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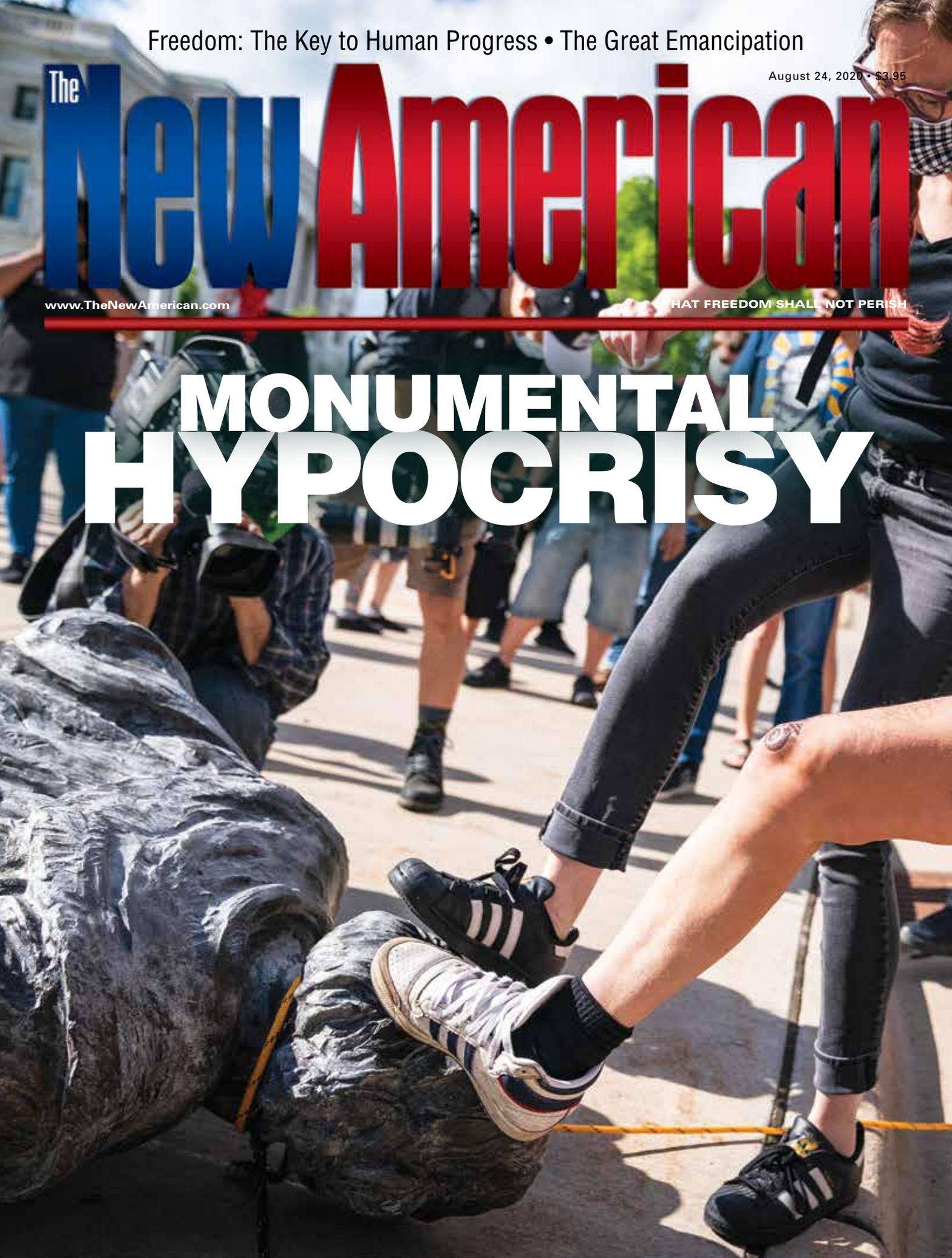
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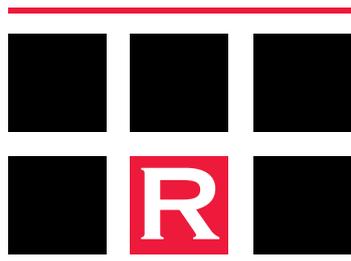
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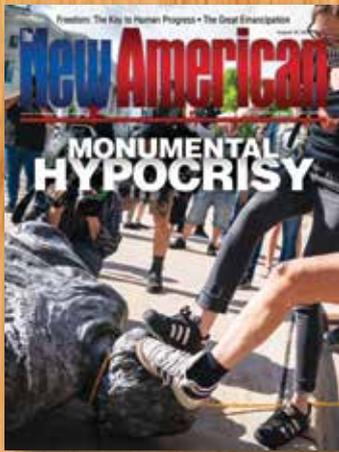
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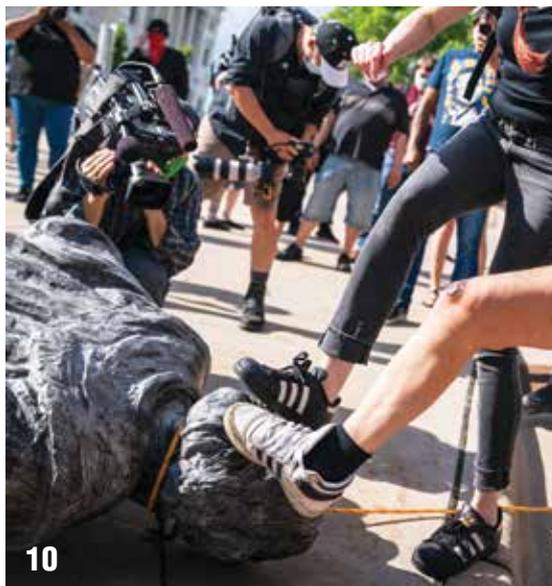
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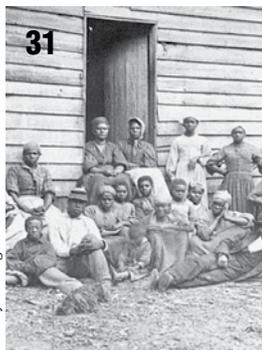
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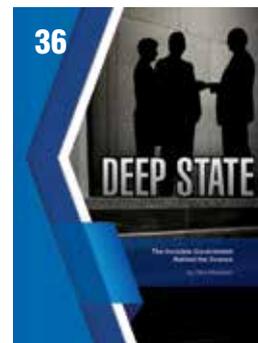
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Kent State Communist

The May 4 issue carried the article “Kent State: What Happened and Why,” by Steve Byas, about the role that pro-communist plotters played in instigating the violence there. Not mentioned was the fact Professor of Library Science Dr. Sidney Jackson, advisor to the Kent Committee to End the War in Viet Nam, was a card-carrying communist. He died May 15, 1979 and was eulogized by the Communist Party of Ohio, and Gus Hall, general secretary of the Communist Party, USA, attended his funeral.

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China's Corruption

America faces two foreign foes: coronavirus and communism. And America faces an enemy within: corruption. China is waging war on America, and some senators and representatives are helping, accepting contributions funneled through multinationals, lobbyists, and drug companies to do China's bidding.

China's trade agenda of cheap labor, currency manipulation, and relentless cheating generates billions in profits for multinationals and drug companies. Multinationals funnel millions through lobbyists to D.C. politicians. Drug companies contribute millions more. The result? American politicians not only overlook China's COVID culpability — though the country's guilt has gone from conspiracy theory to evidentiary conclusion — they approve trade deals enriching China and accommodate China's blueprint for world domination.

In 2000, Congress approved China's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO). In the following 19 years, the United States incurred an import/export trade deficit of over \$5 trillion with China. This staggering transfer of American wealth to China also saw our jobs and factories being sent overseas, causing the loss of 3.7 million American jobs.

After Congress approved China's WTO entry, China accelerated its access to our capital and markets, propelling over 700 companies into our markets and attracting almost two trillion dollars of American investment — and extorted uncounted trillions in R&D from American companies.

China uses this money to become a

worldwide threat. It uses its trillions of American dollars to strengthen its nuclear arsenal, and it is weaponizing medicine.

China's purchased politicians have condoned the outsourcing of the manufacture of drugs to China to lower labor costs. Now that China has largely taken over the manufacture of American medicines, it has caused the loss of thousands of American jobs and up to \$200 billion per year in GDP, and led to both low-quality drugs and a U.S. national security threat.

As reported in the *China* newsletter, China recently “accounted for 95% of U.S. imports of ibuprofen, 91% of U.S. imports of hydrocortisone, 70% of U.S. imports of acetaminophen, ... [and] 80% of the U.S. supply of antibiotics,” the last of which are vital supplies the country must have to function. China now also provides a large portion of our antidepressants, HIV meds, chemotherapy drugs, and medicines for high blood pressure, Alzheimer's, diabetes, epilepsy, and Parkinson's.

The vulnerability caused by China supplying drugs flows down to the individual level: Chinese company ZHP manufactures Valsartan, a blood pressure med used by millions of Americans. Valsartan was found to contain a cancer-causing chemical used to make rocket fuel. In 2008, one-third of China's Heparin exports to the United States were contaminated and caused the deaths of 149 Americans.

Author Rosemary Gibson agrees that China can “weaponize our medicines.” And *China's News* warns, “If China ... bans [medical] exports, the United States will fall into the hell of a new coronavirus epidemic.” We're sending billions of dollars to a country that sends us lethal pathogens and poisoned pharmaceuticals in return — and trusting them.

To battle China, we're forced to rely for protection upon D.C. politicians whom China has purchased. Politicians who will not take on the tsunami of tainted Chinese drugs will not stand against America's export of jobs, research, and wealth either.

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Supreme Court Shoots Down Request to Halt Border-wall Construction

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled July 31 that construction of the wall along the southern border can continue, shooting down environmental concerns raised in a suit by various left-wing groups.

Organizations such as the ACLU and Sierra Club had again asked the high court to put a halt to the wall building after the justices last year allowed the White House to use military funds for construction while the case is still in court.

Though a federal appeals court had ruled against the administration in June, the Supreme Court has for now handed the Trump administration another victory for securing the American border.

“The Supreme Court reaffirmed today that it meant what it said a year ago: special interest groups likely lack any cause of action to sue the Department of Defense from transferring funds, and the Trump Administration should be allowed to build the wall and protect our country while litigation proceeds,” the White House said in a statement. “Borders are a non-controversial reality of every sovereign nation, and we plan to defend ours.”

“The fight continues,” said Dror Ladin, a staff attorney with the ACLU’s National Security Project. “Every lower court to consider the question has ruled President Trump’s border wall illegal, and the Supreme Court’s temporary order does not decide the case. We’ll be back before the Supreme Court soon to put a stop to Trump’s xenophobic border wall once and for all.”

Opponents of the border wall have attempted to use environmental concerns to halt its progress. Environmentalists say the barrier will prevent large animals from crossing.

Never mind that illegal immigration causes significant environmental damage in the form of trash, pollution, human waste, illegal campfires, out-of-season hunting, and more. For the Left, “environmental concerns” aren’t really about nature, but about furthering a political agenda of statism. In this case, they use the environment as an excuse to weaken the border and thereby promote mass migration to ultimately erode American sovereignty — paving the way for tyrannical globalism.



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With \$50 Million Spent, Soros Is 2020’s Top Donor

Records show that left-wing billionaire George Soros is the largest donor of the 2020 election, with \$50 million spent through the end of June on Democratic candidates such as Joe Biden and progressive causes such as Planned Parenthood — most of it spent indirectly through PACs.

This election season, Soros has largely worked through his new Democracy PAC, created last year. The PAC’s spending last quarter alone was \$17 million, bringing its total cash disbursements for this cycle to \$48 million. Soros directly gave \$4 million to Democratic campaigns and committees, making his combined direct and indirect donations \$52 million. That’s more than double Soros’ previous record of \$22 million during the 2016 election.

Democrats often speak out against the influence of big money in politics. Democratic nominee Joe Biden, for example, says on his website that he will “reduce the corrupting influence of money in politics.”

“We could improve our politics overnight if we flushed big money from the system and had public financing of our elections.... Democracy works best when a big bank account or a large donor list are not prerequisites for office,” the former vice president’s campaign site reads.

Yet Biden has had no issue accepting cash from billionaires such as Soros. The Hungarian-born investor personally donated \$500,000 to his campaign, and wealthy donors in total have contributed \$83 million to the Biden Victory Fund.

In addition, Soros has increased his lobbying spending. His D.C.-based lobbying arm, the Open Society Policy Center, totaled expenditures of \$48 million in 2019, a personal record. This was more than was spent by the lobbying shops of large corporations such as Amazon, Facebook, Boeing, or Google.

Another cause supported by George Soros this cycle? Mail-in voting. One of the top organizations behind the movement for mail-in voting is the Brennan Center for Justice, based out of NYU School of Law. The center received considerable financing from Soros’ Open Society Foundations and has been the beneficiary of several Open Society grants, receiving over \$7,466,000 from 2000 to 2019 alone.



George Soros

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Court Orders Release of NYC Gun Owners' Private Info

The New York Supreme Court on July 20 ordered the New York City Police Department (NYPD) to provide a newspaper with a list of the names, ZIP codes, and license categories of all individuals in the city who obtained firearms licenses in 2018.

The *New York Daily News* — which, according to Justice Arthur Engoron's opinion, "frequently covers gun-related political and policing issues" — has been seeking information about city gun licensees since 2018. Under the Empire State's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), the paper first requested the names and license types for all licenses issued between 2014 and 2017. The NYPD denied the request on various grounds, including that it "would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy" and that compliance "would be burdensome," recounted Engoron.

The *Daily News* took the matter to court. On July 20, Engoron sided mostly with the newspaper. He ordered the NYPD to provide the *Daily News* with "the name, zip code, and license category of all those to whom it granted a new or renewal license during Calendar Year 2018," including those "who applied prior to Calendar Year 2018 but were granted a license during that year." He did allow the NYPD to withhold the names of licensed former public employees, but still required the department to release their ZIP codes and license categories.

Engoron dismissed the NYPD's argument that fulfilling the *Daily News*' request would be "unreasonably difficult," writing that such a contention "would allow respondent to fail to produce

anything." He also disagreed with the NYPD that the case was moot since the requested records exist, can be obtained, and had not yet been provided to the paper.

Despite its clear basis in New York law, Engoron's decision is troubling. Even more troubling is the fact that the government gets to decide who is allowed to own guns and whether or not a gun owner may keep such information private.



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Minneapolis Police Advise Citizens to Capitulate to Criminals

The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) is advising citizens of the city to "Be prepared to give up your cell phone and purse/wallet," in the event that they are accosted by a criminal. The advice comes as the city is experiencing a 37-percent increase in robberies over last year in the wake of the death of Minneapolis criminal George Floyd, who died in police custody in May.

The department's "robbery prevention tips," released July 28, were circulated by KSTP-5, an ABC affiliate located in St. Paul.



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Among other bits of wisdom, the department advised citizens: "Despite all our efforts, robberies may still occur! Do not argue or fight with the criminal. Do as they say. Your safety is most important!"

In the third precinct — where the Floyd incident occurred — police responded to 100 robberies and 20 carjackings in July alone. Police report that cellphones, purses, and vehicles are being stolen, and also relayed that victims have been assaulted, maced, dragged, and threatened with guns in those incidents.

The Hennepin County Police and Fire monitoring account on Twitter mocked the advice and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, tweeting: "Look, another email on how to be a perfect victim in #MpsCrime just came out, but wait @MayorFrey says Minneapolis is a safe vibrant place."

The defund and abolish the police movement has been strongly pushed by the neo-marxist Black Lives Matter organization. But actual black leaders in Minneapolis have called the plan to abolish the city's police force "egregious, grotesque, absurd, crazy, ridiculous," according to the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

Some black leaders in the community have lashed out at the City Council's decision to do away with the police. Civil-rights attorney Nekima Levy Armstrong, a former president of the NAACP's Minneapolis chapter, complained that the council didn't take the wishes of the city's black community into consideration when they voted. ■

Candidate Biden Sticks His Foot in His Mouth — Again

“It’s easy being vice president; you don’t have to do anything.”

Continuing to demonstrate his lack of presidential ability, Candidate Joe Biden casually admitted he functioned for eight years as our country’s vice president by doing nothing.

Videotaped Meeting of Biden With Obama Proves to Be a Snooze

“Compared with the pro-wrestling standards of the current president, or the electric oratory of Mr. Obama’s campaigns, it was even boring.”

New York Times *chief television critic James Poniewozik* also noted that the 15-minute video chat held by Joe Biden and Barack Obama “did not break the internet, or even dent it.” But Poniewozik’s critique does suggest that worry about Biden’s ability exists within one of the primary anti-Trump media outlets.



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UN Official Wants Action Taken Against Religions That Don’t Embrace LGBT Desires

“States should adopt decisive action when religious authorities, leaders or agents infringe on the rights of LGBT persons through violence and discrimination, including hate speech.”

Victor Madrigal-Borloz, the UN Independent Expert on matters dealing with LGBT persons and activity, calls for forceful responses to individuals, organizations, and governments that oppose the LGBT agenda. He also advocates teaching young schoolchildren about homosexuality and other aspects of LGBT life.



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Another Progressive Wins a Primary Race Against a Veteran Democrat

“I’m a Black man who was raised by a single mother in a housing project. That story doesn’t end in Congress. You know, I’m pretty progressive myself.”

Successfully winning the Democratic Party’s nomination against 16-term incumbent Representative Eliot Engel, political newcomer and middle-school principal Jamaal Bowman received endorsements from Progressives Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.). Engel had always been a reliable leftist and internationalist. His replacement in the House of Representatives has admitted to being a Progressive, which translates to being a socialist.

Planned Parenthood Removes Margaret Sanger’s Name From Its Manhattan Clinic

“The removal of Margaret Sanger’s name from our building is both a necessary and overdue step to reckon with our legacy and acknowledge Planned Parenthood’s contributions to historical reproductive harm within communities of color.”

Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was a strongly committed eugenicist who sought to rid the United States of its black population and others deemed by her to be unacceptable. The statement given above came from Karen Seltzer, the leader of Planned Parenthood of Greater New York.

President Still Seeks to Bar Non-citizen Immigrants in Census Count

“There used to be a time when you could proudly declare ‘I am a citizen of the United States.’ But now, the radical left is trying to erase the existence of this concept and conceal the number of illegal aliens in our country. This is all part of a broader leftwing effort to erode the rights of American citizens, and I will not stand for it.”

In a move that has not been approved by either Congress or the courts, President Donald Trump directed the federal government not to count undocumented immigrants when allocating the number of House of Representatives members each state should be awarded. The president’s move will be challenged. ■



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With the approval of Democratic politicians, radical leftists are destroying our cultural infrastructure under the guise of social justice, despite the immense hypocrisy involved.

by Dr. Duke Pesta

In 1930, Spanish philosopher José Ortega y Gasset wrote *The Revolt of the Masses*, a prophetic work identifying and defining the appearance of the “mass-man,” a barbaric figure whose ig-

norance was a necessary precursor to the rise of the violent masses. When the collectivization of “mass-men” into a unified mob was finally achieved, then the seizure of power through destruction and cultural erasure was at hand.

Anticipating by less than a decade rev-

olutionary elements that would manifest in the Spanish Civil War, Ortega warned that the mass-man could emerge from any social background, and that his behavior destructive to his own culture “does not represent a new civilization struggling with a previous one, but a mere negation.”

This type of anarchist “did not care to give reasons or even to be right.” Ortega argued that cultivated irrationality is what set apart 20th-century fascist and communist movements from what came before: “the right not to be right, not to be reasonable: the reason of unreason.”

Ortega’s warning of this irrational and anti-rational unmaking of civilization finds its modern analog in the current riots and violent anarchy sweeping Western nations. Despite widespread prosperity, extensive social-welfare safety nets, universal access to educational opportunities and job training, generous benefits for unassimilated migrants, and numerous social-justice programs that privilege minority populations, large numbers among the younger generations have been conditioned to believe, without evidence or example, that Western culture is overtly and systemically racist, misogynist, and colonialist. Miseducated by radicalized public schools and universities, manipulated by unscrupulous Democratic politicians, and inflamed by the anarchic rhetoric of groups such as Antifa and Black Lives Matter, these burgeoning young radicals perfectly match Ortega’s description of dangerous and ignorant mass-men; his reminder that they might manifest from any social class is borne out by the fact that most of the violent rioters, looters, and arsonists are middle- and upper-middle-class white kids, supported and egged on by elite athletes, artists, entertainers, and one-percenter corporate and tech CEOs.

Scratch a Social-justice Warrior, Expose a Marxist

The grinding ignorance that Ortega identifies as a condition of cultural erasure is everywhere evident during the current iconoclastic attacks on our history and shared cultural values. The self-contradicting statements, doublespeak, and message creep from those at the center of revolutionary groups such as Black Lives Matter (BLM) make it abundantly clear that the purpose of the newly unleashed anarchy is not about black lives, racial justice, reparations, or

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Where she’s coming from: Patrisse Cullors, founding member of Black Lives Matter, was trained by former Weather Underground terrorist Eric Mann.

even equality, however vaguely defined. The push for ignorance and the rejection of reason are not simply populist ruses, they are a calculated strategy to accelerate rebellion and ratchet up the violence and chaos.

The last decade has seen an alarming spike in the number of educators and professors who argue that Western math is a racist construct designed to keep black and brown people under foot, that empiricism and the scientific method are inseparable from colonialism and white supremacy, and that an emphasis on individualism, truth, and liberty is the toxic byproduct of systemic racial discrimination. Recently, a Black Lives Matter-supporting graduate student at Rutgers University named Brittany Marshall took to Twitter to insist that $2 + 2 = 4$ only because of “western imperialism.” Marshall’s tweet went viral during a heated discussion about racism: “Nope the idea of $2 + 2$ equaling 4 is cul-

tural and because of western imperialism, we think of it as the only way of knowing.” Marshall lists her occupation as “teacher, scholar, and social justice change agent.” Her bizarre statement is yet another example of the destructive ideology of “intersectionality,” a pseudo-intellectual concept pushed in universities that argues that when competing progressive ideologies clash — as in the case of feminism and transgenderism — both should unite, projecting their differences back onto the white racist culture that alone is responsible for all discrimination. Effectively, intersectionality is an anti-intellectual “get out of jail free card” for progressives when it comes to having to defend their beliefs in logically credible and consistent ways.

A visit to BLM and affiliate sites offers clear examples of the broader Marxist ambitions that are at the heart of civil unrest in America today. One stated BLM objec-

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Brainwashed to believe they are victims: The message “No America without black America” was projected on the pedestal of the statue of General Robert E. Lee in Richmond, Virginia.

tive is to “disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear-family-structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and ‘villages’ that collectively care for one another.” The related Movement for Black Lives (M4BL) demands the demolition of prisons, the abolition of police, and the “progressive restructuring of tax codes at the local, state, and federal levels to ensure a radical and sustainable redistribution of wealth.” M4BL further demands the “retroactive decriminalization, immediate release and record expungement of all drug-related offenses and reparations for the devastating impact of the ‘war on drugs’ and criminalization of prostitution.”

In 2015, Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors described herself and fellow organizers as “trained Marxists.” Cul-

lors was mentored by Eric Mann, formerly of the Weather Underground terrorist group, who groomed her on Marxist/Leninist ideology. Cullors fondly describes her early work with the Labor/Community Strategy Center, a “grassroots” organization that focuses on “Black and Latino communities with deep historical ties to the long history of anti-colonial, anti-imperialist, pro-communist resistance to the US empire.” Despite the desperate attempts of the mainstream media to deny or conceal the Marxist foundations of Black Lives Matter — and by extension BLM’s partner in revolution Antifa (whether the association is altogether desirable to BLM leaders or not) — the truth is evident in the rhetoric and behavior of the groups as they operate in the streets. Even left-

leaning Wikipedia, mired in controversy about leftist monopolies on editorial control and practice, nevertheless admits that Antifa members “hold anti-authoritarian and anti-capitalist views, subscribing to a range of left-wing ideologies such as Anarchism, Communism, Marxism, and Socialism.”

Actions Reveal Real Ambitions

The poorly camouflaged reality that the United States is in the middle of an existential struggle against socialist and Marxist anarchists who want to systematically destroy our constitutional republic can be observed most directly in what the rioters and protesters are doing on the ground. Ortega’s thesis that the mass-man, conceived in ignorance and dedicated to the proposition of anarchy, is most effective at erasing culture and cancelling civilization once he has been collectivized — once the masses have seized license to become a mob — is nightly on display in America’s Democrat-governed cities, from New York City and Atlanta, to Portland and Seattle.

For a decade, many voices sounded the warning that our evolving war on Confederate monuments, especially the so-called Stars and Bars Confederate flag, was nothing more than the culture war’s first blast at Fort Sumter. If we as a culture acceded to the idea that these images and statues were in and of themselves racist — that there could be *no other interpretation or connotation* for those symbols — then we were also conceding that most, if not all, of the symbols of our founding, our development, and our shared cultural heritage could be found similarly suspect. For over a century, Marxists and fascists have gained footholds and toppled otherwise free societies by seizing control of symbols — images that should reflect an array of meanings and evoke a range of feelings — twisting and reducing them to simplistic avatars of hate, complicity, and, in the case of the examples we are discussing, white supremacy and “systemic” racism. You do not have to be a defender of, or even sympathetic to, the Confederacy or its symbols to recognize that the current flag of the United States, for instance, in previous iterations flew over slave states far longer than the Confederate flag.

Initially, the country was much more skeptical about the kneeling tantrum of

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Colin Kaepernick — mass-man transformed into mob leader — who made it clear that the gesture was directed at a racist flag that honored an unjust nation founded on white supremacy. His Marxist-inspired attempt to recast the flag as a symbol of racism — his Fidel Castro T-shirts and “cops-as-pigs” socks generated a good deal of negative press — achieved only a modest cultural foothold, with a handful of players joining him to kneel on the field. But once Kaepernick gained the backing of Nike — a company built on the manipulation of symbols and slogans — the tide turned. Nike, which gets rich in part on athletic shoes made in Communist Chinese sweatshops, gambled that their significant African-American market share would respond positively to Kaepernick’s brand and image. It was a very safe bet, given the obsession with athletic shoes in urban black communities, and the even greater preoccupation of urban black culture in white American suburbia. Nike’s corporate sponsorship of Kaepernick’s message put distance between Kaepernick and his nasty and historically ignorant Marxist rhetoric. Kaepernick, for his part, seemed unconcerned that his 20-plus million-dollar paycheck from

Nike was earned off the brow-sweat of exploited Chinese comrades. Suddenly, it was fashionable and edgy for mass-men to disrespect the flag and anthem: Just do it.

If statues to Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson had to go, then so too would George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and all the Founders who owned, or even just failed to free, slaves. Because all men were not equally free in 1789 — however equally created — there could be no freedom at the heart of the Constitution, only oppression. (Ironic in so many ways, with leftist radicals supporting the fact that Christians are being fined huge amounts for trying to live their beliefs, police who are innocent of any wrongdoing being subjected to random violence and murder, children in the womb who are developed enough to be born and thrive being carved to pieces if a mother so chooses, etc.) And because our anthem celebrates the founding ideals of an imperfect America, it was time to kneel, with calls to replace the anthem with one of Woody Guthrie’s socialist hymns about communal ownership of the land, or even the black national anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” This little ditty contains the following lines:

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn
had died

For an American minority community that aborts black babies at a staggering pace — a constituency that has no voice in the Black Lives Matter hierarchy — it is perhaps morbidly fitting that the NFL plans to play this anthem to open the football season: maybe a sly tip of the hat to those many black babies sired out of wedlock by professional athletes across the various pro leagues?

In short, by allowing the Marxist Left to hold history and morality captive to an absurdly simplistic, shallow, unintellectual, and extremely ideological form of *presentism* — judging the past by today’s standards, devoid of all historical context — we guaranteed that the tactics and terrain on which this culture war raged would be dictated exclusively by the anti-history Marxists. We abandoned George Orwell’s caution that “who controls the past controls the future” and allowed leftist radicals to implement Marxist theoretician Antonio Gramsci’s method to control society: “Man is above all else mind, consciousness — that is, he is a product of history, not nature.” In other words, if the cultural status quo is challenged and torn apart, a new history can be installed and a new culture instituted: socialism. And if we are simply products of random, materialist cultural forces, not nature, then that also means we are not products of nature’s God.

In July, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to remove from the Capitol the statue of Roger Taney, the chief justice who wrote the majority opinion in the 1857 *Dred Scott* case, as well as 14 other statues connected to the Confederacy or slavery, including a statue of Robert E. Lee. Seventy-two Republicans joined the unanimous Democrats in voting out the offending statues. House Majority Leader Democrat Steny Hoyer boasted, “It’s time to sweep away the last vestiges of Jim Crow and the dehumanizing of individuals because of the color of their skin that intruded for too long on the sacred spaces of our democracy.”

Doubtless, the Marxist presentism cited above is the reason that politicians such as Hoyer — who take oaths of office promis-



Condemning killing while honoring a killer: An un-ironic Colin Kaepernick denouncing “murderous” cops while wearing a T-shirt honoring professional mass murderer Fidel Castro.

ing to defend the Constitution and the Republic it establishes — pretend that we are a sacred democracy. It was Marx himself who insisted that “democracy is the road to Socialism.” And because Gramscian historical alterations have been allowed to become dogma, the fact that 13 of the 15 offending statues to be removed from the Capitol honored Democratic politicians has no bearing on — and requires no further atonement from — the Democratic Party. (Republican Louie Gohmert worked to highlight the hypocrisy through introduction of a bill that would ban the Democratic Party for having supported the Confederacy and propping up slavery.) Meanwhile, 50 buildings constructed with taxpayer funds remain that are named after Senator Robert C. Byrd, the late Democrat and former member of the Ku Klux Klan.

This hypocritical double standard is a feature, not a bug, of the Marxist/Gramscian view of history. Those figures in history who support, or whose biographies can be contorted to support, the ongoing march of Marxist ideas though the institu-

tions can be rehabilitated if not outright venerated, regardless of their racial animus. Yet to the progressive Left and their uneducated drones on the streets, there is no difference between Christopher Columbus and Hernán Cortés: the one an imperfect explorer who behaved with remarkable restraint by his world’s standards, and the other a cold-blooded conquistador who was much closer in word and deed to the bloodthirsty Aztecs. In an era of racial scapegoats who are offered up as sacrifices by bigots, Columbus has become the demonized racial scapegoat for the crimes of all those subsequent colonizers whose names the rioters cannot be bothered to remember and who have no statues to tear down.

No such harsh criticism dogs our fascination with the Aztecs, however, who once murdered an estimated 84,000 Native American prisoners over a period of four days in their great pyramid in Tenochtitlan. The Washington Redskins have been bullied into cancelling their supposedly offensive logo, while the Aztecs continue to

grace football helmets on the woke campus of San Diego State University. Lori Lightfoot, mayor of the black-on-black killing field that is Chicago — a site of black carnage that is never adopted as a cause of protest or even acknowledgment from Black Lives Matter crusaders — desperately needed a scapegoat to distract from all that black blood on her administration’s hands: over 100 shot on Father’s Day weekend alone. She decided that rather than risk the anger of the woke mobs by demanding that blacks stop killing other blacks, she would instead preemptively remove two statues of Columbus from the Chicago landscape in the middle of the night. All to placate a vengeful mob of racial-justice warriors more concerned with bronze statuary than the deaths of actual black children. Montezuma’s revenge indeed.

And if more evidence is needed to confirm that these marauding bands of BLM rioters and Antifa thugs are not fighting simply for racial justice, consider the widespread pulling down of statues and monuments dedicated to individuals and causes that actually supported racial equity. Over the Independence Day weekend, a statue of iconic black intellectual Frederick Douglass was ripped down in Rochester, New York. If the mob had any sense of irony — or understood what the word meant — its members might have been chastened to realize that their brainless vandalism occurred on the anniversary of Douglass’ speech “What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July,” delivered before the onset of the Civil War.

Indeed, so ignorant and indiscriminate are our mass-men mobs that they have taken to pulling down and defacing statues of abolitionists, including the monument to Matthias Baldwin outside City Hall in Philadelphia. Baldwin was a fierce critic of slavery during the 1800s and opened a school for black children. His statue was defaced with messages reading “colonizer” and “murderer.” In Boston, rioters defaced the *Glory* monument dedicated to the sacrifices of black Civil War soldiers. The monument was inspired by the film *Glory* — honoring Robert Gould Shaw and the black 54th regiment. This was an inconceivable instance of vandalism where protesters for racial justice took their rage out against a memorial to black soldiers who died to confer such freedoms on other African-Americans.



America at the crossroads: George Orwell (right) warned that whoever controls the past — the history of the country — controls the future. Radicals are embracing Marxist theoretician Antonio Gramsci (left), who called for the elimination of Christianity and morals to institute socialism.



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So this is what peace looks like? Portland's mayor, Democratic politicians, and the legacy media have regularly called the rioting, looting, and arson in Portland "peaceful protest."

Even statues of Abraham Lincoln, who was dubbed the "Great Emancipator," have also been toppled and destroyed, while protesters threatened the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. In Madison, Wisconsin, student mobs demanded the removal of the seated Lincoln statue on Bascom Hill. While the statue still stands (for now), protesters did manage to remove two other statues from the Madison area, including the statue of abolitionist Hans Christian Heg and a generic female statue who represents Wisconsin's "Forward" motto. Evidently, abolition and progressivism are not things around which BLM activists are willing to rally. University of Wisconsin Chancellor Rebecca Blank wrote that she believes Lincoln's legacy "should be both celebrated and critiqued." As heartening as it is that the chancellor offered a backhanded defense of the statue, notice what she did not do. She did not offer to defend the statue from vandals, nor did she suggest there would be any penalties for students who took matters into their own hands. As a professor in the UW system, I can say with complete confidence that if students were to go ahead and attack the statue, Blank would not permit campus

police to intervene, nor would she dare punish the iconoclasts.

Angry student activists were not happy with Blank's decision to leave the statue up. Nalah McWhorter, president of the Black Student Union, lamented: "For them to want to protect a breathless, lifeless statue more than they care about the experiences of their Black students that have been crying out for help for the past 50, 60 years, it's just a horrible feeling as a student, as a Black and brown student on campus." The idea that McWhorter sees these two perspectives as an either/or proposition — remove the statue or you don't care about us — is a sad commentary on the type of critical thinking skills taught in campus classrooms. Such myopia is very much in keeping with the creation of the next generation of mass-men and mobs dedicated to razing Western culture. Summing up the irrationality and rejection of reason described by Ortega 90 years ago, one student wag, when asked why he was attacking a statue of Lincoln of all people, responded: "Just because he was anti-slavery doesn't mean he was pro-Black."

Notice also the capitalization of "Black," but not "brown," in McWhorter's response, even though she appears

to identify as both. According the influential Associated Press style guide — and in solidarity with BLM causes — the AP will now in every instance capitalize the world black when referring to the race, while keeping the lower case "w" when referring to white people. When questioned about the double standard, the AP replied that white people in general have much less shared history and culture, and don't have the experience of being discriminated against because of skin color. In a memo to staff, John Daniszewski, the AP's vice president for standards, wrote: "We agree that white people's skin color plays into systemic inequalities and injustices, and we want our journalism to robustly explore these problems.... But capitalizing the term white, as is done by white supremacists, risks subtly conveying legitimacy to such beliefs."

It is startling that the AP can argue with a straight face that for the purposes of their style manual white people are too historically disconnected and diverse to have any single culture or cultural identity. Whites are too heterogeneous and have widely differing cultural experiences to allow the AP to see their many cultures as one. If that statement is true — and it would seem to be true of almost any race of people living in America today — then how is it possible to unilaterally and collectively assign to "white" people such social plagues as white privilege, white fragility, and inherent white supremacy? By aspiring to be scrupulously politically correct, the AP undercuts the foundational (and racist) arguments at the very center of critical race theory.

All white people and white cultural subsets are not the same, nor have they all participated in racial oppression. Further, the AP's claim that whites have not experienced racial persecution is also undercut. Just consider the racial discrimination against the Irish, Italians, and Jews over various periods of American history: For the AP, they are all racially "white" subsets of a larger white culture that does not exist. The notion that all white people are the same — equally privileged, equally responsible, and equally benefiting from whiteness — is a hard sell indeed if the explanations and definitions provided by the AP are accurate. The whole scapegoating edifice of modern identity politics crumbles. If we take the AP seriously (never a



Standing tall: While statues of Christopher Columbus, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington are torn down, a triumphant statue of communist murderer Vladimir Lenin remains standing. That should tell all you need to know about the riots.

good thing these days), we would have to conclude that the derogatory term “white male” — as employed by social-justice warriors to mean the collective embodiment of all that is evil — is itself a racial slur almost as demeaning and dehumanizing as the “N” word.

While justifying the decision not to capitalize “white” — in part because that’s what “white supremacists” do when daring to suggest that the white race exists — Daniszewski strongly implies that black culture, on the other hand, is indeed unified by a shared and thereby *less diverse* identity, a homogeneity based, in large part, on the collective experience of racial oppression. This allows the AP to assert that genuine “Black” culture does exist. To suggest that black peoples across the world have no genuine differences, to intimate that there is no significant diversity of culture, religion, mores, and traditions that would differentiate the peoples of sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, and more recently, North and South America, is the type of thing that gets people canceled these days, especially white employees of hyper-woke corporations such as the Associated Press.

For the AP, the relative lack of diversity and shared suffering qualifies blacks as an authentic race, unlike whites, who are, for

all intents and purposes, not a race at all. From that warped perspective, would it not be *only* the black race that could be held responsible for collective racial injustice, being an actual unified race, capable of speaking in one voice and acting from one collective will? Whatever way you wish to parse it, the AP is engaging in some seriously Adolf Eichmann-grade, Naziesque verbal eugenic gymnastics. All of it lost, of course, on the progressive pathfinders at the AP, smug in their Tass-like double-speak and racist anti-racist manipulation of language.

Preserving Tyrants, Canceling Liberators

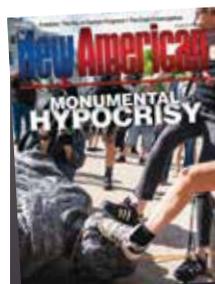
It’s not just what anarchists are doing that confirms the prescience of Ortega’s analysis. As statues of explorers and Founders come down — from Columbus to Washington — statues of murderous Soviet dictators remain in vogue. The statue of Lenin that has stood in Seattle since 1995 remains unmoled, still residing on a prominent street corner in the Fremont neighborhood, while rioters purge monu-

ments to Jefferson. In Gelsenkirchen, Germany, a 1950s-era statue of Lenin was just installed, next to a billboard declaring: “Give anticommunists no chance!” Meanwhile, in Russia, 10 statues of Stalin have been erected since 2009. This in a country where less than 50 percent of Russian students are even aware of Stalin’s crimes against humanity.

And speaking of educational malfeasance, not only are ignorant mass-men destroying monuments, they are also nominating replacement statues. After removing Confederate memorials in Louisiana, more than 40,000 people signed a petition to install statues of Dolly Parton and Britney Spears. Actor Ben Stiller argued that a statue of Theodore Roosevelt, recently removed from the American Museum of Natural History, be replaced by a statue of Robin Williams, who played Roosevelt in the *Night at the Museum* films. A New Jersey petition with 95,000 signatures seeks to replace Columbus with a statue to Marsha Johnson, a black trans activist.

Ortega understood the consequences, as well as the causes, of rapid cultural erasure. His observations offer a chilling prediction of what we can expect unless state and federal governments reinstate the rule of law, and the American people reassert their commitment to shared government, republican values, and the integrity of our history and culture:

If you want to make use of the advantages of civilisation, but are not prepared to concern yourself with the upholding of civilisation — you are done. In a trice you find yourself left without civilisation. Just a slip, and when you look around everything has vanished into air. The primitive forest appears in its native state, just as if curtains covering pure Nature had been drawn back. The jungle is always primitive and, vice versa, everything primitive is mere jungle. ■



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Tearing Down Statues of REAL HEROES

Black Lives Matter and Antifa rioters have been targeting what they deem to be offensive statues: Christopher Columbus, George Washington, Robert E. Lee, etc.



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Lies matter: Across the country, radicals are tearing down statues of Christopher Columbus, based on a lie told by communist historian Howard Zinn, who claimed that Columbus came to the new world in a “frenzy for money,” and then enslaved and began the “genocide” of the natives.

by R. Cort Kirkwood

When Black Lives Matter and other Marxists began toppling public monuments, they first targeted Confederates and other “racists” to cover the destruction with the patina of “anti-racist” action. Not surprisingly, they expanded their list of long-dead enemies to include Christopher Columbus,

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whom the Left began attacking years ago, and now they include Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother. “Anti-racists” have beheaded or defaced statues of both. Thus did the Left reveal the ultimate target of its arson, looting, and vandalism: Western civilization and the Christian faith in general, and the Catholic Church in particular.

Yet with regard to the United States, the widespread destruction and dishonest revision of history means we may no longer speak with pride of the heroic oceanic exploration and settlement of the New World, or the creation of a unique

civilization of nonpareil prosperity that, 66 years after the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, put a man on the Moon. Rather, we must confess to genocide, slavery, and, of course, the wreckage of a peaceful continent where tawny natives lived in peace, communed with their feathered friends in the sky and brother beasts in the woods, and warbled love calls across sparkling streams under the eye of the night.

Though no historic eminence is safe from BLM’s wrath — the terrorists have even attacked statues of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass — five men are particularly loathsome in BLM’s book: Christopher Columbus, Father Junipero Serra, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Robert E. Lee.

They were genocidal “racists,” we are told, who murdered and exploited the so-called natives (Columbus and Serra), organized a society built on slavery that has absolutely no redeeming value (Washington and Jefferson), and fought to keep blacks enslaved (Lee).

BLM’s goal is that of all revolutionaries: demoralize the historic majority by demonizing its heroes and ancestors, and its history, symbols, monuments, and even flag, so the majority believes its social order is unjust and permits its destruction.

A corrective is in order. Though these men were flawed as we all are, BLM lies in claiming that they were unworthy of admiration. On balance, the history shows they were not just good, but great men, flaws notwithstanding, and it is that for which we honor them.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS: ADMIRAL OF THE OCEAN SEA

The war against Christopher Columbus began three decades ago in communist history professor Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*, which falsely claimed that Columbus' arrival at San Salvador was a dreadful genocidal cataclysm. Such was the smear's potency that an episode of *The Sopranos* detailed the effort of Tony Soprano's mob family to stop "Native Americans" from desecrating the 15th-century Italian explorer's memory.

Now, apparently, Zinn's mendacious account is settled history. And so the statues must come down.

To cite one example of Zinn's heavy-handed distortions, the late professor dishonestly edited Columbus' account of his encounter with the Tainos and other tribes. "They would make fine servants," Zinn quoted Columbus as writing in his diary. "With fifty men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want."

But those words aren't what they seem. Zinn deviously edited the diary, as Mary Grabar wrote in 2019 for *The College Fix*, and made "Columbus say something quite

different from what he actually said." In suggesting they would be "fine servants," Columbus did not mean they should be subjugated or enslaved, but instead tried to explain why another mainland tribe landed on their island to capture them.

As well, Zinn convinced a significant number of Americans to believe that Columbus showed up in the New World in a "frenzy for money," as Grabar quotes him, and that the arrival of the Spaniards destroyed forever the just, peaceful idyll of the innocently nude natives.

That, too, is false.

A Franciscan tertiary, Columbus' main concern, the Reverend John Hardon wrote, was bringing the people of the New World to Christ, and Columbus assembled a *Book of Prophecies* from Scripture that related to himself and his discovery of the New World:

Commercial interests were certainly prominent in the minds of others. But Columbus had deeper spiritual interests at heart. It was surely part of God's mysterious design that Columbus should have planted the true faith in the New World at the same time that Islam was overrunning Af-

rica, the Near East, and was being driven out of Southern Europe.

As one reads the *Book of Prophecies*, the spirit of the Crusades stands out. For centuries the Crusaders, under Papal inspiration, sought to liberate the Holy City of Jerusalem from Moslem domination. This is the underlying theme of the *Book of Prophecies*, but with one remarkable difference. Columbus sought not so much the physical deliverance of the Holy Land. His aim was to extend the faith which makes the Holy Land holy....

As early as 1493, Columbus wrote a letter to the Royal Treasurer of Spain.... He wrote: "Since our Redeemer gave this victory to our most illustrious King and Queen and to their famous realms, in so great a manner, it is fitting for all Christendom to rejoice and to make celebrations and give solemn thanks to the Holy Trinity with many solemn prayers for the great exultation which it will have and the turning of so many peoples to our holy Faith."

In other words, charity inspired Columbus' voyage, not the search for gold or desire to perpetrate rape, slavery, or mass murder.

Nor did Columbus and his successors destroy a native paradise. As Samuel Eliot Morison reported in *Admiral of the Ocean Sea*, Columbus and his men encountered cannibals who preyed upon the Tainos:

In the huts deserted by the warriors, who ungallantly fled, they found large cuts and joints of human flesh, shin bones set aside to make arrows of, caponized Arawak boy captives who were being fattened for the griddle, and girl captives who were mainly used to produce babies, which the Caribs regarded as a particularly toothsome morsel.

The Aztecs had a similar taste for human flesh. Spain's exploratory project in Latin America terminated a "civilization" that organized orgies of mass human sacrifice. "The victims of these sacrifices were most frequently slaves or prisoners of war," Hardon wrote. "Tearing out the hearts of living victims ... was a relatively merciful death compared to being scourged or eaten



The real New World: When Columbus landed in the New World, he encountered native tribes that enslaved, cooked, and ate their enemies.

alive.” Such was the Aztec thirst for blood, by their own account they slaughtered 84,000 people in four days when they dedicated the temple at Tenochtitlan to the sun god Huitzilopochtli.

Thanks to Columbus and his successor conquistadors, the demons of mass murder were exorcised from Latin America, and “millions embraced the religion of Jesus Christ before the end of the 16th century and became, like the converted Aztec Juan Diego, models of humility and charity.”

Apropos of the truth about the natives, Columbus did not introduce slavery to the Americas or traffic in Africans. The Caribs and other Indians practiced slavery long before Columbus set sail on his 61-day journey from Palos de la Frontera, Spain.

And if Columbus did seek riches, the history shows, he did so in the hope they would pay to raise an army to liberate the Holy Land from its Muslim conquerors.

Thus is he called the Last Crusader.



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Criminal for spreading Catholicism: Marxist radicals of Black Lives Matter have attacked St. Junipero Serra, the Father of California, because he was a “white supremacist” for opening Catholic missions to civilize the Indians and bring them to the Christian faith.

ST. JUNIPERO SERRA: APOSTLE TO THE INDIANS

Another villain, we are to believe, is St. Junipero Serra, known as the Father of California for founding nine of the many Catholic missions that grew into major cities such as San Diego, San Gabriel, San Francisco, and San Luis Obispo.

Like Columbus, Serra’s object was bringing the natives to Christ and establishing the Catholic faith in new territory. And like Columbus, Serra’s heroic efforts are now the object of contempt and criti-

cism, his statues targets for destruction. The radicals have vandalized, desecrated, or destroyed Serra monuments up and down the state.

Yet he was not, as we are told, a brutal colonizer.

“Serra showed himself to be a defender of the Indians’ human rights in 1773, when he journeyed from California to Mexico City to personally present to the viceroy a *Representación*,” wrote Monsignor Francis J. Weber, the author of books on the saint and the archivist emeritus of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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Spanish authorities accepted that “Bill of Rights” for the Indians, and two years later, when 20 Indians received a death sentence after a deadly attack on Mission San Diego, the viceroy acceded to Serra’s request to pardon them. “Serra poured out the better part of his life on behalf of Native Americans having baptized over 5,000 and confirmed 6,000 more,” Weber wrote. As well, he accomplished his feats with a chronically infected leg and, in the end, tuberculosis.

Contrary to what the revolutionaries want us to believe, Serra’s efforts were not always consonant with those of Spain’s royal authorities. “Regarding ‘cultural genocide,’” Weber wrote, “such a charge irresponsibly conflates Serra’s missionary work with the misdeeds of Spanish colonialism.”

Serra and his priests knew life would change for the Indians, and so therefore joined the effort to colonize California “to Christianize and to cushion what they knew would be a major cultural shock.” They

tried to keep the military away from the Indians, whom Serra taught to farm and build. Life was better for the Indians at the missions:

It is sometimes assumed that the Indians in California had been living in some sort of idyllic lifestyle, akin to that of Eden. Contrary to this and related myths, the Indians were attracted to the food and quality of life that the missions provided, when compared to their original state.

Nor in claiming that Indians were forced to convert and kept captive do Serra’s detractors fully understand — or want to understand — how his missions operated. Indian catechumens lived at Serra’s missions, where priests not only taught the faith but also fed and clothed them. Serra and his priests did not force them to accept baptism or the Catholic faith, Weber explained:

Freedom, as all catechisms and manuals of Christian doctrine teach, is a precondition of baptism. In addition, the missionary handbook *Itinerario para Párrocos de Indios*, which occupied a place second only to the Bible for the friars, stated that “enforced baptisms shall be considered null and void.”

As well, a “baptized Indian freely agreed to live permanently on the mission,” and “monthly visits to relatives outside the missions were allowed. On the relatively few occasions when an Indian ran away or failed to return after his monthly excursion, other Christian neophytes were sent after him with a warning that chastisement would follow if the offense was repeated.”

Without ignoring that neither Serra nor Columbus nor the Spanish royal authorities were perfect, serious observers would conclude that the Indians were better off becoming and living as 18th-century Christians than living as near Stone Age primitives in a primitive land — if not for a better diet, then for the salvation of their eternal souls.

“The real ground for animosity against Columbus is the fact that he brought the Catholic faith to the New World,” Hardon wrote, and one may safely conclude that the same is true for St. Junipero.

GEORGE WASHINGTON: FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN

The anti-American radicals have not yet besieged the Washington Monument or the first president’s visage on Mount Rushmore, but give them time. A radical law professor at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, wants to not only drop Robert E. Lee’s name from the name of the university because Lee owned slaves and fought for the Confederacy, but also George Washington’s because he too owned slaves. Seventy-three percent of Democratic college students polled by *The College Fix* would tear down the statues of slave-owning Founding Fathers.

Whatever the failings of the man who could not tell a lie — he believed indolent or recalcitrant slaves must be punished, and

he sold those who repeatedly tried to flee Mount Vernon, his home on the Potomac River below Alexandria, Virginia — he made provision in his will to free his 123 slaves upon his wife’s, Martha’s, death, as the Mount Vernon website observes:

George Washington stipulated in his will that elderly slaves or those who were too sick to work were to be supported throughout their lives by his estate. Children without parents, or those whose families were unable to see to their education were to be bound out to masters and mistresses who would teach them reading, writing, and a useful trade, until they were ultimately freed at the age of twenty-five. Washington’s will stated that he took these charges to his executors very seriously: “And I do moreover most pointedly, and most solemnly enjoin it upon my Executors ... to see that this clause respecting Slaves, and every part thereof be religiously fulfilled at the Epoch at which it is directed to take place; without evasion, neglect or delay, after the Crops which may then be on the ground are

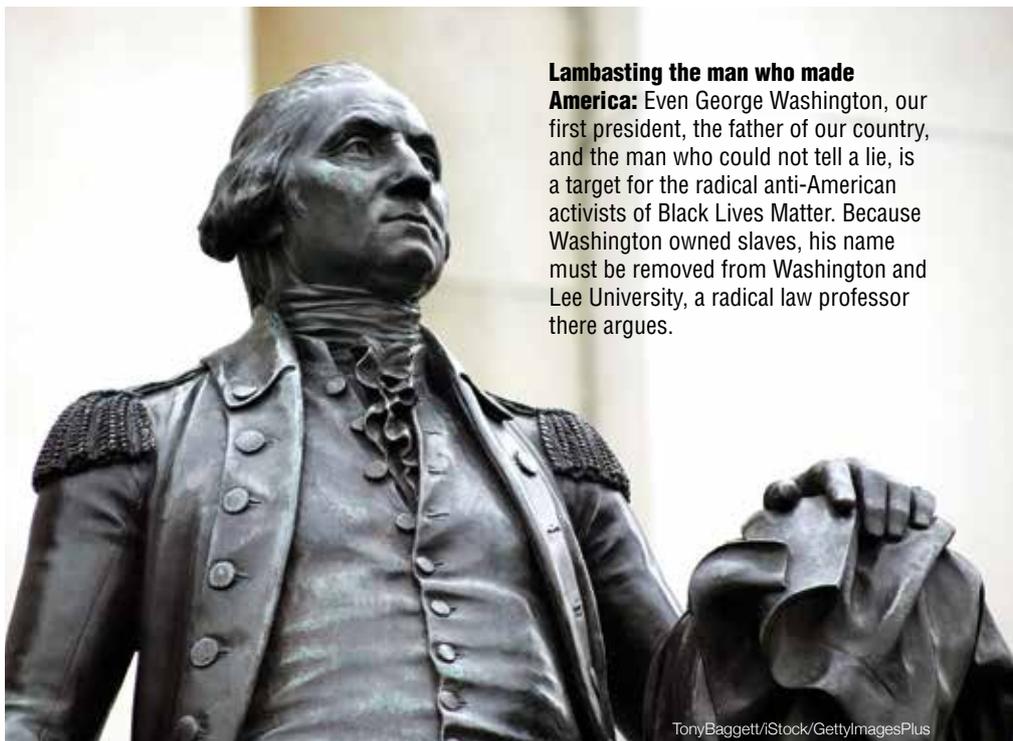
harvested, particularly as it respects the aged and infirm.”

Martha Washington freed those slaves on January 1, 1801, more than a year before she died in May 1802.

Moreover, Washington’s stature among his troops at the end of the Revolutionary War — to which he devoted seven of his prime years as commander of American forces — was so great that a large part of his officer corps wanted to make him America’s first king. He refused, and instead returned home after he resigned his army commission. He was unanimously elected president twice, only to leave office voluntarily and again return to Mount Vernon. Every one of his successors honored that two-term precedent without a law forcing them to do so until Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who was first elected president in 1932.

The significance of Washington’s resigning as commander of the American military, then leaving the presidency after two terms, wasn’t lost upon his British cousins.

“George Washington’s conduct is beyond all praise,” said William Petty, first Marquess of Lansdowne, on receiving the



Lambasting the man who made America: Even George Washington, our first president, the father of our country, and the man who could not tell a lie, is a target for the radical anti-American activists of Black Lives Matter. Because Washington owned slaves, his name must be removed from Washington and Lee University, a radical law professor there argues.

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Condemned for not declaring independence for black slaves: Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, must be historically erased because he owned slaves and supposedly raped and fathered children by slave Sally Hemings — a widely believed but disproven myth. Yet in his day, slavery of all races happened worldwide — condemning all.

portrait of Washington he commissioned from the fabled portraitist Gilbert Stuart. “He has left a noble example to sovereigns and Nations, present and to come.”

The American ambassador to Britain, Rufus King, reported what King George III told American painter Benjamin West. If Washington did indeed step down, “[It would] place him in a light the most distinguished of any man living,” West told King of George III’s opinion. “He thought him the greatest character of the age.”

Washington lived by a strict personal code, his *Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior*, adapted from the French Jesuits. When the first president died in 1799, Lighthorse Harry Lee famously penned a paean to his old commander. “First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen,” Washington’s faithful cavalry commander wrote. “He was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life; pious, just, humane, temperate and sincere; uniform, dignified and commanding, his example was as edifying to all around him.”

But perhaps more telling is the opinion of the Reverend Richard Allen, a former slave. “Our father and friend is taken from us,”

Allen wrote 15 days after Washington died.

To us he has been the sympathizing friend and tender father. He has watched over us, and viewed our degraded and afflicted state with compassion and pity — his heart was not insensible to our sufferings.... He dared to do his duty, and wipe off the only stain with which man could ever reproach him....

If he who broke the yoke of British burdens “from off the neck of the people” of this land, and was hailed his country’s deliverer, by what name shall we call him who secretly and almost unknown emancipated his “bondmen and bondwomen” — became to them a father, and gave them an inheritance!

But none of that matters to the Left.

THOMAS JEFFERSON: “WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS”

As with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson stands condemned because he

owned slaves, although the anti-Jefferson radicals believe they have an even larger-caliber bullet to fatally wound him: At 45 years old when he was U.S. minister to France, they argue, he carried on an affair with 16-year-old slave Sally Hemings, and went on to father six of her children. So Jefferson was not only a “racist,” Jefferson haters allege, but also a “rapist,” and a child rapist at that.

The Thomas Jefferson Heritage Society published *The Jefferson-Hemings Controversy: Report of the Scholars Commission*, which showed the Jefferson-Hemings tale to be false. DNA tests *did not*, as widely believed, connect Jefferson to Hemings, and other historical research showed the claims of so-called offspring and descendants of the two were also untrue. So the story remains what it was: a scurrilous lie and blackmail attempt conceived by Jefferson’s enemy, James Callender, in 1801.

That didn’t stop the people who run Monticello or one of Jefferson’s real descendants, Lucian Truscott IV, from conceding the lie. Grandson of a renowned World War II general, Truscott sallied forth for BLM in the *New York Times* to explain the memorial “is a shrine to a man who famously wrote that ‘all men are created equal’ ... and yet never did much to make those words come true. Upon his death, he did not free the people he enslaved, other than those in the Hemings family, some of whom were his own children. He sold everyone else to pay off his debts.”

Such is Truscott’s anti-Jefferson zeal that he would not only raze the monument but also replace it with one honoring Harriet Tubman, the escaped slave who ran the Underground Railroad.

Yet, as with Washington, the single-minded obsession with Jefferson’s ownership of slaves, which few Americans, black or white, worried about until BLM told them to, threatens to obscure his singular accomplishments as a Promethean American and surpassing figure of the late 18th and early 19th centuries who truly changed the world.

Jefferson listed what he thought were his three most significant accomplishments on the obelisk over his grave at Monticello: He wrote the Declaration of Independence, which justified secession

from Great Britain and explicitly stated that God, not the state, endows us with immutable rights neither state nor government can abridge or take away. He also wrote the Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom, which Virginia's General Assembly adopted in 1786 and which anticipated the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. "No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever," it says, "nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burdened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer, on account of his religious opinions or belief."

Jefferson thought his third great deed was founding the University of Virginia.

Yet Jefferson did not have listed two of his most significant feats outside those political and intellectual achievements.

With the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, he doubled the size of the United States by acquiring 827,000 square miles of territory from Napoleon for the meager sum of \$15 million. The transaction included all of Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, almost all of the Dakotas, Minnesota west of the Mississippi River, parts of Texas and New Mexico, and Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado east of the Rocky Mountains. Even adjusted for inflation — \$342.2 million — Jefferson's remarkable real estate acquisition from Napoleon was less a purchase and more a steal. He also sent the U.S. Navy and Marines to defeat the Barbary pirate states. When the Marines captured Derna in Tripoli in 1805, the American flag flew over conquered territory for the first time.

Yet because he was a man of his time and one aspect of his life does not meet 21st-century sensibilities, the stunning memorial on the Tidal Basin must be demolished.

ROBERT E. LEE: "THE MOST PERFECT MAN"

The campaign against Robert E. Lee, the Confederate commander and one of the two or three finest Americans ever born, began long ago. A Boy Scout troop in Richmond stripped Lee's name from its uniforms, title, and logo in 2003. And now, hard-left Virginia Governor Ralph

Northam desires to tear down the priceless and shockingly vandalized Lee Monument in Richmond.

Lee owned slaves, say the angry critics, and did not free the slaves he inherited from George Washington Parke Custis quickly enough. Even worse, he fought to perpetuate slavery. And so Lee is a "racist traitor." But the facts of the matter stand in stark contrast to the leftist fable: In actuality Lee inherited slaves, and he not only needed to pay off debts to make releasing them feasible, but he was forbidden by Virginia law from freeing them.

Custis, who died in 1857, set aside the sale of multiple estates, as well as the work on others, to pay legacies to Lee's daughters:

And upon the legacies to my four granddaughters being paid, and my estates that are required to pay the said legacies being clear of debt, then I give freedom to my slaves, the said slaves to be emancipated by my executors in such manner as to my executors may seem most expedient and proper, the said emancipation to be

accomplished in not exceeding five years from the time of my decease.

The National Park Service interprets the will to mean the slaves were to be freed "if the estate was found to be in good financial standing or within five years otherwise." Lee's critics complain that he sought a court's permission to keep the slaves longer than his father-in-law wished.

Fact is, as historian Brion McClanahan wrote, Lee could not have freed the slaves before 1862 because doing so would break the law. Manumission was illegal in Virginia. As well, Lee "managed the Arlington estate in an attempt to make the property solvent in order to save it for his wife and family after years of mismanagement." McClanahan wrote:

To keep Arlington and not sell it off, he had to get out of debt... To get out of debt, he had to make the estate profitable and doing so required that the Custis slaves be forced to work, either at Arlington or on neighboring plantations, something they did not want to do and openly resisted...



Statue-worthy: Virginia's leftist Governor Ralph Northam wants to remove the Robert E. Lee statue in Richmond because Lee owned slaves (whom he freed) and supposedly fought to "perpetuate slavery" (he didn't). In truth, Lee did statue-worthy heroic exploits and worked to unify the country after the Civil War.

A Virginia court finally forced Lee to sell off portions of Arlington in 1862 in order to meet the final requirements of the Custis estate and to free the slaves.

Lee thought slavery a “moral and political evil,” McClanahan observed, although he held the same views on race as almost everyone of his time.

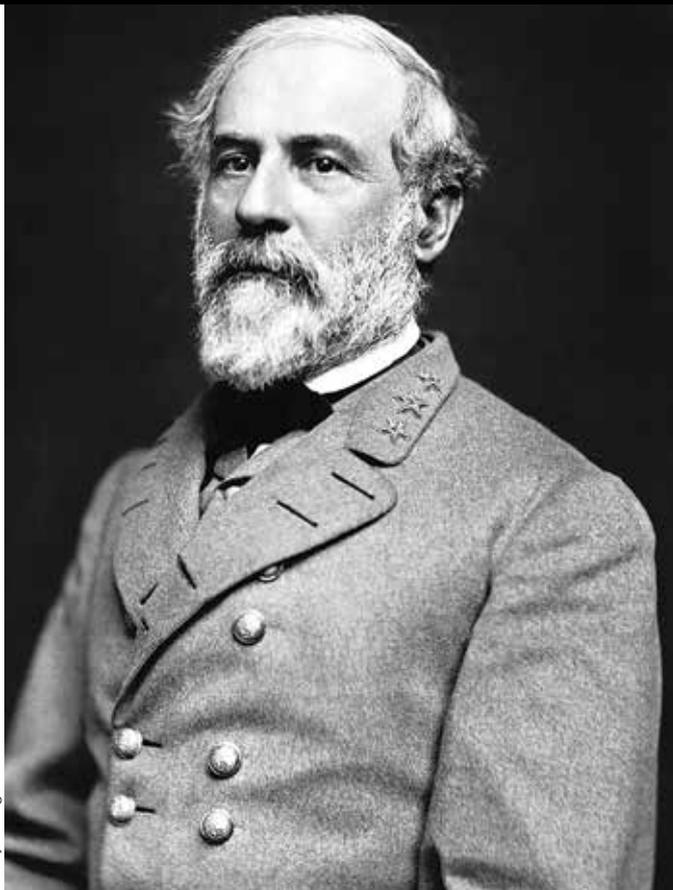
Lee’s detractors also claim he either ordered his slaves brutally whipped at Arlington, a charge, as McClanahan observed, that “is at minimum debatable and probably a lie.” A historian who leveled the charge admits the whipping itself cannot be validated, and one of the slaves who claimed to have been a victim “carried no scars from such a violent event.”

Wrote McClanahan, “Lee publicly refused to answer the charge against him and did not directly comment on it privately, telling his son that the whole business ‘has left me an unpleasant legacy.’ If Lee was so vindictive, why would it be ‘an unpleasant legacy?’” As well, “Lee twice denied it happened later in life. Whom are we to believe? Why would Lee lie in a private letter to his son in 1859 when he had nothing to lose?”

Still, nothing else in Lee’s life matters. History must be rewritten, his courageous service during the Mexican War, for instance, must be ignored.

During the Battle of Contreras outside Mexico City, Lee thrice crossed the Pedregal, a lava field thought to be impassable, at night. General Winfield Scott called it the “greatest feat of physical and moral courage, performed by any individual” during the campaign. Lee, he wrote, was “the best soldier that I ever saw in the field.”

I tell you that if I were on my death bed tomorrow, and the president of the United States would tell me that a great battle was to be fought for liberty or slavery of the country, and asked my judgment as to the ability



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Reasons are important: Contrary to popular belief, Robert E. Lee did not lead the Confederacy to keep the institution of slavery. Rather, he wanted to protect his state from invasion from the North.

of a commander, I would say with my dying breath, let it be Robert E. Lee.

Despite that heroism, Lee’s anguished resignation from the Army to fight for Virginia, after declining the offer to command the Union Army, made him a “traitor.” He was not a secessionist, but as he wrote to his sister, he would not make war upon his home state and people: “Save in defence of my native state with the sincere hope that my poor services may never be needed, I hope I may never be called upon to draw my sword.”

Even after Lee’s defeat in April 1865, the opinion of his contemporaries, including his Yankee foes, did not change. “It is easy to see why Lee has become the embodiment of ... the soldier, the Christian and the gentleman,” a Union general wrote on seeing Lee at the Confederate surrender at Appomattox.

Lee reproached those who wished to

pick scabs on the wounds of the war, and when a penniless Union veteran showed up at Lee’s front gate, the man remembered, Lee “not only had a kind word for an old soldier who had fought against him, but he gave me some money to help me on my way.”

Lee turned down lucrative offers to exploit his name, and at a Sunday service after the war, was the first congregant to kneel by a black man who had stepped forward to receive communion.

British Field Marshal Viscount Wolseley called Lee “the most perfect man I ever met,” and the day after he died, the *New York Herald* offered this evaluation of Lee:

Here in the North ... we have long since ceased to look upon him as the Confederate leader, but have claimed him as one of ourselves; have cherished and felt proud of his military genius; have recounted and recorded his triumphs as our own; have extolled his virtue as reflecting upon us — for Robert Edward Lee was an American...

Never had mother a nobler son... He united all those charms of manners which made him the idol of his friends and of his soldiers and won for him the respect and admiration of the world.

But the mountain of evidence in Lee’s favor must be ignored, so we’re told.

The revolutionary destruction of traditional American heroes and symbols in which we justly take pride is not an end in itself. It is the means to an end: the imposition of a new narrative that justifies an unthinkable totalitarian regime that will enforce its dogmas with a reign of terror. The first step, though, is erasing our past and our deservedly treasured historical memory. ■

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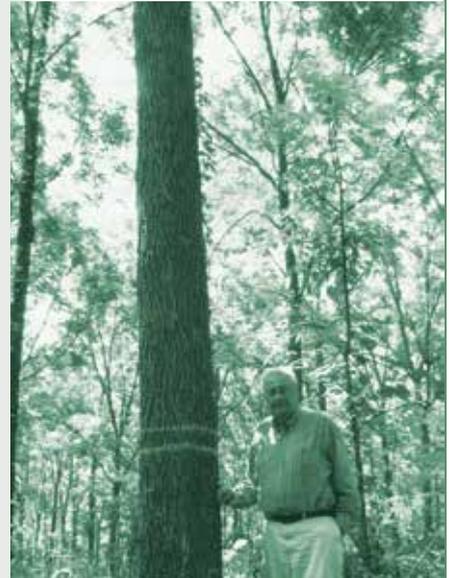
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FREEDOM

The Key to Human Progress

Many countries are blessed with abundant natural resources, but only America provided enough freedom to allow an explosion of innovation and prosperity.



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by Steve Byas

Many years ago, I was verbally marveling at the prosperity of the United States in comparison with most of the rest of the world. A young college-educated woman heard my comments, shrugged her shoulders, and said, “It would be difficult to not be prosperous, considering the vast natural resources of the country.”

This being the 1980s, I countered that the Soviet Union had at least as many, if not more, natural resources than our country, and not only did it lag behind us, it was far behind Japan, a country well known for

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its comparable lack of resources. Besides that, I added, the resources here had existed for generations before our nation was even in existence, so it had to be something additional that has made the United States a country that millions of people around the world want to come to.

In a word, that additional difference the liberal woman did not understand is freedom. In the long history of the world, slavery and servitude have been far more common than freedom. This lack of liberty for the individual to chart his own course, free from the dictates of a government that assumes it knows best, has been what has caused most of the world’s population to suffer in poverty for centuries. The idea that a self-described elite know best for the rest of us is what Friedrich Hayek rightly called “the fatal conceit.”

America the beautiful: Fireworks are part of the fun of the Fourth of July, but what Americans should enjoy most on Independence Day are the blessings of liberty protected by our founding documents.

Without the freedom to try something new — to innovate — mankind has generally been consigned to live on the edge of starvation (if that) for most of its existence. Instead, the static economy resulting from the control by the heavy hand of government led to little improvement in the lives of the average man and woman. Kings and queens certainly lived better than their subjects, but the standard of living of royalty up until fairly recent times would be considered poverty by most Americans living today.

Why is this? Perhaps more than any-

thing else, Americans are partaking of the fruit of what the Founders implemented — a government that was restrained, leaving the population to excel by pursuing its own dreams, not the dreams of some king or pharaoh. As Henry Grady Weaver put it so well in his classic *The Mainspring of Human Progress*, “The only way in which men can remain free and be left in control of their individual energies is to cut the power of government to an irreducible minimum.”

The problem is how to avoid anarchy on one hand — a condition in which criminals would simply steal the fruits of one’s labor — and what history records as the norm for most societies, an oligarchical dictatorship. Solving this dilemma is what the Founders managed to accomplish at Philadelphia with the Constitution of the United States. Nineteenth-century British Prime Minister William Gladstone said of the U.S. Constitution, “The most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man.”

Most people are referring to the war for independence when they reference “the American Revolution,” but as John Adams said, the revolution was complete in the minds of the American people before the war erupted in 1775. He argued that the revolution began when the first English colonists came to the New World. By the time Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, its philosophy was widely shared by those men who led the effort to secede from the British Empire.

Government Protects, Not Gives, Rights

“We hold these truths to be self-evident,” the Declaration explained, “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.” In short, governments are instituted not to hand out rights as they see fit, but rather to protect those rights that we already have, simply on the basis of us being humans.

The Constitution was written to implement the grand ideas of the Dec-

laration of Independence. The preamble makes this quite clear — the Constitution was the Founders’ effort to secure the blessings of liberty to themselves and their posterity.

Freed from the restraints of governments of pharaohs, kings, caesars, and the like, Americans were free to innovate, to pursue their own happiness, rather than pursuing the grandiose schemes of an authoritarian regime. It was freedom, rather than slavery, that made possible what W. Cleon Skousen called “the 5000-year leap.” Before this, the standard of living of the world changed little over 50 centuries.

Of course, the enemies of freedom are ever present to stifle the benefits it produces. Because of this, citizens must continue to fight those who wish to go back to the times before the “revolution” of the Founders. As William Cullen Bryant said

in the 19th century, “Not yet, O Freedom! Close thy lids in slumber, for thine enemy never sleepeth.”

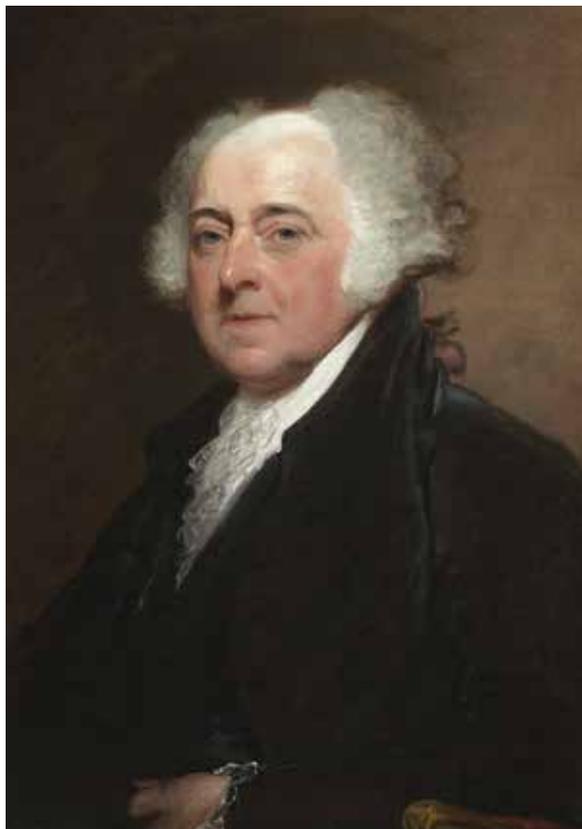
American Founding Father John Adams knew it would require vigilance to keep our hard-earned freedom from being lost. He was dedicated to the task, explaining, “I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, navigation, commerce, and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.”

Adams could not have foreseen all of the fruits of liberty we enjoy today. Adams, Jefferson, Hamilton, Washington, and all the rest were not just concerned with putting more food on the table. Because of this unleashing of human ingenuity and energy brought on by Americans pursuing their own happiness, we and our ancestors have had more time to pursue our own dreams — whatever those dreams are — and also to improve our minds, practice our faith, and simply enjoy life — doing things such as taking our kids to a baseball game and enjoying a hot dog.

The Fruits of Liberty

Whereas ruling elites saw no need to improve the daily lives of their subjects, the progress that resulted from this unshackling of the average man and woman has led to the enjoyment of indoor plumbing, electric lighting, air conditioning, the automobile, motion pictures, sporting events, and all sorts of pleasures that we take for granted today.

This should not be a surprise. As the great Austrian economist Ludwig von Mises said, “Free labor is incomparably more productive than slave labor. The slave has no interest in exerting himself fully. He works only as much and as zealously as is necessary to escape the punishment attaching to failure to perform the minimum. The free worker,



Freedom’s start: John Adams contended that the American Revolution actually began with the arrival of the first English colonists in 1607, as the colonists — separated from the British Empire by the vast Atlantic Ocean — began building a new way of life on the foundation of freedom.



Prosperity is the result of liberty: By 1940, Americans had more automobiles than the rest of the world combined. Along with so many other material blessings, this explosion of prosperity was mostly due to the liberty of individuals to pursue happiness, without the heavy hand of government regulation so common throughout world history.

This lack of liberty for the individual to chart his own course, free from the dictates of a government that assumes it knows best, has been what has caused most of the world's population to suffer in poverty for centuries.

on the other hand, knows that the more his labor accomplishes, the more he will be paid.”

By 1890, the United States had, by far, the world's most productive economy. By 1940, Americans drove 85 percent of the world's automobiles, and had over half of the world's telephones. Of course, these astounding numbers have dropped considerably, not because the standard of living of Americans has declined, but because much of the rest of the world has gradually somewhat closed the gap. Still, almost 30 percent of the world's wealth is in American hands.

Even today, Americans generally enjoy a higher standard of living than that en-

joyed around the world. It is not surprising that millions of people around the world want to live here. For example, the average American enjoys about 700 square feet of living space, per person, which is somewhere between 50 and 100 percent more than the average in other high-income countries.

In *The Mainspring of Human Progress*, Weaver offered the example of the common nail to demonstrate the blessings of liberty. Before the Revolution, nails were so expensive that older houses would be burned down just so nails could be retrieved from the ashes, in order to build other houses. Then, in 1795, Jacob Perkins of Massachusetts invented a machine that

could make 60,000 nails per week. Obviously, this lowered the cost of building a house, improving the lives of untold millions in America, and around the world in the ensuing decades.

The incentive to build such a machine would not have existed had Perkins been constrained to just carrying out the dictates of a ruling monarch or an oligarchy, or a bureaucrat in Washington, D.C., or one of the many towns across the land. While some decry the private ownership of property, it is the very concept of private property, allowing individuals to use that property as they see fit, that has allowed the use of those “vast” natural resources that existed in America long before there was a political entity called the United States.

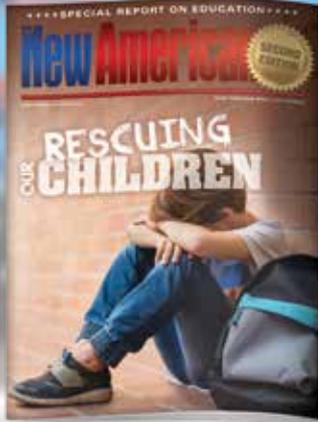
Today's politics is largely divided over how the concept of private property is viewed. On one side, in line with the thoughts of the Founding Fathers, is the philosophy that a principal purpose of government is to protect private property. On the other side, in line with far too many in our country, is the overt assertion that government exists not to protect property, but rather to take it from those who have created it, and redistribute it to others. Coveting is forbidden in the Ten Commandments, but for many politicians today, it is policy.

Of course, giving any government this type of power is not only immoral, it is counterproductive and antithetical to the founding principles of this nation. It is the philosophy that kept the standard of living stagnant for most of recorded history.

The Venezuelan patriot Francisco de Miranda, when his nation was breaking away from Spain, cautioned his countrymen, “Two examples lie before our eyes: The American Revolution and the French Revolution. Let us discreetly imitate the first; let us most carefully avoid the disastrous effects of the second.”

Sadly, the history of Latin America indicates that the model of the French Revolution has not been carefully avoided. Sadder still, there are many Americans today who have forgotten, or never learned of, the blessings of liberty won by the principles that drove our own American Revolution, and are instead looking with favor upon the disaster known as the French Revolution. ■

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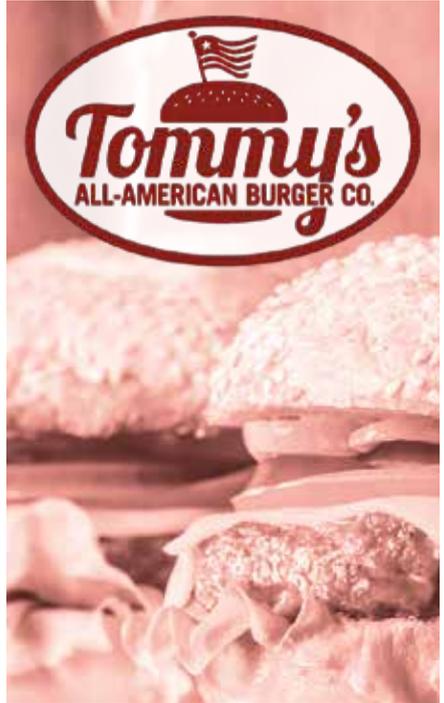
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THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

The Gift of Transportation

An anonymous donor surprised a Taco Casa restaurant employee in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with a car so that he no longer has to walk to work, the *Tuscaloosa News* reported.

A generous donor who wished to remain anonymous is a frequent customer of the restaurant and became aware that the unidentified employee was walking a long distance to get to his job because he did not have a vehicle.

On June 30, he gifted the employee a fully paid Acura. In an effort to remain anonymous, the customer left the vehicle with Rod Wilkin, Jr., the restaurant's vice president of operations, to present to the employee.

In a video that was uploaded to Taco Casa's social-media sites, Wilkin walked the employee out of the restaurant and explained to him and the other employees who came outside what he was doing.

"Ok, so there is a gentleman here in town that wants to remain anonymous but wants to surprise you and he has just give[n] me keys to a car for you and it's right there," Wilkin said before pointing to the gifted Acura sedan.

"For me?" the employee responds, smiling.

"For you," Wilkin affirmed.

Of the anonymous donor, Wilkin added, "He just said it's a God thing and he wants you to enjoy it."

The employee's co-workers can be heard in the video teasing him about not having to be hot on the way into work. Others joked the vehicle means he has "no excuse to be late." He responded, "I'm never late. I'm gonna be super early now."

According to Wilkin, the gift to his employee was one of the kindest acts of generosity he had ever been lucky enough to witness, Breitbart News reported.

What's more amazing, the customer had only briefly met the employee before he decided he wanted to do this wonderful deed. According to the company's Facebook post, the anonymous customer was inspired by the fact that the employee maintained his work ethic despite having lost his means of transportation.

"It's just amazing to think that a customer has met another person for 15 minutes and feels like God has told him that hey I need to buy him a car. I need to take care of this man, I need to show him and I need to show the love of Jesus to this individual," he commented.

Wilkin says the kindness could not have been shown to a better person. "He is a great employee here for us," he said of his employee, who has been with the restaurant for several years, according to CBS 42. "He's just a great guy."

Fire Rescue

Quick action by Tre Jones, 25, and Marcus Harvey, 24, likely saved the life of 56-year-old Guy Tarlton, whose home in Marion, Indiana, caught fire after Tarlton fell asleep while cooking on June 21.

Jones recalled telling Harvey he smelled smoke before he noticed the house ablaze. Jones said there were people in the front yard of the house recording it on their phones.

It was then that Jones began hearing screams from inside the house. "I'm like, 'So why are you all just standing there?'" he recalled.

Quickly, he and Harvey ran toward the fiery home.

Jones described the experience to the *Chronicle-Tribune*. "I kicked the door in and fire, smoke and all types of stuff blew out the house because the fire was so bad," Jones recalled. "It pushed me because there was so much pressure inside the house when I kicked the door in. It like forced me away from the door. I took my shirt off. Now I've got the door open, so I could hear him moaning and groaning a little more louder. I told him, 'Hold on. Here I come. Keep talking, keep talking, keep talking.'"

Jones couldn't see anything, but found Tarlton on the ground after accidentally stepping on him. It was then he attempted to pick Tarlton up and "scoot" him towards the exit, but he was heavy and kept slipping out of his hands. Thankfully, Harvey, who initially hesitated to enter the house because of poor visibility, found Jones inside the house and helped get

Tarlton to safety. The men each grabbed him by an arm and his belt to pull him out of the house. It was then that firefighters arrived.

While the men were scared, Harvey said he believes wholeheartedly that God was with them that day.

"As we're coming out of the house, we can't see anything but only thing I can sit there and tell you if you believe in God, mysterious things will happen," he said. "He was there the whole entire time showing us the way out."

Both Jones and Harvey said they would never have been able to live with themselves if they didn't get Tarlton out. "We really didn't know. We were really just thinking about getting that man out of the house and getting us out of there. We've got kids, so we were trying to make sure we were all going to be safe," Harvey said. "We never leave a man behind."

"I wasn't even thinking how bad it was," Jones said. "I just knew I had to get him out."

Jones is hopeful the incident will serve as a teachable moment, particularly since he and Harvey are young black men and Tarlton is white, and the incident took place at a time when race relations are being strained by the mainstream media's divisive narrative.

"I want to say, all lives matter. Don't judge a book by its cover," he said.

Tarlton was flown to Lutheran Hospital with first- and third-degree burns over 30 percent of his body and was put into a medically induced coma. Had Jones and Harvey not gotten to him when they did, the outcome could have been entirely different. WTHR 13 reported that both Jones and Harvey have remained in touch with Tarlton's family to check on his condition. They could not visit him in the hospital due to COVID-19 restrictions.

According to Brandon Eckstein, a fire marshal for the Marion Fire Department (MFD), Tarlton did not have a working smoke detector in his home at the time of the fire.

Both Jones and Harvey will be honored by the MFD for their heroics. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

The Great EMANCIPATION

Contrary to multicultural, politically correct purveyors of misinformation, the Founding Fathers broke with age-old practices and provided for the abolition of slavery.



Slavery in America: A group of "contraband" slaves gather for a photo at Cumberland Landing, Virginia, in 1862.

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by William Norman Grigg

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In a speech to a group of legal activists on May 6, 1987, the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall denounced our nation's charter of government and the framers of that document. At the time, Americans were commemorating the constitutional bicentennial, and Marshall — who had sworn a solemn oath to uphold and protect the U.S. Constitution — could barely contain his contempt for that observance.

Dissenting from what he called “a complacent belief that the document is worthy of praise,” Marshall indicted the Founding Fathers for their supposed lack of “wisdom, foresight, and sense of justice” and insisted that “the government they devised was defective from the start.” The fatal defect in the Founders’ handiwork, Marshall asserted, was its failure to abolish the practice of slavery outright. This reflected “the prevailing opinion” among the Founders that blacks “were so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect ... and that the Negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit,” Marshall opined. Within a very short time, the sentiments expressed by Marshall — which caused shock and consternation at the time — be-

came enshrined as something of a cultural consensus. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that practically the only thing many American students know about George Washington or Thomas Jefferson is that both were “slave owners” and therefore utterly unworthy of respect.

It’s not just students, though. Today many people of good will have a difficult time reconciling the principles of God-given individual rights and equal protection under the law — concepts that were given such eloquent expression in our founding documents — with the fact that the Framers of the Constitution compromised on the issue of chattel slavery. Even many of those who revere the Founders and cherish their accomplishments are inclined to see the Framers’ handling of

the slavery issue as a cynical exercise in expediency. That the Framers struck a compromise on slavery is indisputable. But that compromise, which reflected a sound understanding of the limitations of human nature and human institutions, was devised in such a way as to hasten the abolition of slavery, rather than to perpetuate the practice.

The institution of chattel slavery, until quite recently, was embedded in nearly every human society. While the Framers of the Constitution drew upon the inherited wisdom of the ages in drafting our charter of government, their treatment of slavery represented a dramatic break with the past: By giving Congress the power to cease the importation of slaves, the Constitution curbed, and provided for the abolition of, an age-old practice that is an offense against human liberty.

Compromise and Consequence

“In no matter what field of the European past we make our research,” wrote British parliamentarian and philosopher Hilaire Belloc in his study *The Servile State*, “we find, from two thousand years ago upwards, one fundamental institution whereupon the whole of society reposes; that fundamental institution is slavery.” Across the sweep of 20 centuries, Belloc observes, “we find no organized effort, nor (what is still more significant) do we find any complaint of conscience against the institution which condemned the bulk of human beings to forced labor.” By the time of the American founding, Christian concepts of individual worth and liberty had permeated Western society to such an extent that the continued existence of slavery became untenable. (Significantly, the movement to abolish slavery was a distinctly Christian undertaking; there was no non-Christian equivalent.)

Although the emancipation movement was under way by the time of the founding, slavery was still commonly practiced throughout the Western world. “Americans were not the only patrons of the institution of slavery at the time of [American] independence,” notes writer Richard Brookhiser in *Founding Father*, his biography of Washington. “They bought their slaves from African dealers. Though the Chief Justice of the King’s Bench had ruled in 1772 that any slave who set foot



A fading institution: A Union soldier sits in front of a storefront advertising “Auction & Negro Sales” in Atlanta, in 1864 (above). It was the American Founding Fathers who, in a break with millennia of human history, laid a foundation for the eventual abolition of slavery when they drafted the U.S. Constitution.

in Britain became free, slavery was not touched in the colonies, where nearly all of the slaves in the empire lived. Slavery was sanctioned by the Bible and by Aristotle. But, alone in a world of slaveholders, Americans brought on themselves the charge of hypocrisy, because of their principles and their rhetoric.”

The Framers understood that they lived in a society that was (in Alexander Hamilton’s words) “remote from the happy empire of perfect wisdom and perfect virtue.” Unlike the utopian social engineers who believed that human customs and prejudices can be re-molded by the power of government, the architects of the U.S. Constitution sought to accommodate human nature and existing institutions, while providing for the refinement of justice in harmony with the “laws of Nature and of Nature’s God.” Had they been animated by purely self-interested motives, the Framers would probably have given the issue of slavery wide berth; had they less respect for the

principles of limited government under law, they might have tried to eradicate the practice by decree — with disastrous results. The course ultimately settled upon by the Framers, however unsatisfactory it may seem to some of those who enjoy the blessings of their efforts, displayed great wisdom and insight.

Slavery was the most divisive issue at the Philadelphia Convention of 1787, and the resulting compromise did permit the continued importation of slaves for 20 years. However, as James Madison pointed out in *The Federalist*, No. 38, under the Articles of Confederation, the continuation of the slave trade was “permitted forever.” While Madison and others among the Framers would have preferred immediate abolition, the anti-slavery element at the Convention had succeeded in creating a framework that — if followed — could have brought to a rapid and orderly end a despicable practice that had existed for centuries. As Madison explained in *The Federalist*, No. 42:

It ought to be considered as a great point gained in favor of humanity that a period of twenty years may terminate forever, within these States, a traffic which has so long and so loudly upbraided the barbarism of modern policy; that within that period it will receive a considerable discouragement from the federal government, and may be totally abolished, by a concurrence of the few States which continue the unnatural traffic in the prohibitory example which has been given by so great a majority of the Union. Happy would it be for the unfortunate Africans if an equal prospect lay before them of being redeemed from the oppressions of their European brethren!

Beginnings of Abolition

The constitutional provisions that prefigured an end to the practice of slavery were explicitly acknowledged during the debate over ratification. “A solid foundation is laid for exploding the principles of negro slavery, in which many good men of all parties in Pennsylvania, and throughout the union, have already concurred,” declared Federalist Tenche Coxe in a September 1788 essay. Noah Webster concurred: “An immediate abolition of slavery would bring ruin upon the whites, and misery upon the blacks, in the southern states. The constitution has therefore wisely left each state to pursue its own measures, with respect to this article of legislation, during the period of twenty-one years.”

During the Philadelphia Convention, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, who opposed slavery, observed (as Madison recorded his remarks) that “the abolition of slavery seemed to be going on in the United States and that the good sense of the several States would probably by degrees compleat [sic] it.” “Some states began to act with the purpose of eventually ending slavery almost as soon as independence from Britain was

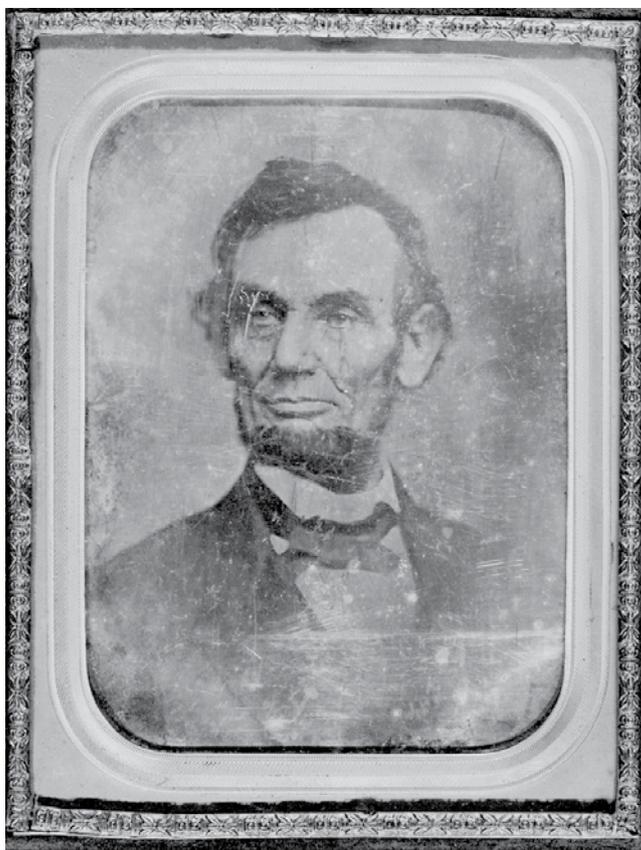
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declared,” writes Clarence Carson in Volume 2 of his authoritative series *A Basic History of the United States*. “In 1776, Delaware prohibited the importation of slaves and removed all restraints on their manumission (freeing by the owner). Virginia stopped slave imports in 1778; Maryland adopted a similar measure in 1783. Both states permitted manumission. In 1780, Pennsylvania not only prohibited further importation of slaves but also provided that after that date all children born of slaves should be free. Similar en-

actments were made in the early 1780s in New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. In Massachusetts, the supreme court ruled that on the basis of that state’s constitution of 1780 slavery was abolished there.... In order to protect free Negroes, Virginia made it a crime punishable by death for anyone found guilty of selling a freed Negro into slavery.”

“After 1808, Congress was free to abolish the slave trade, as it did,” writes historian Thomas G. West in his book *Vindicating the Founders*. While it is true that the Constitution tolerated the continued practice of chattel slavery on a temporary basis, “it did not stand in the way of any state that wished to abolish slavery,” continues West. “Congress could cut off the slave trade after twenty years. Congress could cut off the spread of slavery to new states and to the western territories. Congress could regulate interstate commerce in slaves. The Constitution was not the problem. The problem was the absence of political will” to use constitutional mechanisms to hasten the end of institutionalized slavery.

Once again, it is important to recognize that by devising these anti-slavery mechanisms, the Framers were acting to abolish a well-entrenched social institution. “What is significant in the historical context of the time is not that the liberty-loving Revolutionaries allowed slavery to survive, but that they — even those who profited directly from the institution — went so far in condemning it, confining it, and setting in motion the forces that would ultimately destroy it,” observes historian Bernard Bailyn.



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son expressed the hope that America was preparing, “under the auspices of heaven, for a total emancipation” of the slaves. Madison expressed confidence that the Constitution would succeed in “palliating slavery as a deep-rooted abuse.” Another noted Virginian, abolitionist George Mason, issued a sobering warning to his fellow delegates at the Constitutional Convention: “Every master of slaves is born a petty tyrant. They bring the judgment of heaven on a Country. As nations can not be rewarded or punished in the next world they must be in this. By an inevitable chain of causes and effects providence punishes national sins, by national calamities.”

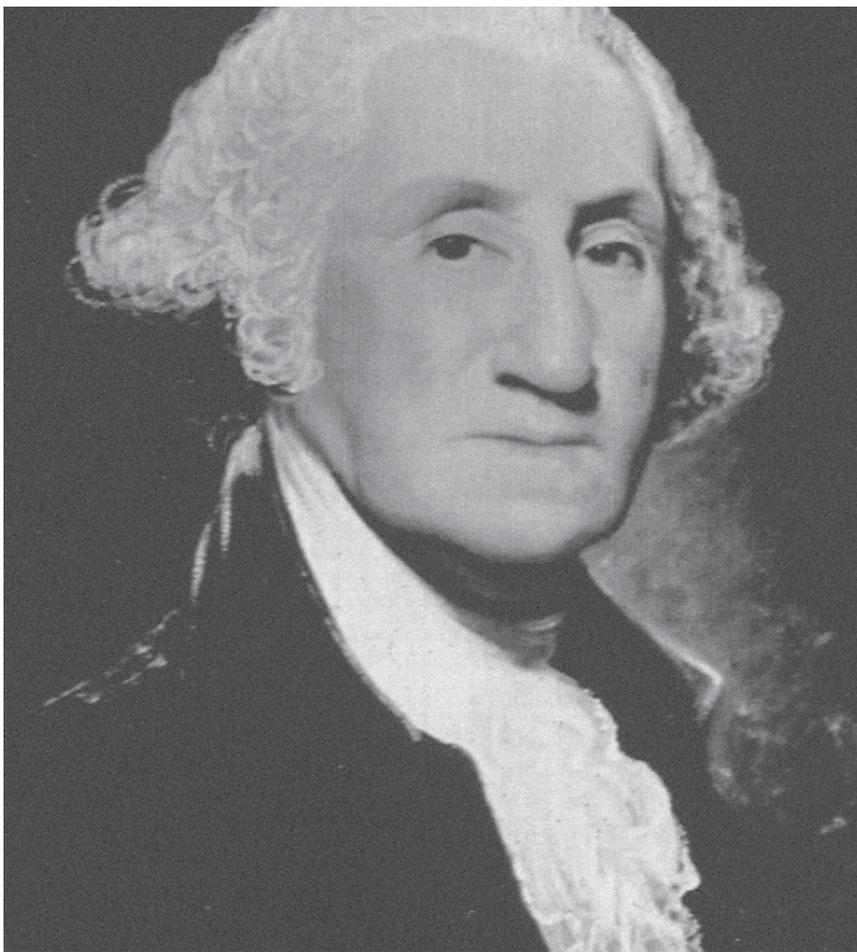
The same viewpoint was ardently championed by other lesser-known supporters of the new constitution. “A man who exercises absolute power over some hundred fellow creatures, although he should not abuse it, cannot easily have a heart-felt sensibility of the equal rights of mankind, the moderation of a republican, and a genuine love of liberty,” wrote Federalist Nicolas Collin (under the pseudonym “A Foreign Spectator”) in Philadelphia’s *Independent Gazetteer* in September 1787. “This national evil must indeed be abolished with prudence, and by degrees; but let it be done with all possible speed.”

Writing under the pen name “Crito,” Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, explained how the principles of that document applied to black and white alike:

The Africans, and the blacks in servitude among us, were really as much included in these assertions as ourselves; and their right, unalienable right to liberty, and to procure and possess property, is as much asserted as ours, if they be men.

And if we have not allowed them to enjoy these unalienable rights, but violently deprive them of liberty and property . . . we are guilty of a ridiculous and wicked contradiction and inconsistency [*sic*].

George Washington became a slave owner by inheritance — through his half-brother Lawrence’s will and his marriage to Martha Custis. As a planter with extensive holdings, Washington both bought and sold slaves, and as president he was cautious



Strong feelings: “There is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of slavery,” George Washington once declared, giving voice to the beliefs generally held by the Founding Fathers.

“A successful and liberty-loving republic might someday destroy the slavery it had been obliged to tolerate at the start; a weak and fragmented nation would never be able to do so.”

Founders’ Intent

Clearly, the intention of the Framers was to set slavery “in the course of ultimate extinction,” as Abraham Lincoln observed. In his *Notes on Virginia*, Thomas Jeffer-

not to offend the powerful slaveholding interests in the Southern states by publicly agitating for emancipation. However, Washington expressed his repugnance for slavery to his closest friends, and toward the end of his life, he acted upon his principled desire to see an end to the practice.

One of Washington's most revealing statements on the subject came in 1774, amid increasingly brazen encroachments by the British Crown. Washington warned that if Americans allowed such usurpations to continue, "custom and use shall make us as tame and abject slaves as the blacks we rule over with such arbitrary sway." Biographer James Thomas Flexner underscores a critical element of Washington's warning: "The final clause in this sentence reveals disgust at the behavior of the whites, but even more significant is the assumption that the 'custom and use' which had debased the blacks would debase whites equally."

Between the Revolution and his presidency, Washington reflected upon the need to bring about "the rooting out of slavery." "There is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of slavery," Washington declared on one occasion. In a conversation with his close friend David Humphreys, Washington described the "unfortunate condition of the persons whose labors I in part employed" as an "unavoidable subject of regret": "To make the adults among them as easy and comfortable as their actual state of ignorance and improvidence would admit, and to lay a foundation to prepare the rising generation for a destiny different from that in which they were born, affords some satisfaction to my mind, and could not, I hoped, be displeasing to the justice of the Creator."

In a private letter sent to his friend Tobias Lear, Washington expressed his intention "to liberate a species of property which I possess very repugnantly to my feelings"; his intention, Flexner observes, "was to have the renters of his farms hire, 'as they would do any other laborers,' the blacks who had previously worked on the same farms as slaves." Although he offered to rent his farms on these terms, "the



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Black leader: Booker T. Washington took the name of our nation's first president as his own and recognized the great responsibilities conferred on individuals by freedom: "To many of the newly liberated slaves," recalled Washington, "it seemed that, now that they were in actual possession of it, freedom was a more serious thing than they had expected to find it."

end remained unachieved" at the time of his death in December 1799. However, when Washington drew up his last will and testament in July of that year, he made provision to free his slaves outright:

Upon the decease of my wife it is my will and desire that all the slaves which I hold in my own right, shall receive their freedom. — And whereas among those who will receive freedom, there may be some, who from old age or bodily infirmities, and others who on account of their infancy, will be unable to support themselves; it is my will and desire that — they shall be comfortably clothed and fed by my heirs while they live.

After Slavery

One of emancipation's greatest challenges, Washington observed, was educating

freedmen "to perceive what are the obligations of freedom." This same challenge was commented upon by Booker T. Washington, America's first widely recognized black leader. Unlike contemporary racial grievance-peddlers, Booker T. Washington — who adopted the surname of the father of our country as his own — actually experienced firsthand the "cruelty and moral wrong of slavery." Nevertheless, Washington did not share Thurgood Marshall's contempt for the handiwork of our Founding Fathers.

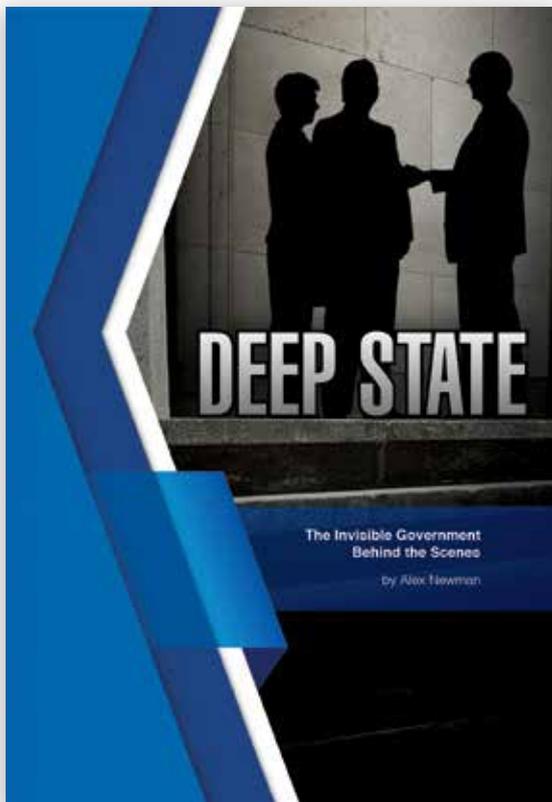
"I have never seen [a former slave] who did not want to be free, or one who would return to slavery," reflected Washington in his memoir *Up From Slavery*. Writing just decades after chattel slavery had been abolished in the United States, Washington observed that "the ten million Negroes inhabiting this country, who themselves or whose ancestors went through the school of American slavery, are in a stronger and more hopeful condition, materially, intellectually, morally, and religiously, than is true of an equal number of black people in any other portion of the globe."

As a youngster, Washington had seen his mother "kneeling over her children and fervently praying ... that one day she and her children might be free." The joy that greeted emancipation was tempered by the understanding that freedom entails responsibility as well. "The great responsibility of being free, of having charge of themselves, of having to think and plan for themselves and their children, seemed to take possession [of the newly liberated slaves]," wrote Washington. "In a few hours the great question with which the Anglo-Saxon race had been grappling for centuries had been thrown upon these people to be solved." To many of the newly liberated slaves, "it seemed that, now that they were in actual possession of it, freedom was a more serious thing than they had expected to find it."

Freedom was indeed a "serious thing" for Washington, who was born into slavery and destitution. Would that those of us who have not known such trials take our freedoms as seriously. ■

WHAT CAN BE DONE

The Deep State juggernaut may be a formidable force, but it is not unstoppable.



by Alex Newman

This article is the concluding chapter of a new book by Alex Newman entitled Deep State: The Invisible Government Behind the Scenes, which is going to the printer this month. Alex is a foreign correspondent for THE NEW AMERICAN.

Simply knowing about the Deep State and its evil agenda will not stop it. In fact, it won't even make a dent. But learning about the problem is the first step to dealing with it. After all, doctors cannot begin to treat an illness or disease without an accurate diagnosis. And an

army cannot begin planning to defeat and resist an enemy without first knowing who that enemy is. Make no mistake: This is a war.

The first and most important thing to understand about the war is that it goes way beyond politics, economics, religion, or ideology. This is not merely a battle against bad ideas or bad people — it's a battle against evil. In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul described the nature of this battle. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," he wrote after urging the faithful to put on "the whole armor of God."

In the Hebrew Bible, God through King David gives insight into the nature of the battle as well. "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed," reads Psalm 2:2, with some versions even using the word "conspire." However, there is also good news, with verse 4 explaining, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh."

In short, the forces working to destroy liberty and America are not just anti-human and anti-freedom. They are, at the core, waging a war against God Himself. They hate God, with a passion, and they hate God's people — those who love God and seek to do His will. Understanding this is fundamental to formulating a proper response.

As John Birch Society Founder Robert Welch put it, America and humanity are right now confronted with a "diabolical conspiracy." Any sensible plan for opposing the Deep State must, therefore, first and foremost, rely on God. Recognizing the indispensable role of God in the freedom fight, Welch incorporated it into his motto for The John Birch Society: "Less government, more responsibility, and — with God's help — a better world." Without relying on God for guidance and support, any hope for victory is absurd. America's Founders, for instance, declared their "firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence." As the Bible puts it in Psalm 127, "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Going back to Ephesians 6, God gives some crucial strategies for the fight ahead. Among other tactics, believers are instructed to take up the "shield of faith" that will enable you to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." And when going on offense, believers have a powerful weapon, too: "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Biblical truth offers a most powerful weapon in this struggle.

As the enemy seeks to undermine family and marriage, the Word of God points humanity back in the right direction. As the enemy seeks to redefine good and evil, again the Bible smashes the lies. As the enemy seeks to invent infinite new genders, the absolute Truth that God created people male and female will stand forever. As the enemy peddles tyranny, the Bible urges believers to proclaim liberty. On issue after issue, the word of God stands as a light unto the nations.

But believers must manifest their deeply held religious convictions through their actions in order to make the world we live in a better and freer place. As Daniel Webster said in 1834, “God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.”

Regardless of our own religious traditions or the doctrinal disagreements we may have with others, all of us can and must play a role in fighting back against the civilization-destroyers on points of common agreement. Imagine, for the sake of argument, that Christian-style civilization is an edifice that has been set ablaze by God-hating arsonists. If it burns, liberty, prosperity, and more will be utterly destroyed. Children and grandchildren will be in bondage, if they even survive. Would anyone really suggest that due to doctrinal differences, Catholics or Protestants or Jews or Orthodox Christians should not join the volunteer fire department? The John Birch Society is the equivalent of the volunteer fire department.

In practical terms, there is much that must be done. Ancient Chinese strategist Sun Tzu, writing in his masterpiece *The Art of War*, laid out a key point that should be clearly understood in the midst of a war. “If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles,” he wrote. “If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”

These words of wisdom are especially relevant today. Thanks to the Deep State’s control of public

education and the media, Americans today have little understanding of the enemy or themselves, ensuring defeat in every battle. For instance, even though polls find that three-fourths of Americans recognize that a “Deep State” exists, few have a solid understanding of what this means, or how deep this Deep State really goes. And when it comes to knowing who they are as Americans, again the vast majority of the public falls short. As Thomas Jefferson warned in 1816, “If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.”

This gives advocates of liberty, civilization, and righteousness an enormous task: Educating the public about who we are as a nation, and who the enemy is. For one, Americans must become educated about their own history, their heritage, and their Constitution. Ignorance of those key elements is one of the reasons the Deep State has been so successful in using unconstitutional government and phony history to undermine America and freedom.

On the other side of the equation, Americans must gain a proper education on the Deep State. That is why this book

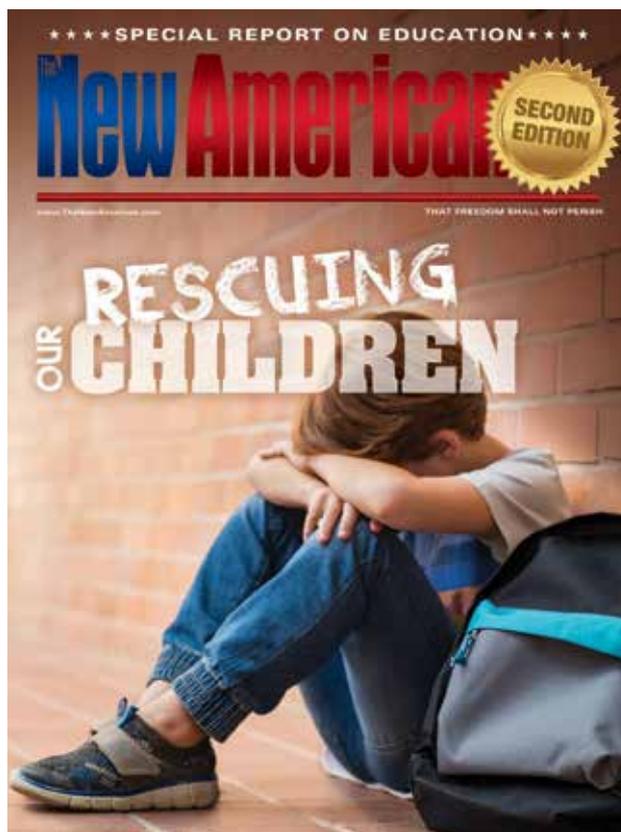
has been prepared. Of course, this book is merely a primer. It should be used in conjunction with other works such as James Perloff’s *Shadows of Power*, Art Thompson’s *In the Shadows of the Deep State*, G. Edward Griffin’s *The Creature From Jekyll Island*, Welch’s *Again, May God Forgive Us*, Gary Allen’s *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*, and Dan Smoot’s *The Invisible Government*. A subscription to THE NEW AMERICAN magazine is essential for making sense out of today’s headlines.

Fighting ignorance is crucial on so many levels. As God put it in the Hebrew Bible, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). Also in the Old Testament (Isaiah 5:13), God warns about the dangers of ignorance once again: “Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge.” Clearly, knowledge is not just desirable, it is essential to remaining free.

The John Birch Society has produced an enormous range of educational ammunition to use in this battle. This includes material educating Americans about themselves, and about the evildoers seeking to enslave them and destroy civilization. There is no reason to

reinvent the wheel — see what JBS has available, educate yourself, and then use those resources to educate others. Focus on getting the material to opinion molders: radio hosts, newspaper columnists, business leaders, elected officials, legislators, sheriffs, community leaders, pastors, rabbis, priests, elders at church, and more.

Perhaps the single most important thing average American parents can do for the cause is to train up their children in the way that they should go. At the very least, that means ensuring that they are not subjected to over a decade of anti-God, anti-liberty, anti-family indoctrination in government schools. At this point, homeschooling, parent-led co-operatives known as “co-ops,” or godly private schools are really the only option. FreedomProject Academy, an online K-12 school affiliated with JBS, is a great tool. Working with churches and



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Defeating the Deep State: The Deep State is a worldwide coalition of globalists who preach that socialistic global government — minus religious morals — is the key to Heaven on Earth. Christians can fight this lie by first living as directed by God and protecting religiosity.

parents to ensure alternatives at the local level is key.

After doing the basics — protecting one’s own children and ensuring they receive a high-quality, godly education — helping others protect their own children is crucial too. After all, if the school building is on fire, to use the analogy again, you would not just get your own children out, but would also sound the alarm and encourage other parents to rescue their children, too. And you would do it immediately — so the children would be safe — while also working on the long-term objective of separating school and state.

In the government schools, the children

are being harmed mentally, spiritually, academically, intellectually, and more. If more than eight out of 10 American children remain in Deep State-controlled schools, it is unlikely that America will survive another generation as a free nation. It may not survive anyway, but without a revival of real education, which is only possible by getting the children out of the government schools, there can be no hope.

To deal with this crisis, THE NEW AMERICAN produced a Special Report entitled “Rescuing Our Children” that exposes the unprecedented and deeply horrifying indoctrination, sexualization, and dumbing down of children taking place right

now in public schools. It also reveals the hidden history behind this and the ongoing globalization of government education under the United Nations. Finally, it offers solutions: Homeschooling, private schools, and a total abandonment of the government indoctrination system. To order, go to www.TheNewAmerican.com/RescuingOurChildren. Quantity-discount prices are available to make distribution to parents and opinion molders economical.

In addition to education, there are several other issues that represent existential threats to the continued survival of freedom and the American Republic. The JBS has a track record stretching back more than six decades of identifying these dangers, and mobilizing the grassroots to address them. These include the effort to undermine and re-write the U.S. Constitution, open borders and the accompanying mass migration, the globalist-backed rise to global power of the mass-murdering communist regime enslaving mainland China, the effort to subvert American sovereignty in a North American Union and a New World Order, the Federal Reserve’s usurious “monetary” system, and more.

Fortunately, the Constitution contains solutions to many of these problems, if only American voters would demand that the law be enforced. For instance, surrendering U.S. sovereignty using “free trade” agreements or “treaties” granting new powers to the feds involving the United Nations is flatly unconstitutional. The enormous bureaucracy that now regulates virtually every facet of life and the economy is also mostly unconstitutional, with those powers being left to the states or to the people. And the Federal Reserve banking cartel that is facilitating it all by looting Americans is flagrantly unconstitutional, as well.

Stopping all of this is possible. In fact, with just 218 constitutionally minded members of the U.S. House of Representatives, which controls the “purse strings,” it could all be defunded almost immediately. And in many conservative-leaning districts, getting pro-Constitution lawmakers elected is not as difficult as one might think. By attending “town hall” meetings and distributing THE NEW AMERICAN’S “Freedom Index,” which grades every member of Congress based on his fidelity to the Constitution, this writer and local

JBS members and allies were able to raise awareness in a congressional district. As a result of this, voters there decided to remove a phony conservative and replace him with a more constitutionally minded congressman. Improved understanding among constituents often results in representatives improving their voting records just to stay in office, too.

Activists can also turn the tide at the state and local level, using a tool known as “nullification.” This constitutional remedy, which was advocated by some of America’s most important Founding Fathers, including James “Father of the Constitution” Madison, involves “nullifying” unconstitutional federal power grabs at the state level. For instance, a state legislature or even a local sheriff could easily refuse to enforce unconstitutional gun-control schemes from Washington, D.C. Or a state could criminalize the killing of unborn babies and order its police forces to arrest abortionists under state law.

Liberals have been using these tactics for years on issues such as marijuana. Despite an unconstitutional federal statute

that is still on the books purporting to ban the controversial plant in all circumstances, the vast majority of states have nullified the federal prohibition by making it available medically with a prescription. Some states have even ended prohibition of recreational use entirely, something that, regardless of the wisdom of such a policy, is within a state’s sovereign prerogative under the existing Constitution. Conservatives should take a lesson.

Ultimately, fixing the political issues will not be easy. There is no silver bullet — a fact that causes many well-intentioned activists to become frustrated and sometimes support phony “solutions” that will, at best, do nothing and, at worst, cause serious damage. The politicians voting for abuses did not elect themselves. Rather, they were elected by the public based on a combination of ignorance and immorality. In short, to remove the bad politicians and the bad policies, the electorate must be educated, and it must once again support the moral principles that made America great.

Unfortunately, many liberty activists underestimate the importance of returning

to godly morality in this fight. As President John Adams put it in a 1798 address to the officers of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Massachusetts Militia, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.” Without a return to biblical principles and morality, America will never be free again.

After reading this book, it should be very clear that the Deep State is diabolical at its core. It is evil. It is at war with God and with God’s people, as well as with God’s truth. But ultimately, God is far more powerful than the evil confronting America today. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God promises His people Israel that, if they humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, He will hear from Heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

If there is to be any hope for America, it must begin with God’s people getting on their knees and praying, and then standing up against the evil that has infested this land. The evil must be exposed, reprovved, and defeated. With God’s help, it can be done. Now let’s get to work! ■

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The New Gun Control

John Howting, in *Chronicles Magazine* on July 22, accurately described phenomena sweeping the nation. Howting wrote about what he called a new form of gun control where “the left is making the consequences of defending oneself with a firearm so dire for white people that none will even want to own a gun. The mainstream right is letting them get away with it by accepting the left’s narrative, that in any confrontation between a white male and a non-white male, the former is always at fault.”

To support his argument, Howting cited recent incidents from across the country where white gun owners lawfully defended themselves but then ended up being prosecuted afterward. The first incident he discussed was the widely known case involving Mark and Patricia McCloskey in St. Louis, who defended their home with guns — by merely holding their guns at the ready — after rioters broke into their private community.

Howting also wrote about “Jillian and Eric Wuestenberg, a white couple from metro Detroit,” who after exiting a restaurant with takeout food for their four children accidentally bumped elbows “with a 15-year-old African American girl” and “her mother [who then] promptly hurled accusations of racism while filming with their cellphones. The Wuestenbergs got in their car and began to back out but members of the African-American family began hitting the back of the car, which triggered a safety feature and caused the car to lock up. The Wuestenbergs were surrounded. Mrs. Wuestenberg got out of the car and was confronted by the yelling, cellphone-wielding black mother. At this point, Jillian Wuestenberg took out her handgun and pointed it at the black mother, telling her to get away from their car — a terrifying, out-of-context image that quickly went viral. Subsequently, the Oakland County prosecutor charged Mrs. Wuestenberg with felonious assault.”

Howting then delves into how different the story would have been presented if the races been reversed, noting that had a middle-age black woman used the gun to scare off a group of marauding whites, she would have been cheered by all sides. Ultimately,

Howting concludes that the Left doesn’t even need to change the laws to pass this new gun control, because they simply just “make life a living hell for any white person who defends themselves with a gun against anyone with more diversity points.”

The Enemy of the People

On July 1 Yahoo News published a grossly misleading article on a case of armed self-defense. The article centered around a former Marine who owned a restaurant and a bar and defended himself from a looter during a riot in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 29. The Marine, 38-year-old Jake Gardner, is white, and the person who physically attacked him, and whom he shot, was black. The colors of their skin was all the media needed to vilify Gardner in an attempt to get him prosecuted for his lawful actions.

As cellphone video shows, Gardner was pursued by a crowd of looters outside his restaurant, backing up as the crowd approached him. He raised his shirt to reveal that he was carrying a handgun. As the crowd continued to advance on him, he pulled his gun from his waist, keeping it at his side. Incredibly, instead of the looters being deterred, a few people from the crowd pounced on him and tackled him to the ground.

Yahoo News did its best to obscure this fact in its reporting. Yahoo News tried to spin what happened as “peaceful protesters” trying to disarm a man brandishing a handgun, but the video speaks for itself. Yahoo News even interviewed a woman named Alayna Melendez, who was one of the people recorded trying to wrestle Gardner’s gun from him. Melendez rationalized her actions to Yahoo News as an attempt to disarm a man who she felt was a threat to public safety. Melendez and another person knocked Gardner to the ground, but Gardner was able to fire two warning shots, which got them to back away.

It was at that moment that 22-year-old James Scurlock initiated a violent attack on Gardner from behind. The video recording of the incident has a witness clearly yelling out, “It’s not worth it! Are you stupid?” Scurlock tackled Gardner and put his arm around Gardner’s neck. Scurlock had Gardner’s right arm pinned, but

Gardner was able to get his pistol into his left hand, and he pointed the gun over his shoulder, firing into Scurlock’s neck and clavicle area. The injured Scurlock fell to the street, and Gardner quickly retreated to his restaurant to call the cops.

Law enforcement investigated and, based on the evidence, Douglas County prosecutor Don Kleine told the public that there would not be any charges filed against Gardner. “There was a consensus that the actions of the shooter were justified,” Kleine told the media at a press conference. After the Left protested outside Kleine’s home, demanding action, he buckled under pressure and convened a grand jury with a special prosecutor to review the case.

Yahoo News’ biased coverage continued, attempting to smear and defame Gardner as a “racist,” based on hearsay accusations and flimsy anecdotes, all of which had zero to do with the shooting. Yahoo News wrote over 8,000 words involving random claims from people. For instance, one person claimed that Gardner’s father had used politically incorrect language to refer to looters shortly before the shooting. Yahoo News also wrote that in the past Gardner had made a post on Facebook that was deemed “transphobic” and that Gardner is a supporter of President Trump and posted pictures of himself with Donald Trump, Jr.

Yahoo News even interviewed a former disc jockey at Gardner’s establishment who claimed that Gardner was a racist because he didn’t want the DJ playing rap and hip-hop music.

The police investigation brought up only one pertinent point: Gardner’s concealed-carry permit was expired at the time of the shooting, meaning that Gardner can still be charged with a misdemeanor. Surprisingly, Yahoo News did acknowledge that the deceased Scurlock had a criminal past, including a 2015 burglary conviction for which he served time in prison, as well as a rap sheet that included multiple charges for assault.

Sadly, a “Jake Gardner Defense Fund” put up on the crowdfunding site GoFundMe was removed by the Big Tech company. Gardner’s businesses have also closed, and it is unlikely they will ever reopen. ■

— PATRICK KREY



Media Don the “Moderate” Mask on Biden, Even as His Extremist Policies Prove Otherwise

ITEM: In its July 4-10 issue, with a cover story on Joe Biden called “Retro or radical?” the *Economist* touts the potential Democratic president’s “instinctive caution.” It is, asserts the London-based publication, “Mr Biden’s caution that opens up the possibility of more change than a real radical would.” The conclusion of the magazine said: “It is by cleaving to the centre that he can best lead America in a new direction.”

ITEM: The leftist *Washington Post* carried a July 12 editorial entitled “Mr. Biden sets a mostly moderate economic course.” “On the whole,” asserts the Post, “Mr. Biden has managed to keep a relatively moderate policy course even as he acknowledged ... that current crises create a ‘tremendous opportunity for the nation ... an opportunity to address fundamental inequities of our nation, the growing gap between the very wealthy and everyone else.’”

ITEM: With an eye toward those even further to the left, the *New York Times* on occasion adapts the narrative a bit. A July 7 article (“Inching Left on Climate, Biden Woos Progressives”), the Times took note of Biden’s move to “engage younger, more liberal voters — and to ensure that they turn out in November.”

ITEM: In his *Bloomberg News* outlet, Michael Bloomberg, the former mayor of New York City and erstwhile left-wing presidential candidate, praised Biden for his “clean energy” plans. In a July 16 piece, Bloomberg said the former vice president “has drastically ratcheted up his ambition for the fight against climate change.”

Bloomberg went on: “If elected, [Biden] now promises to spend \$2 trillion over four years to give the U.S. a mighty shove toward emissions reductions in not only electric power but also transportation, buildings, housing and other areas.”



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Build or destroy? Joe Biden has said that Trump has done a terrible job protecting the economy, jobs, and wealth during the pandemic and should not be president. But while Biden was for long lockdowns, Trump restarted the economy, and Biden’s plans equate to throwing money at every problem.

He also extolled Biden for his promise to “give the auto industry incentives to develop electric vehicles, subsidize the retrofitting of millions of polluting buildings, plug abandoned oil and gas wells, promote climate-friendly agriculture, and invest in emissions-free public transit and intercity rail.”

ITEM: In a July 5 tweet, Joe Biden (or someone on his team who actually knows how to work the Twitter machine) proclaimed: “We’re going to beat Donald Trump. And when we do, we won’t just rebuild this nation — we’ll transform it.”

CORRECTION: Some might call an assurance to transform the entire United States a promise. However, when you vow that the debt-ridden federal government will expend multiple trillions of tax dollars in largely unconstitutional fashion to alter the nation’s very foundation, that pledge is more accurately described as a threat.

The former vice president, you see, doesn’t want to solve problems; he wants to subsidize them — with funding ripped out of our pockets and redistributed by a meddling government that (even before the pandemic) was already borrowing nearly \$2 million every minute.

Biden has ballyhooed about a “breath-taking opportunity.” His mounting spending designs are indeed enough to take

one’s breath — with numbers that beggar both belief and wallets.

As it is, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the federal budget deficit was \$2.7 trillion in the first nine months of fiscal year 2020. That is \$2.0 trillion more than the deficit recorded during the same period last year. As chief executive, Joe would go higher, much higher: He’s already promulgated spending plans approaching \$10 trillion.

In mid-July, a *Wall Street Journal* breakdown revealed that Biden’s spending plans for housing, education, and health, among others, would total around \$7 trillion over the next decade. About \$4 trillion of that would come from tax increases. The schemes for a spree are just getting started. Following is a summary from the *Federalist*. Later in July, writes Tristan Justice,

Biden unveiled a new \$775 billion proposal for government-run childcare with additional taxpayer programs for the elderly. The latest program comes just days after Biden announced a \$2 trillion package to ensure “environmental justice” hashed out with Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders’ team to pile onto the \$7 trillion in spending already proposed, according to a *Wall Street Journal*



Correction, Please!

analysis. The total price tag for the Biden agenda now stands at nearly \$10 trillion with more on the way, which is already triple what was put forward by 2016 Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

Remember when Bernie Sanders was considered too radical for most Democrats? Well, the party is now promoting Sanderism, albeit without Bernie on the top of the ticket.

In early July, Biden's campaign folks released the 110-page "Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations"; this was the work of six joint task forces appointed in May by the former competitors. "The goals of the task force were to move the Biden campaign into as progressive a direction as possible, and I think we did that," Sanders told NPR. "On issue after issue, whether it was education, the economy, health care, climate, immigration, criminal justice, I think there was significant movement on the part of the Biden campaign." That is fodder for progressive voters.

The "centrist" tag often draped around Biden by the mainstream media is a disguise — a "moderate" facade for non-rad-

ical voters, while the operative policies go to the Sanderista wing of the party.

Some are not fooled by the moderate mask. Notably, consider that former Communist Party USA national candidate and Black Panther Angela Davis has publicly endorsed Joe Biden. Not surprisingly, that got little media play. In mid-July, the Marxist academic and Lenin Peace Prize recipient told RT (formerly Russia Today), a Moscow-funded propaganda outlet, that Biden is the candidate who "can be most effectively pressured into allowing more space for the evolving anti-racist movement," her euphemism for revolutionary action. "Biden," said the radical, "is far more likely to take mass demands seriously." How reassuring.

On the other hand, if you want the U.S. economy to run efficiently, don't look to the Biden-Sanders plans. They are big on, among others, greenie favorites wind and solar and inimical toward the fossil fuels that largely power the land. Eco-activists are enthused over subsidizing energy sources that fizzle when the wind doesn't blow and the sun doesn't shine.

Richard Epstein, a senior fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution, points out

that the "total contribution" of wind and solar to the U.S. energy mix is

about 6.94 percent and 2.7 percent respectively, whereas fossil fuels amount for about 80 percent of total energy. Standing alone, these numbers do not convey either good or bad news. If those relative yields are the result of competitive forces, then renewables represent a useful addition to the portfolio of energy resources. But that's not so if those numbers reflect market distortions introduced by the use of subsidies for fossil fuels and clean energy sources.

And on that score, Epstein notes, cash subsidies for such renewable sources "have increased in recent years, with 80 percent of the \$100 billion subsidy coming in the last decade."

Meanwhile, the Biden-Sanders energy plans are about more than electricity: The package even creates a new "Environmental and Climate Justice Division" within the Department of Justice. Isn't that uplifting? And, as pointed out in Axios, Biden's latest climate-change and clean-energy plan "mentions the word union more than it does the climate itself." (More on unionization is below.) With \$2 trillion to distribute, there's also plenty of potential "green pork" in the climate plan too, as has been discussed by columnist Holman Jenkins, Jr.

The plan "connects tackling climate change with the economic recovery from the coronavirus crisis, while also addressing racism," in the words of the *New York Times*. Jenkins is not impressed. "Serious problems deserve to be treated seriously. If your surgeon told you he was going to address racism and the economy along with your coronary blockage, you would get off the table and run away."

This is apparently what happens when you intend to "transform" the entire country with Bernie-style socialism. Biden himself has repeatedly talked about having an "FDR-style administration" — parroting the fiction that huge spending and more intrusive government rescued the United States from the Depression. It



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Not quite a gentleman's agreement: To get the votes of socialist presidential candidate Bernie Sanders' supporters, Joe Biden had his people meet with Sanders' people to plan his presidential promises. Biden took on most of Sanders' agenda, but the media still dub Biden "moderate."



didn't; the economy didn't recover until federal regulations and "aid" were curtailed after WWII.

The Great Depression endured *after* the New Deal began — and the Second New Deal. The median unemployment rate was 17.2 percent from 1934 to 1940. Moreover, unemployment did not go below 14 percent throughout the 1930s (*FDR's Follies: How Roosevelt and His New Deal Prolonged the Great Depression*, Jim Powell, 2003).

We should have learned that massive expenditures and intervention are not the way for us to go. Biden-Sanders policies would simultaneously cost more and hurt the economy. Investment advisor Philip DeMuth, author of the *Overtaxed Investor*, has explained:

If a President Biden has his way, the top capital-gains tax rate will be 39.6% — the same as for ordinary income. This could be a triple whammy: cutting the estate tax exemption in half, eliminating the capital gains reset to fair market value, and then doubling the capital-gains tax rate. A small step for the government, a giant loss for the American family.

It would be one thing, continues DeMuth,

if Mr. Biden were campaigning on a return to fiscal probity, a sound dollar, balancing the budget, and slashing the national debt, but he isn't. The former vice president's ambitious spending programs would more than offset any new revenue from his tax proposals. The nonpartisan Tax Foundation concludes the Biden tax plan would reduce the size of the economy by 1.51% over the long run and lead to 585,000 fewer full-time equivalent jobs while lowering after-tax income for all income quintiles. This isn't a debate between growing the pie vs. redistributing the pie; it is about everyone settling for a smaller pie.

Some people, to be sure, would do better under a Biden administration — including certain government employees and union bosses. Should his agenda prevail, it would be a bigger payday and a pay-off for organized labor, especially public-sector unions. The Biden-Sanders "unity" folks want to get rid of right-to-work laws (currently in 27 states and Guam) and end secret ballots in union elections.

The *City Journal's* Steven Malanga, a fellow at the Manhattan Institute, observes that if Biden is elected,

he would look to pass national legislation requiring state and local governments to recognize and bargain with government unions. No Democratic president supported by a Democratic Congress has ever seriously pushed this idea; it's among the most radical proposals in a platform that would rewrite much of U.S. labor law, including for government workers.

Indeed, as Malanga notes, Franklin D. Roosevelt "famously observed that strikes by government workers would be 'unthinkable and intolerable,'" while labor leader George Meany said "it is impossible to bargain collectively with the government."

There are plenty of other items in the "unity" agenda promulgated by the Sanderistas that would damage the economy. These include the creation of a Civilian Climate Corps and requirements to spend wildly on retrofitting cars and buildings to the government's liking. It will take more than a tax on the "rich" to fund such programs. A study by the Competitive Enterprise Institute reveals that the retrofitting of buildings and cars would cost the average family thousands every year.

Many radical progressives undoubtedly preferred Bernie Sanders to Biden. But most will support the Sanderista socialism in the unity agenda. For example, the political action executive director of the extremist MoveOn organization (which backed Sanders in 2016) has acknowledged that Biden is "running on the most progressive platform in Democratic Party history," saying his election "would create an opportunity for the big, structural changes this country needs. MoveOn members are proud to mobilize to support him." How nice for them.

Biden doesn't call himself a socialist, but he is essentially running under the socialist standard — even as the mass media call him a moderate. He also swears that his views are not pie-in-the-sky dreams. Actually, when it comes to government intervention and spending, it seems that the sky is the only limit. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Resistance Is **NOT Futile**

“**R**esistance is futile. You will be assimilated.” The COVID-BLM Borg has spoken!

Confession: I was never a big fan of the *Star Trek* mega-franchise; however, the entry of the Borg into a few episodes of the ever-evolving space opera did indeed catch my attention. The Borg, for those uninitiated into the trekkie subculture, is a terrifying predatory entity of cyborg marauders — part organic, part mechanical — that spread a reign of terror throughout the universe. They travel in their “Cube,” a gigantic, planet-sized vessel, operated by their collective hive mind, conquering all in their path: planets, civilizations, solar systems, starships, and federations. Not merely *conquering*, but *transforming* — “absorbing” and “assimilating” — their victims into mindless, compliant, cybernetic drones. “Resistance is futile,” they tell their targeted victims. “You will be assimilated.”

The Borg does appear to be omnipotent, unstoppable, irresistible. Rather than face annihilation, whole planets take a knee, bow before the Borg, and are assimilated. However, Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the USS *Enterprise* prove that it is possible to resist the Borg and to avoid being absorbed into the Collective.

Resistance by small groups fighting for right being successful against overwhelming odds is a recurring theme in classical literature and popular entertainment: Hobbits and the folk of Middle Earth vs. the Dark Lord Sauron and his mighty hordes, and the Jedi vs. Sith in *Star Wars* being just a couple of popular examples.

The point is, in our fallen world, truth and freedom ever have been — and ever will be — under sustained deadly assault by the forces of deceit and tyranny, which, in the 20th and 21st centuries have plumbed murderous new depths. Communism, socialism, fascism, and more recently, a revived, militant Islamism, have piled up corpses by the tens of millions, have caused tens of millions more of terror-driven refugees to flee their homelands, and have “assimilated” billions of souls into their hellish, Borg-like collectives. But brave, heroic souls have repeatedly arisen to defy the assimilators and to champion the cause of freedom. Many of these heroes have sacrificed everything, including even their earthly lives, to preserve the spark of freedom that future generations might enkindle anew this celestial gift.

The year 2020 began with an unprecedented and totally unexpected global assault on freedom, the so-called COVID-19 pandemic. Virtually overnight an oppressive regime descended on our entire planet, as national and local “health authorities”



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began implementing edicts in accordance with warnings and dictates issued by the United Nations’ World Health Organization. Constitutional limits on government, the rule of law, God-given rights, and normal activities of every type were suddenly, peremptorily suspended. Businesses, schools, legislatures, and even houses of worship were forced to close. Travel and movement were prohibited or greatly restricted. Mask mandates and quarantines were imposed. For the first time in human history, entire economies and production systems (including

food production) were, for the most part, shut down. The shutdowns came despite the fact that even early on in the pandemic, it became apparent that most of those dying were elderly and they would likely have died within the year anyway. And it was evident to anyone who understood markets that the lockdowns would ruin livelihoods and kill people by the hundreds of thousands worldwide from lack of healthcare, suicides, starvation, and more. At first, these “lockdown” measures were only going to be temporary, for “the common good” so hospitals wouldn’t get overwhelmed. But soon we were told this Communist Chinese style of totalitarian governance was “the new normal.” Refusal to assimilate into this new order, we are warned, will not be tolerated. “Resistance is futile. You will be assimilated.”

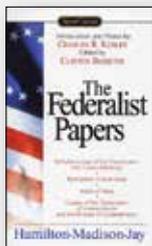
While still reeling from the COVID Borg attack, the world was hit with another catastrophe: a global outbreak of “spontaneous” race riots in response to the death of George Floyd, a black man, at the hands of a white police officer. Overnight, the leaders of Black Lives Matter, who admit to being “trained Marxists,” were given command over our cities and our culture, and allowed to destroy law, order, and everything sacred. To many, resistance to the BLM Borg appears to be futile, as elected officials, celebrities, and corporate leaders grovel before their BLM masters and capitulate to their outrageous demands.

But you are not alone. The prophet Elijah, facing off against the seemingly all-powerful King Ahab, despaired, believing himself to be the last Israelite left that had not worshiped Baal, the false god to which Ahab and his wife Jezebel offered human sacrifice. Not so, the Lord God told Elijah, for “I will leave me seven thousand men in Israel, whose knees have not been bowed before Baal.”

Not mere thousands, but millions, of courageous souls have refused to bow before the COVID-BLM Borg. Resistance is NOT futile. Failure to resist is servile. Resistance to tyranny is the sacred duty of every God-fearing, freedom-loving soul. ■

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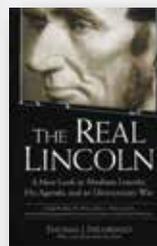


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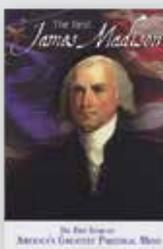


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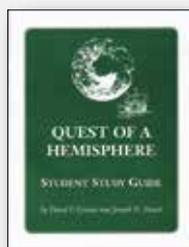


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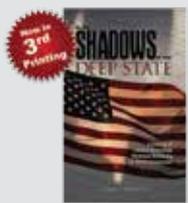


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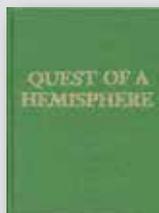
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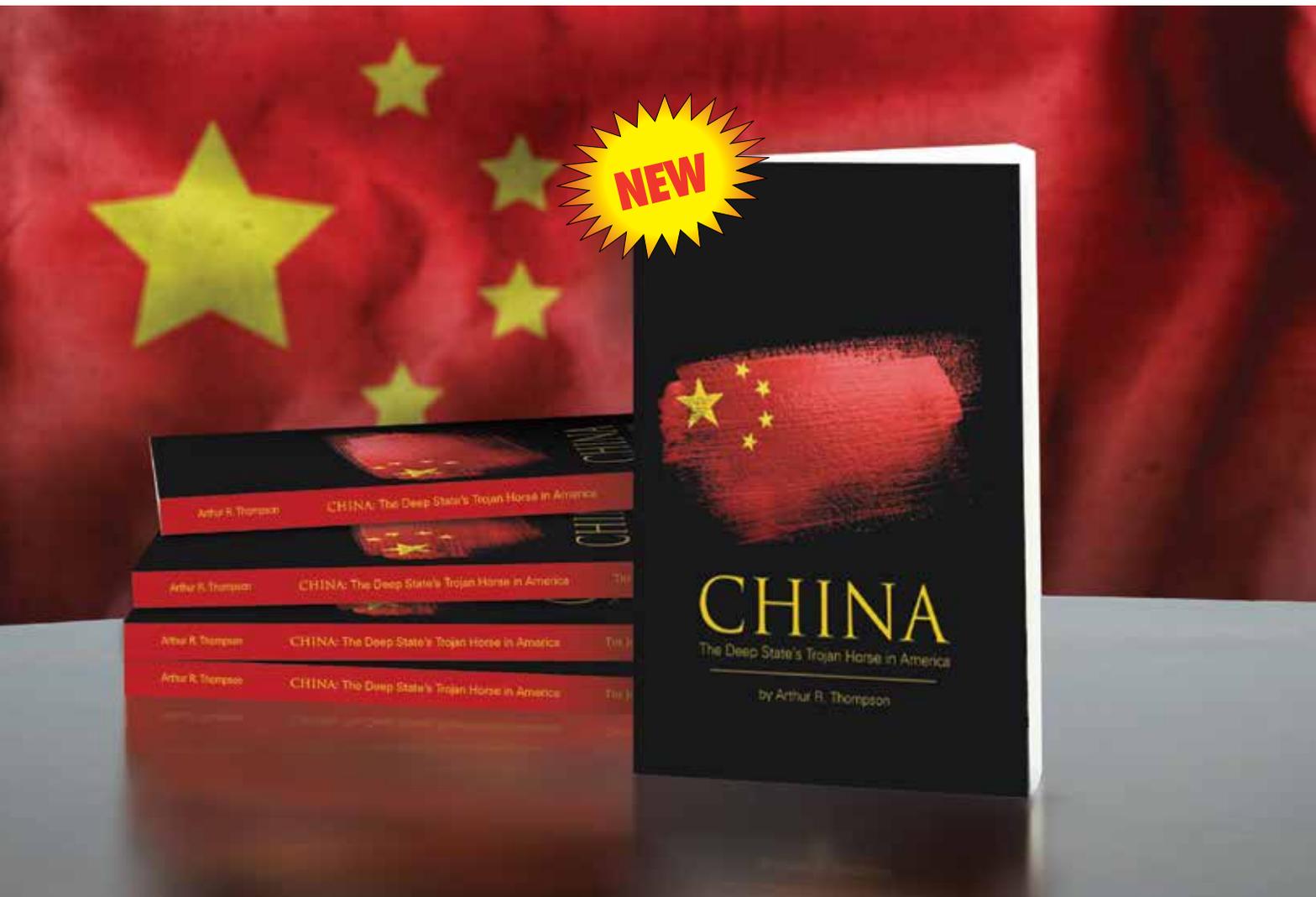
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