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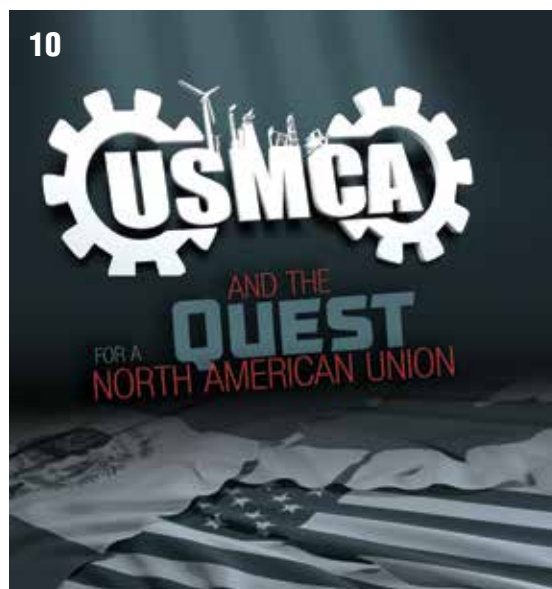
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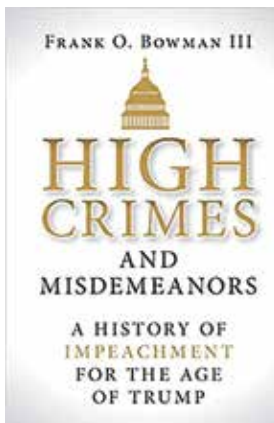
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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Democratic Socialism

Though Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States when she became a member of Congress, she planned to institute democratic socialism, which is not compatible with the Constitution or her oath.

Let's see if democratic socialism is a good thing.

A "democracy" is a form of government based upon the will of the majority. Whatever the majority decides is law. This means that if the majority decides to hang all black people, there will no longer be any black people in the United States.

A republic — our present government — is a form of government based upon the rule of law in which the citizens have certain unalienable individual rights that are not subject to majority vote, nor can they be revoked by government.

Rights are not permissions granted by government, but precede government. The only purpose of government is to protect individual rights. That's why black people and other minority races never need fear about what the majority decides. And it is also why the white race never need worry about becoming a minority in the future — if the Constitution is still the law of the land.

The smallest minority in a society is the individual. In the United States, the individual is sovereign because he has individual rights. All men have equal rights to life, to liberty, and to pursue their own happiness. Everyone is equal under the law.

There is no such thing as group rights, since a group is simply composed of a number of individuals, and a whole cannot be more than the sum of its parts.

Under socialism, it is a group representing the state that is sovereign, and individuals are of no importance, except as a means to the ends of the state. If the state decides that an individual should be sacrificed for the good of the society, then the individual is sacrificed. The individual has no rights under socialism except those that the government grants by permission. Rights are not unalienable, and can be changed or revoked whenever the state decides they do not concur with its agenda.

There are no property rights under socialism. Socialism mandates that wealth be taken from those who earned

it and given to those who didn't earn it, but who "deserve" it because they are "less fortunate" than those who did earn it. This is called "social justice," but is actually social *injustice* because it violates the rights of those from whom the wealth is taken.

In our Republic, everyone has the right to *earn* property, but no one has the right to someone else's property. And since that is true, neither does the government have the right to take someone else's property. Our government is based upon delegated powers, and the only powers that can be delegated to government are powers that the people themselves possess. Since no one has the right to take (steal) another person's property, such a right cannot be delegated to government.

If the wealthy have no right to their property because the poor need the money, then neither does anyone else have a right to their own property. There are millions of poor people in the world who are even poorer than poor Americans, and millions more are being born every year. If "need" creates a right, no one would have claim to a house, a car, or the shirt on his back, since there is always some person in need.

It is the liberals' use of force — enacting laws that violate individual rights — that results in conflict.

When liberals enact government policies and laws that result in the initiation of force and the violation of individual rights, they can no longer claim the moral high ground. The initiation of force is the difference between good and evil. Force can only legitimately be used in self-defense, either by the individual, or by the government acting as his agent.

Since Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez believes in initiating the use of force through government action — that is, taking property through taxation from those who earned it and using it to pursue her personal agenda — she cannot be considered a good or moral person.

Nothing could be more un-American.

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Young Adults Moving Away From LGBTQ Tolerance

The 2019 Accelerating Acceptance survey, conducted in January by the Harris polling group on behalf of the “gay rights” organization GLAAD, found that 18- to 34-year-old adults have begun to shift away from their tolerance for those identifying as LGBTQ, as compared to previous surveys taken over the past two years.

The survey of 1,754 self-identifying non-LGBTQ American adults between the ages of 18 and 34 found that 33 percent said they would be uncomfortable having one of their own children placed in a class with an LGBTQ teacher, an increase from 29

percent among that age group in 2017 and 25 percent in 2016.

The report, released June 24, also found that 39 percent of young adults would be uncomfortable discovering that their child had been on the receiving end of an LGBTQ-themed history lesson in school — a significant increase from 30 percent in 2017 and 27 percent in 2016.

Overall, the survey found that only 45 percent of 18- to 34-year-old respondents would be “very” or “somewhat” comfortable around LGBTQ people or with LGBTQ issues — a sharp decline from 53 percent in 2017 and 63 percent in 2016.

GLAAD president Sarah Kate Ellis blamed the growing disconnect among young adults toward LGBTQ tolerance on a supposed “rise in divisive rhetoric both in politics and in culture,” which has resulted in “a negative influence on younger Americans,” along with “an alarming pattern of anti-LGBTQ violence and discrimination.” She stated that “LGBTQ people and allies must urgently address today’s cultural crisis by being visible and vigilant.”

However, Glenn Stanton of the conservative Christian group Focus on the Family told the news site ChristianHeadlines.com that he thought the decreasing LGBTQ tolerance among young adults “has to do with the fact that the gay movement continues to over-play its hand and that will certainly continue. Rather than simply being ‘live and let live,’ they are forcing Americans to embrace their politics, and often with overwhelming muscle and the life-crushing public accusations of a person’s so-called ‘bigotry’ and ‘hatefulness’ if they dare disagree.”



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Climate Alarmists Caught Manipulating Temperature Data Yet Again

According to geologist Tony Heller, NASA has manipulated historical temperature data to show a dramatic increase in temperature, especially since the year 2000.

Comparing NASA charts from the years 2000, 2017, and 2019, Heller shows data has been manipulated multiple times since the year 2000. In a video posted to YouTube June 24, Heller shows, with NASA’s own data, that the space agency has been adjusting temperatures from the past — temperatures from as long ago as the mid-1800s — downward, while adjusting current-day temperatures upward, and those adjustments are responsible for most of the claimed global warming during that time.

The 2017 to 2019 rise in temperature is especially confusing when you add the fact that satellite temperature data show a global decrease in land temperature for the last two years. As well, satellite data add to the case of fraud in another way: According to satellite data, since the year 2000, land temperatures have increased by 0.2° C, but NASA’s latest chart says that temperatures increased by 1.5° C since 2000. So more than 80 percent of the change in temperature since the year 2000 is the result of temperature data manipulation.

“They’ve quadrupled warming mainly by cooling past temperatures and warming present temperatures,” Heller said in his video.



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Moreover, the entire Medieval Warm Period has disappeared. The Medieval Warm Period, which has lots of scientific and historical evidence to show it happened — and which was prominent in a 1990 IPCC graph — has been adjusted out of existence. Climate alarmists can’t have a Medieval Warm Period, since it casts so much doubt on the current theory that man is causing a current upward temperature swing. The Medieval Warm Period occurred before man could reasonably be blamed for it.

“If we had high temperatures when CO₂ was low, that would indicate that other factors in the climate are much stronger than carbon dioxide,” Heller pointed out.

The willingness of scientists to completely change historical data to show rapid warming is scientific quackery of the highest order.

Nearly Two-thirds of College Graduates Have Regrets About Their Degree

Almost two-thirds of graduates regret or have regrets about their college degrees, according to a survey by the employee compensation research firm PayScale. The study, released June 25, was based on 248,000 responses to PayScale's on-line salary survey between April and May of this year.

Among those holding a bachelor's degree or higher, 66.1 percent of respondents expressed having regret about their college education, while only 33.9 percent reported having no regrets. The survey allowed users to select their biggest regret about college from a list. Overwhelmingly, the top regret was student loans, with 27.1 percent listing it as their greatest misgiving.

Area of study came in second place, at 12.2 percent, followed by poor networking (11.2 percent), time to complete college (5.8 percent), academic underachievement (5.2 percent), choice of school (3.4 percent), and having too many degrees (1.2 percent).

Baby boomers were the only one of the surveyed genera-



tions in which a majority claimed to have no regrets (51.3 percent) about college. Only 13.4 percent of boomers said they regretted their student loan. In Generation X, 37.3 percent said they have no regrets and 26.2 percent cited regret for their loans. Regret was highest with millennials, among whom 28.8 percent regret their loans, versus 28.7 percent who said they have no regrets.

Respondents with majors in engineering and other well-paid fields expressed less regret overall about their college education. A total of 42 percent of engineering majors said they have no regrets about college, while 37.3 percent of education majors and 34.9 percent of computer science majors said the same. On the opposite side of the spectrum, only 26.9 percent of social science majors and 25.2 percent of humanities majors responded as having no regrets.

When it came to the issue of debt, 37.7 percent of health science majors and 32.1 percent of art majors regretted their loans, followed by social sciences (30.4 percent) and education (28.1 percent). By contrast, just 18.7 percent of engineering majors and 15 percent of math majors said they felt regret for their loans.

British Lawmakers Aim to Define "Islam" as a Race

Some British lawmakers and activists want to transition Islam into a race. As the Gatestone Institute's Soeren Kern reported June 8:

Days after the British government rejected its preferred official definition of Islamophobia, the Muslim Council of Britain, the biggest Islamic organization in Britain, called for the ruling Conservative Party to be officially investigated for Islamophobia.

The dispute revolves around an effort by the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on British Muslims, a cross-party formation of around two-dozen MPs in the British Parliament, to institutionalize the definition of Islamophobia in racial rather than religious terms.

The APPG, in a November 2018 report entitled "Islamophobia Defined," proposed the following one-sentence definition of Islamophobia:

"Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness."

The definition, the result of six months of consultations, was endorsed by hundreds of Muslim organizations, London Mayor Sadiq Khan, and several political parties, including Labour, the Liberal Democrats, and the Scottish Conservatives.



"Proponents of the [new] definition say that while it is true that Islam is not a race but a religion — a set of beliefs and ideas — and that Muslims are a set of believers from different races, ethnicities and nationalities, many Muslims experience prejudice, discrimination and a *form* of racism, which, they say, is structural," Kern also tells us.

Some observers call this effort a "backdoor blasphemy law." Criticism of Islam has long been treated as axiomatically wrong in many Muslim countries, which have explicit blasphemy laws on the books. Yet demanding blasphemy laws in Western nations wouldn't fly (yet). So Muslim supremacists must achieve the end of giving Islam exalted, sacred legal status via Westerners' hate-speech laws, relativism, and political correctness. ■

Top Republican Disagrees About Using 2001 Permission to Bomb Iran

"I do not believe, for what it's worth, that the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) authorizes force against the state of Iran."

*According to Representative **Mac Thornberry** (R-Texas), the AUMF that was approved by Congress in the aftermath of the 9/11 attack to give the president the power to carry out a war on our attackers should not be cited as permission to start military action against Iran.*



Mac Thornberry

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Major West Coast City Inundated With Rats, Drugs, Garbage, and Homeless

"Los Angeles has been known for Hollywood, the porn industry and world class traffic congestion, but it is now also becoming famous for rat-infested piles of rotting garbage."

*Eclipsing San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle for the prize as the worst example of urban decay among West Coast cities, Los Angeles has won the unwanted prize for degradation, according to **Michael Snyder**, writing in *The Economic Collapse*.*

High-school Girl Laments Entry of Transgender Boys in Sporting Events

"It's very frustrating and heartbreaking when us [*sic*] girls are at the start of a race and we already know that these athletes are going to come out and win no matter how hard you try. They took away the spots of deserving girls, athletes — me being included."

*At a statewide indoor track meet held in Connecticut, two biological boys claiming to be girls placed ahead of third-place finisher **Selina Soule** in a 55-meter event, thereby depriving her of a chance to compete in the state finals. She spoke out in an atmosphere where many others fear bullying and backlash if they disagree with the newly enacted policy regarding transgender athletes.*



Pete Buttigieg

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Homosexual Candidate Thinks United States Has Already Had a "Gay" President

"People will elect the person who will make the best president. And we have had excellent presidents who have been young. We have had excellent presidents who have been liberal. I would imagine we've probably had excellent presidents who were gay — we just don't know which ones. Statistically, it's almost certain."

*In a television interview, Democratic presidential candidate **Pete Buttigieg** sought to gain acceptance for his preferred lifestyle by supposing, without any proof to back up his guess, that at least one of the past U.S. presidents was, like him, a homosexual.*

Climate-change Enthusiasts Chided for Avoiding Testimony From Geologists

"Geologists know climate change unrelated to atmospheric CO₂ occurred throughout Earth's 4.5 billion year history. Yet the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the IPCC) has no geologists among the hundreds of appointed authors of its Fifth Assessment Report of 2014 and its Sixth Report due in 2022. Thus, IPCC incredibly lacks both geological input and long-term perspective."

*Oxford University Ph.D. geologist Dr. **Roger Higgs** claims that the man-made global-warming idea is a fallacy whose time is nearly over.*

Louisiana Legislator Speaks Out Forcefully Against Abortion's Effect on Blacks

"I think it [abortion] mitigates our race's voting power, it hurts our race's power in the census. I really consider it to be modern-day genocide."

*A Democrat, State Representative **Katrina Jackson** minced no words when she explained why she voted for a new state law that prohibits abortion once a baby's heartbeat is detected. ■*

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Katrina Jackson

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If we Americans are to preserve our God-given rights — afforded by our national sovereignty — then we must convince Congress to reject the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which is a steppingstone toward an EU-style North American Union.

“USMCA will boost economic growth and create jobs” claims an April 2019 headline on the website of the White House. Big business has gotten behind it with large marketing campaigns from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and many GOP politicians are on board to pass it. Yet some liberty-loving organizations are working against the agreement. So who’s right? Is the majority of Americans not hearing important facts about the USMCA?

“Big business may be backing it, but so is big government,” says Bill Hahn, chief strategy officer of The John Birch Society. “Big government likes it because USMCA will add even more layers of unaccountable bureaucracy — enough to trap Americans, Mexicans, and Canadians into a style of government resembling the European Union.” Hahn quips that if you’re a fan of Brexit, you need to be against the USMCA.

The now 2,325-page USMCA is promoted by supporters as a “free trade” agreement; however, NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and the USMCA are anything but free trade. The lowering of tariffs is merely a façade for a managed regional integration scheme, the objective of which is no less than regional integration toward world government. Traditionally, free trade presupposes the free flow of goods across borders without the intervention of government. However, international organizations and arrangements such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), NAFTA, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) do not seek to remove government from international trade, but rather to empower more government over it. Such international organizations and arrangements often establish new regional or global rules, along with their own administrative or governing bodies to implement the agreement and enforce its provisions. As a result, trade schemes become mechanisms for control — not just over the trade aspect but also over the participating national governments. The USMCA is no different: As with so many “free trade agreements” before it, the USMCA is subordinate to the WTO, which is referenced nearly 90 times throughout the agreement.

The end result of such trade schemes is the erosion and transfer of national sovereignty to world government, and this loss of national sovereignty is accompanied by a corresponding loss of the security for our God-given rights that has been furnished by the U.S. Constitution since our nation’s founding. A nation’s independence and right to govern its own affairs by the consent of the people, with whom political sovereignty ultimately resides, is both the cornerstone of liberty and integral to America’s constitutional Republic. These precepts are woven into the fabric of the United States and enshrined in the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men.”

The Declaration of Independence affirms that people are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,” and this is immediately followed up with the assertion that in order “to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men.” In other words, the purpose of government is solely to protect the people’s certain unalienable, God-given rights. The U.S. Constitution lays out the few and defined powers of the federal government, divided among the three branches of government. And the accompanying Bill of Rights, or first Ten Amendments, states what the federal government cannot do to infringe on the people’s God-given rights, among which are religious liberty, free speech, a free press, peaceful assembly, the right to keep and bear arms, the right to a speedy trial and a trial by jury, the right to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures, etc. The freedom to exercise any one of these God-given rights, as secured by the Constitution and the country’s independence, is threatened by sovereignty-killing trade schemes such as the WTO, NAFTA, USMCA, TPP, T-TIP, etc.

For decades, the Deep State and those behind it in the echelons of the Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg Meetings, and powerful tax-exempt foundations have been



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working with the leaders of communist countries to bring about a “new world order,” or a one world government under the United Nations, by way of regional economic blocs of nations. Former Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger, one of the leading architects of that new world order, made the following admission in his book entitled *World Order*: “The contemporary quest for world order will require a coherent strategy to establish a concept of order within the various regions and to relate these regional orders to one another.” In other words, the road to world government — what Kissinger means by the phrase “world order” — will be through the establishment of regional integration schemes and interlocking them with one another. The most advanced of these schemes, or regional orders, is the European Union.

The EU Model

World War II left most of Europe devastated, with millions dead and millions more displaced, as many of its large cities had been destroyed. The economies of Europe, which had previously dominated the world markets, were almost nonexistent by the war’s end. Unlike Eu-

rope, northern Africa, Asia, and Japan, the United States was predominantly unscathed and as such found itself in a unique position, having the most powerful economy in the world. In what was sold as a massive humanitarian package to help rebuild war-torn Europe, the United States developed the Marshall Plan. As a stipulation for the aid, the plan called for the removal of Europe’s trade barriers, essentially blackmailing Western Europe into economic integration.

On April 16, 1948, the European countries participating in the Marshall Plan came together and established the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) to administer the aid from the United States and Canada. As its name suggests, OEEC’s tasks were to promote cooperation among the participating European countries, “to develop intra-European trade by reducing tariffs and other barriers to the expansion of trade, [and] to study the feasibility of creating a customs union or free trade area,” according to Alexander Böhmer, writing about the history of the OEEC and its successor, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the *Handbook of Transnational Economic Governance*

New world government: Dr. Henry Kissinger frequently and openly calls for establishing a “new world order.” In his book *World Order*, Kissinger elaborates about creating his world order through a network of interlocking regional integration schemes. The proposed economic integration of the USMCA would establish such an “order” in the North American region.

Regimes (2009). Böhmer is currently the head of the OECD’s Southeast Asia, Indonesia, and India division.

On May 9, 1950, inspired by the Benelux Union, which was formed in 1944 by the governments-in-exile of Belgium, Netherlands, and Luxembourg to eliminate trade barriers and promote the free flow of goods, services, and workers with one another, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman called for a similar integration scheme to place French and German coal and steel production under a common High Authority, with an open invitation for other European countries to join. The aim of Schuman’s declaration was to create a “federation of Europe.” Within a year of the Schuman Declaration, the governments of Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, and West Germany came together in Paris and signed the treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community on April 18, 1951.

On July 23, 1952, the ECSC became the world's first international organization based on the concept of supranationalism, which ultimately culminated in today's European Union following the Maastricht Treaty, or Treaty on European Union, signed on February 7, 1992.

In addition to creating a common market for coal and steel, the ECSC treaty established four new supranational bodies or governing institutions: the High Authority, composed of unelected government appointees; the Common Assembly, comprised of members of parliament from the various member countries' national parliaments; the Special Council, made up of national ministers; and the Court of Justice. In 1957, the six ECSC founding members signed both the Treaty of Rome and the Euratom Treaty, establishing the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC or Euratom), respectively. In 2002 and 2009, all of the remaining autonomous institutions of the ECSC and EEC became absorbed into the EU. The original four governing bodies of the ECSC also provided the basis for creating the EU's ruling, unelected European Commission, democratically elected European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, and the European Court of Justice (ECJ). Gradually, through a series of treaties and over a period of decades, more and more sovereignty was ceded from Europe's nation-states to supranational government in the name of "free trade" and "economic integration."

Today, the EU boasts that it is a "post-national" entity, with its own flag, capital in Brussels, passports, foreign and diplomatic service, anthem ("Ode to Joy"), currency (the euro), central bank, supreme court, parliament, president, executive branch (the EU Commission, which elects the president), and constitution (the Lisbon Treaty). The EU, in addition to all of its member states, is also a member of the WTO. Despite what it may say, the EU possesses all the hallmarks of a nation-state, but at a higher level, transcending the nation-states that make it up. In a working paper for the CFR's International Institutions and Global Governance program entitled "The European Union as a Model for Regional Integration" (2010), author Fraser Cameron writes, "No other

regional body is anywhere near the EU in terms of political or economic cooperation, let alone integration."

Although Cameron does not mention North America or NAFTA in his essay, he advances the notion of promoting the EU as the model for other integration schemes around the globe, noting the significance of France and Germany's reconciliation as a key factor in Europe's integration. Cameron states:

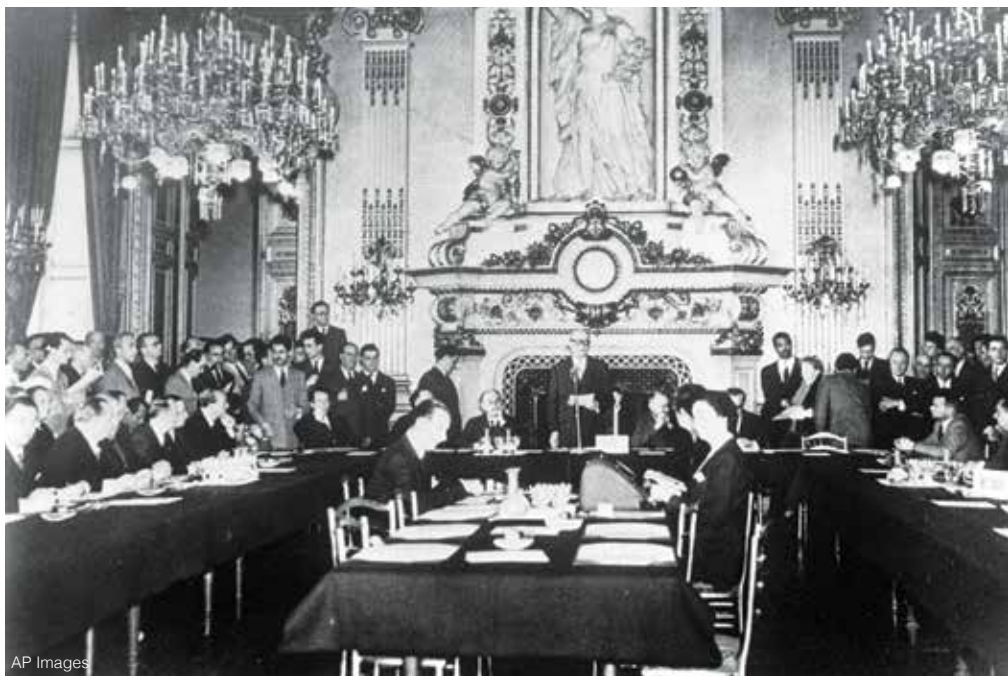
As the EU's experience demonstrates, historical reconciliation is a critical element in developing the necessary political will for cooperation and, ultimately, integration. The fundamental basis for the success of the EU is the historical reconciliation between France and Germany, achieved by years of sustained political effort from the leaders of both countries.

Cameron further contends, "Only after historical reconciliation can countries proceed gradually along the various steps required to create a regional community

such as a free trade area, a customs union, a single market, a single currency, a common passport area, and a common foreign policy." While this may pose an obstacle for globalists to regionally integrate China and Japan or Pakistan and India, no such animosity is present in North America, where all three countries — the United States, Mexico, and Canada — already participate in a great deal of cooperation related to trade, energy, and security. Seeing as there is no need for reconciliation between the United States, Mexico, and Canada, such as there was with France and Germany, North America has been an ideal prospect for globalists salivating for regional integration.

North American Community

In May 2005, the Council on Foreign Relations, in conjunction with the Canadian Council of Chief Executives and the Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales (Mexican Council on International Affairs), issued a report entitled "Building a North American Community." The controversial 175-page report was produced by a self-styled "Independent Task Force"



Binding and tying: French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman (pictured above, standing in the center), standing before the national assembly at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris, where he announced plans for establishing the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), on May 9, 1950. Schuman envisioned creating a "federation of Europe" integrated through trade.

chaired by the late Dr. Robert Pastor, who was a leading architect and proponent of the integration of North America along the lines of the EU. Pastor was also the founding director of the Center for North American Studies and the Center for Democracy and Election Management at American University, where he also taught as a professor on international relations. Regarding this proposed “North American Community,” page three of the report stated:

Its boundaries will be defined by a common external tariff and an outer security perimeter within which the movement of people, products, and capital will be legal, orderly, and safe. Its goal will be to guarantee a free, secure, just, and prosperous North America.

In other words, they were saying that NAFTA should be replaced with a kind of EU-Lite. Among the report’s recommendations were the harmonization of visa requirements; the development of a North American Border Pass with biometric identifiers, which is observable today in the form of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative-compliant passport card and enhanced driver’s licenses for land and sea travel within North America (not yet approved for air travel); sharing data about the entry and exit of foreign nationals; harmonizing entry screening and tracking procedures for people, goods, and vessels; law-enforcement cooperation across all three countries; enhancing the current North American Development Bank; and the establishment of a North American Investment Fund to “encourage private capital flow into Mexico.”

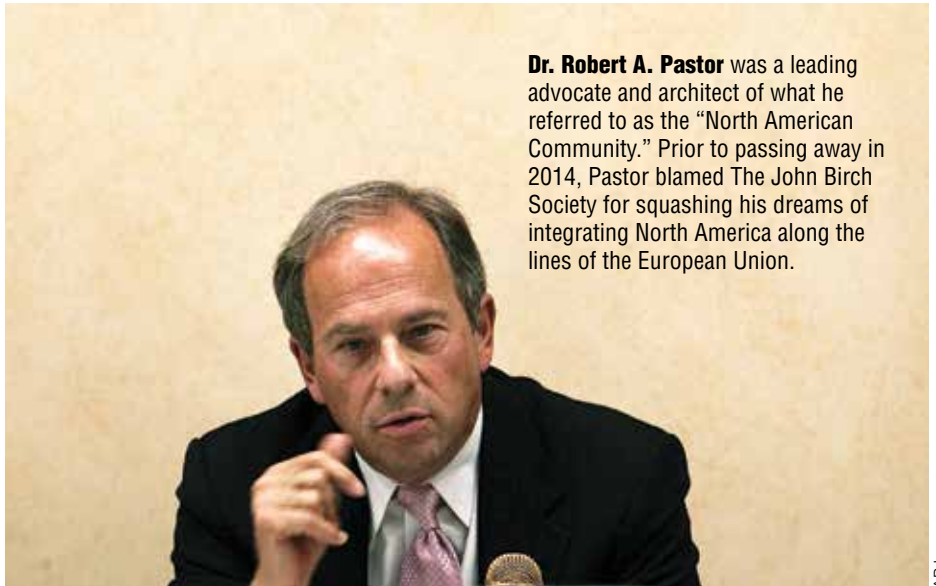
In an article entitled “North America’s Second Decade,” published in the January/February 2004 issue of *Foreign Af-*

airs, the main bimonthly publication of the CFR, Pastor called for the transfer of \$100 billion to Mexico over 10 years for “infrastructure development.” In the same article, Pastor praised what he saw as the success of NAFTA. “NAFTA was merely the first draft of an economic constitution for North America,” he wrote. In addition to building up Mexico’s infrastructure to the tune of \$100 billion, Pastor also called for merging “immigration and refugee policies,” creating a common North American passport such as the CFR taskforce would later recommend in its report, and the establishment of a continental “security perimeter” or common North American border.

Many of Pastor’s recommendations, which were also included in the CFR’s “Building a North American Community” report, were later adopted or incorporated in the proposed Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP). Then-U.S. President George W. Bush, then-President of Mexico Vicente

Fox, and then-prime minister of Canada Paul Martin unveiled the SPP at a summit meeting in Waco, Texas, on March 23, 2005. Following the initial Waco summit, four more trilateral summit meetings were held. By August 2009, the SPP was officially terminated with the following announcement on the SPP website stating: “The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) is no longer an active initiative. There will not be any updates to this site.” Prior to passing away, Pastor blamed The John Birch Society for having killed his globalist ambitions for an EU-style North America. That’s because The John Birch Society had led successful grassroots educational campaigns exposing and stopping both President Bill Clinton’s proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), which would have extended NAFTA beyond North America to the entire Western Hemisphere (except Cuba), and Bush’s SPP.

Unlike Pastor’s 2004 article in *Foreign*



Dr. Robert A. Pastor was a leading advocate and architect of what he referred to as the “North American Community.” Prior to passing away in 2014, Pastor blamed The John Birch Society for squashing his dreams of integrating North America along the lines of the European Union.

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Affairs, the taskforce report fell short of outright recommending full North American economic integration. It could best be described as a globalist blueprint toward achieving that aim, though, nevertheless making it a key document. On page 39 of the report, Pastor enthusiastically endorsed it and suggested that North American integration go even further, writing: “This report articulates a vision and offers specific ideas for deepening North American integration. I endorse it with enthusiasm, but would add two ideas to galvanize the effort and secure its implementation: a customs union and U.S. government reorganization.”

Toward a Customs Union

In his seminal work *The Theory of Economic Integration* (1961), the late Hungarian economist Béla Balassa defines “integration” both as “a process and as a state of affairs.” Balassa breaks down economic integration into five stages, each representing “various degrees of integration.” “These are a free-trade area, a customs union, a common market, an economic union, and complete economic integration.”

NAFTA represented the first step in this long-term integration process. Building on the previous Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA expanded the free-trade area to include Mexico. Unlike in a customs union, in this stage the national governments of all three countries retain control over tariffs on non-member countries. The USMCA falls short of establishing a full-fledged customs union, such as Pastor recommended, in which all three countries would agree to establish common external tariffs on non-member countries. However, new to the USMCA, Article 32.10 of its chapter 32 on “Exceptions and General Provisions” leans heavily in this direction, possibly laying the groundwork for a future North American customs union.

Under Article 32.10, if either the United States, Mexico, or Canada pursues a free trade agreement with a “non-market country,” or country with which neither has signed an FTA, they are required to inform the two other USMCA countries at least three months prior to commencing such negotiations. Upon request of any one of the other two USMCA countries, the country



First try here: Mexican President Vicente Fox, U.S. President George W. Bush, and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin held a summit in Waco, Texas, on March 23, 2005, in which they unveiled their proposal for a Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP), which would have implemented many of Pastor’s ideas for integrating North America.

pursuing an FTA with the designated “non-market country” is required to “provide as much information as possible regarding the objectives for those negotiations.” This includes providing the full text of the FTA to the other USMCA countries, no later than 30 days before it is signed.

If one or both of the other USMCA countries objects to the one’s new FTA with a “non-market country,” it may formally withdraw from the USMCA, thereby cutting off preferred access of its markets to the USMCA country that entered into the FTA with the “non-market country.” Article 32.10.5 stipulates: “Entry by a Party into a free trade agreement with a non-market country will allow the other Parties to terminate this [USMCA] Agreement on six months’ notice and replace this Agreement with an agreement as between them (bilateral agreement).” This disincentive virtually establishes a de facto unanimous-approval requirement by all three countries if any one wishes to pursue a new FTA with a country with which none of the three has signed an FTA. Projecting the lines, this “non-market country” disincentive may spawn the establishment

of a North American Customs Union with common tariff rates among all three countries for non-market countries.

Consolidating “the economic integration of North America”, as then-Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto touted about the USMCA, when he signed it on November 30, 2018, will ultimately give rise to the creation of a binding supranational authority over all three countries, one in which unelected, appointed bureaucrats supersede the will and authority of the American people and individual states as represented by the U.S. federal government. In fact, such a supranational authority is not too far off from what the USMCA proposes.

Toward a North American Commission

The USMCA’s Chapter 30, on “Administrative and Institutional Provisions,” establishes the creation of a “Free Trade Commission” as a regional governing bureaucracy overseeing various lower committees, among which is the Competitiveness Committee established in Chapter 26. Article 30.1 of the agreement states: “The Parties [United States, Mexico, and

Canada] hereby establish a Free Trade Commission (Commission), composed of government representatives of each Party at the level of Ministers or their designees.” These government representatives will be appointed by the governments of the member countries.

Although NAFTA also established its own Free Trade Commission in 1994, the one described in Chapter 30 of the USMCA is virtually identical to the governing commission in chapter 27 of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). According to Article 30.2, the USMCA’s Free Trade Commission is empowered to:

- (a) consider matters relating to the implementation or operation of this Agreement;
- (b) consider proposals to amend or modify this Agreement;
- (c) supervise the work of committees, working groups, and other subsidiary bodies established under this Agreement;
- (d) consider ways to further enhance trade and investment between the Parties;
- (e) adopt and update the Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct applicable to dispute settlement proceedings; and
- (f) review the roster established

under Article 31.8 (Roster and Qualifications of Panelists) every three years and, when appropriate, constitute a new roster.

Giving these powers to the Free Trade Commission makes the USMCA a “living agreement,” much like the TPP, thus allowing the Free Trade Commission to change the agreement without the approval of the U.S. Congress. In addition to those powers, Article 30.2 further empowers the Free Trade Commission to delegate new tasks or responsibilities to its subordinate committees, either merge or dissolve its subordinate committees, change the schedule or dates of when certain duties or tariffs are to be lowered or removed, ambiguously “develop arrangements for implementing this Agreement,” and get advice from “non-governmental persons or groups” such as the Council on Foreign Relations or academics who advocate for greater North American integration, among other powers.

According to Article 30.2, the Free Trade Commission may even “modify any Uniform Regulations agreed jointly by the Parties under Article 5.16 (Uniform Regulations), subject to completion of applicable legal procedures by each Party.” The commission would have the power to change the “Uniform” (or universal) regu-

lations for all three countries, as long as the governments of all three countries eventually approve those changes. This opens the door for the U.S. Congress, Mexico’s Congress, and Canada’s Parliament to become rubber-stamp bodies for any new changes to the countries’ regulations because the USMCA’s governing Free Trade Commission demands it. In fact, this has already happened to Congress with respect to the World Trade Organization.

In 2008, when Congress amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require meat products such as beef and pork sold in the United States to have country of origin labels (COOL), Canada claimed the law violated WTO rules. As a result, Canada and other countries, including Mexico, took the United States to arbitration under a WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB). The WTO DSB ruled in favor of Canada and Mexico, stating that they could retaliate by imposing over \$1 billion in tariffs on U.S. products unless the United States repealed the law. On June 10, 2015, the

Weak-kneed: After the World Trade Organization ruled against a U.S. law requiring country of origin labeling (COOL) for meat sold in U.S. supermarkets, the then-Republican-controlled Congress voted to repeal COOL in compliance with the WTO mandate. This highlights how Congress may be forced to change laws in compliance with the USMCA.



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No follow-through: When President Donald Trump addressed the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2018, he declared that the United States “will never surrender America’s sovereignty to an unelected, unaccountable, global bureaucracy.” However, the USMCA would surrender America’s sovereignty to an unelected regional bureaucracy, on the path toward world government.

opposing the USMCA and getting out of NAFTA. The primary issue is not the economic impact of the USMCA, good or bad, but its potential implications for U.S. sovereignty. The United States can weather the storms of a bad economy or recession, but it cannot survive the loss of its sovereignty. This underscores the need to prevent and stop any international agreements or supranational arrangements that erode and infringe on U.S. sovereignty.

The continuity of American sovereignty, and with it the safeguarding of our God-given rights by the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, hinges on what happens with regard to the USMCA. Those who embrace the doctrine of patriotism can contact the president, their federal representative, and U.S. senators to oppose the USMCA, telling them that they should uphold our rights and freedoms by voting NO on the USMCA steppingstone to an EU-style North American Union. If this is done by patriotic Americans, America stands a chance of remaining a free and independent constitutional Republic for now and future generations. The choice has never been clearer: Americans can either choose to secure our freedoms by preserving our nation’s sovereignty, or we can go down the globalist path of Europe in pursuance of regional economic and political integration. If we prefer to preserve our national sovereignty and thereby secure our freedoms, then we must convince Congress to vote NO on the USMCA. ■

Republican-dominated House of Representatives voted 300 to 131 in favor of repealing COOL, in compliance with the WTO DSB’s decision. COOL’s repeal was also included in the \$1.4 trillion omnibus-spending bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama in December 2015.

While in theory the U.S. Congress would still have the final say over changes to domestic regulations and practices that affect trade, in reality the U.S. government would more than likely acquiesce to the decisions or “recommendations” of the Free Trade Commission in the name of *freeing* world trade and promoting economic integration and cooperation.

Similarly, in the EU, the European Commission makes new laws and regulations that the European Parliament and in turn the parliaments of all EU-member states are forced to accept. In matters of international trade agreements, the European Commission negotiates for, and on behalf of, the EU as a whole. This in turn precludes the possibility of, say, a U.S.-Germany Free Trade Agreement. As a customs union, the European Union imposes a common external tariff on non-EU countries, meaning the governments of individual EU member states have no control over tariffs for goods entering their countries. In the United States, this type of customs union would be unconstitutional; the Constitution grants the power to both regulate trade and levy

tariffs exclusively to Congress, not to the president or to any international body or agreement. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution states, “The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises ... To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.”

Preserve Our Rights by Stopping the USMCA

In his second address before the United Nations General Assembly, delivered on September 25, 2018, President Donald Trump triumphantly declared, “We will never surrender America’s sovereignty to an unelected, unaccountable, global bureaucracy. America is governed by Americans. We reject the ideology of globalism, and we embrace the doctrine of patriotism.” Unfortunately, congressional approval and implementation of the USMCA would negate this. Once in the USMCA, the United States would be subordinate to an unelected, and thus unaccountable, regional bureaucracy.

If America wishes to remain governed by Americans and to reject the ideology of globalism, then it must also reject the ideologies of regionalism and supranationalism by both



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BILDERBERG

AND THE GLOBAL DEEP STATE

The annual gathering of elites signals foreboding plans for a global economy, surveillance, AI, censorship — and more.

by William F. Jasper

S hhhh! Don't mention *that*! You'll be called a "conspiracy theorist." Or a "tin-foil-hat wacko."

So it went that another meeting of the annual Bilderberg Group passed this year virtually unreported. Virtually, we say, because the relatively few media reports that did appear regarding the super-secret, super-elite affair were clearly crafted to reinforce the "mainstream" media narrative that "there's nothing to see here, move along."

Thus, during the last week of May and the first week of June the world was treated to a brief barrage of empty "news" sto-

ries as around 130 attendees of the 67th annual confab of the Bilderberg Group gathered in Montreux, Switzerland, May 30-June 2. As per usual, the "watchdogs" of the press turned into Bilderberg lapdogs. The same media gumshoes and commentators who have been prattling hysterically and non-stop for the past two-and-a-half years about alleged "collusion" and "conspiracy" between President Trump and Vladimir Putin, based on a "dossier" compiled by agents for Hillary Clinton, pretended not to see a thing wrong with representatives of Big Government — top-level politicians, Cabinet officials, military leaders, and intelligence officials — meeting in secret, behind a cordon of

police and armed guards, with the global titans of Big Business, Big Banking, Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Labor, Big Foundations, and Big Media.

Is there nothing even suspect about presidents, prime ministers, senators, foreign and economic ministers, central bank chiefs, and UN bureaucrats meeting off the record to discuss hot-button issues and coordinate policy with mega-moguls of Wall Street and Silicon Valley? Nope. No conflicts of interest here? Nope. No "transparency" issues regarding public officials participating secretly at Bilderberg? Nope. No "public's right to know" issues involved here? Nope, apparently not. How do we know? Well, the official Bilderberg website

assures us that this annual palaver of the great and the good is merely “a forum for discussion on a wide range of topics.” And the participants themselves, if they comment at all, usually offer up some similarly anodyne (and asinine) self-serving remark, at which point the paid press-titutes chirp in unison: “Pay no attention to talk about Bilderberg by those conspiracy nutjobs. Nothing to see here; move along.”

As expected, the media lapdogs at the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* performed their dependable service. “Secretary of State Mike Pompeo headed to Europe on Thursday as part of another bid to build support for the U.S. government’s pressure campaign against Iran,” the *Washington Post* reported on May 30. “But there is one stop en route that is sure to interest those who are more conspiratorially minded: Pompeo’s side trip to the secretive Bilderberg Meeting.”

Yes, only the “more conspiratorially minded” will have an interest in, or concerns about, the goings-on behind closed doors of U.S. officials with the global über-elites of Goldman Sachs, Google, Microsoft, BP, and Kissinger Associates — to name but a few. If the Bilderberg assemblies receive any coverage in the Fake News Media, it is invariably accompanied with obligatory eye rolls and snarky, snickering comments about “conspiracy stuff.” The media beat-down still works, for the most part; even most of the conservative and alternative media that have gotten bolder about exposing the treasonous Deep State coup efforts to remove a constitutionally elected U.S. president — Donald Trump — have been unwilling to touch Bilderberg, which is the *Global* Deep State’s most visible gathering. Good heavens, mustn’t get tainted with that “conspiracy stuff”!

Double Standards

On this point, we find ourselves in rare agreement with the late novelist-essayist-epigrammatist Gore Vidal, a certified “progressive” libertine, who once remarked: “Apparently, ‘conspiracy stuff’ is now shorthand for

unspeakable truth.” We agree further with his rejoinder to the inevitable “conspiracy theorist” put-down. “I’m not a conspiracy theorist,” Vidal responded, “I’m a conspiracy analyst.”

So shall we commence with some conspiracy analysis? First of all, let’s define what we’re talking about. Common dictionary entries define *conspiracy* as two or more people secretly agreeing to do something unlawful. Title 18, Section 371 of the U.S. Criminal Code, which is used frequently by federal prosecutors, defines a conspiracy as existing whenever “two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States, or any agency thereof in any manner or for any purpose.”

We also have here in the United States a long-dormant law known as the Logan Act, which makes it a crime for a U.S. citizen to communicate with a foreign government without proper authority in an attempt to influence the actions of the foreign government. Passed in 1799, it has never been used in the last 220 years — until the Deep State and its media henchmen decided to use it against retired Army Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, President Trump’s first national security advisor, who was forced to resign. The charges against General Flynn were that

he violated the Logan Act by talking to Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, via telephone, prior to Trump’s inauguration and that he lied to the FBI about the call. As we write, a federal judge has put Flynn’s sentencing on hold, for a second time. Although Special Counsel Robert Mueller ultimately dropped the Logan Act prosecution angle, he is still trying to put Flynn behind bars for allegedly lying to the FBI, even though the available evidence suggests that charge too may be completely contrived. Representative Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), who chaired the House Select Intelligence Committee, told Bloomberg News that the leaking of the Flynn-Kislyak phone call and many additional strategic leaks demonstrated “a well orchestrated effort to attack Flynn and others in the administration.”

The Flynn-Kislyak “story” was broken by veteran leaker David Ignatius, the *Washington Post*’s inside man with the Deep State’s intelligence operatives. Ignatius is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the Trilateral Com-

Trumping Bilderberg? Secretary of State Mike Pompeo led a Trump delegation to Bilderberg 67 that included Jared Kushner, Matthew Pottinger, Matthew Daniels, Matthew Turpin, James H. Baker, and Admiral James O. Ellis.



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Deep-sixing Flynn: General Michael Flynn, President Trump's first national security advisor, was targeted by the Deep State for supposedly violating the Logan Act, a law that would be better used to prosecute Bilderbergers.

mission, two of the most important organizations of globalist movers and shakers. And as we will show later, his longtime employer, the *Washington Post*, has been complimented by Bilderberg leader David Rockefeller as having provided indispensable assistance to Bilderberg efforts over the decades by maintaining “discreet” silence about the Bilderberg meetings, which *Post* “journalists” were privileged to attend. The *Post* has been a key conduit of CFR and CIA propaganda and disinformation for many decades.

It's no surprise then that David Ignatius, the *Washington Post*, and the rest of the Deep State Fake News Media — who have been breathless over the Flynn-Kislyak non-event — have had no interest whatsoever in pursuing any Logan Act angle concerning former Secretary of State John Kerry (CFR member, Bilderberg attendee) and his clear, textbook case violation of the law regarding Iran. In carrying out what the *Boston Globe* called “unusual shadow diplomacy” to “apply pressure on the Trump administration from the outside,” Kerry has conducted meetings and phone calls “below the radar” with Iranian and European leaders. The purpose? To pressure President Trump not to undo the Obama-Kerry Iran deal. But Kerry has been granted Bilderberg immunity; Flynn, obviously, not only has *not* been granted similar immunity, but has been singled out for destruction.

Let Us Count the Duplicitous Ways

The Logan Act (Title 18, Section 953) provides: “Any citizen of the United States, wherever he may be, who, without authority of the United States, directly or indirectly commences or carries on any correspondence or intercourse with any foreign government or any officer or agent thereof, with intent to influence the measures or conduct of any foreign government or of any officer or agent thereof, in relation to any disputes or controversies with the United States, or to defeat the measures of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.”

As we will see, there is more than ample reason to view Bilderberg conferences darkly, and even to consider Logan Act and federal conspiracy charges against both public and “private” persons who participate in the Bilderberg affairs. Here are a few of the reasons why every rational, freedom-loving individual should be concerned about Bilderbergers:

1. Individual Bilderbergers and powerful institutions they represent at Bilderberg meetings inherently constitute enormous conflicts of interest, in terms of potential for effecting policies that transfer immense public wealth into select private hands, via contracts, bailouts, and other means.

2. Bilderbergers and institutions they represent have indeed benefited by — and the public has been harmed by — policies instituted following Bilderberg gatherings.

3. Bilderbergers are unabashed globalists, internationalists, and one-worlders who hate national sovereignty and have perennially promoted policies favoring regional and world government, making them enemies of the nations they pretend to “serve.”

4. Private globalist organizations, such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Council of Councils, and European Council on Foreign Relations, have, in effect, usurped the functions of governments and operate above the law as unelected rulers.

5. Bilderbergers have gained a reputation as “kingmakers” and “kingbreakers” owing to their record of toppling incumbent politicians in favor of their own compliant, hand-picked replacements, often from the ranks of the relatively unknown.

6. Bilderbergers rotate in and out of public office, gathering insider knowledge, fashioning policies and legislation, and promoting one another to positions of power in a manner that guarantees corruption and subversion of free institutions.

7. Bilderberg events are shrouded in secrecy and we are supposed to simply trust the participants that, despite any appearances to the contrary, they would never, ever do anything unethical or illegal, or take advantage of the illicit opportunities that these exclusive trysts provide.

As a sop to critics, Bilderberg has in

recent years issued a press release, including a roster of attendees and a list of “key topics for discussion” that will form the *official* agenda. Of course, we do not know whether or not the Bilderbergers actually adhere to that agenda. One thing we can surmise, however, from common sense as well as from statements of Bilderberg participants, is that some of the most important developments to come out of the events are hatched in private tête-à-têtes between individual attendees.

According to the Bilderberg website, “An annual press conference on the eve of the Meeting was held for several decades up until the nineties, but it was stopped due to a lack of interest.” Yes, the poor Bilderbergers were trying to drum up interest in their august cabal but nobody seemed to care! If you believe that, you probably also believe that the ruling Politburo of the Communist Party of China only conducts its business with such secrecy “due to a lack of interest” by the Chinese people. But just for the heck of it, you might try to find mention of any of these

mythical Bilderberg press conferences on any search engine. Good luck!

Contrary to Bilderberg mythology, for decades, few people even knew the group existed, and those of us who claimed that it did exist were charged with wingnuttery. One of the few sources to report regularly on the annual Bilderberg summits was the authoritative *HduB Reports*, the Monte Carlo-based monthly intelligence newsletter of the late Hilaire du Berrier, a longtime contributing editor to *THE NEW AMERICAN* and its *American Opinion* predecessor. Finally, when alternative radio and Internet media coverage of Bilderberg meetings made continued denial completely risible, the Bilderbergers decided the only viable course would be to come out and say: “Of course, we’ve been here all along. We have nothing to hide, we just like our privacy.”

“The Great and the Good”

Being invited to Bilderberg is the worldly equivalent of being taken to the mountain top by Lucifer and having all the kingdoms and pleasures of the planet laid at your feet. With only 130-150 individuals out of all humanity tapped for this unparalleled privilege, you know you’ve “arrived” — or

at least have been considered for incredible promotion — when you receive the Bilderberg invite.

Among the grantees at this year’s Montreux event were King Willem-Alexander of Netherlands (grandson of Prince Bernhard, a Bilderberg co-founder in 1954); Andrew Adonis (member of Britain’s House of Lords); Henry Kravis (billionaire co-founder of investment giant KKR) and his wife, Marie-Josée (who sits on the Bilderberg’s four-member board of directors); General David Petraeus (former head of CIA, now chairman of KKR Global Institute); José Manuel Barroso (chairman of Goldman Sachs International, former President of the European Commission); Borge Brende (president of the World Economic Forum); Mark Carney (former Goldman Sachs executive, now governor of the Bank of England); Jared Cohen (founder and CEO of Jigsaw, a tech incubator spawned by Google-Alphabet); Eric E. Schmidt (former CEO and now advisor to Google-Alphabet); Robert Rubin (former Goldman Sachs co-chairman, U.S. Treasury Secretary, and current co-chairman of

Building the New World Order: Bilderberg notables include former CIA chief General David Petraeus, Goldman Sachs International chairman José Manuel Barroso, and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella.

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Bilderbergers have gained a reputation as “kingmakers” and “kingbreakers” owing to their record of toppling incumbent politicians in favor of their own compliant, hand-picked replacements.

the CFR); Satya Nadella (CEO of Microsoft); Mary Kay Henry (international president of the Service Employees International Union); Jens Stoltenberg (secretary general of NATO); and John Micklethwait (editor-in-chief of Bloomberg LP).

So, what did the Bilderberg worthies *officially* talk about for three-four days this year? Here are the listed topics, as provided by the Bilderberg press office:

1. A Stable Strategic Order
2. What Next for Europe?
3. Climate Change and Sustainability
4. China
5. Russia
6. The Future of Capitalism
7. Brexit
8. The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence
9. The Weaponisation of Social Media
10. The Importance of Space
11. Cyber Threats

Alarm bells, anyone? Even a brief survey of the topics and the participants should provide plenty of cause for grave concern. We have space here for only a brief analysis. Take, for instance, topics number 2

and 7 concerning the future of Europe and Brexit. The Bilderbergers have been virtually unanimous in hostility toward Brexit and enthusiasm for “deeper integration” of the European Union. Indeed, creation of the Common Market-EU was a primary *raison d’être* for the formation of the Bilderberg Group. Lord Adonis and Bank of England’s Mark Carney, for example, are leaders in the effort (largely successful, thus far) to sabotage Brexit.

When it comes to China (topic 4), the Bilderbergers — most especially David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger — laid the ground floor for the immense transfer of capital and technology that transformed the communist dictatorship into the economic/military/manufacturing behemoth it is today. Bilderberg heavyweights at Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, BlackRock, Carlyle, Evercore, et al., are invested to the hilt in China and view it as a partner in their New World Order. They are doing everything in their power to frustrate President Trump’s efforts to reorient U.S. policy vis-à-vis Beijing.

Take Bilderberg topic number 3: Climate Change and Sustainability. The

Bilderberg corporatists, politicians, academics, and media maestros have been in the forefront of propagandizing for these fear campaigns aimed at transferring massive powers over all facets of life to national governments and, ultimately, to the United Nations. In the meantime, they are reaping huge monetary rewards from taxpayer subsidies for energy “renewables,” carbon credits, and the like.

Or, consider Bilderberg topic 9: The Weaponisation of Social Media. Google, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, etc., have been demonstrating their abiding hatred for conservative thought and their willingness to censor, shadow ban, and de-platform those with whom they disagree, and to label dissenting opinions as “hate speech.” To see where this is leading, one need only consider the help that the Bilderbergers of Big Tech have provided to China’s communist commissars to facilitate their Big Brother surveillance state.

Any sober, eyes-wide-open review of geo-political developments over the past several decades will show that Bilderberg has become a key coordinating event for the ruling global oligarchy, the shadow world government, the Deep State.

As we have reported in previous articles, since its founding in 1954 the Bilderberg gatherings have preceded many political and economic shakeups of historical magnitude involving Bilderberg participants. In fact, the founders of Bilderberg were hard at work promoting the organization’s globalist objectives even before its formal creation. The following is a short list of the “coincidental” accomplishments on the Bilderberg scorecard:

- 1946 — Eight years before the founding of Bilderberg, one of its principal co-founders, Józef Retinger, gives a speech at the Royal Institute of International Affairs calling for the political and economic unification of Europe.

- 1948 — Bilderberg co-founder Retinger is the leading promoter and serves as the general secretary of the “Congress of Europe” at The Hague, Netherlands.

- 1957 — Retinger and other European and American Bilderbergers are the key figures behind the Treaty of Rome that launches what becomes the European Union.

- 1973 — British Prime Minister and Conservative Party leader Edward Heath, a Bilderberger, leads Britain into the EU,



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Bilderberg and Big Tech: Silicon Valley execs have become the new royalty at Bilderberg gatherings, with names such as Gates (Microsoft), Thiel (PayPal, Palantir), Hoffman (LinkedIn) Schmidt (Google), Pichette (Twitter), and Suleyman (Deepmind) becoming standard features.

claiming that fears of losing independence and sovereignty “are completely unjustified.”

- 1991 — Little-known Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton attends Bilderberg; he is elevated to the White House the following year.

- 1993 — Former Goldman Sachs chairman Peter Sutherland (also Bilderberg Steering Committee and honorary European chairman of the Trilateral Commission) is made head of the immensely powerful, newly created World Trade Organization.

- 1993 — Tony Blair, a minor opposition member of the Labour Party, attends Bilderberg before being boosted to become Britain’s prime minister.

- 1997 — First Lady Hillary Clinton attends Bilderberg, setting up her anointing for a future White House run.

- 1999 — Member nations of the EU are shackled with the euro currency, a major blow to their national sovereignty. Belgian industrialist and Bilderberg chair Étienne Davignon (also an EU commissioner) admits in a 2009 interview that

Bilderberg members played a key role in pushing adoption of the euro.

- 2005 — Angela Merkel’s attendance at Bilderberg is followed by promotion to chancellor of Germany and by media promotion to de facto “leader of Europe” and “most powerful woman in the world.”

- 2008 — Newly minted Senator Barack Obama reportedly attends the Chantilly, Virginia, Bilderberg meeting before his meteoric rise. He has been evasive about his attendance, neither confirming nor denying the reports.

- 2008 — In October, a month before the presidential election, Bilderberg veteran Michael Froman, then an exec at Citibank, sends an e-mail to the co-chair of candidate Barack Obama’s campaign, John Podesta, naming virtually every person who would, in fact, later fill Obama’s Cabinet.

- 2009 — Virtually unknown Belgian politician Herman Van Rompuy attends Bilderberg and is then catapulted to president of the European Commission.

- 2011 — Goldman Sachs banker Mark

Carney attends Bilderberg and is subsequently promoted to governor of the Bank of England.

- 2011 — Bilderberg pulls off a double coup in Italy, ousting Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and putting two Bilderberg/Goldman Sachs alums into power: Mario Monti as the new Italian prime minister and Mario Draghi as head of the European Central Bank. It causes a huge row in Italy and throughout Europe, known as “the bankers coup d’état” or “the Bilderberg Mario Brothers coup.”

- 2014 — Political “outsider” Emmanuel Macron, a former Rothschild banker, attends Bilderberg, starting a quick political ascent that takes him to the presidency of France in 2017.

- 2015 — A tsunami of Muslim migrants swamps Europe thanks to policies of Bilderberg member Angela Merkel and Bilderberg bigwig Peter Sutherland, who served as special representative of the UN secretary-general for international migration for more than a decade, starting in 2006.

- 2016 — Bilderberg members take central roles in “Project Fear I” and “Project Fear II” to stop Brexit, the British campaign to exit the European Union.

In 2010, former NATO secretary-general, former Belgian foreign minister, and Bilderberg member Willy Claes revealed, during an interview on Belgian radio, that, the usual denials notwithstanding, Bilderberg meetings *do* aim at setting international policy. At the end of each annual gathering, he said, a report is printed of the presentations and a copy of the report is given to each attendee. “The participants are then obviously considered to use this report in setting their policies in the environments in which they affect,” he said.

This admission by Claes and similar statements by other Bilderberg insiders merely confirm what should be obvious to all who are willing to examine the evidence. It is the media miscreants who continue to cover for Bilderberg with the shop-worn “conspiracy theory” sneer/smear who deserve the eye rolls and contempt. They are either press-titutes driven by avarice or poltroons guided by cowardice. In either case, they have sold out for advancement and acceptance, eagerly taking doggie treats and pettings from the burglars, rather than being the faithful watchdogs they pretend to be. ■

U.S. ATTENDEES IN 2019

Identified below are the 33 Americans officially listed as participants in this year’s Bilderberg meeting.

- Abrams, Stacey — Founder and chair, Fair Fight
- Altman, Roger C. — Evercore
- Baker, James H. — Office of Net Assessment
- Cohen, Jared — Jigsaw, Alphabet Inc.
- Daniels, Matthew — New space and technology projects
- Ellis, James O. — National Space Council
- Ferguson, Niall — Stanford University
- Grant, Adam M. — The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- Henry, Mary Kay — Service Employees International Union
- Hobson, Melody — Ariel Investments LLC
- Hoffman, Reid — LinkedIn
- Jordan, Jr., Vernon E. — Lazard Frères
- Karp, Alex — Palantir Technologies
- Kissinger, Henry A. — Kissinger Associates
- Kotkin, Stephen — Princeton University
- Kravis, Henry R. — Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
- Kravis, Marie-Josée — Bilderberg board member
- Kushner, Jared — Senior advisor to the president, the White House
- McArdle, Megan — *Washington Post*
- McCaskill, Claire — NBC News
- Micklethwait, John — Bloomberg LP
- Mundie, Craig J. — Mundie & Associates
- Nadella, Satya — Microsoft
- Petraeus, David H. — KKR Global Institute
- Pottinger, Matthew — National Security Council
- Rubin, Robert E. — Co-chairman emeritus, Council on Foreign Relations
- Schadow, Nadia — Hudson Institute
- Schmidt, Eric E. — Alphabet Inc.
- Singer, Peter Warren — New America
- Snyder, Timothy — Yale University
- Thiel, Peter — Thiel Capital
- Turpin, Matthew — National Security Council
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Journalists in Big Media are hiding their active participation in bringing about a world government, through selectively reporting stories at the behest of the globalist entities they belong to.

by William F. Jasper

True to form, this year's secrecy-cloaked meeting of the Bilderberg Group included a generous sampling of representatives from the "elite" media. Among the "journalists" in attendance were Megan McArdle, *Washington Post*; Claire McCaskill, former U.S. senator (D-Mo.), now at NBC News; Stefano Feltri, deputy editor-in-chief of Italy's *Il Fatto Quotidiano*; Lilli Gruber, editor-in-chief and anchor of Italy's *Otto e mezzo* and *La7 TV*; John Micklethwait, editor-in-chief of Bloomberg; Javier Monzon, chairman of the Spanish media giant PRISA; Zanny Minton Beddoes, editor-in-chief of *The Economist*; Mathias Dopfner, chairman and CEO of Axel Springer, the German-based international media behemoth; Dominique Nora, managing editor of France's *L'Obs*; Jolanta Pieńkowska, anchor and presenter of Poland's *TVP*, radio "Trójka," and *TVN*; Pietro Supino, chairman of Tamedia Group, Switzerland's largest media conglomerate; Martin H. Wolf, chief economics commentator of Britain's *Financial Times*; and Gerhard Zeiler, chief revenue officer of WarnerMedia. Then there is the chairman of Bilderberg himself, Count Henri de Castries, who, besides serving as a director on the board of the huge Argus Media organization, is also vice-chairman of Nestle, the world's largest food company, and a director of HSBC, Europe's largest bank. In 2017, Nestle spent \$7.2 billion in media advertising, while HSBC spends about \$400 million annually on media.



"Mr. Globalist": Fabled banker David Rockefeller (Bilderberg, CFR, Trilateral Commission) praised his media collaborators for deceiving the public.

mittee. At the 1991 Bilderberg meeting, he expressed his appreciation for the compliant, self-censoring "discretion" of the "journalists" in attendance with these words:

We are grateful to the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, *Time* magazine, and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost 40 years. It would

have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subjected to the lights of publicity during those years. But the world is more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries.

Thus, we observed once again this year at Bilderberg 67 the obsequious servitors of the Fourth Estate adhering to the Chatham House Rule, the code of silence imposed at globalist affairs such as those sponsored by the Bilderberg Group, the Trilateral Commission, the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA, also known as Chatham House), the Council on Foreign Relations, and the CFR's many sister organizations.

International banker David Rockefeller, known as "Mr. Globalist," once explicitly thanked these accommodating press-titutes for *not* doing their jobs, for *not* reporting what their audiences — *the people* — have a right to know. Rockefeller was for several decades chairman, then chair emeritus, of the Council on Foreign Relations, as well as the founder and chairman of the Trilateral Commission — and a longtime leader of the Bilderberg Group Steering Com-

Rockefeller's statement quoted above did not leak out because one of the Bilderberg media participants broke his oath of silence. No, we know about it thanks to French intelligence, which succeeded in monitoring the meeting and leaked the quote to French publications. Hilaire du Berrier was able to confirm the authenticity of the quote from his Monte Carlo neighbor, Count Alexandre de Marenches,



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The CFR thought cartel: Among the hundreds of CFR members comprising the media elite are CNN's Jake Tapper, ABC's Katie Couric, and Fox's Maria Bartiromo.

the former head of SDECE, France's external intelligence service.

Not long after this Rockefeller revelation, in October 1993, the *Post's* own ombudsman, Richard Harwood, penned an extraordinary column entitled "Ruling Class Journalists," in which he confirmed the existence of the Deep State, the unelected, unaccountable *permanent government* that has usurped control over our country. Harwood pointed particularly to the CFR, which he correctly called "the nearest thing we have to a ruling establishment in the United States." And most American members of Bilderberg are also members of the council.

Harwood, who was himself a CFR member, noted that then-president Bill Clinton was a member, as was "his secretary of state, the deputy secretary of state, all five of the undersecretaries, several of the assistant secretaries and the department's legal adviser. The president's national security adviser and his deputy are members. The director of Central Intelligence (like all previous directors) and the chairman of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board are members. The secretary of defense, three undersecretaries and at least four assistant secretaries are members." After listing many additional government officials in the CFR retinue, he turned to the elite media, noting:

The executive editor, managing editor and foreign editor of the *New York Times* are members, along with execu-

tives of such other large newspapers as the *Wall Street Journal* and *Los Angeles Times*, the weekly newsmagazines, network television executives and celebrities — Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Jim Lehrer, for example — and various columnists, among them Charles Krauthammer, William Buckley, George Will and Jim Hoagland.

His own *Washington Post*, Harwood confessed (or boasted), was similarly laden with "ruling class journalists" from the CFR. At the *Post*, he admitted, besides himself, "the editorial page editor, deputy editorial page editor, executive editor, managing editor, foreign editor, national affairs editor, business and financial editor and various writers as well as Katharine Graham, the paper's principal owner," were all CFR members.

"This is not a retinue of people who 'look like America,' as the president once put it," Harwood wrote, "but they very definitely look like the people who, for more than half a century, have managed our international affairs and our military-industrial complex."

Many of the names have changed in the decades since Harwood penned his now-famous *Post* confession about the CFR's media megalopoli, but the trend toward more globalist control has continued. The CFR today lists 319 of its roughly 5,000 members (six percent) as "members of the media and news services." They include, currently or recently, at CNN: Jake

Tapper, Fareed Zakaria, Sanjay Gupta, David Gergen, Judy Woodruff, Jeffrey Toobin. At NBC: Mika Brzezinski, Joe Scarborough, Richard Engel, Tom Brokaw, Andrea Mitchell. At ABC: George Stephanopoulos, Diane Sawyer, Jonathan Karl, Katie Couric. At CBS: Bob Schieffer, Lesley Stahl, Charlie Rose, William Cohen. At PBS: Margaret Warner, Bill Moyers, Jonathan Barzilay. At NPR: Tom Gjelten, Dina Temple-Raston. At Reuters: Harold M. Evans, David Schlesinger. At Fox News: Maria Bartiromo. At the *Wall Street Journal*: Peggy Noonan, Gerald Seib. At Bloomberg: Michael Bloomberg, Daniel Doctoroff. At *U.S. News & World Report*: Mortimer B. Zuckerman. At *Time*: Norman Pearlstine, Richard Stengel, Ian A. Bremmer. At the *New York Times*: David Sanger, Thomas Friedman, Andrew Ross Sorkin, Judith Miller, Nicholas Kristof, Carol Giacomo, Serge Schmemmann, Thomas Shanker. At the *Washington Post*: Fred Hiatt, Anne Applebaum, Glenn Kessler, Walter Pincus, Richard M. Cohen, Jackson Diehl, Karen DeYoung, Jim Hoagland — and David Ignatius, favorite "journalist" of the Deep State leakers and anti-Trump coup plotters at the CIA, NSA, and FBI.

"This is not a retinue of people who 'look like America,'" as the *Post's* Harwood put it, but they very definitely look like the propagandists of the CFR thought cartel who now, for *three-quarters of a century*, have been managing and manipulating public opinion. ■



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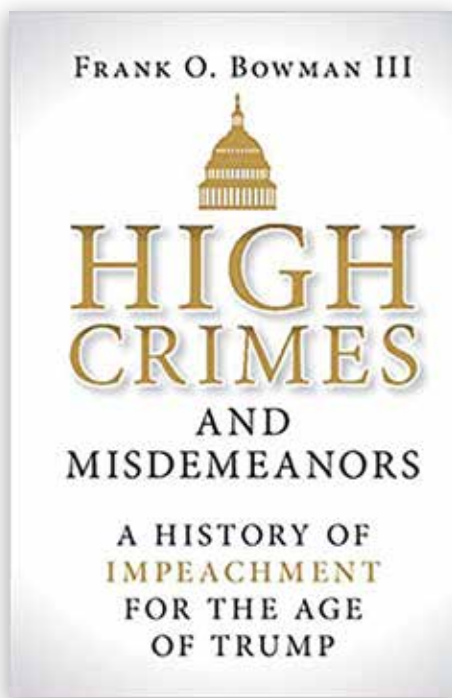
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IS IT USELESS TO IMPEACH?

Though there's been a lack of impeachment success in American politics, the author argues that impeachment and the threats of it are still valuable and should be used.



by Joe Wolverton II, J.D.

High Crimes and Misdemeanors: A History of Impeachment for the Age of Trump, by Frank O. Bowman III, Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 2019, 465 pages, paperback.

Since the inauguration of Donald J. Trump as the 45th president of the United States, the calls for his impeachment have been nearly constant. While most of those sponsoring such an extreme act are members of the Democratic Party, recently a Republican — Representative Justin Amash of Michigan — has added his voice to the chorus of those calling for the president's removal from office.

The latest book by Frank O. Bowman III — *High Crimes and Misdemeanors: A History of Impeachment for the Age of Trump* — makes a timely appearance on the “Current Events” shelves of local bookstores.

Rather than simply a chronological recitation

of the federal officers who have suffered this ultimate constitutional censure, Bowman's book offers a take on the topic that is at once learned and approachable, wide-ranging and specific.

“This is a book about how to interpret and apply the provisions of the U.S. constitution which govern impeachment of the president,” Bowman explains in the book's opening line. From that point on, he puts flesh on the constitutional skeleton that is impeachment of the president of the United States of America.

One of the most unusual and useful aspects of Bowman's book is that he does not endorse the interpretation of impeachment and its purpose that is currently in vogue — namely, that impeachment of a sitting president is futile unless the process that begins with impeachment ends with the president's conviction by the Senate and removal from office.

Bowman points out that “the history of impeachments — English and American — teaches that conviction of the target officeholder is not the only measure of a successful impeachment. Indeed, impeachments that did not result in convictions often succeeded in attaining most, if not all, of the objectives of those who initiated them.”

From that point, Bowman begins a brief but illuminating summary of such successful impeachments, beginning with the British side of the Atlantic.

“Impeachment was invented by the British Parliament in the 1300s as a tool to counteract the dictatorial tendencies of the monarchy. Parliament could not remove an unsatisfactory king short of bloody rebellion,” Bowman reports. “But impeachment gave it a means to check abuses of royal power by removing — and sometimes imprisoning, impoverishing, banishing, or beheading — the officials who carried out objectionable royal policies.”

In the early days of its use as a tactic to thwart tyranny, impeachment was consid-

ered effective if the monarch was made to retreat back inside the boundaries of his power as defined in the British constitution. As Bowman writes:

Through the roughly four centuries during which impeachment was in active use by Parliament, a great many officials were impeached by the House of Commons but never convicted by the House of Lords. Sometimes the House of Lords acquitted the defendant outright. More often, it simply failed to act, or the process was blocked when the monarch “prorogued” (dissolved) Parliament before a trial could be held. The Earl of Suffolk (1450), the Duke of Buckingham (1626), and the Earl of Danby (1678) were all impeached but never tried because the king prorogued Parliament. Nonetheless, for each of these men and the king he served, impeachment was a personal and political blow.

Bowman then goes on to provide specifics in each of the impeachment efforts listed above. His recitation of these reprimands is instructive to any country with a constitution that provides for a bifurcated process of removing a politician from office, such as is the case in the U.S. Constitution.

The bottom line, in Bowman's opinion, is not the end of the impeachment process, but its effect, its real-world results. If, as the author explains, the would-be usurper is “impeded” in that effort or suffers “a decisive repudiation” of his despotic design, then the impeachment has been successful.

It is at this point that Bowman distinguishes the Americans' application of the concept from that of their English cousins. “The American founders abandoned British impeachment's sometimes grisly criminal penalties (in part to make impeachment more palatable) but retained the distinctive procedural features of parliamentary practice — the lower house of the legislature

brings the impeachment charges, and the upper house tries them,” explains Bowman.

When our Founding Generation undertook to craft what Bowman correctly calls “a foundational document in a way that no previous constitution had been,” they met in Philadelphia in 1787 to begin that historic undertaking.

On the first day of deliberation, the Virginia Plan — written by James Madison and presented by Virginia governor Edmund Randolph — included a provision granting to the national judiciary the power of “impeachment of all national officers.” It is important to note, however, that that provision did not specifically name the executive as one among those “national officers.”

On June 2 of that year, the venerable John Dickinson of Pennsylvania proposed placing the power of removing the executive in the hands of Congress. His provision required that a majority of the legislatures of the states call for impeachment before the process could begin in Congress.

As recorded by James Madison, here is how Dickinson explained his position on impeachment: It was necessary, he said, to place the power of removal somewhere. He did not like the plan of impeaching the great officers of state. He did not know how a provision could be made for removal of them in a better mode than that which he had proposed.

Roger Sherman of Connecticut rose and spoke in support of Dickinson’s motion, adding that in his opinion, “The National Legislature should have power to remove the Executive at pleasure.”

George Mason of Virginia — the universally admired coauthor (along with the much younger Madison) of that state’s Declaration of Rights — also backed Dickinson’s proposal.

“Some mode of displacing an unfit magistrate is rendered indispensable by the fallibility of those who choose, as well as by the corruptibility of the man chosen. [I oppose] decidedly making the Executive the mere creature of the Legislature, as a violation of the fundamental principle of good government,” Mason declared.

Mason’s fellow Virginian, James Madison, joined with James Wilson in speaking against Dickinson’s motion. In his *Records of the Debates of the Federal Convention of 1787*, Madison recorded the reasons

for his and Wilson’s opposition. Madison wrote that he and Wilson observed in Dickinson’s proposed impeachment process

that it would leave an equality of agency in the small with the great States; that it would enable a minority of the people to prevent the removal of an officer who had rendered himself justly criminal in the eyes of a majority; that it would open a door for intrigues against him in States where his administration, though just, might be unpopular; and might tempt him to pay court to particular States whose leading partisans he might fear, or wish to engage as his partisans. They both thought it bad policy to introduce such a mixture of the State authorities, where their agency could be otherwise supplied.

The debate continued off and on for nearly three months. On September 4, delegates agreed to the following language: “He shall be removed from his office on impeachment by the House of Representatives, and conviction by the Senate, for treason or bribery,” and on September 12, the convention approved the version of the process we have.

Using that same approved text as a guide, Bowman provides a chart tracking the impeachment of American officials since the Constitution went into legal effect in 1789. This is an immensely valuable contribution to the corpus of impeach-

ment treatises, as one can more carefully consider whether Bowman’s thesis — that impeachment can be as effective without as with conviction — is borne out in the history of the United States.

After addressing the fact that not a single president has been impeached, convicted, and removed from office in nearly 230 years of presidents of the United States, Bowman redirects the reader’s attention away from that irrefutable fact and toward evidence of the effectiveness of recent American attempts at impeaching presidents. He asserts: “Richard Nixon resigned because congressional hearings, including a formal impeachment inquiry, convinced an initially resistant American public and their congressional representatives that he committed constitutionally consequential misdeeds. Democrat Bill Clinton was acquitted because his impeachment inquiry disclosed tawdry and dishonorable, but constitutionally inconsequential, misbehavior. In the next presidential election, Republican George W. Bush, though confronted with Clinton’s strong economic legacy, ran on restoring ‘honor and dignity’ to the White House ... and won.”

It is strange that Bowman’s point is so rarely made. In fact, the thinking that prevents representatives from impeaching a president for fear of failing to get a conviction would, in a more commonly encountered setting, prevent police from arresting a suspect just because he might not be found guilty of the crime they reasonably believe he committed.

Do not most people agree that the stigma of arrest is sufficient to deter many from committing crimes they otherwise might be tempted to commit? Why, then, by that same logic, would not the threat of impeachment be enough to blunt the despotic designs of some politicians? This question is particularly important given the ample evidence presented by Bowman that such has been the case historically.

Finally, while there will be many who reject Bowman’s recommendation that impeachment is worthwhile whether the president is removed from office, so long as the president is put back on the correct constitutional track, no one who reads *High Crimes and Misdemeanors* will be able to dismiss the deep dents in despotism caused by the political punch that is impeachment. ■



Frank O.
Bowman III



THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

Twice Chosen, Twice Blessed

Five years ago, Joseph and Shanna Weight of Elk Ridge, Utah, adopted a baby boy named Milo, and three years later, they gave birth to their biological son, Nash, now two. The Weights felt their family was complete, but their minds changed following a phone call. The agency through which the Weights adopted Milo, A Act of Love Adoptions, called them with some big news.

“They contacted us and said, ‘Milo is going to be a big brother’ and asked if we would consider adopting his sister,” Joseph Weight recalled. “At the time I was like, ‘That’s a big one.’”

Shanna Weight was traveling out of the country when the agency contacted Joseph, *Good Morning America* reported, but her initial thought upon learning of the call was that it was not going to be a possibility. Very quickly, however, she began to reconsider. “After the initial shock wore off I thought, ‘It would be so nice to have them raised together,’” she recalled in June.

After just one weekend of careful consideration, the couple decided to adopt Milo’s baby sister.

Shanna recalls that Milo played a big role in the decision. “I [told Milo], ‘Your birth mom is pregnant’ and he started jumping up and down,” Joseph said. “He pointed his finger right in my face and said, ‘We’re bringing home that baby.’”

Onnie Pearl was born on February 25, and went home with the Weights two days later.

The Weights told *Good Morning America* that they were grateful to be chosen twice by Milo’s biological mother.

“I think how courageous [their birth mom] was to recognize that they needed something more than she could give them. She was very selfless in what she did,” said Shanna.

“I’m thankful every single day that she chose us and felt like we’d be good parents.”

And Milo and Nash are beyond grateful to have their little sister. Joseph said that Milo “loves to talk to her and make her smile.”

Tip of the Day

Catherine Acampora-Nielsen is a special education teacher at the Lakewood Middle School in Lakewood, New Jersey, who also moonlights as a waitress at Woolley’s Seafood House Restaurant in Freehold, New Jersey. When Acampora-Nielsen waited on the parents of one of the students at her school one evening, she was treated to a very big surprise, Yahoo reported.

When she collected the \$70 check from the couple, she saw they left her a \$100 tip along with a very kind note: “Thank you for teaching our kids — teachers shouldn’t have to work weekends!”

Acampora-Nielsen was so touched by the kind gesture that she posted about it on her Facebook page. “To the couple that came into Woolley’s today and left this for me, I can’t thank you enough — lucky there are people out there who appreciate hard workers — hope you two enjoyed your day away from the kids,” she wrote.

On June 9, the post was shared on Howell Happenings NJ Facebook page, where users shared their gratitude for the couple’s generosity.

“Still good people out there,” one user wrote.

Another added, “That made my day almost as much as it made yours! Great to see good people recognizing good people.”

What’s Mine Is Yours

When Officer Brian Zagorski of the Niles Police Department in Illinois spotted a homeless man tripping on his worn-out shoes on June 8, he responded with immediate generosity.

According to WGN-TV, Officer Zagorski approached the man to inquire about his situation. He offered the man a bag of toiletries and supplies from a community assistance program run by the police department, but the man declined.

Zagorski then asked the man what size shoes he wore. When the man replied that he wore the same size shoes as Zagorski, the officer did not hesitate before removing his own shoes and handing them to the homeless man.

Zagorski confirmed once more that the

man did not require further assistance before the homeless man strolled away in the officer’s shoes.

“I was happy,” Zagorski told WGN-TV. “I made a difference, and that’s essentially what we sign up to do, is to make a difference.” Zagorski said he has not seen the man since, but will keep a lookout for him to see if he needs anything else.

The story of the kind encounter was later posted on the Niles Police Department’s Facebook page.

One user took the opportunity to praise all first responders: “This happens every single day across America by all First Responders.....SAD MSM chooses not to report it.”

A Unique Graduation Party

High-school graduating senior Leanne Carrasco used her graduation as an opportunity to spread goodness in Houston, Texas.

When Carrasco’s parents offered to throw her a graduation party, Leanne had a better idea. She decided instead to throw a pizza party at a local homeless shelter for women and children, Star of Hope Family Development Center.

“Not a lot of people have the same options as me,” she told CNN. “There are a lot of people who need help. So I give it.”

Carrasco has volunteered at the shelter before, but she wanted to be sure that the pizza party was a chance to do something big.

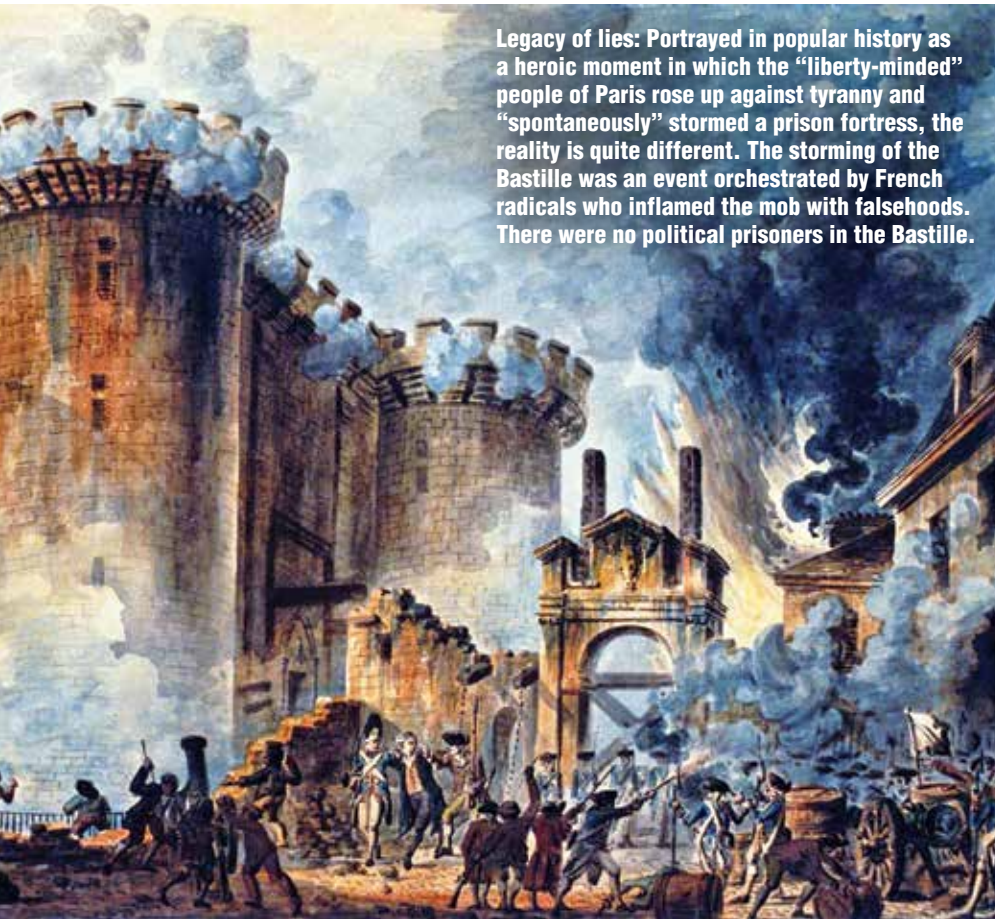
According to CNN, Carrasco and her friends collected toiletries in the month leading up to the party, and packed 400 hygiene bags to be handed out to the shelter’s residents.

On June 2, 95 pizzas were delivered to the shelter, where 200 guests, including Carrasco and her friends, dined and celebrated.

The shelter’s spokesman, Scott Arthur, said that the teens did more than simply feed the residents that day. “[Carrasco and her friends] had respect for these people. They saw them as peers. The residents saw this as a validation that people do care,” he said. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

THE UGLY LEGACY OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION



Legacy of lies: Portrayed in popular history as a heroic moment in which the “liberty-minded” people of Paris rose up against tyranny and “spontaneously” stormed a prison fortress, the reality is quite different. The storming of the Bastille was an event orchestrated by French radicals who inflamed the mob with falsehoods. There were no political prisoners in the Bastille.

by Steve Byas

Thirty years ago, France marked the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, celebrated officially as a great event, but remembered in the Vendee region of the country quite differently. Roger Jouteau, the manager of Les Herbiers, a little town in the Vendee region that was assaulted by revolutionary French armies in 1794, expressed outrage in 1989 that the French government believed the revolution was something to celebrate.

“For us, it was a horrible genocide, a lasting source of national shame,” said Jouteau. It is estimated that Vendee’s 1789 population was 250,000; 150,000 died in the efforts of the radical government to impose its will on the recalcitrant area of rich farmlands south of the Loire River, extending east from the Atlantic Ocean. Much of its population, which resisted the de-Christianization, the destruction of private property, and the attacks upon the existing order of society, all in the name of the people, was either killed in battle, disemboweled, starved, or shoved alive into bread ovens.

While the French Revolution is often depicted as a patriotic uprising against an old regime of aristocratic oppression of the French people, the truth is that most of the victims were not aristocrats, but rather peasants who defended their lands and their Christian faith, and resisted conscription to fight wars intended to spread the revolution throughout Europe.

While perhaps most people think of the French Revolution as a movement to empower commoners gone wrong, that wasn't its goal.

According to Simon Schama's best-seller *Citizens*, most of France remained loyal to the king.

According to the popular understanding (misunderstanding, actually), Bastille Day is some sort of French equivalent of America's Independence Day, and the French Revolution as a whole was brought about by liberty-loving French in Paris who spontaneously rose up against a tyrannical king and his haughty wife, and who stormed the Bastille and liberated hundreds of political prisoners. Yet this widely accepted image could not be further from the truth.

The Role of Radical Secret Societies

The French Revolution was actually the fruit of decades of radical agitation stirred up by anti-Christian, power-seeking secret societies that had been inspired by the most radical elements of the Enlightenment. (A radical is a person who desires the destruction of the present order, replacing it with a new order in the world.) The French Revolution has served as the template for every radical movement since. The first dictator of the Soviet Union, Vladimir Lenin, praised the French Revolution as a model for his own bloody Bolshevik Revolution, which installed a communist dictatorship in Russia. As the radicals of the French Revolution murdered the king and queen in the 1790s, Lenin's Bolsheviks did the same in 1918 to the Russian royal family. Another communist who looked with

favor on the French Revolution was Ho Chi Minh, who killed rivals for political power in Vietnam, saying, "Anyone who does not follow the line determined by me will be smashed."

Since much of the rhetoric of today's leftists sounds like that espoused by the French revolutionaries, with its savage attacks upon Christianity, liberty, property, and life itself — symbolized by the guillotine for the "enemies of the people" (called a basket of deplorables today by the revo-

lution's ideological heirs) — we need only note how and why the French Revolution happened to understand the impetus and strategy of modern leftists.

The popular image of the heroic storming of the Bastille is a gross distortion of actual historical events. The seeds of the French Revolution were sown in the cafes, coffee houses, and secret societies that emerged in the Enlightenment. This is not to say that the Enlightenment as a whole was evil, but many of the personalities and ideas that emerged from it were certainly radical. It was marked by increasing opposition to the existing order, specifically opposition to orthodox Christianity.

Among the more important events of the radical side of the Enlightenment was the publication of the 35-volume *Encyclopedia*, compiled between 1751 and 1772 by the virulently anti-Christian Denis Diderot and others who shared his radical viewpoints. The first edition even pictured a winged Lucifer on its title page. (One might note that Saul Alinsky, the mentor of both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, dedicated his 1971 book *Rules for Radicals* to Lucifer.) Few Enlightenment figures were openly atheist, but many instead held to deism, a belief that while there exists a Creator, he does not intervene in human affairs, and the authority of the Bible is questioned, with particular opposition to literal miracles. In other words, it is a religious view that leaves man morally unrestrained.

With the continuing spread



Kingly king: Louis XVI was not like his Bourbon ancestors, who reigned as absolute monarchs and resisted all reforms. Louis XVI wanted what was best for his country, and was blocked in his efforts for reform by recalcitrant nobles and radical elements who conspired to overthrow the existing system and replace it with a system hostile to Christianity.

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Tennis Court Oath: Barred from entering the meeting hall on June 20, 1789, members of the National Assembly moved to a nearby indoor tennis court. There they pledged to not adjourn until they had adopted a new constitution for France.

of radical ideas — discussed openly in cafes, coffee houses, reading rooms, salons, and the like across Europe — some people began to move toward revolution, meeting in secret societies. One of these secret societies was the Bavarian Illuminati, formed by Adam Weishaupt on May 1, 1776. (Note that today communists around the world celebrate May 1.) Weishaupt's godfather, Johann Adam Freiherr von Ickstatt, raised him after the death of the boy's father. Ickstatt was a devotee of the more radical ideas of the Enlightenment and passed on his rationalistic views to his godson. Weishaupt, a law professor, envisioned a society of "illumination, enlightening the understanding by the sun of reason, which will dispel the clouds of superstition and prejudice."

Many of the Illuminati's goals are largely shared by the Left today. They hate religion and nations, hoping that both will be annihilated. The Illuminati considered patriotism to be narrow-minded, believing it should be replaced by a world government, according to John Robison in his *Proofs of a Conspiracy*. The radical group envisioned the abolition of laws protecting property and any veneration of marriage vows, and advocated the taking of education out of the hands of parents,

while supporting the practice of abortion, according to Nesta Webster in her book *World Revolution*.

These ideas of the Illuminati permeated the radical clubs of pre-revolution France. The ruler of Bavaria, Elector Karl Theodor, became alarmed at the subversive intentions of the Illuminati, and tried several times to suppress it. As a result, many of its adherents migrated to Paris, which was already awash in Enlightenment radicalism.

Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette

Whereas King Louis XVI and his wife, Marie Antoinette, are usually portrayed in the history books and in popular culture as tyrants of the worst sort, the truth is quite different. Marie Antoinette supposedly once remarked, "Let them eat cake," when told the poor lacked bread. The real Antoinette said no such thing. In fact, she lodged and fed 12 poor families at her own expense at Trianon. She founded the Society of Ladies of Maternal Charity. She even once stopped her carriage for over an hour to aid an injured person, and waited until a surgeon was located.

Historian Antonia Fraser disputed the cruel libel against Antoinette in her book

Marie Antoinette, the Journey, writing, "As a handy journalistic cliché ["Let them eat cake"], it may never die," adding that "such ignorant behavior would have been quite out of character. The unfashionably philanthropic Marie Antoinette would have been more likely to bestow her own cake impulsively upon the starving people before her."

Perhaps the greatest error of Marie Antoinette's husband, Louis XVI of the House of Bourbon, was involving his nation in the war between Great Britain and her American colonies, compounding France's serious debt problem. He, however, did not create the debt problem: Most of France's debt was incurred before Louis the XVI came to the throne, during the four wars of Louis XIV, followed by the Seven Years' War (known as the French and Indian War in America) under Louis XV. With its monetary problems, France had no business involving itself in yet another war. Perhaps Louis could not have avoided the national bankruptcy that contributed to the coming of the French

Revolution even had he remained out of the American Revolution, but his intervention no doubt deepened the debt problem.

In 1788, the fiscal situation for the French government was desperate, and Louis XVI called the Estates-General — representatives of the clergy (the First Estate), nobility (the Second Estate), and commoners (the Third Estate) — to help him pay it off. The nobility and the clergy claimed exemption from taxes, leaving most of the debt to be the burden of the growing middle class. Louis XVI even asked the people of France for their suggestions to improve the nation, known as *Cahiers de doléances* (or local grievances). While many asked for the abolition of the fiscal privileges of the church and the nobility, none called for the king to step down.

With the Estates-General divided into three “estates” and the severe winter of 1788, which contributed to hunger and even starvation, the radicals sensed their opportunity to overthrow the king. On June 10, 1789, the Third Estate, led by Count de Mirabeau — a nobleman ally of the king’s cousin, the Duke of Orleans, and a probable member of the Illuminati

— urged the nobles and clergy to unite with the radicals and separate from the Estates General. Many did, and on June 17, the Third Estate, with some nobles and clergy who joined them, proclaimed themselves the National Assembly of France. On June 20, the new National Assembly found the meeting hall closed, so the deputies went to a nearby indoor tennis court to escape the rain. There, they took the Tennis Court Oath, in which they pledged not to adjourn until they had adopted a new constitution for France.

The Duke of Orleans, who desired to replace his cousin as king of France, began bribing hungry Parisians to rebel and overthrow the government.

Thousands stood outside bakeries all day, waiting for bread. (The Duke had a virtual monopoly on the importation of food into Paris, and may have intentionally exacerbated the food shortage in Paris so the king could be blamed). As well, rumors of all sorts were floated among the populace to raise them against the king: One had it that the king had even placed explosive mines in the meeting hall of the National Assembly. On July 11, Louis XVI ordered the army to disband the National

Assembly, no doubt providing fodder for more scaremongering. On July 13, mobs were encouraged to break in to gunsmiths’ shops, searching for weapons, ostensibly to protect themselves from the king’s soldiers. A new rumor circulated on July 14, causing the greatest alarm yet. According to this rumor, soldiers were supposedly poised to attack the city.

The Storming of the Bastille

At this point, to obtain more arms, someone suggested that the mob attack the Hôtel des Invalides — a hospital for elderly and ill and injured soldiers — where they found nearly 30,000 muskets. But since there were few cartridges and only small stores of powder, someone then shouted that they should storm the Bastille, which was said to contain vast stores of both cartridges and gunpowder.

While the French Revolution has been presented as a spontaneous uprising, it seems that there was a guiding hand every step along the way.

The Bastille was a 14th-century castle that Louis XVI would have already torn down, had he the funds. At one time, during the rule of his great-great-grandfather,



Ugly events: Radicalized women (along with many men dressed as women) marched the short distance from Paris to Versailles in October 1789, and forced the king and queen to leave their palace and accompany them back to Paris. When the National Assembly also moved to Paris, the entire government fell increasingly under the radicals in that city.

the “Sun King,” Louis XIV, the Bastille had housed hundreds of political prisoners. Now, it housed only seven inmates — four of whom were forgers, one who was jailed for incest, and two others, who were probably insane. None were political dissidents.

But all this information was unknown to the mob. They were told that the Bastille not only contained weapons, but also still held hundreds of political prisoners, suffering horrific tortures within its thick walls. Suddenly, someone in the crowd shouted that the cannons atop the Bastille could kill many in the enraged Paris mob. Upon hearing this, the governor of the Bastille, Bernard-René de Launay, directed that the cannons be withdrawn from visibility. At this, someone shouted that they must be loading the cannons, with intentions of murdering the mob!

Rather than fight, de Launay chose to open the doors. With shouts from within the mob to kill them all, de Launay was butchered — shot and stabbed. A sword was used, along with a pocket knife, to decapitate him. His severed head was then placed at the end of a pike and paraded through the streets of Paris.

Rumors then spread that hundreds of

political prisoners had been liberated from the Bastille.

This whole episode is hardly something to celebrate; however, it is held up by many — not only in France, but around the world, including in our own country — as somehow the equivalent of the embattled farmers standing at Lexington and Concord and firing the shot heard ’round the world.

What nonsense!

The Libeling of Marie Antoinette

Unfortunately, the madness was only beginning. Radicals were doing their best to drive events to attain their vision of a new, godless society, with them in charge. As such, they focused much of their propaganda on the foreign-born queen, Marie Antoinette, who was falsely portrayed as a woman of low morals. For years, she had been the target of scurrilous pamphlets that made the rounds of revolutionists because it was understood that Marie, an Austrian, was an easy target for these brutal libels.

Others also conspired to overthrow the Bourbon Dynasty, including the Duke of Orleans (the king’s cousin who wanted the throne) and the Prussian government, which desired to destroy the Austrian-

French alliance that had been cemented by the marriage of Louis and Marie. The Hohenzollerns in Prussia saw the Austrian Hapsburgs blocking their path to power in the Holy Roman Empire. Were the Hapsburgs removed as the dominant family of the Holy Roman Empire, then perhaps the upstart Hohenzollerns would provide the emperors.

Marie Antoinette detested the Prussians. In her book *The French Revolution: A Study in Democracy*, Nesta Webster wrote, “There can be no doubt whatever that certain of the libels and seditious pamphlets published against her before and during the Revolution were

circulated by [Prussian envoy to France Bernhard] von der Goltz at the instigation of the king of Prussia.”

All manner of evil was attributed to Marie Antoinette in these pamphlets. She was compared to the evil queen Jezebel. Even her desire to go with some friends to see the sun rise one morning led to a pamphlet, implying something evil must have been involved. She was accused of having had incestuous relationships with her own brother and the king’s brother and her own son, as well as sexual encounters with women and even animals. Although she drank little to no alcohol, she was accused of frequent drunken orgies.

Contrary to the pictures painted by the pamphlets, she was actually quite disgusted at the sexual immorality she witnessed at the French court.

The radicals freely used this hatred of the queen to advance their own goals.

In July and August, rumors — which had no basis in fact — swept the country that brigands, Austrians or English, were arriving to slaughter citizens in towns and villages. This was a fabrication perpetrated by Adrien Duport of the Club Breton (forerunner of the Jacobin club, which drank freely of the poisonous radicalism of the Illuminati), according to Webster. Messengers were even dispatched to various towns with the bizarre claim that the king wished to burn down manor houses. The ensuing frenzy led to mob violence throughout the country.

Then, in October 1789, a rabble of Parisian women (which included men dressed like women) made their way to Versailles, screaming they would “cut the queen’s pretty throat.” They broke into the palace, killing resisting guards, and charged toward Antoinette’s bedroom, shouting, “Where is the whore? Death to the Austrian! We’ll wring her neck!”

Both the king and queen had to flee for their lives. After some negotiating, the king and queen were marched back to the ancient Tuileries Palace in Paris by the angry mob, holding the heads of decapitated guards on pikes. The king and his family were under house arrest. Soon the National Assembly chose to move their own meetings to Paris, where the entire French government now fell under control of the radical-controlled Paris Mob.

One month later, the Assembly began its



Dignity undone: Marie Antoinette, queen of France until her judicial murder by French radicals, is one of the most unfairly maligned women of history. Not only did she never say, “Let them eat cake,” she was actually a devout Christian, very charitable, and was more likely to give the poor her own cake.

Cutting off excuses: With the execution of King Louis XVI in 1793, the radicals directing the French Revolution lost their convenient scapegoat for all the ills — such as food shortages, war, and inflation — besetting France.



attacks upon the Roman Catholic Church, in particular, and Christianity, in general. The property of the church and noble estates was seized. Using this property as backing for paper money, known as assignats, the government began the inflation that would worsen the economic conditions.

Clergy were now to be elected by popular vote, and all priests and bishops were required to swear an oath of loyalty to the state. This turned many early supporters against the revolution. The National Assembly, now joined by the nobles and the clergy from the Estates General, believed a new constitution was needed to better represent “the people,” and to fulfill the promise of the June 20 Tennis Court Oath. While Louis XVI remained the nominal head of state, the new Legislative Assembly would hold all legislative power.

The better-organized radical members became more prominent, and the king and queen decided to flee the country. Unfortunately, they lost their way, and were discovered after asking a boy for directions. Sadly, Louis tipped the boy, who recognized the king from his likeness on the coin. The boy then informed revolutionary “authorities” in the area, and the king and queen were forced to return to Paris.

As the radicals seized greater power, they were able to engineer a declaration of war against Austria and Prussia. They wanted a world revolution. After early setbacks in the war, Louis XVI became a

convenient scapegoat for the failures in the war, the food shortages in Paris, and the rising prices (due to the inflationary practices of the Legislative Assembly), and the king was stripped of any real power and placed under house arrest.

Radicals within the Legislative Assembly coordinated with a radical element in the streets of the city — known as the Paris Mob — to intimidate the Legislative Assembly as a whole to call for yet another, even more-radical constitution.

The National Convention

The new National Convention established by the Legislative Assembly to write the new constitution was made up of only radical delegates. The so-called right-wing of the convention was the Girondists, who were simply the less-radical members of the socialist Jacobins. Left-wing Jacobins ran the convention, with their leaders Georges Danton and Maximilian Robespierre dominating the proceedings.

As conditions in the country deteriorated with rising prices, shortages, and continuing threatened invasion by Austria and Prussia, the radicals opted to divert attention away from their own gross misgovernment by placing the king on trial. The king’s Swiss Guards were prepared to defend the king, but he chose to order their surrender. Once the guards surrendered, 600 Swiss Guards were murdered by an enraged mob.

The madness spread, with a mob at-

tacking a caravan of 24 clergymen on their way to prison. They were slashed to pieces. Other Catholic priests and bishops around the country shared their fate over the next several weeks.

Princess Lamballe, a close friend of the queen and an enemy of her late husband’s brother-in-law, the Duke of Orleans, was dragged from her cell, and ordered to express her hatred of the royal couple. Her response was, “It is not in my heart. The king and queen I have ever loved.” Her trial was a farce, and her murder, called an execution, came immediately. She was gang-raped, then sliced to pieces. The mob chopped up her body, with one man roasting a breast and eating it. Her head was paraded past the window of the queen’s prison cell, with some asking the distraught Marie Antoinette to “kiss her lover.”

Finally, in September 1792, the National Convention abolished the office of king and put him on trial for treason. The leader of the Jacobins, Robespierre, hypocritically favored capital punishment for Louis, though prior to the revolution, as a judge, he opposed it. He contended that even bothering with a trial was “counter-revolutionary.”

Despite their continuing vitriolic attacks upon the king, blaming him unfairly for all of France’s woes, the revolutionaries were having trouble getting the majority vote needed in the Convention to sentence the king to death, until his cousin, the Duke of Orleans, now calling himself Philippe Égalité (Equality), stood and cast the decisive vote for death. The following day, January 21, 1793, Louis XVI went to the guillotine. His last words were, “I die innocent of all the crimes imputed to me. I pardon the authors of my death and pray God that the blood you are about to shed will never fall upon France.” At that the crowd began yelling, and the drummers began pounding their drums, so he could no longer be heard. His body was dumped in an unmarked grave, where the revolutionaries poured lime on his corpse to dissolve his body.

The only justice was that, less than a year later, Philippe Égalité, who had engineered much of the revolution and had voted for his own cousin’s death, also went to the guillotine.

Revolts by more-conservative French

citizens in Lyons and Marseilles angry at how the radicals were destroying their country were then put down with brutal severity, and several thousands of average French citizens were killed by revolutionary armies. This revolt and the foreign threat were then used by the radicals to launch the infamous Reign of Terror from September 1793 to July 1794, during which time a radical oligarchy of a dozen men set up the ridiculously named “Committee of Public Safety,” with Robespierre the dominant member, and used the guillotine for mass executions of tens of thousands of French people.

Among the first to die was the unfortunate queen, Marie Antoinette. The food shortages were blamed, devoid of logic, on her. Her son had already been taken from her, and given to a radicalized cobbler to raise. At her trial, she was accused of being an enemy of the revolution, among many ridiculous and vile charges.

In a final letter to her sister, she wrote, “I die in the Catholic Apostolic and Roman religion, that of my fathers, that in which I was brought up, and which I have always professed.... I sincerely implore pardon of God for all the faults which I may have committed during my life.”

By this time, as the once-beautiful Marie

Antoinette was transported to the place of execution in a cart, she was already dying of tuberculosis. Less than 40 years old, she had turned prematurely gray.

The Reign of Terror

Estimates of the death toll are still disputed, from a low of 14,000 to in excess of 50,000, of those who followed their queen to their deaths by guillotine. Contrary to the mythology that the masses killed were all aristocrats and priests, they actually comprised only 15 percent of the total. About 70 percent of those legally murdered were of the working class, peasants, and lower middle class — anyone who could be branded as an “enemy of the people.”

Finally, the revolutionaries turned on each other. When Danton raised the possibility that perhaps it was time for the executions to subside, he was arrested as an enemy of the revolution by Robespierre, and guillotined. Ascending the scaffold, Danton’s last words were, “Show my head to the people. They don’t see the like of it every day!”

Ripe for picking: Napoleon Bonaparte was a supporter of the philosophy behind the French Revolution, but the young artillery officer turned against the radicals and made himself the ruler of the country. A strong man usually emerges when a nation falls into anarchic conditions.

Joseph Fouché convinced the other members of the committee that they would be next if they did not execute Robespierre. Accordingly, Robespierre’s head soon rolled, bringing an end to the Reign of Terror. (Fouché would go on to head up Napoleon Bonaparte’s secret police.)

During the Reign of Terror, the National Convention did its best to implement the radical regime envisioned by so many radicals of the Enlightenment. To curb the inflation that they had caused, they resorted to price controls, which predictably led to shortages. They attempted to uproot every vestige of what they called the Old Regime and replace it with their New Order.

They created a new law code, a new system of weights and measures (the Metric System), and a new Constitution, and even ordered that the images of the king and queen in decks of playing cards be replaced by soldiers and workers.

Of course, the central target was Christianity, which was summarily abolished. Many church buildings were ransacked, such as the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and turned into Temples of Reason, complete with statues of revolutionary “saints” such as Voltaire, a leading critic of Christianity and the Old Regime and a leading figure of the radical side of the 18th-century Enlightenment. This hatred of Christianity led to a new calendar, largely to eliminate any remaining influence of the Christian faith. Instead of the old calendar, the new calendar eliminated B.C. and A.D., as well as all holy days. The year of the adoption of the Constitution would be the starting point for the new calendar — after all, in the view of the anti-Christian radicals, that was a more important event of history than the birth of Jesus Christ. Their 360-day, 12-month calendar would be divided into 10-day periods of time, rather than a seven-day week. The purpose, of course, was to end Sunday as a day of worship. The five remaining days were dubbed Virtue Day, Genius Day, Labor Day, Reason Day, and Rewards Day.

Fouché even ordered the religious imagery found in most cemeteries to be replaced with a phrase that summed up their atheistic ideology: “Death is an eternal sleep.”



The Thermidorean Reaction and Burke's Reflections

In the end, there was a reaction to the madness, named “the Thermidorean Reaction,” in 1795 (the radicals also renamed the months — Thermidor being the month of heat, which was the month in which the radicals were ousted from power). Churches reopened and price controls were mercifully lifted, ending the continuing shortages.

Unfortunately, the social order of France had been so disrupted that a young Corsican artillery officer, Napoleon Bonaparte, eventually seized power and established a military dictatorship. In the words of Napoleon, “I found the crown of France on the ground, and I picked it up with a sword.” Not too surprisingly, two radicals — Charles Talleyrand and Joseph Fouché — had no problem joining up with Napoleon. Although Napoleon was later defeated by Allied powers led by Great Britain in 1815 at Waterloo, the seeds of radicalism planted in France, and throughout Europe, have never been extinguished. We can see its progeny today

not only in the political world, but also in the popular culture and in academia.

One observer who very early saw the dark hole into which France was descending was the English political philosopher Edmund Burke, who wrote his *Reflections on the Revolution in France* in 1790. He considered the principles of the French Revolution to be abstract and dangerous, and contended that a nation could not totally destroy its own traditions and character, as had the French, without the most dire consequences.

Only a year into the revolution, Burke was already predicting it would end not in reform, but rather in violence and dictatorship. He wrote to a friend in France shortly after the storming of the Bastille, and said, “Whenever a separation is made between liberty and justice, neither is in my opinion safe.” He declared that the French Revolution was precipitated by a host of rotten atheists who were starved for power, and once they obtained power, were further corrupted by it. “A disposition to preserve, and an ability to improve, taken together, would be my standard of

a statesman. Everything else is vulgar in conception, perilous in the execution.”

Burke regarded that the American Revolution had succeeded in connecting liberty and justice, but the French Revolution had not.

For those who blamed previous generations of French leaders for what had occurred — both monarchs and even some previous leaders of the Roman Catholic Church — he had no patience: “It is not very just to chastise men for the offenses of their natural ancestors, but to take the fiction of ancestry in a corporate succession as a ground for punishing men who have no relation to guilty acts.”

The lessons of the French Revolution for our day are numerous. As we watch the mob of our own time agitating for redistribution of the wealth, destroying the careful work of the Founders in the Constitution, and libeling the Founding Fathers as they have, all we need to do is read the history of the French Revolution to learn that we must avoid such madness, not only for our sake, but also for our descendants’. ■



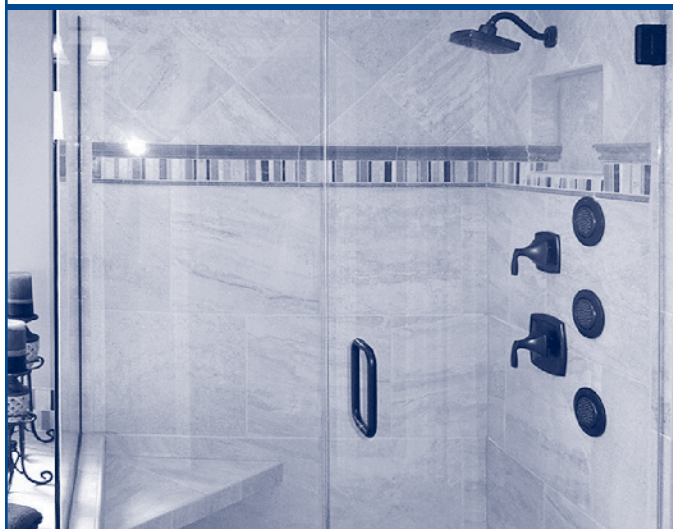
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EXERCISING THE RIGHT

Anti-gunners Want to Sue Gunmakers Out of Business

This column has previously reported on many of the ways that anti-gunners seek to undermine the Second Amendment. One unconventional method is to make gun manufacturers liable for civil suits from the families of victims murdered by someone using a gun. Now some Democrats are trying to change existing federal law to permit these types of lawsuits. The *Denver Post* reported on June 11 that Congressman Jason Crow joined with several other Democrats to introduce the "Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act," which would repeal and replace a 2005 law that currently shields gun manufacturers, distributors, and dealers from civil liability if their products are used in criminal acts. This is only the latest attempt, as the measure was first introduced in 2013 by Representative Adam Schiff (D-Calif.). Political observers say it is not likely the bill has enough votes to pass in the House, and they definitely don't see it getting out of the Senate. But this might not always be the case as gun-control proponents are relentless and continually keep trying to erode our Second Amendment rights.

Pain in the Neck

NOLA.com reported that a would-be robber got shot by an armed convenience store worker in New Orleans. The crime occurred on June 13, when the suspect ran into a convenience store with a gun in his hand, pointed the weapon directly at the clerk behind the counter, and demanded all the money from the cash register. Fortunately there was an armed employee in the store, who fired at the suspect and hit him in the neck. The wounded suspect tried to flee the store, but collapsed nearby. The employees called 911, and emergency responders transported the injured suspect to a nearby medical facility, where he is expected to survive his injuries. The investigation is ongoing, but it appears that this shooting was a case of justified self-defense.

Rallying Behind Democrat

Spectrum News reported on June 12 that a city councilman in Buffalo, New York, found himself in hot water after inadvertently bringing a gun into a public school the prior month. Guns are prohibited on the grounds of educational institutions under state law, except for narrow circumstances — which councilman Ulysees Wingo did not meet. Wingo is a licensed concealed-carry permit holder and later explained that he simply forgot to take his gun off before entering the school. When Wingo realized what he had done, he told the principal at the school, who took the gun from Wingo and stored it in his office safe. There was a media firestorm that ensued after the ordeal owing to the fact that it was in violation of state law, and both the media and voters in the area are very hostile to guns. The Democrat District Attorney declined to prosecute Wingo, even though he admitted Wingo broke the law, but the Buffalo Public School was not as forgiving. It decided to ban him from any school property for 18 months. Wingo was contrite for his oversight and pleaded for leniency, as this ban meant he could not attend his son's graduation from high school. That is where local Second Amendment advocates sprang into action. Steve Felano of 2AWNY offered to Councilman Wingo free legal help from his network of gun-rights advocates.

"What I'm looking for out of this, and I think what most Second Amendment advocates are looking for, is for this school board to stop this childish behavior of unduly punishing Mr. Wingo and the school principal," Felano told Spectrum News.

It was actually the president of the Buffalo Teachers Federation, Phil Rumore, who argued that the school district's actions were fair and that any other type of treatment other than a ban would be "special treatment." "If a student came into a school with a loaded weapon, they'd be suspended for a year on home instruction. You know, you can feel sympathy, but on the other hand, what's the message that goes out to the kids and the rest of the community?" Rumore told Spectrum News.

Felano did admit to Spectrum News that 2AWNY would not file suit without Win-

go's cooperation, since they lack standing without his involvement, and it seems unlikely that a Democrat who already received lenient treatment from the DA's office would want to engage in a public fight on the issue and align himself with pro-Second Amendment activists. The Buffalo Public School Board voted to support Wingo's ban on June 19, so he will miss his son's graduation this year, and his daughter's next year. The principal also resigned in the wake of the controversy, which shows that even Democrats can get caught up in the hysteria put out by the anti-gun Left.

"You Have the Right to Defend Yourself"

11Alive.com reported out of Clayton County, Georgia, on June 18 that an attempted home break-in ended when the suspect was shot by the homeowner. The Clayton County Police Department told the news that they responded to a 911 call around 3 a.m., where they found 18-year-old Jayven Jackson suffering from a gunshot wound. He was lying on the ground near the steps of a residence and was transported by emergency responders, but died in transit to the hospital.

The investigation revealed that Jackson allegedly broke in to a house before getting shot. The homeowner told police that he was awakened by the sound of glass breaking and discovered a stranger entering his house. The homeowner grabbed his rifle and fired multiple shots at the suspect, who fell to the floor and crawled outside. Major Anthony Thuman of the Clayton County Police Department told 11Alive.com, "People have the right to defend themselves.... That's the point we want to drive home, you have the right to defend yourself." Police did say the deceased suspect had a long record of infractions.

Neighbor Devontay Pace told 11Alive.com that the shooting got him rethinking his own security situation: "That's crazy, nothing like that has ever happened here in a million years. We've been having little problems with people breaking into stuff, not into houses, but stuff like that." ■

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Offering “Free” College, Student Loan Forgiveness

ITEM: An article in the D.C.-based *Hill* for June 13 reported that Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) had just “announced a bill that would forgive billions of dollars in outstanding student loans and wipe out almost all student debt held in the U.S.”

The publication quoted her saying: “The student debt crisis is real and it’s crushing millions of people — especially people of color. It’s time to decide: Are we going to be a country that only helps the rich and powerful get richer and more powerful, or are we going to be a country that invests in its future?”

ITEM: The *Associated Press* for June 16 reported that Warren and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders are among the Democratic presidential candidates who have proposed plans “to eliminate tuition at public colleges and universities, while former Vice President Joe Biden and others back plans for free community college.”

ITEM: The Warren education announcement was first made on the Medium online platform for April 22; it calls not only for the widespread cancellation of student debt but also for “Universal Free Public College.”

CORRECTION: We can’t afford more “free” gifts from the welfare state, even if they are disguised by obsequious political leaders as “basic public goods.”

Our failure to recognize this has been a major contribution helping to drive the national debt to more than \$22 trillion. That’s up \$10 trillion from a decade ago, with projections pointing to \$34 trillion in just 10 more years. The debt’s interest is added to our national debt, to be picked up by taxpaying Americans. As a result, in just a decade about a fifth of all federal taxation will be eaten up by interest on the debt. We are on track to shell out more in debt service than for Medicaid in 2020; by 2023, we are expected to pay more on such interest than on military spending.

In short, the tax-eaters are destroying the tax-earners.

Wonder why college is expensive?



AP Images

Making monetary mayhem? Presidential aspirant Senator Elizabeth Warren wants government to provide “free” college and pay off student loans, but to pay for this unconstitutional idea, she plans to hit up a few rich Americans, as she does for several other spending proposals.

Should we really be asking former Harvard Professor Elizabeth Warren — who was paid \$350,000 a year for teaching one class, twice a week? We are reasonably sure that she was not teaching the wisdom of French economist Frédéric Bastiat — who famously observed that the government is the “great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.”

But wait, didn’t the distinguished senator say this was going to be “free”? Don’t believe it. The initial cost of cancellation of student debt is said to be \$640 billion — or about \$2,000 for every person in the country. That \$640 billion figure comes from Warren’s experts, though others put it at \$900 billion or so.

Even Warren concedes that “free” college will cost \$1.25 trillion (that’s with a “t”) over the next 10 years. That money is supposed to come from the wealthiest Americans, as is funding for a number of her other proposals. This projection also leans on the assumption, a dubious one, that such a tax is constitutional.

Meanwhile, let’s admit that college costs are skyrocketing, as is the total amount of student debt. Virtually all of the Democratic presidential candidates, who have been competing in a panderfest of giveaways, are happy to bemoan this. And average tu-

ition costs, *Forbes* has reported, have increased eight times faster than wages since the 1980s. Borrowers in the United States owe more than \$1.5 trillion in student loans.

Here are some more figures: Washington’s total spending on student loans (as culled from the Heritage Foundation) has jumped from \$24.8 billion in the 1995-1996 school year to \$93 billion in 2017-2018. Meanwhile, between 1998 and the present, tuition at four-year institutions has roughly doubled; the tuitions at private four-year colleges jumped 58 percent. Or if you go back further, to 1980, one finds that the cost of attending a four-year public university in this country has increased 287 percent.

Sheer totals give an incomplete picture. Sure, there are some horror stories about individuals who have huge student debt. These are sad tales, even though nobody put a gun to the head of these borrowers. Yet, at the same time, many more people are going to college, in terms of both numbers and percentages.

As Nick Gillespie has observed in *Reason*, all of this free college hype is happening at a time when “a historically high percentage — about 70 percent — of recent high-school graduates are already enrolling in college. College has somehow become so unaffordable and remote that more and more people are attending.”



Correction, Please!

Also keep in mind why college prices have jumped. When the government subsidizes something, you get more of it — in this case, students and debt. With so many federal loan dollars available, colleges are more than happy to raise prices to collect some of the taxpayer-backed loot.

Writing in the *Washington Free Beacon*, Charles Fain Lehman points out what Warren does not mention in her massive loan forgiveness proposal: This cancellation is made possible “because the federal government holds the overwhelming majority of all outstanding student debt — about 78 percent as of the end of 2018. This is thanks in large part to Obama-era changes that moved the federal government from guarantor to issuer of loans.”

The higher-education loan “bubble” was inflated in much the same way as the Obama-era housing bubble. A good exposition has been made by Antony Davies and James Harrigan for the Foundation for Economic Education (“The High Cost of Free College,” May 17, 2019), wherein they noted that the federal gov-

ernment in both cases “interfered in markets in two critical ways. First, the government stepped in as a lender. Second, it shielded private lenders from the consequences of making bad loans.” With higher demand, prices are pushed up by colleges. Seeking to purchase votes, members of Congress then boost the loan limits and grants. A recent study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York concluded that each dollar of federally subsidized loans leads to as much as a 60-cent increase in tuition.

This phenomenon is known as the “Bennett Hypothesis,” after then-Education Secretary William Bennett. He wrote in a *New York Times* op-ed in 1987 (called “Our Greedy Colleges”) that “increases in financial aid in recent years have enabled colleges and universities blithely to raise their tuitions, confident that federal loan subsidies would help cushion the increase.”

Too, this “crisis” is not as dire as politicians would have us believe. As Neal McCluskey put it for *Forbes.com* in April, recent data show

only about 65% of new bachelor’s degree holders graduated with debt, and the average amount for them was about \$29,000. That’s sizeable, but the earnings boost of a bachelor’s degree versus only a high school diploma is roughly \$1 million over a lifetime, justifying the debt.

For a little more perspective, the median American household as of 2014 had about \$18,000 in student loan debt and \$13,000 in auto loans. Those numbers are pretty close, and unlike education cars mainly depreciate in value. The median home debt was far larger than either at \$120,000.

At the same time, as the president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities has said, nearly 30 percent of U.S. undergrads graduate without debt. Is it really justice to bill such people through taxes because others did not pay off their debts?

So who gets forgiven from their debts? In general, under Warren’s plan, the reasonably well-to-do would benefit. Here’s an abridged list from the senator:

- It cancels \$50,000 in student loan debt for every person with household income under \$100,000.
- It provides substantial debt cancellation for every person with household income between \$100,000 and \$250,000.
- It offers no debt cancellation to people with household income above \$250,000 (the top 5%).
- Private student loan debt is also eligible for cancellation, and the federal government will work with borrowers and the holders of this debt to provide relief.
- Canceled debt will not be taxed as income.

Warren’s mass forgiveness would cost about \$640 billion, or so she says. This would allegedly be covered by her Ultra-Millionaire Wealth Tax, as would her “free” college scheme, which will supposedly cost \$1.25 trillion.





Milking the system: While it's bad that most college graduates will have student loans to pay, most college cost increases have happened because government provided more student loans, which made the colleges feel they could raise prices without losing too many students.

Of course, this is unfair to those people who never took out student loans or scrimped and repaid all of their loans. The responsible become suckers when the government offers subsidies for potential votes.

Though politicians who are leaning to socialism (or are already there) do claim otherwise, there really are no free lunches — or free colleges. Someone has to pay. That truism was a key point in the science-fiction classic by Robert Heinlein *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*. A personal favorite, that book was published in 1966, way back when this writer was in college. The tenet is abbreviated there as TANSTAAFL (“There ain’t no such thing as a free lunch”). In the book, a character in a taproom points to a sign marketing a “Free Lunch” and explains that the claim is not true. If it really were free, he notes, the accompanying drinks would cost half the amount being charged — the drinks are priced high to pay for the “free” lunches. This is more than a fictional shtick. Similarly, government aid leads to higher costs, even if it is not recognized by some immediate consumers.

A related concept was proffered by economist Frédéric Bastiat (1801-1850) in an essay entitled “That Which Is Seen, and That Which Is Not Seen.” Officials, he wrote, advocate advantages that are seen;

the benefit accrues to the providers. But the disadvantages to the taxpayers — who now don’t have money to spend as they would prefer — are not seen.

In other words: Helping some for political reasons may well hurt many others, even if that is not widely apparent.

Lindsey Burke, director of the Center for Education Policy at the Heritage Foundation, recently discussed the growing body of literature that has demonstrated the tendency of federal subsidies to drive up college tuition prices. One study she cited (by Grey Gordon and Aaron Hedlund) “found that raising subsidized loan limits led to a 102% increase in tuition from 1987 to 2010. Absent that additional federal money, the authors estimate tuition would have only gone up by 16% on net.”

Another analyst, writing in the *Chicago Tribune* in April, observes that widespread debt forgiveness is unfair in other ways. It is essentially regressive, commented Mary Clare Amselem. She continued:

Only one-third of American adults hold a bachelor’s degree, and presumably, earn more than those who chose not to attend college. A report by the Urban Institute found that the top 25% of households by income hold almost half of all student loan

debt, while the bottom 25% hold just 10%. It’s hard to escape the fact that debt cancellation proposals would reward higher-income households.

In the same vein, a Brookings Institution analysis by Adam Looney reveals that about 50 percent “of all student debt is owed by borrowers in the top quartile of the income distribution and only 10 percent owed by the bottom 25 percent. Indeed, the majority of all student debt is owed by borrowers with graduate degrees.” One can assume that, in general, the economic situations of those graduates in the long run will be better than those in the population who would be billed for the debt that the graduates willingly incurred.

It is an odd “progressive” campaign that takes from the poorer and gives to the richer. But even Warren’s experts acknowledge that, when considering those households currently holding student debt, the senator’s plan would forgive debt for 72 percent of those with a BA and 47 percent of those who have already earned an MA.

Then there are those super-rich who are supposed to get the bill. As Warren puts it: “The entire cost of my broad debt cancellation plan and universal free college is more than covered by my Ultra-Millionaire Tax — a 2% annual tax on the 75,000 families with \$50 million or more in wealth.” She further claims, duplicitously, “For decades, we’ve allowed the wealthy to pay less while burying tens of millions of working Americans in education debt.” (By contrast, here is an actual fact, from the Tax Foundation: In 2016, the top one percent paid a greater share of individual income taxes, 37.3 percent, than the bottom 90 percent combined, at 30.5 percent.)

Elizabeth Warren has been boasting for months about her sundry big ideas. She crows about how, regardless of the problem, she has a plan for it. However, it turns out that there is no fresh air in her higher-education trial balloon. Rather, it has been inflated with more of Washington’s swamp gas. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Out of the Socialist-LGBTQ Closet

The Democratic Socialists of America are exultant. The LGBTQ Rainbow Mafia are jubilant. The *New York Times* and its “progressive” media comrades are triumphant. Prostitutes, pimps, and johns are exuberant. Communist Party activists at the online People’s World are ebullient. What is the cause of this ecstatic reaction among the partisans of the ultra-Left, the kinky-Left, and the ultra-kinky-hyper-Left?

Well, of course, it’s the announced stunning election victory of Tiffany Cabán for New York City’s hotly contested

Democratic primary race for district attorney of Queens. Cabán, who identifies as a “Queer Latina” and a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), is to the left of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who was her most high-profile endorser and promoter. And she defeated Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, who boasted not only the support of the NYC Democratic machine, but also the endorsements of Governor Andrew Cuomo and most of the other state Democrat powerbrokers. Katz has not conceded, and with only about 1,000 votes separating them (and with several thousand uncounted mail-in ballots), is calling for an official recount. Most analysts seem to think it will go in Cabán’s favor.

Here’s how *New York Times* editorial board member Mara Gay described the Cabán victory celebration in a *Times* op-ed on June 26: “It was election night at La Boom, a Queens nightclub, and Tiffany Cabán’s supporters had something to say. ‘Black Lives Matter!’ they shouted, an extraordinary cry at the victory party for a district attorney candidate. ‘Black Lives Matter!’”

The *Times* endorsed Cabán, and Gay enthusiastically celebrates the Cabán-Katz upset as a signal that the future of the Democratic Party is more openly socialist and more “fluid” in “sexual orientation” matters. “With the help of the Working Families Party and her fellow Democratic Socialists of America, she has shocked the state’s Democratic establishment, no matter the final outcome,” Gay writes. Indeed. This is another follow-up bloody nose to the thrashing the establishment received with the Ocasio-Cortez overthrow of 10-term congressman and party boss Joe Crowley — in the same Queens district. And leading Democrats are already recalculating the safety and expediency factors of going “full-progressive,” i.e., how far and how fast to fully come out of the Socialist-LGBTQ closet that so many of them have been operating out of for so many years.

One of the issues that has many of them flummoxed is Cabán’s campaign pledge to decriminalize “sex work.” She even posed



in a group photo for the far-left *Independent* with male and female prostitutes, with all — herself included — conspicuously giving the communist clenched-fist salute. Cabán intends to dispense with prosecution not only of prostitutes, but of pimps and johns too. Many NYC Democrat pols realize this would turn Queens into a sex-trade capital, a giant brothel. Laura Ramirez, a coordinator for the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, warns that if Cabán succeeds, “Queens is going to be the borough for sex tourism in the city. That’s the only

thing that can happen. It’s just open season.” Cabán wants to decriminalize most drug offenses as well, while more aggressively prosecuting police and immigration officers. That should cement Queens’ claim to “illegal alien capital” as well. Mara Gay at the *Times* applauds these Cabán plans to “remake the criminal justice system,” but they sound to these ears like a prescription for mayhem — and a soon-to-be-regretted crime wave.

If thou liveth far from the madding New York crowd, think not that the Cabán-AOC-DSA developments concern thee not. Cabán is but the most visible representative of a nationwide effort to win prosecutorial offices for “the revolution.” State attorneys general and city and county prosecutors are in the cross hairs. George Soros and his fellow billionaires at Democracy Alliance have been pouring millions of dollars into Justice & Public Safety PACs to fund the political campaigns of far-left candidates for these offices. Among their more notable conquests are Larry Krasner’s win in Philadelphia, Rachel Rollins’ triumph in Boston, and Kim Foxx’s victory in Chicago. Foxx has achieved national infamy by dropping charges against Jussie Smollett, the black, homosexual actor who lied, and perpetrated a sensational fake hate crime that demonized Trump supporters, further polarized the nation, wasted hundreds of police man-hours, cost taxpayers a fortune, and provided the Fake News Media with grist for endless sermonizing on Middle America’s supposed racism and homophobia. Now, in San Francisco (naturally), we see “Red diaper baby” Chesa Boudin running for the DA prize. He can boast an unmatched extremist pedigree: grandson of Communist Party attorney Leonard Boudin, son of Weather Underground terrorists David Gilbert and Kathy Boudin, adopted son of unrepentant Weather Underground terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, and named for terrorist/cop-killer/fugitive Joanne Chesimard (aka Asata Shakur).

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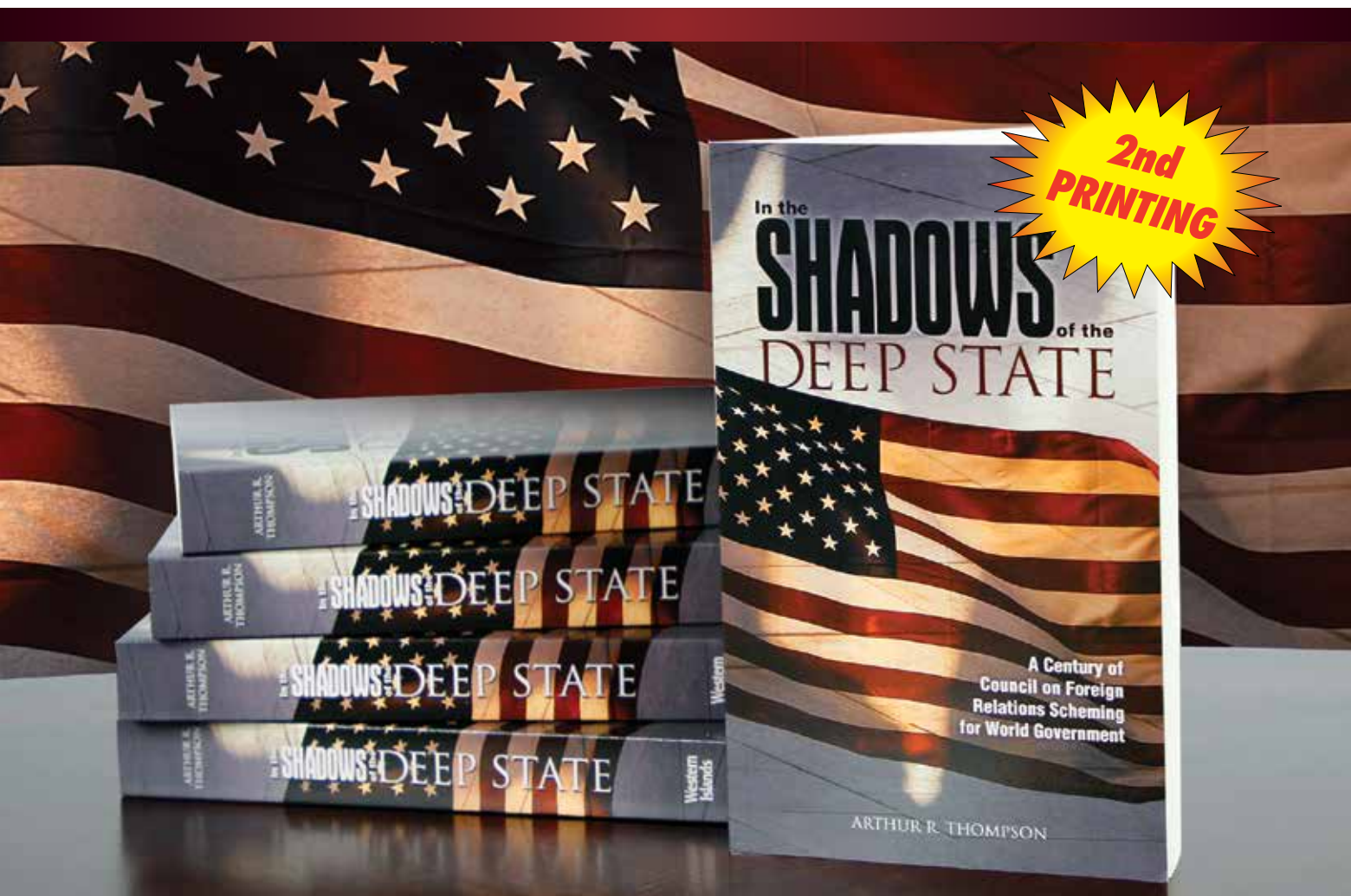
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