundamental SEATO obligation that has from the outset guided our action in South Vietnam.” — Secretary of State Dean Rusk, November 26, 1966.

- “We are in Vietnam because the United States and our allies are committed by the SEATO treaty to act to meet the common danger of aggression in Southeast Asia.” — President Lyndon Johnson, January 10, 1967.

But, just as in Korea, everything the U.S. forces did and planned to do in Vietnam passed through the Security Council, which would pass the information on to the North Vietnamese communist leaders.

In 1985, Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater forced the release of previously classified “Rules of Engagement” govern-

ing the conduct of our nation’s forces during the Vietnam War. What he unearthed appeared in the March 6, 1985 issue of the *Congressional Record*. In his brief remarks at the beginning of the posting, Goldwater summarized some of the restraints on U.S. forces during the war. He stated:

For example, one rule told American pilots they were not permitted to attack a North Korean Mig [fighter plane] sitting on the runway. The only time it could be attacked was after it was in flight, was identified, and showed hostile intentions. Even then, its base could not be bombed. The same hostile intention rule applied to truck convoys driving on highways in Laos and North Vietnam. In some regions, enemy trucks could evade attack by simply driving off the road. Military truck parks located just over 200 yards away from a road could not be destroyed. Another rule provided that SAM missile sites could not be struck while they were under construction, but only after they became operational.

SEATO, formed supposedly to keep Laos, Cambodia, and South Vietnam from falling into communist control, played a key role in having each of those nations completely succumb to the communists. Fatalities among U.S. forces in the Vietnam War added up to 58,000, and there were many more wounded physically and mentally. And the three nations SEATO was created to defend from communism became communist-run.

SEATO was terminated in 1977, but NATO continues to function as a military arm of the UN and has only expanded since its inception.

NATO Expansionism

NATO, as mentioned above, was formed ostensibly to deter Soviet military incursion into western Europe. Despite this fact, the organization has continued to expand even though the Soviet Union no longer exists as a political entity.

Greece and Turkey joined NATO in 1952. West Germany joined in 1955, putting a NATO member on the border of Soviet-allied East Germany — a major fac-

tor in the creation of the Soviet-dominated Warsaw Pact as a communist response to NATO. France — fearing the various nations in the alliance, including the United States, could not be counted on to stop a potential Soviet invasion — left NATO in 1966 and built up its own nuclear deterrent. Spain joined in 1982.

After the disintegration of the Soviet-led Eastern Bloc culminating in the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the issue of NATO expansion was brought to the forefront. During discussion on German unification in 1990 — in exchange for his agreeing to the accession of the former East German territory to NATO provided no NATO forces would occupy that territory — several Western officials gave Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev verbal assurances that NATO would not expand any further eastward, as the Soviets obviously saw NATO expansion as a threat to their security. No written guarantees to this effect were given, however.

In the 1990s, NATO, formerly seen as a “defensive” pact, took on the role of “policeman” when the organization inter-

vened militarily in the conflict between former Yugoslavian member states, such as Bosnia and Serbia.

In 1999, Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic joined NATO, followed by Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia in 2004. France rejoined the alliance in 2009, and Albania and Croatia became new members that same year. Montenegro joined in 2017, and North Macedonia joined in 2020.

At the 20th NATO Summit held in Bucharest, Romania, in 2008, assurances were given to both Georgia and Ukraine that they would someday be able to join the organization. After much Russian opposition to such moves over security concerns, Georgia’s aspirations to this end were largely abandoned in 2014, but Ukraine’s continued moves toward NATO membership in large part influenced Vladimir Putin to launch his “special military operation” in the embattled eastern European nation in February with the stated goals of “demilitarization” and “de-Nazification,” and to achieve assurances of future Ukrainian neutrality.

In light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Finland and Sweden are both on a fast track to join NATO. This will only serve to further antagonize Russia, which denies it has any plans of aggression toward European nations, so long as Ukraine remains neutral.

NATO’s New Role

After the end of the Cold War obviated NATO’s need to function as a pact against Soviet aggression in Europe, the military alliance saw its role shift to one of military interventionism. It has become, in a very real sense, a military arm of the UN, with most of its capability coming from the use of American armaments. Article 5 was invoked — for the first time — after the 9/11 attacks on the United States, and NATO troops moved into Afghanistan. Their mission, named the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), was made up primarily of U.S. personnel and called for establishing security for the government and the Afghan people. Its 130,000 troops, all under ultimate UN control, failed miserably to accomplish their stated goal, and the force was disbanded in 2014. Next was NATO’s Resolute Support Mission with 17,000 troops, some of whom stayed until the disastrous 2021 pullout when all foreign troops were removed from the troubled nation. The exit was a classic failure, and the NATO forces exited while leaving behind weaponry worth billions of dollars — which certainly made the Taliban’s complete takeover of the nation a great deal easier.

While the Afghanistan conflict was raging, NATO also intervened in Iraq in 2004 to help train the U.S.-backed Iraqi security forces, the Gulf of Aden in 2009 to clear it of Somali pirates, and Libya in 2011 to help effect the overthrow of Moammar Gadhafi. NATO acted as the UN’s army.

Time to Part Company

NATO, once a force supposedly formed to protect nations from being swallowed up by the USSR, now includes 30 nations, many of which don’t even come near to touching the Atlantic Ocean. (Recall that NATO stands for *North Atlantic Treaty Organization*.) The pact begun in 1949 quickly became the provider of a useful military arm of its UN parent. NATO has also established 43 subsidiary agencies



Article 5 invoked: After the 9/11 attacks on the United States, NATO’s Article 5 was invoked for the first time. A U.S.-led force invaded Afghanistan to overthrow the Taliban and fight al-Qaeda. Ironically, U.S. interventionism was given as the reason behind the terror attacks in the first place.

scattered around the world to aid in building world government for its UN superior. Its most important member nation, right from the start, has been the United States.

But does the United States benefit from being in NATO? In a word, no. No nation would be foolish enough to actually launch a war of aggression directly against the United States and its current military might. Article 5 of NATO, therefore, is not in place to protect America; it is essentially an assurance that America will function as a global policeman and come to the rescue of any NATO member (or perhaps nonmember) who happens to get involved in a war, regardless of the circumstances that led to that war. This is similar to the cocky little kid on the playground who picks fights with bigger kids only because he knows his older brother will back him up, and is folly in the extreme. Consider the small NATO nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, or even larger Poland. None of them is particularly fond of Russia, to put it mildly. Should one of these nations wish

to see harm visited upon the Russian Bear, all they would have to do is initiate an armed conflict with Russia, and the United States would be obligated to join the fight on their behalf — which would almost assuredly lead to a nuclear war.

NATO is now discussing forming some form of regional security alliance in East Asia to contain China and dissuade it from taking Taiwan. This is more folly, as China has made clear that any attempt to interfere with its territorial integrity — and this, for China, includes the issue of Taiwan — will lead to war, most likely a nuclear war if the United States gets involved.

How does poking the Bear and the Dragon benefit the Eagle? It doesn't. Rather than leading to greater stability, the expanded, interventionist NATO can only lead to greater instability across the globe, at the expense of the United States. Sending young American men to die for nations that are trying to serve their own interests at America's expense is nonsensical.

When it comes to foreign policy, we are wise to remember the counsel of the

Founding Fathers. As George Washington noted in his Farewell Address of 1796:

The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none, or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves, by artificial ties, in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities.... It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.

Thomas Jefferson gave further words of wisdom in his 1801 inaugural address, calling for a foreign policy of “peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations — entangling alliances with none.”

And John Quincy Adams wrote in 1821 that America

goes not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own. She will commend the general cause by the countenance of her voice, and the benignant sympathy of her example. She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom.

There is only one sensible solution for America and other still-independent nations: Withdraw completely and speedily from the United Nations and all of its subsidiaries throughout the world. This includes NATO and any other current or future military alliance. ■



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NATO proxy war? Planned NATO expansion into Ukraine — something Russia sees as a threat — was one of the reasons given by Russian President Vladimir Putin for his “special military operation” in Ukraine. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg speaks here, urging NATO members to give war materiel and money to Ukraine to fight Russia by proxy.

Awakened by the Sound of Footsteps

A young couple was awakened around 4:00 a.m. on May 21 by the sound of footsteps in their house. CBS Los Angeles reported that the husband and wife jumped out of their bed and the husband armed himself. The two then went to investigate, and confronted an armed intruder. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department told CBS Los Angeles that the burglar was shot multiple times and died at the scene. The sheriff's department believes there was another suspect involved in the burglary who fled the scene after the shooting. Thankfully, the young couple did not suffer any injuries in the shooting. CBS Los Angeles interviewed neighbors who were shocked that such a violent incident could occur in their community. "I thought this was a very safe neighborhood," Elaine Thai said.

Property Is Not Worth Your Life

A story out of Millington, Tennessee, is a good reminder of the dangers of confronting a criminal who is stealing your property. Breaking911.com reported on May 23 about 35-year-old Jonathan James Lee being sentenced to 24 years in prison with no parole for his actions related to a car burglary that happened back on January 14, 2019. In that crime, Lee was trying to steal a car outside the residence of the car's owner. The vehicle owner noticed what was going on, armed himself, and then went outside to confront the would-be thief. Lee, who had retreated to his own vehicle at this point, shot at the homeowner through the window of his car, and then exited the vehicle and continued to shoot a few more times.

The homeowner got hit both in his right eye and his back, but was able to return fire at Lee, hitting him in the stomach. The now-wounded Lee hopped back into his vehicle and drove away, but did not get far as he got his car stuck in the mud at a nearby construction site. He ditched his car and was arrested by deputies as

he walked down the road. After receiving medical treatment, Lee was charged for his crimes. The victim, who lost his right eye due to his injury, went to the sentencing hearing to explain the damage that Lee had done to him. Lee was ultimately convicted of "attempted first-degree murder, employment of a firearm in the commission of a dangerous felony, two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle, and theft of property over \$1,000."

A Gun Will Always Beat a Knife

Breaking911 reported on May 22 about a road-rage incident in Palm Coast, Florida, that began when 50-year-old Rafael Vincent Rivera allegedly lost his cool and cut off a motorcycle driver in traffic. When both Rivera and the motorcyclist came to a stop, Rivera exited his truck and approached the motorcyclist holding a knife.

The motorcyclist's wife was sitting on the back of the bike and recorded the entire incident on her cellphone. The motorcyclist immediately suspected a violent encounter and prepared himself for a physical altercation. Rivera aggressively motioned toward the motorcyclist and began slashing his knife at him. It was at this point that the motorcyclist pulled out the gun that he was lawfully carrying and pointed it right at the knife-wielding Rivera. The cellphone video shows Rivera immediately backing away as soon as the gun is drawn.

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office soon arrived on the scene. After interviewing witnesses and watching the cellphone video, deputies placed Rivera under arrest. According to Breaking911.com, Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly made a statement that "traffic disagreements should never result in violence in our streets. In this particular incident, the video captured by the victim's wife clearly shows that her husband's life was threatened. I applaud the way the motorcyclist handled this situation.... After his life was clearly threatened, he lawfully defended himself and then de-escalated the situation."

Breaking911.com reported that Rivera had a criminal record including both theft and trespassing. He is currently being held without bond, and has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Robbery Ends as Soon as It Started

WHIO.com reported on May 12 about how effective carrying concealed can be at stopping crime. The story involved a man smoking a cigarette outside his South Philadelphia home when a man on a bike rode up to him, pulled out a gun, and demanded his money. The smoker responded by pulling out his own gun, which he was lawfully licensed to carry, and pointing it at the suspect. The two men engaged in a brief exchange of gunfire, but the victim was apparently a better marksman, as he shot the suspect in the head. Police were soon called to the scene, where they discovered the lifeless body of the suspect lying on the sidewalk near where the robbery attempt occurred.

Chances of Re-offending Are Zero

This column previously reported on Florida Sheriff Bob Johnson's statement that "if someone is breaking into your house, you're more than welcome to shoot them in Santa Rosa County. We prefer that you do, actually."

Sheriff Johnson was a guest on Fox News on April 26, when he said, "If somebody breaks in your house in Santa Rosa County and you shoot and kill them, the chances of them re-offending after that are zero, and we like those odds." Sheriff Johnson also explained his strong support in the community: "I tell everybody 99% of the people here love law enforcement and the other 1% are in my jail currently." With lines such as this, when Sheriff Johnson retires from law enforcement, he might have a bright future as a comedian. ■

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THE REVIEW

Monster on the Loose!

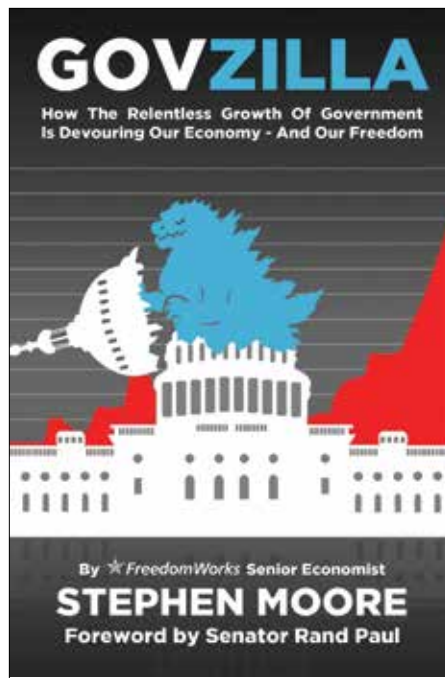
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Govzilla: How the Relentless Growth of Government Is Devouring Our Economy — And Our Freedom, by Stephen Moore, (foreword by Senator Rand Paul), Post Hill Press: New York, 2021, 182 pages, paperback.

Originally a fictional creature in an eponymous Japanese movie, *Godzilla* (*Gojira* in Japan) is an enormous and destructive sea monster supposedly awakened and empowered by nuclear radiation. *Govzilla*, on the other hand, describes a different menacing entity: the gigantic U.S. government. This threat has become devastating, spreading by consuming prodigious amounts of tax dollars. It is all too real.

In his foreword to *Govzilla*, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul credits author Stephen Moore with zeroing in on the “exponential growth of government and urgency of rising up to defend limited, constitutional government.” While the Biden administration does get plenty of, and deserved, lambasting, it is not alone in this regard. Both

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Republicans and Democrats get taken to task in the book.

Currently, Moore is a senior economist at FreedomWorks. He previously served as an economic advisor to Donald Trump and as a member of *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial board. A columnist and television commentator, Moore co-founded and served as president of the Club for Growth and worked as a fellow at the Heritage Foundation. After President Trump nominated Moore to serve on the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in 2019, the political left erupted vicious-

ly in opposition to that possibility, and Moore eventually withdrew from consideration. He is the author and co-author of multiple other books.

Expansive and Expensive Rulers

This expensive explosion of government has been going on for some time, as Moore points out throughout. And the growth has been dramatic: In 1800, the federal government spent \$43 (all figures here in 2021 dollars) for each person in the country; in 1900, that figure was \$225; by 2000, it had reached \$9,574; and, by 2020, that per-person spending hit an astounding \$20,633.

There's plenty of blame to go around. Writes Moore:

Under Trump and the Pelosi-Schumer Congress, we saw unthinkable expansions of governmental power during the pandemic.... Government grew faster than any other single industry during the COVID-19 crisis. In 2020, government was the number-one growth industry in America — with the output and spending of the state outpacing the output of all 10 million private firms and 150 million workers for the first time in American history.

After reviewing how long we have been taking the wrong fiscal direction, especially in more recent years, the author points out that the *Titanic* was already “headed

to the iceberg.” Joe Biden, for his part, “just wants to speed up the ship!”

Book publication schedules can’t keep up with all the details and vagaries of day-to-day politics (and altering recent numbers and varying forecasts do affect the benefits of this volume). Or — to dream a seemingly impossible dream — maybe the nation will be stricken with a paroxysm of common sense. If so, that would change the current gloomy economic prognosis.

Even the profligate Biden administration has experienced unexpected bumps in prospective expenditures within its own spendthrift party. But this is where we are headed, at least by some estimates: “Under the Biden spending plan, federal government spending would lurch to 50 percent of all national output over thirty years.” Revenues are not the problem, as the author observes; “spending is.”

The federal splurging has been accompanied by major indulging by local and state governments, though they generally have balanced-budget requirements. Such spending has risen fivefold since 1960.

Graphs in *Govzilla* depict how total government spending has been boosted — such as measuring it against our nation’s economic output or by population growth. In the latter case, consider that in 1940, government spending was just \$1,000 per household. That number jumped, by 2020, more than 70 times, with total government spending reaching \$75,000 per household. “Very few American households,” comments Moore, “believe that they receive \$75,000 worth of public goods and services each year.”

Enduring Welfare State

On the other hand, there are many households that are on the receiving end. Moore also touches on such “entitlements” and income transfers. In 1980, as he recapitulates, the federal government redistributed about \$200 billion. By 2020, however, the total of income-transfer payments had grown to almost \$2.5 trillion — or 12-fold.

It is “ironic,” in the author’s words, that



when President Lyndon Johnson “created the modern-day welfare state, he stated that the ‘days of the dole are numbered in America.’ Well, we are well beyond day 15,000 and the welfare state is larger and has captured more Americans into its grasp than ever before.”

Uncle Sam these days finds it very difficult to keep his balance — because there are so many hands in his pockets. Very grasping hands.

Moore cites a study that he and University of Chicago economist Casey Mulligan published, which was sponsored by the Committee to Unleash Prosperity. The study found that, “thanks to Biden’s new welfare-state expansions, families can get up to \$100,000 in government benefits (tax free) without anyone working a single day all year!”

Worse, even the mountains of spending involved for such schemes don’t result in balanced budgets. Accordingly, that pushes spending even higher. The national debt and related interest payments keep growing. Net federal interest expenditures grew, recounts Moore, well beyond 40,000 percent between 1940 and 2020.

Who Wields the Scepter?

Sadly, if you are in business these days, it’s not your competition that you need to worry about the most. Rather, you probably need protection from your own government. If Washington isn’t taxing you to death (and beyond), and spending money that it doesn’t have, it is regulating you into penury.

Govzilla cites an excellent source while delving into the costs we are forced to pay

in order to be regulated by the federal government: the Competitive Enterprise Institute and CEI’s annual *Ten Thousand Commandments*. Totals are on the rise again after a partial reprieve under the Trump administration. Here are some of Moore’s excerpts from the 2020 edition of the “Commandments,” which puts the cost of federal regulations beyond \$1.9 trillion:

- The total “is greater than the corporate and personal income tax combined.”

- On its own, the federal regulatory burden would be the eighth-largest economy in the world, right behind Italy.

- The annual estimated federal regulatory burden per household is in the neighborhood of \$14,500.

- Per household, that “amounts to 18 percent of the average pretax budget and exceeds every item in that budget, except housing.”

- In 2019 [pre-pandemic], “federal agencies issued 28 regulations for every bill passed” by Congress.

Though his party has a majority (at least for now) in the House and Senate, Biden is fond of bypassing Congress. He did just that in July of 2021 with an executive order aimed at what the Associated Press called “Big Business.” The order, recounts Moore, placed a new “regulatory spotlight on big tech, Wall Street, healthcare, and the service sector of the economy. It deals with every industry from drug stores to airlines to hearing aids to internet service.”

Hmm, that executive order does sound suspicious. If only we could find the proper meddlesome official to scrutinize it, the order itself probably needs an environmental impact statement.

As you can see, *Govzilla* has many merits. However, the book’s editing — or lack thereof in places — does a disservice to its author. This includes more than a few typos, misspellings (including of proper names), and slipshod attributions. Then there’s a *Washington Post*

excerpt that is quoted, *in extenso*, twice; it's an apt segment of a column by the late Charles Krauthammer calling for "abolition" of the words "billion" and "trillion" in favor of "thousand million" and "thousand thousand million" as a better way to convey the "enormity of the sums they are meant to denote." It's a noteworthy point — but it's overkill (and presumably an editorial lapse) to put the entire 100-plus-word passage on pages 20 and 157.

When it comes to the book's direction, though, the author illustrates capably the monstrous nature of fedgov, both in terms of what it does and its actual size. Not only is the federal government the nation's largest employer, it is also the largest property owner. According to an inventory by the General Services Administration, the federal government owns and leases more than "376.9 million square feet of space in 9,600 build-

ings in more than 2,200 communities nationwide." In addition, in terms of public land, the "federal government owns and manages approximately 28 percent" of the U.S. landmass.

How to Bounce Back

The book's epilogue offers 21 potential reforms (in abbreviated fashion) that are aimed at restoring "freedom, prosperity and balanced budgets." Some are more realistic than others, especially when you consider how far down the socialistic path we have gone.

The first suggested is a flat tax, which would give us a tax code that is "simple, fair and understandable." If America has the lowest tax rates in the world, says Moore, "we win." But why not eliminate the federal income tax? After all, the way to lower taxes is through less government, and the way to accomplish that is to eliminate and phase out unconstitutional

programs. Unfortunately, Moore's proposals fall far short of that. For instance, his wish list for reining in "Govzilla" includes such matters as requiring universities and colleges to freeze tuition costs for 10 years as a condition for receiving "any federal grants, aid, student loans, or other research grants." But why accept the principle of federal aid to education to begin with?

Another strategy advocated to defeat "Govzilla" is a spending cap, limiting overall federal spending "to the previous year's increase in population and inflation, with a two-thirds vote required in both houses of Congress." But rather than capping big spending, the spending needs to be rolled back. Yes, the pushback would be extreme, but only by overcoming the pushback and reversing direction can fiscal disaster be averted.

Washington, alas, wants to control everything except its own spending. ■

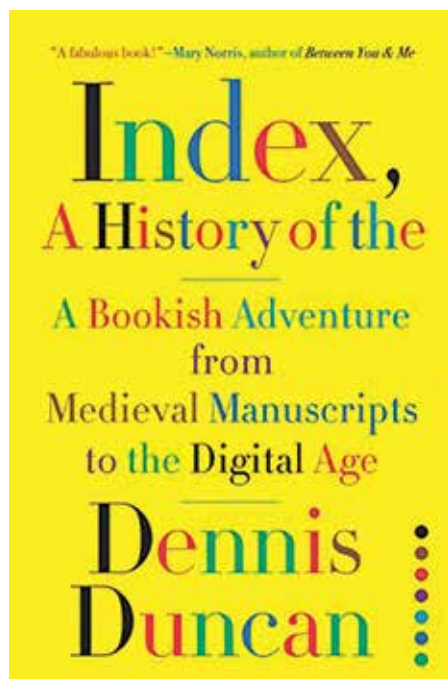
Book About the Back of the Book

by William P. Hoar

Index, A History of the: A Bookish Adventure from Medieval Manuscripts to the Digital Age, by Dennis Duncan, W.W. Norton: New York, first American edition, 2022, 352 pages, hardcover.

Don't shake your head, dear reader, if you are wondering how anyone could write an interesting treatise about those things that one finds in the backs of books. Think again — for British academic Dennis Duncan has done just that, and in a scholarly and often entertaining fashion. For the record, the volume was named a "Most Anticipated Book of 2022" by the Literary Hub site.

Duncan is a lecturer in English at University College London; his writing has appeared in several British publications, including *The Guardian*, *Times Literary Supplement*, and the *London Review of Books*. Aptly titled, *Index, A History of the* is accompanied by a deep dive into the



past — because the history of the index is longer even than printing itself.

Granted, this volume may be more rewarding to a person somewhat afflicted with nerdy bibliophilia. Such a person might be prompted by the book, for instance, to pull from laden shelves a massive analytic concordance of the Bible for comparison purposes; or a special edition

and guide to Thucydides' *The Peloponnesian War* to see how explanatory marginal notes work in conjunction with an index; or dig a bit more than Duncan does into a copy of *Curiosities of Literature* (one-volume first edition, 1866) and Isaac D'Israeli's decrying of the vanity of English writer and printer Samuel Richardson.

Fortunately, we know of such a person.

As it happens, the first thing that particular new reader did with *Index, A History of the* was to jump right to the end in order to scope out the volume's index. There, one finds that there are two of them provided — an abbreviated index done (rather poorly) by a software program, and another prepared (well and wittingly) by Paula Clarke Bain, self-described as a "professional indexer and a human being." (We'll revisit this below, as we subsequently did, as dessert, after completing the book's main course.)

The second thing that we checked, out of professional curiosity, was how the author treats the plural of the word *index*. Relying on the counsel of a Victorian bibliographer and Shakespeare (*Troilus and Cressida*), Duncan follows suit, saying, "Indices are for mathematicians and economists; indexes are what you find at the back of a book." Roger that.

While the "index" itself has a history

of some eight centuries, this volume goes beyond that into its roots (including inventories and tags that identified scrolls). Such could be found in the Great Library of Alexandria or in tables of contents used by Roman authors. After indexes were developed, preachers and teachers were among the first key users for Biblical passages. The account in review goes from European monasteries and universities, where indexes were composed by 13th-century scholars, right up to today's Silicon Valley. If you're counting, there are tidbits of this general subject covering around 2,200 years.

The foundations of current indexes — alphabetical order and pagination — are examined rather thoroughly. Duncan brings us back to what he calls “the axes” of the way we now think of indexing: “word versus concept; concordance versus subject index; specific versus universal.”

To show the nature of the detail involved in the book, consider that readers are provided with one entire chapter on page numbers. (As the author says, “an index without locators is about as much use as a bicycle without wheels.”) Still, many earlier indexers didn't use numbers or alphabetical ordering, and did ordering conceptually. One “main player” in the book, Robert Grosseteste, used letters of the Greek and Roman alphabets, but also mathematical signs, modified zodiacal signs, dots, strokes, curves, squiggles, and tiny illustrations.

Grosseteste, as Duncan notes, was both lecturer and preacher (Chancellor of Oxford and Bishop of Lincoln) and “one of the great polymaths of the English Middle Ages”; he was also a poet, statesman, mathematician, and religious reformer. He devised the *Tabula* (a depiction of its opening, one of 40 illustrations in the book, is reproduced). A single incomplete copy survives in France. His “great table” was devised to bring, in Duncan's words, “cosmos out of chaos by categorizing the concepts he encountered, whether in patristic or pagan writings, keeping similar ideas together, and storing their locations for future reference. An encyclopedic mind needs an encyclopedic index to provide it with structure.”



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One point of contention over the years, for various reasons, has been the location of the index. As its use became more prevalent, notes the author, “so too does the chance that readers will find it *first*.” Shakespearean examples are given, among others, over this concern. Yet, as Duncan points out, in the days of the early printed book, “the back-of-book index was often the front-of-the book index.”

The book is strewn with noteworthy anecdotes, which provide gems here and there if not always a consistent train of thought. There is, *inter alia*, a tale about Jonathan Swift and the indexing and reading habits of the time — a recurrent theme. One of Swift's gripes was that people are no longer reading books. Sound familiar? Duncan quotes Swift on such lazy offenders:

Those are Men who pretend to understand a Book, by scouting thro' the Index, as if a Traveller should go about to describe a Palace, when he had seen nothing but the Privy.

Another series of narratives involves politically related complaints about indexing in bad faith, at least from the point of view of the original writer. Such a practice led to a well-known quotation. As Thomas Babington Macaulay lay dying, he reportedly whispered one instruction to his publisher: “Let no damned Tory index my *History*!” A 19th-century Whig politician and historian, Macaulay was working on his fifth volume of

The History of England at that time (1859). He was well aware that indexes could be, and had often been, weaponized. The object in such cases was to distort the reader's understanding of what a book's author meant, as Duncan relates in several sketches.

We also learn of the French priest and publisher Jacques-Paul Migne (1800-1875), who published editions of theological works, encyclopedias, and the texts of the Church Fathers, with the goal of providing a universal library for the Catholic priesthood. The main text of his *Patrologia Latina* filled 217 volumes, with four more (volumes 218 to 221) being indexes.

We end this review as we started the book, with the index (rather, indexes) of *Index*. The first of these, as noted above, is a computer-generated version. It would have included, if all had been allowed into print, several thousand entries. Such a resultant computerized index would still have required human editing. Overall, the results are sad, and the life of this version is cut short.

What is not sad is what happens when Dennis Duncan hands the stage over to “Paula Clarke Bain, our human indexer, to bring an end to the proceedings, and to show how things should be done.”

Bain, a member of the Society of Indexers, does just that, professionally, drolly, and jokily. We don't want to spoil all the fun for those with inquiring minds willing to hunt through the index to find her treats sprinkled among the serious discerning entries. Still, a few representative ones do follow. For example, she sends users into circular cross-references as part of a literal wild goose chase. One goes to “chase, wild goose *see* goose chase, wild”; next from “goose chase, wild *see* wild goose chase”; then to “wild goose chase, *see* chase, wild goose.”

On page 330, we discover a prankish entry: “msiprints *see* misprints” — with the latter entry being a real reference to a book by Italo Calvino (1923-1985).

Indexer Bain wags right to the end — with the last entry of the closing page being capped by its finale: “Z, z, z ‘And so to bed’ [PCB].” ■

What to Do About WHO

The American Republic is set up to protect the God-given rights of its citizens. “We the People,” who hold the majority of the governing powers, have delegated enumerated powers through the states to the federal government.

As James Madison wrote in *The Federalist*, No. 45, “The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.”

No treaty, no agreement, and no court ruling can alter this, since, according to Article VI of the Constitution, the Constitution is “the supreme law of the land,” as are “the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof.” *In pursuance thereof* is key. Any law, treaty, agreement, regulation, rule, edict, or decree that doesn’t follow the constitutional limitations is null and void. To change the Constitution, it must be amended.

Citizens working through their state legislatures and Congress should nullify the proposed power grab from the World Health Organization, especially blocking the upcoming Pandemic Treaty and reversing the soft implementation of the International Health Regulations, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) describes on its website as a “legally binding agreement.”

As reported in the cover story, amendments proposed by the Biden administration to the International Health Regulations would make international control of our healthcare system much easier. Why would we care what an international organization such as the WHO does in regard to these regulations? Because federal agencies have implemented these regulations, as evidenced by the CDC’s online statement.

The John Birch Society, the parent organization of this magazine, exposed this same tactic about a decade ago when the radical environmental agenda of the United Nations was being implemented through ICLEI (now known as Local Governments for Sustainability) at the local level. Even though advocates of this agenda (Agenda 21/2030) call this a “nonbinding agreement,” principal portions of the agenda became binding when local governments passed legislation codifying them. Grants and subsidies tied to these also helped to sweeten the deal for local governments. Advocacy groups offered workshops for citizens to help



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persuade them to embrace this agenda. Little did they know that these workshops used techniques to lead participants into a desired outcome of accepting this agenda, making it seem as if there was a need for it in their community. Our “Agenda 21: How Will It Affect You?” video documented this process happening in Contra Costa, California, in 2011.

While federal agencies don’t have the power to legislate (a power delegated only to Congress), they do have nearly unending resources and the powerful, crushing regulatory

weight of the federal government. Unfortunately, many Americans are not aware of their responsibility to guard against such power grabs. In this instance, Congress is usurping power from the states and the people since it has no legitimate legislative power in this area (check the Constitution’s Article I, Section 8).

The proper way to stop this power grab is to contact our state legislators and have them do what Alexander Hamilton suggested in *The Federalist*, No. 16: “If the ... State legislatures be necessary to give effect to a measure of the Union, they have only NOT TO ACT, or to ACT EVASIVELY, and the measure is defeated.” This works exactly the same way when power is grabbed by an international body.

In the Kentucky Resolutions of 1798, Thomas Jefferson wrote, “Where powers are assumed which have not been delegated, a nullification of the act is the rightful remedy.” James Madison also suggested this in the Virginia Resolutions of 1798. He wrote in part, “the states who are parties thereto, have the right, and are duty bound, to interpose.”

For those who say nullification doesn’t work, look over the last 24 months. The government tyranny induced through the Covid lockdowns provided ample opportunity for nullification to be used. And it was. Many county sheriffs, mayors, town and county boards, state district attorneys, police chiefs, governors, and business owners declined to participate in the enforcement.

We at The John Birch Society recommend state legislatures nullify this WHO power grab. We also recommend that Congress defund the WHO and the Senate vote down any proposed pandemic treaties. Supporters can go to JBS.org/WHO to use our free Action Alert tool to send prewritten and customizable emails or make video and/or phone calls to their legislators.

The New American has documented the anti-American activities of the WHO, as well as its staffing by communists, Marxists, and others from authoritarian governments. Let’s make sure they don’t make further inroads in America. Please act today. ■

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