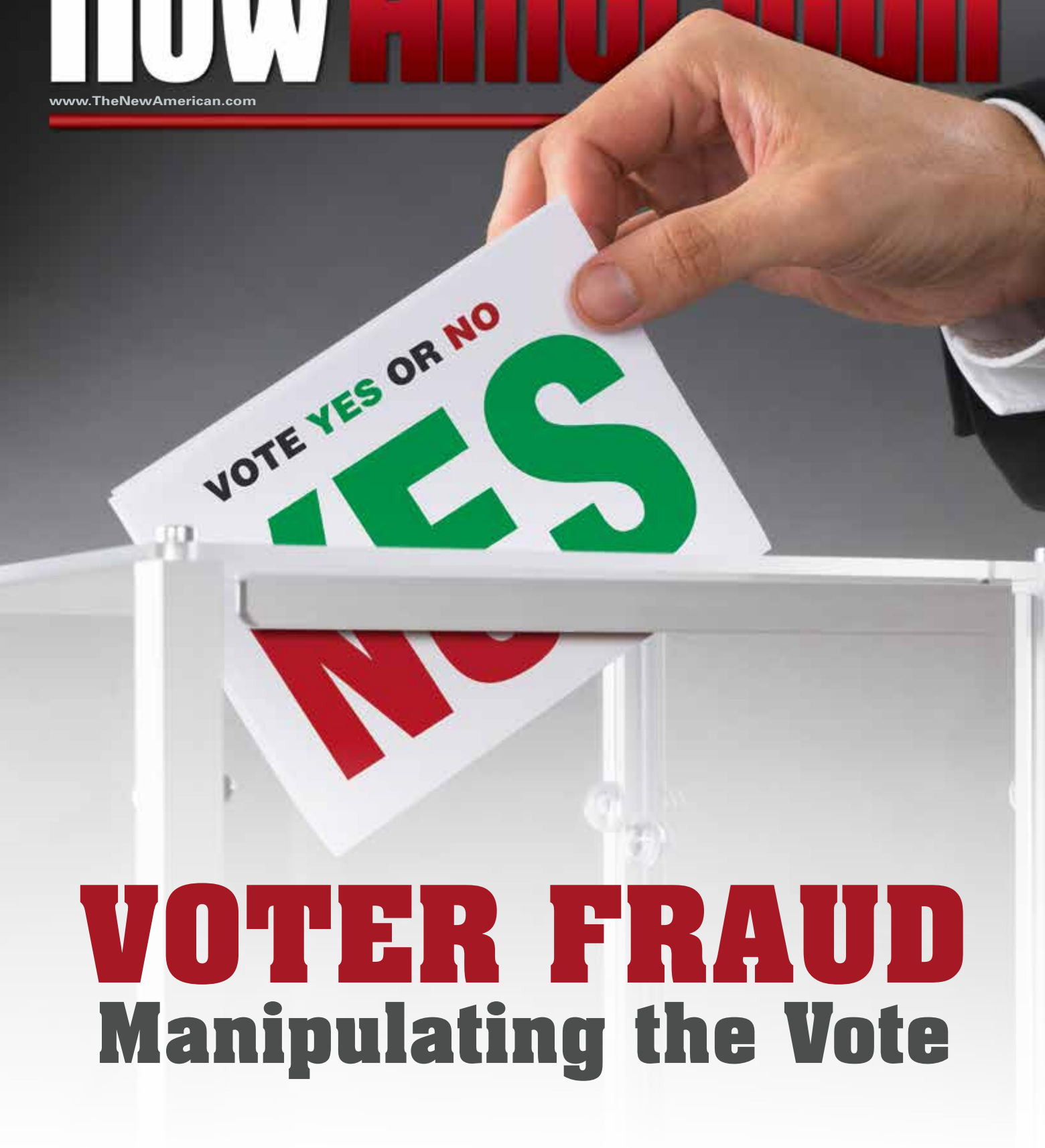


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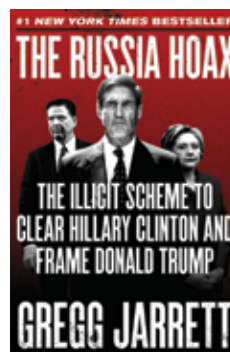
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## Who Pays Business Taxes?

Your recent article “Business Taxes Are Bad Business” (July 23 issue) is brilliant. Why is it so hard for people to understand that in the final analysis all tax revenues are collected from individuals, not companies? However, in my opinion the author is incorrect in which set of people bear the most of this hidden tax burden. He says, “Consumers don’t usually pay the bulk of the corporate taxes because companies do not usually have the power to increase their prices with impunity” (i.e., because of supply and demand). The laws of supply and demand equally apply to employee wages, and to investor returns. Further, industry-wide taxes, such as taxes on gasoline, raise all prices to consumers regardless of market forces. As the author concludes, business taxes are bad, as are all hidden taxes.

JOHN CHIVINGTON  
Canon City, Colorado

## Worth a Try?

The case of the murder of Mollie Tibbetts by an illegal alien brings out a conflict of philosophy and practicality. The Left’s old adage, “If outlawing guns saves only one life, wouldn’t it be worth it?” gives us a similar outlook at illegal immigration. If the percentage of crime (not insignificant and including a good number of murders and deaths) perpetrated by illegal immigrants could be stopped by stopping illegal immigration, wouldn’t it be worth it?

It is an indisputable fact that today many Americans would be alive or unhurt were it not for the actions of illegal immigrants, both accidental and purposeful. Isn’t it time to take our immigration policies seriously? Where is the outrage?

WILLIAM F. HINESER, DPM  
Sent via e-mail

## Give an Answer

I am an average, proud American citizen who greatly appreciates this magazine. My subscription (a Christmas gift), which started in the new year with the “Deep State” issue and every issue since, is read cover to cover and with great interest. Your courageous exposure of the Deep State’s members, the public condemnation of enemies of the State, your most appropriate

references of and titles for persons such as Hillary and Bill Clinton, Barack Hussein Obama, James Comey, John Brennan, James Clapper, Michael Hayden, Susan Rice, Eric Holder, Dianne Feinstein, Maxine Waters, David Gergen, CNN’s Anderson Cooper, Philip Mudd, and Max Boot, along with the Rockefeller family, George Soros, and countless others, taught us the identities of a few of the gang who wants to destroy this country.

Along with the articles in THE NEW AMERICAN, patriots such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, and Laura Ingraham are verbally exposing the Mueller witch hunt, the disappearance of Trump-appointed Jeff Sessions, FBI director Christopher Wray, and many more feckless senior officials.

So what? Nothing! Nothing happens!

While this country is going down the tube, no action is taken to bring these criminals to justice. How come? Don’t we have a government? A police force? A judicial system? Will nothing happen to them for their ongoing criminal activities?

I am tired of reading and listening! May I respectfully ask this magazine when and how? Do you have any idea or a solution?

EROL ARGUN  
Sarasota, Florida

*We recommend becoming involved through The John Birch Society, the parent organization of THE NEW AMERICAN. When the JBS was formed in 1958, founder Robert Welch observed, “All we must find and build and use, to win, is sufficient understanding. Let’s create that understanding and build that resistance, with everything mortal men can put into the effort — while there still is time.” Today, our freedoms are still largely intact, and we can still use them to save our Republic — thanks to the many years of past efforts to inform and involve fellow citizens. The JBS program works; to fully succeed, all that is needed is more numbers to work the program. To learn more about the JBS, please see our cover story in the previous (October 8) issue of TNA, or go to JBS.org. — The editors*

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## NASA Sees Climate Cooling Trend Thanks to Low Sun Activity

NASA is reporting that the sun is entering one of the deepest solar minima of the Space Age, and Earth's atmosphere is responding in kind.

"We see a cooling trend," said Martin Mlynczak of NASA's Langley Research Center in the September 2018 issue of the *Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestrial Physics*. "High above Earth's surface, near the edge of space, our atmosphere is losing heat energy. If current trends continue, it could soon set a Space Age record for cold."

The new data is coming from NASA's Sounding of the Atmosphere using Broadband Emission Radiometry (SABER) instrument, which is on board the space agency's Thermosphere Ionosphere Mesosphere Energetics and Dynamics (TIMED) satellite. SABER monitors infrared radiation from carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and nitric oxide (NO), two substances that play a vital role in the energy output of our thermosphere, the very top level of our atmosphere.

"The thermosphere always cools off during Solar Minimum. It's one of the most important ways the solar cycle affects our planet," said Mlynczak, who is the associate principal investigator for SABER.

Mlynczak and his colleagues have created the Thermosphere Climate Index (TCI), which measures how much NO is dumped from the thermosphere into outer space. During solar

maximum the TCI number is very high. At times of solar minimum, TCI is low.

"Right now, (TCI) is very low indeed," said Mlynczak. "SABER is currently measuring 33 billion Watts of infrared power from NO. That's ten times smaller than we see during more active phases of the solar cycle." In fact, TCI numbers are now very close to setting record lows since measurements began.

The new NASA findings are in line with studies released last year by UC-San Diego and Northumbria University in Great Britain, both of which predicted a grand solar minimum in coming decades due to low sunspot activity, similar to the Maunder Minimum of the mid-17th and early 18th centuries, which coincided with a time known as the Little Ice Age during which temperatures were much lower than those of today.



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## Judge Says California Sanctuary Law Violates State Constitution



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"This is a significant victory for the rule of law, the [California] Constitution, the city's charter authority and other charter cities," responded Huntington Beach City Attorney Michael Gates on September 28 to a ruling by Orange County Superior Court Judge James Crandall that California's law ordering cities not to cooperate with federal immigration officials is a violation of the California Constitution.

Huntington Beach was one of many cities in the Golden State to mount a legal challenge to the so-called California Values Act, authored by State Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles). The California Values Act made California a "sanctuary state," telling cities that they and their law-enforcement agencies could not

even notify federal immigration officials that they were releasing illegal aliens in their custody.

Under the Constitution of California, a charter city maintains a great amount of authority to rule itself, including how it runs its police department. Judge Crandall agreed. He said that a state law cannot be enacted that violates the state constitution any more than Congress can pass laws in conflict with the U.S. Constitution. The ruling nullifies the California Values Act, and goes into effect immediately, because Judge Crandall refused to stay his ruling.

Since charter cities, under the judge's understanding of the California Constitution, have a right to cooperate as they wish with federal immigration authorities, the ruling has the potential to affect about two-thirds of the state, in all of California's 121 charter cities.

The state law making California a "sanctuary state," and attempting to force its cities and counties to refuse cooperation with federal immigration officials, effectively protects foreign criminals from arrest and deportation by ICE. It is expected that most cities will now return to their normal cooperation with ICE and the Border Patrol, so criminals will be arrested and deported.

Cities that are not presently "charter cities" can become charter cities through a popular referendum in the city. Gates urged non-charter cities to take this step so as to break free from the oppressive California state government.

## Kids News? CBC Aims Political Propaganda at Children

The Canadian government is now targeting children with political propaganda through a news platform called CBC Kids News. Of course, though, while the reporters are child actors reading lines, the material is written by adults behind the scenes. As Ezra Levant at the online Rebel Media wrote September 20:

For example, there was a report from “Jasmine,” who just happened to be at a rally in support of extreme sex-ed. She’s eleven. There weren’t any other children giving the opposite point of view — the view that perhaps an eleven-year-old is too young to be learning about transgenderism, and other extreme sex ed. Then there was the CBC child reporter who was excited about Justin Trudeau’s marijuana legalization. He says weed is “just like wine” and it’s “good for economic development.”

The aforementioned Jasmine said about “transgenderism,” “There’s not only just two genders; there are people that, like,

wanna’ — they don’t really feel like, um, who they really are, and they, they just wanna’ be somebody else. And you hafta’ respect that.”

According to Levant, another theme relating to the above that the kids were discussing is “how ‘mean’ Ontario premier Doug Ford is for scrapping the child sex curriculum.”



www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/

Paying homage to feminism and multiculturalism, the face of CBC Kids News is 14-year-old Saara Chaudry. She says of the news site’s “launch that, ‘Everyone deserves to know what’s going on around the world and it shouldn’t just be adults that know what’s going on,’” reported the online Post Millennial September 21. Of course, the truth

is that most adults really don’t know what’s going on.

As the Post Millennial also wrote, “In a promotional video for the new platform, Chaudry says, ‘it’s news for kids, from kids.’ While actors like Chaudry may be the face of CBC Kids News, the content will be managed behind the scenes by adult employees of the state broadcaster.”

## Value Voters Summit and John Birch Society Attacked by SPLC



The 2018 Value Voters Summit (VVS) was held in Washington, D.C., on September 21-23, and the left-wing hate group the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) used the event to spread its bigotry and hatred of Christianity and conservatism with a snarky list of what the group considered the “top-ten” moments of hatred on display at the VVS. The John Birch Society, the parent organization of THE NEW AMERICAN, made the list.

Hosted by the Family Research Council (FRC), a conservative Christian organization that advocates for traditional fam-

ily values, the VVS has been held annually since 2006. Over the years, the event has come to be a bellwether of Christian and conservative thoughts on the current issues of the day. Among this year’s speakers were Vice President Mike Pence, former Trump strategist Sebastian Gorka, and conservative pundit Bill Bennett.

As for The John Birch Society, apparently the simple fact that the society was an exhibitor at the event was worthy of inclusion in SPLC’s list, which noted, “Another exhibitor was the John Birch Society, the conspiratorial extremist group, which also had a table in the red-and-blue exhibit room loaded with material opposing the Republican push for a constitutional convention and literature warning about antifa and the deep state.”

The mission of The John Birch Society, which was founded in 1958, is “to bring about less government, more responsibility, and — with God’s help — a better world by providing leadership, education, and organized volunteer action in accordance with moral and constitutional principles.”

The Southern Poverty Law Center was founded in 1971 as a law firm specializing in civil rights cases. The organization has devolved into a vicious left-wing hate group that specializes in harassing groups that oppose its far left-wing ideology. The SPLC has parlayed its innocuous-sounding name into becoming an arbiter of what is considered hate-speech by mass media. Google, Facebook, Amazon, and Twitter all defer to the SPLC’s opinion of what is considered hate-speech. ■



### Ravages of Socialism Showing in Venezuela

“At the beginning of the 21st Century, Venezuela was one of the top richest countries in the world. Today, its poverty rate is 87 percent and its inflation rate is predicted to be approaching 1,000,000 percent. Once its capital was a tourist destination with thriving culture. Today, it is the crime capital of the world. Venezuela is just the latest tragic example of socialism’s devastation.”

*Sending a warning in the face of socialism’s false promises captivating young U.S. voters, Congressman **Brad Wenstrup** (R-Ohio) seeks to remind everyone that socialism is the road to ruin.*



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### After Four Tours in Afghanistan, General Calls for Ending the War

“It is time for this war in Afghanistan to end.”

*Army General **John Nicholson** spent 31 months as America’s leader in the Afghan War, which has continued for 17 years. Replaced and headed for retirement, he wants the United States to leave.*

### Government Facilities Dispensing Opioids Is Not the Answer

“Unfortunately, some cities and counties are considering sponsoring centers where drug users can abuse dangerous illegal drugs with government help. Advocates euphemistically call them ‘safe injection sites,’ but they are very dangerous and would only make the opioid crisis worse.”

*Deputy Attorney General **Rod Rosenstein** recommends treatment for victims and reduced access to deadly drugs.*



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### Top Trump Official Blasts UN’s International Court

“It is ineffective, unaccountable and, indeed, outright dangerous.”

*In a speech, National Security Advisor **John Bolton** urged the United States to stay out of the UN’s International Criminal Court. The court was created in 2002 with an initial burst of countries joining. The United States never joined, and other nations are reconsidering their membership.*

### Unusual Strategy Propelling Famous Brit Toward High Office

“My strategy is to litter my career with so many decoy mistakes, nobody knows which one to attack. In the past few minutes, I’ve probably said something that the British media will say is absolutely outrageous, though I don’t know what it is.”

*Described as articulate, charismatic, and virtually “unembarrassable,” former London Mayor **Boris Johnson** has a sizeable following within Britain’s Conservative Party. He is now being discussed as a replacement for the current prime minister, Theresa May.*

### Character Assassins of Kavanaugh Overlook Democrat Wrongdoing

“The ‘Lion of the Senate’ Ted Kennedy killed a woman, former Democrat Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd was an exalted Cyclops in the Ku Klux Klan, and we all know about Bill Clinton. But that’s OK; their lapses in judgment were somehow worth our compassion and forgiveness.”

*President-elect of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons Dr. **Marilyn Singleton** worries that the assassins of Judge Kavanaugh’s character may soon be controlling medical care.*

### President Warns Pastors of Violence if GOP Loses Congress in November

“Democrat groups will overturn everything we’ve done quickly and violently. When you look at Antifa and you look at some of these groups, these are violent people.”

*A group of 100 evangelical leaders met with President **Trump** in the White House, where they were given a dire warning about the consequences of a Democrat victory in the November congressional elections. ■*

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# **VOTER FRAUD**

## **Manipulating the Vote**

An investigation of the 2016 election is ongoing – despite zero proof that Donald Trump worked with the Russians – yet real dangers to our elections remain unaddressed.



by Kurt Hyde

A casual observer who watches only mainstream-media news coverage might reasonably conclude that American elections are in grave danger from external hackers, that the principal source of such hackers is Russia, and that the principal beneficiary of such election hacking is Donald Trump. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is no evidence that Russian hackers changed the vote count on election day. In fact, this is not even the claim, which is that Russia was responsible for the leaked DNC e-mails and manipulated social media on behalf of Trump. That said, American elections *have had* integrity problems having absolutely nothing to do with foreign intervention, but these election frauds have been known for years.

So the question is, “Why the sudden controversy regarding elections, and why is the sudden media attention mistakenly focusing on outside hackers while ignoring the greater danger of the inside job in election fraud?”

Much of the current Russian hacker controversy can be traced to the 2016 presidential campaign trail, when candidate Donald Trump was making a facetious point regarding Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s careless lack of proper safeguarding of classified information on her e-mail servers. Responding to charges from Clinton and the media that he is chummy with Putin, Trump, during a nationally televised campaign address, asked in frustration: “What would I have to get involved with Putin for? I have nothing to do with Putin. I’ve never spoken to him. I don’t know anything about him.” Then, in what was obviously a facetious dig not only at Hillary Clinton but also at President Barack Obama and the FBI/DOJ, which were supposed to be investigating Hillary’s e-mail scandal (but were instead giving her a free pass), candidate Trump said: “Russia, if you’re listening, I hope you’re able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing.”

The Clinton campaign immediately feigned outrage and charged that Trump’s sarcastic comment

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was itself proof of collusion with Russia. “This has to be the first time that a major presidential candidate has actively encouraged a foreign power to conduct espionage against his political opponent,” the Clinton campaign said in a widely quoted press statement. Wolf Blitzer and Jim Acosta, two of CNN’s anti-Trump commentators, immediately called the Trump comment “astonishing” and “jaw-dropping,” giving credence to Team Clinton’s spin on the matter. The *New York Times*, PBS, and the rest of the establish-

ment media, likewise, took what was clearly a mocking comment and transformed it into a treasonous comment.

### The Russian Hacker Conspiracy

On multiple occasions during the election cycle, Hillary repeated the accusation that the Russians were conspiring to aid Trump. Then when Trump won the election, virtually every major-media personality glommed onto the claim, doing their utmost to discredit Trump’s victory and set him up for impeachment. But the entire theory verges on inanity.

The “Russian interference” meme regarding the 2016 presidential elections is actually a tangled complex of wild conspiracy theories by the same folks who regularly deride conspiracy facts as “crazy conspiracy theory.” The most ludicrous and easily disprovable claim of Russian hacking and Russian collusion is the charge that Russians somehow hacked our voting machines and changed our votes across the country. There has been no evidence offered to show this has happened. For this to have happened nationwide, with the many types of voting system technologies, it would have to have involved a major conspiracy. The accusers need to present evidence.

Though it is possible that some voting equipment has Internet access, either wireless or by direct electrical connection, during the voting or the processing of election results before the results are made public, allowing hacking, it’s not only unlikely, but such questions do not appear to have been answered.

The more common charge by the Democrats and their media allies is that the Russians hacked the



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**About conceding graciously:** Hillary Clinton said she was appalled because Donald Trump said he’d look at the election before accepting the results. Why isn’t she similarly appalled by the people alleging Russian hackers unfairly influenced the same election?

## Why would the Russians enter into a conspiracy with Donald Trump against Hillary Clinton when the Russians were beneficiaries of such sweetheart deals as Uranium One and the transfers of U.S. technology to help Vladimir Putin build Skolkovo, Russia's version of America's high-tech Silicon Valley?

Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign servers and then disseminated the dirt they found to WikiLeaks, which in turn disseminated it to the American public. First of all, that theory has been totally debunked by some of the most noted technical analysts, including former top NSA analyst Dr. William Binney. These experts point out that according to the technical data, the DNC data was not “hacked” and downloaded via the Internet, but was physically downloaded onto an external device, such as a USB memory stick or thumb drive. That means someone on the DNC staff with access to the data did it. And this is what WikiLeaks has claimed, that they were given the material by a source at the DNC. Thus, the source was an internal leak, not a Russian hack.

It certainly should be noted, however, that the WikiLeaks accusations, along with

the information that Hillary Clinton illegally used her personal Web server for classified State Department business — despite previously signing two disclosures that made clear such behavior was illegal and a major national security risk — were all true. Those revelations were so devastating that Clinton and her media collaborators knew that the best damage-control strategy would be to shift attention away from the damning facts exposed by the leaks to false charges about how the evidence was obtained: by Russian hacking. The second part of the strategy was then to link the Russian hacking to her opponent, Donald Trump.

The Russian hacker conspiracy theory positing that Russians hacked the U.S. election to aid Donald Trump lacks credibility in many ways, not the least of which is motive. Why would the Russians enter into a conspiracy with Donald Trump

against Hillary Clinton when the Russians were beneficiaries of such sweetheart deals as Uranium One and the transfers of U.S. technology to help Vladimir Putin build Skolkovo, Russia's version of America's high-tech Silicon Valley?

As a brief refresher, Uranium One is the incredible deal in which the Obama administration — with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as a lead player — sold 20-25 percent of U.S. uranium mining reserves to Putin's Rosatom, the Russian state-owned atomic energy company, in 2010. Talk about national security and treason implications! This Obama-Clinton “Uraniumgate” scandal surely fills the bill. It may be topped by Skolkovo, however. Skolkovo is Putin's prize hi-tech showpiece, his version of Silicon Valley. Disregarding warnings from the FBI and other intelligence agencies that the Skolkovo project presented national security threats to the United States, Clinton and Obama approved and promoted the transfer of prime technology from Cisco Systems, Boeing, Microsoft, Intel, Hewlett-Packard, General Electric, and other U.S. tech giants to this strategic Kremlin program.

Further, even the left-wing *New York Times* admitted in a long article on September 20, entitled “The Plot to Subvert an Election: Unraveling the Russia Story So Far,” which is meant to paint Trump as guilty (yet lacks proof of virtually everything it claims to be true), that it is believed that fewer than 100 Russian spammers posed as Americans and sent messages to Facebook or designed websites to encourage people to vote for Trump. The fact is that it just is not realistic that those 100 spammers influenced the public to any appreciable extent. The left-wing *Columbia Journalism Review* put the numbers into perspective in its article “Don't Blame the Election on Fake News. Blame It on the Media”:

A *New York Times* story reported that Facebook identified more than 3,000 ads purchased by fake accounts traced to Russian sources, which generated over \$100,000 in advertising revenue. But Facebook's advertising revenue in the fourth quarter of 2016 was \$8.8 billion, or \$96 million per day. All together, the fake ads accounted for roughly 0.1 percent of Facebook's



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**Exaggerated concerns:** Democrats claim that Russians flooded Facebook and YouTube with ads to help Donald Trump win the election — hardly. On YouTube, the total number of views of fake Russian videos was around 309,000 — compared to the five billion YouTube videos watched daily.





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**Puppet?** A demonstrator holds a sign depicting Donald Trump as Putin's puppet. Where are the signs depicting Hillary in similar fashion with an atomic energy symbol in honor of the Uranium One deal, wherein she okayed selling our uranium to Russia while the Clintons got rich on the deal?

Negative media coverage about Donald Trump's concerns of electoral fraud hit a crescendo during and shortly after the Third Presidential Debate. When asked in the debate on October 19, 2016 if he would accept the results of the election, rather than contest them, Trump said: "I will look at it at the time."

Fox News' Chris Wallace, who should have been impartial, grilled Donald Trump, saying:

But, but sir, there is a tradition in this country, in fact, one of the prides of this country is the peaceful transition of power and that no matter how hard fought a campaign is that at the end of the campaign, that the loser concedes to the winner. Not saying you're necessarily going to be the loser or the winner, but that the loser concedes to the winner and that the country comes together in part for the good of the country. Are you saying you're not prepared now to commit to that principle?

Hillary Clinton jumped on the bandwagon:

That is not the way our democracy [sic] works. We've been around for 240 years. We've had free and fair elections. We've accepted the outcomes when we may not have liked them and that is what must be expected of anyone standing on a debate stage during a general election.

... He is denigrating, he is talking down our democracy [sic] and I, for one, am appalled that somebody who is the nominee of one of our two major parties would take that kind of position.

President Barack Obama and Attorney General Loretta Lynch also joined the chorus, as reported by the *Wall Street Journal* for October 21, 2016:

Attorney General Loretta Lynch, speaking to reporters in Italy, said that "we don't see [ballot fraud] as an actual threat."

Mr. Obama, speaking at a Clinton rally in Miami, ridiculed Mr. Trump and then asked the crowd to stop laughing. "When you suggest

daily advertising revenue. The 2016 BuzzFeed report that received so much attention claimed that the top 20 fake news stories on Facebook "generated 8,711,000 shares, reactions, and comments" between August 1 and Election Day. Again, this sounds like a large number until it's put into perspective: Facebook had well over 1.5 billion active monthly users in 2016. If each user took only a single action per day on average (likely an underestimate), then throughout those 100 days prior to the election, the 20 stories in BuzzFeed's study would have accounted for only 0.006 percent of user actions.

Even recent claims that the "real" numbers were much higher than initially reported do not change the basic imbalance. For example, an October 3 *New York Times* story reported that "Russian agents ... disseminated inflammatory posts that reached 126 million users on Facebook, published more than 131,000 messages on Twitter and uploaded over 1,000 videos to Google's YouTube service." Big numbers indeed, but several paragraphs later the authors conceded that over the same period Facebook users were exposed to 11 trillion posts — roughly 87,000 for every fake exposure — while on Twitter the Russian-linked election tweets represented less than 0.75 percent of all election-related tweets. On YouTube, meanwhile, the

total number of views of fake Russian videos was around 309,000 — compared to the five billion YouTube videos that are watched every day.

Moreover, *Columbia Journalism Review* pointed out that large left-wing media dominate social-media posts, so their views would have easily overwhelmed posts by Russian spammers.

Even the *New York Times* noted in its September 20 article, "Mr. Trump's frustration with the Russian investigation is not surprising. He is right that no public evidence has emerged showing that his campaign conspired with Russia in the election interference or accepted Russian money."

Interestingly, even while Donald Trump was being accused of being a puppet of President Putin by Hillary and the left-wing media, most big-name media chastised Donald Trump for a comment he made in a debate with Hillary Clinton in which he wouldn't come right and out say that he would immediately concede defeat if the vote count didn't go his way, because he worried that there might be lots of vote fraud.

### Mainstream Media Does a Flip-flop

During the campaign, Donald Trump was derided when he mentioned his suspicions that the election might be rigged. He cited, for example, statistics that showed there are millions of voters on the rolls who should not be registered to vote.

rigging or fraud without a shred of evidence, that is not a joking matter. That is dangerous.” He said, “When you try to sow the seeds of doubt in people’s minds about the legitimacy of our elections, that undermines our democracy [sic].”

While Donald Trump was castigated by the political Left for bringing up the topic of election fraud (though he presented evidence that it takes place), Hillary Clinton and media personalities have claimed continually since her election loss that Russia hacked the election to elect Trump (without a shred of credible proof that the Russians actually affected the election results), and the claim has been treated as gospel. It’s a blatant double standard and complete hypocrisy, hence why more and more of the public doesn’t believe politicians, the major networks, and news publications.

### Real Dangers to Our Elections

Just because there is no evidence damning Trump’s electioneering in the last election, doesn’t mean that all U.S. elections are aboveboard affairs. American election safeguards have experienced erosion in such areas as reducing or eliminating public access to witness the process, voter registration lists being inaccurate, same-day voter registration, lack of a paper trail in the ballots, elimination of precincts in favor of voting by mail, early voting, not making precinct-level election results public immediately, and not counting the absentee ballots in public at the proper precinct.

On August 16, Direct Action Texas, a group that strives to clean up voter rolls, announced that 280,000 legal-resident, non-citizens in Texas are illegally registered to vote. And four million registered voters in Texas cannot be verified in the database of the Texas Department of Public Safety databases, as is required by law, or by other government databases. That’s 30 percent of all registered voters in the

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**Remedy:** Long lines of voters at the University of Texas waiting to vote in the Texas primary March 6. Texas adopted early voting to alleviate long lines at polling places, but long lines still plague voters in Texas. Why not adopt more efficient voter check-in procedures instead of early voting?

state. It is likely that a large number of those registered are illegal immigrants.

In addition to illegally registered voters, there are glaring flaws in the system: the company Election Systems and Software admitted that it put remote access software on some voting machines between 2000 and 2006.

And there are the cases of insider fraud. In July, it was reported that Alabama is starting a vote-fraud investigation because of glaring discrepancies in vote counts during its July 17 primary election.

Big League Politics reported:

The Secretary of State’s office became aware of possible voter fraud after being made aware of irregularities by voters in both counties. Once you get down to the numbers, it is easy to tell why there was suspicion.

In Wilcox County, 4,167 of 9,383 registered voters turned out to vote. While 4,167 ballots were returned in total, less than 100 of those ballots were Republican ballots.

Comparing this primary to the 2016 general election, it is easy to tell where the discrepancy comes from. In 2016, Wilcox County had

64.78% turnout, with 4,329 votes going to Hillary Clinton and 1,737 going to Donald Trump. While the district clearly leans democrat, it doesn’t seem likely that over 4,000 Democrats voted on Tuesday, while less than 100 Republicans voted in the same county.

The Secretary of State’s Office believes that the inordinate amount of Democrat ballots could be because of an “absentee broker operation.” That method of committing voter fraud involves exchanging gifts or cash in exchange for absentee ballots that the buyer could then fill out however they like.

Perry County faced a similar situation, but had suspicions raised prior to the election results coming in, with intimidation tactics being reported. In Perry County only 200 Republicans showed up to vote in a race where only state-wide races were on the ballot. But in contrast, 2,763 ballots were cast by Democrats, where a Circuit Court race was seen as the most contentious race. The Circuit Court race resulted in Mia Jacobs-Turner winning by 95 votes against her opponent.

According to AL.com, Perry County absentee ballot manager Mary Moore admitted that there was “a high number of absentees” in the race, stating that there seems to be reasons to question the results.

Along with the irregularities in the



vote count, [Alabama Secretary of State John] Merrill stated that there were more than 200 absentee ballots in Perry County that “did not meet” the state’s standards. Some of the ballots were returned unsealed, meaning that they could have been tampered with.

An election observer in the county also blew the whistle to the Secretary of State, recounting threats she received from a Perry County Commissioner that was unnamed.

Another case in Alabama corroborates the depth of the fraud:

When former Alabama State Supreme Court Judge Roy Moore ran in the special election for senator, trying to gain the position from outgoing Senator Jeff Sessions, he lost by fewer than 22,000 votes, out of 1.3 million votes cast. His campaign credibly alleged that “systemic election fraud” was the deciding factor in the race.

Indications of fraud in that race include the finding of a bundle of premarked sample ballots, marked for Moore’s opponent, Doug Jones; Democrat-funded advertisements that were investigated and ordered removed; a multitude of out-of-state driver’s licenses that were accepted for identification purposes; and a verbal admission that people came from across the country to vote in the statewide election. Also, in several Republican-dominated precincts in Jefferson County, Moore received more than 30 percent fewer votes than the number of Republicans who voted a straight party-line vote, whereas in the majority of counties he received more votes than were cast in a party-line vote; the turnout in Jefferson County was unusually high; the voting machines could not ensure that vote alterations had not been done; Jefferson County reported in its vote totals long after other counties had reported theirs; and the vote totals did not match with the results of exit polls.

The Roy Moore campaign’s lawsuit included an affidavit by election expert James J. Condit, Jr., stating that he believes that many computerized voting machines “have access by wireless technology to all their computers which are counting the votes, and they can monitor, query, and even ALTER the election results inside their computers during election day and election nights.” Unfortu-

nately, the *Moore v. Merrill* lawsuit was dismissed. But Moore went about this the right way. Rather than use the news media as a sounding board for making claims of possible hacking without evidence, the *Moore v. Merrill* lawsuit would have used due process to bring this controversy into the open and learn the truth, as both sides would have presented evidence and the question would have been answered.

Other evidence suggests large-scale problems with U.S. vote counts. In 2016 in Detroit, hundreds of precincts registered more votes than there were voters reported to have checked in to vote. In Georgia, a federal lawsuit that was brought owing to complaints by voters being told to go to other precincts or of having voting machines freeze, and other problems, was found to be a nonstarter because “servers that were thought to be key evidence for the same federal lawsuit that has led to this week’s news were wiped, then repeatedly degaussed,” reported Ars Technica. The group Judicial Watch reported in 2017 that it found “462 counties where the registration rate exceeded 100 percent. There were 3,551,760 more people registered to vote than adult U.S. citizens who inhabit these counties.” And that was just in the 38 states that provided enough information to check the numbers. The evidence of fraud is overwhelming.

Allegations of Russian hacking, made by Senator Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) about problems he believes Russians could cause in a future election, are more credible than the ones claiming Trump worked with the Russians. The allegations made by Nelson on August 8 that Russian operatives have hacked their way into Florida’s voter-registration databases are potentially more serious because, he said, hackers might be in a position to alter data in election databases. Nelson said:

The Russians are in the records and all they have to do if those election records are not protected is to go in and start eliminating registered voters and you can imagine the chaos that would occur on election day.

Nelson’s ambiguous statement “The Russians are in the records” could quite easily be true. While such access would not likely allow “bad actors” to alter people’s votes, it could disrupt the voting process. Sadly, Florida has recently implemented Internet voter registration, and Internet voter registration is an inherently insecure technology — anybody could be “in the records.” Another of Nelson’s statements — “if those election records are not protected” — is indicative of the weak protections of the registration database because, if he knows as



**Tried to do it the right way:** Judge Roy Moore challenged the results of the Alabama Special Election. His lawsuit also raised the question of whether or not the votes or vote totals in the voting equipment could be accessed during the election. Answering the question based on the rules of evidence is preferable to using the news media as a sounding board. Moore’s question is unanswered because the case was dismissed.

much as he says he knows about the dark side of this controversy, he would certainly know what the level of protection is on the voter-registration databases. If he doesn't know, all he needs to do is ask.

Ironically, Senator Nelson is directly responsible for increasing some of the vulnerabilities of U.S. elections: He helped pass legislation that undermined safeguards against voter fraud. As a freshman senator he voted for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. That's the blatantly unconstitutional law that dictated to the states that they must use HAVA-compliant electronic voting equipment, much of which lacked a paper trail meant to allow meaningful recounts and double-checks.

The state of Florida has denied that it has been hacked, and Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner has sent multiple official letters to Senator Nelson and other federal officials requesting further information including specific identification of the supposed hacks. Florida Governor Rick Scott has made similar requests. As of press time, neither has received the specific answers requested.

A second concern is the usage of fake people, deceptive websites, and bots (automated fake personages masquerading on the Internet as if they were real people) to create an illusion of supporters for candidates. Creating the illusion of support for something is as easy as finding people

who are willing to join an online discussion group multiple times using assumed names. Such fake personages can become very effective neutralizers in many ways. They can make racist comments that cause the discussion group to lose members or even get shut down. They can start fake arguments that spam a discussion group and shut down its effectiveness. They can also be used in false-flag scams where someone wants to make it look as if foreigners are interfering in an election.

Fake personages and deceptive websites are real problems, problems that are caused by the inherent insecurity of the Internet, problems that the Democrat Party laid the groundwork for: During the Iowa Democratic Caucuses, the Iowa Democratic Party implemented satellite caucuses, as well as what they called their tele-caucus in the 2016 Democratic Caucuses. Both of those new usages of Internet technology were touted as improved use of technology to result in easier involvement in the caucuses when compared to in-person involvement, but they also increased the chances of some portion of that increased involvement to be fake personages rather than real people.

Both of the above problems with voting security — and many others — are easy to fix: Eliminate to as great extent as possible the ability of people to use technology to influence the vote by assuring that vulnerable electronics are removed from the

voting process and that all remaining electronic devices are double-checked manually, as well as decentralizing the political and voting processes.

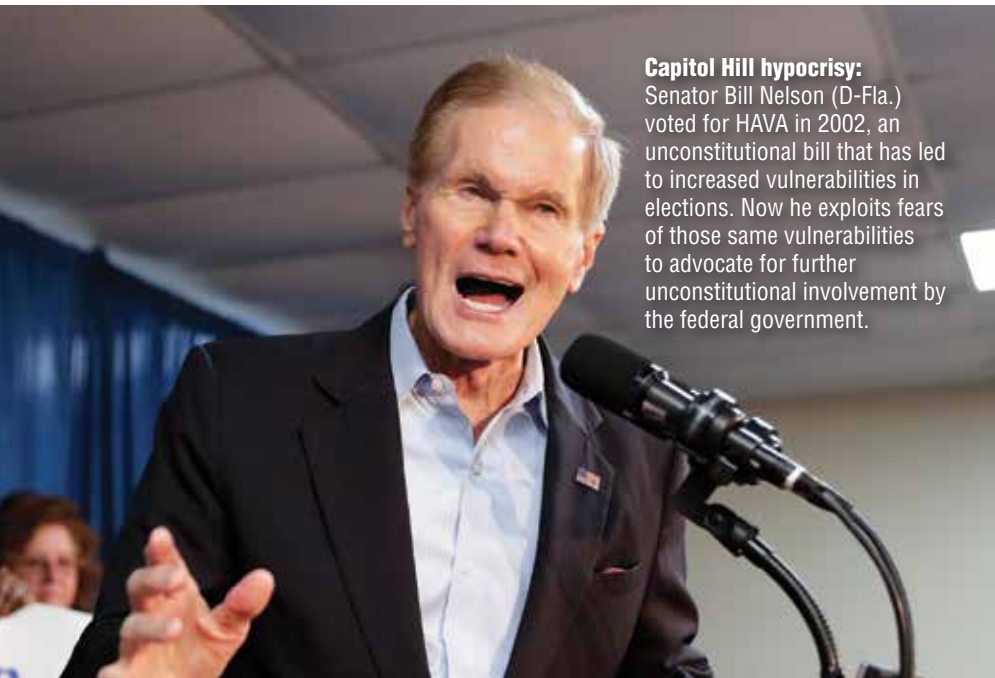
One example of controlling a possible bot problem without the use of centralized authority was demonstrated when a disagreement occurred in a Ron Paul discussion group in North Texas. The disagreement resulted in about 10 or 20 e-mails per day between the two disagreeing members. The discussion group organizer suspected it was fake personages deliberately neutralizing the discussion group. He put an end to the disagreement by announcing that he was considering requiring all members who wanted to post in that online discussion group to give their names, addresses, and telephone numbers. It turns out that at least one of the disagreeing persons was a real person. She immediately gave the organizer her contact information. The other disagreeing party vanished. Was the vanishing party a bot that was in the discussion group in order to cause disruption in the Ron Paul movement? Perhaps it was a real person who realized his mistake and vanished to avoid embarrassment. In either case, the problem was solved in the private sector at the local level without government involvement.

### Solutions to Vote Fraud

Nowadays, instead of securing election results from tampering by counting votes in public and making the results public immediately, many states use encryption and other forms of secrecy in a manner not unlike those used by dictators who restrict access to election results until they are reviewed and approved by deep-state central authorities. Other degradations of America's elections include early voting, same-day registration, automatic voter registration via the Motor Voter Act, and mail-in only balloting. In addition, some of our voting equipment and software comes from foreign countries.

Most states now don't allow the public to watch the votes being counted or observe the processing of the vote totals. There are procedures that allow for observers to be appointed to watch these processes, but in most states these procedures have become restrictive.

Undoing the list of electoral weaknesses will first require educating the public.



#### Capitol Hill hypocrisy:

Senator Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) voted for HAVA in 2002, an unconstitutional bill that has led to increased vulnerabilities in elections. Now he exploits fears of those same vulnerabilities to advocate for further unconstitutional involvement by the federal government.

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**Ways to weed out fraud:** Optical scan voting equipment is almost as good as paper ballots if there are reasonable audit and recount procedures. But other aspects of elections need to be protected, too, such as maintaining voter-registration lists and not allowing non-citizens to vote.

Many of these security flaws have been foisted on the American people as ways of supposedly enhancing electoral integrity. The American people have been conned into thinking encryption of precinct election results is the best way to protect them from tampering. It isn't. Traditional American elections used openness of the process to protect against election fraud, whether that fraud be done via fraudulent repeater voting, tampering with the vote count, or tampering with the precinct election results. The proper solution, then as well as now, is to open the process and let the voters monitor their elections. Also, no matter how it's done, it is essential that there is a paper trail that can be referenced should there be any questions of fraud. Elections belong to the American people. They are not the property of the deep-state people who run them.

Getting rid of all voting or vote counting machinery as soon as possible would be a good option. The American people have been conned into thinking paper ballots are no longer feasible because of the awful stories of vote counts going into the night and sometimes days after. This writer worked as a vote counter in Weare, New Hampshire, in the 1980s. The people who ran the elections in that town maintained a list of local citizens who would count votes. The vote counters were assigned in pairs, a Republican paired with a Democrat if possible. A certain number would definitely be needed to count votes after the polls closed. They also had a list of additional pairs of vote counters who were held in reserve in case turnout was greater

than expected. The additional pairs of vote counters were notified by early afternoon if they would be needed based on voter-turnout numbers at mid-day.

When counting commenced, the ballots were spilled out onto long sets of tables joined end-to-end. The pairs of vote counters were on one side of the tables and the other side had a roped-off area providing about five or six feet of separation. Any member of the public was allowed to walk up to the roped-off area and observe the vote count. Because of efficient planning based on experience, and the flexibility offered by having additional vote counters in reserve, the votes were counted, including the absentee ballots, and the paperwork was completed within an hour or two after the polls closed. This efficiency also speaks for having elections run by towns rather than counties, and in having absentee ballots delivered to the precincts and counted there in public on election night.

Liberals don't like this type of openness in elections and criticize such efforts. But paper votes can be counted quickly and efficiently with proper planning. In fact, it is likely the counting of paper ballot votes in some cases took days because the inefficiency was deliberate, to "prove" to the people that they needed to scrap the low-cost local vote counters and buy computerized voting equipment that is not only expensive to buy but also expensive to maintain, such as pre-programming in preparation for each election — machines whose results can be compromised.

Another paper tiger of opposition to

paper ballots is the claim that not enough ordinary citizens are willing to work at the polls or count the votes after the polls are closed. Already in 1908, a grand-jury report in Chicago had the solution for that problem by selecting ordinary citizens at random in a manner similar to a jury call. If done like a jury call, it would include interviewing prospective counters to determine their skill levels and their availability.

Another impediment to hiring election workers is the absurd election-day work schedules, frequently 14 hours long. This practice seems less seriously designed to hire poll workers than it is to deliberately discourage ordinary citizens from working at the polls, thereby paving the way for political hacks and government employees to fill the void. Why not schedule the poll workers for half-days and bring the ballot counters in just prior to the poll closings to get prepared to start counting votes as soon as the last ballot is cast in that precinct?

If electronics are to be used, optical scan voting equipment is almost as good as paper ballots, provided the process is open to the public and there are some representative recounts to be sure the equipment ran properly. They should be considered where people absolutely won't approve of hand-counted paper ballots.

Getting rid of early voting should also be done. Early voting is an open invitation for electoral fraud both by repeater voting and the temptation to alter vote totals sitting in unattended computer databases for days, even weeks, depending on how long the early voting period is. The American people have been conned into accepting early voting as a solution to the horribly long waits in lines to vote on election day, but those long lines are not unavoidable, whether they are by inefficiencies at voter check-in or voters needing to wait after check-in for a computerized voting machine to come available.

The example to follow is that of New Hampshire, where there is no early voting. THE NEW AMERICAN interviewed New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner regarding efficiencies in the way his state runs elections. Secretary Gardner believes his state has the two largest voting locations in the United States. In the 2016 presidential election, the town of Londonderry had 12,794 voters who voted in person, and the town of Hudson had 12,457



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**Voters voting early in Nevada:** Early voting is convenient for honest voters, as well as for dishonest people who vote multiple times. Who's watching out to ensure there's no tampering with the early vote ballots and totals?

voters vote in person. When asked why they didn't have long lines at voter check-in, Secretary Gardner explained how efficient the voter check-in process is at these locations, where they have as many as 15 tables arranged alphabetically for voter check-in. It should be added that because of New Hampshire's paper trail law, the only computerized voting equipment allowed is the optical scan type. With optical scan equipment the ballots are marked by the voters in the privacy of simple booths and then fed into the optical scan system, where the votes are tabulated immediately, tying up the piece of equipment for only a few seconds for each ballot cast. Contrast this with a computerized voting booth where the voter ties up a piece of equipment for the entire time he is reading the choices and making selections. Secretary Gardner also added that New Hampshire has 320 polling locations; 189 of them use optical scan ballots and 131 of them use paper ballots that are counted manually.

Clearly, computerized equipment is unnecessary and can be replaced by following proven procedures of efficient check-in, efficient methods of counting paper ballots and, if a state insists on computerization, using optical scan paper ballots with representative recounts to ensure the computer did what the voter told it to do. The most important thing of all is to take the elections out from behind closed doors

and once again require that all aspects of our elections except the marking of secret ballots are open to observation by the public without interference.

The bottom line is that voter-registration lists and the lists of which voters voted are designed to be public information.

Unfortunately, the federal government is unconstitutionally involved in the election business, and it is causing many of the problems we see.

### A Danger to American Elections

There is a very real threat to American elections, but the danger is not from Russian hackers or any other external sources. The greater danger is from an inside job, and much of the danger is thanks to the federal government.

Many of our voter-registration problems were caused by the Motor Voter Act, which forced the states to implement automatic voter registration simultaneously with applying for driver's licenses or applying for public assistance, and enacted other provisions that have led to explosive growth in inaccurate voter registrations. Congress should repeal Motor Voter.

Much of the paperless computer-

ized voting equipment was purchased due to the dictates of Congress in the unconstitutional HAVA law that forced the states to buy HAVA-compliant voting equipment. The equipment was compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but much of the electronic voting equipment the states were forced to purchase in panic-buying mode lacked a paper trail and had technology problems. Congress should repeal HAVA.

Election results should be printed on paper, posted at the precincts, and made public immediately to prevent tampering with vote totals by insiders as well as external hackers. Early voting and same-day registration should be abolished. Paper ballots should be reinstated and the public should be allowed to witness the vote counts, including absentee ballots. Studies should be done showing the cost difference between paying local people to count the paper ballots compared to the high cost of high-tech computerized voting equipment. Internet voting, as well as Internet voter registration, should be abolished.

Congress has the authority to require the states that use mail-in-only balloting to reinstate precinct voting when electing congressmen and U.S. senators. They have that authority under Article I, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution and as explained in *The Federalist Papers*, No. 59.

The states are also partly to blame. States should reinstate the openness of our electoral process by once again making every aspect of elections, except the marking of the secret ballot, open to the public with no requirement to pre-register as an official observer. That alone would cure many electoral ills because the problems encountered during elections won't be hidden behind closed doors.

U.S. Ambassador to Poland Arthur Bliss Lane documented the communist takeover of Poland in his book *I Saw Poland Betrayed*. The final event of that takeover was a fraudulent election. Let's not let that happen here. ■



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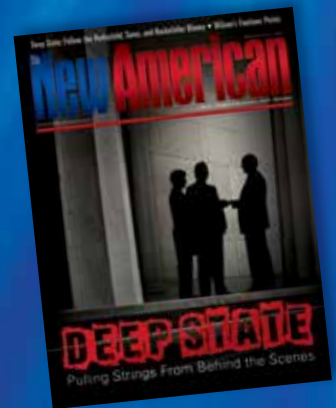
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# Will Democrats Win and TAKE DOWN OUR CULTURE?

If Democrats win the midterms, experts expect progressives to seek to impeach President Trump, weaken him, and accelerate toward the Deep State's globalist world order.



**Keep America Great!** A woman holds a sign calling for the reelection of President Donald Trump in 2020. Experts say the 2018 midterm elections will play a key part in determining whether Trump is reelected in 2020.

by Troy Anderson

**A**t a state dinner for ministers at the White House in late August, President Donald Trump warned of “losing everything you’ve got” and even violence in the streets if Republicans don’t retain control of Congress in the midterm elections.

“They will overturn everything that we’ve done, and they’ll do it quickly and violently,” Trump told the crowd. “There’s violence. When you look at Antifa and you look at some of these groups, these are violent people.”

Afterward, Vice President Mike Pence

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said in an interview that he took Trump’s remarks to mean that the Democrats would attempt to undo everything Trump has accomplished. “But the president’s point as I took it, from where I was seated, was that the Democrat party in Congress is absolutely committed to reversing everything that we’ve been able to do for the American people,” Pence said.

Political experts agree that a great deal is at stake in the midterm elections in November, and they’re warning conservatives against complacency.

If Democrats win the House, or the House and the Senate, *New York Times* best-selling author Dinesh D’Souza told THE NEW AMERICAN, Americans can expect an “all-out war politically for the next two years” to impeach and weaken President Donald Trump politically before the 2020 presidential election.

“You would basically have a series of

efforts to criminalize policy differences, impeach Trump, multiple investigations, and interminable hearings,” D’Souza said. “Of course, Trump would remain in charge of foreign policy and he would retain his bully pulpit — his ability to speak out to the American people. You’d have this kind of trench warfare that would be going on. I think it would be a miserable political season.”

“Would the Democrats succeed in ousting Trump? I doubt it because you’d need to have decisive majorities in the House and the Senate to pull that off, and I don’t think the Democrats would succeed in doing it, but they could impeach Trump in the House. It would then go to the Senate, and all of that acrimony would have to be resolved in the 2020 election in which potentially it could be put before the American people.”

Further complicating the situation is the fact that not all big-government, globalist politicians are in the Democratic Party. They comprise the establishment wing of the Republican Party as well, and in Congress they outnumber the constitutionalist-minded Republicans. Not only that, but many officials in the executive branch are neocons who not only oppose the agenda Trump ran on during his campaign, but are also battling against the America Firsters within the administration itself.

Former National Security Council Director for Strategic Planning Rich Higgins, who worked in the Trump administration battling anti-Trumpers and anti-America Firsters and ended up being fired for writing a memo that exposed them, told THE NEW AMERICAN that Democrats are working in conjunction with the Deep State, which is engaged in a concerted “takedown of our culture and civilization.”

Higgins, who penned the 2017 memo entitled “POTUS & Political Warfare” alleging that “Deep State actors, globalists, bankers, Islamists, and establishment Republicans” are working to subvert the Trump administration, says these entities are involved in a “civilization-level attack against what you and I may defend as the American ideology as espoused in the Declaration [of Independence].”

“It’s about managing world populations, global migrations of people, but standing in the way of this global governing order

Higgins alleges that “Deep State actors, globalists, bankers, Islamists, and establishment Republicans” are working to subvert the Trump administration, and says these entities are involved in a “civilization-level attack against what you and I may defend as the American ideology.”

... is the United States as the beacon of American nationalism,” Higgins says. “This is why the rhetoric against American nationalists is so vitriolic where they are literally calling us terrorists. They are literally comparing us to Nazis and communists. It’s terrifying.”

“The debasement of the words, the debasement of the language, the debasement of individuals that represent the [anti-globalist] movement, is a precursor to violence. It always is. And so, when you see the rhetoric coming out against President Trump where you literally have him being executed in music videos, you have images of him being beheaded like ISIS, and we’re collectively numb to these images now — that is the intentional outcome where you are setting up the pretense for violence and claiming a morality to support that violence. That’s why it’s so dangerous.”

**Democrats’ Chances of Winning**

Currently, Democrats need a net gain of 23 seats to take the House and two to win the Senate. Political analysts say both goals are attainable, but most experts say it’s unlikely the Democrats will take the Senate and may only make gains in the House.

In the Senate, far more Democrats are up for reelection than Republicans, and many Democrats are running in states that Trump won decisively in 2016. So while a Democratic takeover of the Senate is not inconceivable, it’s unlikely.

The polling firm FiveThirtyEight has put the odds of Democrats winning the House at 81 percent.

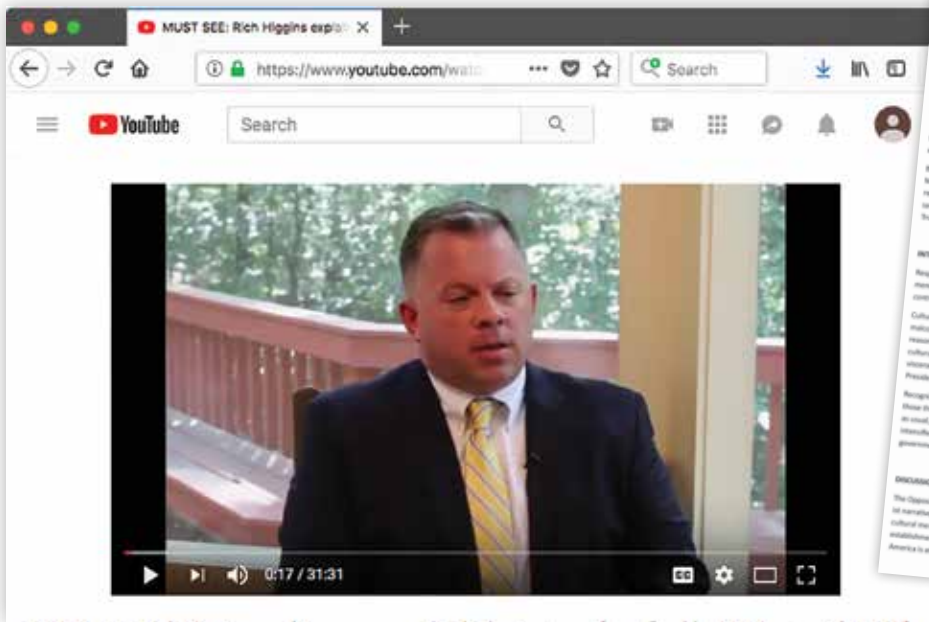
In fact, history would suggest that the Democrats will make gains in the House because the ruling party, in this case Republicans, typically loses seats in midterm elections. During the presidency of Barack

Obama, Democrats in the House lost seats in both the 2010 and 2012 elections.

“Now, I’m not confident [Democrats will take the House], in part, because the Democrats are a little out of control,” said D’Souza, whose new film, *Death of a Nation: Can We Save America a Second Time?*, exposes the Democratic Party’s “big lie” that Trump, Republicans, and conservatives are racists and fascists. “There is a lot of craziness going on with the Democratic side. The economy is strong, and I think Trump has not proven to be the wild man that the Democrats predicted he would be.”

“Literally two years ago, the Democrats were claiming that Trump was like Hitler. A reasonable person reading their comments would have expected that by now Trump would be rounding people up and putting them in concentration camps, if not sending them off to the gas chambers. All of this has proven wildly overblown and preposterous and so anyone paying even moderate attention to progressives can see that these people don’t have credibility. So, for these reasons, I think that Trump actually does have a deeper vein of underground support than people are letting on to the pollsters and that the media can discern.”

This was certainly true in the 2016 presidential election. While Democrats and most pollsters were convinced



**POTUS & Political Warfare:** Former National Security Council Director for Strategic Planning Rich Higgins wrote an explosive memo in 2017 claiming that Democrats are working in conjunction with the Deep State, which is engaged in a concerted “taken-down of our culture and civilization.”



that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton would win the presidency, Trump stunned the world when he became commander-in-chief.

While a new NBC News/*Wall Street Journal* poll found Democrats hold a 12-point lead in congressional preference among voters, it also found that Republican enthusiasm for the midterm elections is increasing, drawing nearly even with Democrats, and that nearly 70 percent of voters are satisfied with the economy.

“The other side is mobilized, and some say they’re motivated as never before,” Pence said at the Family Research Council’s Voter Values Summit in late September. “But I say we must match — in fact, I say we must surpass — the energy of the American left and their enthusiasm and passion. [The midterm elections are a] choice between a party that celebrates America and one that often demeans millions of our neighbors and friends. Let’s keep faith that He who has ever watched over this nation still governs in the affairs of men.”

### **America Is a “One-Party Country Masquerading as Bipartisan”**

Regardless of whether Republicans retain control of the House and Senate in the midterm elections, political analysts say that the United States has been a “one-party country masquerading as bipartisan” for most of the last century.

“The dominant faction in our home-grown ‘court party’ has long been the Democratic Party, whose business it has been to be the primary mover and shaker on behalf of bigger, more powerful, and more centralized government, with the Republican Party establishment playing the role of the reluctant resistor and cowed compromiser,” wrote Charles Scaliger in an online article for *THE NEW AMERICAN*, “Establishment Conservatives Now Hoping for Democratic Takeover in November.”

For decades, a war has been raging within the Republican Party between constitutional-minded Republicans and the establishment (neocon) wing of the party. For many years, the Republican Party has appealed to a conservative constituency and the Democratic Party has appealed to a liberal constituency.



**Socialists are in both parties:** Former Congressman Ron Paul says it's not only Democrats who are advocates for socialism, but many Republicans, too.

The Republican Party is viewed as the limited-government party, while the Democrats are perceived as the big-government, high-tax party. However, the difference in terms of actual policies is not as big as the perceived difference. That’s why at election time the “rascals” can be thrown out of office without a major change in direction of policies — a phenomenon that Americans are coming to realize.

The late Georgetown University Professor Carroll Quigley, a mentor to President Bill Clinton and for many years a person close to the core of the Deep State, made this point in his 1966 book, *Tragedy and Hope: A History of the World in Our Time*. In the book, Quigley referred to the Deep State as an “international Anglophile network.” He ridiculed the idea of using elections to change course in government. “The argument that the two parties should represent opposed ideals and policies, one, perhaps, of the Right and the other of the Left, is a foolish idea acceptable only to doctrinaire and academic thinkers,” Quigley wrote. “Instead, the two parties should be almost identical, so that the American people can ‘throw the rascals out’ at any

election without leading to any profound or extensive shifts in policy.”

The Republican Party may appear conservative by comparison to the Democrats, but under the establishment wing of the Republican Party, it keeps moving to the left. But no matter how far it moves to the left, the Democrats move even further.

Analysts say that the problem is not limited just to Democrats. For instance, former U.S. Congressman Ron Paul, in his online article for *THE NEW AMERICAN* entitled “Republicans’ Responsibility for Socialism’s Comeback,” noted that “socialists” are now in both parties, “including those who call themselves conservative.”

Therefore, it’s important for voters to elect constitutionalists to Congress and other elected offices, says

Art Thompson, the chief executive officer of The John Birch Society. Thompson says there are many reasons why it’s important to get more constitutionalists elected. Currently, as revealed by *THE NEW AMERICAN*’S “The Freedom Index: A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution,” only a small percentage — about 2-10 percent — of Republicans are constitutionalists, Thompson says.

“We have seen in Congress people deviate from the Constitution more and more in the past decades and they need to get back to what the Constitution says, which everybody can understand,” Thompson says. “The Constitution was not written for a bar association; it was written for the people, so the people can understand it. What [constitutionalists] are trying to do is form legislation to protect people’s rights under the Constitution, the God-given rights as delineated, plus others, in the Declaration of Independence.”

### **Inside the Shadows of the Deep State**

In recent decades, Americans have experienced an erosion of their rights — the right to own property, the right to life, the

right to free speech, the right to freedom of religion, and many other rights — at the hands of those who don't believe in the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

“Something that people have to understand, and this is something that is very difficult for many people, is that we're dealing with a conspiracy,” Thompson says. “Down through the ages some very wise men have said that if you don't understand that this is conspiratorial in nature, you're going to lose, and that was one of the things [JBS founder] Robert Welch tried to instill within The John Birch Society.”

Referring to the tug of war between the neocons and constitutionalists, Thompson says this “is a battle that has been going on in the Republican Party for quite some time.”

The reality is that the Deep State — the shadow government and powerful globalist forces behind the visible government that are unaccountable to the American people — wields great power over the American political system and “transcends party lines,” Thompson says.

“I just completed a book [*In the Shadows of the Deep State: A Century of Council on Foreign Relations Scheming for World Government*] that demonstrates that the Deep State has always had feet on both sides of the political aisle,” Thompson says. “One of the things is that this Deep State is represented by an organization called the Council on Foreign Relations. Now it's not the epicenter of what we're talking about here, but it's a very important aspect of it and its influence is quite wide.”

Members of the Council on Foreign Relations have occupied the chairs of the major administrative agencies of every presidential administration since Harry S. Truman and key positions such as secretary of defense and secretary of treasury since before World War II, and many have been members of Congress and other parts of the federal government, Thompson says.

“Essentially, the Deep State is an in-



Arthur R. Thompson

**Where did the constitutionalists go?** Art Thompson, the chief executive officer of The John Birch Society, says it's important to elect people who support the U.S. Constitution, and that only about 2-10 percent of Republicans are constitutionalists.

ternationalist organization, not simply something that is trying to produce more government in the United States to the detriment of individual liberty, but it is linked internationally to other organizations where these people get together at Bilderberg meetings and the Club of Rome,” Thompson says.

“They network. Whether it's the Council on Foreign Relations, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the Trilateral Commission, the Atlantic Council, those types of organizations, these individuals are part of that international coterie. They are called the Deep State, but really what they are is the deep internationalist state, and they have been moving this country not only toward socialism, but toward a one-world government, which they call the New World Order.”

### **A Deep Perversion of the American System**

For decades, many Americans have been skeptical about the existence of powerful

behind-the-scenes forces seeking the creation of a global government, often regarding such claims as “conspiracy theories.”

But in recent years, and especially since Trump ran for office and began to expose the plans of the globalist elite, a global awakening has occurred as to the reality of the power these forces have over the international and American political systems.

Surprisingly, a recent Monmouth University poll found nearly 75 percent of Americans believe a group of unelected government and military officials secretly manipulates national policy. Of 803 adults polled, 27 percent believe the Deep State exists, and another 47 percent said it probably exists.

“Anxiety about a possible ‘Deep State’ is prevalent in both parties, but each has key constituent groups who express even greater concerns about the potential for government overreach,” Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, said in a statement.

This poll reveals that the percentage of Americans who believe or at least suspect that clandestine wealthy and influential individuals and organizations wield enormous influence over the American political system has grown tremendously in recent decades.

“I can tell you the results of a study made by the University of Virginia some years ago that said approximately 30 percent of the American electorate felt that there was a conspiracy trying to undermine the government,” Thompson says. “I think the percentage has increased. One of the reasons why they are trying to shut down the Internet from certain conservative prognosticators is that a lot of this stuff has been disseminated over the Internet, not all of it, but some, and some of it is sensationalism not based on fact, but a lot of good stuff nonetheless.”

The fact that the Deep State has gained such power over the federal government is a “deep perversion of our system,” D'Souza said.



“This is not how it was meant to operate,” D’Souza said. “This is not how the Constitution was set up, and it’s very obvious to me that if Trump hadn’t won the [2016 presidential election] that the Deep State would be merrily carrying on. So if the Democrats gain control of Congress [in the upcoming midterm elections] then Congress would join the [mainstream] media as a protector of the Deep State.”

“That doesn’t necessarily mean that they’ll be under no scrutiny because Trump will still be in his position to obtain all kinds of information, declassifying things, and potentially take control of the Justice Department, but Congress, which is actually in a position to uncover the Deep State, would actually become the Deep State co-conspirator.”

James O’Keefe, founder of Project Veritas, recently released a series of undercover videos entitled *Unmasking the Deep State* revealing that an “unelected cabal of federal government employees — the Deep Staters — are getting away with subverting the will of the people.... They are in all branches of government and they are hiding among two million other federal employees.”

The first video featured a State Department employee “engaged in radical socialist political activity on the taxpayer’s dime, while advocating for resistance to

official government policies,” according to a statement from Project Veritas. The second video featured a Department of Justice paralegal “reportedly using government-owned software and computers to push a socialist agenda.” A third video quoted a U.S. Government Accountability officer saying: “No one knows I spent six hours yesterday doing social media for DSA [Democratic Socialists of America].”

O’Keefe told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that these videos “probably just touched the tip of the iceberg.”

“The danger is that this subverts the will of the people,” O’Keefe said. “We’re a nation of laws and you can’t subvert a duly-elected administration in that way. If you do that we’re no longer a nation of laws. This is not a conservative concern. This should be a concern to progressives because when you depart from the principles that make us equal under the law then you become a nation of fascists or something worse. That’s the danger of the Deep State.”

In his memo “POTUS & Political Warfare,” Higgins wrote that the Trump administration is “suffering under withering information campaigns designed to first undermine, then delegitimize and ultimately remove the President.”

“Recognizing in candidate Trump an existential threat to cultural Marx-

ist memes that dominate the prevailing cultural narrative, those that benefit recognize the threat he poses and seek his destruction,” Higgins wrote. “For this cabal, Trump must be destroyed. Far from politics as usual, this is a political warfare effort that seeks the destruction of a sitting president.... Through the [presidential] campaign, Trump tapped into a deep vein of concern among many citizens that America is at risk and is slipping away. Globalists and Islamists recognize that for their visions to succeed, America, both as an ideal and as a national and political entity, must be destroyed.”

However, despite the threat the Deep State poses to America and the free world, Higgins is confident that Americans, many of whom are now awakened to the danger posed to their nation, will rise to the occasion as they have done historically in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War II, and at many other critical points in history.

“In the short term, the threat [posed by Democrats winning the midterm elections] to the Trump administration’s agenda is substantial insofar as the wheels will bog down on any legislative action on the things that Trump ran on,” Higgins says. “In the longer term, it’s not as big of a threat insofar as I think the American public is very much awake to what’s happened and the role that the Deep State plays is becoming more and more visible to people who in the past maybe weren’t able to see it.”

“The existence of the Deep State, the existence of the government within the government, depends on a level of plausible deniability and now that plausible deniability is gone. Trump has broken that. He has shattered that false reality that we all lived in. He has exposed the entrenched interests that are opposed to him.”

Over time, come what may in the midterm elections, Higgins believes that Trump and the “MAGA (Make America Great Again) phenomenon” will win.

“It’s a question of time,” he says. “If, for example, Republicans are voted out who aren’t necessarily in line with the MAGA movement in general, which is an ‘America First’ movement, good riddance, but at the same time it’s short-term pain for long-term gain. I think it’s important for people to come out to vote, but I think the movement is bigger than one midterm.” ■



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**Uncovering the Deep State:** James O’Keefe, founder of Project Veritas, recently released a series of undercover videos that found an “unelected cabal” of government employees, the “Deep Staters,” embedded in the federal government.

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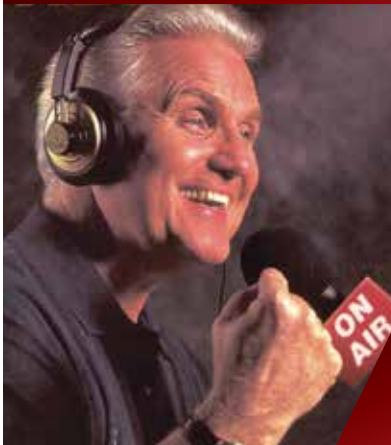


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# MANUFACTURING IMMEDIATE FEAR OF CLIMATE CHANGE

A new subdivision of climate-change research known as “attribution science” looks to link current extreme weather events to long-term global warming.



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**Humans did it:** Television news reports of extreme weather, such as this one from New Bern, North Carolina, are a key component in frightening Americans into acting on so-called climate change.

by James Murphy

The images are just too good to pass up. A rain-soaked journalist, his wet hair plastered against his face as he struggles to stand against a fierce wind, reporting from a hurricane-besieged coastal city. Another reporter wearing hip waders, standing in a flooded street, laments the coming cresting of a river. An exhausted, soot-stained fireman pours his heart out during a long-overdue break fighting wildfires in California. A wide shot of the hot sun bearing down on brown and dusty cracked soil, foreshadowing what global warming will ultimately bring.

These scenes of disaster — real or staged — have become common whenever the mainstream media reports on extreme weather while connecting the disaster to the scourge of anthropogenic, or man-made, global warming, which is now referred to more generically as cli-

mate change. Any significant or extreme weather event is now hailed as proof of man-made climate change.

During the recent coverage of Hurricane Florence, many media outlets went even further than that. The *Washington Post* editorial board went so far as to claim that one man — President Trump — was somehow complicit with the extreme weather and that his actions were, at least in part, responsible for the destruction the storm wrought.

“Yet when it comes to extreme weather, Mr. Trump is complicit,” the *Post*’s board claimed. “He plays down humans’ role in increasing the risks. It is hard to attribute any single weather event to climate change. But there is no reasonable doubt that humans are priming the Earth’s systems to produce disasters.”

In the not-so-distant past, serious climate scientists would deny the *Post*’s assertion and tell us that individual weather events could not be reasonably blamed

on global warming. To do so, they said, was to not have a proper understanding of climate vs. weather, with weather being what we experience meteorologically over short periods of time and climate being an average of how the weather behaves over long periods of time.

So neither climate alarmists nor anthropogenic global-warming skeptics should use individual weather events to further their narrative. Fair enough.

But that has become an ever-increasingly one-sided rule. As Hurricane Florence recently showed us, individual weather events can now be blamed on man-made climate change, as long as the “right” people are doing it.

Back around the year 2000, no climate scientist worth his salt would ever blame a single weather event on climate change for one reason: Climate science was not yet understood to such a degree that a link could confidently be made. The world has always experienced extreme weather, after all. The best that the most committed climate-change alarmist could say about a single extreme weather event vis-à-vis global warming would be something like, “We can expect more of this type of weather in the future due to climate change.” Other than that vague prediction, no link between extreme weather and climate change could be alleged.

Fast-forward to today, and such attributions are becoming quite common. “The public stance of the scientific community about individual event attribution in the year 2000 is that it’s not something that science does,” said Stanford climate scientist Noah Diffenbaugh. “And so to go from that to now, that you’ll find a paper every week ... that’s why we say there’s been an explosion of research. It’s gone from zero to 60, basically.”

Why? There are a couple of reasons for the recent surge in attributing ex-

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treme weather events to so-called climate change. Perhaps the most important of these is about the public conception of what climate change actually is, and why, in the opinion of climate alarmists, it must be quickly addressed.

A January 2018 article in *Scientific American* hailed the new development. “Scientists Can Now Blame Individual Natural Disasters on Climate Change,” the headline blared. The article cited increased research into the new field of “extreme event attribution study,” which focuses on just how climate change might be responsible for current weather events.

It doesn't matter that these attribution studies rely heavily on those much-maligned climate models, which have difficulty even in hindcasting, which is a way of testing climate models by inputting data from past weather in order to test the ac-

curacy of any future climate modeling. Often, even when the weather conditions are conclusively known, climate models have a difficult time recreating the conditions in their computer simulations. Our weather and our climate are just too complex to predict accurately, even when scientists know the conditions that they're attempting to recreate.

Oxford's Myles Allen, one of the fathers of attribution science, signaled the true reason for even attempting to attribute extreme weather events to climate change. “I think the public and many policymakers don't really take those 100-year forecasts very seriously,” Allen said. “They are much more seriously interested in the question of what is happening now and why — which boils down to attribution.”

So climate alarmists have found that vague predictions of doom a hundred

years off tend to cause the public to tune out on climate change and become less engaged. Therefore, the fear factor must be increased. By attributing a single hurricane's ferocity to climate change, the alarmist community hopes to frighten the masses into accepting their theories as fact and make the populace more compliant when solutions heavy on governmental controls and globalism are proposed.

This subdivision of climate science — attribution science — is a great boon to the mainstream media. Until now, climate reporters have been hamstrung on their reporting when it comes to extreme weather events such as hurricanes. It was virtually impossible to find scientists who would link a hurricane or a heat wave to climate change. That's not true anymore, and it makes it easier for the mainstream news media to peddle their favorite commodity: fear.

And the mainstream media, always looking to please the globalists pushing the climate-change narrative, have jumped on the bandwagon. In late July of this year, a headline on nbcnews.com screamed, “Climate experts now cite global warming during extreme weather disasters.” The story claimed that “there is now a developing consensus that scientists can be more precise and forceful in connecting some extreme weather events to a warming planet.”

There's that word again: consensus. It should be noted that true science is a search for evidence-based truth, not a majority opinion.

Climate alarmists have been warning us for decades that anthropogenic global warming will bring more extreme weather. Now, they have begun to point to current weather events as evidence of this.

“We have more confidence scientifically than in the past,” stated Corinne Le Quere, the director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of East Anglia in England. “I feel more brave personally to say to people, ‘How was it in the past and how has it changed now?’ There are cases — especially with extreme heat and drought and fires — where the logic in everyone's mind is correct: It's connected to climate-change.”

Meteorologist and research scientist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville



**Same old, same old:** Hurricane Florence left many neighborhoods, such as this one in Longs, South Carolina, waterlogged. The storm was a terrible tragedy, but not unprecedented as many news reports suggested.

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**Massaging science to sue:** One of the main goals of the new “attribution science” is to link climate change to current weather events so that fossil-fuel companies such as BP and ExxonMobil can be sued for the weather.

Roy Spencer doesn’t agree. On Fox News’ *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, Spencer cited facts rather than propaganda. “Since the 1950s, there has been a warming trend, but what we haven’t seen in terms of any long-term weather measurements is whether there’s been any change in severe weather,” Spencer pointed out. “There hasn’t been any increase in hurricanes — that’s on a global basis.... The frequency of hits on the United States by major hurricanes has gone down by 50 percent since the 1930s and 1940s. There’s been no increase in droughts, no increase in floods. Tornadoes are down, but still weather varies a lot, especially hurricanes, year to year, decade to decade. So, there’s a huge amount of variability.”

“This is what Mother Nature does naturally. If there’s a human influence in there, you wouldn’t know it because there’s so much natural variability,” Spencer concluded.

It’s also important to note that the past two hurricane seasons have come on the heels of a decade-long drought of significant storms. For years, climate alarmists have been telling us that such storms will increase — both in frequency and severity. Thus far, they can only point to three storms, Hurricanes Harvey and Maria of last year and Hurricane Florence of this year, as evidence of that. And while all three storms were terrible in their own way, none were unprecedented.

Another important — and rather dastardly — reason that climate scientists

are now working hard to attribute single extreme weather events to climate change is the ever-increasing specter of lawsuits linking individual industries or companies to climate change. If climate-alarmist scientists can create the perception that individual weather events such as the California drought are linked to climate change, it will likely open the door to multi-billion dollar lawsuits.

Currently, several communities from New York to San Francisco are suing fossil-fuel distributors such as Exxon-Mobil and BP for their purported part in contributing to climate change. The communities are claiming that the companies knew as early as the 1950s about the effects that their products would have on the environment.

So climate alarmists are looking to link up with ambulance-chasing lawyers in an obvious attempt to lay blame for weather events not on “Acts of God,” as the old insurance agency vernacular would call them, but on fossil-fuel companies and anyone else they see as complicit in extreme weather events. A study published in the *Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law* entitled “Extreme weather event attribution science and climate change litigation: an essential step in the causal chain” put it like this: “We suggest the science of event attribution may become a driver of litigation, as it shifts understanding of what weather is expected and, relevantly for law, foreseeable.”

Thus far, the courts have not looked fa-

vorably on such lawsuits. This summer, U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup dismissed lawsuits brought by Oakland and San Francisco, California, saying, “The problem [climate change] deserves a solution on a more vast scale than can be supplied by a district judge or jury in a public nuisance case.”

But while Alsup didn’t allow the suit to move forward, his decision did acknowledge that climate change was a problem. If these new “attribution” scientists can link the current weather and attribute extreme weather events to climate change, will the courts feel the same way?

Attribution science is quickly gaining credibility, not only in climate-alarmist circles, but in governments as well. Germany’s national weather agency looks to be the first in the world to offer these quick assessments as to how climate change can be blamed for current weather. As early as next year, the agency looks to post such findings on social media while the extreme weather is still happening, and therefore fresh on the mind of the public. “We want to quantify the influence of climate change on any atmospheric conditions that might bring extreme weather to Germany or Central Europe,” said Paul Becker, the vice-president of the weather agency. “The science is ripe to start doing it.”

But it won’t take until next year for the mainstream media to use this new attribution science. Where once the media could only hint that a hurricane, a heat wave, or a drought was connected to global warming, they can now quote scientists on those connections. It’s another arrow in the quiver of the climate-alarmist community. And it’s another way to scare the world’s population into taking so-called climate action.

It’s a 21st-century version of the Salem Witch Trials. These new attribution scientists, using the same climate models that can’t even simulate past weather events with much accuracy, are providing the material for the mainstream media to hysterically claim that current weather events are connected to climate change, which scientists used to tell us would only manifest decades from now. And if climate change is truly man-made, as they claim, that makes us the witches. And we all know how those trials in Salem turned out for the witches. ■



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# WEAPONIZING GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AGAINST TRUMP

This new book explains how government cronies Rod Rosenstein, James Comey, and Robert Mueller stopped a long-overdue investigation of Hillary by investigating Trump.



by Steve Byas

*The Russia Hoax: The Illicit Scheme to Clear Hillary Clinton and Frame Donald Trump*, by Gregg Jarrett, New York: Broadside, 2018, 289 pages, hardcover.

In 2001, five people were killed owing to letters laced with anthrax. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents targeted Steven Hatfill, despite concerns that the pursuit of Hatfill could be a replay of the Richard Jewell case — the security guard wrongly accused of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics bombing. Carl Cannon of Real Clear Politics recalled the case: “[Robert] Mueller, who micromanaged the anthrax case ... personally assured [Attorney General John] Ashcroft” that the FBI “had its man.”

Mueller’s aide and fellow FBI investigator James Comey assured skeptics that they were “absolutely certain” they were not making a mistake with their pursuit of Hatfill. As it turns out, they were wrong,

and it eventually cost the taxpayers almost six million dollars in a legal settlement.

Mueller and Comey share not only responsibility for that botched investigation, but also a long personal and professional relationship. Nevertheless, Acting Attorney General Rod Rosenstein (after Attorney General Jeff Sessions “recused” himself from any investigation into the alleged Russian “collusion” case) opted to pick Mueller as a special counsel to investigate the accusations of collusion between the Trump presidential campaign and the Russian government, despite the fact that the firing of Comey as director of the FBI precipitated the selection of a special counsel.

Author Gregg Jarrett, a legal and political analyst for Fox News, has produced a comprehensive history of what he calls the “Russia Hoax,” detailing the machinations of multiple government intelligence figures to clear Hillary Clinton and frame Trump. Writing about the appointment of Mueller, Jarrett addressed the cozy Mueller-Comey relationship. “The Mueller-Comey friendship is well documented and indisputable. They have long been friends, allies, and partners. Their bond is driven by a mentor-protégé relationship which makes the likelihood of favoritism and partiality self-evident.” The law that governs federal prosecutors prohibits not only a conflict of interest, but even the *appearance* of conflicts, but that was ignored in the selection of Mueller.

But this is not the only law shredded in the desperate urge to clear Clinton in the e-mail scandal and frame Trump using a purely fabricated story that the Trump campaign worked with the Russian government to defeat her in the election.

On the same day that FBI Director Comey announced his exoneration of Clinton over the e-mail scandal, FBI agents met with Christopher Steele, the creator of the infamous “dossier” that supposedly provided information of Trump’s “collu-

sion” with agents of the Russian government. Because of the continued obsession of the liberal media with the “collusion” story, the e-mail scandal involving Clinton has been largely forgotten.

Jarrett, however, resurrects that story in the first part of the book, making the case that Hillary Clinton was guilty of the same crime that had sent others to prison. The day after she was sworn in as secretary of state, Clinton signed a document that stated the following: “I have been advised that the unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized retention, or negligent handling of classified information by me could cause damage or irreparable injury to the United States or could be used to advantage by a foreign nation. I have been advised that any unauthorized disclosure of classified information by me may constitute a violation, or violations, of U.S. criminal laws.”

Yet, Clinton had a private server installed in the basement of her mansion in New York, which she used to conduct government business, including sending and receiving classified documents. When Congress issued a subpoena during its investigation of Clinton’s failure to follow the law, she deleted more than 30,000 e-mails and used a product called Bleach Bit to wipe her server clean.

The law — 18 U.S.C. 1924 (c) — also stipulates that any officer of the U.S. government who “knowingly removes [classified] documents or materials without authority and with the intent to retain such documents or materials at an unauthorized location shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.”

Jarrett wrote, “The facts show that Clinton intended to create a private server. She knew it was unauthorized. Yet, she deliberately used it for all her electronic communications, including classified documents. These actions are violations of the above-stated statutes. Other people in government have been prosecuted and

convicted with much less incriminating evidence.”

Despite this, Comey called a press conference and announced there was no reason to prosecute Clinton. For the head of the FBI, an investigative agency, to make such a decision, rather than simply refer his findings to the Justice Department, would be much like a police chief announcing he was not going to prosecute an accused rapist, when such decisions are not his to make, but rather are within the authority of the local district attorney.

Former assistant FBI Director Steve Pomerantz recalled his shock the day Comey made his televised announcement: “I could have fallen off my chair.... Setting aside the conclusions he drew, it is not the FBI’s job to recommend prosecutions.... In all my years in the FBI — over 30 years — and hundreds of investigations, probably thousands, I never ever saw that done.” For Comey to do so, Pomerantz said, was “wrong.”

What is particularly galling about the failure to hold Clinton accountable for thumbing her nose at federal law, designed to protect the national security of America, is that many of the personalities involved in the “investigation” and eventual clearing of Clinton turned out to be the same cast of characters involved in the politically motivated pursuit of Trump’s alleged “collusion” with the Russians.

### The Fabricated Russian “Collusion” Story

Beginning in chapter five, and continuing through to the end of the book, Jarrett shifted his focus to the incredible story of how the “collusion” story was concocted and continued by a host of Clinton-loving sycophants. “I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy’s office [presumably Andrew McCabe, second in command to Comey at the FBI] — that there’s no way he [Trump] gets elected — but I’m afraid we can’t take that risk. It’s like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you’re 40,” texted FBI agent Peter Strzok to FBI attorney Lisa Page.

Strzok “played a key role in absolving” Hillary Clinton, Jarrett wrote, while Page, reportedly his extra-marital lover, shared



his hatred of Trump. Amazingly, Strzok, despite his biased animus toward Trump, signed the papers launching the investigation of Trump, and subsequently oversaw the case in its early stages.

Andrew McCabe was, according to Jarrett, “intimately involved in the ultimate decision not to bring criminal charges against” Clinton. Amazingly, his wife, Jill McCabe, was recruited by Democrats to run for a state Senate seat in Virginia only five days after the e-mail scandal became public. Her campaign received almost \$700,000 from groups aligned with Clinton and Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, “a longtime friend of Bill and Hillary Clinton and a former board member of the Clinton Global Initiative,” Jarrett wrote, citing the intricate connections between McCabe, who oversaw Clinton’s clearing, and the Clintons.

To put it bluntly, McCabe’s wife took money from political action groups with close ties to the very person her husband investigated!

One of McCabe’s senior advisors was the same Lisa Page who was Strzok’s reported lover. Page texted Strzok, “She [Clinton] just has to win,” while also describing Trump as an “idiot” and “loathsome.”

These are the very people who we are

supposed to believe are non-biased in the probes of Clinton and Trump? Yet, Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller (a close friend of James Comey — the man Trump fired) employed these two Clinton sycophants and Trump haters on his Special Counsel staff.

The *New York Post* summed it up nicely in an editorial: “As things stand, it now looks like the fix was well and truly in on the Hillary probe. Far worse, it also looks like the ‘collusion’ probe was a partisan hit from the start — which undermines the basis for Mueller’s own investigation.”

Jarrett piles on the evidence that backs up the *Post*’s conclusion. In fact, there was never any crime to investigate, since “collusion” with the Russians to win the 2016 presidential election was not a crime, even if it had occurred. Yet there is no evidence that it did occur. As

Jarrett put it, “It [the FBI] cannot open an investigation into activity that does not or will not constitute a crime.”

Yet, Jarrett argues, agents of the U.S. government who favored the election of Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump conspired to frame Trump. Among those named by Jarrett as culpable in the scheme include the then-CIA director John Brennan — a man who once supported the election of the head of the American Communist Party for president.

Jarrett details the role Brennan played in leaking the contents of the infamous “dossier” to not only the FBI, but also Democrats in Congress and media unsympathetic (to say the least) to Trump. Jarrett refers to the “dossier” as a “preposterous collection of rumors, innuendos, supposition, and wild speculation.”

Jarrett’s book is full of details and supporting documentation for his case that the Deep State fabricated a scheme to frame the Republican nominee for president in 2016. He explains the roles of Brennan, Christopher Steele, Fusion GPS, and others in the frame-up, and even examines the role that President Barack Obama played in the affair.

After reading this book, a person may never be able to look at his own government the same way again. ■





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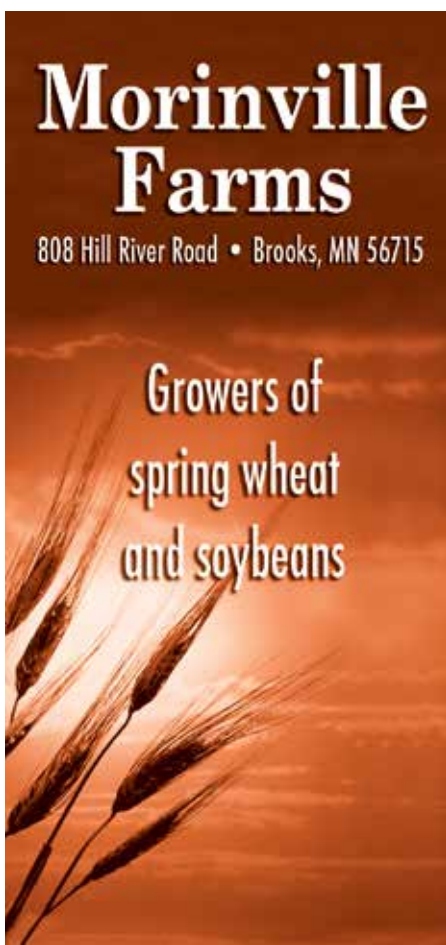
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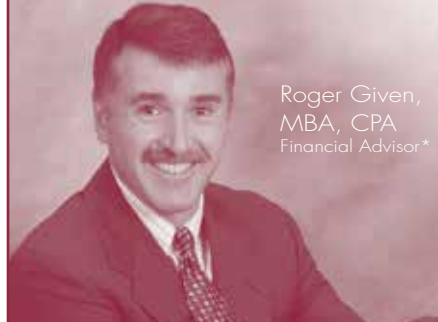
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### And Then There Were Six

Each time police officers put on their uniforms and go out into the public to serve and protect, they have already committed a heroic act, but what Officer Jesse Whitten of California's Santa Rosa Police Department did goes far beyond what anyone would expect from a police officer. Of course, if you ask him, he's the lucky one!

Officer Whitten developed something of a friendship with a homeless female drug addict whom he would often check in on while on duty. Last year, Whitten ran into the woman while out with his wife, Ashley, and the two noticed that the woman was pregnant. They engaged in a conversation about motherhood and then parted ways. Six months later, Whitten and his wife were shocked to receive a call from the woman during which she told them that she wanted the couple to adopt her newborn baby. Without hesitation, and despite already having three other children, the Whittens accepted.

The baby, Harlow Masie, had been exposed to drugs while in her mother's womb and reportedly overcame many obstacles in the first few weeks of her life, CBS News reported. But she is now thriving and very happy.

"She smiles so beautifully," said Jesse.

"Her smile is the best thing," Ashley added.

The couple saw the homeless woman in August during the process of officially adopting her baby, and the meeting was quite emotional. "We were talking and — I was saying to her — 'You made this choice for her and that we are so grateful,'" Ashley said. "And she said — 'You're her mother now.'"

### Free Tuition

Not once but twice this year, Dennis Frandsen, a successful banker in Wisconsin, offered to pay the college tuition for a group of high-school seniors. This time, the offer was extended to the prospective high-school graduates at Luck Public Schools in Luck, Wisconsin.

CNN reported that the students were informed of the offer by Principal Brad Werner at a September 4 back-to-school

assembly. "It was a fun experience for me to share this experience with the seniors and watch their faces and their eyeballs get big," he said.

Born on a dairy farm outside Luck, Frandsen never attended college. Today, he owns several companies in the region, as well as one of Luck's two banks.

Werner was taken aback by Frandsen's kind offer. "He just showed up and set the offer on the table for us. It's almost mind boggling to think that that's just come through, out of the blue, and is an opportunity for our kids," Werner said.

Frandsen and Werner are hopeful that the offer will motivate the students to stay the course and work hard. "It's a unique boost to our student body as a whole, not just our senior class," Werner said.

This is the second time that Frandsen has made this generous offer. Earlier this year, as the 2017-2018 school year neared its end, Frandsen offered to pay for tuition at Pine Technical and Community College in Pine City, Wisconsin, for graduates at Rush City High School. Frandsen was inspired to send students to Pine Technical after he visited the school and was impressed by what it had to offer. "I thought it was the right thing to do," he told KARE 11 at the time. "I was able to do it and why shouldn't I."

At least 25 of the 59 graduates accepted Frandsen's offer to attend Pine Technical. Some students even changed their plans to attend a four-year school following graduation after learning of Frandsen's offer.

Abbey Moe, for example, originally planned to start school at Minnesota State University, Mankato, but instead decided to complete her basic classes at Pine before transferring to a four-year college later, KARE 11 reported.

"Obviously going for free is a lot different than spending \$20,000 a year at Mankato," Moe said.

Another student, Brody Wolf, did not intend to attend college until Frandsen's offer. "I really didn't want to go through school loans and paying all that off," Wolf said. "It's huge, I'm so happy that this happened."

Frandsen contends that there are already a lot of scholarship opportunities for students headed to four-year colleges, but not

nearly as many for those interested in attending vocational schools. He also notes that there is a shortage of skilled workers such as electricians and plumbers.

Frandsen so enjoys paying tuition for graduates that he has started the Frandsen Family Foundation, which will pay college tuition for students in small towns, he told KARE.

### A Teacher for Life

Though it had been three years since high-school teacher LaShonda Carter had Larresha Plummer in her class at Harper High School in Chicago, Carter responded immediately when Plummer needed help.

Carter was perusing her social-media feed one late night at the end of August when she received a message from Plummer, now 18. Plummer had planned to attend a job fair in the morning but was unsure of what to do with her brand-new baby. She did not want to bring the three-week-old infant on public transit, fearing it was an unhealthy environment, and did not have someone to babysit.

"There was no way I would have let her take a baby in a bus, I told her right away that I would pick her up in the morning," Carter told CNN. Carter not only offered to transport Plummer to the fair, but offered to sit in the car with the baby while Plummer networked.

Beyond that, Carter posted a live Facebook video requesting donations for the young mother and her new baby. "Sometimes as a teacher, our jobs go beyond the classroom.... She's a young teenage mom, and she needs some help," said Carter. "I'm gonna do what I can, as much as I can as an educator, but know I can't do it all by myself."

Carter told CNN that Plummer has now found a job and plans to attend college.

Carter is also hopeful that her story will help others to see Chicago in a more positive light and motivate people to do more good deeds. "Because of the murder rate in Chicago, we have such a bad reputation, but we can't be afraid to help others," Carter said. "I believe every day, we get the opportunity to be someone's miracle." ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH



# Who Wields War Powers?

Since WWII U.S. presidents have acted unilaterally to send American troops into battle and to attack other countries, but the Founders didn't give them that power.



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**Shooting off:** President Donald Trump has promised to take strong military action against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The president and members of his administration have justified U.S. combat operations in Syria by claiming that Assad is using chemical weapons on his own people.

by Joe Wolverton II, J.D.

*The Congress shall have power to ... wage war.*

— U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

**O**n August 24, Bloomberg published the following story about the ongoing “civil war” in Syria:

The U.S. has told Russia it is ready to take strong military action against Syria if President Bashar al-Assad uses chemical weapons to recapture one of his country’s last rebel-held areas, according to four people familiar with the discussions.

U.S. officials say they have information Assad may be planning a chemical attack in the northwest-

ern province of Idlib. At a Thursday meeting in Geneva, National Security Adviser John Bolton told his Russian counterpart, Nikolai Patrushev, that America is prepared to respond with greater military force than it has used against Assad’s regime in the past....

President Donald Trump has said before that he’ll punish Assad for any further use of chemical weapons, after ordering two limited strikes in similar circumstances since taking office early last year. But the latest warning is more specific, and it comes on the eve of what may be one of the bloodiest campaigns in Syria’s civil war.

For decades, American presidents have assumed the authority to deploy the U.S.

military into battle, with combat operations being carried out in scores of battlefields across the globe.

As a matter of fact, Congress has not declared war since WWII.

Since the ratification of the current Constitution, the U.S. Congress has formally declared war on 11 occasions as part of five wars: first, the War of 1812; second, the War with Mexico (1846); third, the War with Spain (1898); fourth, World War I (1917); and, finally, as mentioned above, World War II (1941 and 1942).

Since WWII, then, there have been no “wars,” but there have been thousands of American soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen killed in combat, usually having been sent into harm’s way by the president acting alone.

Despite efforts over the years by presidents from both major political parties to prove the existence of executive war powers, the black letter of the Constitution, as well as the history of that document’s drafting and ratification, makes the locus of war-making power clear: Congress possesses the exclusive power to declare war.

It is true, however, that before putting “boots on the ground” in any of the theaters of combat opened in the last 77 years Congress could have declared war had the representatives and senators wished to do so. They have not done so and don’t appear likely to resume the practice anytime soon.

Why?

Perhaps part of the answer is found in an op-ed penned in June by George Will in the *Washington Post* entitled “Mr. Trump Goes to War.” Will writes, in response to Senator Lindsey Graham’s warning that if North Korea “plays” President Trump, “we’re going to have war”: “Note the senator’s clear premise: It is for the president to ‘pick’ between war involving millions of deaths, and peace. Congress, its arthritic knees creaky from decades of genuflec-

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tions at the altar of presidential power, will be a gippy spectator.”

Not every congressman and senator is content to turn a blind eye to the president’s martial manipulations. In an article published in *Rare* magazine on the 16th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on American soil, Senator Rand Paul, a seemingly inextricable thorn in the side of the Republican Party’s neoconservative leadership (all of whom favor ceding war powers to the president and bombing our way into peace), explained why he continually demands debate on reauthorization of the current Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) that has existed since 2001:

Because these authorizations to use military force are inappropriately being used to justify American warfare in 7 different countries. Sunsetting both AUMFs will force a debate on whether we continue the Afghanistan war, the Libya war, the Yemen war, the Syria war, and other interventions.

Our military trains our soldiers to be focused and disciplined, yet the politicians who send them to fight have for years ignored those traits when developing our foreign policy.

He continued, calling out his congressional colleagues, insisting that they reclaim their constitutional authority over the power to declare war:

It’s time to demand the policymakers take their own jobs as seriously as the men and women we ask to risk it all for our nation.

Doing so means restoring constitutional checks and balances. Congress has no greater responsibility than defending our country, and the Founders entrusted it with the power

of declaring war because they wanted such a weighty decision to be thoroughly debated by the legislature instead of unilaterally made by the Executive branch.

Yet Congress has largely abdicated its role anyway, and its sidekick status was plainly evident when former President Obama proposed a new AUMF for the fight against ISIS while insisting he really had all the authority he needed — it being more of a “wouldn’t it be nice” afterthought than an acknowledgement of any required step.

Repealing the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs would restore respect for the balance of power and reassert Congress’ voice by forcing legislators to specifically approve or disapprove the direction of our foreign policy. If my provision passes, the autho-

rizations would sunset six months later, allowing Congress time for a thorough debate about how we will move forward.

To those among his colleagues and among the so-called conservatives who challenge Paul’s patriotism and his commitment to defending the United States, Paul tweeted, “We can defend without question against all invaders. And yet, we are not very good at making countries out of places that aren’t.”

Given Senator Paul’s repeated reference to the Founding Fathers in support of his call to force his congressional colleagues out of their stupor, a survey of the provenance of the war-making power and its constitutional collocation is in order.

## What the Founders Thought About Starting War

It was Friday, August 17, 1787 when delegates representing 10 of the 13 states began deliberation “on the clause ‘to make war.’”

First to speak on the subject, as recorded in James Madison’s *Notes of Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787*, was Charles Pinckney, a 29-year-old lawyer and planter from Charleston, South Carolina. Pinckney roared from the stall,

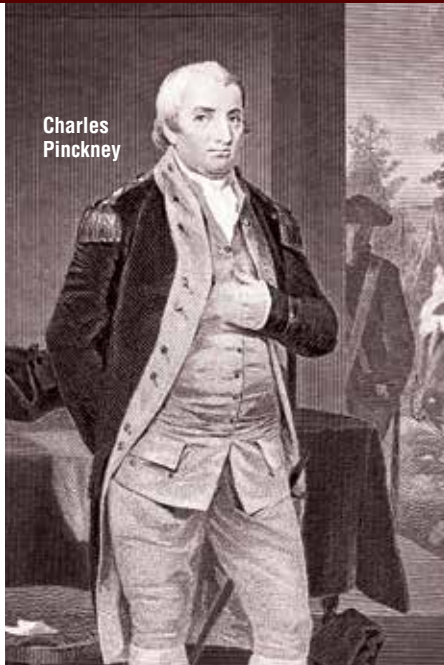


**Reining in the out-of-control executive branch:** Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) has called upon his colleagues in Congress to reclaim from the executive branch its constitutional authority over the power to declare war.





Elbridge Gerry



Charles Pinckney

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**Big guns against empowering the president:** Elbridge Gerry and Charles Pinckney were but two of the leading men of the Founding generation who fought to prevent the power to declare war from being placed in the hands of the president.

favoring placing the power to make war exclusively in the hands of the Senate.

Pinckney argued that in the House of Representatives, the “proceedings were too slow” and that its size “would be too numerous for such deliberations.”

Pierce Butler, Pinckney’s fellow representative from South Carolina, rose next to advocate the endowment of the executive with the power to make war.

Butler stated that he “was for vesting the power in the President, who will have all the requisite qualities, and will not make war but when the nation will support it.”

Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts jumped to his feet, declaring that he “never expected to hear, in a republic, a motion to empower the Executive alone to declare war.”

As he so often did, George Mason of Virginia stood and put a fine point on the subject.

He was, he said, “against giving the power of war to the Executive, because [he is] not safely to be trusted with it; or to the Senate, because [it’s] not so constructed as to be entitled to it.” He added that he “was for clogging, rather than facilitating war; but for facilitating peace.”

Finally, he, along with Gerry and James Madison, announced his preference for substituting the words “declare war” for

the phrase “make war,” as was written in the clause under consideration.

Gerry and Madison, joined at this point by the renowned Roger Sherman of Connecticut, reasserted their desire that the word “make” be struck out and replaced with the word “declare,” “leaving to the Executive the power to repel sudden attacks.”

Here, Sherman echoed Madison’s motion, stating that the executive “should be able to repel, and not to commence, war.”

At this point, the president of the convention, George Washington, called for a vote on the question of substituting the word “declare” for the word “make” in the clause under consideration. The proposal passed, eight states in favor, one (New Hampshire) opposed, and one state, Massachusetts, absent.

It is of note, though it is rarely mentioned in modern commentaries on the Constitutional Convention’s debates on the war-making power, that Rufus King explained that the legislature was to “declare” war, but the “conduct” of war was to be an executive function.

After that bit of clarification and the recording of the vote, the convention stood adjourned.

It is a sure sign of the near-universal agreement with the Constitution’s placement of the power to declare war in the

hands of the legislature that not one of the ratifying conventions held in the states proposed altering the war-making clause.

The men attending those conventions would have learned the same lesson from the same books, namely that war must be declared so as to inform all other nations — including the enemy — that acts that would otherwise be immoral and unconscionable (the killing of one’s fellow beings and the destruction of their property) would now be permissible. In fact, the declaration of war was a legal pronouncement of a temporary change in the normal conduct of international affairs.

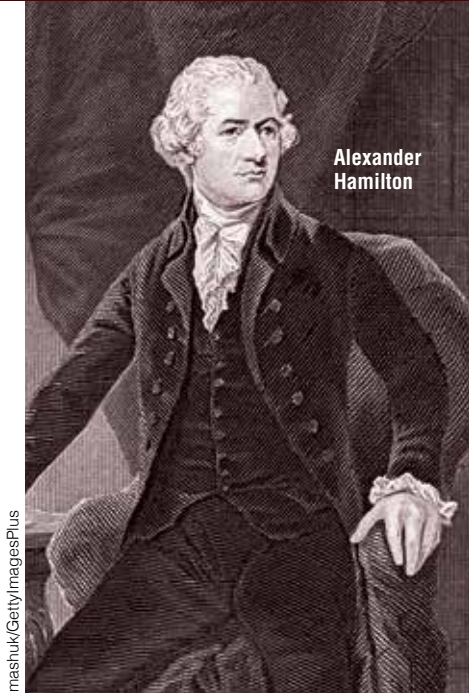
One of the books read most often and quoted most frequently by the Founding generation was *The Law of Nations, or the Principles of the Law of Nature Applied to Conduct and Affairs of Nations and Sovereigns*, by Emmerich de Vattel. In Section 51 of that influential work, de Vattel sets forth the accepted law of nations regarding the justification of declaring and waging war:

THE right of making war belongs to nations only as a remedy against injustice: it is the offspring of unhappy necessity. This remedy is so dreadful in its effects, so destructive to mankind, so grievous even to the party who has recourse to it, that unquestionably the law of nature allows of it only in the last extremity, — that is to say, when every other expedient proves ineffectual for the maintenance of justice....

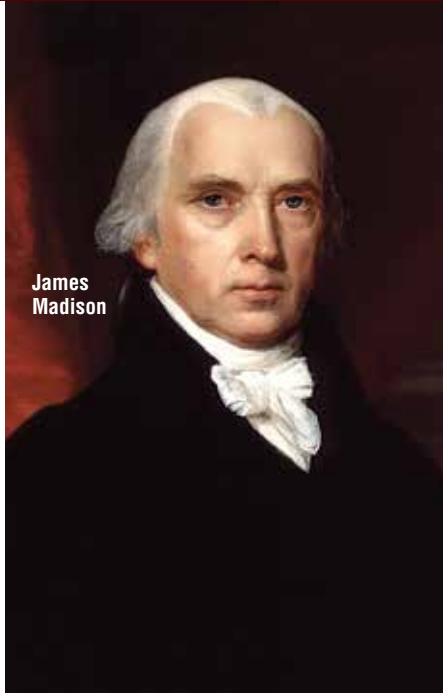
We owe this further regard to humanity, and especially to the lives and peace of the subjects, to declare to that unjust nation, or its chief, that we are at length going to have recourse to the last remedy, and make use of open force, for the purpose of bringing him to reason. This is called declaring war.

Therefore, as the Constitution grants “all legislative power” to Congress, a declaration of war, which has the effect of changing the legal position of a country in relation to another, may only be made by Congress!

This arrangement was well-settled and not the source of any significant disagree-



Alexander Hamilton



James Madison

**Parting of the ways:** Although partners in the writing of the *Federalist* (known as *The Federalist Papers*), Alexander Hamilton — who favored executive power of making war — and James Madison — who favored congressional control of that authority — debated the correct location of that power in the now-forgotten Pacificus-Helvidius debates.

ment until Alexander Hamilton attempted to leverage his position in President George Washington’s Cabinet to redefine the power to declare war, placing it within the constitutional bailiwick of the president, as it had been within the power of the king under the English constitution that Hamilton so fondly wished to foist upon the United States.

It was Alexander Hamilton’s zeal for converting the president into a monarch and consequently empowering the former to wage war unilaterally as did the latter that brought about one of the most enlightening and now forgotten episodes in the history of the early Republic, an episode that pitted Publius (the writers of *The Federalist Papers*) against himself!

Within five years of the publishing of *The Federalist Papers* (and four years of the ratification by the states of the Constitution), the co-authors of those seminal and influential essays on American political theory and constitutional interpretation were back at their desks once

again, writing letters to the editors of newspapers.

This time, however, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton were not allies working to persuade others to commit to their common constitutional cause, but they were opponents, striving through their letters to reveal each other’s perceived constitutional misdeeds to the American people.

This episode in American history is known as the Pacificus-Helvidius debates, named for the pen names adopted by Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, respectively.

In the earliest days of the Republic, the precise balance of powers between the legislative and executive branches in the arena of foreign affairs was unsettled. The Constitution, many argued, wasn’t clear on the point and the various views on the matter created controversy.

George Washington issued the Neutrality Proclamation of 1793 after France declared war on Holland and Great Britain. According to Washington’s way of think-

ing, it was in the best interest of the country to avoid war at all costs, and he did not want the belligerents to be unsure of the official American position.

While certainly laudable, some of Washington’s colleagues considered the Neutrality Proclamation to be hostile to the French, as the Treaty of Alliance signed by France and the United States in 1778 prohibited peace treaties and commercial agreements between the United States and England.

Thomas Jefferson was among the most vociferous of the officials calling out Washington for allegedly violating the prior agreement. Some of the opposition, including Jefferson and Madison, believed that the advice and consent of the Senate should have been sought before President Washington issued any declaration of the official American position on any topic touching upon foreign affairs.

Alexander Hamilton was one of the first president’s most ardent advocates, however. And that’s where the trouble started. Just weeks after the Neutrality Proclamation was published, Hamilton wrote a letter defending the document. Then, beginning in June 1793, he wrote an essay almost once a week, under the pen name “Pacificus,” in support of President Washington, his administration, and his policies. After the seventh “Pacificus letter” was published on July 27, 1793, Thomas Jefferson wrote a now-famous letter to James Madison, pleading, “my dear sir, take up your pen.” Madison took up his pen and on August 24, 1793, he responded to Hamilton’s “Pacificus” essays using the pseudonym “Helvidius.”

In the first letter, Madison wrote that the first Pacificus essay “may prove a snare to patriotism” and warned that Hamilton advocated principles “which strike at the vitals of its constitution.”

Later in the essay, Madison recommended that in all questions concerning the correct conduct of federal officials, Americans must be guided by “our own reason and our own constitution.”

And in a statement that is as timely now (perhaps more so) as it was then, Madison wrote that the power to declare war (war with France, in this case) is “of a legislative and not an executive nature.” He continued on that subject:

**Sherman echoed Madison’s motion, stating that the executive “should be able to repel, and not to commence, war.”**



Those who are to conduct a war [the executive branch] cannot in the nature of things, be proper or safe judges, whether a war ought to be commenced, continued, or concluded. They are barred from the latter functions by a great principle in free government, analogous to that which separates the sword from the purse, or the power of executing from the power of enacting laws.

Madison was so strident in his insistence that the power to make war not be placed in the presidency, that his next letter (Helvidius No. 2) began with the bold pronouncement that if any president were to presume the warmaking power, “no ramparts in the constitution could defend the public liberty or scarcely the forms of republican government.”

In the modern era, notably, it is typically the president who initiates the commitment of American troops to combat zones and who orders the military might of the United States of America to deploy here or there to fight this or that foreign foe. The Congress is rarely involved in that decision, with the exception of allocating money to supply the armed forces with requisite equipment, ammunition, and other necessary supplies.

Continuing on the same subject, Madison once again made a clear and constitutionally sound statement: “Until war be duly authorized by the United States, they are actually neutral when other nations are at war, as they are at peace (if such a distinction in terms is to be kept up) when other nations are not at war.” Finally, Madison explained, in Helvidius No. 4, why Americans must remain vigilant, keeping close watch over the actions of their elected representatives.

To equal degree, though,

Americans must be familiar with the powers granted to those representatives lest they claim to possess constitutional powers that are not enumerated in that document. Regarding the duty of Americans to learn for themselves and enforce on their elected leaders the limits of federal power set out in the Constitution, Madison wrote:

It is also to be remembered, that however the consequences flowing from such premises, may be disavowed at this time, or by this individual, we are to regard it as morally certain, that in proportion as the doctrines make their way into the creed of the government, and the acquiescence of the public, every power that can be deduced from them, will be deduced, and exercised sooner or later by those who may have an interest in so doing. The character of human

nature gives this salutary warning to every sober and reflecting mind. And the history of government in all its forms and in every period of time, ratifies the danger. A people, therefore, who are so happy as to possess the inestimable blessing of a free and defined constitution cannot be too watchful against the introduction, nor too critical in tracing the consequences, of new principles and new constructions, that may remove the landmarks of power.

Now, it must be understood while the two men — once collaborators, now combatants — were writing and disagreeing with each other, there was not a sense that either of them undertook to embarrass or personally insult the other. They knew each other well, and they respected each other even more. They simply supported opposing views on a question of constitutional ambiguity and took to the press to attempt to persuade the public.

Today, we likewise read articles and watch interviews where pundits, politicians, and professors make their cases for the constitutionality of the president’s sending troops into combat. The foregoing recitation of the historical record should, however, make it very clear that neither the framers of the Constitution, the delegates at the state ratifying conventions, nor the authors of the seminal texts by which they were all educated ever intended to place the power to declare war — to use the potentially fatal power of the U.S. military on the people and property of another nation — in the hands of a single man. Rather they realized that such an obligation should be placed exclusively within the authority of the legislature, the representatives of the people whose lives may be required to be given in the waging of such a war. ■



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**Against even declaring peace:** Thomas Jefferson and James Madison opposed President George Washington’s issuing of the Neutrality Proclamation of 1793, arguing that it violated Congress’ constitutional authority over the making of war and peace.

## Active Shooter at Whataburger

President Trump was recently ridiculed by anti-gun activists for suggesting teachers could be armed to deal with potential school shooters, but a news story out of southwest Houston showed how crucial it is to have someone armed and ready before a shooter arrives. KTRK reported on September 15 about how a man wearing a white bandanna over his face ran in to a Whataburger restaurant around 1 a.m. and opened fire. There were only about 10 customers in the restaurant when the incident occurred, but they all began running for the exit as the assailant fired.

Thankfully for the customers and employees of the store, there was an armed security guard on duty who opened fire on the suspect and hit him four times in the leg. The wounded suspect ran from the store and tried to flee in a vehicle, but didn't get very far since one of the bullets had hit an artery and caused him to lose so much blood that he died. Houston police officer Cullen Duncan commended the actions of the security guard and said, “He's pretty shaken up, but I explained to him and the other officer explained to him, that he did a great job.”

## Gas Station Robbery

The *Sun Sentinel* reported out of West Palm Beach, Florida, on September 15 about a man with a concealed-carry permit who used his handgun to save his life. The victim had just paid at a gas station and was returning to his vehicle when three men ran up to him and demanded his money. The robbery victim pulled out his pistol and fired at the suspects, injuring one of the men. Teri Barbera, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman, released a statement to the press in which she described what had occurred: “The victim, in fear of his life, discharged his firearm, which he has a concealed weapons permit for, striking one of the suspects.... All three suspects fled.... The injured suspect is in custody and is expected to survive his wounds.” Authorities are still searching for the other two suspects. Owing to

Florida's Stand Your Ground law, it is unlikely the customer who fired his gun will face any criminal charges for his actions.

## Armed Citizen Aids Cop

The gun-control crowd is always telling people that they don't need to be armed because police officers can come to protect them. A recent incident out of Cicero, Illinois, flipped that liberal convention around, as it was an armed citizen who came to the aid of a wounded police officer in need. WGN9 reported on September 18 about how a routine traffic stop escalated into a deadly shootout. Illinois State Police say they had reports of a Mercedes driving erratically, and they tried to stop it. When the driver of the vehicle refused to pull over, officers cornered the vehicle to force him to stop. The driver jumped out of the car and opened fire at the police, hitting one of the officers three times. The shooter fled the scene with the injured officer's partner in pursuit. A citizen who witnessed the shootout pulled his own gun and opened fire at the suspect. Although it was the bullets from another officer's gun that felled the man, authorities were grateful for the actions of the brave citizen who assisted them in neutralizing the deadly threat. “We were lucky enough to have a citizen on the street there who is a conceal carry holder, and he engaged in gunfire with the suspect,” Cicero Police Superintendent Jerry Chlada, Jr. told the *Chicago Tribune*.

The injured suspect was taken for treatment to a nearby medical facility and was soon charged with two counts of attempted first-degree murder of a peace officer and aggravated battery of a police officer. The wounded cop also received treatment and is expected to make a full recovery. Investigators learned that the suspect is a felon who has previously served time for a human-trafficking conviction involving a child.

## Chinese Restaurant Shooting

The Associated Press reported on September 21 about a violent robbery at a

Chinese restaurant in Columbia, South Carolina, where an armed assailant tried holding up the place. The crime occurred around 11 p.m. when the suspect, dressed all in black with a hoodie covering his face, ran into the business and pointed a loaded weapon at two employees. The suspect threatened the employees and ordered them to turn over all of the eatery's money. Police say the employees were complying with the gunman's demand when a third worker entered the restaurant to check on his associates. This man was startled when he witnessed what was happening and immediately began struggling with the suspect. As the two men wrestled with each other, another person who police say was a familial relation of the workers entered the fray, using his lawful firearm. This man pulled out his own gun and fired it at the hoodie-wearing thug, hitting him in the upper chest. Authorities are still investigating, but they currently believe the shooting was done in self-defense and do not expect to charge the shooter for his actions.

## Young Gun Owners Carrying

ABC15 out of Arizona reported on August 28 about some recent polling that revealed that younger gun owners are concealed-carrying their firearms at a much higher rate than older gun owners. The poll conducted in July by Ipsos, in partnership with Newsy, also revealed that younger Americans are just as likely to own guns as older Americans.

The research also showed that younger Americans are two times as likely to carry their firearms on them as older gun owners. And the polls challenged some conventional wisdom about America's youth being opposed to gun ownership. Among the most notable findings were that younger gun owners have an increased interest in carrying for self-defense, and also watch online videos about guns from sites such as YouTube and Facebook at a much higher rate than older gun owners. ■

— PATRICK KREY





## Minimum-wage Hikes Maximize Economic Woes

**ITEM:** “Connecticut needs to make policy changes to climb out of its quagmire of stagnant wages and other economic woes, a study by the nonprofit advocacy group Connecticut Voices for Children says,” reported the *Journal Inquirer*, a tabloid published in Manchester, Connecticut, on September 3. “A small start, the study concluded, would be to raise the state’s current \$10.10 per hour minimum wage to \$15 an hour in stages over the next three years.”

**ITEM:** In New Mexico, an analyst for that state’s “Voices for Children” made the case on August 29 for “Why New Mexicans Need a Higher Minimum Wage.” Sarah Hyde called for “incrementally increasing the state minimum wage to \$12 by 2022, protecting workers by prohibiting training wages, and giving counties and cities the freedom to raise their minimum wages even higher. If the Legislature enacted such a proposal, \$204.8 million a year would be added to the paychecks of New Mexican workers.” The “research and policy analyst at NM Voices for Children” maintained that, in addition to helping the workers, “Local economies will reap the benefits, as well. Minimum wage increases help small businesses.”

**ITEM:** The website of the National Employment Law Project (NELP), an organized labor group that supports “progressive” Democrat policies, asserts, “Stagnant income is the crisis of our time.” NELP also insists: “Raising the minimum wage is one of the best tools we have to lift incomes and grow our consumer-driven economy,” bemoaning that “the federal minimum wage” has been “stuck at \$7.25 since 2009.”

**ITEM:** A distraught *Vox* — a leftist website owned by Vox Media — reported on September 18: “Lawmakers in the District of Columbia are preparing to overturn a ballot measure that voters passed in June to raise wages for [tipped] restaurant workers.” During a hearing on “Initiative 77,” the D.C. councilors signaled “that they are getting ready to vote on the repeal bill.”

**ITEM:** The “liberal” Washington Post,



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**Socialism doesn’t undo economic laws:** In addition to putting price controls on most necessities, thereby causing citizens and companies to stop selling products altogether, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro has greatly increased the minimum wage, causing business closures and layoffs.

in its September 17 issue, reported that Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, “a former union leader and the successor to populist president Hugo Chávez, who died in 2013, has sought to stabilize the economy by slashing five zeros from the currency — the bolívar — as well as raising the value-added tax and adopting a 30-fold hike in the monthly minimum wage.”

**CORRECTION:** Raising minimum wages does bump up paychecks for some; others — and this part generally is ignored or downplayed — get “protected” right out of jobs altogether.

Passing measures professing to boost the value of employees, be they votes at the federal, state, or local level, is worth as much as wishes that the sky always stays blue. Such longing, even when accompanied by good intentions, does not make it so.

A minimum wage cannot ensure that everyone will earn a living; indeed, it makes it certain that many will not earn anything. Nor does its existence guarantee a “fair” wage; rather, it means that both employers and workers are unfairly denied the freedom to decide what level of pay should be offered or accepted.

Low-skilled would-be workers — many young — who find the bottom rung of the career ladder being removed are less

likely to succeed in finding a position if a mandatory minimum wage is placed too high. Such a wage would be greater than the value of the extra output such a worker could produce.

The result? Those who cannot find a job will have an income of zero — even if the legislative gurus in Washington, state capitals, or city governments have pledged them \$12 an hour, or \$15 an hour, or some other minimum. Not only that, they will be unable to acquire the job skills needed to make them worth more to employers.

Even tyrannical dictators can’t fend off ineluctable economic laws. President Maduro, the authoritarian head of Venezuela — who threatens jail sentences for those not following his edicts on prices and salaries — has boosted the minimum wage an astounding 24 times since taking in office in 2013. After years of socialist solutions being inflicted on that once-prosperous country, businesses in Venezuela are wracked with hyperinflation, depression, and devaluation.

The most recent nationwide Venezuelan rescue effort, as we write, included a hike in the minimum wage of nearly 3,500 percent. How is that going? Here’s the short answer from a headline in the Florida-based *El Nuevo Herald*: “Maduro’s huge salary increases force 40% percent of Ven-



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ezielan stores to close.” Businesses are telling workers they cannot afford them; more jobs are being lost.

This is predictable, and not just in a failing South American nation. Below is some simple economic wisdom, from a couple of real authorities and one that might startle you. Here is what economist Henry Hazlitt might say if the government told employers that they were forbidden to pay workers less than, say, \$15 an hour. As he put it (in *Economics in One Lesson*, first published in 1946): “You cannot make a man worth a given amount by making it illegal for anyone to offer him anything less. You merely deprive him of the right to earn the amount that his abilities and situation would permit him to earn.... In brief, for a low wage you substitute unemployment. You do harm all around, with no comparable compensation.”

Worried about the poor? Well, heed esteemed economist Milton Friedman. “Minimum wage laws are about as clear a case as one can find of a measure the effects of which are precisely the opposite of those intended,” Friedman wrote in his 1962 book *Capitalism and Freedom*. “In fact, insofar as minimum wage laws have

any effect at all, their effect is clearly to increase poverty.”

And then there is this following editorial counseling from an unexpected authority. (Don’t peek. See if you can guess.) These editors took note of the fact that the federal minimum wage had been frozen for many years. An increase in the minimum wage, however, “would be a mistake” even though organized labor was pushing that action on the new chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, they said adamantly.

Importantly, said the editors, “it would increase unemployment: Raise the legal minimum price of labor above the productivity of the least skilled workers and fewer will be hired.” Sure, as they acknowledged, “a higher minimum would undoubtedly raise the living standard of the majority of low-wage workers who could keep their jobs.”

“That gain, it is argued, would justify the sacrifice of the minority who became unemployable,” continued the editors. “The argument isn’t convincing. Those at greatest risk from a higher minimum would be young, poor workers, who already face formidable barriers to getting and keeping jobs.”

Who is providing this sagacious insight?

Incredibly, that appeared in print on January 14, 1987, in the leftist *New York Times*, in an editorial with the headline: “The Right Minimum Wage: \$0.00.” At the time, Ted Kennedy had just become chairman of the Senate Labor Committee.

Yet these days, to show the degree of economic irrationality that has been attained, the editors of the same *New York Times* promote the imposition of a nationwide \$15 hourly minimum wage.

Meanwhile, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo also has pushed legislation raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour for so-called big businesses (meaning, in this case, those who employ 11 or more in the Big Apple). That move has also led to the recently announced closing of a well-known New York City coffee shop that formerly employed the newest star in the “democratic socialist” firmament, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the young woman widely expected to win in November in New York’s 14th Congressional District.

In August, as several media outlets noted, she was publicly grieving about the closing of the establishment where she once worked. What she didn’t say, pointed out *Investor’s Business Daily*, is that the shop is closing in large part “because the owners can’t afford New York City’s soon-to-be \$15 minimum wage — the very job-killing policy Ocasio-Cortez and her fellow Democrats” would foist on the whole country.

When that left-wing luminary was asked by a TV host if such a \$15 per hour minimum wage would stifle economic growth in the country, she responded: “Raising the minimum wage to a living wage will expand the economy. It will create wealth in our economy. And it will increase economic activity in this country.”

In actuality, what drives the economy is the raising of productivity. The “economic pie” is not enlarged by boosting the minimum wage; that action just redistributes the pie, helping some at the expense of others.

In recent years, there have also been debates involving subsets of the mini-



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**When costs rise:** When employee costs are raised via increased minimum-wage laws, the prices of products rise. When minimum wages are raised for food servers, food prices go up, and often customers tip less or stop going out to eat altogether, leading to layoffs.



imum wage earned by those workers who receive tips as a major part of their income. This has been an issue in Alaska, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Washington State, and Washington, D.C., among other places.

That potential change was eventually reversed in Maine, even after a referendum was passed in its favor. And such a move seems about to be overturned in the District of Columbia, with many workers being key in the fight *against* a higher minimum.

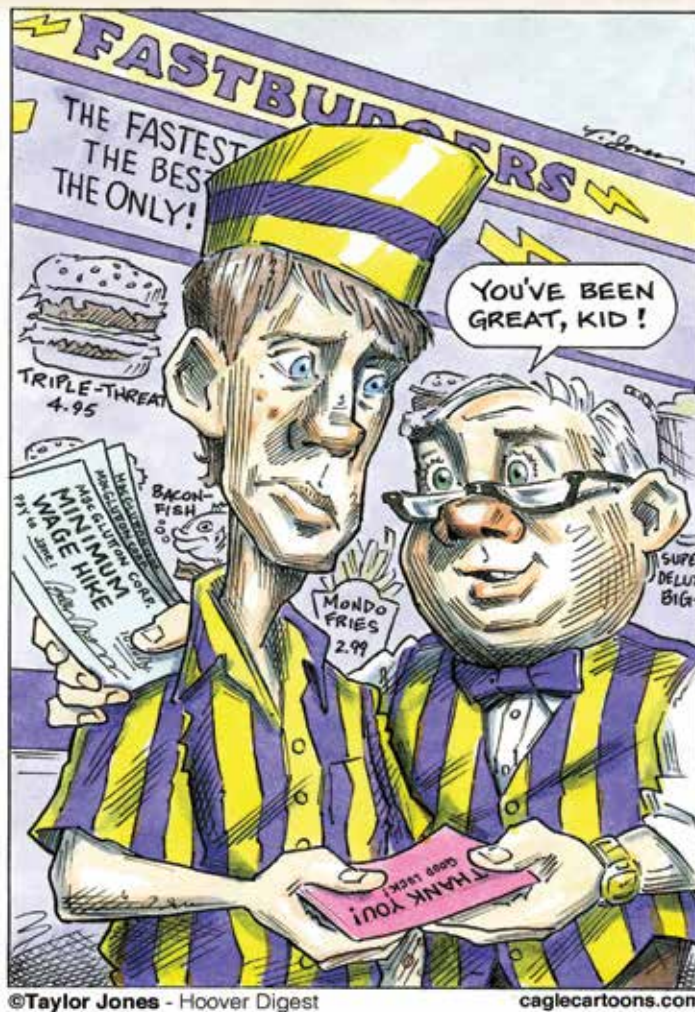
This past summer, when the matter was hot in D.C., researchers from the Heritage Foundation pointed out that a modest-sized restaurant in the federal district might have six servers waiting tables. The new wage then being debated (one that was approved in a ballot initiative) would

drive up their employment costs by about \$240,000 per year. Those cost increases will cause restaurants to lay off workers and raise prices.

A Heritage Foundation study that looked at the effect of a \$15 minimum wage on the fast food industry found that it would increase prices by 38 percent and reduce employment by 36 percent.

Also pertinent: A Census Bureau study in 2016 (“Measuring the Effects of the Tipped Minimum Wage Using W-2 Data”) revealed the higher-tipped wages do not generally result in higher pay for such workers because the higher wages are offset by lower tips.

There are always tradeoffs, though the left-wing media tend to ignore those when propagandizing for a higher minimum.



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They tend to trot out a sympathetic example (one favorite is a single mother making minimum wage who can’t afford to rent a mid-income two-bedroom apartment).

Nonetheless, when the minimum wage gets jacked up, that additional money has to come from somewhere. A loss of hours worked is common. A study by Ryan Young and Iain Murray for the Competitive Enterprise Institute mentions several benefits that also disappear, noting “on-the-job perks such as complimentary meals and parking become less common, and employers may be less inclined to offer other non-wage benefits such as generous leave policies or insurance. This has the unintended consequence of increasing taxes on some of the poor.”

That study referred to what happened in SeaTac, Washington, after a \$15 per hour minimum wage was implemented in 2014. A reporter from *Northwest Asian Weekly*

interviewed two local workers in SeaTac:

“Are you happy with the \$15 wage?” I asked the full-time cleaning lady. “It sounds good, but it’s not good,” the woman said. “Why?” I asked. “I lost my 401(k), health insurance, paid holiday, and vacation,” she responded. “No more free food,” she added.

A part-time waitress similarly acknowledged that she did get \$15 an hour, but “all my tips are now much less,” she said. She also lost her formerly free food and parking.

In Maine, there was backlash after a referendum passed, with workers lobbying state legislators to overrule the change. Many servers told legislators that their tipping had already dropped off, even before the move was implemented, because customers were confused. One Kennebunk bartender (cited

by the *Washington Post* in June 2017) reported that her hourly tips had dropped by more than \$2 per hour, from the \$20 to \$30 per hour she previously made. The *Post* quoted her: “I don’t need to be ‘saved,’ and I’ll be d\*mned if small groups of uninformed people are voting on my livelihood,” she said. “You can’t cut someone off at the knees like that.”

According to research published by the American Action Forum and the Manhattan Institute, the institution of a \$15 per hour federal minimum wage would likely be at the cost of 6.6 million jobs. Meanwhile, the analysis shows that just 6.7 percent of that increase in earnings would go to workers considered to be in poverty.

And the *New York Times*, we predict, will not rerun its editorial about how the right minimum wage would be zero. That rare spell of sanity has fled. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

## Do NOT Vote — Unless You Cast an Informed Ballot

According to conventional wisdom, the more people who register to vote, the better; and the larger the turnout, the better. But does increasing the number of voters actually result in better governance?

What if the increase is comprised primarily of low-information voters? Would such an increase really be beneficial?

According to former First Lady Michelle Obama, the answer is an unequivocal yes. Addressing a “When We All Vote” event in Las Vegas on September 23, Obama stated:



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Voting does not require any kind of special expertise. You know, you don’t need to ... have some fancy degree to be qualified to vote. You don’t have to read every news article to be qualified to vote. You know what you need to be qualified to vote? You need to be a citizen. You know. You need to be a part of this country. You need to have opinions about the issues in your community — that’s what qualifies you to vote. Caring about your kids’ future qualifies you to be a voter. Wanting a say in what happens in this country qualifies you to be a voter.

Granted, the franchise should not be limited to those who “have some fancy degree” or “read every news article” — an impossible task, to be sure. So, to make crystal clear just how little information she believes voters need to possess before casting a ballot, Obama added:

I’ve been voting since I was 18 years old — and trust me, I didn’t know nothing about nothing at 18 years old — right? But what you do know is what you care about. For all the young people, you do know you have a voice. You do have opinions about what goes on — that qualifies you to vote. And it is not that hard.

No, “it is not that hard” to vote — or to know “nothing about nothing” when voting. Much harder is to take the responsibilities of citizenship seriously — and that includes *knowing something about something when voting*.

Obama also noted that “our vote matters.” Of course it does. In fact, a ballot cast by a no- or low-information voter carries as much weight as a ballot cast by a well-informed voter.

The problem with uninformed voters casting ballots is that

they can easily be beguiled into voting away their freedoms without even realizing it. Consider the rise of Nazi (National Socialist) Germany. By 1932, the Nazi Party had achieved a plurality of seats in the German Reichstag, setting the stage for Hitler’s appointment as chancellor on January 30 of 1933. The imposition of totalitarian controls under the one-party Nazi state soon followed.

But how were the Nazis able to become the most powerful party in the Reichstag to begin with? The German

people gave them that power via the ballot box! And they did so, not because they understood what they were voting for, but because they did not understand.

On the other hand, if the German people had been better informed, they would not have been beguiled, the Nazis would not have come to power, and the history of the 20th century would have turned out very differently.

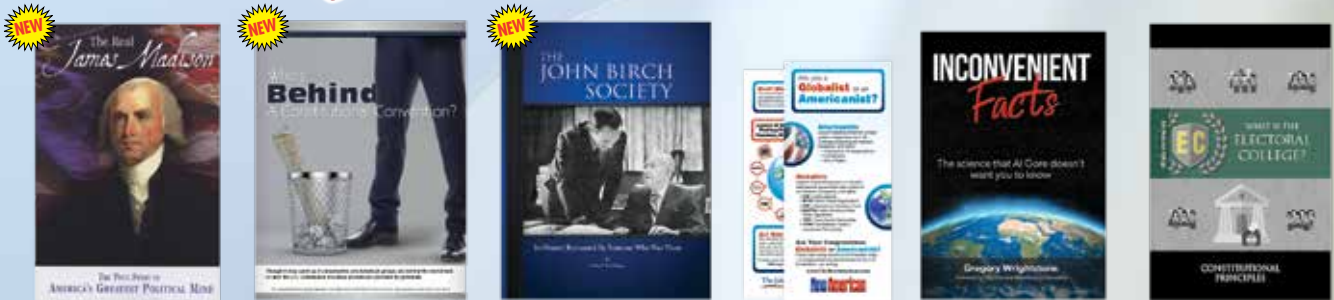
Communism, another totalitarian “ism” that ravaged the 20th century and continues to haunt the world to this day, has also successfully and deceptively exploited and manipulated uninformed voters — in places such as Poland and Czechoslovakia after the end of World War II — for the purpose of consolidating power. In fact, this stratagem comes right out of the totalitarian playbook *The Communist Manifesto*, which states that “the first step in the revolution by the working class is to raise the proletariat to the position of ruling class, to *win the battle of democracy*.” (Emphasis added.)

And in our own America, too many no- and low-information voters have been and are being manipulated into supporting government-provided healthcare, housing, education, and more, and their votes will supplant our constitutional Republic with the Total State unless the trend is reversed. Obviously, not enough Americans understand today that the largess promised by government must be taken from the American people to begin with, and that socialism (or whatever the Total State might be called) is not a share-the-wealth program but a control-the-wealth scheme.

If Michelle Obama were truly interested in a better America, she would not advocate voting even when you “know nothing about nothing.” She would instead challenge Americans to become informed before voting. And she would embrace our headline above: “Do NOT Vote — Unless You Cast an Informed Ballot.” ■



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