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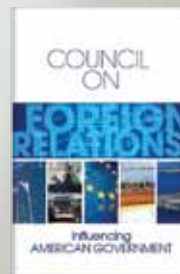


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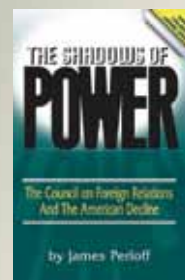
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Imprecise Label for Invaders

As a 23-year member of The John Birch Society (which is the parent company of THE NEW AMERICAN magazine), I have observed that THE NEW AMERICAN, like many mainstream publications, has begun calling those folks who have broken our entry laws “illegal immigrants,” instead of “illegal aliens.” In the dictionary, an “alien” is described as “owing political allegiance to another country or government.”

At least THE NEW AMERICAN has not yet resorted to calling those who illegally cross our borders “undocumented workers.”

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Illogical Illegal Immigration

Illegal aliens commit a crime by entering the country. If you think that was the only crime they committed, think again. These people are not the cream of the crop, pouring in by the millions.

I am not speaking about street crime. I am talking about document fraud, fiscal fraud, and voter fraud. The things about which I am aware and the things I have witnessed turn my stomach. They generally include hands (illegally) in American pockets.

This is why illegal aliens appeal to progressives. They are fodder, easy to groom (brainwash and propagandize) as progressive voters, and demanders of progressive handout programs.

So-called progressives ask immigrants, Do you have free healthcare? Do you have free college tuition? Do you have free food and cellphones? Do you have a new car, home, clothes? Do you deserve to live comfortably? And the politicians do their best to provide as many handouts as they can, in return for votes.

If aliens have been living by committing crime after crime, how do they justify any claim to rights? They could have come in legally. They chose illegality. They got away with it, but that is no justification for the bestowing of any right.

Six generations ago my ancestors came to America *legally*, and my family has worked like dogs without government handouts. We survived poverty and hunger through

the Depression (without food stamps, rental subsidies, cellphones, public healthcare, a car, or new clothes). We subsisted, and were tremendously grateful to be in America, though we lived through hell and high water (literally, we had to evacuate through a street floor window into a canoe).

How can anyone dare try to equate these two paths to citizenship as equally valid? Citizens are upstanding individuals, not criminals.

Americans have needs: jobs, housing, cars, education, healthcare, etc. We should help our own, not criminals. Progressives don't want this; they want brainwashed, propagandized voters.

D.I. LARSON,
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General Mattis Should Not Be Secretary of Defense

On December 5, 2001, men from the 5th Special Forces Group's operational detachment Alpha-574 (ODA 574) were at a location called Shawali Kowt, Afghanistan, when a penetrating JDAM (smart bomb) impacted near their position, killing three and injuring 25 American soldiers.

Nearby (a 40-minute helicopter ride) was located Camp Rhino with a detachment of mobile expeditionary unit Marines under the command of General James Mattis. When he was made aware of the incident at Shawali Kowt by men from Special Forces, General Mattis refused to immediately authorize a rescue mission to medevac American casualties — he waited several hours to give permission.

Mattis should not be secretary of defense, a position in which he is responsible for all of our nation's armed forces and the defense of our great nation. The cornerstone of warrior ethos is to never, under any circumstances, leave a fallen comrade.

The men of ODA 574 who made the ultimate sacrifice, their families, and our country deserve better. ■

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INSIDE TRACK

Can the CIA Hack iPhones and Macs?



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The WikiLeaks disclosures published March 23 detail hacks developed by the CIA to penetrate iPhones and Mac laptops. The leaks — code-named “Dark Matter” by WikiLeaks — show that the CIA had developed methods for installing surveillance malware on “factory fresh” iPhones as early as 2008.

The recent WikiLeaks dump also pointed to vulnerabilities in the firmware of Mac laptops. By exploiting those vulnerabilities, the CIA discovered ways to inject those devices with surveillance malware that was “persistent” and would remain

even if the hard drive was formatted (or even replaced) and the operating system reinstalled (or even replaced).

While this deepens the rabbit hole of the CIA’s hacking program, it is also fairly good news, if you read between the lines: These hacks require physical access to the devices. Also in the good-news column is the fact that this CIA hack, like others, requires unpatched vulnerabilities. While Apple claims that those vulnerabilities have been patched as of 2013, the Vault 7 release indicates that as of 2016, the CIA continued to use and update those hacking systems for Apple products, so it is possible that Apple is not aware of the full scope of vulnerabilities existing in its firmware and other proprietary software.

The take-away here is that anyone using a Mac laptop produced in 2013 or before or an older iPhone 3G can now know with certainty that those devices are vulnerable. Those with newer devices are left to wonder whether Apple has sufficiently patched those vulnerabilities or if new vulnerabilities exist.

The best course of action would be to only buy phones and computers in stores and take delivery right away. Never leave them unattended. And — most importantly — if an agent of the government (a TSA agent, for example) ever, for one second, takes one of those devices out of your sight, get rid of it. If it is a computer, remove (and destroy) the hard drive and sell the computer for parts. Buy a new computer and restore your data from the backup you should be keeping. Oh, and *encrypt everything*.

CIA Has Tools for Framing Russia, China, Others for Hacks

The third batch of “Vault 7” leaks — published by WikiLeaks March 31 — shows documented evidence that the CIA developed methods for obfuscating hacks and making it appear that the hacker was from Russia, China, North Korea, or Iran. The 676 files — code-named “Marble” — will certainly cast a shadow of doubt over claims from the past few years that certain hacks could be attributed to hackers in those countries.

Since computer forensics — like other branches of forensic science — depends on finding and analyzing clues, Marble “plants” false clues sure to be spotted by investigators and helps remove clues that would lead those investigators to accurately attribute the real source of the hack. The end result is that the computer forensicians believe they have “proof” that the hacker was foreign (for instance, Russian). And because the “traces” of the hacking tools (deliberately) left behind indicate tools too advanced to have been developed without a government-sized budget, the next leap is that the hacker was state-sponsored. At least that part is true; but he works for the CIA, not the SVR or FSB.

While these files prove that the CIA created these tools for the purpose of making its hacking appear to have been perpetrated by state-sponsored hackers from Russia, China, North Korea, or Iran, they do not prove that the CIA ever actually used them for that purpose. Having said that, it seems beyond belief that the CIA would create (and continue to update) tools it never used for their intended purpose.

By creating these tools (and the documentation on the use of them), the CIA has turned computer forensics against itself. Now that WikiLeaks has essentially “open-sourced” the CIA’s “Marble” code, there is a very real shadow of doubt hanging over every case where computer forensicians have positively attributed hacks to foreign powers. One now has to wonder if the CIA might have perpetrated those hacks, or if it might have been someone else who gained access to the obfuscation tools developed by the CIA.



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Trump Vows to Tackle Common Core, Return Education to Locals

Speaking at a “CEO Business Town Hall” on April 4, President Trump praised U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and said the process of ending Common Core was under way. “Common Core, I mean, we have to bring education more local,” Trump said at the event. “We can’t be managing education from Washington.”

If Trump’s latest comments are any indication of his plans, Common Core will eventually be dismantled. “When I go out to Iowa, when I go out to the different states and I talk, they want to run their school programs locally and they’ll do a much better job,” Trump continued, wondering why children were getting through school unable to read. “And I like the fact of getting rid of Common Core. You know, Common Core, to me, we have to end it. We have to bring education local, to me. I’ve always said it, I’ve been saying it during the campaign, and we’re doing it.”

On the campaign trail, Trump pledged unequivocally and repeatedly to kill Common Core. He cannot do it on his own, of course, but he can lead the way. The best way for Trump to kill Common Core is to simply shut down the unconstitutional U.S. Department of Education entirely — an idea he touted repeatedly on the campaign trail.

There is already a bill introduced in Congress that would do just that, H.R. 899, by the end of next year. With support from Trump, the longtime conservative goal of restoring the 10th Amendment in education could finally become a reality, sending



Common Core and the Education Department to the ash heap of history’s terrible and destructive schemes. But to compete against the swarms of special interests and establishment globalists hoping to federalize and globalize what today passes for “education,” the American people must loudly and clearly demand an end to Fed Ed. Now, as repeatedly promised on the campaign trail, Trump should help lead the way.

Illegal Immigration Down Two-thirds From March 2016



The number of individuals caught crossing the border in March — 16,600 — was a 30-percent decrease from February and a 64-percent decrease from the same month a year ago, according to written testimony from Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly before a Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs hearing on April 5.

Clearly, President Trump’s campaign promises to build the “big, beautiful wall” as one of many efforts to stem illegal immigration flooding into the country from Mexico turned into actions when he began signing executive orders to start the process.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, during an April 11

speech in Nogales, Arizona, issued a memorandum to federal attorneys to ramp up their efforts to prosecute illegals, as well as those who harbor or assist them, with special priority given to those with criminal records and those who were previously deported. Sessions also instructed the Justice Department to pursue charges even for relatively minor infractions such as identity fraud, document theft, or forgery, as well as fraudulent marriages arranged to obtain legal immigration status.

Sessions stated, “For those [who] continue to seek improper and illegal entry into this country, be forewarned: This is a new era. This is the Trump era. The lawlessness, the abdication of the duty to enforce our immigration laws, and the ‘catch-and-release’ practices of old are over.”

When Sessions was informed of the latest numbers from the Customs and Border Protection, he expressed surprise at how much the flow of illegals had been staunched already: “I knew strong Presidential leadership — unlike the wishy-washy-ness we’ve seen in the past — would impact the flow, but not as much as we’ve seen already. The numbers are down 70 percent since President Obama left office. So it’s really a remarkable achievement.”

Of course, the drop in illegal immigration could be temporary, with potential illegals waiting to see whether the words and actions of the Trump administration turn out to be effective over time. If the administration follows through on its promises, then we may see this is a continuing downtrend. ■

EXTENDED INSIDE TRACK

Thousands of Sex Abuse Claims Against UN “Peace” Troops

United Nations “peace-keeping” troops have faced some 2,000 allegations of rape, pedophilia, and sexual abuse of civilians in a little over a decade, according to an explosive investigation by the Associated Press released April 12.

Haiti has been especially hard hit, following many years of UN military occupation. The AP investigation reported on a child sex ring operated by 134 UN peace troops from Sri Lanka who gruesomely exploited at least nine children for years. Not a single UN child rapist was imprisoned for the ghastly crimes. Many of the victims were very young. “I did not even have breasts,” said one girl, identified only as Victim Number 1 (V01). She said that between the ages of 12 and 15, she was raped by almost 50 UN peace troops, including a “Commandant” who gave her 75 cents.

The UN admitted much of it. “The evidence shows that from late 2004 to mid-October 2007, at least 134 military members of the current and previous Sri Lankan contingents sexually exploited and abused at least nine Haitian children,” a private UN report obtained by AP explained. “The sexual acts described by the nine victims are simply too many to be presented exhaustively in this report, especially since each claimed multiple sexual partners at various locations where the Sri Lankan contingents were deployed throughout Haiti over several years.”

The UN has interviewed some victims. One 15-year-old boy, V09, for example, was raped by over 100 UN peace troops, according to investigators. V04, a 14-year-old girl, was raped every day by a UN soldier. V02 was repeatedly raped by a UN commander. Another victim, 16 at the time, was lured to a UN compound by a UN soldier using bread with peanut butter. Once there, the UN soldier raped her at gunpoint, leaving her pregnant. “Some days, I imagine strangling my daughter to death,” the girl, who is constantly in tears, said in an interview quoted by the AP. Like countless other victims, the girl never reported the rape, fearing the thought of having to see the rapist again or even being blamed for the savage crime.

The majority of victims — likely the overwhelming majority of them — never even report the abuse, the evidence suggests. And in fact, even UN investigators and reports have documented that fact. A 2015 report by the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), for instance, found that sexual abuse by UN peace troops was “significantly under-reported.” Out of 225 victims, the report found, just seven even knew about the UN’s policy ostensibly prohibiting sexual exploitation and abuse, and

not a single victim was aware that the UN mission had a hotline to report it, “thus demonstrating significant under-reporting.”

As they have for decades, the UN’s chief bureaucrats continue claiming that something is being done to rein in the swarms of barbaric child predators wearing the UN’s infamous blue helmets. “We believe we are advancing in the right direction, especially with the secretary-general’s new approach,” claimed Atul Khare, who runs the UN department ostensibly charged with disciplining the UN’s scandal-plagued military forces. “Improving the assistance provided to victims, who are at the heart of our response, is fundamental.”

The situation has become so extreme and so well known that even high-ranking pro-UN members of Congress have been forced to speak out. U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), for example, said that if UN troops were on their way to America, he would be on the first flight home to protect his family. Indeed, even the rabidly pro-UN globalists at the Council on Foreign Relations have acknowledged the enormity of the problem. But in typical establishment globalist fashion, CFR Global Governance Director Stewart Patrick grotesquely proposed giving the UN even more power as a solution to the crisis.

Congress has threatened to cut off funding over the growing scandal. And President Trump is also reportedly working to slash funding for the UN. But rather than trying to reform a UN that is corrupt to the core, a better solution would be to “Get U.S. Out of the UN.” The American Sovereignty Restoration Act (H.R. 193) would do precisely that. All that is needed is a sufficiently large outcry by the American people. And with the UN’s predatory peace troops back in the global headlines for systematically raping children, the time for that is now. ■



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Former Congressman Suggests Speaker Ryan Should Step Aside

“Whatever other role he might be suited for, Mr. Ryan needs a serious adjustment if he is to continue as Speaker of the House. He is the man in charge of seeing that the constitutional model of the United States is safeguarded. If he cannot uphold that commitment, he should turn the job over to someone who can.”

*An Oklahoma congressman from 1977 to 1993, **Mickey Edwards** claims Paul Ryan is serving the White House when he should be serving the House of Representatives.*



Mickey Edwards

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British Court Fines Dad Who Took His Daughter Out of School

“You are not the final arbiter of what’s right for your child. The Nanny State is.”

*He asked permission to have his six-year-old daughter miss school while he took her to Disney World. But the request made by **Jon Platt** was refused because school attendance in Britain is compulsory. He was fined the equivalent of \$180 dollars in a case that went all the way to the British Supreme Court.*



Ron Paul

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No Repeal in Sight for ObamaCare

“We’re going to be living with ObamaCare for the foreseeable future.”

*After Speaker Ryan terminated consideration of the substitute healthcare measure known as ObamaCare-lite, former Congressman **Ron Paul** expects that Congress will not try again to repeal President Obama’s most famous and most damaging piece of legislation.*

Energy Company Executive Disputes Claim of Climate Scientists

“Don’t be fooled. Not everyone believes in global warming.”

*A member of the board of directors of the independent power-producing company NRG, **Barry T. Smitherman** labels the claims of many climate scientists a “hoax.”*

ISIS Joyous After American Forces Attacked Syrian Civilians

“Daesh [another name for ISIS or ISIL] is happy about the American attacks against civilians. What happened proved its slogans that the Americans want to kill Muslims everywhere and not only the Islamic State’s gunmen.”

*A resident of the Syrian city of Raqqa, **Abdul Rahman** gave his on-the-spot opinion about the recent U.S. military strike against northwestern Syria.*

Applications for Visas to Enter United States Reach Flood Stage

“We’re loaded, and we have more trucks coming.”

*According to courier **Andrew Langyo**, who rode in one of the vehicles, truckloads of applicants for H-1B visas continued to arrive at the U.S. government’s office at the California-Mexico border. All carried applications for the H-1B visas sought by technology companies for foreign workers. The visas allow an immigrant to stay in the United States for up to three years. The application period exists for only a short duration; hence the crush as the deadline approached.*

Neocons Delighted After U.S. Retaliation Against Syria

“Unlike the previous administration, President Trump confronted a pivotal moment in Syria and took action.”

*In their joint statement, Senators **John McCain** (R-Ariz.) and **Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) showed once again how much they favor war as a way of asserting U.S. power. Using the military is a favorite tactic of neoconservatives. They were joined in applauding the bombing of Syria by Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.). ■*

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With millions of Americans switching to alternative news sources because most don't trust mainstream media, the globalist elites are resorting to desperate measures.

by William F. Jasper

Today, as in all times of crisis, to be a Patriot, to take a stand for Truth, is dangerous business. To host a news website or blog that challenges the ruling powers, entrenched corruption, and the

forces of darkness is a perilous thing. We are beginning to see just how perilous. We are not yet suffering the types of outright censorship and iron-fisted persecution of politically incorrect thought that already befall our brethren in banana republics or in communist tyrannies such as China,

Cuba, Vietnam, and North Korea, or in Muslim dictatorships such as Iran, Sudan, and Saudi Arabia. Nor are we yet experiencing the levels of intimidation, prosecution, fines, and imprisonment being meted out in the European Union and Canada for daring to speak truth to power. But anyone

who doubts that similar oppression is in the works for America is deaf and blind to the onrushing statist steamroller that is smashing the First Amendment — and all other treasured rights as well.

During the eight-year reign of President Barack Obama, the advocates of Orwellian controls for the ostensible purpose of combating “hate speech” and “thought crimes” made frightful progress. Federal and state government officials, together with their cronies in the major media and tech giants such as Google, Facebook, Amazon, Twitter, and Microsoft, have ganged up to crush the upstart alternative media that are challenging (and have already surpassed, by some important metrics) the MSM (mainstream media) Fake News monopoly that has protected and projected the globalist agenda for decades. Breitbart News, the Drudge Report, InfoWars, Natural News, and dozens of other Internet-based news providers have already been targeted and are feeling the impact of the corporate-government jack-booted heel on their jugulars.

Will things change for the better in this regard now under the new Trump administration? There was good reason to hope so, but we have no guarantee. On February 17, 2017, President Trump tweeted: “The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American People!” The list he mentioned was abbreviated, of course, and could have included many additional genuine enemies of freedom among the so-called elite media. The outrage that followed from the Fake News organizations the president lambasted was as hypocritical and hollow as it was predictable. En masse, they attempted to misrepresent Trump’s attack, which was directed at them specifically, as an attack on the First Amendment and journalism in general.

But however much the Fake News hypocrites tried to camouflage themselves and misrepresent President Trump’s accusation, many, if not most, Americans recognized the truth in it. We had just witnessed, during the recent election cycle, a year-long spectacle of some of the most egregious media mendacity, bias, and propaganda in our nation’s history. In addition to day-after-day fawning pro-Clin-

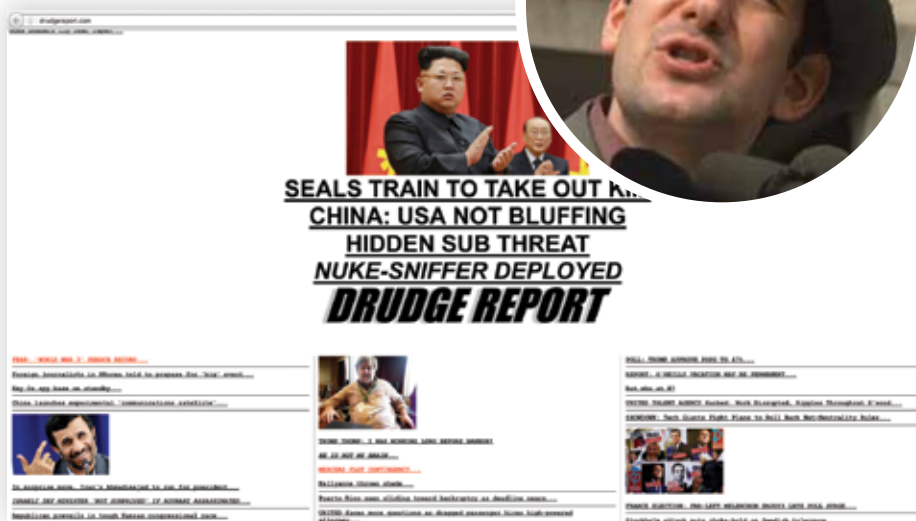
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ton “news” coverage glaringly juxtaposed to malicious anti-Trump coverage, we saw over and over again blatant examples of outright violence against Trump and his supporters being censored or even justified by the “objective” elite media. Even before being subjected to that deceitful onslaught, the American public had already passed verdict on the MSM and found it disreputable. A Rasmussen poll in 2013 found that only six percent of Americans considered the major media to be “very trustworthy.” Surveys by Pew, Gallup, and other polling groups have likewise documented the ill repute in which the media are popularly held.

Add to that the fact that millions of Americans have abandoned the establishment corporate media and now get their news elsewhere. Many have fled to Fox News, which at least puts up a semi-credible façade of being politically/socially/morally conservative, even while, in the main, presenting the globalist line from a “Republican” perspective. Similarly, most of the talk-radio universe is dominated by

“conservative” hosts who, for the most part, toe the establishment GOP party line. But the past decade has seen the burgeoning of a host of independent Internet-based news sources that defy the liberal-left elites and their globalist agenda (as well as defying any neat categorization): the Drudge Report, Alex Jones/InfoWars, Breitbart, the Daily Caller, WorldNetDaily, Zero Hedge, LewRockwell.com, Antiwar.com, Vdare.com — and many, many more.

As we have reported online and in these pages many times previously, the globalists have been pushing for many years to transfer control over the Internet to the United Nations, which would mean total evisceration of freedom of communication and expression over the Net. After all, that dictators club is filled with re-



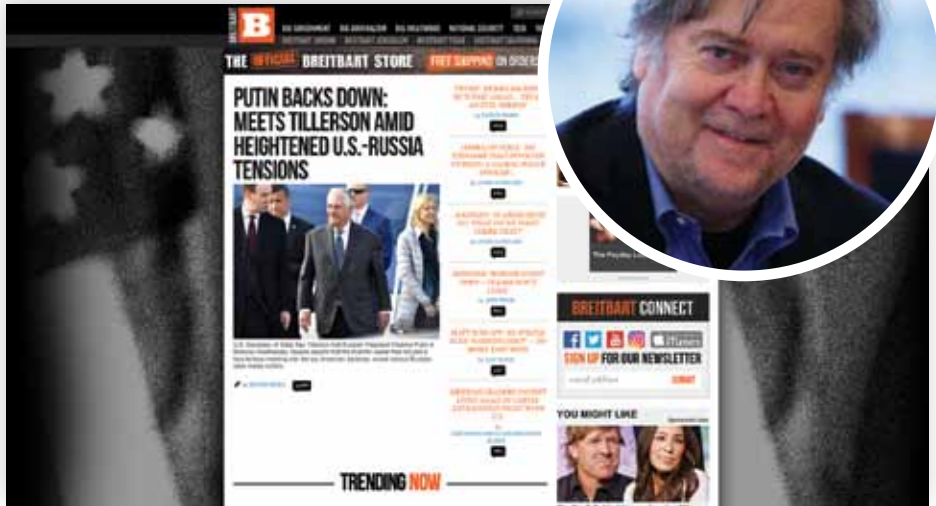
Supreme warning: Matt Drudge (inset photo), publisher/owner of the hugely successful Drudge Report, says a sitting U.S. Supreme Court justice warned him to his face, “Matt, it’s over for you.... You’re outa there. They’re going to make it so that you can’t even use headlines.”

gimes that already are infamous for rigidly prohibiting access to “unapproved” sites and for punishing netizens who dare to express views that conflict with official dogmas of the state. However, the most immediate threat comes not from this type of direct interference of government agencies (whether global, national, or local) but from left-wing so-called watchdog groups, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Media Matters, working in collusion with the MSM monopolists, international corporations, Deep State intel operatives, and statist politicians. Their multi-pronged attack on the vibrant, independent American media is currently focused on cutting off advertising revenue and denying access on various platforms and search engines.

On October 6, 2015, Matt Drudge made a surprise visit to InfoWars.com for an in-studio televised interview with Alex Jones to warn of the coming oppressive censorship. “I had a Supreme Court justice tell me to my face it’s over for me,” the legendary recluse and owner of the very influential Drudge Report revealed. “He said, ‘Matt, it’s over for you; they’ve got the votes now to enforce copyright law, you’re outa there. They’re going to make it so that you can’t even use headlines.’” “To have a Supreme Court justice say that to my face,” warned Drudge, “means time is limited.”

“You had Justice Stephen Breyer saying we had to look at a global law, you remember, just recently, so they’re getting ready for these decisions to come,” he continued. “You thought ObamaCare was shocking; you thought some of these other decisions were shocking. Wait until these copyright laws work their way up, and the Supreme Court decides you can’t have a website with news headlines linking

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Scourged and purged: Breitbart News and its former executive chair — and current Trump advisor — Steve Bannon (inset photo) have been receiving the usual MSM smear treatment, labeled as racist, white nationalist, misogynist, xenophobic, and pro-Putin.

across the board.” The effect will be, he noted, to push everyone into cyber “ghettos” of Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, where no diversity of thought is tolerated.

If Matt Drudge, an Internet visionary and considered by many to be the T-Rex of independent media aggregators, is that alarmed, everyone else also had better be concerned. Although no longer the one-man operation it was when starting out as a simple e-mail news-and-rumor letter 20-some years ago, his still-small organization boasts a very large footprint. In 2015, *Politico* reported that during the previous year, “DrudgeReport.com was the No. 1 site of referral traffic to the *Daily Mail*, CNN, Fox News, Roll Call, Breitbart, the *New York Times*, *National Journal*, *USA Today*, Associated Press, Reuters, the *Wall Street Journal* and *POLITICO*.” His website has had as many as a billion page views in a single day and claims millions of devoted followers. The *New York Times*

reported in 2007 that presidential candidates, including Hillary Clinton, were cooperating with Drudge and “working harder than ever to get favorable coverage for their candidates — or unfavorable coverage of competitors — onto the Drudge Report’s home page, knowing that television producers, radio talk-show hosts, and newspaper reporters view it as a bulletin board for the latest news and gossip.”

Yet Matt Drudge sees that his days are numbered if the Big Brother plans of the Big Government advocates are not stopped. One of the threats mentioned by Matt Drudge and Alex Jones in their InfoWars exchange concerned the dangerous copyright elements in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) treaties negotiated by the Obama administration. Although President Trump has apparently scuttled those agreements (at least temporarily), that danger is far from over.

Ad Spending Targeted

“Advertisers are telling right-wing website Breitbart News to ditch the hate speech and are withdrawing their campaigns until it cleans up its content,” reported the left-wing *International Business Times (IBT)* on November 23, 2016. “AppNexus, a company whose software helps deliver ads online, has told the conservative news and opinion site that it breaches its policies around hate speech.”

“This blacklist was solely about hate speech violation,” *IBT* quoted AppNexus spokesman Joshua Zeitz as saying. “We did a human audit of Breitbart and determined there were enough articles and headlines that cross that line, using either coded or overt language.”

IBT noted that “Breitbart has risen to prominence as President-elect Donald Trump appointed its former executive chairman Steve Bannon as his chief strategist after Bannon headed up his election campaign.” The organization takes its name from its founder, the late Andrew Breitbart, who got his start in the business working for Matt Drudge. According to *IBT*, AppNexus spokesman Zeitz said the company would ban Breitbart’s content as “quickly as a site that has pornography and violence.” The website is not being censored because it spreads misinformation or for its conservative editorial position, he insisted, but because of violations of “hate speech.” Of course, “hate speech” is pliantly defined and seems rarely to be applied to the detriment of those who are “progressively” inclined.

AppNexus reportedly handles about \$2.5 billion in ad spending, and Breitbart is not the only conservative site being affected. Nor is AppNexus the only advertising company performing this ideological squeeze play. Omnicom and AdRoll are two additional huge advertisement buying networks that have joined the thought police. “The move comes,” notes the *IBT* article, “after other online platforms such as Google and Facebook have made efforts to stop fake news being served, or spread by their users.” Yes, Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, Google (which owns YouTube), and other enforcement-arm members of the emerging Orwellian Ministry of Truth are on a jihad against “hate” — unless, that is, it is *real* hate being spewed by politically acceptable/politically protected haters, such as *real* Islamic jihadists, LGBTQ militants, or enviro extremists.

In Germany, for instance, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, in 2015, adopted the “code of conduct” implemented by Angela Merkel’s regime to squash the widespread opposition to her disastrous refugee program. It includes a pledge to delete “hate speech” from their websites within 24 hours.

“Posts critical of Chancellor Merkel’s

migrant policies, for example, can be categorized as ‘Islamophobia,’” notes the Gatestone Institute, a human-rights group, “and are often found to violate ‘Community Standards,’ while incitement to actual violence and the murder of Jews and Israelis by Palestinian Arabs is generally considered as conforming to Facebook’s ‘Community Standards.’”

According to the Gatestone report, “Facebook’s bias is so strong that it recently restored Palestinian Arab terrorist group Fatah’s Facebook page, which incites hatred and violence against Jews — despite having shut it down only three days earlier. In 2016 alone, this page had a minimum of 130 posts glorifying terror and murder of Jews.”

Angela Merkel, who grew up during the Cold War and became a Communist Party functionary, under the watchful eye of East Germany’s secret police, the Stasi, appears to be reverting to form. Although she has been rebranded as a “conservative,” she clearly favors the statist methods of her old communist regime.

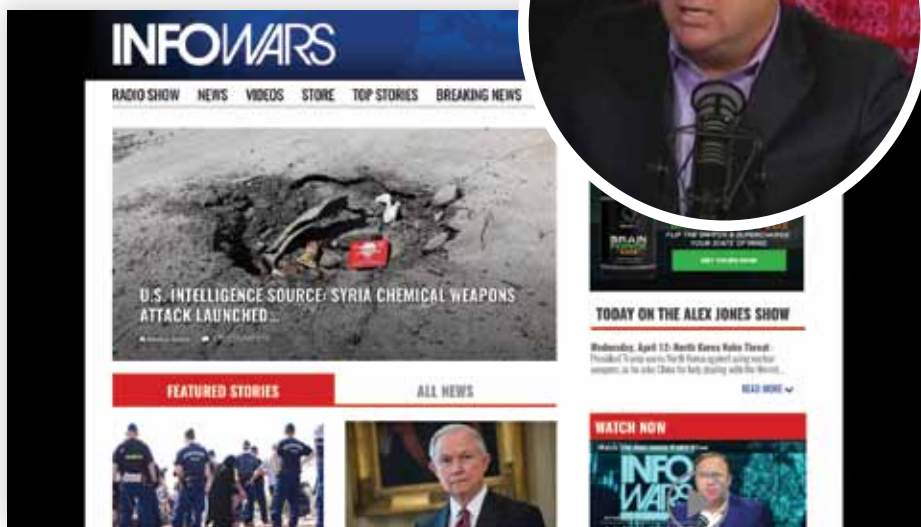
Like Breitbart, Alex Jones’ InfoWars has exploded into a huge global presence on the Internet. Over the past two decades, he has built a multi-million-dollar, multi-media empire — including multiple websites, a nationally broadcast radio show, documentary video production, original reporting and commentary, and traveling “crisis news” crews — that is presenting a major challenge to the giant MSM

corporate media. According to Alexa, the website traffic-rating company, Infowars.com in January 2017 received 400,419 daily unique visitors, 1,284,643 daily page views, 7,562,818 monthly unique visitors, and 40,562,397 monthly page views.

However, like Breitbart and Drudge, Jones has seen his advertising revenues slammed by the PC thought police. A tireless supporter of Donald Trump, and one of the earliest to rally to Trump’s anti-globalist banner, Alex Jones undoubtedly played a crucial role in rallying swing voters to Trump’s cause across the country. On his February 21 show, Jones reported on the new attack aimed at strangling his advertising revenue stream. And he let it be known there was no doubt in his mind that this assault is directly the result of his support for Trump.

“The election of Donald J. Trump as 45th President of the United States was a crushing blow to the globalist empire,” he said, “and there’s no question that the elite have pinned Infowars to be one of the primary driving factors behind the biggest upset to the New World Order in decades.”

“Today, Infowars has been banned from one of the largest advertising platforms in the world for its support of Donald J.



Dirty tricks: In one of several moves aimed at stopping alt-media phenom Alex Jones (inset photo), his main website, Infowars.com, has been banned by Internet advertising agencies, costing him millions of dollars in lost revenue.

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Trump in an unprecedented attack on the liberty movement and free speech,” Jones continued. “This is a platform that Infowars has used to promote its own products to millions across the Web and as one of its primary sources of self-funding. In total, Infowars is expected to lose a large percentage of its total income that could be used to hire more reporters, build better studios, get better equipment, and keep on fighting.”

Jones reproduced a letter he had received from AdRoll informing him that “Infowars has been flagged by the AdRoll Policy team and, as a result, [advertising] campaigns suspended.” “All content on your website should be relevant, accurate, informative, and up to date. Any claims should be easily verifiable,” the AdRoll letter continued, before making the following incredible statement: “Furthermore, all political content should focus on the merits of the candidate, and political messaging should not target special interests or groups, or imply affiliations.”

That’s right, according to the AdRoll Policy team, “all political content” must meet their PC criteria. “This is in line with the policies of both AdRoll and our partner ad networks policies,” the letter claims, before stating, “Since your account was flagged, we are no longer able to run campaigns for your site and have now gone ahead and suspended the campaigns.” AdRoll is a partner of Google and Facebook, both of which were heavily involved in promoting Hillary Clinton — with financial support, tech expertise, and boosting pro-Hillary stories (while burying negative ones).

In a passionate rant filmed while driving his car, Alex Jones explains that the AdRoll ban is costing him \$5 million in lost rev-

enues, which is a sizable chunk of his \$50 million annual intake and a big part of the budget he has planned for a Washington, D.C., office and other news centers in the United States and overseas. But it isn’t the financial loss that makes him furious, he says; it’s the arrogance of the globalists in thinking they can just roll over us. But they will fail in that, he vows, defiantly shouting that he and the InfoWars team, along with the growing army of infowarriors around the globe, which now numbers in the millions, will continue to go on the offense, making up the AdRoll loss from other sources — while also launching a RICO lawsuit against AdRoll and its “partners” for racketeering to deprive him of his First Amendment-protected rights. Anyone who thinks he isn’t totally committed to following through on this pledge, or that he isn’t fully capable of doing so, doesn’t really know Alex Jones. He may not be your cup of tea and his style may not suit your tastes, but like Donald Trump, he has proven over and over again that he is an indefatigable force, and one to be reckoned with.

Since AdRoll, Omnicom, or AppNexus claim to be on a campaign to expunge “fake news” and “hate speech,” would it not be consistent for them also to drop advertising for CNN, MSNBC, CBS, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the Huffington Post, and other denizens of the Big Media Left for failing to “focus on the merits of the candidate” in their vicious attacks on Trump and other conservatives? Don’t hold your breath; we find no evidence of similar actions by these self-anointed advertising ethicists adversely affecting any of the left-of-center MSM crowd.

This hypocritical virtue signaling is not surprising, since the current campaign to defund, marginalize, and destroy the independent challengers to the establishment media is being choreographed by the champions of “tolerance” hypocrisy, Morris Dees’ Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), David Brock’s Media Matters for America (MMfA), John Podesta’s Center for American Progress (CAP), and Norman Lear’s People for the American Way (PFAW), all of which have been lavishly funded by George Soros, his partners at Democracy Alliance, and the usual big tax-exempt foundations. Fol-



Dirty war: Mike “the Health Ranger” Adams (inset photo), owner of the popular NaturalNews.com website, says Google scrubbed all of his archived pages from their search results when he refused to help produce dirt to destroy Alex Jones/InfoWars.

lowing the model honed by Brock in his successful attacks on the advertisers of Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura Schlesinger, Fox News, and others, they are working closely with the MSM character assassins to demonize everyone they perceive as a key threat on the Right. Then they use the “news” stories and “investigative exposés” crafted by their cabal to convince advertisers to drop advertising on the websites, networks, and programs they’ve targeted. They also use pressure from Facebook, Google, AdRoll, Omnicom, and AppNexus to destroy the target’s advertising base. In addition, they mobilize armies of trolls to swarm the comment sections of advertisers’ webpages with talking points from the MMfA/SPLC/PfAW/CAP smear repertoire.

There are additional tactics that get even dirtier, such as hacking and crashing a website, or using blackmail and intimidation. Mike Adams, known as “the Health Ranger,” is the founder of the hugely popular Natural News website (seven million unique visitors per month). On February 22, he announced that he had been blacklisted by Google’s search engines and that Google had removed 140,000 pages of Natural News (www.naturalnews.com) content from their indexes.

Why? Appearing on the Dave Hodges radio program *The Common Sense Show*, Adams explained that he had been approached by people who tried to extort him into supporting their attacks on Alex Jones, whom he considers a friend and ally. “We will pay you \$50,000 to provide us with damaging information against Alex Jones,” he was told. “If you do not help us, we will destroy you.” Adams revealed this extortion attempt on the Hodges show on February 19, just 48 hours before the AdRoll attack on Alex Jones. He thinks it’s a little too coincidental that the extortion bribe/threat to him, the attacks on Jones/Drudge/Breitbart and others, and the Google ban on him all happened in the time frame that they did, and in the larger context of an ongoing very large and very concentrated hostile campaign to destroy independent media. “Google sent no warning whatsoever to our ‘webmaster tools’ email address on file with them,” Adams says. “The shut off of Natural News was clearly driven by a human decision, not an algorithm.”



Trump stump: Bashed and trashed by the establishment media, candidate Donald Trump found a much friendlier reception from anti-globalist alternative media, such as Alex Jones/InfoWars.

Less than two months before the advertising attack on Jones and the Google ban on Mike Adams, Matt Drudge Tweeted that he was under attack from a massive DDoS (distributed denial of service) hacking effort to crash his site. Drudge Tweeted:

Is the US government attacking DRUDGE REPORT?

Biggest DDoS since site’s inception. VERY suspicious routing [and timing].

— MATT DRUDGE (@DRUDGE) December 30, 2016

Since the Drudge Report is one of the oldest surviving pioneer websites on the Internet, saying this is the biggest DDoS in the site’s history means the attacks are very serious. A second Tweet suggested that the attacks might possibly be the work of Deep State actors at the NSA, headquartered in Fort Meade, Maryland:

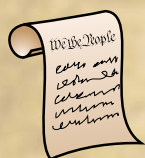
Attacking coming from ‘thousands’ of sources. Of course none of them traceable to Fort Meade ...

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Wild conspiracy theory? Paranoia? Hardly. This is war, and the globalists plan to take down all opposition, all resistance, all competition — one way or another. If you’re not already in the fight, it’s time to

get in before it’s all over. Will you help roll back the onslaught of evil, or stand by and allow it to triumph? Here are some simple ways that you can help:

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- Contact advertisers of websites under attack by the Left to let them know you appreciate their support and urge them not to capitulate to the organized bullies; inform advertisers on MSM and leftist sites that you do not approve of their support for those sites/organizations;
- Buy products and services from online providers that support liberty;
- Support/encourage liberty-minded websites and organizations that are under attack; and
- Dump Google as your default search engine and use one that doesn’t promote the anti-freedom agenda and doesn’t track you, such as DuckDuckGo, StartPage, Blekko, Ixquick, or GoodGopher. ■



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Orwellian Obamastate: President Obama promised “transparent” government, but while making government more secretive, he has also made it more invasive, not only with more pervasive spying, but with new propaganda and behavioral-engineering programs.

by William F. Jasper

“The [Obama] administration’s war on leaks and other efforts to control information are the most aggressive I’ve seen since the Nixon administration, when I was one of the editors involved in The Washington Post’s investigation of Watergate. The 30 experienced Washington journalists at a variety of news organizations whom I interviewed for this report could not remember any precedent.”

The quotation above is taken from a special investigative report published in 2013 by the Committee to Protect Journalists entitled *The Obama Administration and the Press*. The author of the report, Leonard Downie, Jr., a former executive editor of the *Washington Post*, lamented the fact that President Obama had repeatedly broken his “promise that his administration would be the most open and transparent in American history.”

“In the Obama administration’s Washington, government officials are increasingly afraid to talk to the press,” Downie said, pointing to the administration’s “Insider Threat Program” that greatly stepped up the use of lie-detector tests and scrutiny of federal employee telephone and e-mail records. The program, he reported, “requires all federal employees to help” by “monitoring the behavior of their colleagues.”

However, the Obama administration’s eight-year run not only clamped down on federal employees and whistleblowers, but also greatly expanded the already very dangerous Big Brother surveillance and propaganda programs it had inherited from the Bush administration. In 2013, leaks revealed that the American National Security Agency (NSA) and its British counterpart, the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), had collaborated in illegal mass-surveillance activities and the bulk mining and processing of personal data. Of equal, if not

greater, importance was the revelation the same year that the NSA and GCHQ also were (and may still be) collaborating on an illegal and Orwellian-sounding propaganda and cyber-espionage program that employs disinformation, “dirty tricks,” and behavior-modification psychology to “nudge” the public into accepting the policies and programs that the political-class rulers deem are in the “public interest.” The Obama administration referred to this totalitarian brainchild as its “Behavioral Insights Team,” which it explicitly stated was modeled on the British organization of the same name. The Behavioral Insights Team draws much of its inspiration from two “experts” who are notorious as advocates for authoritarian agendas: Obama “Energy Czar” John Holdren and former Obama “Regulatory Czar” Cass Sunstein, co-author of *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness*.

“Destroy, Deny, Degrade, Disrupt”

While the term “Behavioral Insights Team” sounds fairly innocuous, leaked documents show the frightening nature and potential of the apparatus, instructing government agents on methods to “destroy, deny, degrade [and] disrupt” targeted individuals, companies, and organizations. It should be noted that the activities and tactics these “Nudge Squads” use are not meant to be employed against hostile foreign powers, enemy combatants, terrorists, drug cartels, and the like; they are to be used against people who have not been charged, tried, or convicted of crime.

One of the leaked documents, a manual ominously entitled *The Art of Deception: Training for a New Generation of Online Covert Operations*, is discussed on journalist Glenn Greenwald’s website, The Intercept, in an article entitled “How Covert Agents Infiltrate the Internet to Manipulate, Deceive, and Destroy Reputations.” *The Art of Deception* was produced by the formerly super-secret department of the GCHQ known as JTRIG (Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group). Greenwald’s article details how other JTRIG manuals provide tips on how to “discredit a target” and “disrupt” his life. JTRIG proposes, for example, using a “honey-trap” (a well-known term in spy tradecraft referring to sexual

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entrapment) and planting fake news stories and fake e-mails, and changing the target’s webpage to discredit/incriminate him. The article shows a page from a JTRIG document with the headline “Discredit a Target” that instructs agents to:

- Set up a honey-trap
- Change their photos on social networking sites
- Write a blog purporting to be one of their victims
- Email/text their colleagues, neighbours [sic], friends, etc.

Another GCHQ/JTRIG report is entitled “Behavioural Science Support for JTRIG’s Effects and Online HUMINT Operations.” It carries a cover date of “10 March 2011” and is stamped “TOP SECRET.” The author is given as Mandeep K. Dhami, Ph.D., of the “Human Systems Group, Information Management Department, Dstl.”

“All of JTRIG’s operations are conducted using cyber technology,” the report states. “Staff described a range of methods/techniques that have been used to-date for conducting effects operations.” These included, says the report:

- Uploading YouTube videos containing “persuasive” communications (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Setting up Facebook groups, forums, blogs and Twitter accounts that encourage and monitor discussion on a topic (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter, delay or disrupt)....
- Sending spoof e-mails and text messages from a fake person or mimicking a real person (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deceive, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Providing spoof online resources such as magazines and books that

provide inaccurate information (to disrupt, delay, deceive, discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter or denigrate/degrade)....

- Providing online access to uncensored material (to disrupt)
- Interrupting (i.e., filtering, deleting, creating or modifying) communications between real customers and traders (to deny, disrupt, delay, deceive, dissuade or deter)
- Taking over control of online websites (to deny, disrupt, discredit or delay)....
- Hosting targets’ online communications/websites for collecting SIGINT (to disrupt, delay, deter or deny)
- Contacting host websites asking them to remove material (to deny, disrupt, delay, dissuade or deter)

On March 31, 2017 WikiLeaks released “Vault 7-‘Marble,’” including 676 source code files for the CIA’s secret anti-forensic *Marble Framework*. Marble, WikiLeaks explained, is used to hamper forensic investigators and anti-virus companies from attributing viruses, trojans, and hacking attacks to the CIA. In other words, the Marble revelations further confirm that the CIA and other intelligence agencies have developed the ability to hack computers and plant viruses and malware (or incriminating false e-mails, photos, or documents) and effectively cover their trail so that it either will be untraceable, or will be attributed to another actor (say, for instance, Russia, China, Iran, ISIS, or a private citizen).

How widely are these techniques, tactics, and technologies already being deployed by our “intelligence community”? Only a very tiny minority of government operatives on the inside of these agencies knows for sure. The rest of us must speculate and infer, and try to make sensible determinations about the real world from a confusing overload of information, misinformation, and disinformation swirling about us. We will be hopelessly lost if we allow those with their hands on the levers of power in government also to possess the power to deceive us at will, and thus lead us into increasing acceptance of limitations on our freedoms. That is a path that leads inevitably to tyranny. ■



How to be evil: An operational manual of the British intel agency GCHQ advises on using “false flag,” “infiltration,” and other deception techniques — against ordinary citizens, not terrorists or criminals. The Obama administration adopted this British police-state program.

DEEP STATE & FAKE NEWS

The recent presidential contest made clear that the mainstream media is biased, but the bigger story is the extent to which the intelligence community took a role in the campaigning.



Newscom

by William F. Jasper

Deep State. Fake News. The 2016 presidential election cycle brought these terms into the general vernacular and launched a debate that is challenging the way Americans view the news and the reality it purports to convey. We are seeing a widespread awakening to the awful reality that the American government has been hijacked, that powerful forces — a “state within the state,” the Deep State — are at work to deceive us. The egregiously anti-Trump/pro-Clinton media bias during the election campaign, and the continuation of the ma-

licious media attacks after the inauguration — to the point of even justifying and sympathizing with the violent anti-Trump rioters — caused President Trump’s “Fake News” accusation to resonate widely. The American public has long been aware that something is terribly wrong with the major corporate news organizations — the so-called “mainstream media” (MSM) — but the 2016 elections proved to millions the truth of Trump’s Tweet that “The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC, @CBS, @CNN) ... is the enemy of the American People!”

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Calling ‘em out: President Donald Trump struck a resonant chord with millions of Americans by lambasting the lying, deception, and blatant bias of the MSM purveyors of “Fake News.”

life, pro-gun rights, pro-traditional marriage, pro-military, pro-free enterprise — in general, pro-liberty — have realized for decades that the MSM claim to “objective reporting” is laughable. Long before Hillary Clinton labeled Trump voters an irredeemable “basket of deplorables ... racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic,” conservatives had become inured to being similarly smeared by the media elites. Conserva-

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tives — who comprise the majority of America voters — know from bitter experience that the “tolerance” demanded of us by the liberal elites does not extend to those who oppose, or even disagree with, the “progressive” agenda.

In addition to a number of surveys over the years in which media reporters, editors, and commentators have self-identified overwhelmingly as “liberals” on many issues (as well as identifying as registered Democrats), the evidence of blatant bias is in their product. They have been clobbering us day after day, year after year with a nonstop onslaught of “progressive” propaganda aimed at profoundly transforming American society and American culture: LGBTQ rights, open borders, gun control, racial agitation, more government programs, more government spending, more government regulation, more government surveillance, and more taxes. In short, the

liberal, progressive agenda — championed and promoted by the MSM — has been driving us, on a seemingly inexorable path, toward the Total State, where the individual citizen has no protection against omnipotent government.

The 2016 election crystallized the divide between the “deep state” governing elites (including the MSM) and the American people more than at any time since the Johnson-Goldwater contest in 1964. (This writer observed that quadrennial event as a very politically engaged junior high-school student.) Republican Senator Barry Goldwater lost that matchup with incumbent President Lyndon Johnson in a lopsided defeat of historic proportions. Johnson’s landslide victory can be attributed to two things: the sympathy vote for recently assassinated President John F. Kennedy, for whom Johnson was vice president; and the relentless media demonization

of Goldwater as a racist and a dangerous extremist who would, if elected president, end the world in nuclear annihilation.

Hillary Clinton’s campaign decided early on to repeat the same vilification operation that had succeeded so magnificently against Goldwater 52 years earlier. In addition to mimicking the Ku Klux Klan-racist smear and the nuclear war hysteria of the anti-Goldwater campaign, Team Hillary even brought 80-year-old actor William Bogert back from oblivion to reprise his disingenuous, anti-Goldwater “Confessions of a Republican” commercial in which he posed as a conservative blasting Goldwater as racist, extremist, and unreasonable. This time around he did the same against Trump.

However, there were at least three major factors at work that defeated Clinton’s surefire/slam-dunk repetition of the anti-Goldwater strategy:

- The liberal elites no longer had a lock-hold on the media. Gone are the days of media dominance by three major TV networks and a handful of newspapers and magazines;

- As a result of WikiLeaks and other whistleblower and hacktivist efforts, public awareness of the dangerous reality of a “deep state” cabal involving intelligence agencies, politicians, bureaucrats, and corporate cronies had reached a critical mass across the political spectrum and across party lines; and

- Donald Trump is not only media savvy and technology savvy, but he responds to the smears and attacks in unconventional ways that have proven effective.

“Deep State” Intrigues

In the fall of 2016, accusations of Russian interference in the U.S. presidential campaign intensified as the Clinton-Trump race headed toward election day. Hillary Clinton, President Obama, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, CNN, and their brethren in the corporate MSM choir hammered on this theme without let-up. According to Secretary Clinton and her allies, Vladimir Putin was pulling out all stops in a desperate attempt to block her road to the White House, while assisting Trump. Clinton insisted that Putin was doing this because he feared her steely resolve, while favoring Trump’s alleged friendly overtures.



Media monoculture: The controlled corporate media deliver homogenized globalist propaganda that is uniformly hostile to America’s founding principles and the Christian morality and culture necessary for a free society.



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“Ruling Class Journalist”: The *Washington Post*’s David Ignatius (CFR/CIA), a frequent “expert” commentator on many MSM platforms, epitomizes the media elites who shill for the globalist New World Order.

The Clinton-friendly media were only too happy and willing to promote this Putin-Trump love affair narrative, and have continued belaboring it, even though no evidence has been produced to show that Trump has, or had, any business connection or other ties to Russia. Hillary Clinton, on the other hand, has had multi-million-dollar business dealings with Russia that any reasonable person would find troubling. One of the most notable problematic deals, which should have been (and should still be) the focus of media attention, is her role in the sale of the Uranium One mine in Wyoming, which delivered one-fifth of our uranium reserves to Russia. That transaction netted her, husband Bill Clinton, the Clinton Foundation, and Clinton donor Frank Giustra millions of dollars. Then there is Hillary’s key role in helping Putin build Skolkovo, Russia’s version of Silicon Valley, a huge national security issue that the pro-Clinton/pro-Obama MSM echo chamber could never seem to summon even a mildly curious concern over. And there are the handsome profits for John Podesta, Hillary Clinton’s campaign manager (and George Soros minion), in the Joule Unlimited energy deal with Russian oligarch Viktor Vekselberg, a billionaire crony in Putin’s inner circle. Again, another glaring lack of concern over verifiable, alarming Kremlin-Clinton ties by the same media mavens who

are all frightfully adither over the alleged (but so far unsubstantiated) “Russian connections” of Team Trump.

Whatever traction Hillary Clinton and the anti-Trump accusers in Congress and the media have had on this issue has been provided by the appearance of support for the charges from America’s spymasters. The unprecedented *public* involvement of the leaders of the intelligence agencies in the political process over the past several months is cause for very grave concern. In fact, the degree to which the “intelligence community” has taken sides in a very partisan manner gave serious grounds for fears that a political coup against President-elect Trump might be in the offing before he could be officially inaugurated as President Trump. And the continued leaks and skullduggery since the Obama-to-Trump transition indicate that that is still a possibility. As we point out in the accompanying article on page 27, the intelligence agencies, most especially the CIA, have been involved in extralegal political machinations, propaganda, and psychological manipulation for decades, but they have not previously engaged so openly and audaciously in politics. The fact that they are so brazenly — and illegally — interfering in the political milieu today is a signal that the masters they serve are either very con-

fident that they won’t get caught, or are very desperate to preserve the illicit powers and controls they have amassed.

The public sparring between the “intelligence community” and Donald Trump — first as presidential candidate, then as president-elect, and then as president — has exposed the dangerous consequences of congressional dereliction in allowing the intelligence agencies to run for decades without accountability. Equally important, it has exposed the degree to which the MSM (CNN, the *New York Times*, NBC, ABC, CBS, etc.) have become mere adjuncts of the CIA, NSA, DNI, FBI, etc. However, there is another three-letter acronym that gets short shrift, but is of paramount importance, in all the heated discussion over the currently unfolding Deep State machinations: CFR, for Council on Foreign Relations, the globalist Brain Trust for Deep State operations. While critics on the Right and the Left denounce the surveillance abuses, invasions of privacy, political interference (at home and abroad), secret wars, assassination, and other immoral and illegal “intelligence community” practices, they evince a curious and stubborn reluctance to mention the CFR, the 500-lb gorilla in the room.

Case in point (one of many recent examples that could be cited): the firing of General Michael Flynn as President Trump’s national security advisor. The report that General Flynn lied about a meeting he had with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak was first revealed by *Washington Post* columnist and associate editor David Ignatius in his column for January 12. Left-wing journalist and Deep State critic Glenn Greenwald perceptively Tweeted: “Very significant it’s David Ignatius who broke story of Flynn talking to Russians since he’s long been [an] all-but-official CIA media spokesman.” Greenwald is no fan of Trump, in fact he seems to detest him; but he detests even more the shadowy powers whom Ignatius serves. The same can be said for CIA veteran Melvin A. Goodman, who has called Ignatius “the CIA’s apologist-in-chief.” Then there’s former CIA Director George Tenet, who offered fulsome praise for Ignatius and his spy novel *Body of Lies* in a promotional blurb for the book: “*Body of Lies* is fiction but reads like fact. CIA officers admire Ignatius because more than

any other writer he understands the nuances of their trade. Fascinating.”

David Ignatius is indeed a longtime media conduit for CIA misdirection, misinformation, and disinformation (as is his employer, the *Washington Post*). And his unnamed source for the Flynn story, “a senior U.S. government official,” broke the law and committed a serious felony in releasing Flynn’s name. So did Ignatius, himself, in publishing it. So far as we know, from publicly available information, General Flynn did not break the law, although I would argue that, contrary to Flynn’s defenders, his meeting with Ambassador Kislyak and his financial dealings with the Turkish regime of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan are cause for concern, and possibly *may have been* serious enough to end up disqualifying him from the sensitive role of national security advisor. But the hypothetical Flynn may-have-beens that continue to occupy the hyperventilating MSM commentators are one thing; the *actual* Ignatius-intel leak is another. And it should be obvious that the real story here that is being ignored in the MSM is the illegal Ignatius-intel leak, especially since, taken in the context of the many other actions occurring at the time (as well as before and since), the Flynn case is a prime example of Deep State operations violating the Constitution and subverting the rule of law. It is also important for illustrating the crucial role of controlled “journalists” in the coordinated MSM/intel community effort to torpedo and bring down the Trump administration. In this respect, it is especially noteworthy for showing the indispensable hand of the CFR in managing this coordination.

David Ignatius is not only a longtime member of the CFR, he is one of the most trusted operatives of this private club of globalists that has become our de facto government, with its members holding key positions and wielding incredible influence in the legislative, judicial, and executive branches, including the military and intelligence agencies — for at least the past three generations. The aforementioned CIA Director George Tenet, the ardent Ignatius admirer, is also a CFR



Globalism re-Booted: CFR Senior Fellow and spokesman Max Boot, an avid neocon warmonger and RINO (Republican In Name Only), is dependably trotted out by the MSM in efforts to convert conservatives to the one-world cause du jour.

member, as have been 13 of his predecessors in that post, going all the way back to the agency’s first civilian director (and longest serving chief), the “legendary” Allen Dulles, who was a *founding* member of the CFR and a genuine globalist insider. Likewise, the CFR virtually has owned the top rungs of power in the federal government going back many decades: 24 secretaries of state, 20 national security advisors, 20 secretaries of defense, 22 secretaries of the treasury — and thousands of additional Cabinet secretaries, under-secretaries, deputy secretaries, assistant secretaries, etc.

But back to Ignatius, whose columns are regularly featured as “Must Read” pieces on the CFR’s website. He has served alongside top-tier CFR members such as Madeleine Albright, Stephen Hadley, and Robert Blackwill as a host and moderator for the council’s panel discussions and CFR-sponsored Independent Task Force reports. Ignatius also co-hosts *PostGlobal*, an online discussion of international issues, with Fareed Zakaria (CFR), and is

a regularly featured “expert” on television programs such as MSNBC’s *Morning Joe* with hosts Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski (a CFR member and daughter of Zbigniew Brzezinski, CFR), which competes with CNN’s programming lineup for the most hysterical anti-Trump commentary and vitriolic insults. Apropos of a discussion of Deep State intrigues in the Flynn firing, it is worthy of note that Ignatius is a key voice among those apparently doing the CIA/CFR’s bidding in the Flynn follow-up, the encore attacks aimed at destroying Representative Devin Nunes (R-Calif.), chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. Scarborough and Brzezinski led off their *Morning Joe* show on March 28 echoing the demands of House Democrats, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, that Chairman Nunes must immediately recuse himself from the Russia-Trump investigation because of his “discredited behavior” in going to the White House for an intel briefing. “He has completely undermined himself,” Brzezinski insisted. “It is now proven ten times over.... This is just reality,” she claimed before bringing on David Ignatius, who opined that the House investigation is “almost shattered now after what Nunes has done. It’s going to be hard for Republicans on the committee, even if they want to do the right thing to operate in a bipartisan way so long as Nunes is there really in effect leading the President’s defense.” After which Brzezinski responded, “So this is the question everyone is asking: Should Congressman Devin Nunes recuse himself?” To which Scarborough delivered an emphatic “Yes.” Nunes, ultimately, succumbed to the concerted campaign and stepped down.

Why the concerted, vicious attacks on Representative Nunes by CNN, the *Times*, the *Post*, et al.? Could it be they are attempting to shield the CIA/CFR Deep State operatives in the Obama administration who have been fingered in the illegal “unmasking” and releasing of the names of Flynn and others in the classified NSA intercepts? Say, for instance, Obama’s National Security Advisor Susan Rice (CFR) and his Deputy Secretary of Defense Evelyn Farkas (CFR)? That would

FINDING FAKE NEWS

by William F. Jasper

Long before Donald Trump made the “Fake News” meme synonymous with the “progressive” establishment media, multiple surveys had already shown that Americans had lost virtually all respect for, and trust in, the media. Gallup, Pew, and other pollsters have found that almost 70 percent of Americans distrust the “mainstream media” (MSM). Not surprisingly, more and more Americans have turned to social media and the multitude of newer, alternative news sources on the Internet. Examples of fake news — which encompass outright fabrications as well as gross distortions and censorship of real news — have become so egregious and commonplace that it is impossible to list them all. Below is but a fraction of the fake news proliferation.

• **“Hands up, don’t shoot”:** In appearances on Fox News programs on December 8, 2016, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sheriff David Clarke charged that “fake news” was “born” with the widespread media propagation of the “hands up, don’t shoot!” lie, that claimed Michael Brown, a young black man, was shot dead in cold blood by white police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Missouri. This lie greatly fueled the deadly riots that followed throughout the country. “The ‘hands up, don’t shoot’ lie was propagated by every mainstream liberal media across this country,” Clarke said. “The *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *LA Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, CNN, MSNBC, all propagated that ‘hands up, don’t shoot’ lie. It was from that time forward that this concept of fake news was talked about.”

Very few members of the MSM have fessed up to their part in this horrendous lie. One who has is Jonathan Capehart, who wrote a *mea culpa* column in the *Washington Post* on March 16, 2015 entitled “‘Hands up, don’t shoot’ was built on a lie.” Like Clarke, Capehart is a black man, but similarities seem to end there; Capehart is a liberal-left Democrat, commentator for MSNBC, columnist for the *Post*, and a homosexual activist “married” to Obama State Department official Nick Schmit. Nevertheless, after Capehart had read the official reports on the shooting, he confessed they had “forced me to deal with two uncomfortable truths: Brown never surrendered with his hands up, and Wilson was justified in shooting Brown.”

• **Hate-crime hoax epidemic:** Vilifying conservatives with various “hate” labels — racist, anti-semitic, misogynist, xenophobe, homophobe — has been the standard operating procedure of the MSM

for decades. However, this practice intensified to an alarming degree during the recent election cycle — and after. Dozens of stories of alleged hate crimes by Trump supporters have been given huge media coverage, only to be later proven to be fabricated (often with the “victim” confessing and being prosecuted for making the false charges). Rarely, however, do the media publicize the subsequent facts that discredit the earlier false claims.

• **Global warming, hoax of the century** — For more than 20 years, the MSM propagandists have been hyperventilating over the supposed dire danger of anthropogenic (man-made) global warming, or AGW, to

justify vast new government programs that would cost trillions of dollars and exterminate freedom. Among the hundreds of AGW lies that have been perpetrated is the claim that 97-99 percent of scientists agree that AGW is an existential threat to all life on the planet.

• **Riot-Makers-R-Us:** Whether it’s the Black Lives Matter rioters, the Occupy Wall Street rioters, the Dream Act rioters, or the Not My President rioters, the professionals running these affairs invariably are paid by George Soros, the Ford Foundation, and other wealthy donors; but don’t expect to see that men-

tioned in MSM “news” accounts.

• **Clinton, Trump, and Putin:** For months, the anti-Trump media mavens have been trying to sell the story — without any evidence — that Trump is tainted with ties to Russia. However, the same MSM mouthpieces have refused to pursue and publicize the verifiable Bill and Hillary Clinton deals with Russia, such as the Uranium One scandal and John Podesta’s Joule Energy profits with Putin’s oligarchs.

• **Clinton, Podesta, occult, pedophiles:** A month before election day, the MSM exploded with nonstop coverage of a decade-old audio recording of lewd talk between Donald Trump and Hollywood reporter Billy Bush. However, coverage was virtually nil of Bill and Hillary Clinton’s hobnobbing with convicted notorious pedophile Jeffrey Epstein, as well as the “Spirit Cooking” and other weird occult and sex affiliations of campaign chairman John Podesta.

• **“Fake News” vs. fake news:** Following Hillary Clinton’s defeat, major members of the MSM choir began claiming that victory was stolen from Hillary thanks to voter confusion and misdirection created by “fake news” provided by pro-Trump websites. Of course they could cite nothing that would qualify as evidence to support this lame claim, although without the help of their own fake news, Clinton undoubtedly would have done even worse. ■



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Peter Bergen



Diane Sawyer



Charlie Rose

Deep State's talking heads: According to the Council on Foreign Relations' 2016 annual report, 334 of its 5,038 members are listed as employed in "Media and News Services," including the six MSM prima donnas shown here.

be a safe surmise, since they have both been credibly exposed as top suspects in the unmasking.

Let's look at another example: Max Boot, the famous "Senior Fellow" at the CFR who is also a regular contributor at the *Weekly Standard*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Foreign Policy*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Commentary*, etc. In an April 3, 2017 article for *Foreign Policy* on what Boot calls "Kremlin-gate," the CFR mouthpiece declared, "The only thing we know for certain is that no credible answers will come from the House Intelligence Committee. Nunes has destroyed its integrity."

An earlier Boot article in *Foreign Policy* on January 5 was entitled "America's Spies Need to Watch Their Backs," with an accusing subtitle that could have been written at CIA HQ in Langley declaring, "Donald Trump's disparagement of

the CIA and apparent plans to shake up the intelligence community are a serious threat to American security." That has been an ongoing theme for months among the Deep State's chattering class, that any criticism of the actions of the highly politicized *leaders* of the intelligence agencies (who are, after all, political appointees of the president) is tantamount to condemnation of all the rank-and-file agents of the "intelligence community."

On April 4, Boot appeared as a guest on Fox TV's *Tucker Carlson Tonight* to cross swords (sort of) with the eponymous host of the show to misdirect attention away from Obama/Susan Rice/Deep State issues and refocus all attention on the Trump/Flynn/Nunes/Kremlingate narrative. Sadly, while Tucker Carlson ably punched holes in Boot's arguments, he failed to even hint at Boot's Deep State role. Carlson introduced Boot merely as "a foreign policy analyst and military historian," and allowed Boot

to cloak himself with an aura of faux conservatism with repeated (and unchallenged) claims that he is "a lifelong Republican." Yes, a "Rockefeller Republican" internationalist, the type beloved of the CFR/CIA elites, which is why Boot has served as an advisor to GOP globalists such as Senator John McCain and Mitt Romney — and endorsed Hillary Clinton in 2016.

The David Ignatius and Max Boot examples cited above are but two of literally thousands of examples of the Deep State "Fake News," which comes in a variety of species of slanted, censored, tilted, and biased, all the way to totally fabricated. The globalist fake-news echo chamber includes hundreds of corporate media executives and "journalists" who are CFR members, including Peter Bergen (CNN), Erin Burnett (CNN), Tom Brokaw (NBC), Ethan Bronner (*New York Times*) Juju Chang (ABC), Katie Couric (CBS, NBC), Thomas Friedman (*New York Times*), Charles Krauthammer (*Washington Post*, Fox), Paul Krugman (*New York Times*), Jim Lehrer (PBS), Bill Moyers (PBS, CBS), Heather Nauert (Fox), Kitty Pilgrim (CNN), Dan Rather (CBS), Charlie Rose (PBS, CBS), Diane Sawyer (ABC), Andrew Ross Sorkin (*New York Times*), Lesley Stahl (CBS), Barbara Walters (ABC), and Paula Zahn (Fox, CNN).

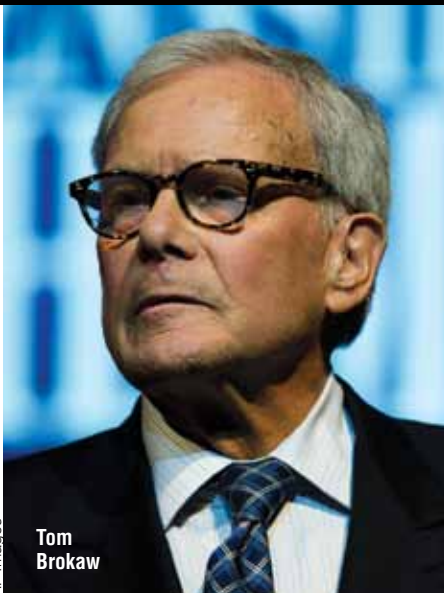
How many of the above-named news-hounds and their hundreds of CFR brethren are actually paid operatives of the intelligence agencies? That is a very important

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question, since recent history shows that a great many influential media folk have been in bed with the “intelligence community.” Although the existence of the CIA’s Project Mockingbird (see page 27) was known for decades, it was not officially confirmed until 2007. In the past few years and months, several million more documents have been released by the CIA, thanks to leaks and FOIA lawsuits, revealing the alarming degree to which the CFR-run intelligence community is politicized and how, in turn, the CFR-CIA Deep State operatives weaponized the American media into a fearsome propaganda network. The list of those who were key participants in that network reads like a Who’s Who of America’s “prestige press” during the 1950s, ’60s, and ’70s: the owners, publishers, and editors of the *Washington Post* and *New York Times*; magazine and television network executives and reporters; nationally syndicated columnists; and news wire services.

Unfortunately, we do not have the luxury of waiting another few decades to learn the details about the journalists and media organizations who are today joined at the hip to the Deep State subversion apparatus. Freedom will not survive that long in the truth vacuum and the wilderness of mirrors engineered by an Orwellian Ministry of Truth. Yet, that is the dystopian future that President Obama and the Deep State globalists have prepared for us. This is not mere polemic on our part, as anyone familiar with THE NEW AMERICAN’s reports over the past

several years on the Obama administration’s “Behavioral Insights Teams” (also known as “Nudge Squads”) will recognize. Overseen by two of Obama’s most notoriously totalitarian-minded officials — “Regulatory Czar” Cass Sunstein and “Science Czar” John Holdren — the social-engineering scheme is patterned on a secret British program run by the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), Britain’s intelligence organization responsible for Signals Intelligence (SIGINT). That program has been exposed since 2013, with the leak of a GCHQ handbook instructing the spy agency’s agents on methods to “destroy, deny, degrade [and] disrupt” those individuals designated as enemies, by, among other things, “discrediting” them, planting misinformation, shutting down their communications, and destroying their reputations. (See “Obama’s Big Brother ‘Nudge Squads’” on page 17.)

In a very revealing (and disturbing) comment on national television, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) underscored the alarming degree to which Congress has already exchanged subservience for its constitutional obligation of oversight. In an interview with MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow on January 3, Schumer claimed Trump was “really dumb” for his decision to “take on” the intelligence commu-

nity. “Let me tell you, you take on the intelligence community, they have six ways from Sunday to get back at you,” Schumer said, adding, “So, even for a practical, supposedly hard-nosed businessman, he is being really dumb to do this.”

Was Senator Schumer, who is one of the most “progressive” members of Congress, serving as a Deep State emissary? Was he delivering a message to Trump (or, more likely, to any Trump allies who might consider supporting his “really dumb” challenge to the intelligence community’s political leadership)? That would be a reasonable take-away from his remarks, considering his political history and the fact that he made them on MSNBC, one of the loudest megaphones for the radical statist agenda. An alternative interpretation of his comment is that he is a complete coward who recognizes that the intelligence agencies that are supposed to be our servants have become our masters — and he is not willing to “take on” this imminent threat to our liberty. The real question is, are we ready and willing to “take on” the Deep State to preserve freedom, the rule of law, and constitutionally limited government? ■



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Insiders' insider: Allen W. Dulles, a founding leader of both the CFR and the CIA, was a central orchestrator of the CIA's Mockingbird propaganda choir.

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

Notably, the *Post* ombudsman acknowledged that the CFR's ruling-class journalists "do not merely analyze and interpret foreign policy; they help make it." This vindicated yet another charge we had frequently leveled at the CFR and the Big Media cabal it had formed (and for which we had just as frequently suffered scoffs and sneers).

However, a crucially important dimension of the ruling-class-journalist phenomenon that Harwood did not touch on is that large intersection where the Council on Foreign Relations mixes with the Central Intelligence Agency. Both organizations are semi-secret; like icebergs, they have a small, visible, public face and a much larger, secret, invisible body. And as with icebergs, it is the hidden portion that is most dangerous and must be most carefully monitored.

A very few prominent CFR/ruling-class-journalist members publicly acknowledged also being "former" members of the CIA (or its forerunner, the Office of Strategic Services, OSS). This included such celebrated names as Cord Meyer, Jr., who was a longtime head of the United World Federalists, and (after nearly 30 years in CIA leadership) a syndicated columnist and author; Thomas Braden, a top-level OSS-CIA leader who later became a newspaper publisher, syndicated columnist, and CNN commentator; Joseph and Stewart Alsop, who, after service in the OSS-CIA in World War II, became nationally syndicated columnists and reporters for the *New York Herald Tribune* and *Saturday Evening Post*; and William F. Buckley, who, following his CIA service, founded *National Review* and *Young Americans for Freedom*. Available evidence indicates that many of

CIA'S MOCKINGBIRDS AND "RULING CLASS JOURNALISTS"

Via admissions against interest and Freedom of Information requests, it is well documented that many reporters publish stories at the behest of government and globalists.

by William F. Jasper

On October 30, 1993, the *Washington Post* published a stunning column by its ombudsman, Richard Harwood. Entitled "Ruling Class Journalists," Harwood's article was an extraordinary admission against interest coming directly "from the horse's mouth," so to speak. His startling and completely unexpected disclosure (which was probably intended more as a boast than a confession) vindicated the claims long made by this magazine and its predecessors (*American Opinion* and *The Review of the News*), to wit, that America's "Establishment," as represented by the world government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), had secured a virtual monopoly over our nation's "mainstream media," the MSM.

For decades, the *Post* and other pillars of the CFR thought cartel had either ignored these charges, or scorned them as lunatic ravings. But here was the *Post's* Harwood

describing the Council on Foreign Relations as "the nearest thing we have to a ruling establishment in the United States." Harwood wrote:

In the past 15 years, council directors have included Hedley Donovan of Time Inc., Elizabeth Drew of the *New Yorker*, Philip Geyelin of *The Washington Post*, Karen Elliott House of the *Wall Street Journal*, and Strobe Talbott of *Time* magazine....

The editorial page editor, deputy editorial page editor, executive editor, managing editor, foreign editor, national affairs editor, business and financial editor and various writers as well as Katharine Graham, the paper's principal owner, represent *The Washington Post* in the council's membership.

Moreover, wrote Harwood: "The executive editor, managing editor and foreign editor of the *New York Times* are members,

these and other acknowledged “former” OSS-CIA members continued as agency operatives throughout their later private lives as ruling-class journalists.

Big Brother’s Mockingbirds

Over the past decade, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits and public pressure have forced the CIA to release millions of pages of documents. Included in the releases are many documents relating to Project Mockingbird (also known as Operation Mockingbird), a long-running CIA program launched in the early 1950s to coopt the American press. Although many of the pages are heavily redacted, the releases have, nevertheless, provided important glimpses inside this clandestine operation. The data show that the CFR-CIA intersection would become the key recruiting ground for Mockingbirds and ruling-class-journalist leadership. The leaders of the OSS-CIA founding generation — General William “Wild Bill” Donovan, Allen W. Dulles, Frank Wisner, General Walter Bedell Smith, and Cord Meyer — were CFR one-worlders, and they recruited like-minded spirits from the media world. Among the

earliest and most influential recruits were the husband-and-wife team of Philip and Katharine Graham, CFR members and owners of the *Washington Post*. In addition to the Grahams and those already mentioned above in the quote from Harwood’s column, CIA documents reveal that among Mockingbird’s ruling-class-journalist elites were:

- Joseph C. Harsch, *Christian Science Monitor*, CFR
- Henry Luce, founder of *Time* and *Life* magazines, CFR
- Walter Lippman, *Los Angeles Times Syndicate*, CFR
- William S. Paley, CBS, CFR
- John Scott, *Time* magazine, CFR
- Harry Schwartz, *New York Times*, CFR
- Chalmers Roberts, *Washington Post*, CFR, and
- Malcolm Muir, *Newsweek*, CFR

However, those named above represent a small tip of the iceberg. Carl Bernstein, of the *Washington Post*’s Watergate duo fame, wrote in 1977 that Joseph Alsop (CFR) was “one of more than 400 American journalists who in the past twenty-five years have secretly carried out assignments for the Central Intelligence

Agency, according to documents on file at CIA headquarters.” And *Washington Post* owner Philip Graham is reported to have said he was told by a CIA operative that members of the press were easier and cheaper than prostitutes. “You could get a journalist cheaper than a good call girl, for a couple hundred dollars a month,” the Company man told the *Post* man.

But that applies only to those on the lower end of the Fourth Estate, naturally; the stars and superstars of the journalistic firmament command greater rewards and perks. *Washington Post* star David Ignatius, for instance, gets best-seller promotion for his spy novels, is given plenty of face time on MSM “news” shows, and is invited with the billionaires and politicians to Davos, Switzerland, for the annual World Economic Forum bash. We still don’t know what type of financial arrangement, if any, *Post* owners Phil and Kay Graham had with the CIA. Perhaps there were no formal, direct payments; but there was certainly a payoff in the form of contacts and access to important people, information, documents, data — the types of things that gave the *Washington Post* its cachet as a paper of note to rival the *New York Times*.

The *Post*’s ownership has changed hands since the days of the Grahams. It is now owned by Amazon billionaire Jeff Bezos — and has a very direct financial connection to the Company. Amazon announced in 2014 that it had secured a \$600 million contract with the CIA. It also, around the same time, dropped its hosting of WikiLeaks, the whistleblower website that was posting documents from politicians, government officials, and agencies, including the CIA. Many of the other newer tech giants and social-media giants that now play a major role in our news media — Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Apple, Twitter, Yahoo, etc. — have likewise developed relationships (financial and otherwise) with the CIA, NSA, FBI, DHS, the Pentagon, and the State Department. These unholy unions signal not only a vast expansion of the Big Brother surveillance capabilities of the Deep State, but a huge extension of its propaganda capabilities as well. They signal that the ruling-class journalists of the Mockingbird club are as dangerous as ever to freedom. ■



Madame of the “presstitute” brothel: Katharine Graham, owner/publisher/chair of the *Washington Post* empire from the 1960s through the 1990s, was a leading operative for both the CFR and CIA.

Trump Takes Chainsaw to Obama's "CLIMATE" SCHEMES

Though President Donald Trump didn't undo all of Obama's "global-warming" provisions, he has made a good start, freeing the economy from onerous rules.



Stopping the killing of coal: With coal miners in attendance, Trump signs an order that dismantles much of Obama's illegal "climate" regime, which was putting coal miners out of work.

by Alex Newman

Obama failed in his mission to make his "global-warming" schemes "Trump proof." Fulfilling some of his key campaign promises to voters, President Donald Trump moved March 28 to dismantle huge swaths of the unconstitutional "climate" regime imposed on Americans by his predecessor. Among other important targets in Trump's latest executive order is Obama's "Clean Power Plan" decree, which sought to regulate emissions of carbon dioxide, also known to scientists as the "gas of life." The measure signed by Trump also takes aim at

multiple other schemes adopted by Obama that restricted energy production or killed jobs under the guise of stopping alleged man-made global warming. Trump's supporters and climate realists celebrated the news, though some warned that there was still important work left to do on the issue. Far-left Democrats, United Nations bureaucrats, and tax-funded climate alarmists, on the other hand, were left frothing at the mouth.

In a sweeping executive order, Trump ordered all federal agencies to begin reviewing regulations that unnecessarily burden energy production. The same order also overturned a wide range of de-

crees issued by Obama on "climate," CO₂ emissions, energy production, and related schemes. In addition, Trump rescinded Obama's "Climate Action Plan" and his "Climate Action Plan Strategy," both of which were used to wage war on the American people, the U.S. economy, and the energy sector in particular. In fact, so extreme were Obama and his agenda that he actually bragged on television about how his scheming would "necessarily" cause electricity prices "to skyrocket." Especially harmed were the poor and vulnerable, along with working-class Americans whose jobs were lost.

While not explicitly mentioned in the executive order, Trump's latest actions also effectively nullify U.S. compliance with the United Nations "Paris Agreement" that Obama signed without the constitutionally mandated advice and consent of the U.S. Senate. The UN scheme, negotiated in Paris by the UN and its mostly autocratic member regimes, called for, among other policies, dramatic controls placed on the economy, and energy in particular, under the guise of controlling "global warming." The pseudo-treaty also called for trillions of dollars in wealth redistribution from Western taxpayers to Third World governments and dictators through the UN "Green Climate Fund." On the campaign trail, Trump, who has frequently referred to the man-made global-warming theory as a "hoax," vowed to "cancel" the UN scheme. Discussions about whether to formally withdraw from the Paris Agreement are apparently still ongoing.

Energy independence was a key motivation behind Trump's order, which was headlined "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth." "It is in the national interest to promote clean and safe development of our Nation's vast energy resources, while at the same time avoiding regulatory burdens that unnecessarily encumber energy production, constrain economic growth, and prevent job creation," Trump's order declared in the opening. "Moreover, the prudent development of these natural resources is essential to ensuring the Nation's geopolitical security. It is further in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's electricity is affordable, reliable, safe, secure, and clean, and that it can be produced from coal, natural gas, nuclear material,

flowing water, and other domestic sources, including renewable sources.”

In a refreshing use of proper terminology, Trump also called on all federal agencies to follow U.S. policy “respecting the proper roles of the Congress and the States concerning these matters in our constitutional republic.” Of course, many politicians — presumably out of ignorance, though not always — often inaccurately refer to America as a “democracy.” Trump’s use of the correct terminology to describe the American system of government, a constitutional republic, and his acknowledgment of the role of Congress and the states, also marks a sharp departure from his predecessor. Indeed, when Congress refused to adopt parts of his extreme, unconstitutional agenda, Obama vowed to impose it with his “pen and phone” instead. Now, broad swaths of his legacy are being undone with Trump’s pen.

At the signing ceremony, flanked by coal miners whose livelihoods Obama worked hard to destroy, Trump hinted at the enormity of his actions, saying Obama’s “crushing attack” on America was over. “Together we are going to start a new energy revolution,” Trump said at the Environmental Protection Agency headquarters. “I am taking historic steps to lift restrictions on American energy, to reverse government intrusion and to can-

cel job-killing regulations.” He vowed that there would still be safety, clean water, and clean air. “But so many [regulations] are unnecessary, so many are job-killing,” he added, echoing the rhetoric he used on the campaign about bringing back jobs and reviving the U.S. economy smothered by lawless federal scheming. “Together we will create millions of good American jobs, also so many energy jobs, and really lead to unbelievable prosperity.”

Trump’s EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, a business-friendly climate realist, said the administration was charting a new course that was both “pro-jobs and pro-environment.” “It’s going to create jobs in the oil and gas sector,” he said of Trump’s order shredding much of the illegal “climate” regime foisted on America by Obama and his bureaucrats. “For too long, over the last several years, you’ve had certain industries, certain sectors of our economy that were within the crosshairs of the EPA. That is not going to happen anymore.” In short, what top administration officials called the “War on Coal” is officially over. Pruitt has also been bold in declaring that he does not believe man is primarily responsible for changes in the climate, a position at odds with the establishment but in line with the view of most Americans, according to polls.

Still, there are key policies Trump prom-

ised on the campaign trail that have yet to be fulfilled. Among them: Overturning the Obama EPA’s absurd “finding” that CO₂ — the gas of life, exhaled by every living person and required by every plant — is dangerous “pollution.” Formally canceling the UN Paris regime has also not been done yet. Myron Ebell, who led Trump’s EPA transition team, said he expected those decisions would be made in the future. “We’re happy with it so far and we look forward to the right decisions on Paris and [CO₂] endangerment, but I think those are still to be made and they’re a ways down the road,” Ebell was quoted as saying in *Politico*. Prominent climate realist and Breitbart writer James Delingpole, though, took a harder line, saying that Pruitt should resign if he is not ready to overturn the Obama administration’s widely ridiculed “endangerment finding” on CO₂ that declared human breath to be pollution.

Attorney Craig Richardson, president of the pro-liberty, pro-science Energy & Environment Legal Institute, celebrated Trump’s order reining in the “outlaw, junk science-fueled and job-killing” EPA. “This executive order rolls back one of the most economically damaging policies of the Obama Administration,” he said, adding that it was another sign that Trump plans to keep his promises. “Through this action, President Trump is also keeping his promise to offer relief to minorities, the poor and seniors by helping them stay out of ‘green energy poverty.’ While becoming wealthy at taxpayer expense ‘green energy’ billionaires are driving up utility costs for those who can least afford it. This executive order will provide these individuals and families the help and hope they so desperately need.” Richardson also said Obama’s scheming was never about clean air or water, but was designed to enrich his cronies, such as billionaire Tom Steyer, at the expense of U.S. workers and taxpayers.

On the other side of the debate, Democrats and climate alarmists were fuming. Speaking for Democrats, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called Trump’s order a “spiteful assault” on Obama’s lawless “Clean Power Plan.” She also claimed Trump’s efforts would not bring back coal jobs. “President Trump and Congressional Republicans’ contempt for clean air, clean water, and our clean energy future endan-



Painting an ugly picture: Global-warming activists often issue deceptive propaganda showing smokestacks billowing smoke to demonize CO₂ as “pollution,” but the gas is not only invisible, it’s exhaled by humans, essential to life, and currently at historically low atmospheric concentrations.

gers the health of our children and the strength of our economy,” she claimed in a statement quoted in media reports, without elaborating on how the gas exhaled by every person on the planet posed a danger to children’s health or the economy. With the man-made warming theory completely discredited by the evidence and in the public mind, climate profiteer Al Gore tried to put a smiley face on the latest blow to his agenda. “No one man or group can stop the encouraging and escalating momentum we are experiencing in the fight to protect our planet,” he claimed, sounding like the infamous “Baghdad Bob” who kept proclaiming that Saddam would rule forever even as American tanks passed in the background.

At the UN, former UN global-warming boss Christiana Figueres, who infamously opened a UN “climate” summit in Cancún with a prayer to the Mayan goddess of cannibalism and human sacrifice, was also outraged. “This decision will make things harder, not easier for Americans,” claimed Figueres, who promoted the brutal Communist Chinese system of mass-murder and oppression as superior to the U.S. constitutional system for fighting alleged man-made warming. “That’s because trying to make fossil fuels remain competitive in the face of a booming clean renewable power sector, with the clean air and plentiful jobs it continues to generate, is going against the flow of economics.” She also repeated the lies about “dirty air,” perhaps hoping people would be too ignorant to realize that CO₂ is exhaled with every breath. “I am optimistic that Paris will endure, with world leadership remaining resilient in its commitments to Paris,” she added, as the UN Paris agreement comes unglued without U.S. tax funds to bribe Third World regimes into compliance.

Some especially radical climate alarmists — mostly ultra-far-left Democrats from extremely liberal states and cities — announced the formation of a new “coalition” to stop Trump’s order from undoing Obama’s illegal orders. “We won’t hesitate to protect those we serve — including by aggressively opposing in court President Trump’s actions that ignore both the law and the critical importance of confronting the very real threat of climate change,” the coalition said in a statement. The group of fringe climate alarmists is led by New York



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Fan of top-down control: Former United Nations “climate” czarina Christiana Figueres criticized Trump’s order to undo harsh and un-needed Obama-imposed rules. In the past, she also praised the murderous Communist Chinese government, as it can simply impose global-warming rules.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who legal experts said appeared to be involved in a “criminal conspiracy” to deprive Americans of their rights with his crusade to persecute those who exposed the flaws in his imploding warming theories. Officials from California, Massachusetts, and the cities of Chicago and Boulder, Colorado, are also participating in the extremist group.

In another example of the extreme deception and dishonesty of climate alarmists and Obama officials, former Obama EPA boss Gina McCarthy falsely accused the Trump administration of wanting “us to travel back to when smokestacks damaged our health and polluted our air, instead of taking every opportunity to support clean jobs of the future.” In the real world, CO₂ not only does not damage health, it is an essential building block of life. Every human exhales about two pounds of CO₂ each day, and plants need it to live. Human emissions of CO₂ account for a fraction of one percent of all greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, with water vapor making up about 95 percent. And countless top scientists have pointed out that CO₂ levels have been far higher in the past, and that the Earth and its plant life are currently starving for more CO₂. That is why, for example, farmers pump CO₂ into their greenhouses.

Aside from his latest executive order, Trump’s proposed federal budget slashes taxpayer funding for “climate” schemes at

the federal and UN levels. Among other cuts, the budget proposal ends federal schemes to reduce emissions of the gas of life. It also cuts diplomatic programs on “climate,” as well as cutting funding to the pseudo-scientific bureaucracies pumping out a constant stream of discredited climate hysteria by manipulating and concealing data. “We’re not spending money on that anymore,” said Trump administration Office of Management and Budget chief Mick Mulvaney in response to a question about “climate” funding. “We consider that to be a waste of your money to go out and do that.”

Trump still has some work to do on the climate issue before all his campaign promises are fulfilled. For one, the U.S. government must withdraw from Obama’s illegal UN Paris Agreement pseudo-treaty. Second, the EPA should reverse the absurd finding that human breath is dangerous pollution. An even better solution would be to pass H.R. 861 to abolish the entire unconstitutional EPA, which was created by disgraced President Richard Nixon with an illegal executive order. But with Trump’s latest order, along with other recent actions such as his order to review Obama’s power grab over “Waters of the United States,” the president is on the right track. Americans hoping Trump will go all the way should redouble their efforts to expose the “climate” fraud and the real agenda behind it. Contacting Congress can help, too. ■

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THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

A Man of Action

Army veteran Ernesto Rodriguez decided he wanted to do something to raise awareness about the 22 veteran suicides that take place daily in the United States. To call attention to this tragic epidemic, Rodriguez embarked on a journey to travel 2,200 miles across America, which began in December. That journey continues today, and along the way, Rodriguez has connected with veterans who were inspired by his actions.

Rodriguez, 34, is a father and a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served for 15 years and been deployed on four tours of duty. He told WFAA8 Dallas that he lost friends to PTSD and has twice attempted suicide himself, so this cause is particularly dear to him. "I was in a really bad way after my first tour in Afghanistan and my second," he said in the interview. "I have a daughter, and she would have been without a father. And that's what I think about when thoughts like that creep up."

Rodriguez' trek began in Clarksville, Tennessee, and will end in Los Angeles. He is documenting his journey with the hashtag #Forthe22.

"The number 22 has a huge significance to veteran suicide. The 2012 census actually stated that 22 veterans commit suicide daily. That number has dropped, but not significantly. And it's too many. I mean one's too many, but in the reality it's going to happen. But to have 22 is an epidemic," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez' journey has been documented on various social-media sites, including Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. In his trek, he has visited various military memorials, where he snapped photos, in which he would blur himself out.

"There is a reason I blur myself out," he posted on Instagram. "It's not about me. It's about us and our heroes! Let's not keep losing more to suicide."

Rodriguez has been meeting with other veterans and their families along the way, and has made them a part of his journey. "Along the way I meet other Veterans and their families. The ones I meet have signed the 60 LB Rucksack and a flag that waves as I pass by," Rodriguez explains.

That flag will be planted on the west coast, says Rodriguez, "to symbolize the end of this journey, but hopefully not the end of this message."

Rodriguez refused donations for himself but encouraged people to donate to veteran charities and to reach out to veterans who may be in need of a friend.

Table for Two — Make That Three

When Keshia Dotson witnessed something beautiful during her meal at an IHOP in Springfield, Illinois, on March 25, she decided to take a photo and share it, along with the story behind it, on IHOP's Facebook page: "A man and disabled woman were dining and your server sat down with them and proceeded to help feed the disabled woman while her companion enjoyed his food. My faith in humanity has been restored a little today."

The waiter referenced in the post is Joe Thomas, who has been with the restaurant for 11 years, according to CBS News.

Thomas explained that the customers in the photo are regulars. The woman has Huntington's disease, which progressively breaks down the nerve cells in the brain. She cannot feed herself, and Thomas observed that her husband would always help his wife eat her food first while his own food would get cold.

On the day Dotson was dining at the restaurant, Thomas decided he would sit at the table and feed the woman so that her husband could enjoy a warm meal. "I didn't really offer. I just started doing it," Thomas told CBS News. "I told the gentleman to 'Sit down, eat your food. I got her.'"

Thomas said he did not expect any recognition for his actions but simply wanted to do something nice for the couple because he hoped one day someone would do the same for him. "I really treat people like I want to be treated," Thomas said. "If I get to be that age and something happened to me I would want someone to help me out."

Dotson's post on IHOP's Facebook

page has been shared 5,000 times and has received hundreds of comments.

IHOP spokeswoman Stephanie Peterson said the company is "incredibly proud of the heartwarming moments like this that take place in our restaurants every day."

A Peacemaker Happens By

Ibn Ali Miller of Atlantic City, New Jersey, is being praised for his decision to intervene in a physical fight between two teenagers and establish peace between the boys.

A video has gone viral that captured him breaking up the street fight between two teenagers who were engaged in a brawl while their peers watched and encouraged the fight to continue. Miller approached the group and insisted that the fight stop and that they talk out their problems instead. "You're almost men, you're not kids no more," says Miller. "Start acting like it. You're going to get nowhere like this."

Miller even refused to leave the scene until the two boys shook hands.

The video has been viewed over 30 million times, and even Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian issued a statement about Miller's actions: "A dozen positive lessons could be taught from that four-minute video alone.... He fearlessly spoke so much truth to those young kids. We need more adults in the world that are willing to step in to help pull back our youth from the edge."

Miller was honored by the city council at a meeting on March 22, at which Miller explained that his mother was his inspiration. He said that she kept him out of trouble and that he knew that the boys needed a positive influence like the one he had in her.

"When I was young I grew up in the projects and I would get a punishment. She would make me read books, and I'd get asked about a short story or a poem," he said. "I'm crying because this whole situation deeply saddens me. The fact that it's unbelievable — this should be very believable, this should be a norm, this should be regular." ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

The FOUNDERS and the FAMILY

In today's vernacular any grouping of individuals is a "family," with one unit being as good as another, but the Founders had other ideas — and for good reason.



Guide for governing: The family is the smallest government, and when families are regarded as sacred, then the larger societies they compose will likewise be stable and prosperous. The first and best lessons on liberty are taught by parents to children in happy families.

by Joe Wolverton II, J.D.

The Constitution holding our union together is under daily attack by those who would destroy our republican form of government. Perhaps more critical, though, is the fact that our society's most fundamental unit — the traditional family — is likewise a frequent target of a sustained direct and deadly assault by enemies of liberty.

As the family is the only reliable source of the teaching of virtue and that there is no liberty without virtue, it is easy to see why secular forces are always on the offensive against the family: Destroying the family is the surest and speediest way to abolish freedom and its blessings from the United States of America and the rest of the world.

"The only foundation of a free Constitution, is pure Virtue, and if this cannot be inspired into our People, in a greater Measure, than they have it now, They may change their Rulers, and the forms of Gov-

ernment, but they will not obtain a lasting Liberty," John Adams declared.

Others of our Founding Fathers similarly identified virtue as the sine qua non of liberty and warned against its abandonment.

Patrick Henry declared, "Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom. No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue; and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

Similarly, the founder of the Sons of Liberty, Sam Adams, said, "The diminution of public virtue is usually attended with that of public happiness, and the public liberty will not long survive the total extinction of morals."

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more cor-

rupt and vicious, they have more need of masters," Benjamin Franklin frankly declared.

The Father of the Constitution, James Madison, also advocated for the priority of the seeking of virtue in a republic. "To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people, is a chimerical idea," he wrote.

Finally, George Washington explained, "There is no truth more thoroughly established, than that there exists ... an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness."

During the days of the Founding Generation, the contribution made by the family to the perpetuation of self-government was appreciated by everyone.

Paradoxically, perhaps, one clue as to the value assigned by our Founders to the strength of the traditional family is found in the fact that they spoke relatively little on the subject.

In a 2013 report for the Heritage Foundation entitled "The True Origin of Society: The Founders and the Family," Scott Yenor provided an explanation for the dearth of praise for the family found among the writings of our Founding Fathers:

The American Founders did not speak overmuch about the principles of family life. Family life was not overly corrupted at the time, and there were other pressing issues to address (such as securing independence and writing and ratifying the Constitution). As Professor Nancy Cott explains, their political theory of marriage was "so deeply embedded in political assumptions that it was rarely voiced as a theory."

It is, then, the contemporary corruption of the traditional family that causes us to seek wisdom from the words of the Founding Generation, men and women whose learning, virtue, and commitment to protecting

the sanctity of the family make them particularly powerful allies in our effort to restore the traditional family to its fundamental place in our society.

To begin to figure out how to treat the wounds we have inflicted on the family, we must understand how deep and how potentially fatal those injuries are.

Using data as evidence of the evisceration, fewer people than ever are getting married, once married those unions produce fewer children, and whether those marriages produce offspring or not, about half of them will end in divorce, and there are few factors as fatal to the emotional well-being of a husband, wife, and children than divorce.

Divorce as an Agent of Big Government

Beginning with Governor Ronald Reagan's signing in 1969 of a bill, California became the first state to enact a "no-fault divorce" law. One state after another began following California's lead, creating a legal scheme whereby marriages could be dissolved by one party over the objections of the other spouse.

Simply put, prior to the enactment of these "no-fault" statutes, divorces could only be enforced after an adversarial trial wherein one party would provide sufficient evidence that some "culpable act" had been committed by the other party. Qualifying acts would include adultery,

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abuse, neglect, abandonment, or some other similarly criminal deed. The spouse accused of the injury could present evidence exonerating or excusing the act, with a judge finally deciding whether the accusations were proven sufficiently to justify dissolution of the marriage.

No-fault divorce cleared the way for couples who could demonstrate no specific act worthy of having a third party declare their marriages to be over to nonetheless end the marriage simply by agreeing to do so and signing the necessary legal documents.

In his essay "Freedom and the Family: The Family Crisis and the Future of Western Civilization," Dr. Stephen Baskerville describes the benefit Big Government derived from the enactment of no-fault divorce laws:

Few stopped to consider the implications of laws that turned the breakup of private households into an involuntary process. Unilateral divorce involves government agents forcibly removing legally innocent people from their homes, seizing

their property, and separating them from their children. It inherently abrogates not only the inviolability of marriage but the very concept of private life.

If marriage is not a wholly private affair, as today's marriage advocates insist, involuntary divorce by its nature requires constant government supervision of family life. Far more than marriage, divorce mobilizes and expands government power. Marriage creates a private household, which may or may not require signing some legal documents. Divorce dissolves a private household, usually with one spouse having done nothing legally wrong. It inevitably involves state functionaries — including police and jails — to enforce the divorce and the post-marriage order. Otherwise, the involuntarily divorced spouse will continue to enjoy the protections and prerogatives of private life: the right to live in the common home, to possess the common property, or — most vexing of all — to parent the common children. These claims must be expunged by force, using the penal system if necessary.

Given that 80 percent of divorces are unilateral, divorce today seldom involves two people simply parting ways. Under "no-fault" rules divorce often becomes a power grab by one spouse, assisted by people who profit from the ensuing litigation: judges, lawyers, psychotherapists, counselors, mediators, and social workers.

In other words, the people whose marriage is dissolved by divorce are forced, as an exchange for the ease offered by no-fault divorce laws, to submit themselves — and their children — to the control of numerous agencies of the state, none of which would have otherwise been able to assert such invasive authority over the private



Divorce disaster: About half of marriages end in divorce, and nothing is more destructive to the emotional well-being and development of children than the ravages wrought by the breakup of marriage.

lives of those involved in the divorce or its aftermath.

Rarely do people, even otherwise well-meaning conservatives, consider the role no-fault divorce has had on the rapid expansion of the power and pervasiveness of government. As Baskerville notes, there is a direct and proportional relationship between the increase in divorce rates and the increase in the scope of government authority in the lives of Americans.

A Family Affair

Our Founding Fathers would be confused by contemporary procedures and protocols of entering into a marriage. To them, the union of husband and wife was a private affair, influenced only by the betrothed, their families, and the church. The government was not a party to 18th-century marriages.

Renowned historian Edmund S. Morgan describes the simple steps our Founding Fathers and mothers took to go from courtship to marriage in his book *Virginians at Home: Family Life in the Eighteenth Century*: “For most young people getting married was simple enough.

The couple discovered one another in the usual ways, obtained the consent of their parents, had the banns published in the parish church, and were married by the local minister.”

Notice it was the permission of parents that was required before a couple could marry, not the permission of the state!

Regarding divorce, Morgan writes that “there was no court in Virginia with the authority to grant one.”

Why would the courts be denied power to grant divorce? Because marriage, as has been shown, was a matter over which

only the family and the church could exercise any degree of dominion.

In modern times, however, whether in the forming or the dissolving of marriage, Americans have granted government great sway over the family. In one way or another, there is not a single aspect of family life that is not overseen and administered by government.

For example, a couple must pay the state (in the form of a marriage license) for permission to marry. A couple must fill out federal Social Security forms upon the birth of their children. A husband (or

wife) must obtain permission from the state (in the form of a business license or other certification) to practice his chosen vocation.

Should, tragically, one of the partners choose to terminate the marriage, the divorce must be approved by a judge, the plan for custody and care of the children must be likewise approved, and often, the non-custodial parent must submit to having his visits with his children supervised by a government agent from one department or another and his wages garnished to pay child support.

Marriage has gone from being a holy sacrament to just another government-administered activity. We have failed to understand G.K. Chesterton’s statement regarding the correlation between liberty and family. “The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself,” the English Christian apologist wrote.

If Chesterton is correct, then it becomes clearer why the United States of the 21st century is less and less free every generation.

The generation of our Founding Fathers, however, recognized the influence of the family on the freedom of our country, thus they praised and protected it.

The Founders on the Family

Apart from their likely confusion at the contemporary methods and mayhem associated with marriage and family life, were our Founders to come among us today, they would likely praise marriage and speak out fervently for its protection and preservation. We will now examine a few examples of their strong sentiments about the sanctity of the family and the unparalleled role it plays in the peace and prosperity of a society.

In 1955, Christopher Dawson revealed that our earliest Puritan ancestors believed that family in America should be “nourished on the traditions of the Old Testament” and that it was the God-fear-



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Involuntary divorce by its nature requires constant government supervision of family life. Far more than marriage, divorce mobilizes and expands government power.

ing families of New England that formed the “religious as well as the social basis of society.”

Over one hundred years after the Puritans settled in New England, in his essay “Of the Natural Rights of Individuals,” *Federalist Papers* co-author and Supreme Court Justice John Jay wrote the following about marriage and family:

Whether we consult the soundest deductions of reason, or resort to the best information conveyed to us by history, or listen to the undoubted intelligence communicated in holy writ, we shall find, that to the institution of marriage the true origin of society must be traced. By that institution the felicity of Paradise was consummated; and since the unhappy expulsion from thence, to that institution, more than to any other, have mankind been indebted for the share of peace and harmony which has been distributed among them.

There is little doubt about the immense value assigned to the family by this Founding Father. In his estimation, there is no society without marriage and family, and no “peace and harmony” without them either.

John Adams expressed a similar sentiment when he wrote in his diary in June 1778, “The foundations of national Morality must be laid in private families.”

“The contract of marriage,” he continues, “is not only a civil and moral engagement, but a sacrament, one of the most solemn vows and oaths of religious devotion.”

James Wilson recognized that the welcome fruit of this sacrament was children. Children would learn to love and sacrifice at home. They would learn the source of authority and how to obey and respect authority that is exercised over them by those who love and care for them. They learn to love their fellow men “as themselves” and they learn the timeless value of hard work and devotion to timeless principles of faith and fidelity. Teaching these lessons is the obligation of parents.

“It is the duty of parents to maintain their children decently, and according to their circumstances; to protect them ac-

cording to the dictates of prudence; and to educate them according to the suggestions of a judicious and zealous regard for their usefulness, their respectability, and their happiness,” Wilson declared.

Eminent jurist Joseph Story identified the family as “the parent, and not the child of society; the source of civility and a sort of seminary of the republic,” since it is in the home that the principles and the practice of self-government are taught and nurtured.

In fact, it is from Story that we get one of the fullest and most enlightened statements about the Founders’ belief in the sanctity of marriage, and of marriage as the glue that holds good societies together. Story wrote the following anonymous entry in the *American Encyclopedia* in 1836:

Marriage is an institution, which may properly be deemed to arise from the law of nature. It promotes the private comfort of both parties, and especially of the female sex. It tends to the procreation of the greatest number of healthy citizens, and to their proper maintenance and education. It secures the peace of society, by cutting off a great source of contention, by assigning to one man the exclusive right to one woman. It promotes the cause of sound morals,

by cultivating domestic affections and virtues. It distributes the whole of society into families, and creates a permanent union of interests, and a mutual guardianship of the same. It binds children together by indissoluble ties, and adds new securities to the good order of society, by connecting the happiness of the whole family with the good behavior of all. It furnishes additional motives for honest industry and economy in private life, and for a deeper love of the country of our birth. It has, in short, a deep foundation in all our best interests, feelings, sentiments, and even sensual propensities; and in whatever country it has been introduced, it has always been adhered to with an unflinching and increasing attachment.

Although politically Story’s polar opposite, Thomas Jefferson agreed with him on the invaluable contribution of the family structure and function on the future success of society. Jefferson wrote the following in his commonplace book:

[In a republic, according to Montesquieu in *Spirit of the Laws*, IV, ch.5,] virtue may be defined as the love of the laws and of our country. As such



Repelling attacks on our Republic: Thomas Jefferson wrote that “the surest way of instilling” a love of laws and of country is for parents to “set an example” for their children. This love begets the virtue that is required for the maintenance of a republic.

love requires a constant preference of public to private interest, it is the source of all private virtue; for they are nothing more than this very preference itself.... Now a government is like everything else: to preserve it we must love it.... Everything, therefore, depends on establishing this love in a republic; and to inspire it ought to be the principal business of education; but the surest way of instilling it into children is for parents to set them an example.

Baskerville brings the works of several scholars to bear on the subject of the family as the primary locus of learning about virtue and devotion. He writes in his aforementioned essay:

Sacrifice for others begins in the family. The family is where both parents and children learn to love sacrificially, to put others' needs before their own desires, and to sacrifice for the well-being and protection of the whole. If such responsibility does not begin in one's own home among loved ones, it is not likely to begin at all. People unwilling to sacrifice for their own flesh and blood are not likely to do so for the strangers who constitute their fellow citizens and country.

Linda McClain writes that families are “seedbeds of civic virtue” and “have a place in the project of forming persons into capable, responsible, self-governing citizens.” For the American founding fathers, argues David Forte, “The bridge from reining in ‘private passions’ to producing a ‘positive passion for the public good’ was the family’s inculcation of public virtue.”

Next, Baskerville points to the pernicious effect of broken homes on the minds and mores of children so affected:

Children raised without intact families do not easily absorb concepts such as sacrificial love, family privacy, parental authority, limited government, or civic virtue. To begin with, their loyalty to their parents is divided and therefore diluted and morally ambivalent. Further, the rules and values whereby they live come to a large extent from government officials who assume ultimate sovereignty and control over their lives: courts, lawyers, social workers, forensic therapists, public school officials, public health workers, and police. These are the figures children learn to obey as much

or more than their parents. Children whose authority figures are government officials cannot distinguish the private from the public and come to see the public sphere as a realm not of civic duty and community leadership but of abstract ideology, government funding, professional employment, career advancement, and state power, in whose growth they themselves acquire a vested interest.

To our Founding Generation, it wasn't just that the family contributed to the rearing of good citizens through its microcosmic mimic of a republic. No, to that noble and virtuous lot, families were the seed beds of self-government because they provided permanent and personal examples of the differences between men and women and brought into close and clear focus the joy to be found in those differences and in the unique roles played by mother and father in the raising of children.

As described by Scott Yenor:

The Founders rely on the traditional family because they realize that mothers and fathers bring unique attributes to the practice of rearing children. This is why they endorse the idea that a husband and wife are essential to the upbringing of children toward the virtues of self-government. Several American Founders, notably Noah Webster and Benjamin Rush, describe characteristics of mothers and fathers in a way that reveals how each contributes to a complementary mixture of maternal welcoming and partisanship and paternal risk-taking and adventurousness that promotes independent self-government.

Yenor quotes Daniel Webster's statement on this subject. The particular gifts and genius of women, Webster wrote, “enable them to implant in the tender mind such sentiments of virtue, propriety, and dignity as are suited to the freedom of our governments.”

Today, it seems that there are daily demonstrations wherein women are demanding “equal rights” and petitioning and rioting to achieve their definition of that status. These protests, however, are



Woebegone women: The various demonstrations demanding equal rights for women are often dominated by graphic and vulgar scenes of homosexual and heterosexual licentiousness, void of any paean to motherhood or the role of wives in marriage.

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Not only are the women who plan and participate in these demonstrations often disdainful of the traditional roles played by their mothers or grandmothers, but they constantly push for the acceptance by the American public of the many types of “families” that they claim deserve respect beyond that given by them or anyone to the traditional cast of father, mother, and children.

As is obvious to any unbiased observer of contemporary American culture, not only do the multi-pronged attacks on the family and the rejection of traditional concepts of marriage tear apart the fabric of our society, they also tear through the fabric of our Constitution, empowering government on all levels to intrude and rule in the home. By taking this tack, not only is marriage cast as old-fashioned and quaint, but the termination of marriage is considered quick, easy, and nobody’s fault.

Through this and many other means, the enemies of liberty work to ensure that marriage is entered into later, children are delayed, and when the children do come, there are fewer of them, and the children will be raised in an environment hostile to the inculcation of virtue. And as has already been pointed out, when the virtue of a people has been abandoned, then the same can surely be said of the future fate of self-government.

Restoring Liberty by Restoring the Family

As we noted, there is no liberty without virtue. The men of the Founding Generation universally believed and taught this timeless truth. When a society is torn free from the moorings of the morality of the traditional family, that society will eventually be unable to train its children to do good, to reject bad, and to cling to virtue as if their lives depended on it.

This societal shift plays into the hands of the enemies of liberty, thus they spend billions of dollars and thousands of hours devising and executing complex and com-

prehensive plans to accumulate absolute control over the marriage, education, and the family. Once these institutions are weakened, these foes of freedom need only wait for the certain crash that is bound to follow this rejection of personal virtue and marital fidelity.

As divorce rates rise, the power of the government does, too. A bull’s-eye is placed on the traditional family, and the enemies of liberty never stop firing shots at it.

Our Founders warned us in very clear language what would happen should we reject virtue and accept the decline in family values, that is, values taught in the family and about the family. It is time we heed these warnings before it is the end of family, the end of virtue, and the end of self-government, as with the death of these priceless principles we do part from our past and our Republic.

Let us be found, then, friends of liberty, promoting strong families in our homes, in our communities, and in the laws passed by our local, state, and federal legislatures. ■



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EXERCISING THE RIGHT

“... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Ended by an AR-15

Tulsa World reported on March 30 out of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, about a self-defense shooting story that would eventually gain national attention due to the unique details of the case. The fact that it involved an AR-15, three deceased suspects who were relatively young, and a getaway driver charged with the murder of her accomplices made it newsworthy. The deceased suspects, 18-year-old Maxwell Cook, 18-year-old Jacob Redfearn, and 15-year-old Jaykob Woodruff, allegedly had already burglarized the homeowners once earlier that day and were returning to steal from them a second time. Investigators say the crime was planned by 21-year-old Elizabeth Rodriguez, who acted as the getaway driver for her criminal accomplices.

In the house was 23-year-old Zach Peters, who was home when he heard the sound of the intruders returning. Peters grabbed an AR-15 and confronted the intruders. Fearing for his life, Peters fired at the intruders, hitting all three men. Two of the suspects fell to the floor in the kitchen, where they later died, and a third suspect was able to exit the home but collapsed outside in the driveway. Peters called 911 to report the home invasion and subsequent shooting and told the dispatcher that he believed he only shot two of the suspects. “Three men — two I’ve shot in my house,” Peters can be heard saying to the 911 operator.

“Two are still in my house.... I shot two of them and now I’m barricaded in my bedroom,” Peters told the 911 operator. Deputies arrived on the scene and found the lifeless bodies of the suspects. Police also found a knife on one suspect and brass knuckles on another. Rodriguez fled the scene in her car as soon as the shooting occurred but then turned herself in shortly thereafter. Police arrested Rodriguez for planning the burglary and driving her accomplices to the scene of the crime on two separate occasions for the intended purpose of stealing from the homeowners. Rodriguez was booked into the Wagoner County Jail without bail on three charges of first-degree murder under the state’s felony murder rule. In Oklahoma, a defendant who was involved in the commission of a felony can be charged with mur-

der for any deaths that occur during the felony, even if the defendant was not directly responsible for the death. Rodriguez likewise was charged with three counts of first-degree burglary.

Rodriguez later confessed to police that she was the ringleader of the burglary and that they stole alcohol and electronics from the Peters’ detached garage earlier that morning before returning to steal more items. Rodriguez also admitted that she and the trio of burglars stole from other houses in the area that they believed were not occupied. Rodriguez said that when they returned the second time, the three young burglars broke in to the house through a rear glass door.

Rodriguez gave an interview to News9 in Oklahoma where she made a half-hearted apology for her actions and seemed to be upset with Peters for defending himself. “I’m sorry we broke into his house. I’m sorry we scared him or whatever, but I’m not going to be sorry he shot somebody. He could’ve shot them boys in the leg. I understand he was scared, had every right, he has his rights, has his rights, I’m understanding of him. I affected his life, I’m sorry, but am I compassionate for him? He’s on the bottom of my list to be compassionate for,” Rodriguez told News9.

A grandfather of one of the deceased suspects made similar comments to the ABC affiliate in Tulsa. KTUL interviewed Leroy Schumacher, who is the grandfather of Jacob Redfearn. “What these three boys did was stupid.... They knew they could be punished for it but they did not deserve to die,” he said. Schumacher questioned whether Peters truly was afraid for his life: “Brass knuckles against an AR-15, come on, who was afraid for their life?” Schumacher felt that the homeowner’s son should be charged for his role in the shooting.

Despite the complaints of Rodriguez and Schumacher, Peters will not be charged for the shootings. Assistant District Attorney Jack Thorp held a press conference where he told reporters that Peters acted in accordance with the laws of the state. “It is the opinion of this office that Zachery Peters acted justifiably and in accordance with his rights as an Oklahoma citizen when

he used deadly force to defend his home from the first degree burglary perpetrated by Maxwell Cook, Jaykob Woodruff, and Jacob Redfearn, and allegedly Elizabeth Rodriguez.”

Untied

The *Athens Daily Review* out of Athens, Texas, reported on March 15 about a Lake Athens-area homeowner who shot two intruders. The homeowner and his wife had placed an ad on the Internet to sell a dog, and police believe the criminals interacted with the couple online in an elaborate ruse solely to burglarize their house. Henderson County Sheriff Botie Hillhouse told the newspaper that the victims had agreed to meet with the suspects to discuss the sale of a dog at their home, but the suspects arrived wearing masks and broke in to the house. The masked men, who were armed, tied up the couple while they ransacked the house looking for valuables. At some point, after the burglars discovered a locked safe, the male homeowner convinced the two men to untie him so he could open the safe. The burglars agreed, and as soon as the man was free, he immediately grabbed a nearby handgun and fired at the suspects, fatally wounding them both. The man untied his wife and called 911. Authorities soon arrived.

The deceased suspects were later identified as 49-year-old Steven Kelley and 31-year-old Cecil Spain. An interesting twist was that Kelley was later confirmed to be the ex-husband of the female victim. “We didn’t know it until we confirmed it through fingerprints, but one of the suspects was the ex-husband of the female that was there,” Hillhouse told the *Athens Daily Review*. Investigators believe that the ex-husband might have masterminded the home invasion scheme since he knew the couple had expensive items and money in the house. Police also believe the deceased suspect wore a mask so his ex-wife would not recognize him. “I’m still pretty certain that he came to rob them.... He wanted his identity left unknown, because he was wearing a mask. That’s why they didn’t know who he was. He knew they had money there, and he was coming to get it.” ■

— PATRICK KREY



There's More to the Immigration Campaign Than a Border War

ITEM: CBS News reported online on March 27, 2017 that Attorney General Jeff Sessions had made "a surprise appearance at the White House press briefing" to urge "sanctuary cities to change their policies, noting that the Department of Justice plans to deny them funding if they do not begin following federal immigration laws."

As CBS put it: "So-called 'sanctuary cities' offer safe harbor to undocumented immigrants who might otherwise be deported by federal law enforcement officials. The United States has more than 140 sanctuary jurisdictions, either cities or counties, including 37 cities."

ITEM: A column entitled "Don't fund an assault on millions of American children" appeared in USA Today for March 28, 2017. It was written by Janet Murguía, president of the National Council of La Raza; she declared that "President Trump's 'immigration agenda — one fitfully symbolized by a yet-to-be-built wall — threatens to tear apart American families while leaving a trail of misery across the United States.'"

She continued: "What confronts us now is scorched-earth immigration enforcement that will separate as many as 5.7 million American children from their parents. Some of them already have watched as newly emboldened Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents have set upon their families."

ITEM: Newsweek, dated April 6, 2017, warns: "Americans will not have a secure food supply until Congress enacts immigration reform that helps agriculture workers and their families acquire legal rights, according to a new study on U.S. agriculture and undocumented immigrants."

CORRECTION: The left-wing-dominated "debate" over illegal aliens generally lacks a few things, including common sense and truth.

Leaders of major cities both advocate and boast of defying the law of the land, decrying racism.

Meanwhile, the United States has more



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Where there's a wall there's a way: Even if President Trump cracks down on illegal entry to our country at the border, if sanctuary cities protect foreign criminals and funnel federal funds to illegal aliens, border crossers will find ways into the country.

immigrants, by a wide margin, than any other country in the world.

Illegals get into the country in a number of ways. An estimated 11 million illegals are already in the United States. Not all of those were literal border-jumpers. In fact, legal overstaying their visas have outnumbered those who got in by crossing the border illegally by about 600,000 since 2007, according to a recent publication by the Center for Migration Studies.

They have had little to worry about thereafter. (Whether the public has something to be concerned about is another matter. This is one reason why vetting is important. Last June, John Brennan, the CIA director in the Obama administration, testified that the Islamic State terrorist group "is probably exploring a variety of means for infiltrating operatives into the West, including refugee flows, smuggling routes and legitimate methods of travel.") An illegal alien being caught does not necessarily mean being deported, not by a long shot — because we haven't been enforcing the laws that are on the books.

As summarized recently by Mark Metcalf, a former judge on the Miami Immigration Court:

U.S. immigration courts have the highest failure to appear rate (FTA)

of any state or federal courts in the country. Over the past 20 years, 37 percent of all aliens free pending their trials — 918,098 out of 2,498,375 — never showed for court. These federal courtrooms have become as porous as stretches along the Southwest Border that provide much of their caseloads. On average, 46,000 people each year vanished from tribunals created exclusively for the foreign-born.

The lack of enforcement is just part of the reason why former Acting ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) Director John Sandweg could tell the *Los Angeles Times* (after he left office): "If you are a run-of-the-mill immigrant here illegally, your odds of getting deported are close to zero — it's just highly unlikely to happen."

As we write, the California Senate — in a 27-12 vote along party lines, with the Democrats supporting and Republicans opposing — has just backed legislation that essentially calls for obstructing federal law. Among other points, it would mean that police officers would have to ban ICE agents having access to a prisoner even if those agents came to the jail to interview the prisoner.

On the other hand, there are the folks who do their best to enforce the law each



Correction, Please!

day on the frontier. The National Border Patrol Council, a union representing Border Patrol employees, praised Trump's executive action to enforce immigration laws, as well as Trump's proposed wall on the U.S.-Mexican border, saying, "This has been a long day coming."

Here's the germane statute: "Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal, State, or local law, a Federal, State, or local government entity or official may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Immigration and Naturalization Service information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual."

That said, as the editors of *National Review* have explained:

[This is] not a blanket prohibition on all policies associated with sanctuary cities. But localities that specifically forbid their officials to provide information to federal immigration authorities are violating the black-and-white letter of the law. A report from the Department of Justice's inspector

general last year found that sanctuary cities such as Chicago are running afoul of this statute. It is entirely appropriate for the federal government to make law-enforcement funding conditional on jurisdictions not themselves ignoring the law.

While they will not admit it, the various city leaders are protecting what they perceive as their political base — not the public. And Attorney General Sessions was on target when he pointed out in late March: "When cities and states refuse to help enforce immigration laws, our nation is less safe." As he said, "Failure to deport aliens who are convicted of criminal offenses puts whole communities at risk, especially immigrant communities in the very sanctuary jurisdictions that seek to protect the perpetrators."

One not made safer was Kate Steinle, a young woman shot and killed in San Francisco in 2015 by an illegal alien — a man who had been deported to Mexico five times previously. He was a seven-time felon across multiple states and the subject of an ICE "detainer," meaning that local au-

thorities were flagged to hold him for ICE. The shooter later admitted that he had come to San Francisco because of its "sanctuary" status. Then, following yet another arrest, he was released rather than turned over to ICE, according to the city's policies. That is when Steinle was killed. (The alien has admitted the shooting, though dubiously claiming it was an accident.)

Though this became a well-publicized case, there are many other criminal aliens whose stories are not as well known. Hans von Spakovsky, a legal authority who often comments on immigration issues, wrote in the *Providence Journal* (March 30) about others, saying: "ICE recently released the first of its weekly reports on cities that have refused to honor ICE detainer warrants, as mandated by President Donald Trump's executive order, 'Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States.' The report details all of the local jurisdictions across the country from Florida to New York to Washington state that refused ICE detainers from Jan. 28 to Feb. 3 and released criminals from their jails rather than turn them over to the federal government for deportation."

The crimes committed by these illegal aliens, in a report covering just one week, observed von Spakovsky, included,

domestic violence, arson, aggravated assault, burglary, forgery, intimidation, possession of a dangerous weapon, intimidation, drug trafficking, sexual assault, homicide and a host of other crimes. This is also no surprise.

There are literally millions of Americans like Steinle who have been victimized by crimes committed by illegal aliens that should not have happened and would not have happened if we actually enforced our immigration laws and if local jurisdictions cooperated with federal authorities instead of trying to obstruct them.

Little wonder that the head of "La Raza" ("The Race"), cited previously, would rather try to change the subject into keeping families together (rather than whether the parents broke the law).



Family focus: Janet Murguía, president of the National Council of La Raza, says it's unjust to enforce immigration laws and split apart families, ignoring the huge amount of crime committed by illegal aliens. Ironically, following her pleas, America wouldn't imprison criminals either.

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The group headed by Janet Murguía is very influential politically. Indeed, the La Raza president and CEO boasted that she heard from Barack Obama before he told the public in November 2015 about his scheme to shield five million illegal aliens from deportation. She told C-SPAN: “I knew what he was going to say before he said it. I met with the president that day.”

The Capital Research Center prepared a detailed dossier on La Raza in February 2015. It mentions not only Murguía but also another former officer from the group, Cecilia Muñoz, who later moved to the Obama White House. As the CRC report indicated, La Raza had reason to be happy that she got the post. Lots of reasons, apparently. Many were green:

Muñoz joined in 2009 as deputy assistant to the president and director of intergovernmental affairs, after receiving an ethics waiver to be hired in spite of Obama’s lobbyist ban. In her first year at the White House, taxpayer funds going to La Raza reached \$11 million, almost three times the \$4.1 million that was doled out to the group the previous year. About 60 percent of that \$11 million came from the Department of Labor.

In 2010, ... a La Raza affiliate group, Chicanos Por La Causa, received twice as much federal funding under the Obama administration (\$18.3 million) after Muñoz was appointed.

The payoffs aren’t surprising. Nor should you be surprised that scare stories about “food shortages” being caused by potential deportations are so much bunkum. One such fable appeared on “Quartz,” a website owned by Atlantic Media Co.; it was headlined “A Donald Trump presidency could lead to food shortages in the US” (and subtitled “An Empty Stomach,” in case we missed the point). Here was the piece’s kicker: “It’s hard to imagine making America great again with an empty stomach.”

The problem with stretching the truth is that sometimes the facts snap back. Farm work, by and large, is big business these



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Growing falsehood: While it is true that many crops are labor-intensive, especially during harvest time, it is not true that enforcing immigration laws will lead to starvation. In truth, the price of food will only rise a few percent because labor is a small part of food costs.

days. Kevin Williamson, a correspondent for *National Review*, blew away many of the mythical concerns about illegal aliens and agriculture in an excellent piece last September, in which he cited Pew Research Center findings that showed that only about four percent of the illegal-immigrant population is employed in farming.

Yes, some crops do largely depend on manual labor. And, yes, there are illegals working in such fields. However, enforcing the U.S. government’s immigration laws really is not going to cause a famine. Williamson has academic citations to bolster his case, for example:

Applying here the usual caveats that should accompany such studies, an estimate from Iowa State scholars concluded that entirely eliminating the illegal workforce would raise farm wages substantially — by 30 percent in the short term and 15 percent in the long term — but would raise prices only a tiny amount, from 6 percent in the near term to about 3 percent in the long term.

The reason for that is obvious: Labor is a relatively small part of the cost of food, only about 7 percent for labor-intensive crops such as apples and a good deal less than that for others.

Meanwhile, though it didn’t get much play in the mainstream media, there actually could be some positive reform on the legal side of the immigration issue. In fact, it was that point that the president emphasized in his address to Congress in March. Said Trump:

The current, outdated system depresses wages for our poorest workers, and puts great pressure on taxpayers.

Nations around the world, like Canada, Australia and many others — have a merit-based immigration system. It is a basic principle that those seeking to enter a country ought to be able to support themselves financially....

Switching away from this current system of lower-skilled immigration, and instead adopting a merit-based system, will have many benefits: it will save countless dollars, raise workers’ wages, and help struggling families — including immigrant families — enter the middle class.

La Raza doesn’t like that sort of message. We hear that it falls into in a special category: *No Más!* ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Why Ask Why in U.S. Attack on Syria

U.S. President Donald Trump has taken what some are calling bold action in launching 59 cruise missiles at a Syrian air base in retaliation for a chemical weapons attack on Tuesday, April 4 in Syria. That chemical attack reportedly left 80 Syrians dead and hundreds more injured and has been blamed on the Syrian government led by Bashar al-Assad.

The questions all Americans should be asking is, “Why did Trump call for the attack? What did he hope to achieve? And will such an attack likely have good ends?”

Trump claimed the attack was in the “vital national security interest” of the United States. But is it?

First, the United States is not at war with Syria, nor has Syria committed an aggressive act against the United States, and such an attack is illegal under international law and the U.S. Constitution. So how was it in U.S. interests?

Second, Syria has claimed that it did not drop chemicals weapons on its own people; it merely attacked a chemical weapons facility held by Islamic radicals, which caused the release of chemicals. And, in truth, groups such as ISIS have taken over chemical weapons facilities, and there is evidence that such groups have used chemical weapons in the past. Also, no investigation has been undertaken to see which side is responsible for the recent chemical attack.

Third, since Russia strongly backs Assad, the cruise missile attack is sure to create tensions between the United States and that country. How does that help the United States or the world?

Fourth, if such an attack is justifiable when innocents are killed by a government, isn't it reasonable that the United States should be attacked because it kills hundreds — if not thousands — of innocent Afghans, Yemenis, Iraqis, and others via drones and planes? And if gruesome deaths and international standards are a concern, shouldn't America be attacked because it used white phosphorus shells on heavily populated areas when it attacked Fallujah in the Iraq War, which is against international law? White phosphorus burns skin, and even burns down to the bone. Survivors of such attacks often look as if they have been partially melted. And in the invasion of Iraq, the U.S. military used “Mark 77” incendiary devices, which kill and destroy by burning and are very similar to Vietnam-era napalm bombs, though napalm is illegal under international law. Too, Israel has used white phosphorus bombs in civilian areas multiple times since 2006, yet the United States has *not* bombed it for its war



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atrocities. For more on this see a February 4, 2015 article on The Intercept entitled “Burning Victims to Death: Still a Common Practice.”

Fifth, since evidence shows that if the United States helps push out al-Assad from leadership that an equally violent or more violent person or group will lead Syria, how are we aiding the Syrian people by attacking Assad? In a similar scenario, since the time that the United States pushed dictator Moammar Gadhafi from power in Libya, that country has been torn by civil war and mass atrocities. The same

power vacuum and war crimes would assuredly happen in Syria if Assad falls, as all the leading contenders to take over that country are barbaric Islamic radicals. Also, in Afghanistan, into which the United States has almost literally poured troops and money, the government backed by the United States controls only small areas of that country; the remainder is controlled by Islamic radicals. Wouldn't it be, in fact, helpful to the Syrian people to aid in bringing the civil war to an end with Assad still in charge?

Sixth, why is the United States picking on Syria's leader for supposed atrocities, even arming Assad's Islamic radical opponents, when there are many countries throughout the world where atrocities occur on a far grander scale, and the United States does nothing? According to a 2013 *USA Today* article entitled “20 facts about North Korea”:

Between 150,000 and 200,000 North Koreans live in prison camps surrounded by electrified fencing, according to South Korean government estimates and Human Rights Watch. The worst camps are for those who commit political crimes, and offenders can have their entire extended family imprisoned with them. As many as 40% of camp prisoners die from malnutrition while doing mining, logging and agricultural work with rudimentary tools in harsh conditions, according to a 2011 Amnesty International report.

And as many as two million North Koreans have starved to death and one-third of North Korean children are chronically malnourished. According to the rationale given to attack the Assad regime by the Trump administration, we should be bombing North Korea on an almost daily basis.

In truth, there's almost zero legitimate rationale for the Trump administration to have attacked Syria, but it was done anyway. And the question that should be asked is, “Why?” ■

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