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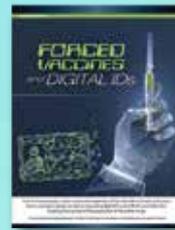


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Critical Race Theory and the 21st-century Liberal

Somewhere near the center of the “classic liberal” conception is the idea that what one does ultimately defines who one is. One’s actions and convictions (for which a person is responsible), and not the accidents of life (for which he is not responsible), reveal his true face to the world. Identity, in other words, is forged, not implanted. A fragment from Heraclitus states, “A man’s character is his fate.” Otherwise put, “Circumstances do not make the man, they reveal him.” (James Allen)

In contrast, modern “liberals” adhere to the “woke” conception that race should be given preeminence in adjudicating the value of individual belief. “No man is an island,” says the millennial, and even if he were, that island’s sociopolitical history, and its roster of misdeeds and offenses, inescapably becomes part of him. No longer, as in the pompous days of class division, is one prejudiced by the cut of one’s cloth; however, like the onerous eras of division based on race, we are prejudged by the color of our skin. And nature holds to a strict No Refunds policy.

Lay aside the pseudo-historical justifications and obfuscatory post-modern interpretations, and what remains of wokeness is this: a philosophy that considers skin pigmentation the supreme criteria for assessing a human being’s social worth. All justifications of such bigotry are either a way to extenuate, or obscure, this ineluctable fact.

Wokeness determines the value of an individual based on the ethnic strand into which nature’s fancy thrust him. If one is white, he is thrashed for his birthright; try as he may, he just can’t seem to rid himself of the burden of privilege, and can only grovel before his accusers, apologizing for his embarrassing, unbidden station. One’s opinion is snubbed. The white person is told, in firm tones, his particular “life experience” precludes him from ever understanding the intricate condition and rapturous sufferings of his woebegone peers. Note the convenient paradox: By dint of your life experience, you cannot possibly comprehend aught of anyone else; but by that very same criteria, the woke know everything about you.

This is simply racism. Like any other racism, it conceives a world where intangibles

such as human character and worth are bound to superficial tangibles such as ethnicity or race. And woke members display heroic recalcitrance or happy ignorance when their inconsistencies are pointed out. And this serves to channel the members’ own internal doubts, frustrations, and pettiness.

Modern liberalism presents a strikingly simplistic, dull, and superficial perspective of humankind, and seeks to exert a repressive order in its name.

To lend skin color any superordinate importance is to encompass the imprimitur to history’s most odious supremacist movements and blood-based regimes.

What is true is that while each of us is given a unique life experience, we all commonly share an experience of life. And it is this which inexorably binds us, and allows us, in the end, hopefully, to understand each other. Whether privilege is perceived or prevalent is not germane to the idea of the individual. This meager portion of time each of us receives is a bequest too squalid to squander squabbling.

HAIM SHWEKY
Sent via e-mail

A National Police Force

Selwyn Duke’s recent online article “The Shadow of Obama: Biden Will Exert More Fed Control Over Local Police” (January 3) is likely a sign of things to come regarding policing in the United States. Under Biden, the FBI’s dream of a national police force will come closer to fruition. The FBI has long envisioned such a force which they, the FBI, will head up. Such a national police force would undoubtedly be paramilitary in structure and stature, as are many national police forces in repressive countries such as Russia, China, Ukraine, Germany, France, and elsewhere, thereby wielding unfettered power and influence over the citizenry of this country.

The question: When will we see citizens here today, gone tomorrow, citizens alive one minute and not the next?

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“Climate Change” No Cause for Alarm, Report Says

Will “climate change” caused by the burning of fossil fuels bring death and destruction to the Earth? Not according to Dr. Indur Goklany, who, in a February report, argues that global warming, assuming it exists, not only is causing few of the negative outcomes the climate alarmists attribute to it, but is actually improving the planet.

“The standard narrative ... is that climate change is already increasing the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events (EWEs) and wildfires, reducing available water and crop yields, increasing diseases, hunger, poverty and human mortality, and reducing productivity of the biosphere and the habitat available for species,” Goklany writes in his report for the Global Warming Policy Foundation. “It is claimed that these and other climate change impacts are diminishing human and environmental well-being, and will reduce them further unless ‘drastic measures to achieve as quickly as possible zero net greenhouse gas emissions’ are taken.”

Hogwash, says the good doctor, who can hardly be considered a climate “denier” given that he helped establish the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

EWEs have, in fact, remained relatively the same, or even declined, in frequency and intensity during the period of alleged warming. “Heatwaves were more extreme in the past, for example in the US in the 1930s, when atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations were only 75% of those today,” he pens. There

has been “no significant increase in the frequency or intensity of all major hurricane-strength landfalling cyclones.” While reports of tornadoes have increased over time because of better technology, “strong tornadoes have, if anything, been declining.” Neither floods nor droughts have increased in frequency or severity. “Wildfires probably burned more area in the past,” and “the global burned area declined by between 16 and 33% between 1998 and 2015.”

“Except for the fact that hot days have increased while cold days have decreased,” observes Goklany, “none of the trends are consistent with the received narrative.”



Honduras Adds Permanent Abortion Ban to Constitution

Honduras recently passed a constitutional amendment that, barring a sea change in public opinion, permanently prohibits all abortions in the Central American country.

“All human beings have a right to life from the moment of conception,” declared Honduran National Congress member Mario Perez, who introduced the amendment on January 21.

Just seven days later, Congress ratified the amendment, which reads: “The unborn shall be considered as born for all rights accorded within the limits established by law. It is prohibited and illegal for the mother or a third party to practice any form of interruption of life on the unborn, whose life must be respected

from conception.”

“The changes raise the Congressional voting threshold to modify abortion law from two-thirds majority to three-quarters,” reported CNN. “Since Honduras’s unicameral Congress has 128 deputies, the new rules would require at least 96 to vote for future changes to these articles — an unlikely scenario at the moment, since 86 voted for the amendments.”

The amendment, known as “Shield Against Abortion in Honduras,” was promoted by the National Party of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández. However, as should be obvious from the number of deputies who voted it for it, the measure was popular across party lines.

The amendment will have no effect on existing Honduran law, which already prohibits killing the unborn without exception. Why, then, did the government feel the need to strengthen its protection of the unborn?

“2021 is a major election year in Honduras, with both the presidency and all 128 seats of Congress up for grabs,” wrote CNN. “Though abortion is not a historically decisive voting issue for Hondurans, the topic may have been particularly sensitive amid the recent wave of pro-choice rulings in the region.” Argentina’s new law allowing unlimited abortion of fetuses under 14 weeks old undoubtedly also spurred lawmakers to pass the amendment.



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Republican Party Targets 47 Vulnerable House Democrats in 2022

On February 10, the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) released its battle plan to recapture the House in the 2022 midterm elections. Its strategy is simple: remind voters of the damage Democrats have been doing to the country, the economy, and the rule of law. By targeting 47 of the weakest Democrat incumbents, the NRCC is planning on beating the average in 2022, as historically the opposing party wins between 25 and 27 seats in the House in the midterms.

The Republicans only need to turn five to return the House to Republican control.

In 2018, Democrats won 35 more House seats than Republicans, and in 2020 they were expected to expand that lead sub-

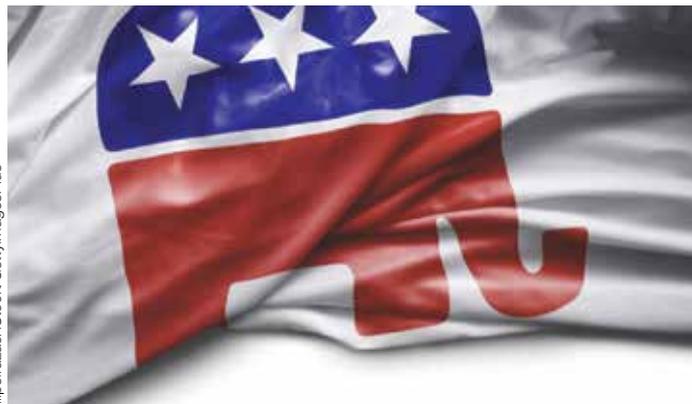
stantially. Instead, not a single incumbent Republican lost reelection, while Republicans replaced 13 incumbent Democrats. The margin favoring Democrats in the House is now just five, the slimmest majority since 1930.

Included among the 47 Democrat targets are 29 in districts that either didn't support Biden, or supported the House incumbent by five points or less. There are another 10 Democrats who might face redistricting issues next year, especially in states where Republicans control the legislature. And there are eight more who won by fewer than 10 points and also underperformed Biden in last November's election.

Among Democrats that the NRCC has promised to target are Representatives Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.) and Ron Kind (D-Wis.), who won their districts by just 3.9 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively. In 2018, each of them won their seats by more than 19 points.

The NRCC considers Representative Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.) as especially vulnerable, as he only garnered 52 percent of the vote, which underperformed Biden by three points in that district. Also on the list of "underperforming" Democrats are California Representatives Katie Porter and Mike Levin, who underperformed Biden by 4.4 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively.

Also vulnerable, according to the NRCC, is Representative Deborah Ross (D-N.C.), who underperformed Biden in November and who is facing redistricting in 2022 in a state with a Republican-controlled legislature.



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U.K. Hospitals: "Chestfeeding" Instead of "Breastfeeding"

The U.K.'s Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals have implemented a new "transgender-inclusive" policy, reported the U.K. *Times* on February 10. According to the *Times*, the policy is "the first in the country to formally implement a gender-inclusive language policy for its maternity services department, which will now be known as "perinatal services."

The policy will require hospital staff "to use gender-neutral language alongside — not instead of — traditional terms to ensure that all groups are represented," reported BristolLive on February 10. "Breastfeeding," for example, will be replaced by "chestfeeding." Other substitutions include "human milk" for "breast milk," "parental" instead of "maternal," and "birthing parent" for "mother."

Even many liberals are not happy with the new policy. On *Good Morning Britain*, liberal commentator Piers Morgan, who is outspoken against political correctness, read a Twitter user's post that said, "I'm transgender myself, and Morgan is 100 percent correct. This isn't what the majority of transpeople ask for, and it hinders our rights, not helps us."

"I want transgender people to have respect and dignity and equality," continued Morgan. "I don't think you get there by telling midwives to stop using the term 'breastfeeding' because it may upset a few people when 99% of the people in there are

breastfeeding. It's nonsense, and this kind of PC-cop nonsense with the language ... it has the opposite effect to what you think it does. It annoys people.... It doesn't bring you any inclusivity. It becomes exclusive; it alienates people."

If transgender people are not asking for these term changes, why are progressives bulldozing their ideas under the pretense of inclusivity the transgender community is not demanding? As conservative commentator Dennis Prager says, "The Left destroys everything it touches."

Engaging in conversation and debate about the psychological and sociological effects of altering language to neutralize gender is the first step toward raising awareness of the "cancer" of cancel culture. ■

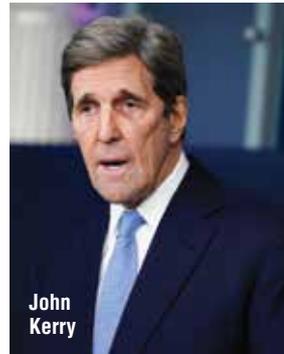


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John Kerry Disagrees that U.S. Carbon Emissions Are Causing Climate Change

“Almost 90 percent of all of the planet’s global emissions come from outside U.S. borders. We could go to zero tomorrow and the problem isn’t solved.”

Newly appointed Biden administration climate czar **John Kerry** surprised many by admitting that the United States is not guilty of causing climate change via carbon emissions. However, he still favors the mandates of the Paris Agreement, which insists that climate fluctuations are caused by human activity.



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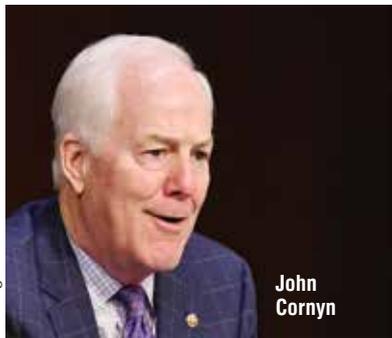
Navalny Recovers From Poisoning but Winds Up in Prison for His Anti-Putin Campaign

“His main resentment against me now is that he will go down in history as a poisoner. There was Alexander the Liberator and Yaroslav the Wise. Now we’ll have Vladimir the Poisoner of Underpants.” While traveling in Eastern Russia several months ago, **Alexei Navalny** almost died from poison. It was administered to him by placing it in his undergarments. He recovered in Germany and returned to Russia, where he was arrested and sent to prison.

General Motors Announces Plan to Produce Only Electric Cars by 2035

“To be ready for 2035, I need to build battery plants. I need to do battery development. I need to develop electric vehicles.”

GM Senior Executive **Dane Parker** faces quite a challenge. All GM executives know that Tesla, already building electric cars, poses a serious threat to GM’s dominance over the automobile industry if government mandates the increased use of electric cars.



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GM’s Decision and Biden’s Plans Unnerve a Texas Senator

“I’m all for transitioning to cleaner forms of energy. But we have to deal with the reality of, for example, the fact that there are 280 million cars with internal combustion engines on our roads. How are families going to get to work, take their kids to school, or live their life when all of a sudden the very natural resource they depend on for using their cars is no longer available?”

Worried about several bills being considered to reduce or eliminate dependence on mining and oil extraction, Senator **John Cornyn** (R-Texas) asked some pointed questions.

Biden’s Government by Executive Order Grows Enormously in a Single Week

“Already, he has committed to rejoining the Paris climate change agreement, ended the Muslim travel ban, canceled the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, rescinded funding for and halted construction on the wall at the southern border, reaffirmed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), mandated mask-wearing on federal grounds, moved to end the federal government’s reliance on private prisons, reversed the ban on transgender military service, and called for agency assessments aimed at advancing racial equity — just to name a few.”

The above summary led off the January 28, 2021 *New York Times* editorial.

Senator Sensibly Addresses the U.S. Immigration Policy

“Americans should always welcome immigrants who want to become Americans. But we need laws that decide who and how many people can come here. There are many issues I think we can work cooperatively with President Biden, but a blanket amnesty for people who are here unlawfully isn’t going to be one of them.”

From a family of Cuban immigrants, Senator **Marco Rubio** (R-Fla.) sharply disagrees with President Biden about granting citizenship to 11 million illegal immigrants already within the United States. ■

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The GREAT AWAKENING



Americans are awakening from their political slumber. Many now see the danger to our country, but they need to properly channel their fear and anger.

by C. Mitchell Shaw

Can you imagine being told in early 2020 that in the next 12 months you would be told to “shelter in

place” in a quarantine for the non-sick? That millions of Americans would lose their jobs via government mandates? That businesses all over America would be shuttered, never to reopen? That going to

church would be forbidden? That funerals and weddings would be limited (or banned) by government dictates? That classes, doctor appointments, and work meetings (for many of those fortunate

enough to still be working) would be conducted over Internet video conferencing apps? That you would be required to wear a mask (or two) simply to go out in public?

Can you further imagine being told that Antifa, BLM, and other leftist groups would spend months rioting, looting, and burning their way across more than 200 American cities while receiving praise from both liberal media and high-ranking Democrats? Could you imagine those Democrats publicly saying that America needs more of the behavior of Antifa and BLM and then turning on a dime to condemn conservatives for organizing pro-Trump rallies?

Could you imagine being told that millions of Americans would be allowed — or even *required* — to vote early or by mail in violation of various state election laws? And that votes would be counted by machines running questionable software while actively connected to the Internet? And that despite overwhelming evidence pointing to voter fraud, millions of suspicious votes would be certified to allow Joe Biden to take the election?

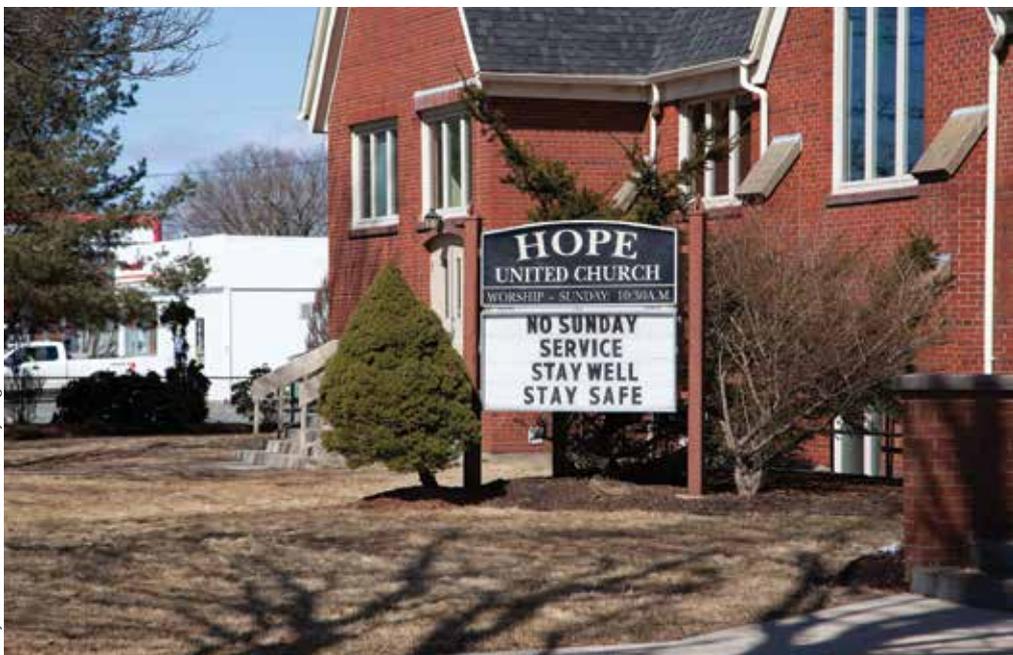
Finally, can you imagine being told that in the wake of that election, President Trump — *while still in office and contesting the results of the election* — would see social-media giants delete his accounts and ban him from their platforms? And that he would be impeached for “inciting insurrection” for calling on patriotic Americans to push for the truth to be known about election fraud?

In those 12 months, all of that happened. And it has awakened millions of patriots to a nightmare that is real. As they have wiped the sleep from their eyes and shaken off the dreams that “everything is going to be fine,” they have suddenly realized that while they slept, America was being hijacked.

Two such newly awakened patriots are Peter and Mary Ann Biffel, who live in northern Virginia. Conservative Christians who homeschooled seven children, the Biffels — who asked that we use their real names because they are “proud to be mem-

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Truth be told, if one didn't see the present state of affairs coming, one likely has little knowledge about how to fight back effectively.



Closing churches: As part of government's heavy-handed approach to COVID, millions of the faithful in America found their churches forced to close as religious meetings were either severely limited or outright forbidden.

bers of The John Birch Society” — told THE NEW AMERICAN that they have long known something was wrong, but were never really activists until July 2020. At the peak of the lockdowns, mask mandates, and other government overreach surrounding COVID — and while watching leftist violence engulf America's cities — they realized they had to act. As they searched for answers, their journey led them to join The John Birch Society because they saw that America needs saving and the JBS offered them a real plan for doing that.

When asked why they chose to join the JBS instead of focusing their efforts within the Republican party or some other conservative organization, Mary Ann said, “First of all, the Republican party is one and the same” with the Democratic party, “You can find conservatives, but most of

them are neo-conservatives.” As for other groups, Mary Ann said, “It is hard to find like-minded people who actually know what's going on and are working against the problem.” Peter said the “reading materials and the videos” produced by the JBS are both educational and “encouraging.” Furthermore, he said the monthly chapter meetings and the structure of the JBS “provide a real solution” to the problems facing America. Peter added, “I want to see the solution playing out and I want to be part of the solution.”

The couple has learned — as all the newly awakened need to realize in order for positive change to actually happen — that being awake to a problem is not necessarily the same thing as knowing how to solve the problem. It's much as if one is shown pictures of starving kids all over

The good news is that the enemies of freedom have — by accelerating their plans too quickly — awakened a sleeping giant (and as those enemies of freedom continue to press forward, many more Americans will continue to awaken).



Side effects: As lockdowns and mask mandates spread across America, millions of Americans faced frustration, anger, and depression as they watched the economy crash and were forced into isolation, with no ability to socialize with friends or family.

Africa and someone says, “Fix it.” The problem seems overwhelming.

Bad News, Good News

It’s often a shock to Americans that the country has seemingly fallen so far so fast, but the truth is that the groundwork for the present changes in our country has been being laid for these happenings for decades. And, truth be told, if one didn’t see the present state of affairs coming, one likely has little knowledge about how to fight back effectively.

A person’s awakening is but the first step in repairing our country. The next step is to become aware as to the depths to which the enemies of freedom have stooped to destroy both America and the ideas of liberty on which she was founded,

because if allowed to continue unabated, the actions of America’s enemies will accomplish the goals for which they are intended. Those goals are, to put it plainly, the utter and complete destruction of the American way of life and the utter and complete loss of freedom for Americans — all Americans’ future actions will be monitored and guided by government. The end goal is a New World Order of global government and ridding the world of most vestiges of capitalism.

The next step for patriots is to fight back. Since globalists are well funded, patriots need to be smart. Choosing the correct course has never mattered more. As the storming of the Capitol on January 6 shows, choosing the wrong path leads only to greater loss of liberty as the en-

emies of liberty use such events to tighten their stranglehold on America.

But if patriotic Americans take moral, legal, reasonable actions, geared toward success, there is indeed genuine hope. The good news is that the enemies of freedom have — by accelerating their plans too quickly — awakened a sleeping giant (and as those enemies of freedom continue to press forward, many more Americans will continue to awaken), and that there is an organization with both the experience and a proven track record of exposing and fighting against the plans of freedom’s enemies. That organization is The John Birch Society.

Liberty’s Abiding Hope

Because of a desire for freedom, men do not want to be slaves, and history is replete with stories of men fighting tyranny. Man’s desire for liberty is so strong that he will fight — even at the risk of his own life — to have it. This has been true all over the world for 5,000 years of recorded human history. It is true of all peoples everywhere. Here in the United States, our history is a shining example of that truth.

The Founding Fathers were brave and virtuous men who — by signing the Declaration of Independence — pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in the pursuit of liberty for themselves and their countrymen. And they kept that pledge: Of the 56 men who signed the Declaration, five were captured by the British, charged as traitors, and tortured until they died. Some lost sons to the War for Independence. Others lost wives and daughters to the ravages of war. Many of the signers were in military engagements, and nine of them died — either from wounds or from the hardships of war. Twelve of them had their homes destroyed by the British.

One story from the War for Independence illustrates the degree to which the God-given thirst for freedom burns in the heart of man. Thomas Nelson, who signed the Declaration, served as the wartime governor of Virginia and general of the Virginia Militia. His ancestral family home — built by his grandfather around 1730 — sits on a bluff in Yorktown, Virginia, overlooking the harbor. Nelson was directly involved in the the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. When he learned that Lord

Cornwallis had taken over his home and was using it as his headquarters, Nelson ordered cannons to be fired at his home. One of the men hesitated, reminding Nelson that that was his home. Nelson reportedly replied, “That is enemy-occupied territory, and I am ordering you to destroy it, if necessary!” In fact, he offered a reward of five guineas to the first man to hit his house. Cornwallis fled the home as it was fired upon before later surrendering. The home still stands, but cannonballs can be found embedded in the brick walls.

By the way, Nelson went bankrupt as a result of the war. When asked how he felt about it, Nelson said, “I would do it all over again.”

Since only love for America and her freedom will drive men and women to work courageously and tirelessly to preserve and restore liberty, we must love America and paint such a beautiful image of her that others fall in love with her as well. Robert Welch — the founder of the JBS — once wrote that the only way to succeed in the struggle for liberty is for “both leadership and following [to] have a positive dream which is more important as a hope than the negative nightmare is as a fear.” He went on to say that the struggle for freedom cannot succeed “unless the promise of what we can build supplies more motivation than the terror of what

we must destroy; and unless this faith in the future is based on a deeper faith in eternal truths.”

It is because of this innate love of and desire for freedom that the enemies of freedom need to rely on lies and deception to convince free people to give up their freedom, and the lies and deception that they must rely upon are very inferior substitutes for truth, which we have at our disposal. Welch said of the tactics and strategy of the JBS, “Education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon.” Here, Welch echoes Daniel Webster, who wrote, “There is nothing so powerful as truth, and often nothing so strange.”

An Organization for Preserving and Restoring Freedom

An organization giving patriots a fighting chance is the JBS. It has been successfully warding off globalist advances for decades. In that time, it has accomplished much. Consider just the past 10 years. The JBS has played a leading role by bogging down Deep State initiatives to rewrite our Constitution, nationalize our local police, build a North American Union, and establish a UN-led one-world government.

The longstanding “Get US Out of the UN” campaign has educated Americans about the dangerous origins and agenda of the United Nations. Likewise, the JBS

campaign to “Support Your Local Police” (by keeping them independent of federal control) — which dates back to the 1960s — has helped tremendously as a counter to the insiders’ War on Police.

Founded in 1958, The John Birch Society is a unique organization. Never before had an organization been formed to provide a sustained resistance to the tyrannical conspiring of globalists — now known as the Deep State — to implement a New World Order, by providing national leadership to direct and assist the local actions of dedicated patriots. And in the nearly 63 years that have passed since its founding, no other such organization has been formed.

There are many things that set the JBS apart from other organizations. One of those is that the JBS is not a “single issue” group. Many conservative groups focus primarily — or even *exclusively* — on one issue. There are pro-life groups, gun-preservation groups, sound-money groups, and others. But liberty is not a single issue, and in truth, single-issue groups are often willing to sacrifice some freedoms — such as a right to privacy — in order to temporarily safeguard their own cares. But liberty is indivisible. Like a water line, it rises and falls as one entity. Imagine, if you will, a single freedom — such as the right to direct the education of your children. If that becomes your one issue of concern to the exclusion of all others, there is the very real danger that while you attempt to support that one issue in order to homeschool your children, other freedoms might fall. One by one, free and fair elections, the right to keep and bear arms, religious liberty, and uncounted numbers of other freedoms collapse under the oppressive boot of too much government. Then, when you look to your own “single issue,” you realize that it, too, was lost.

By way of analogy, other organizations busy themselves sawing their own individual limbs from the tree of tyranny while the JBS attacks the roots, knowing that once the roots are gone, the limbs will *all* fall. The JBS is an organization dedicated to preserving *all* of our God-given rights under the Constitution and exposing *all* of the enemies of freedom and the ways they conspire together.

Another important distinction is the way the JBS is organized. The JBS has a



Bleak outlook: As establishment politicians forced the shutdown of businesses all across the nation, record numbers of Americans have faced unemployment with no end in sight. The predictable outcome has been the crashing of the economy and a rolling trend of government stimulus checks, which only further threatens the value of the dollar.

full-time, professional field staff covering all 50 states. Field coordinators work directly with volunteer members and chapter leaders. Those chapter leaders and the local chapters they lead are the lifeblood of the JBS. They attend monthly chapter meetings and carry out the agenda of the JBS in their daily lives, and they fulfill the mission statement of the JBS: Less Government, More Responsibility, and — with God’s help — a Better World.

This is important because, in politics, the old adage is true: “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.” To politicians, might makes right, and substantial concerted action, even by small, but vocal, groups often gives politicians the motivation to choose one course over another.

The value of the tireless efforts of JBS members all across our great nation to increase the level of understanding of American principles cannot be overestimated. As Bill Hahn, the current CEO of the JBS, told *THE NEW AMERICAN*, “It is because of the diligent work of the members of The John Birch Society working to educate their neighbors, friends, families, coworkers, and elected officials about the principles of Americanism as part of an organized effort on behalf of the Republic that we have had so many victories over the past years and decades and up to the present.” Hahn added, “It just shows that

when you are organized, you can make a difference in this country and where it is going to be heading in the future. No other organization can point to that fact and show that they have a long-term solution to what is a long-term problem.”

The Necessity of an Informed Electorate

And *that* is — in this writer’s opinion — the greatest value of the JBS: It fixes a long-term problem with long-term solutions. Short-term thinking — for instance, not seeing further than the next presidential election — is not the answer. There is no shortcut. Thomas Jefferson is reported to have said, “The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.” Americans need to face the simple fact that Rome was not burned in a day. We did not get into this mess overnight, and we will not fix it overnight. The enemies of freedom have worked for more than 100 years to create their vision and bring it to the place it is now — working at it since their creation of the League of Nations after WWI.

The “long-term solution” Hahn speaks of can be summed up as creating an informed electorate. A look at the founding of America illustrates the value of education and truth as part of a long-term solution. Though modern Americans think that the revolution that saw England defeated

and America set free from the tyranny of King George happened overnight and in a vacuum, in reality, 1776 had been long in coming.

John Adams said that the “real American revolution” came about before the War for Independence and was due to the education of the American people. In a letter to H. Niles on February 13, 1818, he wrote:

But what do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American war? The revolution was effected before the war commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments, of their duties and obligations.... This radical change in the principles, opinion, sentiments, and affections of the people was the real American Revolution.

Americans were, for the most part, English loyalists who had to be convinced that parting with England was wise.

Adams also said, “Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people.” And George Washington said, “Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light.” Education and truth are the two pillars upon which we must lean as we seek to save America from the vision of her enemies. There is no other way.

Granted, creating an informed electorate is — and will likely remain — hard work. It is more than just overcoming ignorance. Will Rogers famously quipped, “The problem in America isn’t so much what people don’t know; the problem is what people think they know that just ain’t so.” Disinformation is far more dangerous than ignorance. It is also more difficult to overcome. Telling someone something when they know they don’t know it is simple; telling someone something contrary to a lie they have been told and believed is difficult. But it is necessary. For instance, too many Americans seem to believe that the right president will solve our country’s problems. The past four years — with a good, but imperfect, president who fought to “Make America Great Again” by resisting the Deep State and putting America first — shows that that



It can be done: Bill Hahn, CEO of The John Birch Society, says that an informed electorate that understands “the principles of Americanism” is part of the JBS “long-term solution to what is a long-term problem.”

is short-term thinking. After four years of doing what he did, the establishment moved heaven and earth to burn him to the ground (as has now been confirmed by a *Time* magazine article, which tells about the actions of some of those involved), steal the election from him, and impeach him a second time under bogus charges. And the establishment succeeded in all of that. The takeaway is this: Patriotic Americans need to stop looking for a hero to save America and *be* the heroes that save her. Real resistance requires an informed electorate. Period.

The necessity of an informed electorate is made clear by examining the alternative. This writer recently had a conversation similar to conversations many have had recently. The woman with whom I was speaking predicted that with the way things are going, “a war is coming.” I responded by asking the same two questions I always ask when someone presents a scenario or plan for saving America: First, I asked her, “For that war to be a success — to *restore liberty* — is an informed electorate necessary?” She replied without hesitation, “Yes it would be.” Next, I asked her, “If America already had an informed electorate, would that war be necessary?” She thoughtfully replied, “No.”

Art Thompson, the former CEO of the JBS, told THE NEW AMERICAN, “Anyone who really thinks it through knows that there is only one solution, and that is an informed electorate.” Thompson added, “If the people remain ignorant, they will become subjects. If they are well informed, they can maintain a republic where they determine their own lives in a system of freedom.” He explained, “The key is how much education they have and what *kind* of education they have. It’s just a matter of getting people to understand the fundamentals of good government and then teaching those fundamentals to others and then forming action programs along the way to literally change the government back to the level and to the system that it was founded to be — and that is a representative republic.”

As Wayne Morrow, who — as vice president — oversees the full-time field staff of the JBS, told THE NEW AMERICAN, “Some people listen to QAnon and they think Trump is going to come back from the dead politically and that he’s going



The Great Activation: Wayne Morrow, vice president of The John Birch Society, points out that what the JBS offers American patriots is “a place and a plan to focus their activities in a positive way by working locally as part of a local chapter at the grassroots level to effect positive change.”

to save them. But other people recognize that the problem is a heck of a lot more intense.” As Morrow put it, “Scores of millions of Americans — who had their votes stolen — are fearful and angry. What The John Birch Society offers those Americans is a place and a plan to focus their activities in a positive way by working locally as part of a local chapter at the grassroots level to effect positive change.”

Positive Action Trumps Fear and Anger

That last bit is immeasurably important. Fearful, angry people without a plan to focus that energy positively will make grave mistakes for which they — and the rest of us — will pay.

Ashli Babbit — may God rest her soul — is a tragic example. After joining in with those who stormed and breached the Capitol Building on January 6, Babbit was shot and killed by Capitol police. Her actions and death then became a leftist rallying cry for “putting down insurrection” and are being used as fodder for stripping away more and more of the God-given rights of Americans. This writer has known many whose fear and anger paralyzed them and kept them from doing anything active. Others were too busy with jobs and family. Some were

involved in sports and clubs. They listened to talk radio, voted, complained, debated, and worried. But they *did nothing* to solve the problem until someone showed them that there is a solution that actually works. I have known many who — once they became active in the JBS and were working to help save America — told me they were happier than they’d been in their lives. One JBS member once told me, “If someone isn’t having fun Birching, they’re doing it wrong!”

You see, action cures fear. This also explains why action and education must always go hand in hand, for as the JBS has long said, “Education without action leads to frustration. Action without education leads to fanaticism.” As mentioned previously, the JBS is an *action-oriented* organization. Members receive a monthly bulletin that serves as a guide to the monthly chapter meeting, providing an agenda not only for that meeting, but for the members’ activities for that month. The JBS produces professional materials for members to use to educate themselves, their friends, neighbors, co-workers, and elected officials. Every representative of the JBS with whom this writer spoke stressed the importance of concerted action based on the agenda found in the monthly bulletin. Two other points they all stressed were the Re-



Restore election integrity: Widespread vote fraud has caused many millions of Americans to awaken to the reality that something is terribly wrong. The John Birch Society's Restore Election Integrity project offers those Americans a solution.

store Election Integrity project launched in response to the unprecedented fraud of the recent elections of both the presidency and the Congress, and the action plan to encourage state legislatures to use the Sixth Amendment to nullify unconstitutional federal laws.

When asked about restoring election integrity, Hahn said, "Our Restore Election Integrity project is well under way, with members and supporters using the materials we have to help chart a path for legislators, including a Restoring Election Integrity issue of the magazine and an inexpensive slim jim containing the highlights, and more materials to come soon." And, he said, referring to applying the Sixth Amendment, "Our numerous nullification tools can help demonstrate to legislators a constitutional tool that can be used immediately against the unconstitutional actions of the Biden administration and Congress."

Needed: You!

As a constitutionalist organization, the JBS recognizes that though it is late, it is not too late. We can still *use* our freedoms to *save* our freedoms. We still have the Constitution! Despite the fact that the Constitution is often ignored, circumvented, and violated, it still exists, and it can be used once again to restrain the usurpers as

soon as sufficient understanding is created to make this happen.

Dave Giordano (who gave permission to use his name) is a JBS member in Marlton, New Jersey. He has been a member of the JBS since 1994. Since the peak of the COVID lockdowns, he has turned to webinars to spread the word. He told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that he hosts webinars twice a month and constantly has new people join. His basic format is simple: He uses JBS materials and news items to educate people about principles of Americanism and threats to freedom and gives a call to action at the conclusion.

As more and more Americans awaken to what is going on, Giordano says those people are introducing others to his webinars. He has a friend who drives a truck hauling scrap metal. Giordano told *THE NEW AMERICAN*, "He keeps sending me names of people who want to be added to my list." Giordano says that when he first joined the JBS, he was nervous about his ability to educate people. But then he realized that he could simply pass along books, magazine articles, and videos from the JBS and spread the word. He tells

new JBS members who have that same nervousness, "Just keep reading and one day, you're going to be in a conversation and words are going to start coming out of your mouth." Because knowledge brings confidence.

Giordano is a great example of someone who is *using* freedom to *save* freedom by working in the trenches to create an informed electorate.

The JBS has worked — diligently and consistently — since 1958 to expose the conspiracy of the insiders (the Deep State) and to preserve and restore liberty by creating an informed electorate. This writer is a proud member of the JBS and shares the opinion of many who are associated with this fine group of men and women — this "proud companionship" — that without the effective work of the JBS over past decades, full-blown, dystopian tyranny would already cover the globe. The JBS is continuing — and *will* continue — that work. All that is missing — has *always* been missing — is (to borrow from speeches given by Welch) "more pullers at the oars." Welch also said, "Our danger is both immense and imminent; but it is not beyond the possibility of being overcome by the resistance that is still available. All that we must find and build and use, to win, is sufficient understanding. Let's create that understanding and build that resistance, with everything mortal men can put into the effort — while there still is time."

That means *you*.

If you are already a JBS member, now is the time to redouble your efforts. If you are not already a member, please join us in our proud companionship, and in our epic undertaking.

Joe Biden has promised to "unite the country." If enough moral, patriotic Americans will join the JBS and help us restore the Republic, Joe Biden's promise will be kept — just not the way he planned. Then, he and his cohorts will wish they had never awakened America's patriots. ■



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VIOLENCE FOR ME, CHARGES FOR THEM

Rand Paul pilloried Democrats for their hypocrisy in impeaching former President Trump for supposedly instigating violence, when it is something they do with regularity.

by Selwyn Duke

In a rousing January 26 Senate floor speech calling Donald Trump's impeachment trial a "sham," Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) tacitly and rightly impeached the character of its Democrat authors.

Aside from illustrating the hypocrisy of charging the ex-president with inciting an insurrection, when Trump's rhetoric had been tame compared to that of many rabble-rousing Democrats, Paul also filed a point of order objecting to the trial on the basis that it's unconstitutional. While he lost on that 55-45, with five GOP senators voting with the Democrats, his words were not lost on those with ears to hear.

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Paul first briefly made two points about the trial's apparent unconstitutionality: that the Supreme Court's chief justice, John Roberts, will not preside, as the Constitution prescribes; and that impeachment is meant for public officials, not private citizens. These points are important, too, so much so that they warrant elaboration.

While preparing for a radio debate a few years back, I was speaking to commentator, former ambassador, and ex-presidential candidate Alan Keyes, who not only boasts a Ph.D. in government affairs but, more significantly, is brilliant. Discussing our governmental balance of powers, he mentioned that while judicial supremacy is extra-constitutional, the Supreme Court *did* have the power to protect a president by halting an impeachment trial. How?

All the chief justice need do is *refuse to be seated for it*, Keyes said.

Speaking up: Senator Rand Paul, who has been targeted by Democrat-stoked violence, emerged as one of the second impeachment trial's staunchest critics. In a rousing January 26 Senate speech, he called the effort "nothing more than a partisan exercise designed to further divide the country."

In other words, under the Constitution, the chief justice's presence is a prerequisite for an impeachment trial's effectuation and legitimacy, according to Keyes. No chief justice — no trial.

Paul's second point was addressed well by constitutional scholar Alan Dershowitz, a professor emeritus at Harvard Law School and, do note, a liberal who is no Trump fan. "Congress has no authority over any president once he leaves office," Dershowitz wrote January 14 at *The Hill*. Addressing the motivation to impeach and convict Trump to prevent him from seeking future political office, the professor pointed out that if Congress had the power to impeach a private citizen for this (or any) reason, "it could claim jurisdiction over millions of Americans eligible to be candidates for president in 2024." This would enable the party in power to impeach any popular candidate to eliminate him from running. Note here that if an ex-president is guilty of illegality, the proper recourse is remedy via the judicial system.

Yet the above is just the iceberg's tip. According to Dershowitz, Congress' impeachment fiasco violated the Constitution in five other ways as well (all quotations are his):

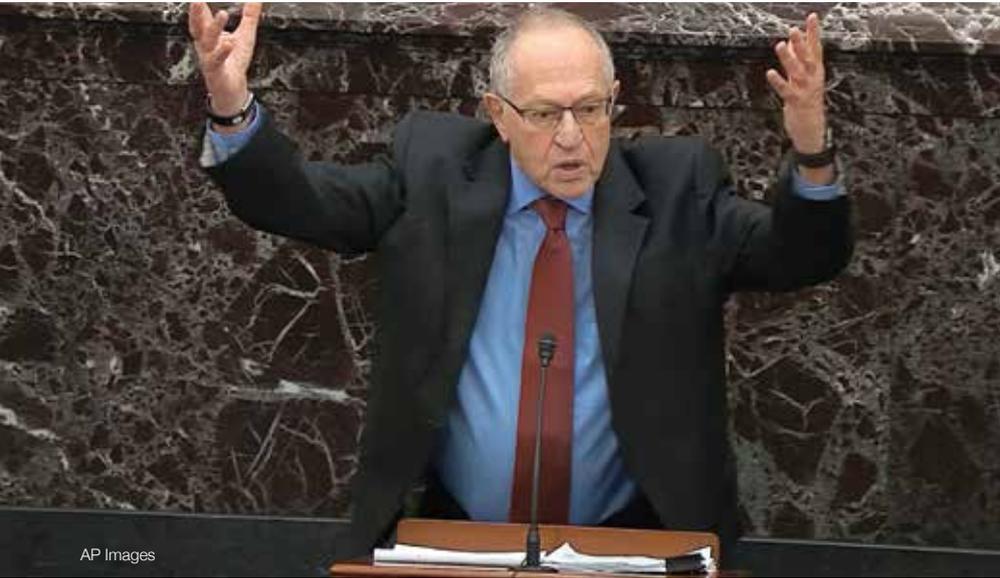
- It violated the First Amendment because Trump's call to protest was protected under it.

- The House violated the Constitution's substantive impeachment criteria, which limit "impeachment to 'treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors.'" And if "Congress can pass no law abridging free speech, then it certainly cannot pass one impeachment resolution abridging free speech of a president."

- Congress "violated due process by handing the president and his legal team no opportunity to present a defense or to formally challenge the article of impeachment. This sets a precedent for any future president."

- If "the Senate were to conduct a trial of a private citizen, including a former

Driving the Left is just good (bad) old-fashioned hatred. The bottom line, however, is that conservatives must stop projecting their mind-sets onto leftists and assuming that, even in a small measure, the Democrats will play by their rules.



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Renowned constitutional law attorney Alan Dershowitz, a Democrat, has in the past called the targeting of President Trump the “criminalization of political differences.” He also has stated that there are fully six different reasons why Trump’s second impeachment was unconstitutional.

president, then it would violate both the spirit and the letter of the prohibition against bills of attainder. For Great Britain, Parliament had the authority to try kings, other officials, and private citizens.” The Founders rejected such bills. Under our system, private citizens must be tried within the judicial branch, not the legislative.

- “Congress voted in favor of the resolution calling on Vice President Mike Pence to violate the 25th Amendment of the Constitution by falsely claiming that Trump is unable to continue to perform his duties.” This amendment is meant to apply only to a president suffering severe physical or mental (e.g., advanced Alzheimer’s) incapacitation, not merely one driving the opposing party to mental derangement.

One could perhaps quibble with a few of the above points. Considering them in

their totality, however, it’s impossible to imagine that the impeachment was even remotely constitutional.

Yet even more profound than these legal arguments was the moral dress-down Senator Paul delivered to his colleagues. His first salvo was calling the impeachment “nothing more than a partisan exercise designed to further divide the country.” In this, do note, it shared its character with the Democrats’ recent calls to blacklist and destroy Trump associates and even his supporters. The senator is counted among the latter, too, and he defended Trump against the charges of inciting the Capitol riot. “I know everyone here will soon march to the Capitol to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard,” said Paul, quoting Trump’s January 6 speech, given shortly before the violence erupted. “Hardly words of

violence,” the senator stated, before asking rhetorically, “But what of Democrat words? What of Democrat incitement to violence?” “No Democrat will honestly ask whether Bernie Sanders incited the shooter that nearly killed Steve Scalise and a volunteer coach,” he continued, alluding to the 2017 congressional baseball shooting perpetrated by leftist James Hodgkinson. “The shooter nearly pulled off a massacre, [and] I was there, because he fervently believed the false and inflammatory rhetoric spewed by Bernie and other Democrats — such as ‘The Republican healthcare plan for the uninsured is that you die,’” Paul passionately elaborated. “As this avowed Bernie supporter shot Steve Scalise ... he screamed, ‘This is for healthcare!’”

Continuing with his examples, Paul then said that no “Democrat will ask whether Cory Booker incited violence when he called for his supporters to ‘get up in their face’ of Congress people, a very visual and specific incitement. No Democrat will ask whether Maxine Waters incited violence when she literally told her supporters, and I quote, ‘that if you see a member of the Trump administration at a restaurant, at a department store, at a gas station or any place, you create a crowd and you push back on them.’ Is that not incitement?”

Democrats apparently think so. After all, when a Twitter user going by the handle @CuomoWatch sought to make a point January 28 by tweeting Waters’ words but replacing “Trump” with “Cuomo,” Democrats were outraged. Former Pete Buttigieg advisor Lis Smith, missing commas along with common sense, responded, “Way way way over the line. Especially in light of what happened at the Capitol on Jan 6.” And Democratic New York State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz called the tweet “fascism,” writing that the “hatred unleashed by Trump and his gang of thugs continues to reverberate throughout the country.” Oh, my!

Speaking of hatred and Mad Maxine brings us back to Paul, who suffered fractured ribs in an attack by a neighbor in 2018. In his speech he went on to describe an even more harrowing incident: “My wife and I were pushed and surrounded and screamed at by the same kind of mob that Maxine likes to inspire,” he explained. “It’s terrify-

ing to have a swarm of people threatening to kill you, cursing at you and literally holding you hostage until police come to your rescue. That night we were assaulted by the crowd; I wasn't sure we would survive even with the police protection."

The senator then said that despite this, no Democrats considered holding Waters accountable (e.g., via expulsion from Congress). Republicans didn't take action, either, he stated, not any more than they sought to hold leftist politicians accountable for inciting last year's 570-plus BLM/Antifa riots.

Paul mentioned other examples as well, from Kamala Harris infamously offering to "pay the bill" for the arrested rioters to Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan's "calling the armed takeover of part of her city a 'summer of love.'" There've been no GOP expulsion/impeachment attempts against either.

The senator also asked the Democrats, "Who hasn't used the word 'fight' figuratively, and are we going to put every politician in jail?" Paul's points are all valid, too — and such hypocrisy should be highlighted. But another point should also be made:

The Democrats just don't care.

Rules, propriety, fairness, laws, and Truth itself only matter to people with honor and integrity. The same is true of consistency. I forget who it was, but I think here of the person who related a story about how, during a moment of honesty, a leftist admitted to him (I'm paraphrasing), "You don't understand. *You* care about consistency — we don't." Also coming to mind is atheist philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, who readily acknowledged that he was contradicting himself. But he also said it didn't matter.

We additionally should consider that in certain cases, the leftist double standards aren't the result of just convenience and political expediency, but also malicious intent. Remember that an inordinate number of politicians are power mongers, and as I explained in November while addressing COVID-19 double standards, one way to enhance your sense of power is by *flouting rules everyone else must follow*.

It can make you feel special, above it all, like an elite, master of all you survey. Rules are "for the little people," as the

supercilious suppose, so you can feel like a big person if you're beyond rules, beyond limits, beyond constraints. In fact, if you're beyond morality, you can feel like a *god*.

Related to this, forcing your opponents to submit to injustice serves to humiliate them, and this is a way to remind them who's boss. And when you can impose your will on a whim, it only intensifies those euphoric feelings of deific status.

Speaking of would-be gods beyond morality brings us to something else Paul said in his speech, a statement worth noting because we should, as Chinese philosopher Sun Tzu would have counseled, "Know thy enemy." "Is the Truth so narrow that only you know the Truth?" Paul asked his Democratic colleagues rhetorically.

Of course, the real issue is that today's liberals are themselves narrow because they *don't* know the Truth and couldn't care less about it (which explains the habitual lying); rather, they are defined by moral relativism/nihilism.

Dogmatic as any jihadist, today's leftists (and some rightists) present us with a seeming paradox: Professed absolutists know that people are "relative," that the Truth is black and white but people are shades of gray; devout relativists behave as if people are absolutes, claiming that everything is shades of gray but viewing people as black and white. But this isn't because they believe in Truth, properly understood as something absolute, universal, and eternal. It's because the ultimate result of relativism is to make everything relative to oneself. Thus do the self-deified fancy themselves perfect, the embodiment and definer of "good," *as a god will be* — and those opposing "god" could only be devils.

Philosophy aside, also driving the Left is just good (bad) old-fashioned hatred. The bottom line, however, is that conservatives must stop projecting their mindsets onto leftists and assuming that, even in a small measure, the Democrats will play by their rules.

The Left has only one principle, the power principle, under which any tactic that brings power is acceptable. Thus will the powermongers not respond to talk, reason, responsibility, or rights, but only to power itself — applied against them. ■



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Neither deep nor silent Waters: That Fidel Castro fan Representative Maxine Waters has accused Trump of what she's guilty of, inciting violence, just accords with her character. She's someone who also tried to shield a cop killer, Joanne Chesimard, from justice and who in the past has been named one of America's most corrupt politicians.

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Deep State Boasts of “Conspiracy” Against Trump in 2020 Election

Still guessing as to whether Trump was correct in claiming there was a conspiracy against him? Guess no longer.

by Alex Newman

Now that they think their anointed one is safely enthroned at the White House, the Deep State, through its propaganda mouthpiece *Time* magazine, is gloating over a “conspiracy” of Big Business, Big Tech, Big Government, Big Labor, and other powerful forces to oust President Trump from office. The behind-the-scenes operation has eerie parallels with “Color Revolutions” — revolutions staged in foreign lands to overthrow their governments, directed and organized by U.S. operatives and run through non-governmental organizations — staged by the very same operatives who took down Trump.

In a piece in the February 15 issue of *Time* magazine headlined “The Secret History of the Shadow Campaign That Saved the 2020 Election,” propagandist Molly Ball gloats about it all. “There was a conspiracy unfolding behind the scenes, one that both curtailed the protests and coordinated the resistance from CEOs,” she wrote, saying Trump was “right” about the orchestrated plot to oust him. “Both surprises were the result of an informal alliance between left-wing activists and business titans.”

The conspiracy involved “a well-funded cabal of powerful people, ranging across industries and ideologies, working together behind the scenes to influence

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Paid propagandist: Journalists of a bygone era would have been ashamed, but *Time*'s Molly Ball bragged about her role as a propagandist for the anti-Trump “conspiracy” and “cabal.”

perceptions, change rules and laws, steer media coverage and control the flow of information,” Ball explained, bragging of her role as their mouthpiece to tell their version of the story without pesky fairness or even any opportunity to comment for victims of the effort.

One example she cited of the “alliance” of conspirators against Trump was a joint statement by the globalist U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the far-left AFL-CIO labor union published on election day. It involved Big Business and Big Labor joining forces to oppose what the propagandist describes, without giving details or evidence, as Trump’s “assault on democracy” — never mind that the true assault on self-government came from the conspirators.

But of course, as *Time* admits, that alliance between anti-American business bigwigs and far-left labor organizers was just the tip of the iceberg of the anti-Trump machinery that was working to destroy the president. “The handshake between busi-

ness and labor was just one component of a vast, cross-partisan campaign to protect the election,” wrote Ball, touting a “loosely organized coalition of operatives” who were mostly on the left but included NeverTrump “conservatives” as well.

The *Time* propaganda piece, which the Deep State no doubt hopes will be the official historical account of the subversive actions, describes the scheme like this:

Their work touched every aspect of the election. They got states to change voting systems and laws and helped secure hundreds of millions in public and private funding. They fended off voter-suppression lawsuits, recruited armies of poll workers and got millions of people to vote by mail for the first time. They successfully pressured social media companies to take a harder line against disinformation and used data-driven strategies to fight viral smears. They

executed national public-awareness campaigns that helped Americans understand how the vote count would unfold over days or weeks, preventing Trump's conspiracy theories and false claims of victory from getting more traction. After Election Day, they monitored every pressure point to ensure that Trump could not overturn the result.

THE NEW AMERICAN reported on much of this. In fact, in September, this writer exposed the schemers working on a "Color Revolution"-style campaign to overthrow President Trump by any means necessary. The plot — elements of which were almost certainly illegal — included many of the very same State Department and "Intelligence Community" operatives who had been using similar tactics for decades to overthrow Eastern European and Middle Eastern governments.

One of the key figures involved in the plot, we reported, was former Obama "Ethics" Czar Norm Eisen, who has been foaming at the mouth to remove the president for years. Interestingly, Eisen actually wrote the go-to manual on Color Revolution, known as "The Playbook," before unleashing it in America against America's elected president. Eisen's strategies, by his own admission, are merely

a continuation of those pioneered by the "originator and Godfather of the Color Revolution model."

In the *Time* piece, the rabid anti-Trumper gloats about it all. "The untold story of the election is the thousands of people of both parties who accomplished the triumph of American democracy at its very foundation," Eisen is quoted as saying, adding that the "scariest moment" of the entire election was when Michigan's Republican legislature considered sending Trump delegates to defeat what most GOP voters and even many Democrats across the state viewed as a blatantly rigged vote in Detroit.

While Eisen is described as "a prominent lawyer and former Obama Administration official who recruited Republicans and Democrats to the board of the Voter Protection Program," the *Time* propaganda never mentions his long career as a "regime change professional" overthrowing foreign governments for the Deep State.

Other key operatives in the plot to take down Trump include AFL-CIO schemer Mike Podhorzer, who is painted as one of the leading luminaries behind the conspiracy. Some of his co-conspirators included bigwigs at the tax-funded baby slaughterhouse Planned Parenthood, Greenpeace, George Soros-funded MoveOn.org, the Marxist-led Black Lives Matter move-

ment, and countless others. Eventually, key figures from Congress (unnamed), the Big Tech totalitarians in Silicon Valley, and even state officials were brought into the conspiracy too. Facebook money helped finance part of the conspiracy, Ball reported. Big Tech censorship and algorithms to suppress truth that the anti-Trump forces viewed as "disinformation" were key, too.

Of course, much of Ball's narrative in *Time* is simply fraudulent, as anyone can verify for themselves. For instance, propagandist Ball claims that when the media called the race for Biden on November 7, "jubilation broke out" and "people thronged cities across the U.S. to celebrate the democratic process that resulted in Trump's ouster." While tiny "throngs" may have come together in Democrat bastions such as New York and Los Angeles, across the rest of America, even the fake media's polls showed average Americans believed it was rigged.

The propaganda piece never even touches on the countless affidavits offering massive evidence of systemic voter fraud across America. It also blatantly misrepresents facts that anyone can check. For example, Ball claims Trump urged his supporters in D.C. to "go to the Capitol and 'fight like hell.'" That is a lie. Trump actually declared as a fact that "we fight like hell," and added that "if you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore." When making comments on the Capitol, Trump urged supporters to "peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard" there.

Ball actually admits and appears to relish the fact that she was chosen to serve as the mouthpiece for the "cabal" of conspirators, saying the "participants want the secret history of the 2020 election told." The cabal was obviously behind her efforts, with Ball saying the "inside story of the conspiracy" she retells — at least the propaganda version the conspirators want you to believe — came from her exclusive access to "the group's inner workings, never-before-seen documents and interviews with dozens of those involved from across the political spectrum." In short, *Time* and its fake "journalists" now all but celebrate their role as establishment lapdogs who parrot Deep State propaganda to the public. ■



"Color Revolution[ary]": Norm Eisen, who played a major role in anti-Trump schemes, was a "regime-change professional" in other countries, yet *Time* celebrated his anti-presidential role.

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REAPPORTIONMENT'S HISTORY AND POLITICAL IMPACT

With the U.S. census set to give more congressional seats to Republican-leaning states, to retain power, Democrats are pushing hard to change how districting is done in the states.

by **Steve Byas**

Since 1790, and the first federal census of the United States, the number of representatives that each state is entitled to send to the U.S. House of Representatives has been determined by the total population of each state, with few exceptions. The process that is used to allot a state this number is known as reapportionment. Dividing the state up into congressional districts was left up to whatever process each state opted to use, and is usually referred to as redistricting.

The drawing of these districts can often ultimately contribute to which party wins a specific congressional seat, and as such can be a highly contentious process. In addition to its effect upon the makeup of the U.S. House, reapportionment can add or subtract the number of electoral votes to which a state is entitled to cast in a presidential elec-

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tion. And federal census data is also used in the creation of new legislative districts in the states. Reapportionment has no direct effect upon the Senate today, as each state's two senators are elected in a statewide vote, but before the passage of the 17th Amendment, when state legislatures chose the U.S. senators who would represent their state, it had a more direct impact.

After the federal census determines the population of the United States, that number is then divided by the number of congressional districts (435) to arrive at the approximate number each member of the House will represent. For example, if this number was one million, and a state's population was four million, the state would have four representatives. Of course, states might have a few thousand less than that, or a few thousand more than that, requiring mathematical formulas be used to solve this situation. However, every state is entitled to at least one representative, regardless of the state's population. This lone representative is then known as the "at-large"

representative, as that congressional district is the same as the boundary of the entire state. Seven states — Alaska, Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming — have only one member in the House of Representatives.

Various apportionment methods have been used over the course of U.S. history. Under the Apportionment Act of 1792, for example, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson's suggestion to require fractional remainders to be discarded when calculating each state's total number of U.S. representatives was accepted by Congress.

The delegates to the Constitutional Convention wanted men, women, and children to all be counted in determining a state's population, and thus the number of representatives they were entitled to in the House. This is why the Constitution requires a census to take place every 10 years, as populations change. The delegates estimated how many representatives each state would be entitled to until

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Not a body count: The census determines how many U.S. representatives each state has. Recently, the Trump administration argued that illegal immigrants shouldn't be counted. Logically that's true. At the founding, American Indians not under the country's jurisdiction were not counted.

the first census would be taken in 1790. (There were censuses taken at the state level prior to this.)

It is believed that the first census probably missed as much as 10 percent of the population, for various reasons. One reason was that some Americans knew that censuses were usually a precursor to the levying of taxes. That was the purpose of the census taken in England after the Normans conquered the country in 1066. And of course, perhaps the most famous census in history was that taken by the Romans when Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. That census was explicitly taken for taxation purposes.

Who Is Counted in the Census?

Of course, not everyone was counted in the census. The American Indians were explicitly not counted, and neither were foreign diplomats and their families, or persons in the country as tourists. But, since who would be counted would determine the political clout of a state, whether to count those held in slavery was controversial.

Southern delegates wanted all of the slaves to be counted for representation purposes, while Northern delegates preferred that none be counted. About 90 percent of the slave population lived in the various Southern states. As a compro-

mise, it was decided during the Constitutional Convention that three-fifths of the slaves would be counted for both representation and taxation purposes. This is the genesis of the uninformed statement that the Constitution says “Black people are three-fifths of a person.” Of course, that is not true.

Nowadays, illegal immigrants are still excluded from the census, as are diplomats and tourists. During the days in which the states were colonies of the British Empire, immigrants from Europe had come to the Colonies in search of a better way of life — economic, political, and religious. Jews, for example, looked at America as a better place to live than Europe, and both Rhode Island and Pennsylvania especially experienced large influxes of religious immigration because both were quite tolerant of diverse religious viewpoints. Once the states had seceded from the British Empire and won their independence, this immigration from the Old World continued. These people were largely cutting their ties to their previous country, and were settlers in the new land, fully intending to make America their new home.

Today, however, there are large numbers of individuals who are living in the country illegally. Rightly, they should not be counted for representation purposes, as the majority will never become U.S. citizens, and will probably never vote legally. Many have no allegiance to America whatsoever. This is what led the Trump administration to seek to exclude these so-called undocumented immigrants from the census count of 2020.

Predictably, this led to political opposition from those who believe they benefited politically from the illegal population being counted, leading to litigation in court. Administration opponents argued that the Constitution requires a count of the “whole number of persons.” The administration contended that undocumented immigrants were not inhabitants as the Framers would have used the term when writing the Constitution and making decisions as to how to divide up the number of representatives among the states.

In late December, the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to decide the case, arguing that it would be premature to rule on the case at this time as it is “riddled with contingencies and speculation,” adding,

“At the end of the day, the standing and ripeness inquiries both lead to the conclusion that judicial resolution” of this case is “premature.”

While the Supreme Court opted not to intervene on this question, at least for now, past court decisions have dramatically impacted redistricting. In 1962, in the case of *Baker v. Carr*, the court claimed that redistricting was not just a political decision, but qualified as a decision that could be adjudicated in federal court. In *Wesberry v. Sanders*, the court ruled that districts for the U.S. House of Representatives must be approximately equal in population. While some accepted intervention in the redistricting decisions for the federal legislature, the Supreme Court went even further in the case *Reynolds v. Sims* in 1964, in deciding that the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment required that state legislative districts also had to be equal in population. Some states had modeled their state senates after the federal senate, which protected geographical interests, but that was not acceptable to the High Court.

Whom to count has become increasingly contentious because states can now lose representation, even if they actually make

gains in their population. This is because other states are gaining in population at a faster rate. This scenario was not always the case. Until well into the 20th century, as states gained in population, they also gained in the number of representatives they could send to Congress. No states actually lost representation, unless they actually declined in population. Then, in 1929, Congress passed the Reapportionment Act of 1929, which capped the size of the House at 435. The concern was that the number of House members was going to soon outgrow the physical size of the chamber, but that action caused some states to lose some representation, even if they lost no population.

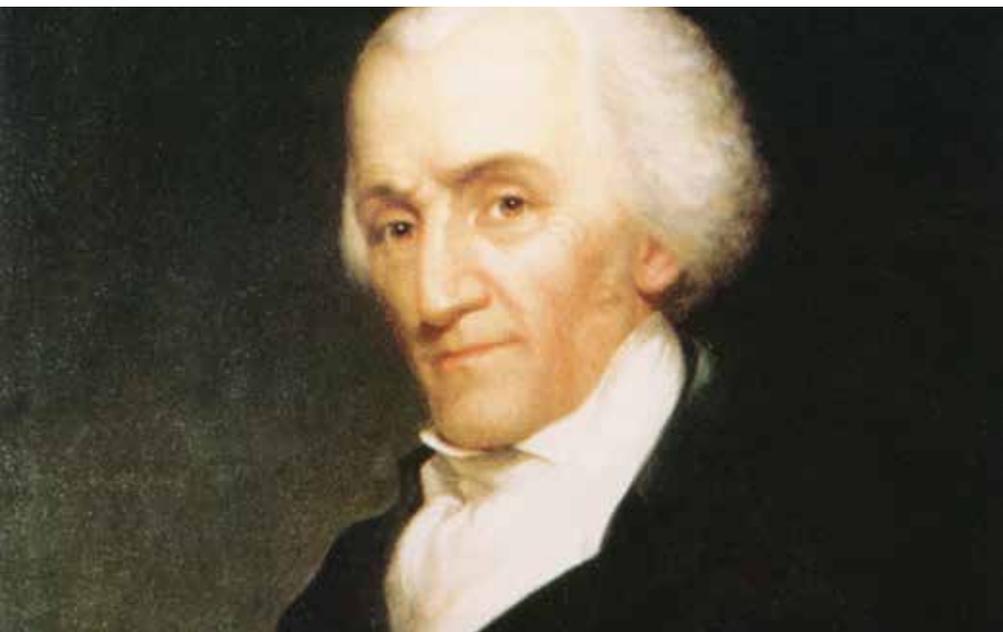
The Effect of Gerrymandering

The drawing of congressional district lines has been controversial since the early years of the Republic. It did not take long after the rise of political parties for state legislators whose party had control of a legislative body to realize that they could draw new boundaries to the advantage of their party. During the second term of Governor Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Legislature drew new state senate districts that led to the coining of

the word “gerrymander.” One district was drawn in such an odd shape that someone remarked that it resembled a salamander. Another person, knowing who had drawn it, laughed and said it was actually a “gerrymander.” That term has stuck to describe the drawing of congressional and legislative district lines to the advantage of the party in power in the legislature.

One gerrymandering method is to place into one district (or as few districts as is feasible) all the voting populations inclined to vote for the minority party, so as to ensure the victory of the ruling party in all of the other districts. For example, in my home state of Oklahoma, following the 1980 census, when Oklahoma had only one Republican (the state now has five) among the six seats in the U.S. House delegation, the Democrats who ran the legislature decided to “stretch” the boundaries of Congressman Mickey Edwards’ district, the lone district then represented by a Republican, from its previous borders confined to Oklahoma County (where Oklahoma City is located), all the way to the Kansas border, giving him as many Republican voters as possible, and thus keeping those Republican voters from affecting the remaining five districts. Republicans predictably cried foul (except for Edwards, who rather liked the security of an overwhelming Republican district), but it was to no avail.

This power to draw both congressional and legislative districts to the advantage of the party controlling the legislature has been criticized by both parties (when they are in the minority, of course). Because of this, several state legislatures have voluntarily surrendered this power to so-called independent or bipartisan redistricting commissions (or had it taken from them by ballot initiative petitions in states that have such a process). In most of the states, the legislature maintains primary responsibility, with some states using some sort of “independent” commission. Five states have “independent” commissions, but the legislature can still veto their work, while Arkansas uses a commission made up of the governor, the attorney general, and the secretary of state (though how that is any less partisan than leaving it up to the legislature, if those three executive branch officials are all of one party, is not clear).



Political art: Because Governor Elbridge Gerry favored congressional and legislative district boundaries being drawn to the advantage of his political party and one oddly shaped district was said to resemble a salamander, the term “gerrymander” entered our political vocabulary.

Despite the difficulty in truly taking “politics” out of a political process, proponents of stripping legislatures of the power to make redistricting decisions persist. In Oklahoma, for example, Democrats have urged the adoption of these supposedly unbiased commissions (now that the Republicans dominate both houses of the state legislature). A group calling itself People Not Politicians (PNP) spearheaded an effort to create a ballot initiative to create an “independent” commission for redistricting legislative and congressional districts in Oklahoma. The group was unable to muster enough support to get the proposal placed on the 2020 election ballot.

Modern Attacks on Legislative Redistricting Authority

There is a national movement to strip this redistricting power from elected state legislatures and turn it over to unelected bodies. Oklahoma’s Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat (the most powerful figure in Oklahoma’s Senate) explained why redistricting commissions are a bad idea. “Liberal politicians like [former] President Obama and his attorney general, Eric Holder, are using these kinds of pro-

posals as a way to support radical progressive viewpoints in Oklahoma and other states. This is a redistricting coup, not an attempt at fair maps.” This way, instead of a Republican-dominated legislature redrawing the lines, districts more favorable to Democrats can be drawn by these supposedly “non-partisan” commissions, which is really just a usurpation of the design of the Founders. When the Constitution was adopted, it included many features that ensured that states would retain considerable clout in our federal system of government. These included the Electoral College (which is likewise under attack), in which the states elect the president. It also included a U.S. Senate whose membership was elected by the state legislatures, with the additional feature that every state legislature would elect two members regardless of size. Unfortunately, the 17th Amendment took this power of election away from the state legislatures, eliminating the powerful leverage a state government can exercise over a senator they believe is not sufficiently defending the state’s interests.

The power to create U.S. House districts, then, is one of the few powers that state legislatures actually still possess that

gives them any degree of leverage over their representatives in either house of Congress. Very little was heard about gerrymandering when Democrats dominated this process after the decennial censuses of 1960, 1970, or 1980. This was a major reason why Democrats controlled the House for four decades, yet neither the Democrats nor their allies in the mainstream media considered gerrymandering in favor of the Democratic Party as much of a problem.

But then, after the Republicans captured the House with the 1994 elections and began to dominate many legislative bodies, suddenly there was a supposed “non-partisan” concern about gerrymandering.

Michael Barone wrote in a recent column, “Democrats have proved adept at gaming” the proceedings of these supposed nonpartisan independent commissions. Still, states that lean Republican — such as Texas and Florida — are expected to gain multiple seats as their populations grow (this will also impact the Electoral College vote). Five other states are expected to gain one seat each. In contrast, the Democrat-leaning states of New York, Illinois, and California are all expected to lose seats. (This will be the first time in history that that will happen to California, as disgruntled residents continue to exit the increasingly leftist state and its oppressive government.)

Because of these population shifts, after the present census, Republicans should gain six seats — even without aggressive gerrymandering. This alone would give the Republicans control of the House of Representatives in 2022. With aggressive gerrymandering, Republican legislatures could increase their margins even more.

One problem that the Democrats have, as Barone notes, is that Democratic voters “tend to be clustered geographically, in central cities, sympathetic suburbs and university towns. Republican voters are spread around more evenly.”

In the end, as with all systems of government, nothing is perfect. But it would seem that the best solution is to leave the drawing of both legislative and congressional district boundaries up to elected officials, rather than unelected commissions, who are not likely to be any less “political” than legislators. ■



Oklahoma State Senator Greg Treat is among many leaders denouncing turning over redistricting to unelected “independent commissions.” The power of state legislatures to draw congressional district lines is one of the few powers allowing states to influence their congressional delegations.

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A RATIONAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19

As COVID-19 spread, American governments locked down much of the country and waited for a vaccine, but there was always a better way to safeguard Americans.



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The masking campaign: Protecting the people or instilling fear in them? Before this pandemic, it was an article of faith in the medical profession that common masks did not slow the transmission of viral respiratory illnesses.

by Jeffrey Barrett

There are times when it is useful to compare what government authorities have done to solve a problem with what they could have done in order to determine what might have worked better, and then ask the question: “Why is there such a disparity between the two?” Such is the case with the so-called COVID-19 pandemic.

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We are constantly told to “follow the science,” so let us do just that in order to see where it takes us.

The first thing to notice is that coronaviruses have been known to science for a long time. What has been different about the virus that causes COVID-19 is the reaction of governments to this particular strain of coronavirus, a reaction not seen with governments in the past. The American government, and others, attempted to “stop the spread” of the virus by shutting down large portions of the economy, keeping people isolated in their homes, and shoveling massive amounts of money

at the pharmaceutical companies to rush to market vaccines that in the past have always taken years of testing in order to ascertain long-term safety, in addition to short-term safety and efficacy.

At the very beginning of the “pandemic,” governments — America’s included — chose to confront COVID-19 with remedies that were disruptive, expensive, and potentially unsafe, though existing research published in medical journals provided solutions that were simple, cheap, effective, and safe. Put simply, COVID-19 did not have to be a crisis for the United States or, for that matter, other Western nations, and there was never a need for millions of Americans to lose their jobs and businesses, or to hide in terror in their basements.

Take, for example, safe, cheap, and effective Vitamin D. Millions of Americans are deficient in Vitamin D (41 percent of all adults), with the problem being especially acute among elderly and dark-skinned people. Yet a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* states that people with medically recommended amounts of Vitamin D in their serum have a 77-percent less chance of contracting COVID symptoms. That amount of disease reduction approaches the efficacy rate claimed by Pfizer and Moderna for their vaccines, but Vitamin D, in standard medically approved doses, has basically zero short- and long-term safety issues, which cannot be said about the vaccines. To immediately lower sickness and death rates from COVID-19, government agencies such as the FDA could have made it easy for people to test

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Vitamin regimens: At the beginning of the pandemic, Vitamin D was available for early prevention of COVID, but like other preventive measures, its use was not pushed, or even encouraged, by government.

their Vitamin D levels and, if needed, get access to the immunity-enhancing supplement itself.

In addition to this preventive therapy, the government could also have promoted adequate intake of zinc. Again, millions of Americans are deficient in zinc, yet zinc has long been known to science as an effective antiviral agent, used to ward off colds, herpes simplex, hepatitis C, and even HIV. As WebMD stated, “Researchers from Spain reporting at a European coronavirus conference found that hospitalized COVID-19 patients with low blood levels of zinc tended to fare worse than those with healthier levels.” While zinc’s exact antiviral mechanism is not known, it is thought that when it is in cells in sufficient amounts, it prevents

replication of viruses. Since zinc does not easily enter human cells, it has to be combined with an ionophore or “transporter,” such as the supplement quercetin, which is cheap, effective, safe, and easily obtainable from plants. (There are other inexpensive supplements that do the same job.) Once bonded with an ionophore, zinc enters cells and effectively keeps the SARS-coV-2 virus from developing into full-blown COVID-19.

In the fight against COVID, a concerned but cautious government could have recommended the above-mentioned supplements back in March, knowing that the risk associated with taking recommended dosages is essentially zero, and then launched a large randomized double-blind population study to increase the cer-

tainty level of the efficacy of the zinc-and-ionophore protocol.

The government also made a serious misstep with regard to hydroxychloroquine. Early in the pandemic, doctors around the world who actually were treating COVID patients found that hydroxychloroquine, when combined with an antibiotic such as azithromycin, improved their patients’ recovery in the early stages of the disease, and when combined with zinc, greatly improved those recoveries. But the government chose to focus on negative studies published in *Lancet* and *NEJM*, studies based on the same fraudulent data set, and when the two journals were forced to retract those studies, the FDA did not reinstate emergency use authorization for the hydroxychloroquine/zinc/azithromycin protocol. Later in the pandemic, doctors in some clinics found that another safe drug, ivermectin, was also highly effective in patients in both the early and more advanced stages of the disease. It was only after a great number of doctors went public at a Senate hearing and lobbied hard for use of the drug that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) changed its recommendation from “oppose” to “neutral” on its usage, and as of this writing, the FDA still has not put the drug on its “emergency use” list. The great majority of doctors are simply not willing to prescribe drugs for “off label” use without the government medical agencies giving them legal cover.

All of the above protocols have certain things in common. They were discovered early or fairly early on, they were effective, and unlike the vaccines the government was promoting, they already had a decades-long safety record when prescribed in recommended dosages.

Meanwhile, to greatly lower deaths rates from COVID-19, governments could have and should have protected those who are most vulnerable to viral infections: elderly people with comorbidities (other physical conditions that might exacerbate the illness, such as heart disease or diabetes), especially those residing in nursing and retirement homes. Governments could have immediately imposed strict testing protocols on everyone who entered those facilities, emphasizing temperature checks at the beginning of the outbreak and then adding COVID testing when it became

available. But early on, governments did the opposite. Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York and other governors actually sent known COVID-infected patients to live in nursing homes. The fact that nursing home residents make up something on the order of 40 percent of all COVID-related deaths should therefore surprise no one.

And if the overburdening of hospitals by COVID patients — the original rationale for the lockdowns — ever became a real risk, the government also could have adopted the strategy proposed by Harvard epidemiologist Michael Minor, which would have made widely available cheap, five-minute, in-home COVID tests that show actual COVID infectiousness, rather than use tests that show minute traces of non-infectious SARS-coV-2 virus, as has been the standard across the country. The rapid antigen test suggested by Minor is as easy to use as a home pregnancy test and would have alerted people with positive results to stay away from the elderly, the group most in danger from COVID. Dr. Minor contacted both the CDC and FDA to explain the public health benefits of rapid antigen tests, but they were not interested.

From the very beginning of the COVID “crisis,” government authorities could have listened to the science and promoted these cheap, safe, and effective

remedies, but they chose instead to instigate a severe government-induced recession that, as many economists and some medical people have pointed out, causes enormous carnage, such as deaths due to stress-induced heart failure, stress-related suicides, and medical problems caused by the postponement of needed examinations and surgeries for such things as cancer and heart disease. (Both cancer and heart disease cause upwards of 600,000 deaths in our country each year.)

Those lockdown-related deaths, which are projected to be far greater than the number of deaths caused from COVID itself, are compounded by the suffering caused by spiking rates of spousal abuse, child abuse, drug addiction, falling school grades, and clinical depression brought on by job losses, business failures, loneliness, and social isolation.

Also hurting Americans are the trillions of dollars newly manufactured by the Federal Reserve to temporarily alleviate some of the lockdown-induced pain and pay for vaccines, worsening America’s debt burden and threatening to create price inflation, which always affects the poor more than the wealthy.

If the government had from the beginning of COVID instituted a methodology that realistically measured the danger of

COVID, panic over the disease probably would have been nearly nonexistent. The real danger of SARS-coV-2 lies not in how many people contract the virus, but in how sick they get. During the “pandemic,” our federal government, as well as its supporters in the press, endlessly trumpeted rising infection rates as a harbinger of mortal danger, but rarely pointed out that the CDC estimates the COVID death rate of people 69 years old or younger to be between .5 and .003 percent which suggests that only the elderly should be “sheltering in place” until the country achieves herd immunity. And the true death rate is likely to be even lower than that. Hospitals are reimbursed an extra 20 percent for each reported COVID death, and the CDC, which changed normal mortality reporting standards with regard to COVID, now not only allows but actively encourages hospitals to report a patient as having died from COVID even if that patient suffered from far more serious comorbidities. As the old saying goes: “Show me the incentive, and I will show you the outcome.” At any rate, COVID-19 is in no way a killer comparable to a serious virus such as the 1918 Spanish Flu, which, by the way, did not greatly impact the country’s economy and thereby increase deaths and hardship brought on by economic distress. Furthermore, even the “official” death rate from COVID-19 is comparable to that of the Asian Flu of the late 1950s, a disease that barely registers a blip in American history from that decade.

In summary, the government could have thwarted the nationwide COVID problem by recommending a prevention, home-testing, and early stage-treatment approach. Instead, the government chose to focus on rushing to market a novel vaccine, locking down the economy, and prohibiting ordinary social interaction.

It’s logical to ask why the government did not “follow the science” but instead inflicted so much damage upon the population. One cannot be absolutely sure, but the reader can reflect upon different possibilities and decide for himself. Three possibilities frequently mentioned are government incompetence, regulatory capture, and the Great Reset. Of course, all could be factors at play to varying degrees, since they are not mutually exclusive.

1) Government incompetence — This



A teenage girl stuck indoors: Was it wise for officials to ignore the human costs of social isolation? Drug abuse, suicides, and physical abuse skyrocketed when the lockdowns were implemented.



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Waiting for people to get very ill: Hospitals generally offered only advanced-stage COVID treatment, sending home people in the first stages of the disease without treatment. By the time the hospital treated patients, for many, it was too late.

possibility needs little explication. Public servants, who almost never get fired even for egregious incompetence, do not have the same incentives as private-sector workers to provide competent service to the public.

2) Regulatory capture — This has been widely discussed by economists for decades. Government regulatory agencies easily slip into a type of partnership with the entities they are supposed to be regulating. The three major government medical agencies — the FDA, CDC, and NIH — all receive millions of dollars from pharmaceutical companies whose business models depend upon hugely expensive drugs and cures being favorably viewed by those very agencies. Every year the FDA gets nearly half its budgetary income from drug companies, and employees regularly go back and forth between “public service” jobs and “private” drug companies. Little wonder that public-sector overseers might be favorably disposed to the drug companies’ needs, such as waiting for a new vaccine drug to combat COVID, rather than look for other methodologies to treat the disease. Add to this the fact that in 1986 the drug companies successfully lobbied for and won legal immunity from any vaccine they bring to market, so those companies don’t even have to worry about

the judicial side of the government for a vaccine failure.

3) The Great Reset — The Great Reset is, as the title of a World Economic Forum article says plainly, a project to “reinvent capitalism,” and the forum aspires to carry out this drastic “reinvention” in the very near future. On the surface this may sound like an easily dismissed “tin-foil hat” proposal, but the World Economic Forum is by no means a fringe entity. In fact, the forum is famous for bringing together the world’s movers and shakers every year in Davos, Switzerland, precisely to discuss the forum’s agenda and how to implement it. Those Davos meetings are attended by some of the most powerful, wealthy, and influential people on the planet. The Great Reset is backed by the U.S.-based Council on Foreign Relations, the UN, Pope Francis, Prince Charles of England, and other world leaders, whether they attend the Davos meetings or not.

Only part of the Great Reset explanation belongs in the realm of speculation. Outsiders theorize that the world elites know that the neo-Keynesian economic model followed by the world’s governments of borrowing money, spending it, and repeatedly rolling over the debt will soon reach its point of exhaustion because the promises that Western governments have made

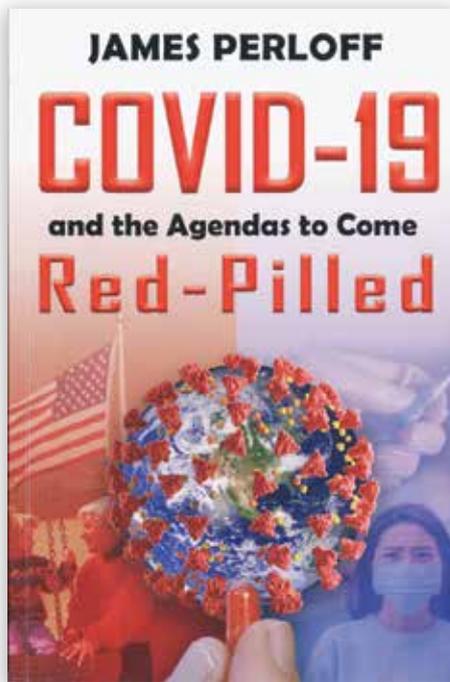
to supply current services and future expenditures, such as cushy pensions, will require more money than governments can possibly raise from future taxes and borrowing. The theory holds that globalists in and out of government realize that “purchasing” the compliance of the masses cannot continue indefinitely and they may have to resort to more coercive methods of population control, so they have been pushing the COVID scare because if the masses are sufficiently fearful due to an ongoing worldwide virus crisis, they will in their desperation accept much greater government control (and high tech surveillance) over their lives.

What isn’t in the realm of speculation are the very specific enunciated goals of the Great Reset. The leaders of the World Economic Forum have been brazenly open about how they plan to solve the world’s problems: by globalizing the world’s decision-making and socializing the world economy — the Great Reset. They have dredged up the old communist ideal of central ownership of the “means of production” and have gone beyond even that, advocating that all consumer goods will also be owned by a central government authority. Consumers will “rent” from the centralized government everything they need, including clothes, or be provided free everything they need, with the elites determining what they need and don’t need. The WEF elites stated flat-out in a recent video, “Eight Predictions for the World in 2030”: “You will own nothing and you’ll be happy.” Klaus Schwab, the founder and leader of the World Economic Forum, never tires of repeating to the world leaders whom he hosts and toasts that the COVID crisis is a great opportunity for them to push the agenda forward much quicker than previously envisioned.

The reader is free to pick, choose, and combine any of these or other speculations as to the strange behavior of his government leaders during this COVID “crisis.” But one thing the reader should never do is blindly accept the word of authority simply because it is authority, especially when his or his family’s health is at stake. He has no option but to do his own research and trust that honesty, logic, and the abundance of available evidence will bring him closer to the truth. ■

Policy Choices During COVID-19

In his latest book, James Perloff examines the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and recounts the terrible policy choices that have shackled Americans in the name of public health.



by Dennis Behreandt

COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come: Red-Pilled, by James Perloff, Burlington, Massachusetts: Refuge Books, 2020, 207 pages, paperback.

Just 14 months ago, life in the United States and in the rest of the world was what we might fondly recall as “normal.” There was no serious talk of a “reset,” no systematic authoritarian purges of ideological foes, no military occupation of the nation’s capital, no dictatorial edicts from state governments decreeing only some workers to be essential and forcing others to stay home.

Then came the coronavirus and with it the rapid onset (one might say onslaught) of Chinese communist-style government lockdowns. Today, that intolerable situation persists, creating a dystopia of the sort only previously imagined by the darkest science fiction.

“The Powers That Be” have worked tirelessly, using the pandemic as leverage to consolidate their control over every aspect of the economy, society, and personal behavior in their effort to “reset” the world to a “new normal.” This effort can be resisted and stopped, and must be, if freedom is to be preserved and government is to be restrained once again by the “chains of the Constitution.” Achieving this, however, means understanding our overlords’ actions and agendas.

As ever, accessing accurate and essential information is needed to build the understanding that is the solid foundation of any effort to restore a measure of sanity to the nation. Unfortunately, in all times and places when or wherever tyranny rises, its first program is to eliminate the spread of critical information. And so it is in the United States in 2020 and 2021: People are “cancelled” for having the temerity to call out the shocking abuses of power that are now witnessed every day. Videos are taken down, Twitter accounts blocked, and books banned.

One of those banned books is *COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come, Red-Pilled* by longtime journalist and author James Perloff.

Perhaps best known for his analysis of what is now generally referred to as the “Deep State” in his 1988 book *The Shadows of Power*, Perloff remains at the height of his power as a writer, able to examine complex issues with clarity and present them with simplicity.

This may be enough to recommend the book on its own, but the most important aspect of Perloff’s latest work is the sheer mass of information compiled. As much of the information presented stems from happenings and motivations early in the pandemic and the associated lockdowns, *COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come, Red Pilled* is a key resource for understanding the early development of the medical tyranny that continues to grip the nation and the world.

As a registered nurse, the author brings an informed medical perspective to the book. Thus, relatively early on, he is able to put the COVID-19 pandemic into perspective, comparing it to other pandemic diseases, notably various strains of the flu. The flu virus, of course, is not the same as the coronavirus, but comparisons can still be made between death rates and policy choices.

Looking back at earlier outbreaks, Perloff writes, “The CDC says the Asian Flu of 1957-58 killed 1.1 million worldwide and 116,000 in the United States, and the 1968 Hong Kong Flu killed one million worldwide and about 100,000 in the U.S.”

These are lower numbers than the current pandemic has claimed, but the population of the United States and the world was also much lower in those earlier decades. “Even if we accept the official COVID-19 death totals at face value,” Perloff notes, “those older numbers were still greater. Furthermore, since world population was 2.8 billion in 1957 and 3.5 billion in 1968 (compared to 7.8 billion today) the earlier death rates represented a much higher percentage of the population. Yet no one back then dreamed of locking down economies or quarantining the healthy.”

With regard to a disease such as COVID, a sensible policy would be to protect the vulnerable, which is well understood to be the elderly, especially those in that demographic cohort who have other complicating conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, or conditions that compromise their immune systems. But that’s not what government did. In fact, as Perloff notes, it did just the opposite, contributing to elevated death rates in nursing homes, where the population of the most vulnerable people was to be found.

On this point, Perloff relates the tragic policy pursued by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. He quotes the *New York Post*, which reported: “Gov. Cuomo doubled down Sunday on the state’s contro-

versial directive ordering homes to admit COVID-19 patients.”

This tragically irresponsible decision in New York was replicated in other states, and it shouldn't have happened. Perloff recounts an interview between two doctors, Dr. Simone Gold, a board-certified ER physician, and Dr. Dan Wohlgeertner, a cardiologist trained at the Yale University School of Medicine.

As Wohlgeertner noted, according to Perloff, it was known as early as February 2020 that the elderly were the population most at risk. “So why did Governor Cuomo and his health commissioner force the nursing homes to take patients?” Dr. Wohlgeertner asked. “Well, it was part of the overall panic.... The hospitals ... were afraid that they would be overwhelmed.” So they wanted to send patients who didn't need intensive treatment somewhere else.

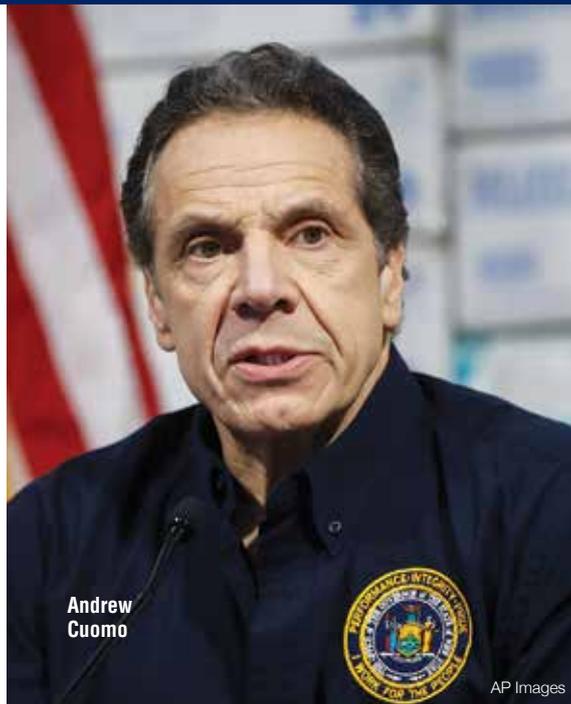
“Well, there were places in New York where they could have sent them: the Javits Center, which had been equipped; the Navy ship *Comfort* had been sent to New York Harbor. Instead they were sent to nursing homes, where it created massive death.”

This was “just absolute negligence in terms of decision-making,” Wohlgeertner concluded.

This is where Perloff's experience as a nurse is particularly valuable and unique. “As a registered nurse who has worked in multiple acute care hospitals as well as in nursing homes during my career, I can state categorically that most nursing homes lack the staffing, equipment, and training needed to deal with acute infectious illnesses,” the author writes.

He continues: “The political decision to send acutely ill COVID patients into nursing homes was the exact opposite of normal protocols. These homes thus became hotspots for rapid spread of the virus among the most vulnerable — the elderly. Compounding the cruelty of the situation, family members were routinely forbidden to visit, meaning these people had to die alone.”

Keep in mind that the politicians who made this negligent, tragic, and deadly decision were the same ones who decided the best way to respond to the pandemic was to slaughter Americans' civil liberties.



Whether these terrible decisions were the result of incompetence, panic, or derangement, or some combination thereof, the result was the same: a rapid escalation in sickness, death, and tyranny.

If there is a weak spot in this otherwise valuable book, it is where it engages in speculation. A section of the book presents the idea that the rollout of 5G technology is correlated with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The author draws brief attention, for instance, to one of the strange episodes from the original epicenter of the outbreak in Wuhan, China.

There, “residents, who appeared healthy and were engaged in routine activities, were photographed suddenly dropping dead,” the author writes. “This has led some to ask if they were unable to process oxygen due to directed electromagnetic blasts from Wuhan's network of approximately 10,000 5G antennas.”

In science, correlation is not causation, and though this is a well-known fundamental logical principle, it nonetheless is a common tripwire for many. There is no known causal mechanism that links 5G and this reported phenomenon. Moreover, other causal mechanisms may be in play. As for 5G, China had over 700,000 5G base stations as of the end of 2020, and plans to install as many as 600,000 more according to *China Daily*. If 5G were

causing citizens in Wuhan to suddenly collapse, the rapid expansion of base station installations would seem likely to cause an ever-expanding number of these incidents. That doesn't seem to be happening.

Still, Perloff doesn't take the 5G theory at face value, but presents it primarily as a reporter informing his readers that the theory exists while also describing its basic premise. And he prefaces his discussion of the topic by noting that there is disagreement on the matter. There are, he writes, “responsible people in alternative media who argue against, or at least question, a 5G role.”

After reviewing the myriad facts and details that the book relates about the development of the pandemic and the terrible and tyrannical responses to it from government officials, readers may be left feeling disturbed, angry, or even depressed.

What can be done about this turn of events? Is there any reason for hope?

Perloff makes the case that there is hope, and ends with a chapter full of examples of people who are standing up to the tyranny visited upon us in the name of public health. He cites many examples, including Catholic Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, evangelical Christian pastor Chuck Baldwin, Fox News host Tucker Carlson, Jon Bolt of *Sky News Australia*, and many others. Since his book was written fairly early in the pandemic, many other names and examples could now be cited as well, including noted scientists and doctors such as Dr. Scott Atlas and Professor John P. A. Ioannidis, to name just two. Nor, in this regard, should the Great Barrington Declaration opposing lockdowns and signed by over 40,000 medical professionals, 13,000 scientists, and over 700,000 concerned citizens be overlooked.

No book is perfect, and *COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come, Red-Pilled* is no exception to that rule. But it is a very valuable record of the development of our pandemic *annus horribilus* of 2020, and it is necessary reading for those who want to understand how we came to be at the precipice of worldwide tyranny. And that knowledge and understanding is necessary if we are to return to normal and prevent the same mistakes from recurring in the future. ■



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Wheels to Work

Chris Lewis of Pisgah Forest, North Carolina, has made it his mission to refurbish old cars for neighbors who have no means of transportation, donating his time to the Sharing House Wheels to Work program.

According to the organization's website, Sharing House Wheels to Work accepts donated vehicles from community donors to be refurbished by a "gifted volunteer" (Lewis), who ensures the cars are "road-worthy." Individuals who wish to receive a vehicle through the program must pass a driver background check and go through a budgeting process.

WRAL in Raleigh reported that those who receive a car pay \$20 a month for 24 months for their car, to help pay for repairs on more cars. "We just feel like this gets people farther ahead by having their own independence," explains Susan Matthews, empowerment director for Sharing House Wheels to Work.

For Sidney Lowe, who received a 1994 Mercury Villager through the program, the car has been "a godsend." And Lewis generously helped her to pay off the car 14 months early "so that I could help out the next person," he told WRAL.

"He makes the magic happen," Matthews said of Lewis. "Chris is the face of the organization because he meets the people when they want to give a donation."

Lewis, who works on the cars in his own garage, has refurbished 80 vehicles since he started serving the program nine years ago, *Breitbart News* reported. "The last thing you want is a single mom stranded somewhere," he said.

Seven Miles

Teenager Jayden Sutton of Cobb County, Georgia, has a full-time job at a local restaurant, but without a vehicle of his own, he was making a trek to work on foot several miles each way — that is, until he met Lavonda Wright, who wanted to help the hard-working young man.

"When I get out of school around 3:30, I will go straight to work. I walk to work and I work six to eight hours and get off and walk straight home," Sutton told Fox 11 on January 14. Prior to getting a car, Sutton

said he usually got home around midnight and would get a few hours of sleep before waking up the next morning for school.

"I knew if I had to walk to work every day to get a car that's what I was going to do," he said. "If I had to walk home then that's what I was going to do."

Wright's son, who went to school with Sutton, recognized him as he was walking fast down the road and asked Lavonda if they could give Sutton a drive to work that day. Wright was happy to volunteer, but knew she needed to help Sutton figure out a more long-term solution.

Wright decided to post Sutton's story to social media and set up a GoFundMe page for the young man, which quickly raised \$7,000. Wright then contacted Nally Honda dealership in Union City, and the owner agreed to reduce the price of one of the vehicles to ensure \$7,000 was enough to cover a car and the related expenses.

Naturally, Sutton was beyond grateful for the generous gift. "I just want to say thank you. A million times. You don't understand how much," he told Wright after he was gifted the car, according to WAGA in Atlanta.

Exercises in Empathy

Sy Newsom Green's future at a private, all-boys Catholic high school in California was in jeopardy three years ago when it became clear his parents would no longer be able to make tuition payments. Thankfully for Green, an unexpected group came forward to help: inmates at California's Soledad Prison. Because of their intervention, Green was able to graduate from Palma School and is now a student at San Francisco's Academy of Art University.

When Green was a freshman at Palma School, his father suffered a heart attack and required a transplant, and his mother was in an accident that impaired her vision, ultimately causing both parents to lose their jobs. Green, who had excelled in his studies, feared he would have to leave his beloved school.

But inmates at Soledad Prison managed to pool their income from working jobs as prisoners and then obtained a bit of outside help to raise \$32,000 to cover the boy's expenses through graduation.

The inmates never would have had the opportunity to help were it not for a book club called Exercises in Empathy, which brought Palma students and teachers to the prison to discuss books with inmates.

"They go in thinking 'monster,' and they come out thinking 'a man, a human being.' They've done bad things, but there are no throwaway people here," said teacher Jim Micheletti, who launched the program seven years ago.

According to CNN, two inmates in the program were deeply inspired by a book they read in 2016 called *Miracle on the River Kwai* by Ernest Gordon, which chronicles a group of prisoners of war whose mind-sets transformed from that of "survival of the fittest" to one of self-sacrifice. Jason Bryant, who was serving a 26-year sentence for armed robbery, and fellow inmate Ted Gray decided they wanted to do something transformative. They came up with the idea for a scholarship fund for a deserving Palma student. The timing was just right for Green.

Bryant told the *Washington Post* that of the 2,000 inmates in his unit, about one in three agreed to donate twice a year. Donations were as small as \$1 and as big as \$100.

When Green and his family learned of the scholarship, they were emotional. "I broke down and started crying because I knew where it was coming from," said Sy's father, Frank Green.

Sy added, "It definitely was a surprise and a huge honor. That's not something that happens every day."

Bryant said the scholarship opportunity gave the prisoners something they desperately needed. "I think that inherently most people, even those of us who have made the worst decision in our lives, want to be a part of something good," he explained. "This idea when we started was just so good: We can help some young man get a head start that a lot of us didn't have."

Bryant was granted clemency after serving 20 years and is now the director of restorative programs at CROP, a nonprofit group that works to reduce recidivism by giving ex-prisoners access to job opportunities and housing. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

Trump's 1776 Report on American History HATED BY THE LEFT

The Left is attacking the 1776 Report because it gives an accurate account of the reasons for America's founding, rather than a race-based narrative.

by Steve Byas

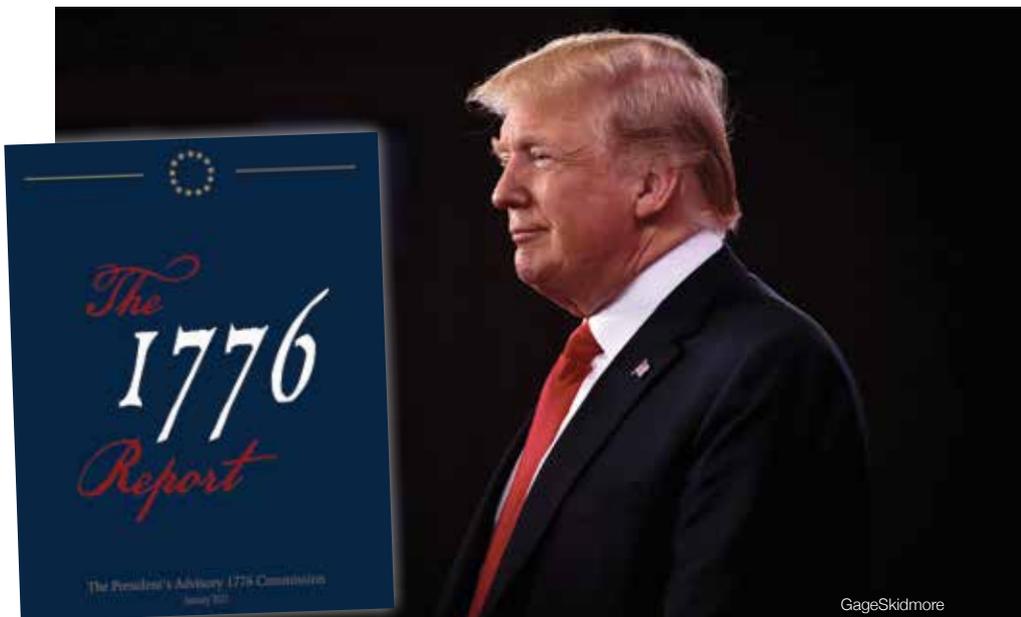
On his first day in office, President Joe Biden axed the advisory committee on American history created by a panel of 18 scholars put together by President Donald Trump — The 1776 Commission. Biden dissolved the panel, arguing it “sought to erase America’s history of racial injustice.”

The 1776 Report, released by the commission on January 18, has faced withering criticism from the Left both in and out of academia. The American Historical Association even condemned it because it glorifies the Founding Fathers and criticizes those who sought to undo the nation’s founding principles in the Progressive Era.

In other words, the 1776 Report is being opposed because it conflicts with the goal of those who wish to transform America and are willing to distort the truth of its founding to accomplish that objective.

Of course, the report does *not* seek to “erase America’s history of racial injustice,” as Biden put it. Instead, it presents a much more accurate picture of the country than is found in far too many universities, high schools, and the popular culture.

“The Commission’s first responsibility is to produce a report summarizing the principles of the American founding and how those principles have shaped our country,” the report itself declares in its opening paragraphs. Rather than dwell-



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Highlighting greatness: Instead of simply cursing the very real darkness of the viciously anti-American and radical 1619 Project of the *New York Times*, which dubbed America irredeemably racist, President Donald Trump chose to light a candle. That “candle” was his 1776 Commission, which offered a vastly more historically accurate view of the greatness of American history.

ing on every negative about the country, to the exclusion of those historical facts that should both make American citizens proud and serve as an example to the rest of the world, the report is actually a balanced look at our nation’s history.

It should be noted that if America is as bad a place as the Left makes it out to be, it’s not likely that millions of people from across the globe would have chosen to move here. Yet, they always have, since Colonial days.

The American “story” has its “share of missteps, errors, contradictions and wrongs,” the report admits, but notes that no nation “has perfectly lived up to the universal truths of equality, liberty, justice, and government by consent. But no nation before America ever dared state those truths as the formal basis for its politics, and none has strived harder, or done more, to achieve them.”

One wonders how the report’s critics could seriously argue with that statement, when America is compared with the other nations of the world, both historically and in contemporary times.

Among the statements in the report that have elicited criticism is its calling our form of government “a republic.” *Slate* (a left-wing publication) writer Rebecca Onion even said the word republic is “itself a dog whistle.” You see, any opposition to the agenda of the Left is called racist, as evidenced by the mantra of the Left in recent years of ascribing any opposition as just an effort to promote “white supremacists.”

The Founders Rejected the Anti-freedom Ideology of Their Day

It is true that the Founders were not looking to create a country on the political philosophy of Biden or *Slate*. Instead, the

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The first country founded on freedom: America, as the 1776 Commission scholars explained, was founded on the noble principles in the Declaration of Independence. Those principles include the recognition that our rights come from God and that government exists to protect those rights. Any government that fails in its basic purpose should be replaced.

Founders rejected the prevailing political ideology of their own day — the divine right of kings, the “assertion that God appoints some men, or some families, to rule and consigns the rest to be ruled,” as the report argues. What the Founders offered instead can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which the report says “speaks of both ‘the laws of nature and of nature’s God,’ an appeal ‘to both reason and revelation as the foundation of the underlying truth of the document’s claims.’”

“The core assertion of the Declaration, and the basis of the Founders’ political thought,” the report notes, “is that all men

are created equal.” And “if all men are equal, then none may by right rule another without his consent.”

Of course, the concept of “equality” is misunderstood, either through ignorance or by design. “It does not mean that all human beings are equal in wisdom, courage, or any of the other virtues and talents that God and nature distribute unevenly among the human race,” the report correctly asserts. “Natural equality,” it continues, “requires not only the consent of the governed but also the recognition of fundamental human rights — including but not limited to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — as well as the

fundamental duty or obligation of all to respect the rights of others.”

While far too many today see government as a vehicle to redistribute wealth or to impose secular values on the rest of society, the report accurately states, “Indeed, the very *purpose* of government is to secure these rights, which exist independently of government.”

Next, the report explains that the “bedrock upon which the American political system is built is the rule of law. The vast difference between tyranny and the rule of law is a central theme of political thinkers back to classical antiquity. The idea that the law is superior to rulers is the cornerstone of English constitutional thought as it developed over the centuries.”

That professional historians would denigrate this report says more about them than about the report itself. It can be reasonably inferred that these academic historians are more motivated by their secular progressive desires than anything that can be found by studying the actual historical record.

In stark contrast, the panel that produced this report clearly understands the concepts and history that produced the U.S. Constitution. The Framers had no intention to create a government that would redistribute wealth or impose secular and radical social values. They wanted a government that would protect God-given rights and leave the population free to pursue happiness. To accomplish this, their Constitution divided the government into three logical branches. “Concentrating executive, legislative, and judicial power into the same hands,” the report notes, citing James Madison, is “the very definition of tyranny.”

The Founders’ desire, the report states, was to create a government strong enough to have the power to *secure* rights “without having so much power as to enable or encourage it to *infringe* rights.”

The report provides a good summary of the principle of federalism: “They also believed that the role of the federal government should be limited to performing those tasks that only a national government can do, such as providing for the nation’s security,” adding “most tasks were properly the responsibility of the states.”

How Distorting Our History Can Be So Dangerous

Much of the report is actually very simple, but the need to address such basic knowledge about our nation's founding should be obvious when surveying the unconstitutional actions of modern-day public officeholders and judges and the extent to which America has drifted from its constitutional mooring. For example, earlier in our nation's history, it would not have been necessary to explain to adults why a *written* Constitution is so important, and why limited government is such a desirable thing — but today the report explains that the real meaning of limited government is “not that the government's size or funding levels remain small, but that government's powers and activities must remain limited to certain carefully defined areas and responsibilities as guarded by bicameralism, federalism, and the separation of powers.”

The Founders added the Bill of Rights to the Constitution so as to further limit the power of the federal government. “Substantive rights are not granted by government; any just government exists only to

secure these rights,” the report adds, citing the Ninth Amendment's assertion that the Bill of Rights “was a selective and not an exclusive list.”

All of this concern about tyrannical government seems rather unimportant to the critics of the report. Instead, they assert that the study of American history should be focused on what was and is wrong with the country, such as the history of slavery. The report does cover slavery — at some length, actually. But rather than simply tar our Founders and the founding with the assertion that our nation's history was all about promoting and protecting the institution of slavery (as is the thesis of the *New York Times*' 1619 Project), the *1776 Report* seeks to analyze and explain it in the context of the times.

In contrast to the *1776 Report*, which he lauds, Richard Land wrote in *The Christian Post*, “The 1619 Project is revisionist historical fiction driven by Marxist cultural theory and political ideology attempting to show that America was an evil and racist society from the beginning.”

“Many Americans labor under the illusion that slavery was somehow a uniquely

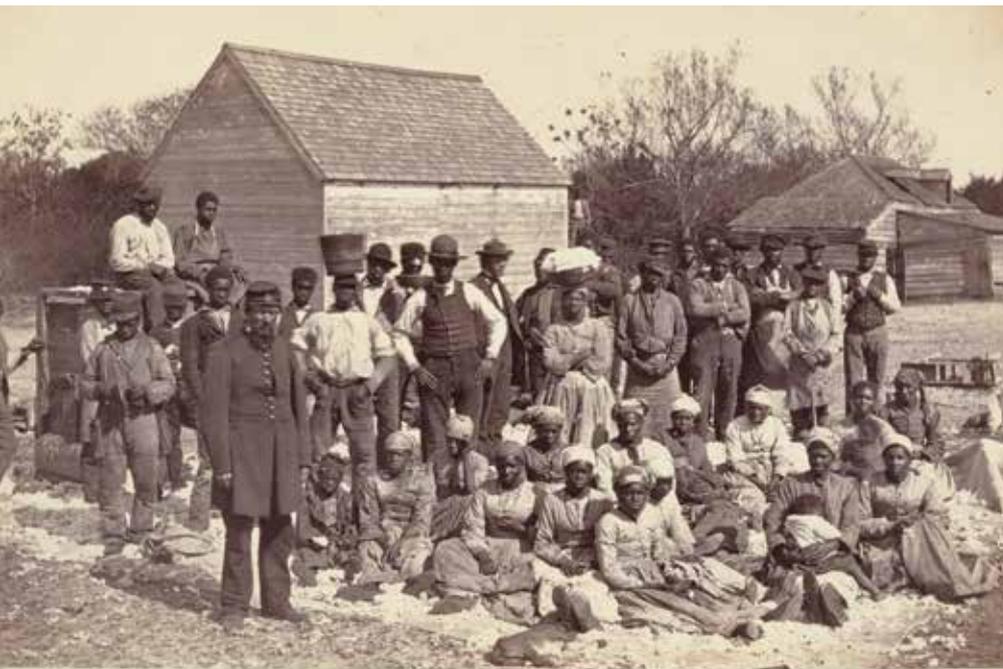
American evil,” the *1776 Report* explains: “The unfortunate fact is that the institution of slavery has been more the rule than the exception throughout human history.” Rather than argue that America was founded principally to advance slavery, the report offers evidence that the Founders knew that slavery was antithetical to the principles outlined in the Constitution, and fully expected it to end. For example, “The Northwest Ordinance, a pre-Constitution law passed to govern the western territories ... explicitly bans slavery from those territories and from any states that might be organized there.” (It should also be noted that this was more than 40 years before slavery was abolished in the British Empire.)

Furthermore, “The foundation of our Republic planted the seeds of the death of slavery in America. The Declaration's unqualified proclamation of human equality flatly contradicted the existence of human bondage and ... set the stage for abolition. Indeed, the movement to abolish slavery *that first began in the United States* led the way in bringing about the end of legal slavery.”

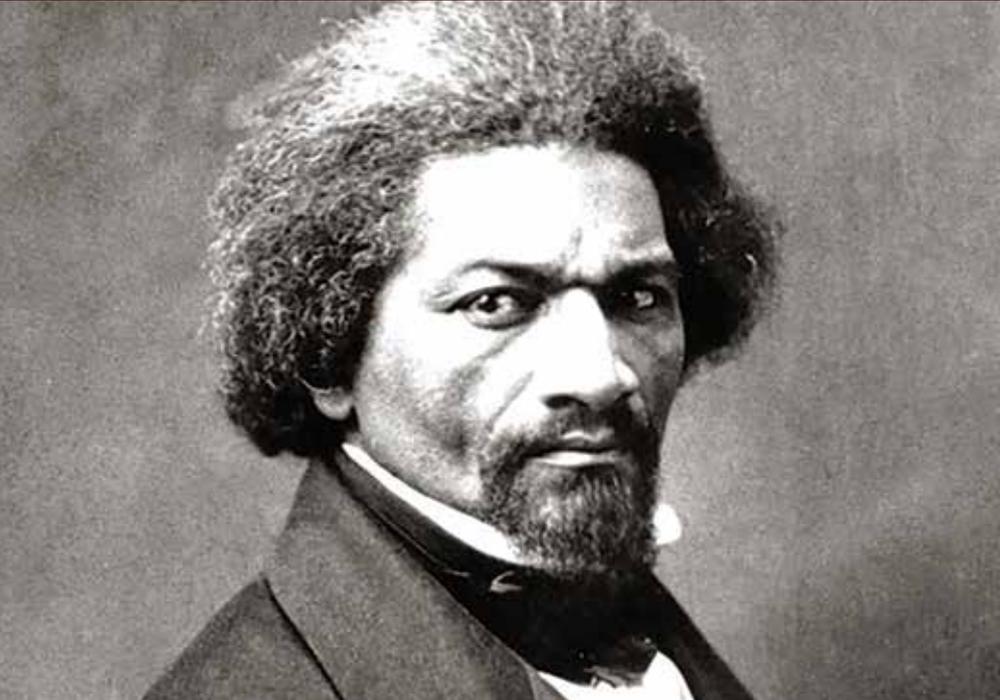
No less an abolitionist than Frederick Douglass — born a slave — is offered by the report as an example that it was well understood that America's founding was *not* for the purpose of perpetuating slavery, quoting him as calling the Constitution a “glorious liberty document.”

Gordon Wood, professor emeritus at Brown University and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, who was not on the panel that produced the *1776 Report*, dismissed the 1619 Project's assertion that the country was founded on slavery as “so wrong in so many ways.” He added, “You can find quotation after quotation from people seriously thinking that slavery was going to wither away in several decades. Now we know they couldn't have been more wrong. But they lived with illusions.... We may be living with illusions too. One of the big lessons of history is to realize how the past doesn't know its future. We know how the story turned out, and we somehow assume they should know what we know.... They don't know their future any more than we know our future.”

Wood, who is considered one of America's premier historians on Colonial and early American history, added, “I think the



Fictional foundation: The 1619 Project claimed that slavery is the foundation of America. Actually, as the *1776 Commission* demonstrated, when the British Colonies that eventually became the United States were begun, slavery existed all over the world, among all peoples of the Earth. And in the United States, the institution was dying well before the Civil War.



Whom to believe? In stark contrast to the vile assertions of the 1619 Project that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were designed mostly to protect and perpetuate slavery, black abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass called both what they really were — liberty documents.

important point to make about slavery is that it had existed for thousands of years without substantial criticism, and it existed all over the New World. It also existed elsewhere in the world,” in addition to being “widely prevalent in Africa and Asia. There is still slavery today in the world.”

While slavery had existed without “substantial criticism ... it’s the American Revolution that makes it a problem for the world. And the first real anti-slave movement takes place in North America. So, this is what’s missed by these essays in the 1619 Project,” Wood noted. It is also missed by the critics of the *1776 Report*.

Progressives, Communists, Fascists, and National Socialists

Another area of the report that left-wing journalists and academicians find disturbing is its criticisms of “progressivism,” an early 20th-century movement that opposed the founding principles of the country. It was the so-called progressives who developed the idea that we live under a “living” Constitution, the report states. They offer the example of President Woodrow Wilson, who was a champion of the Progressive movement,

an academic historian before he became president, and a man who roundly criticized the Constitution.

Wilson advocated government by the bureaucratic state, which the report calls a “shadow government [that] never faces elections and today operates largely without checks and balances.”

The report also slices up the totalitarian evils of fascism and communism. “Though ideological cousins, the forces of Fascism and Communism were bitter enemies in their wars to achieve world domination. What united both totalitarian movements was their utter disdain for natural rights and free peoples.” In a statement that no doubt infuriates today’s “progressives,” the report asserts, “Like the Progressives, [Italian Fascist dictator Benito] Mussolini sought to centralize power under the management of so-called experts.”

While the report accurately compares the similarities of Adolf Hitler’s movement with Fascism, one criticism I would offer of the report is that it calls Hitler’s movement “Nazi” three times without explaining that the word Nazi is simply a shortened form of the full name of Hitler’s political party — the National Socialist

German Workers’ Party. In other words, Hitler’s movement was *socialist*, and referring to it merely as *Nazi* instead of as National Socialist obscures this important fact. It is sort of like calling a communist a “commie.”

In addition to its excellent description of the founding principles of the United States, the report concludes with calling for a “national renewal,” arguing, “All the good things we see around us — from the physical infrastructure, to our high standards of living, to our exceptional freedoms — are direct results of America’s unity, stability, and justice, all of which in turn rest on the bedrock of our founding principles. Yet today our country is in danger of throwing this inheritance away.”

The principal weapon of the moment for the Left — which despises the nation’s founding principles — appears to be to dismiss anyone who stands in its way as just a white supremacist. The report laments that “we have moved toward a system of explicit group privilege that, in the name of ‘social justice,’ demands equal results and explicitly sorts citizens into ‘protected classes’ based on race and other demographic categories.”

To prevent Americans from throwing away our precious inheritance — which has attracted immigrants from across the globe — the report argues, “we must teach our founding principles and the character necessary to live out those principles. This includes restoring patriotic education that teaches the truth about America. That doesn’t mean ignoring the faults in our past, but rather viewing our history clearly and wholly, with reverence and love.”

It’s noteworthy that historian David Walsh recently tweeted his own castigation of the report. “In tone the *1776 Report* was identical to a John Birch Society pamphlet.” The John Birch Society is the parent organization of *THE NEW AMERICAN*, and it has been advocating for education of the general population with constitutional principles since its founding over a half-century ago. The “tone” of the report is similar to the excellent patriotic literature produced by the Society — and similar to the wise words of those Founders who gave us this great land.

Hopefully, this *1776 Report* will be read — and heeded — by millions of Americans. ■

Criminals Target Gun Store

The ABC affiliate based in Moline, Illinois, reported on January 8 about an attempted robbery at a gun store in Galesburg, Illinois, that went very badly for the suspects. The incident occurred at the Galesburg Guns, Gear & Ammo gun store around 10:00 p.m. on January 6 when, police investigators say, multiple male suspects broke in to the store to rob the place. The store owner was able to grab a loaded weapon and open fire on the burglars. One of the suspects was wounded in the shooting, and the burglars all fled from the scene. The store owner called police to report what happened, and police say a wounded 17-year-old was dropped off at a nearby medical facility. He eventually succumbed to his injuries.

The police investigation later determined that the mortally wounded teenager was the person shot at the gun store. Galesburg Police Chief Russell Idle told reporters, “Our belief at this point is the people involved drove to the hospital and fled the scene.” The police investigation later identified two other suspects who, they say, were involved in the burglary and are now facing felony murder charges for the death of their 17-year-old accomplice.

Knox County State’s Attorney Jeremy Karlin told reporters, “If in the commission of a forcible felony, someone dies, the person committing the felony, in this case burglary, can be charged with murder.... To the best of my knowledge and the information I’ve seen thus far, we believe this is a situation of self-defense, a defense of property.... Under the law, Illinois law, an individual can use deadly force to prevent a forcible felony from occurring.”

Mother Defends Son

ABC13 KTRK-TV in Houston reported on January 22 about a burglar who tried breaking in to a home in Sugar Land, Texas, where a mother was at home with her eight-year-old child. The incident unfolded around 5 a.m. when the mother woke up to the sounds of glass breaking downstairs. She went downstairs and saw a man trying to climb into her house through

a broken window. The woman quickly retrieved a firearm and shot the suspect in the chest. The wounded suspect fled from the home, but left a trail of blood, which officers traced to find him. The Houston Police Department later identified the suspect as a 21-year-old man named Santana Hudson, who had a warrant out for his arrest for a vehicle burglary.

Neighbors in the area supported the woman for her brave actions. Brittany Spivey told KTRK, “I would have done the same thing. Absolutely.”

Police are still investigating and reviewing surveillance video from neighboring homes to see if other suspects were involved.

Wild Crime Spree

The City of Bellingham, Washington, posted on its government website on January 28 about a shooting in a local sporting-goods store. The post was written by Bellingham Public Information Officer Claudia Murphy, and in it she explained that police were initially called to a nearby food store for a burglary, where two suspects stole more than \$500 worth of liquor. An employee from the food store had followed the robbery suspects until one of the suspects warned the man that he was armed and would shoot him.

The two suspects then fled in a vehicle. At a local sporting-goods store, the same man who had warned the food store employee that he was armed entered the store. Once inside, the 37-year-old suspect began using a hammer to smash the glass on a gun case in an attempt to take firearms and ammunition within the case. Employees at the sporting-goods store yelled at the man to stop hitting the glass, but the man did not listen. At that moment, one of the employees, who was lawfully carrying a concealed pistol, pulled out his own gun and fired at the suspect. As Officer Murphy wrote, the “employee, fearing for his life as the suspect was gaining access to firearms and ammunition, pulled his concealed firearm and shot the suspect once in the chest.”

Authorities soon arrived on the scene, and the wounded suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility for treatment.

The police arrested the second suspect shortly afterward. Murphy said the wounded suspect was a convicted felon and that the charges being explored are robbery in the 1st degree and 2nd degree and theft of a firearm, as well as other charges.

Will Texas Be a Sanctuary State?

The Texan reported on January 15 about a statement by Texas Governor Greg Abbott that the Lone Star State will be a “Second Amendment sanctuary state.”

This column has previously reported about how gun-rights supporters have been getting local municipalities to pass ordinances declaring their jurisdictions to be protective of the Second Amendment, but this is the first time that a state-level official has taken it statewide.

Governor Abbott told supporters at the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s 2021 Policy Orientation, “I want to make sure that Texas becomes a Second Amendment sanctuary state so that no government official at any level can come and take your gun away from you, despite those people who said, ‘Heck yes, we’re going to take your gun....’ We’re gonna say, ‘Heck no, you cannot take people’s guns away in Texas.’”

When Governor Abbott was attorney general back in 2013, he wrote the Texas Firearm Protection Act, which, *The Texan* reported, was a law similar to the concept of a Second Amendment sanctuary. *The Texan* also reported that two existing bills in the legislature prohibit cops from enforcing any federal measure “that purports to regulate a firearm, a firearm accessory, or firearm ammunition if the statute, order, rule, or regulation imposes a prohibition, restriction, or other regulation, such as a capacity or size limitation, a registration requirement, or a background check, that does not exist under the laws of this state.”

State Representative Steve Toth, who filed the bill, explained that there are legitimate concerns that the Biden administration will quickly move to restrict gun rights. ■

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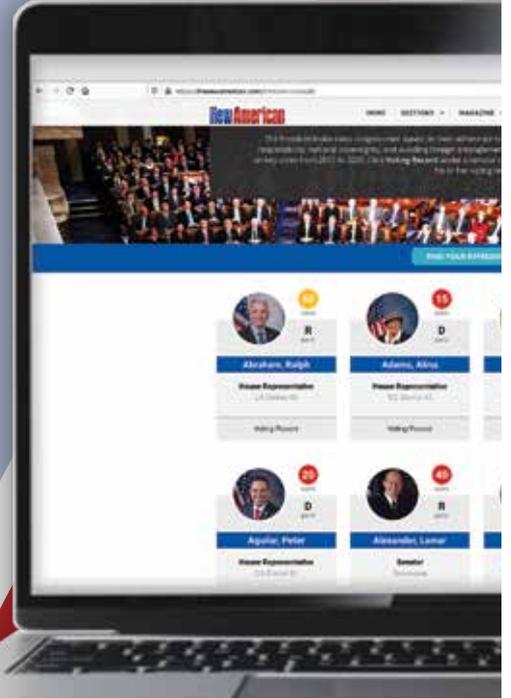


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Middle-class Jobs Menaced by Biden's Energy Assaults

ITEM: Bloomberg Businessweek (*February 1*) quoted a statement made by Joe Biden on January 27 amid a “flurry of executive orders,” with the president remarking: “Today is climate day at the White House, which means that today is jobs day at the White House.”

ITEM: President Biden, reported Reuters on January 25, “vowed to replace the U.S. government’s fleet of roughly 650,000 vehicles with electric models as the new administration shifts its focus toward clean energy.”

ITEM: Biden, according to CNBC for January 27, signed “a series of executive orders that prioritize climate change across all levels of government and put the U.S. on track to curb planet-warming carbon emissions.” This included orders “to halt new oil and natural gas leases on public lands and waters.”

The actions, said CNBC, kicked off “the president’s agenda to reduce the country’s emissions and establish stricter targets under the Paris climate accord, the landmark agreement by nearly 200 nations aimed to mitigate climate change.”

ITEM: Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry, while speaking at a press briefing at the White House on January 27, among other comments, said the coal miners would be better off if they built solar panels — pointing to the possible “consequences of black lung for a miner.” Remarked Kerry: “The same people [coal miners and solar technicians] can do those jobs, but the choice of doing the solar power one now is a better choice.”

ITEM: A White House briefing on January 27 said that Biden would employ “executive action to tackle the climate crisis at home and abroad while creating good-paying union jobs and [an] equitable clean energy future, building modern and sustainable infrastructure, restoring scientific integrity and evidence-based policymaking across the federal government.”

CORRECTION: America is getting jobbed



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Facts and figures not his strong suit: Biden says that going to wind and solar will create lots of jobs, apparently not realizing that most of the jobs will be in China or don’t pay as much as oil-related jobs. He also seems oblivious to the fact that each U.S. oil job creates additional U.S. jobs.

— but not in a good way. The Biden team is, among other strokes of inanity, pulling the plug on the Keystone XL pipeline, rejoining the deleterious Paris climate accord, instituting a freeze on federal oil and gas permitting, and mandating that the government’s fleet consist of zero-emission vehicles — someday.

Such actions would eventually cost the jobs of millions of Americans and billions of tax dollars, and knock trillions from the U.S. gross national product. All this, and more, is supposedly necessary to mend the planet’s climate — though it won’t — and eco-activists admit that they won’t be satisfied anytime soon.

While the Paris agreement requires virtually nothing but lip service from China — the world’s worst carbon dioxide emitter — you know Biden’s “experts” are champing at the bit to handicap U.S. industry. The Paris accord, according to a March 2017 analysis by National Economic Research Associates (NERA) Economic Consulting, could cost the American economy more than \$1 trillion and 1.1 million industrial-sector jobs by 2025, and \$3 trillion and 6.5 million industrial-sector jobs by 2040. NERA projected that job losses could reach 2.7 million in 2025. That was what we escaped — temporarily — when Donald Trump pulled out of Paris.

When we exited the Paris accord, the world did not end. Indeed, as Tim Benson of the Heartland Institute has noted, the United Nations “released its Emissions Gap Report 2020 in December and it showed that the United States greenhouse gas emissions have declined since 2008 and continue to do so while those of China, India, and Russia continue to rise.”

Quarantining America’s energy supply, he went on,

to further reduce greenhouse gas emissions while other countries continue trending upwards unfettered, despite making unenforceable pledges to the Paris Climate Accord, is a recipe for disaster. We’ll be trading our own energy security for climate virtue signaling while the rest of the world laughs and sells us oil at inflated prices.

And the joke is on us when even alleged climate whiz John Kerry can admit (as he did in the White House on January 27) that “almost 90% of all of the planet’s emissions ... come from outside of U.S. borders.” We could, acknowledged Kerry, “go to zero tomorrow and the problem isn’t solved.” (Kerry’s job, lest he forget, is coordinating with foreign nations on climate change — not making domestic policy.)



Correction, Please!

There was, by the way, some push-back for Kerry's advice (see above) for coal miners to become solar techs. (That arrogant counsel sounded much like Joe Biden's earlier guidance for them: Learn to code.) Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) slipped in a shiv via Twitter:

John Kerry — who flies in private jets, owned a 76-foot yacht and several mansions — has the carbon footprint of a small nation. Yet he tells energy workers to “make solar panels” when the Biden administration kills their jobs.

Indeed, with so-called progressives wanting to step up subsidies for wind and solar power as well as for vehicles powered by batteries, if the destination is energy independence, we are going backward. Mark Mills, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, points out that the

pursuit of a hydrocarbon-free future would lead to a complete reversal of U.S. import dependencies and the creation of new geopolitical challenges. The U.S. is essentially self-sufficient in petroleum and a net exporter of natural gas as a direct consequence

of the shale-fracking revolution. But virtually all the demand for critical green “energy materials” will come from imports.

It's a relevant question: Are we going “green” or communist red?

Back to emissions and their climatic connections. Our responses to date have been largely symbolic, though that doesn't bother green activists. They are big on empty, albeit expensive, symbols.

Even the *New York Times* was recently forced to admit (January 31) that Biden “overhyped” the effects when he claimed that replacing all the cars and trucks owned by the feds with electric vehicles would somehow create “a million autoworkers jobs in clean energy.” Keep in mind that this “fact check” was all hidden within a long article that boasted that Biden's claims are “largely accurate,” while finding a tiny room to be a tad critical in the 23rd paragraph of page 19.

Here are some facts: As of 2019, the federal government, according to the General Services Administration, owned 645,000 vehicles. Noted *Wired*, “That's a tiny fraction of the 280 million vehicles that traveled on US roads that year. Of the 17.1 million vehicles sold in the US in 2019,

just 1.4 percent were fully electric,” said the publication. *Wired* also noted (February 1) that the U.S. government “turns over its fleet slowly; today, the average government-owned vehicle is almost 15 years old. Aging gas-powered vehicles out of that fleet will take some time.”

But facts are not necessarily vital to those making government decisions.

Certain “environmentalists,” as Richard Rahn has observed, argued for the cancellation based on “saving the environment” and “social justice.” However, said Rahn (chairman of the Institute for Global Economic Growth), the

Canadians will continue to produce the oil as long as it is profitable — so they will ship it to the U.S. by rail and truck if the pipeline is not available, or ship it to a foreign buyer — most likely the Chinese.

Shipping oil by rail and truck is more damaging, dangerous and expensive to the environment than sending it through an underground pipeline — so how “just” is it to ban the pipeline? What is the “justice” behind firing all of the workers and suppliers who were building the pipeline? Most of the pipe and other supplies for the pipeline have already been produced. Are the social justice warriors going to pick up the costs?

You know the answer to that.

Moreover, after people spend their working lives improving, say, their pipeline skills, that doesn't make them better (and lower-paid) solar techs.

As pointed out by Terry O'Sullivan, the general president of the Laborers' International Union of North America: “There are no renewable energy jobs that come even close to replacing the wages and benefits the Keystone XL project would have provided. Killing good union jobs on day one with nothing to replace them, is not building back better.”

Posing, Joe Biden likes to talk about being for the “middle class.” His actions prove otherwise. Representative Kelly Armstrong (R-N.D.), for one, isn't buy-



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Accidentally pointing to a hole in the plan: John Kerry, Biden's new climate czar, admitted that even if the United States emitted zero CO₂ it wouldn't solve global warming, because other countries release 90 percent of CO₂. And those countries are not likely to change in the near future.



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Just needs installing: For the most part, components for Keystone XL pipeline are done; they just need installing. Yet though Canada will still pump this oil — finding other buyers — Joe Biden halted the pipeline's construction.

ing, saying that the Keystone pipeline

is expected to provide approximately 11,000 jobs and up to 60,000 indirect and supporting jobs, generate tax revenue, decrease our reliance on foreign energy, and strengthen American national security and energy independence. President Biden's decision to revoke the Keystone XL Pipeline permit is an attack on the way of life for thousands of people who rely on energy production to feed their families. The Keystone XL Pipeline would transport safe and reliable energy across our nation, providing thousands of American jobs in the process and increasing our national security.

For those worried about global warming, consider this: Were the pipeline built, the effect on the planet's temperature would have been negligible. Benjamin Zycher, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, calculates that the Keystone pipeline “would transport 830,000 barrels per day of Canadian crude oil, the total greenhouse gas emissions from which would be about 150 million metric tons per year, or about 0.3 percent of the world total.”

If, says Zycher, we apply

the EPA climate model using the least favorable set of assumptions, those emissions would have a global temperature effect of about *four ten-thousandths of a degree Celsius* by 2100. The impacts upon sea levels and other climate phenomena would be similarly undetectable; so much for the ubiquitous empty rhetoric about the “climate disaster” supposedly to be engendered by Keystone XL. [Emphasis added.]

Concerned about spills? The AEI expert explains that “transport of oil by pipeline is substantially safer than transport by rail or truck, the real-world alternatives to Keystone XL.”

The net effect of stopping Keystone, as Zycher says, “will be an inefficient allocation of crude oil geographically. In short: Without the pipeline, railroad capacity will grow, overall safety will decline, and economic costs will be higher.”

Thanks, Joe. Or whoever handed down your marching orders.

Other existing facilities, including the Dakota Access Pipeline, are also under fire by environmentalists.

The assault on energy has been esca-

lated with the president's moratorium against oil and gas drilling, bearing particularly upon states that depend on the revenue for education, police, firefighting, and other services. A recent study from the University of Wyoming calculates that such a halt could cost the affected states an average of \$1.6 billion annually.

The ban affects huge parts of many states and the revenues and jobs lost are significant. Here's a recent summary from the *Wall Street Journal*; federal land, say the editors,

accounts for 51.9% of New Mexico's oil production and 66.8% of its natural gas, as well as a sizable share of gas extraction in Colorado (41.6%), Utah (63.2%) and Wyoming (92.1%). A federal leasing ban would cost some 18,000 jobs in Colorado, 33,000 in Wyoming and 62,000 in New Mexico by 2022, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

States would also lose hundreds of millions of dollars of mineral royalties that are shared by the feds. Oil and gas revenue accounts for 20% of New Mexico's budget. Downstream suppliers like fracking sand mines in Wisconsin and steel manufacturers in Pennsylvania would also be hit.

The various attacks, centering on animus for the fossil-fuel business, are not just directed at distant wildcatters. It is a wider assault. Indeed, a study released a while back by the American Petroleum Institute showed that the natural gas and oil industry supported 10.3 million U.S. jobs and added \$1.3 trillion to the nation's economy in 2015. And current figures from the U.S. Energy Information Administration show that about 80 percent of the nation's energy comes from oil, gas, and coal. That can't be replaced with intermittent sunbeams.

Or perhaps windmills do represent the true progressive panacea. After all, Washington, D.C., has an overabundance of hot air. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Unity vs. **Uniformity**

After President Biden's inaugural address, the Left in America began echoing his call for "unity." That sounds wonderful. Who doesn't want a unified country where we all get along? However, the phrase "I don't think that word means what you think it means" comes to mind.

Despite being a diverse tapestry of people and culture, the United States was formed on some core values and principles. In times of difficulty, we have coalesced around those principles to pull in the same direction to defeat an enemy or face a challenge.

Sometimes that direction seems clear. For example, entering World War II became necessary when the attack on Pearl Harbor made staying out of the war unreasonable.

At other points in history that direction was set by leaders who saw a potential threat, but focused America's energy on something inspiring, such as the "Space Race" of the 1960s. As the Soviet Union was making progress in space exploration, it seemed reasonable to believe that allowing our enemy to control the highest "ground" was potentially threatening. However, John F. Kennedy framed it as an inspiring national effort to be the first on the moon.

The root of our unity was not a common threat or enemy, it was our values and principles. Americans valued their freedom, thus threats to that freedom were the enemy.

Americans' shared core values and principles included:

- The right to speak or believe as we wish without fear of government persecution.
- The right to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and innocent people around us from violent attack.
- The right to keep what we earn and to not have our property taken by the government.
- The right to privacy from a prying government without just cause for investigation.
- The idea that no person is above the law and that the law should be equally applied to everyone.
- The belief that we should judge people by their character and actions, and not on how they were born.

These used to be universally held principles, but recently we've seen all these core values suppressed or denied completely. Voices that do not adhere to the approved narrative are silenced and deplatformed.

The government desires to have a monopoly on the use of force, despite overwhelming evidence from 2020 that it is not willing or



able to protect law-abiding citizens from violence. Confiscatory taxes, regulatory fees, and government restrictions have hindered our ability to save and invest in our futures. Big Tech is in collusion with government to mine our personal data on demand.

Groups are targeted for special treatment and selective enforcement by the government, while vandals and criminals are free to destroy the property and lives of others. Meanwhile, law-abiding citizens are often attacked by the government for attempt-

ing to protect themselves. We have gone from the pursuit of a color-blind society back to a process of discrimination and bigotry where we assign advantages or disadvantages to groups based on the shallow criteria of their skin color or gender.

Seeking unity is a mutual effort to find common ground and focus on those things in which we have a shared interest or goal. Unfortunately, those on the left calling for unity are also speaking about a need to "reprogram Trump supporters." It seems as if their understanding of "unity" is being confused with "uniformity" and compliance with their worldview.

But why should we unify behind a leader and ruling class that are committed to violating our principles? People who believe they know what is best for everyone else and thereby have the right to dominate and control others have inspired their followers to do horrible things. Americans have previously made mistakes in this area, and our ancestors have innocent blood on their hands.

The Democratic Party seems to have adopted the Chinese communist definition of unity, where it forces people to comply with its structure, no matter how oppressive. In China, citizens are constantly monitored and then given a social-credit score, which affects their futures. People with views disagreeable to the party are "disadvantaged," and their social-credit score falls. Worse, if a person belongs to the wrong group or espouses unacceptable views, he is often "disappeared."

Forced compliance, capitulation, and uniformity is not the same as unity. To skeptics, I ask, "What ideals, values, and principles are we unifying behind?" There is no unity or room for negotiation when one side is committed to the other side's destruction. I do not plan on joining liberals in their effort to dismantle what is left of the framework of America.

However, they are welcome to join me where I stand, on the values and principles that made this country great. ■

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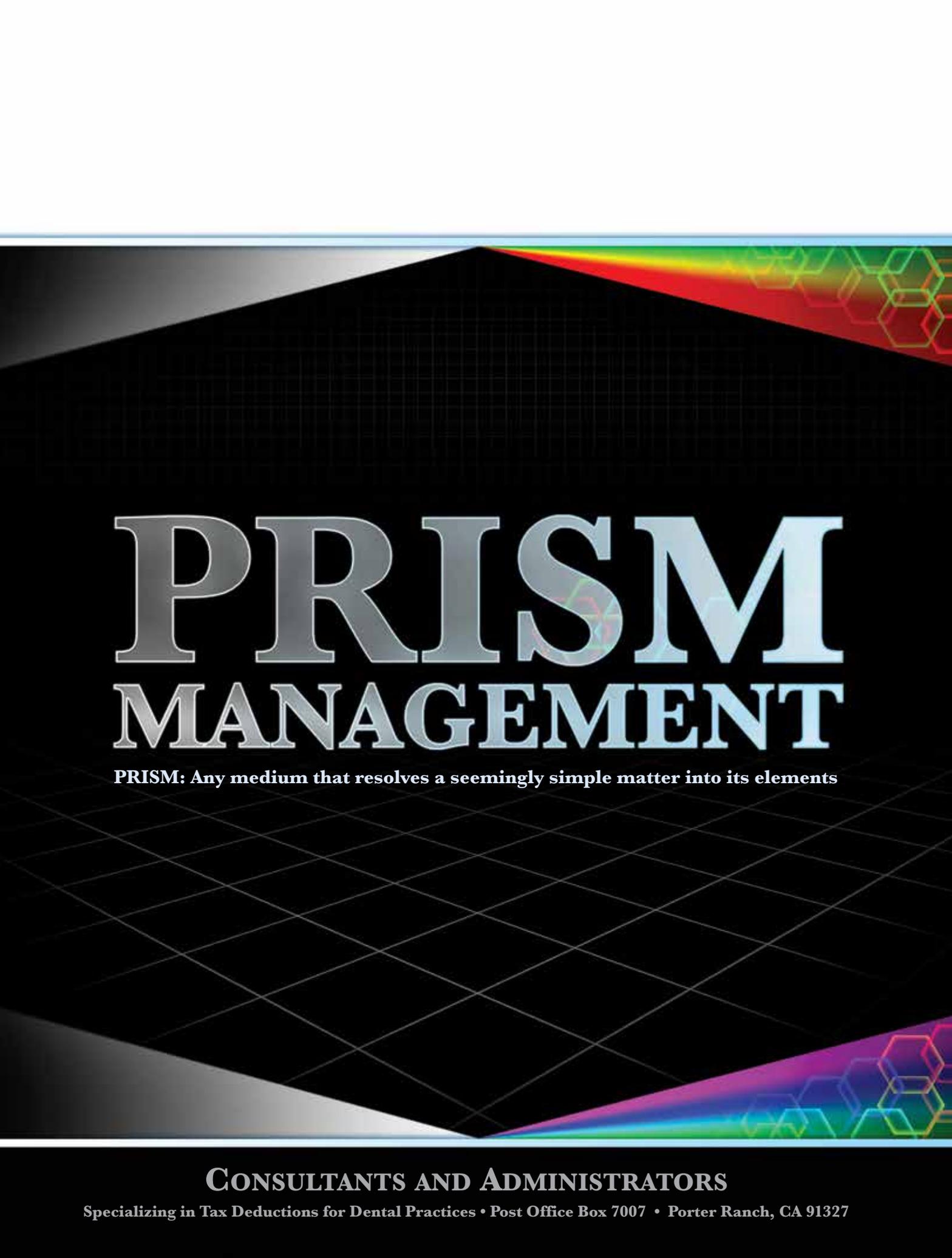
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