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Christians in Politics

Concerning your article about the importance of Christians getting involved with politics, it is not going to matter how much Christians get involved with politics if Christian leadership — and the church — doesn't repent from abandoning the law of God.

For example, why should the state be concerned about the legality of abortions if Christian girls commit many abortions? Why should the culture be concerned about the divorce rate when the divorce rate is the same inside the church as outside the church — because there is just as much fornication going on inside the church as outside the church? Why should pastors and church leaders be concerned about having to hire homosexuals through possible passage of the Equality Act when there are thousands of churches across America who are already homosexual “churches” yet there is no outrage against this contempt and mockery for the law of God across this land? What does it matter who the president is if Christian women don't want to be mothers anymore because they care more about their careers than they do their families?

When pastors do not have a love for, and seek to live by, and fail to preach, a love for the law of God, it does not matter who the president is because nothing or no one can stop God's judgment from destroying that nation.

Unless the pastors of this country find the book of the law, as they did in Josiah's day, and react to it as Josiah did, the Lord's judgment is going to remain on this country until He destroys this country. 2 Chronicles 7:14 isn't addressing a nation, or a president, directly. It is a call to God's people to repent first, then He will heal their land. In order to repent, there has to be a love for, and respect for, the law of God.

When you abandon the law of God, there is no church, just a bunch of social clubs, which is what we have today.

JOHN BYNUM*Sent via e-mail***Steer Clear of Distractions**

Back when I was a member of the JBS, there was a tenet of the Society to avoid distracting issues that could take up a lot

of time and energy and make the society look bad if members got involved in them. I have in mind things such as claiming that the income tax wasn't properly approved. Is it still the policy of the Society to avoid needless distractions from the main goals?

I ask because posting videos with specious arguments against Darwin doesn't seem helpful to me. The ancient creed of the church, approved at two ecumenical councils (325 and 381 A.D.), wisely declares that God created everything visible and invisible and declined to sully itself with discussion of how God did this. But THE NEW AMERICAN thinks it knows better — that it doesn't make itself look idiotic for trying to promote anti-evolutionary nonsense, claiming evolution doesn't meet hypothesis testing?

Lord have mercy! How foolish. Yes, a simplistic definition of science is hypothesis testing. But insisting that the only way to do science is double-blind controlled statistical testing or similar is nuts and would mean that there's no possible science about almost anything: geology, climate, astronomy, a large part of biology, even some of chemistry and archeology, and that we can't know history before written records, etc. Please, seriously reconsider this wrong direction!

FATHER MARK LICHTENSTEIN*Sent via e-mail***Law of the Land?**

The final word from the Supreme Court on the election steal of 2020 is that basically they do not want to get involved. Ok, tell me what the purpose of the Supreme Court is?

For many decades, we have been told that a ruling by the Supreme Court is the law of the land, yet now it wants to step aside.

More proof the Supreme Court has become another arm of the Democratic Party.

DAVID ROBINSON*Sent via e-mail*

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UN Calls for All Countries to Declare Climate Emergency

At the December 12 Climate Ambition Summit, held in London, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called on all countries of the world to immediately declare a “climate emergency.”

“Five years after the Paris [accord] we are still not going in the right direction,” Guterres said.

“There is a promise to limit temperature rises to as close [to] 1.5 degrees [as] possible but the commitments made in Paris were far from enough to get there and even those commitments are not being met,” Guterres complained.

“If we don’t change course, we may be heading for a catastrophic temperature rise of more than 3 degrees by the end of the century. Can anybody still deny that we are still facing a dramatic emergency?... That is why today, I call on all leaders worldwide to declare a State of Climate Emergency in their countries until carbon neutrality is reached,” he said.

The UN, the U.K., and France co-hosted the summit, which brought together — mainly by video, owing to coronavirus concerns — speakers from all over the world to discuss progress and make new commitments on climate issues in advance of COP26 next November in Glasgow, Scotland.

Among the speakers at the event were Pope Francis, U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President Emmanuel Macron, Chinese leader Xi Jinping, and European Union leaders Ursula von der Leyen and Charles Michel. Although the United

States is not technically a part of the Paris Agreement, it was represented by governors Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Charlie Baker of Massachusetts.

Guterres had harsh criticism for all the national leaders, of members of the G20 forum of nations, for their lack of action on so-called green energy, particularly those. “This is a moral test. We cannot use these resources to lock in policies that burden future generations with a mountain of debt or a broken planet,” the secretary-general concluded.



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United States the World’s Least Racist Nation, Study Tells Us



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Vindicating earlier studies, author Kathleen Brush visited 114 nations during the course of her “racism” research and found what common sense informs us: The United States is among the least racist countries on Earth.

Author of the book *Racism and Anti-Racism in the World Before and After 1945*, Brush appeared December 10 on *Tucker Carlson Tonight* to present her findings.

Among her compelling metrics for measuring “racism,” Brush mentioned, Americans express less displeasure about living next to someone of another race than people in other countries do, with

only zero to five percent of Americans saying they objected. “In Iran and Nigeria, it was 30 to 40 percent,” said Brush. “In France, it was 20 to 30 percent.”

Brush said she was motivated to conduct her research by people such as former presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg, who play the race card to attain power and impugn our nation as inherently bigoted and even as “white supremacist.”

After studying racism the world over for more than 10 years, however, “I know what systemic racism looks like,” the author told host Carlson. “It is opposite to the United States.”

The reality is that if we were a white supremacist nation, we’d be the most incompetent white supremacists in history. As to this, Brush cited how black Americans “are the most prosperous, educated black population in the world.”

The same white supremacist incompetence is apparent in other group outcomes as well. For example, “America’s Latino GDP is the highest GDP of any Latin American nation,” reports Brush. “And that includes Brazil, with 3.5 times the [Latino] population.”

Then there are the Asian-descent Americans, who, inexplicably, the white supremacist power structure has decided to elevate above whites. In fact, they “are the most educated and prosperous racial group in America. Their incomes are 25 percent higher than whites’, on average,” Brush tells us. “For Indian Americans, household income is 60 percent higher.”

Another Taxpayer-funded “Green Energy” Company Fails

With all the talk about a “Green New Deal” and saving the planet from the scourge of fossil fuels, it’s only prudent to remember that those pie-in-the-sky “carbon neutral” technologies aren’t quite ready yet. As evidence of this, witness the recent bankruptcy of Tonopah Solar Energy, which operated the Crescent Dunes Solar Plant in Nevada.

The Chapter 11 bankruptcy was approved by Judge Karen Owens in early December. Tonopah received \$737 million in guaranteed loans from the Obama administration. Under the terms of the restructuring is a settlement with the Department of Energy, which will leave taxpayers on the hook for as much as \$234.68 million in outstanding debt.

Billed as the first plant to be able to store the sun’s energy, Crescent Dunes is a giant solar plant (1,670 acres) with a vast circular array of 10,000 mirrors and was supposed to be able to deliver power 24 hours per day. Crescent Dunes was supposed to be able to store heat from the sun using molten salt to create steam, which would allow it to deliver power whether the sun was shining or not.

But the facility suffered a string of leaks in its hot salt tank, which is a key part of the plant’s energy storage system. When the plant was running from 2015-2019, it was selling power at \$139 per megawatt-hour (MWh). On average, large solar energy plants today generally sell power for under \$30 per MWh.



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The plant was expected to deliver 482,000 megawatt-hours each year, but to date, it hasn’t produced that much power in its lifetime. When it did operate, the plant was plagued by equipment failures and regular outages. The plant’s sole customer, NV Energy, said that Crescent Dunes posed “the most significant risk” to meeting its renewable energy goals.

In the spring of 2019, the plant’s hot salt tanks suffered what owners referred to as “a catastrophic failure,” and the plant has not run since.

It’s yet another reminder that the “carbon neutral” technologies that green activists and leftist politicians are always crowing about don’t actually exist yet. Perhaps they will someday, but the American people — and the people of the world, for that matter — cannot afford to keep throwing money at them until they do.

Top Execs at Twitter, Facebook Donated Tens of Thousands to Biden

Leading executives at social-media giants Facebook and Twitter donated tens of thousands of dollars to the campaign of Joe Biden.

According to a review of Federal Election Commission (FEC) records conducted by Fox News in mid-December, several of the top executives gave the legal maximum of \$2,800.

The FEC records show that Erin Egan, Facebook vice president of public policy, gave \$2,800 to Biden’s campaign on October 1, in addition to \$2,800 she donated to the campaign during the Democratic primary.

Facebook chief revenue officer David Fischer also donated the legal maximum of \$2,800 to Biden during the primary, along with \$750 during the general election. David Wehner, Facebook’s chief financial officer, donated \$2,800 to Biden on April 22.

Four Facebook vice presidents — Gene Alston, Michael Verdu, Shahriar Rabii, and T.S. Khurana — likewise donated \$2,800 to the Biden campaign during the 2020 cycle. The chief operating officer of Instagram (which is owned by Facebook), Marne Levine, also donated the maximum limit of \$2,800 to Biden.

Also at Facebook, public policy directors Steve Satterfield and Michael Matthews and product manager Brett Keintz, along with director Ibrahim Okuyucu, each donated \$2,800 to Biden’s campaign.

At Twitter, meanwhile, vice president Matt Derella donated \$2,000 to Biden’s campaign in September. The company’s senior director, Ryan Oliver, gave Biden \$2,800 in March. James Kelm, senior director of product management, contributed \$2,800 during the primary and another \$2,800 during the general election.

FEC records reveal that dozens of Twitter and Facebook employees with “manager” or “director” in their titles donated at least \$1,000 to Biden’s campaign. By contrast, only two Facebook employees with “manager” or “director” in their title donated to President Trump’s campaign; no Twitter employees with those titles donated to the president.

Despite the major imbalance, Twitter spokesman Trenton Kennedy told Fox News that the company has “stated many times — that we enforce the Twitter rules judiciously and impartially for everyone on our service.”



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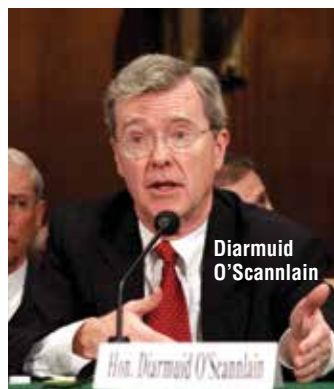
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Limiting Church Attendance Because of COVID-19 Being Reconsidered in California

“In 18 counties in California, indoor worship services are completely prohibited. Yet the state still allows people to go indoors to spend a day shopping in the mall, have their hair styled, get a manicure or pedicure, produce a television show or a movie, participate in professional sports, wash their clothes at a laundromat, and even work in a meatpacking plant.”

*Pointing to mandates that have either closed churches or severely impacted attendance, Judge **Diarmuid O’Scainnlain** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit objected to worship services being restricted while other pursuits and activities received a pass.*



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Tesla CEO Revealed He Has Left California and Relocated to Texas

“The expansion of shelter-in-place, or as we call it forcibly imprisoning people in their homes against all their constitutional rights, is in my opinion breaking peoples’ freedoms in ways that are horrible and wrong. If somebody wants to stay in the house, that’s great. But to say that they cannot leave the house and they will be arrested if they do — this is fascist.”

*How long the Tesla automobile manufacturing facility owned by **Elon Musk** will remain in California is not known. Musk, the company’s CEO, is obviously opposed to California’s over-the-top mandates created to fight COVID-19.*



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Cubans Awakening to What 60 Years of Tyranny Has Meant for Them

“What is happening in Cuba is unprecedented. It’s an awakening.” *Access to the Internet has stirred many young Cubans to begin to understand what has been going on in their country for the past 60 years. Many in Cuba became followers of the Internet only two years ago, and the awareness they have gained about their life under tyrannical rule poses a growing concern for the communist government. **José Miguel Vivanco**, the director of the nongovernmental Americas Program at Human Rights Watch based in New York City, delightedly commented about the growing awareness of many young people in Cuba.*

Democrats Pushing Biden to Reduce or Cancel Student Debt

“I don’t believe any president has the authority to give away hundreds of billions of dollars through the stroke of a pen. I think doing so is profoundly unfair to the millions of Americans who worked hard to pay down their student debt.”

*A full month before Inauguration Day 2021, Joe Biden issued his intention to seek cancellation of \$10,000 in federal student debt per borrower. Numerous Democrats want him to commit to canceling all of the \$1.7 trillion debt held by 43 million student borrowers. Senator **Ted Cruz** (R-Texas) says such a plan is both unconstitutional and unfair.*

Female Columnist Claims Deteriorating Results From Absence of Real Men

“There is no society that can survive without strong men. The East knows this. In the West, the steady feminization of our men at the same time Marxism is being taught to our children is not a coincidence. It is an outright attack. Bring back manly men!”

***Candace Owens** is not only a widely read columnist and commentator, she’s also a black conservative. Her comment cited above serves as a response to musical talent Harry Styles, who appeared in Vogue magazine dressed in women’s clothes. ■*

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Propaganda is causing a chaotic and disordered fear response in the American people and in others worldwide, empowering our socialist super-class to remake the world.

by Dennis Behreandt

America's ruling class and the propagandists in the mainstream "media" continue to do as much as possible to stampede the public into mass panic over COVID-19 in order to generate support for, or prevent opposition to, various totalitarian agenda points. The envisioned measures include new and aggressive lockdowns, biometric tracking, digital identity, and other platform proposals for the United Nations/World Economic Forum's communistic "Great Reset." (Incredibly, the World Economic Forum, and other institutions and elites it's in cahoots with, have proclaimed that if their vision comes to pass, you will not only *not* be able to own property, but you will not own anything, including the clothes on your back. All things will be rented or provided by government. Nervous yet?)

Don't buy into the elites' fearmongering — it is unjustified. They want you to believe that a frighteningly large number of people, including children, will die from COVID. The fact is, the vast majority of people will not die from COVID-19 under current circumstances.

A part of the panic propaganda is based on appealing to people's innate and instinctual fear for the safety of children. "Think of the children" has long been a cherished propaganda ploy used by statists seeking to pass onerous legislation that limits freedom and arrogates additional powers to the state. The classic examples of this phenomenon are child safety seats, bike helmets, and the 55 mile-per-hour speed limit. Each of these policies featured "think of the children" elements of propaganda as part of the effort to "sell" these policies to a resistant public. It is no different today with COVID.

As a recent example, multiple mainstream media sources carried a variation of this headline as it appeared in the *New York Daily News* on November 16: "More than 1 million kids in U.S. have had coronavirus, pediatricians say."

The headline is designed to shock and awe and evoke a fear response. The article itself quotes a doctor who emphasizes the horror of the finding. "As a pediatrician who has

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Think of the children: In this country, kids have been either kept out of school or required to mask up to go to school — in an effort to ramp up fear of the COVID virus. Between fears of killing kids and killing old people, Americans have been willing to sacrifice numerous freedoms.

practiced medicine for over three decades, I find this number staggering and tragic," Dr. Sally Goza, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said in a statement. "We haven't seen a virus flash through our communities in this way since before we had vaccines for measles and polio."

Naturally, because of this terrible number of childhood cases, we need more of everything that big government can provide, according to Dr. Goza. "We must work now to restore confidence in our public health and scientific agencies, create fiscal relief for families and pediatricians alike, and support the systems that support children and families such as our schools, mental health care, and nutrition assistance."

This is propaganda, and we can break it down and reveal it for what it is.

First, the claim that the cited high number of cases among children is indicative of a large-scale threat is simply not true. The

U.K.'s *Daily Mail* reported on the same data as the *New York Daily News*. The *Daily Mail* opened with this observation: "Coronavirus infections among American children are rising but the death rate is continuing to fall, a new report finds."

That report from the American Academy of Pediatrics, which is the basis for both the *Daily Mail* and *New York Daily News* articles, reveals the actual number of American children who have died because of COVID. Dating from May 21 to November 12, the report states that 133 children have died. That number is revealed in "Appendix Table 2C: Summary of Child Mortality Data from 5/21 — 11/12. That table also reveals that the percent of child cases resulting in death is 0.01 percent — that is, one out of every 10,000 cases.

In other words, 99.99 percent of children who tested positive for COVID-19 did not die. In fact, COVID-19 is probably

George Mason University economist Donald Boudreaux asks, “How many of the pro-COVID-19 lockdowners or pro-obstructionists seem to be aware not merely that 95 percent of COVID deaths in the U.S. are people ages 50 and above, but also that fully 41 percent of all COVID deaths in the U.S. are of residents of nursing homes?”



Nicknamed Fascist Fauci: Supposed COVID guru Anthony Fauci once scolded Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) for saying that kids do not seem to be in much danger from COVID, or of spreading it, and should go back to school. Now Fauci is claiming kids are in little danger and should go to school.

even less dangerous than this to children. The CDC’s “current best estimate” of the infection fatality rate (IFR) for children aged 0-19 is 0.00003. In other words, 99.997 percent of all people aged 0-19 will not die of COVID-19 even if they are infected, according to the CDC.

Even Anthony Fauci admitted in late November that kids weren’t as susceptible to COVID as the fear propaganda has insisted. “If you look at the data, the spread among children and from children is not really very big at all, not like one would have suspected. So let’s try to get the kids back [to school],” Fauci said on the ABC News program *This Week*, according to the *Washington Examiner*.

Kids, in fact, are far more likely to die from the dangers of everyday life than

they are from COVID-19. As an example, consider deaths from car crashes. In 2016, over 4,000 children and teens died as a result of automobile accidents.

This isn’t to say that the death of any child or other person should not be considered a tragedy. But it is necessary to have a clear-eyed view of risk to prevent from being stampeded into unnecessary and counterproductive panic. Riding in or driving a car is simply more dangerous to children than COVID-19, but no one who is not some kind of unhinged psychotic nut would advocate banning children from cars.

Still, Dr. Goza, without regard to these important facts, calls for statist remedies to solve the problem of what she perceives as the “tragic” childhood COVID situation. Her first demand is that “we must work

now to restore confidence in our public health and scientific agencies.”

That is clearly a call for yet more propaganda to spread fear. She wishes to do this in order to support her demand for “fiscal relief for families and pediatricians alike, and support the systems that support children and families such as our schools, mental health care, and nutrition assistance.”

This is a demand for additional redistribution of wealth, which can only be and is accomplished through state coercion of taxpayers. This is COVID-19 in a nutshell: incite fear through aggressive propaganda to get people to agree to (or at least not resist) being imprisoned and controlled and then robbed of their financial assets.

It is a colossal and brazen swindle.

As far as the risk for adults beyond the age of 19, the situation is still not nearly as dire as the statist propaganda insists.

The CDC’s “current best estimate” for the infection fatality rate for those age 20-49 is 0.0002. For age 50-69 it is 0.005. For those aged 70 and up: 0.054. As percentage survival rates, then, this means that 99.98 percent of those 20-49 will survive COVID-19 infection. The survival rate for those age 50-69 is 99.5 percent. For those aged 70 and up, it is 94.6 percent.

In fact, as George Mason University economist Donald Boudreaux asks, “How many of the pro-COVID-19 lockdowners or pro-obstructionists seem to be aware not merely that 95 percent of COVID deaths in the U.S. are people ages 50 and above, but also that fully 41 percent of all COVID deaths in the U.S. are of residents of nursing homes?”

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In light of the facts about the threat of COVID-19, economist Boudreaux asks a number of pertinent questions that deserve repetition:

What reasonable person believes, in light of the above facts about COVID-19’s lethality and overwhelming disregard for the non-aged, that it is reasonable, prudent, and justified to massively upend economic and social intercourse, as has been done and as

governments continue to do? What sensible human being, in light of these facts, agrees to have government dictate the number of persons who are allowed to gather *in private homes*? To grind to a halt a great deal of productive activity? To shutter schools and have five- and six-year-old children “learn” through Zoom? To trust executive government officials with powers never before exercised in the United States on such a scale and with such utter arbitrariness — that is, to trust executive government officials to be *dictators*, for that’s what they have become and that’s what they remain as I write these words in fear, sorrow, and anger?

Why are so many Americans, the vast majority of whom are at no real risk of suffering from COVID, treating fellow human beings as lethal monsters?

Why have so many of my fellow human beings lost touch with reality and become deranged?

Why, indeed?

Crisis and Opportunity

While COVID-19 is a real viral respiratory disease that presents a danger for some people and can sicken many, the scale of the danger to health falls far short of justifying mass panic. But mass panic is extremely beneficial to those who deeply desire government that controls all aspects of life. This is exactly what the world’s internationalist and “progressive” elite increasingly demand.

One example of this came from billionaire progressive activist and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. At his Bloomberg New Economy Forum, held in mid-November and co-hosted with the China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), the globalist confab featured “leadership” from a trio of internationalist luminaries comprised of former Goldman Sachs banker and Bush-era Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and Zeng Peiyan, former vice premier of Communist China and a member of both the 15th and 16th central committees of the Chinese Communist Party according to “China Vitae,”

a project of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

It should be noted that the China connection to the Bloomberg Forum runs directly to one of the key planning agencies of the Chinese Communist government. Zeng Peiyan, the former PRC vice premier who serves as co-chair of the Bloomberg New Economy Forum, is also the chairman of CCIEE, and that organization operates under the aegis of China’s National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), a Chinese government agency with a mandate not only for socialist economic planning, but for changing economies. The NDRC’s key mandates include:

To direct, promote and coordinate the restructuring of economic systems; to study major issues concerning the restructuring of economic systems and opening up to the outside world; to formulate plans for the comprehensive restructuring of economic systems, [to] coordinate plans for dedicated economic restructuring and coordinate jointly with other agencies important dedicated economic restructuring plans; to guide pilot projects of eco-

nomics system restructuring and work in the experimental reform zones.

Additionally, and troublingly, another key mandate directs the NDRC “to coordinate social development policies” and “to organize the formulation of strategies, overall plans and annual plans of social development; to participate in the formulation of development policies with regard to population and family planning, science and technology, education, culture, health and civil administration and promote social undertaking construction,” and to “coordinate the solution of major issues and policies in the development and reform of social undertakings.”

Note especially here the mandate to manage population and family planning — a chilling element of the NDRC’s role considering the decades during which Communist China brutally enforced its notorious “one-child policy” that prevented families from having children. Even National Public Radio was forced to report that the despotic policy “led to forced abortions and the confiscation of children by the authorities.”

This would all be unacceptable to the traditional American mind-set of individual liberty and personal responsibility. But this



Perspective: Americans have been told that kids are catching COVID like crazy, implying that there is great risk to them, but it is actually more risky for the average child to be driven in a vehicle than it is for them to catch COVID.

In short, COVID-19 does not warrant a totalitarian, unconstitutional abridgment of freedom — though destroying freedom in general and the Bill of Rights in particular is the ongoing goal of the international progressive cabal.



Pledging to whom? Billionaire and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is infamous for wanting to get rid of guns in private hands, has joined a chorus of wealthy elites who want to use COVID fears to remake the world into one that is ruled by rich elites like him.

mindset can be overcome with fear, and as several “do-gooder” progressive socialists have openly admitted and welcomed, fear generated during the pandemic has led to opportunity.

This was the message from Michael Bloomberg when he addressed his New Economy confab in mid-November. “It’s an unprecedented opportunity, not only to repair the damage, but also to address the problems that existed before the pandemic hit,” the former New York Mayor announced. “If we act wisely, we can invest in ways that reduce greenhouse gases and build resilience, that address economic and racial inequality, that reduce poverty and improve public health and that spur growth and job creation.”

Unless you pay attention to the phrasing used by Bloomberg, this sounds good.

Who wouldn’t want the outcomes he describes? But the misdirection comes from the propagandistic formulation of the sentence structure. All of the Utopian goals, which sound so good to earnest Americans who seek a better world, come at the end of Bloomberg’s sentence. This is deliberate — listeners will remember what they hear last. But the important part comes first, and it is the word “we.”

“If we act wisely” Bloomberg says, “we can invest...” Who are these people, the “we” Bloomberg is speaking of and to? Simply put, Bloomberg’s “we” does not include working-class and middle-class “deplorables” — as such it doesn’t include suburban housewives, residents of the inner cities, farmers, truck drivers, construction workers or factory workers (who mostly will be out of work in the America envisioned by

the internationalist socialist progressives). Bloomberg’s “we” includes only those who will do the “acting” and “investing” — those who will be among the planners and controllers of the future. Bloomberg is here speaking to the international socialist oligarchy — the “philosopher kings” who believe they deserve to rule the world and who believe the principles of federalism, of subsidiarity, and of limited and local self-government are outmoded and overdue for the dustbin of history.

These are the people behind the international slogan “build back better” that has been bandied about not just by socialist puppet Joe Biden but by international politicians including Boris Johnson in the U.K. and UN Secretary-General António Guterres, among others.

In his address on the plan to “build back better” in June, U.K. Prime Minister Johnson served up this little bit of progressive rhetoric: “This moment also gives us a much greater chance to be radical and to do things differently. To build back better and to build back bolder. And so we will be doubling down on our strategy, we will double down on leveling up.”

At the UN, Secretary-General Guterres outlined what “Build Back Better” means in a “Policy Brief on the Impact of Covid-19 on Latin America and the Caribbean.”

Calling for “broad structural changes” to nations, he said, “Building back better requires transforming the development model of Latin America and the Caribbean.” This program, he says, requires “developing comprehensive welfare systems” and “strengthening environmental sustainability” while “reinforcing social protection mechanisms.” This is fine-sounding language meant to obscure the real objective: building a strong socialist state that puts stringent controls on people, transfers wealth, and shackles private enterprise to the demands of the state. And speaking of the state, don’t expect it to be the traditional nation state. To build back better, says Guterres, “means regional economic integration.” That is always the prelude to submerging individual nations that are nominally, if imperfectly, accountable to their citizens under international bureaucracies that have no such accountability.

This program, Guterres concluded, is “in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”

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That UN agenda is essentially the blueprint for the Great Reset. Though the *New York Times* would have you believe that this is merely “a baseless conspiracy theory about the coronavirus,” their “reportage” is a bald-faced lie. The Great Reset is, in fact, the very public program of the World Economic Forum led by Klaus Schwab. Indeed, it is a simple matter to browse Amazon or Barnes & Noble and find there, and order a copy of, Schwab’s latest book, co-authored with Thierry Malleret and entitled *Covid-19: The Great Reset*.

In that book, Schwab emphasizes that the pandemic is not a crisis, but an opportunity to overthrow the old order and replace it with the corporatist, socialist world so desired by the international progressive cabal. “The possibilities for change and the resulting new order are now unlimited and only bound by our imagination, for better or worse,” Schwab and Malleret write, noting the future could lean either “more egalitarian or more authoritarian, or [be] geared toward more solidarity or more individualism, favoring the interest of the few or the many.”

More individualism and more freedom would be the best outcome, but that is not really what they have in mind. The technocratic socialism they offer would be the worst possible outcome — unless you are counted among the ruling oligarchy. In any case, they emphasize that they must now seize the chance at hand.

“You get the point,” they proclaim, “we should take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity to reimagine our world.” We dare not miss this “opportunity,” Schwab and Malleret write.

Giving voice to the entirety of the socialist progressive orthodoxy, Schwab and Malleret demand a “radical and major systemic change in how we produce the energy we need” while also demanding “structural changes in our consumption behavior.” If the changes they demand are not made, then the world will have failed.

“If, in the post-pandemic era, we decide to resume our lives just as before (by driving the same cars, by flying to the same destinations, by eating the same things, by heating our house the same way, and so on), the COVID-19 crisis will have gone to waste.”

Note carefully these points: Under this program you will not drive a car and probably not own one either. You will not heat



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Don’t believe your lying eyes: Though World Economic Forum leader Klaus Schwab and the UN and the International Monetary Fund are all promoting global socialism controlled by wealthy elites — with Schwab even writing a book about it — much of major media attacks critics as “conspiracy theorists.”

your house with fossil fuels such as natural gas or heating oil — presumably the heat you need to warm your home will come from electricity generated by wind and solar. Since there is zero possibility of generating enough renewable energy to do that, what this means is that people in cold climates can expect much less heat in their homes and businesses, something that will lead to serious health consequences. And, under the Schwab Reset, the do-gooder billionaire socialist oligarchs will make sure you only eat what they think you should eat, and that doesn’t include meat. Indeed, note the onset of food scarcity (and the reduction in food quality) that has occurred in 2020. For the world’s would-be controllers, this is not a bug, but a feature of the very near future. Don’t forget, too, that Michigan dictator Gretchen Whitmer decreed that garden seeds could not be sold during her spring lockdown. Since growing tomatoes, squash, and lettuce at home has zero chance of spreading an infectious disease, it’s hard to ignore the suspicion that this was a trial balloon for something more sinister.

For most people, the COVID pandemic, regardless of its

nature, is a crisis to be overcome so that we can get back to living as we see fit: working to feed and care for families, building a nest-egg, inventing new technologies, and the infinite other interests individuals pursue in America and around the world.

But for socialist oligarchs whose only hobby is dreaming up new schemes of control and tyranny, COVID is no crisis — it is the final and best opportunity to scare the world into accepting social controls, government dependency, and economic regression for most so that the new billionaire socialist aristocracy can live in unprecedented luxury and freedom while they virtue signal and congratulate themselves on “saving the planet.”

We face much more than Joe Biden’s “dark winter” if these people get their way. Indeed, if their plans for a “global reset” are actualized, we face the bleak prospect of a dark and decrepit future of tyranny and poverty — forevermore. ■



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TRUMP'S AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Though President Donald Trump has some significant flaws — in policy and personality — he has accomplished more than any president in recent decades.

by *Steve Byas*

From the perspective of those of us who favor a limited constitutional government, President Donald Trump's four years in office were not perfect. But to paraphrase Alexander Hamilton's opinion about the Electoral College, Trump's policies may not have been perfect — but they were excellent.

Before the Chinese-based COVID-19 virus arrived in the United States, Trump was headed for a solid reelection. The economy was booming, as entrepreneurs, left to

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themselves and not fearing extra burdens placed upon them by an overbearing federal bureaucracy, were driving an American economy that set all types of records.

Since Trump's election in 2016, the economy had created four million new jobs, 400,000 of these in manufacturing, which grew at the fastest rate seen in decades. Unemployment claims were the lowest they had been in a half-century. And the wages that Americans received were buying more as median household income exceeded all previous records.

The economic surge benefited those considered at the lower end of the economic spectrum, as blacks and Hispanics had the lowest unemployment rates ever

seen. Americans without a high-school diploma enjoyed their lowest-ever rate of unemployment. As Eric Morath and Jeffrey Sparshott wrote in the *Wall Street Journal*, "Wages for low-skilled workers have accelerated since early 2018."

Small businesses enjoyed the lowest top marginal tax rate seen in more than 80 years. Certainly, the cut in income tax rates helped, but just leaving the economy alone and allowing the free enterprise system to do its work was even more important. Trump made a conscious effort to relieve the burden on the backs of American business.

During Trump's tenure, eight and one-half regulations were eliminated for every new rule promulgated, which — highly unusual for political promises — far exceeded the campaign pledge to cut two government regulations for every one new regulation. According to a report by the libertarian think tank Cato Institute, these efforts "slashed regulatory costs by nearly \$50 billion, with savings reaching \$220 billion once major actions are fully implemented."

This means a savings for the average American household of more than \$3,000 per year.

Under Trump's leadership, Congress repealed the penalty for violating the individual mandate in the Affordable Care Act. Congress also authorized oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on Alaska's North Slope (which would have gone nowhere had Trump not been willing to sign such legislation). Trump directly took on the radical environmentalists with his support of fracking, which has made the United States not only energy independent, but a net exporter of cheap natural gas for the first time since the 1950s.

Not buying into the myths of the climate-change activists (that unless the world's economy and our standard of living are severely curtailed, human-caused global warming is going to cause severe damage to the climate), Trump pulled America out of the Paris Climate Accord. According to National Economic Research Associates, had the United States complied with its heavy-handed restrictions, it would have cost the country 2.7 million lost jobs by 2025, including more than 400,000 manufacturing jobs.

Beyond the horrific economic implications of compliance, the Paris deal posed a serious threat to American national sovereignty. Trump, far more than any recent president, cared about preventing the United States from being swallowed up in some globalistic New World Order. While Trump did not go as far in the area of nonintervention as many of us would have liked, no longer did we hear anything such as the globaloney voiced by President George W. Bush in his second inaugural address (in which he called for a global crusade to “end tyranny in our world”).

While an actual exit from NATO, a deal that obligates the United States to go to war if any one of its member nations is attacked, would have been best, at least Trump called for the compact’s mostly European countries to provide more financial support to the pact. No phrase angers globalists more than Trump’s often-enun-

ciated “America First.” This reluctance to intervene in foreign nations’ internal affairs and wars earned Trump the undying hatred of the neoconservatives, the Never Trumpers, the American intelligence community, and all of those who favor reducing American national sovereignty in favor of some sort of world government.

One reason that Trump’s support for stronger controls of immigration elicited such a strong response was that open borders are an integral part of the push for world government. Yet, Trump’s dogged pursuit of tightened borders has shifted the debate so much that, generally speaking, neither the Democrats nor their allies in the mainstream media dared to raise this as an issue during the 2020 campaign.

Neither was abortion a major issue in the campaign, although Trump’s actual policies made him perhaps the strongest pro-life president in U.S. history. While Ronald Reagan wrote a book (*Abortion*

and the Conscience of a Nation) promoting the cause of the unborn, Trump took every opportunity to promote the cause with policy. Trump barred federal planning dollars from going to any organization that provides abortions or refers patients to abortion clinics. He not only reinstated the Mexico City Policy (which prevents any U.S. government global health funds from going to foreign groups that provide abortion), he expanded it.

Despite his insistence that American foreign policy be guided by the concept that it should put America first, Trump did engage with other nations. Largely because of the efforts of the Trump administration, Israel and four Arab nations have agreed to treaties that greatly reduce the prospect of wars in the Middle East.

Trump had the misfortune of being president when the COVID-19 virus, which originated in Communist China, was introduced into the United States. While castigated for months as cases and deaths mounted, Trump did about all that a president could be expected to do in such a situation. Even Dr. Anthony Fauci — hardly a strong public backer of Trump — admitted that Trump’s swift action in banning travel from China probably saved thousands of American lives.

While future presidents may not pursue his positive steps with the economy, energy, and opposition to globalism, Trump has left a lasting legacy in the federal court system. In addition to adding three new members to the U.S. Supreme Court, one-fourth of all federal judges were selected by him. Considering, for example, that Justice Clarence Thomas has been on the Supreme Court since 1991, Trump’s impact on the federal judiciary will be felt for years to come.

Trump also grew the Republican Party, receiving the highest percentage of votes from African-Americans that any Republican has received since 1960. Working-class Americans of all races and religions flocked to Trump. A majority of Roman Catholics abandoned their traditional support of the Democratic Party to support him. He also increased the percentage of support from Hispanics. Whether other Republicans can build on that increase will largely depend on whether they adopt many of the policies that Trump championed. ■

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Contradiction: Despite the prediction that President Trump’s strong immigration policies would cost him votes from American Hispanics, the truth is that both Trump and other Republican candidates increased their share of support in that community. Trump also had the largest percentage of black voters than any Republican presidential candidate in the past 60 years.

Neocons Reviling Trump, REJOICING IN BIDEN

Claiming to represent “real conservatism,” the left-tilted establishment GOP intelligentsia is cheering for the demise of President Trump.

by William F. Jasper

Olga Khazan, a reporter for *The Atlantic*, sat in as an invited observer for an Election Night Zoom Panel of a certain media organization. Her report will serve as an eye-opener for many conservatives and Republicans. As the evening progressed and President Trump won Florida and appeared to be leading Biden in North Carolina, the panelists were muttering, moaning, and cursing. When it appeared that Biden might also be losing Pennsylvania, anxiety turned into desperation, dread, and despair. The thought of losing Pennsylvania to Trump was just too much to bear. A prominent panelist cried out: “Right now, we are facing the possibility of not only not getting that, but having that f****r in office for four years!” (Though, naturally, *The Atlantic*, being a liberal-left, virulently anti-Trump publication — and thoroughly *sophisticated* to boot — didn’t bother to bleep the expletive, as we have done above.)

No, Khazan was not sitting in with Rachel Maddow, Joy Reid, and Joe Scarborough for MSNBC. Nor was she with Don Lemon, Anderson Cooper, and Brooke Baldwin at CNN — or any of the other Big Media mouthpieces that President Trump rightly denounced as Fake News and “enemies of the American people.” She was reporting from the election-night meltdown at The Bulwark, Bill Kristol’s latest neoconservative, online venture. And the f-bombing individual was The Bulwark’s policy editor Mona Charen, one of the most venomous Never Trumpers, which

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Unhinged with hate: Republican columnist/pundit Mona Charen, a policy editor at The Bulwark, hates President Trump so intensely that she voted for Biden, as well as every Democrat down-ballot.

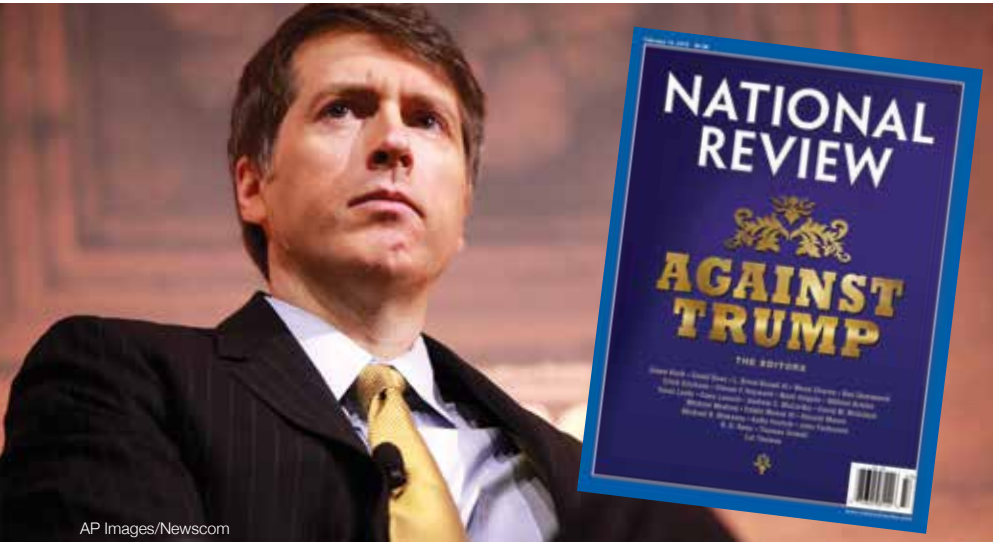
therefore qualifies her as a “responsible” conservative in the eyes of the leftists and globalists who run Big Media. Khazan was observing the meltdown via remote video hookup as an invitee to the home of Charen.

Mona Charen, like many of her neo-conservative colleagues at *National Review*, The Bulwark, and Jonah Goldberg’s more recently launched publishing effort, *The Dispatch*, has been a fixture among the chattering classes of Big Media for decades. She’s a syndicated columnist (carried by mostly “progressive” newspapers), CNN commentator, and guest on network talking-head programs. She currently hosts The Bulwark’s *Beg to Differ* podcast. Not all of the neocon Never Trumpers have gone as far as Mona Charen and Bill Kristol. They and much of

their Bulwark crew not only hate Trump — passionately — but have gone so far as to root for Biden, endorse Biden, vote for Biden, even campaign for Biden. According to *The Atlantic*’s Olga Khazan, “Charen even phone-banked for Biden” and “even voted for Democrats in down-ballot races this year.”

Khazan expressed surprise at Charen’s profane outburst. “This surprised me because although the Bulwarkers had been dropping more f-bombs as more states went for Trump, Charen, a nice Jewish woman in her 60s, seemed too prim for that,” she wrote. “She had done her makeup and dressed in a blazer. She had corralled her dog, Ike — like Dwight D. Eisenhower — away from the camera. She had made printouts of various polls and bellwether counties.”

In other words, she and her fellow neocons want to restore all of the things that alienated millions of Republicans who have been brought back to the party (along with many Democrats) by Trump's "America First" MAGA policies.



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Vengeful Never Trumpers: *National Review* editor Rich Lowry, who led a group of two dozen neocon Republicans attacking Trump in 2016, has been lambasting him ever since.

"I want the Republican Party to feel spanked, so that it reforms and makes a U-turn," she told Khazan. Hmm. What kind of "reform" does the rankled pundit have in mind? And a "U-turn" from what? Well, we can suggest that among the many things she has in mind is expelling all the Trump deplorables from the Grand Old Party and restoring the glory days of the Bush dynasty — along with its embrace of globalism, the United Nations, Big Government, perpetual war, more taxes, more regulation, expanded immigration, expanded "refugee" acceptance, and continued GOP surrender on abortion, gun rights, LGBTQ issues, China trade, and environmental extremism. In other words, she and her fellow neocons want to restore all of the things that alienated millions of Republicans who have been brought back to the party (along with many Democrats) by Trump's "America First" MAGA policies

and rhetoric, which the internationalist-minded neocons despise.

"If a more typical Republican runs in 2024, people like Charen may simply migrate back to the GOP — she's fond of Senator Mitt Romney and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan," Khazan writes. Yes, the Romney-Hogan-Bush-McCain-Collins "moderates" have always been the prescription of the neocons. Real conservatives (also known as paleocons) and constitutionalists have long regarded the neocons as fake conservatives, RINOs (Republicans In Name Only), and Democrats-Lite. Like "progressive" Democrats, ACLU activists, and most denizens of the Left, neocons like to sing hymns of praise to the U.S. Constitution, while simultaneously promoting policies that undercut its restraints on government and its protections of liberty.

Before Trump, Charen, Kristol, and their coterie of Beltway neocons ruled the roost

— not only as the senior "thought leaders" of the GOP, but also as the favored pundits of the Fake News media so despised by President Trump and his growing throng of followers. For the past four years, however, the Never Trump neocons have been knocked from their prideful perches and exiled, relegated to irrelevance. That has been a blow too low. "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," playwright William Congreve famously noted, and the banished neocons have nourished their rejection into a hellish wrath.

Since November 3, the *faux* conservative pundits at *The Bulwark*, *National Review*, and *The Dispatch* have been working in tandem with their boon companions at the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, CNN, PBS, NBC, and the rest of the Big Media herd to convince America that Biden-Harris beat Trump-Pence in a "free, fair, secure" election. Like the Fake News outlets, they rushed to falsely hail Joe Biden as "president-elect," ignoring the fact that he could only legitimately be referred to as such *if and when* that title is *officially* bestowed upon him. The Electoral College, not Fox News, the Associated Press, or *National Review-Bulwark-Dispatch*, makes that call. Writers and editors for the neocon apparatuses have done their best to ratify the stolen election and to sneer at every effort by the Trump campaign to demonstrate massive voter fraud.

Repeated Again and Again

National Review editor Rich Lowry must be taking immense pleasure at the prospect of seeing his antagonist, President Trump, being evicted (Lowry hopes) from the White House. In his syndicated column for November 30, entitled "Trump's ugly exit not unexpected," Lowry wrote: "No one expected Donald Trump to handle a defeat in the 2020 election well. It was predictable he'd deny that he really lost and allege the vote was rigged, that he'd tweet wild and misleading things, and that he'd lash out in absurd and sophomoric ways."

"All that was inevitable," said Lowry. "What's been more disturbing is how far he and his allies have been willing to push it, not content only to delegitimize the election, but actively seeking to invalidate it."

Like his liberal-left counterparts in Big

Media, Lowry scoffed at Trump's charges of election fraud and claimed the president is disseminating "a constant flow of bad information and conspiracy theories."

On the same day, November 30, "The Editors" of *National Review* (presumably including Rich Lowry) issued a similar collective attack entitled "Trump's Disgraceful Endgame." The *NR* editors slammed "Trump's disgraceful conduct since losing his bid for reelection to Joe Biden on November 3." Disgraceful? How? Well, he has refused to concede to Joe Biden, who has already been anointed and crowned — by the media. "The president can't stand to admit that he lost and so has insisted since the wee hours of Election Night that he really won — and won 'by a lot,'" says the editorial collective.

"There are legitimate issues to consider after the 2020 vote," say the editors, "but make no mistake: The chief driver of the post-election contention of the past several weeks is the petulant refusal of one man to accept the verdict of the American people. The Trump team (and much of the GOP) is working backwards, desperately trying to find something, *anything* to support the president's aggrieved feelings, rather than objectively considering the evidence and reacting as warranted."

As we have detailed in these pages and online, the evidence of blatant election fraud, on an unprecedented, massive scale, should be more than sufficient to convince all but the willfully blind that there is good reason to challenge the results.

Nevertheless, the *National Review* scribblers declare: "Almost nothing that the Trump team has alleged has withstood the slightest scrutiny. In particular, it's hard to find much that is remotely true in the president's Twitter feed these days. It is full of already-debunked claims and crackpot conspiracy theories about Dominion voting systems."

"Trump's most reprehensible tactic," *National Review* insists, "has been to attempt, somewhat shamefacedly, to get local Republican officials to block the certification of votes and state legislatures to appoint Trump electors in clear violation of the public will." Reprehensible? How so? It is his duty, as president, to employ all legal, moral, constitutional avenues to ensure that the election was truly fair and free of massive corruption.

"Getting defeated in a national election is a blow to the ego of even the most thick-skinned politicians and inevitably engenders personal feelings of bitterness and anger," the editors write, before concluding with this swipe: "What America has long expected is that losing candidates swallow those feelings and at least pretend to be gracious. If Trump's not capable of it, he should at least stop waging war on the outcome."

Yes, they insist, Trump's refusal to concede is solely about ego. It is an editorial that would have been at home at the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Daily Beast*, or any of the other myriad belchers of anti-Trump vitriol. Well, Lowry and "The Editors" at *National Review* know a thing or two about ego, bitterness, and anger; and their smoldering anger against Donald Trump is finally giving way to full rage. Lowry, who is also a columnist for left-leaning *Politico* and a welcome guest on all the establishment media gabfests, launched the hate-Trump neocon vendet-

ta with a 2016 special issue of *National Review* dedicated to "Against Trump." It featured more than 20 neocon luminaries, from Lowry, Bill Kristol, and syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, to Ben Domenech, publisher of the *Federalist*; Yuval Levin, editor of *National Affairs*; and John Podhoretz, editor of *Commentary*. After four years in exile, they are more than ready to reclaim their spots as the controlled opposition, the Judas goats who lead conservatives into gradual acceptance of all that is the antithesis of the beliefs they once held dear.

The neocons, who fashion themselves as "intellectual conservatives," despise not only Trump and Trump supporters, but all of the ordinary, hardworking, common-sense conservatives of middle America, rural America, and small-town America. Like the Beltway Democratic Left, the neocons have nothing in common with the conservative residents of Red State "flyover country," or with the hapless inhabitants trapped inside



Neocon deceit: Irving Kristol, a former Trotskyite and the "godfather of neoconservatism," and his son, Bill Kristol (shown), have played pivotal roles in redefining and corrupting conservatism and the Republican Party.

the increasingly oppressive, Democrat-controlled, Blue State hellholes. They gleefully support Biden-Harris in order to rid themselves of Trump-Pence, and then, expect to resume their rightful place as the babbling brain trust that will help the Republican Party “reform” itself into a pale reflection of the party of Obama-Clinton-Pelosi, and continue to “gracefully” lose on all fronts.

Their desperation to regain power is evinced in their relentless attacks on Trump, which compete with CNN and MSNBC for intensity and spleen. According to *National Review*'s Michael Brendan Dougherty, Trump “represents a social-media age, which fixes a digital sewage pipe to the brains of every single person on earth and allows the mental diarrhea to gush upon an unready world.”

In a November 24 article snidely titled “It’s Only ‘Free and Fair’ When We Win,” *National Review* senior writer and syndicated columnist David Harsanyi declares: “There is no credible evidence Barack Obama is a foreigner. There is no credible evidence that Donald Trump was a Russian asset. And so far, there is no credible evidence that widespread cheating gave Joe Biden the presidency this year.”

So it goes also over at *The Dispatch*, where Jonah Goldberg, Stephen Hayes, David French, and other assorted veterans from *National Review* and *The Weekly Standard* (Bill Kristol’s former sounding board before founding The Bulwark) are celebrating what they hope will be President Trump’s ouster and the new Neocon Age under Biden-Harris.

The Neocon Heresy

Many Trump supporters only recently became more fully aware of the extent to which the neoconservative cabal has hijacked conservatism, as well as the Republican Party.

But in his 1996 book entitled *The Essential Neoconservative Reader*, editor Mark Gerson triumphantly noted: “The neoconservatives have so changed conservatism that what we now identify as conservatism is largely what was once neoconservatism. And in so doing, they have defined the way that vast numbers of Americans view their economy, their polity, and their society.”

Gerson’s boastful assertion is certainly,

and unfortunately, true. With the help of America’s archenemy globalists, the neocons were ensconced in places of prominence in the GOP and the media.

But what is “neoconservatism”? Even many of those familiar with the term are rather fuzzy on just what it is that neocons believe and propose. That is as intended. For the most part, neocons are adept at sounding conservative, which they mostly accomplish by playing the foil to the most radical Democratic proposals. It’s relatively easy to pull it off when one is allowed to pose as the champion against the nostrums of Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi, Maxine Waters, and The Squad. But what do the virulently anti-Trump neocons say they believe? Well, for starters we can look to the man known as the “godfather of neoconservatism,” Irving Kristol, father of The Bulwark’s Bill Kristol.

In his 1995 book *Neoconservatism: The Autobiography of an Idea*, Kristol explained neoconservatism thusly: “[We] are conservative, but different in certain respects from the conservatism of the Republican Party. We accepted the New Deal in principle, and had little affection for the

kind of isolationism that then permeated American conservatism.”

“So, neocons are for the New Deal — which is socialism,” explained John F. McManus, author of *William F. Buckley: Pied Piper for the Establishment*, the most thorough exposé of neoconservatism. “And,” McManus continued, “they despise ‘isolationism,’ which means Kristol and his neocon friends are internationalists. In a 1993 article appearing in the *Wall Street Journal*, Kristol expressed his enthusiasm for Social Security, Medicare, food stamps, Medicaid, even cash allowances for unwed mothers. You won’t find a neocon opposing the UN, although he might issue a recommendation merely to reform the world organization. And you certainly won’t find any neocon challenging the growth of big government because they love big government.”

The late Robert Bartley, a longtime editor of the *Wall Street Journal*, was an ardent neocon internationalist who once declared, “I think the nation-state is finished.” A member of the globalist Council on Foreign Relations, he saw the end of America’s national sovereignty and inde-



Pompous pundits: Jonah Goldberg, a former editor at *National Review* and a favorite “conservative” of the Fake News herd, now runs *The Dispatch* with neocon regulars Stephen F. Hayes and David French.

pendence as a good thing. And he promoted fellow neocons from *National Review*, including those now at The Bulwark and *The Dispatch*.

But it gets worse. Because, you see, amazingly, neoconservatism sprang from Trotskyite communists who only *partially* gave up their Marxist vision. In 1995, neocon godfather Kristol candidly stated, “I regard myself to have been a young Trotskyite and I have not a single bitter memory.” Trotsky, remember, was the ruthless Bolshevik leader who was the Soviet Union’s first war commissar. As such, he created the Red Army and deployed it mercilessly against the Russian people. Yes, he broke with Stalin, but he didn’t become a peaceful Democrat; his umbrage with the equally ruthless dictator Stalin was more along the lines of Mafiosi quarreling among themselves. He provided ideologues in the West — such as Kristol — with the excuse to cling to their collectivist dogma while reviling the “excesses” of Stalin.

Thus could Kristol make the oxymoronic statement that “a conservative welfare state ... is perfectly consistent with the neoconservative perspective.” Likewise, neocon Fred Barnes, a regular at *National Review*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the network talking-head shows, could later take conservatives to task for criticizing President George W. Bush’s liberal-left policies. “Sure, some conservatives are upset because he has tolerated a surge in federal spending,” etc., and “fashioned an alliance of sorts with Teddy Kennedy on education and Medicare.” “But the real gripe,” Barnes continued, “is that Bush isn’t their kind of conventional conservative. Rather, he’s a big government conservative.” Barnes then went on to defend Big Government Conservatism as a rational, authentic version of conservatism. Yes, like dry water or a wise fool.

Nathan Glazer was one of the founding fathers of neoconservatism and co-editor with Irving Kristol of *The Public Interest*, a journal funded by the CIA. Both Glazer and Kristol were longtime members of the Council on Foreign Relations. Glazer made a telling admission in that publication’s final issue in spring 2005, recalling: “All of us had voted for Lyndon Johnson in 1964, for Hubert Humphrey in 1968, and I would hazard that most of the original stalwarts of *The Public Interest*, editors and



Globalist neocon re-Boot: CFR senior fellow Max Boot, a leading Deep State propagandist and vicious anti-Trumper, says GOP and conservatism must be purged of Trump and his “fascism.”

regular contributors, *continued to vote for Democratic presidential candidates all the way to the present*. Recall that the original definition of the neoconservatives was that they fully embraced the reforms of the New Deal, and indeed the major programs of Johnson’s Great Society.... *Had we not defended the major social programs, from Social Security to Medicare, there would have been no need for the ‘neo’ before ‘conservatism.’*” (Emphasis added.)

Neocon Globalists Uber Alles

Max Boot is, perhaps, the quintessential neocon. For the past 18 years, he has been employed as a senior fellow in national security studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Additionally, he is a columnist for the *Washington Post* (a longtime channel of CFR propaganda and a Deep State fount of the CIA’s Operation Mockingbird) and a commentator for CNN, and is a regular honored guest of Big Media. He previously wrote for Kristol’s now-defunct *Weekly Standard*. The Big Media herd rushed to acclaim his 2018 book *The Corrosion of Conservatism*.

Why I Left the Right. The *Washington Post* called it “One of the 50 Notable Works of Nonfiction in 2018.” The *New York Times* designated it as an “Editors’ Choice” book. The CFR praised Boot as a heroic Republican standing up to evil, as the Trump-led “nativism, xenophobia, vile racism, and assaults on the rule of law threaten the very fabric of our nation.”

As did their brethren in the CFR and Big Media, the neocon Never Trump media mavens also celebrated Boot’s book, along with his columns and media appearances attacking President Trump. Like Max Boot, they are bootlickers for the Deep State shadow government that will “cancel” the American Republic if allowed to steal the election and enthrone Joe Biden and Kamala Harris.

The role of the neocons today is to assist the globalist elites and the operatives in the major media, the Democratic Party, and the establishment GOP in ousting President Trump from the White House. That is precisely what the neocon cabal at The Bulwark-*National Review-Dispatch* is attempting to do. ■

States' Dangerous TEXT LINES

Many states have adopted text lines whereby kids are fed pro-sex, pro-immorality messages — paid for by taxpayers.



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Agenda? Teens and preteens in several states are being targeted with advertisements to text total strangers about a litany of subjects related to sex and sexuality — including birth control, sexually transmitted infections, abortion, oral sex, anal sex, the LGBTQ+ lifestyle, and more.

by C. Mitchell Shaw

Utilizing a program that makes high-school sex ed look mild by comparison, states all over the country are funding and promoting sex textlines for teens and preteens to ask anonymous adults intimate questions about sex, relationships, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, “gender identity,” and more. These text lines are set up and maintained by the American Sexual Health Association (ASHA).

Flying Under the Radar

And considering the organization does business with states — business paid for

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by taxpayer dollars — ASHA is super secretive about which states it has as clients. THE NEW AMERICAN was able to verify that the BrdsNBz sex textline for teens (or something similar) is available in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Maryland, Florida, Texas, Indiana, New Mexico, and Virginia. California has its own homegrown version of the program — subtly named “Hookup.” BrdsNBz began in North Carolina as ShiftNC before being taken over by ASHA. BrdsNBz may be available in other states, as well. But since the ASHA website is conspicuously silent about which states use its service, the full list is a mystery.

ASHA’s behavior is a great departure from the way other organizations publish lists of state clients in an effort to attract new states to come on board. Moreover, since the company’s product is meant for public use by minors, its client list should

be released. If ASHA serviced private companies or organizations, keeping a tight lid on its client list would be understandable, but since ASHA’s clients are state governments, the lack of transparency is suspicious at best. It looks as if both ASHA and its state clients are keeping a low profile to avoid publicity — or public scrutiny.

This subterfuge is further illustrated by the fact that Virginia only really popped up as an ASHA sex textline client in late September of 2020, when the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) mailed out 96,000 postcards to addresses across the commonwealth advertising the service to teens.

This marked the *official* launch of the service. But back on October 23, 2019, VDH tweeted under the Twitter handle @VDHLiveWell, “Got questions before you go all the way? Text Talk2MeVA to 66746 for free and anonymous answers!” That text carried the hashtags #Talk2Me, #SexEd, #SexualHealth, and #BirdsN-Bees. And even before that, Cover Virginia — a service provider directing Virginians to ObamaCare and Medicaid — sent out a tweet on October 15, 2019, saying, “NEW: @VDHgov is partnering with @InfoASHA so teens can share their questions about sex, sexuality, STIs, contraception, relationships, & more with a trained professional. Text ‘TALK2MEVA’ to 66746 and receive an answer within 24 hours from a certified health educator.”

Then, on January 22 of 2020, VDH sent a similar tweet, adding that it was addressed to even younger kids. The tweet read, “Teens and tweens, what questions do you want answers to before you go all the way? Text TALK2MEVA or 66746 for answers.”

None of those tweets performed very

well: The top among them got two likes and two retweets. It appears that teens and tweens (preteens 11 and 12) don't follow VDH on Twitter. At any rate, the public — and for that matter, many Virginia state legislators — only became aware of the BrdsNBz textline in late September, though Virginia was clearly on board at least a year earlier.

And the subterfuge doesn't end there. Anyone looking at the postcards mailed to teens across Virginia would reasonably think that the textline is an official program of the state of Virginia. In reality, the textline is operated by a non-state organization, with the state of Virginia as its client.

The number provided on the postcard mailed by VDH is 66746. When one texts "Talk2MeVa" to that number, as this writer did, the response — from 833-933-6655 — is, "Success! 1. Reply to this text w/ your question or message. 2. Save this number in ur phone as Talk2MeVa to text us later. Reply stop to quit."

At this point, nothing in the text conversation tells the teen that he or she is texting a third party. The teen is instead encour-

aged to go ahead and ask a very personal sexual question — thinking he or she is communicating with a VDH employee. Only after sending the question is the teen informed that he or she is actually texting ASHA. That text reads, "Thnx 4 texting BrdsNBz — part of the American Sexual Health Association (ASHA). We'll get back 2 u ASAP. +Find info at <http://iwannaknow.org/>."

Not only does ASHA use subterfuge to engage kids in sexual conversations, but it immediately recommends one of its own websites as a resource while the teen (or preteen) waits for an answer. That website — cleverly named *I Wanna Know* — is a trove of "information."

Targeting Kids for Perversion With Targeted Marketing

ASHA appears to be at least as committed to perverting the minds of youth as it is keeping its client list a secret: The information found by clicking the link provided in the text is a deep dive into sexual perversion and encouragement of teen sex, as will be shown as this article digs down into some of that information.

And while the postcards say the service is only for teens, remember that the January 22 tweet from VDH also addressed preteens — between the ages of 11 and 12. Furthermore, nothing prevents a child even younger from accessing the service and learning all about the Birds and the Bees. In fact, given the curiosity of kids, it is a foregone conclusion that many of them will learn about sex by using this service to have "anonymous" text conversations with adult strangers. And they will be directed to a litany of websites where they will "learn" even more.

In fact, the main page of *I Wanna Know* includes a list of buttons for visitors to click: "Sexual Health," "STDs/STIs," "Relationships," "LGBTQ," "Pregnancy & Parenthood," and "Myths and Facts."

Not surprisingly, the link on pregnancy and parenthood paints a bleak picture of teen pregnancy — including the facts that almost 448,000 young women aged 15–19 became pregnant in 2013 and that teen pregnancy puts a great deal of stress on the young mother, who is already coping with all the issues that go along with being a teen. The page ends with a link to the Orwellian-sounding "Office of Population Affairs" to help a teen who finds herself pregnant "search for a local family planning clinic" where she can have her unborn child aborted.

The Myths and Facts page is filled with information designed to make teens think sexual activity is appropriate for people their age. For instance, under the heading "The best way to avoid getting pregnant is to use a condom," the "answer," which begins with an accurate statement, quickly veers toward propaganda:

MYTH! The best way to avoid getting pregnant is through abstinence. Abstinence (not having any kind of sex) is the only 100% effective form of birth control. If abstinence isn't an option, using a condom in combination with a hormonal form of birth control is a close second. For example, this could be a condom used together with the birth control pill.

But *why* wouldn't abstinence be an option for unmarried teens? Of course, teens lacking a proper moral upbringing may see nothing wrong with sex before



Grooming teens: One website promoted via the BrdsNBz sex textline is iwannaknow.org — a website of ASHA. The site promotes the sex-hookup lifestyle and includes information about sexual acts most parents would deem perverse.

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“Liberal” all right: Liberal Democrat Governor Ralph Northam has launched Virginia’s sex textline for teens under the name BrdsNBz as a platform for teens to ask personal sexual questions. The program is handled by the American Sexual Health Association (ASHA) and paid for by taxpayers. Similar programs exist in several states.

marriage. And even those who do may lack the self-control needed to overcome their sex drives. But this is not an argument for dismissing abstinence as a viable “option.” It is an argument, instead, for acquiring a moral compass, as well as the self-control to adhere to it, despite the temptations to deviate. Yet the moral understanding that needs to be an integral part of learning about sex is not part of a moral-neutral sex ed program such as this one.

But without providing even a fig leaf of moral understanding, the site exposes young people to information about the proper use of condoms, oral sex, anal sex, and other perverse sexual acts no child — or *adult* for that matter — should read about. There are links to Planned Parenthood, as well as a plethora of sites about living the LGBTQ+ life. And while the site does list some of the negative con-

sequences of the free-sex lifestyle, those facts are scattered and are buried beneath an avalanche of material designed to *promote* the free-sex lifestyle.

The marketing used to promote the sex textline is disturbing, as well. The recently revealed BrdsNBz textline in Virginia is a good example. Slick, teen-targeted postcards promoting Governor Northam’s BrdsNBz textline were mailed to addresses all over Virginia. Those postcards are designed with artwork geared toward teens. It shows teens using mobile phones and taking selfies. The text on the front reads:

Have questions about sex, STIs, contraception, or relationships? Text TALK2MEVA to 66746 to get answers from a certified health educator within 24 hours. This textline is free and anonymous for any teen!

On the reverse side, the postcard shows five teens — three girls and two boys of various ethnic groups — using their mobile phones. The word-bubbles above the teens say:

Have a QUESTION about Brds ‘N’ Bz? Use a free and anonymous sexual health textline for teens. Get answers about relationships, contraception, sex, pregnancy, STIs, sexuality, + more!

It also directs teens to text Talk2MeVa to 66746 and includes the logos for both the Virginia Department of Health and the American Sexual Health Association.

It could be argued that the ASHA logo should signal to teens that they’re communicating with a private entity. Yet even if teens immediately recognize that ASHA is private, the group is certainly given stature by the fact that the government is directing kids to it to learn about sex.

The teen-oriented graphics appear to be designed to make this postcard look and feel very appealing to young people. Many of the postcards are actually addressed to teens living at the addresses to which they are mailed. The cartoon drawings of both boys and girls is clearly intended to capture the interest of teens.

But that appears to be par for the course for both state agencies and non-state employees of ASHA, who recalcitrantly refuse to leave the moral education of teens and preteens to their parents. The moral education is the proper province of parents, not government. By launching this textline and mailing slick teen-oriented postcards to kids to draw them in, ASHA and the state governments involved are attempting to make an end-run around parents to reach kids with materials cleverly designed to appeal to their baser sexual inclinations and create an even greater sexualized youth culture. Let’s hope that the parents see the material sent to their kids before their kids do — and if they don’t, that their kids have already been given enough moral instruction at home to bring the material to the attention of their parents.

The usurpation of parental authority by the state and its private-sector partners is especially interesting since the ASHA website includes a page about parents

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talking to their kids about sex. The button leading to that page says, “You are your child’s most important teacher. Be an askable parent.”

The State as Parent

That page is filled with advice, beginning with, “Educating a child about sexual health is an important part of his or her healthy development. Their early understanding of sex, love, intimacy and their own sexuality can help mold their values, behavior, and even their self-image, for a lifetime.” The page also asks, “Does your child feel it’s okay to talk with you about sex and sexual health? If not, have you thought about who will answer your child’s questions?”

Of course, that last question has already been answered for the parent. That answer comes in the form of postcards directing children as young as 13 to reach out to “anonymous” adults (i.e., strangers) to ask for guidance on “sex, love, intimacy and their own sexuality” so those strangers can “mold their values, behavior, and even their self-image, for a lifetime” by

giving those children information about contraception, abortion, homosexual acts, masturbation, oral sex, anal sex, “gender identity,” and more.

The state and its approved organizations are the new parents. (Karl Marx would be proud.) And some parents they would be.

The Family Foundation, a nonprofit in Virginia dedicated to strengthening families, said the textline “contradicts everything we teach our kids about safety.” Family Foundation President Victoria Cobb told *THE NEW AMERICAN*, “We say, ‘Don’t talk to strangers. Don’t give out your phone number. Don’t send any inappropriate pictures. Everything you do on the phone is permanent.’ This sex textline is counter to all safe teaching about technology.” Cobb also told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that in the natural course of human families, parents are responsible for the moral training of their children, and this “overstepping” on the part of the state is unacceptable. “All adults should be encouraging kids to talk to their own parents about these sensitive topics,” she said, adding, “Having any conversation

over technology about sex — especially with a stranger — is the exact opposite of the way any responsible parent trains their child.”

And former private investigator Kimberly Williams — who spent her career working in human trafficking interdiction and education — told *THE NEW AMERICAN*, “I would classify this sex line as a form of spray and prey grooming,” she said, since “It encourages children to talk to strangers in secret. It normalizes having adult to child sexual conversations. It also tells children that it is normal and acceptable to be isolated from their support system to discuss things that they may be uncomfortable with.” Kimberly says this is “straight out of the grooming children handbook.”

Even if the adults behind this have zero *intention* of exposing teens to sexual predators, the end result is the same, since Kimberly points out, as “it’s still laying the groundwork for someone else to step in later.”

Once kids become habituated to keeping sexual secrets from parents — while secretly sharing them with adult strangers — those kids are low-hanging fruit for predators. Kimberly told *THE NEW AMERICAN*, “As a parent and a professional, I see nothing positive coming from this and I am dubious of the origins, given the persons in office and who would endorse or back them.”

Violating the Law?

And The Family Foundation also points to the fact that such textlines likely violate federal law. Since much of the funding for states to participate in schemes such as BrdsNBz is provided via Title V grants, the laws regarding the use of those funds must be followed. Those grants are designated for abstinence education or “education exclusively on sexual risk avoidance that teaches youth to voluntarily refrain from sexual activity.”

But *this* is not *that*. Instead, BrdsNBz is teaching kids as young as 11 or 12 (remember that “tween” tweet) to engage in oral, vaginal, and anal sex, so long as they do it “safely.” In a public statement, Family Foundation’s Cobb said, “Virginia’s sex textline is clearly not providing abstinence education and therefore represents, at best, an obvious misuse of



Children’s champion: Victoria Cobb serves as president of The Family Foundation (TFF) in Richmond, Virginia. Her organization is at the tip of the spear in exposing the BrdsNBz sex textline in Virginia. TFF has pointed out that this service usurps the God-given rights of parents to provide the moral education of their children.

familyfoundation.org

federal funds, or worse, a flat-out violation of federal law.”

The service may even violate state laws by encouraging kids who are legally — not to mention *emotionally, mentally,* and possibly even *physically* — too young for sex to “go all the way,” as that January 22 tweet from VDH put it.

It is noteworthy that the age of consent in Virginia is 18, with a close-in-age exemption for sexual activity that applies *only if* both teens are between the ages of 15 and 17 or both are between the ages of 13 and 15. There is no provision for tweens. All sexual activity involving tweens would fall under the category of statutory rape, as would sex between teens who do not meet the criteria of the close-in-age exemption.

VDH and ASHA are encouraging sexual activity that the law classifies as a sex crime. And they are doing it with taxpayer dollars and over the objections of parents who are given — *by God* — the responsibility and authority to provide the moral training of their children.

THE NEW AMERICAN spoke with several parents across Virginia about the newly publicized sex textline there. What they had to say is illuminating and likely represents the feelings and insights of parents in other states where ASHA’s services (or similar services) are available.

Michael and Kimberly Lewis, both 34, live just outside Fredericksburg, Virginia, where they are the parents of three young children — ranging from nearly one year old to five. And though Michael and Kimberly are not parents of teens — and therefore not the parents of kids who are the immediate targets of this sex textline — Michael says they realize that their kids are future targets of this and other plans to subject kids to “sexual grooming.” He told THE NEW AMERICAN, “What it boils down to is sexual grooming of children — it would be one thing if the public schools said, ‘This is how reproduction works, but you are strongly encouraged to wait because if you get pregnant, it’s not good,’ but that’s not what they’re saying.” He went on to say, “They are *encouraging* teenagers to be sexually active.” (Emphasis in original.) Michael also said that this is “the state trying to steal children away from the family and usurp parental authority.”

Other parents agree. One of those parents is Mike Seeley. Mike and his wife, Anna, live near Powhatan, Virginia. They are the parents of 13 kids (10 boys, three girls) ranging from less than two years old to 26. Among their brood of children, Mike and Anna have a handful of teenagers. Mike said they had either not re-

ceived the postcards or they were thrown out as junk mail. I sent Mike a copy of the postcard, and he said, “My first thought was, ‘Here we go again. This is another step in the decades-long attempt by the State to circumvent the parents’ authority — not only the parental authority to teach their children, but the moral authority of parents to instill morals in their children.’”

He went on to say, “This is the State swooping in to say, ‘No, no, no. Don’t listen to your stone-age parents here. Here is what we do nowadays — we use contraception, we use these other types of things. You go ahead and do these activities that your parents might tell you otherwise or might deem to be inappropriate or immoral, but this is the 2000’s, you go ahead and do this. And if you find yourself pregnant, we have ways to take care of that.’” Mike called this “another manifestation” of what began with sex-ed classes in public schools, adding that it’s “another approach to get kids away from the morals their parents may want to instill in them.”

Another Virginia parent of both teens and younger kids who spoke to THE NEW AMERICAN is Meghan Doran. Meghan and her husband, Bill, live in Midlothian, where they are raising their nine kids, ranging in age from infant to almost 18. Meghan and Bill agree that the primary responsibility to educate kids about sex and sexuality belongs to the parents and that this is an attempt on the part of the State to further usurp that authority. Meghan is a stay-at-home, homeschooling mom, and Bill teaches Theology, Philosophy, and Latin at an all-boys’ Catholic high school in the Richmond area.

Meghan told THE NEW AMERICAN, “As officials of the State, they are asking my children to anonymously — I don’t know who these people are and how they are vetted — contact them with questions that I wouldn’t want them to contact their own grandmother about without me being involved.”

The insights and sentiments of Michael, Mike, and Meghan are representative of what other parents shared with this writer. Now if only a few million more just like them would put pressure on the states to defund this program, we might take a small step back toward sanity. ■



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Baiting kids? As part of the effort to sweep up as many kids as possible in its net, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) sent postcards advertising its sex-line service to addresses all over the state. Many of those cards were addressed to the teens themselves, not to their parents.

THE CHOICE

ROE V. WADE IN THE BALANCE

Danielle D'Souza Gill makes the case that the primary concern of the Democratic Party is continuing abortion on demand.



by Troy Anderson

The Choice: The Abortion Divide in America, by Danielle D'Souza Gill, New York: Hachette Book Group, 2020, 304 pages, hardcover.

The era that saw the mass killing of 60 million babies via *Roe v. Wade* could soon be over, Danielle D'Souza Gill argues in her new book — *The Choice: The Abortion Divide in America*.

The daughter of *New York Times* best-selling author and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza,

Troy Anderson is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist, best-selling author of *The Babylon Code* and *Trumpocalypse*, former executive editor of *Charisma* magazine, and a Los Angeles Daily News reporter.

D'Souza Gill's astute and compelling new book argues that abortion is the central and "great, unexamined" issue of our time that could influence the "next 50 years of what our country could really look like."

In the book, D'Souza Gill, a young author and commentator who lives in New York City, argues that abortion is the "driving force" behind the Democratic Left's all-out attack on America.

If you've wondered why the Democratic Left, the international Deep State, and the mainstream media engaged in a no-holds-barred war to topple the presidency of Donald Trump, D'Souza Gill, a graduate of Dartmouth College, argues that abortion is a key underlying issue that epitomizes the values the Left has been trying to impose on America since the counterculture revolution of the 1960s.

That cultural shift, largely engineered by globalist think tanks and the Deep State, has to a great degree transformed America from a nation centered on biblical values to one focused on a humanistic and socialistic worldview obsessed with "doing whatever you want because you feel like it."

However, the movement has been placed in jeopardy with Trump's remaking of the federal judiciary, a system the Left has relied upon for decades to carry out its radical agenda.

"I think the Left knows that Trump could influence the next 50 years of what our country could really look like, and they don't want to have to live with that legacy," D'Souza Gill told THE NEW AMERICAN in an exclusive interview.

In *The Choice*, she argues that there is a very good chance that the Supreme Court could move to a 6-3 majority, even a 7-2 ma-

majority, that could overturn the 1973 landmark case *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion in America — providing Trump is reelected.

A Reconstructed America?

Recently, Trump nominated conservative federal judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, potentially already shifting the balance of power on the court.

From the perspective of the pro-choice Left, "Trump signifies a reconstructed Supreme Court — and even a reconstructed America," D'Souza Gill wrote.

The Supreme Court can produce lasting changes in American society. Of course, court decisions affect a range of areas, but the single most important issue that the Left is concerned about, the single issue on which the court can have a decisive and momentous impact, is abortion. At the end of the day, the Left's vehement hatred of Trump is rooted in his ability to move the courts in a pro-life direction.

While the Left has primarily engaged in a full-court press to topple the Trump presidency by any means necessary because he stands in the way of socialistic globalism, D'Souza Gill argues the Left's support of abortion, or its embrace of the "culture of death," is a key underlying psychological motivation behind their opposition to Trump.

Over the last four years, Trump appointed three conservative justices to the Supreme Court: Brett Kavanaugh, Neil Gorsuch, and Amy Coney Barrett.

"I don't count (Chief) Justice John Roberts as potentially being a vote against *Roe v. Wade*," D'Souza Gill says. "We've kind of seen him in the past vote not on the pro-life side. But even if we don't have Justice Roberts, we would still have enough votes

to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and I think the Left really knows this.”

In the book, she debunks the Left’s most popular pro-choice arguments. Each chapter is titled with a different pro-choice myth covering everything from “A fetus is a cluster of cells” to “My Body, My Choice” to “Abortion is a constitutional right” to “I am pro-life but I can’t impose my views on another person.”

The idea of “I can’t impose my views on another person” became popular in the 1980s.

“[Former New York Governor] Mario Cuomo argued this,” she says. “I think it was kind of an attempt to say, ‘Hey guys, I’m a good person. I’m just like you, but I can’t impose my views on another person.’ So, they had these pro-choice views.

They just wanted to couch it in a way that made them not look as evil to the outside world. But we’ve seen them basically shed these views.”

“Current [New York] Gov. [Andrew] Cuomo, [Mario’s] son, is the one who literally lit up the Freedom Tower in pink to celebrate these nine-month abortions that are legal in New York for no medical reason, no medical complication, just completely on-demand. So, when we look at this idea of, ‘I can’t impose my views on another person,’ I think it shows the fact that you actually always do impose your views on another person. There’s no such thing as not imposing your views because in an abortion that view is going to be imposed on the baby.”

With this type of analysis, she explores the contours of the pro-choice camp in *The Choice*, engaging their most powerful arguments head-on, carefully examining them, and then dismantling them.

The Moral Issue of Our Time

D’Souza Gill argues the Left has become radicalized on abortion, viewing it no longer as a necessary evil, but a positive good, and consequently they have legitimized a form of mass killing that dwarfs the deaths caused by cancer, smoking, homicide, terrorism, and war. About 60 million babies have been aborted in America since *Roe v. Wade*.

Further, in 2019, New York passed a bill stating that a woman can get an abortion at nine months, removing any meaningful re-



Danielle D’Souza Gill

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strictions on late-term abortion. Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the bill into law, stating it was a “historic victory for New Yorkers and our progressive values.”

After lighting up the Freedom Tower in pink to celebrate the occasion, Cuomo said that the light would “celebrate this achievement and shine a bright light forward for the rest of the nation to follow.”

“It is not a statement of insult, but merely of fact, to note that the pro-abortion Left has become a champion of mass killing,” D’Souza Gill wrote. “Abortion is a form of mass killing. It is going on in America and in other countries in the twenty-first century.”

Today, abortion is the greatest form of mass killing in the world by far. Abortion kills more people than war, famine, and genocide combined. In 2018, HIV/AIDS took 1.7 million lives, cancer took 8.2 million, and abortion took 41.9 million lives. And that’s in 2018 alone.

Now, when a new generation of young people are looking at abortion with fresh eyes as new technologies such as ultrasound allow them to see a recognizable human being in the process of growing, moving and responding in the womb, D’Souza Gill says many are coming to view abortion as the “crucial moral issue of our time, very much in the way slavery was the crucial moral issue of the nineteenth century.”

“*Roe v. Wade* is something that the pro-life movement has fought hard against for so many years,” D’Souza Gill says. “I mean it’s just been incredible activism, but

I think the fact that we’re so used to losing in the courts is now coming to the forefront. Are we ready to win in the courts? This is something I like to talk about in my book because we could actually see the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, not in 50 years, but actually very soon.

“I think the pro-life movement needs to be ready. There are so many people who prayed to end abortion and have really fought to end abortion. I think that there’s going to be a whirlwind (if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned) that is much worse than anything we’ve seen from the Left and we have to be ready for it” — a reference to the violence we’ve seen from Antifa, Black Lives Matter, and similar groups over the last year. She added, “And we have to be ready for it.”

But the high court overturning *Roe v. Wade* would be just the first step in bringing about a “culture of life” in America because that ruling alone wouldn’t end abortion in America, D’Souza Gill says.

That ruling would just make it so each state could decide what type of laws they would like to have regarding abortion.

“So, long term, if we actually wanted to go to the next step, we would need a federal amendment,” D’Souza Gill says. “We would need the government to recognize that a human life is a human life just like how they recognize women’s rights to vote and of many groups.” Actually, there are other remedies as well, including states exercising the power of nullification to make *Roe v. Wade* null and void within their state borders, the U.S. Supreme Court overturning *Roe*, and Congress prohibiting the Supreme Court from hearing abortion cases based on the congressional power to regulate the High Court’s appellate jurisdiction.

And in states that outlaw abortion, D’Souza Gill says, mothers who don’t or can’t care for their babies can put them up for adoption.

“I think if we look at the fact that there are about 35 families waiting for every child available for adoption shows that we can find loving homes — people who view this child not as unwanted, not in the context that maybe their birth mother viewed it, but in the context of, ‘Wow, this is a child that I will cherish and that I’ve been waiting for for a long time.’” ■

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“Epic” Kindness Leads to More Epic Kindness

When a Concord, New Hampshire, mother was on the receiving end of community kindness, she decided to pay it forward.

Brandy Bisson’s son, Thomas, was afraid he would not be able to celebrate his seventh birthday because of the pandemic, prompting Bisson to think of outside-the-box ways to throw him a celebration. She took to Facebook and asked members of her community if they would help her throw a drive-by parade for her son.

Not only did the community participate, but many even mailed gifts to her house for Thomas, who later described his seventh birthday as “epic!”

The outpouring of support from Bisson’s community inspired her to pay forward the kindness that was shown to her family. “With the pandemic and everything and all the election stuff, I just wanted to bring smiles to people’s faces,” Bisson said.

Bisson began showing up at the grocery store and paying for customers’ groceries. In the month of November, she spent more than \$600 in groceries. “I paid for that person and then I said, ‘Ok, one more, one more.’ And I ended up paying for like eight people’s groceries,” said Bisson.

Bisson said her family is not rich but is also not struggling right now and is happy to help those who are. “We’ve been on both ends of the spectrum so to speak,” Bisson said. “It’s not a good feeling when you don’t know where you’re going to get food for your kids.”

According to Bisson, the response from those she has helped has been moving. She recalls one customer who was brought to tears when Bisson paid for her groceries. Bisson told WMUR 9, “She said, ‘Thank you so much, you don’t understand what this means to me, it’s so hard to reach out and ask for help.’”

Bisson also provided Thanksgiving meals for two families in need.

Bisson did not intend for her good deeds to gain public attention, but a store employee recorded her in action and later posted videos of the encounters to social media.

The Love of Family Knows No Bounds

Despite having seven of her own biological children to care for, single mother Francesca McCall of Birmingham, Alabama, thought nothing of taking in her sister’s five children after her sister and her brother-in-law died within one month of each other.

Francesca’s sister, Chantale McCall, died from complications involving COVID-19 in September. Her husband, Francesca’s brother-in-law, died one month later, on what would have been Chantale’s 35th birthday, *Good Morning America* (GMA) reported.

Now caring for 12 children ranging in age from two to 17, Francesca contends she wouldn’t have it any other way. McCall described her relationship with her sister as “close” and said that they had always assured each other that they would step in for their children if something tragic were to happen.

“We always used to have discussions like, ‘if anything happened to any of us,’ we knew that we wouldn’t want our children to be separated. When [University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital] called us up there, I told her that she wouldn’t have to worry. I would raise her kids and take care of them like my own,” *Essence Magazine* reported.

McCall’s insurance job has allowed her to work from home to help the kids with virtual school, WSFA 12 News reported. McCall said her house has gotten louder and more chaotic since she took in the children, but adds “it doesn’t bother” her.

She recognizes the children are learning to live together under tragic circumstances. “I’m taking it day by day,” McCall said. “I’m trying to make my sister proud.”

And while the family is struggling with their grief, a local church has stepped in to offer the family support. “My daughter and I wanted to do something special for the holidays for the children who lost their parents to COVID-19,” Carla McDonald of West End Purity Holiness Church of God said. “Even with the emotions that she has gone through raising 12 children, [Francesca McCall] needs everlasting,

everyday help, and she’s not the type of person to ask for anything.”

McDonald sponsored the children for Christmas and helped the family launch a GoFundMe page, which raised more than \$335,000. According to the page, the donations will support their everyday needs. McDonald’s daughter, Raven, is also mentoring McCall’s niece, Zariah, and helping her to apply for college, McCall said.

“There’s love in that home,” McDonald told *GMA*. “Francesca has never complained.”

Free Car

When Cory Schneider of St. Petersburg, Florida, decided to let go of his late grandmother’s 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, he knew he wanted to turn it into a blessing for someone who needed it. With the help of another St. Petersburg resident, local entrepreneur Marcel Gruber, that is exactly what he did.

Schneider’s grandmother had given him the vehicle years ago after Schneider had been in a wreck. Despite the car’s age, it was still in great condition. The car had just gotten new tires, a new battery, and suspension work.

“1997 Ford Crown Victoria — white — around 100k miles, almost all driven by grandma,” he posted to Reddit. “Damn good physical appearance for a 24-year-old car. I want to help someone who needs it with a free vehicle.”

As expected, he received loads of responses. He read through the requests before selecting substitute teacher Mark Selby, who had recently totaled his car and was living with his mother while he recuperated from his injuries.

Selby was overwhelmed with joy when he got the call from Schneider, the *Tampa Bay Times* reported.

But the story did not end there. When local entrepreneur Marcel Gruber saw the Reddit post, he reached out to Schneider. He asked if he could put \$400 in the glove compartment of the vehicle to cover the associated costs of title ownership.

Selby said the generosity of those two men took him out of a dark place. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

“A REPUBLIC, IF YOU CAN KEEP IT”

Knowing that a democracy is a government of men in which the tyranny of the majority rules, America’s Founding Fathers wisely created a republic — a government ruled by law.



by John F. McManus

For many generations now, Americans have been brought up believing that the United States is a democracy and that democracy is a good thing. And those beliefs have been reinforced by virtually everything we see and hear as adults.

Consider the frenzy now taking place over the contested 2020 presidential election results. According to both the mainstream media and liberal politicians, President Trump’s and his supporters’ efforts to expose vote fraud and count only legal votes constitute an assault on democracy. For example, the heading of an opinion piece in the *New York Times*, by editorial board member Jesse Wegman, claimed, “The Republican Party Is At-

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Keeping the rule of law: Since Democrats have advocated packing the Supreme Court with appointees who will insist the law is what Democrats say it is, many people voted for Donald Trump to block this usurpation of power.

tacking Democracy.” A *Vanity Fair* headline similarly warned, “Republicans Still Rushing to the Frontlines in Trump’s War Against Democracy.” And former President Barack Obama said recently that democracy has been “strained” by what Trump has been saying.

But it is not just leftist politicians who call the United States a democracy. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who is now Trump’s attorney, told a Pennsylvania Senate committee hearing on election irregularities, “If we allow elections in the future to be conducted the way this election was conducted, we will have lost our democracy.”

Yet not everyone agrees that the United States is a democracy. At the same hearing, Pennsylvania State Senator Doug Mastriano said, “You know, you have to forgive people because we are a

“We are a Republican Government. Real liberty is never found in despotism or in the extremes of Democracy.”

— Alexander Hamilton

constitutional Republic, so I’ll forgive those that say democracy.”

In his remarks, Senator Mastriano recalled famous words uttered by Benjamin Franklin at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia. The deliberations had been held in secret, and as Franklin left Independence Hall, a Mrs. Powel asked him, “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” Franklin replied, “A republic, if you can keep it.” After quoting this line, Mastriano added, “This is our time to keep this republic.”

Intent of the Founders

Describing the United States as a democracy as opposed to a republic is not merely a question of semantics, since the difference between the two systems of government is fundamental. The word “republic” comes from the Latin *res publica* — which means simply “the public thing(s),” or more simply, “the law(s).” “Democracy,” on the other hand, is derived from the Greek words *demos* and *kratein*, which translates to “the people to rule.” Democracy, therefore, has always been synonymous with majority rule.

The Founding Fathers supported the view that (in the words of the Declaration of Independence) “Men ... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights.” They recognized that such rights should not be violated by an unrestrained majority any more than they should be violated by an unrestrained king or monarch. In fact, they recognized that majority rule would quickly degenerate into mobocracy and then into tyranny. They had studied the history of both the Greek democracies and the Roman republic. They had a clear understand-

ing of the relative freedom and stability that had characterized the latter, and of the strife and turmoil — quickly followed by despotism — that had characterized the former. In drafting the Constitution, they created a government of law and not of men, a republic and not a democracy.

But don’t take our word for it! Consider the words of the Founding Fathers themselves, who — one after another — condemned democracy.

• Virginia’s Edmund Randolph participated in the 1787 convention. Dem-

onstrating a clear grasp of democracy’s inherent dangers, he reminded his colleagues during the early weeks of the Constitutional Convention that the purpose for which they had gathered was “to provide a cure for the evils under which the United States labored; that in tracing these evils to their origin every man had found it in the turbulence and trials of democracy.”

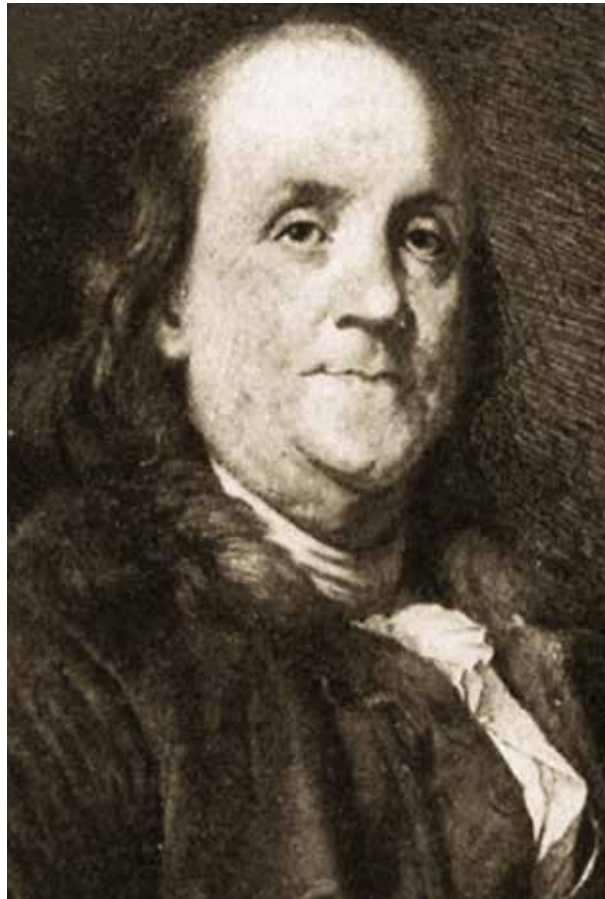
• John Adams, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, championed the new Constitution in his state precisely because it would not create a democracy. “Democracy never lasts long,” he noted. “It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself.” He insisted, “There was never a democracy that ‘did not commit suicide.’”

• New York’s Alexander Hamilton, in a June 21, 1788 speech urging ratification of the Constitution in his state, thundered:

“It has been observed that a pure democracy if it were practicable would be the most perfect government. Experience has proved that no position is more false than this. The ancient democracies in which the people themselves deliberated never possessed one good feature of government. Their very character was tyranny; their figure deformity.” Earlier, at the Constitutional Convention, Hamilton stated: “We are a Republican Government. Real liberty is never found in despotism or in the extremes of Democracy.”

• James Madison, who is rightly known as the “Father of the Constitution,” wrote in *The Federalist*, No. 10: “Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security, or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they are violent in their deaths.” *The Federalist Papers*, recall, were written during the time of the ratification debate to encourage the citizens of New York to support the new Constitution.

• George Washington, who had presided over the Constitutional Convention and later accepted the honor of being chosen as the



Republic’s founding: At the close of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, a certain Mrs. Powel asked Benjamin Franklin, “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” Franklin responded, “A republic, if you can keep it.”

first president of the United States under its new Constitution, indicated during his inaugural address on April 30, 1789, that he would dedicate himself to “the preservation ... of the republican model of government.”

• Fisher Ames served in the U.S. Congress during the eight years of George Washington’s presidency. A prominent member of the Massachusetts convention that ratified the Constitution for that state, he termed democracy “a government by the passions of the multitude, or, no less correctly, according to the vices and ambitions of their leaders.” On another occasion, he labeled democracy’s majority rule one of “the intermediate stages towards ... tyranny.” He later opined: “Democracy, in its best state, is but the politics of Bedlam; while kept chained, its thoughts are frantic, but when it breaks loose, it kills the keeper, fires the building, and perishes.” And in an essay entitled *The Mire of Democracy*, he wrote that the framers of the Constitution “intended our government should be a republic, which differs more widely from a democracy than a democracy from a despotism.”

In light of the Founders’ view on the subject of republics and democracies, it is not surprising that the Constitution does not contain the word “democracy,” but does mandate: “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government.”

20th-century Changes

These principles were once widely understood. In the 19th century, many of the great leaders, both in America and abroad, stood in agreement with the Founding Fathers. John Marshall, chief justice of the Supreme Court from 1801 to 1835, echoed the sentiments of Fisher Ames. “Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and chaos,” he wrote. American poet James Russell Lowell warned that “democracy gives every man the right to be his own oppressor.” Lowell was joined in his disdain for democracy by Ralph Waldo Emerson, who remarked



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Pledge of Allegiance: “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the *republic* for which it stands...”

that “democracy becomes a government of bullies tempered by editors.” Across the Atlantic, British statesman Thomas Babington Macaulay agreed with the Americans. “I have long been convinced,” he said, “that institutions purely democratic must, sooner or later, destroy liberty or civilization, or both.” Britons Benjamin Disraeli and Herbert Spencer would certainly agree with their countryman, Lord Acton, who wrote: “The one prevailing evil of democracy is the tyranny of the majority, or rather that party, not always the majority, that succeeds, by force or fraud, in carrying elections.”

By the 20th century, however, the falsehoods that democracy was the epit-

ome of good government and that the Founding Fathers had established just such a government for the United States became increasingly widespread. This misinformation was fueled by President Woodrow Wilson’s famous 1916 appeal that our nation enter World War I “to make the world safe for democracy” — and by President Franklin Roosevelt’s 1940 exhortation that America “must be the great arsenal of democracy” by rushing to England’s aid during WWII.

One indicator of the radical transformation that took place is the contrast between the War Department’s 1928 “Training Manual No. 2000-25,” which was intended for use in citizenship training, and what followed. The 1928 U.S. government document correctly defined democracy as:

A government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any other form of “direct expression.”

Results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic — negating property rights. Attitude of the law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy.

This manual also accurately stated that the framers of the Constitution “made a very marked distinction between a republic and a democracy ... and said repeatedly and emphatically that they had formed a republic.”

But by 1932, pressure against its use caused it to be withdrawn. In 1936, Sena-

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tor Homer Truett Bone (D-Wash.) took to the floor of the Senate to call for the document's complete repudiation. By then, even finding a copy of the manual had become almost impossible. Decades later, in an article appearing in the October 1973 issue of *Military Review*, Lieutenant Colonel Paul B. Parham explained that the Army ceased using the manual because of letters of protest "from private citizens." Interestingly, Parham also noted that the word democracy "appears on one hand to be of key importance to, and holds some peculiar significance for, the Communists."

By 1952 the U.S. Army was singing the praises of democracy, instead of warning against it, in Field Manual 21-13, entitled *The Soldier's Guide*. This new manual incorrectly stated: "Because the United States is a democracy, the *majority of the people* decide how our Government will be organized and run." (Emphasis in original.)

Yet important voices continued to warn against the siren song for democracy. In 1931, England's Duke of Northumberland issued a booklet entitled *The History of World Revolution* in which he stated: "The adoption of Democracy as a form of Government by all European nations is fatal to good Government, to liberty, to law and order, to respect for authority, and to religion, and must eventually produce a state of chaos from which a new world tyranny will arise."

In 1939, historians Charles and Mary Beard added their strong voices in favor of historical accuracy in their *America in Midpassage*: "At no time, at no place, in solemn convention assembled, through no chosen agents, had the American people officially proclaimed the United States to be a democracy. The Constitution did not contain the word or any word lending countenance to it, except possibly the mention of 'We, the People,' in the preamble.... When the Constitution was framed no respectable person called himself or herself a democrat."

During the 1950s, Clarence Manion, the dean of Notre Dame Law School, echoed and amplified what the Beards had so correctly stated. He summarized: "The honest and serious student of American history will recall that our Founding Fathers managed to write both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution without using the term 'democracy' even once. No

part of any of the existing state Constitutions contains any reference to the word. [The men] who were most influential in the institution and formulation of our government refer to 'democracy' only to distinguish it sharply from the republican form of our American Constitutional system."

On September 17 (Constitution Day), 1961, John Birch Society founder Robert Welch delivered an important speech, entitled "Republics and Democracies," in which he proclaimed: "This is a Republic, not a Democracy. Let's keep it that way!" The speech, which was later published and widely distributed in pamphlet form, amounted to a jolting wake-up call for many Americans. In his remarks, Welch not only presented the evidence to show that the Founding Fathers had established a republic and had condemned democracy, but he warned that the definitions had been distorted, and that powerful forces were at work to convert the American republic into a democracy, in order to bring about dictatorship.

Means to an End

Welch understood that democracy is not an end in itself but a means to an end. Eighteenth-century historian Alexander Fraser Tytler, Lord Woodhouselee, it is thought, argued that "a democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship." And as British writer G.K. Chesterton put it in the 20th century: "You can never have a revolution in order to establish a democracy. You must have a democracy in order to have a revolution."

Communist revolutionary Karl Marx understood this principle all too well. Which is why, in *The Communist Manifesto*, this enemy of freedom stated that "the first step in the revolution by the



Clarion call: John Birch Society founder Robert Welch reminded Americans what most had forgotten: The Founders rightly considered democracies to be ruinous and dangerous.

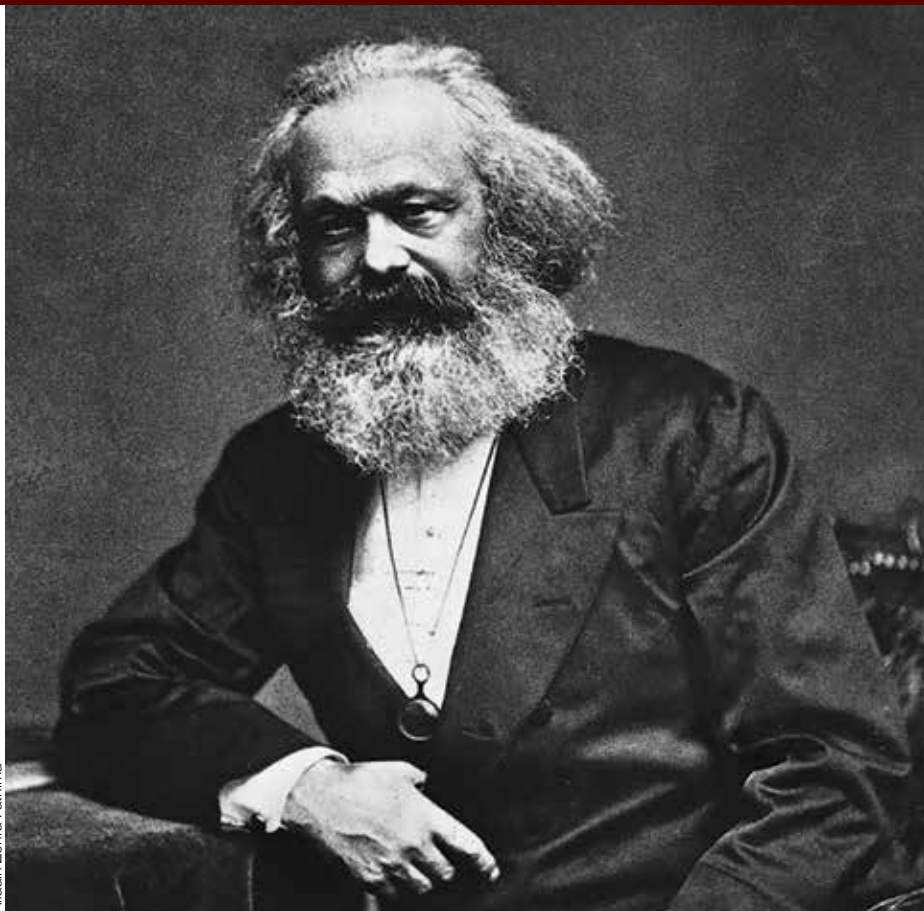
working class is to raise the proletariat to the position of ruling class, to win the battle of democracy.” For what purpose? To “abolish private property”; to “wrest, by degrees, capital from the bourgeoisie”; to “centralize all instruments of production in the hands of the State”; etc.

Another champion of democracy was Communist Mao Tse-tung, who proclaimed in 1939 (a decade before consolidating control on the Chinese mainland): “Taken as a whole, the Chinese revolutionary movement led by the Communist Party embraces the two stages, i.e., the democratic and the socialist revolutions, which are essentially different revolutionary processes, and the second process can be carried through only after the first has been completed. The democratic revolution is the necessary preparation for the socialist revolution, and the socialist revolution is the inevitable sequel to the democratic revolution. The ultimate aim for which all communists strive is to bring about a socialist and communist society.”

Still another champion of democracy is Mikhail Gorbachev, who stated in his 1987 book *Perestroika* that, “according to Lenin, socialism and democracy are indivisible.... The essence of perestroika lies in the fact that it unites socialism with democracy and revives the Leninist concept.... We want more socialism and, therefore, more democracy.” (Emphasis in the original.)

This socialist revolution has been under way in America for generations. In January 1964, President Lyndon Johnson boasted in a White House address: “We are going to try to take all of the money that we think is unnecessarily being spent and take it from the ‘haves’ and give it to the ‘have nots’ that need it so much.” What he advocated, of course, was a Marxist, not an American, precept. (The way Marx put it was: “From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs.”) But other presidents before and after have advanced the same goal. Of course, most who support this goal do not comprehend the totalitarian consequences of constantly transferring more power to Washington. But this lack of understanding is what makes revolution by the ballot box possible.

The push for democracy has only been possible because the Constitution is being ignored, violated, and circumvented. The Constitution defines and limits the powers



Alfaain Zohra Fathima

The path to communism: In the *Communist Manifesto*, Karl Marx noted that what it would take for communism to flourish was simple “democracy,” since people can be led to vote for government control.

of the federal government. Those powers, all of which are enumerated, do not include agricultural subsidy programs, housing programs, education assistance programs, food stamps, etc. Under the Constitution, Congress is not authorized to pass any law it chooses; it is only authorized to pass laws that are constitutional. Anybody who doubts the intent of the Founders to restrict federal powers, and thereby protect the rights of the individual, should review the language in the Bill of Rights, including the opening phrase of the First Amendment (“Congress shall make no law...”).

As Welch explained in his 1961 speech:

Man has certain unalienable rights which do not derive from government at all.... And those ... rights cannot be abrogated by the vote of a majority any more than they can by the decree of a conqueror. The idea that the vote of a people, no matter

how nearly unanimous, makes or creates or determines what is right or just becomes as absurd and unacceptable as the idea that right and justice are simply whatever a king says they are. Just as the early Greeks learned to try to have their rulers and themselves abide by the laws they had themselves established, so man has now been painfully learning that there are more permanent and lasting laws which cannot be changed by either sovereign kings or sovereign people, but which must be observed by both. And that government is merely a convenience, superimposed on Divine Commandments and on the natural laws that flow only from the Creator of man and man’s universe.

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Four-year-old Injured in Home Invasion

The *New Orleans Advocate* reported on December 10 that a deadly home invasion in a New Orleans suburb could have been a whole lot worse. The spokesman for the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office stated that four armed men forced their way into a home at gunpoint. Sheriff's Office spokesman Scott Lee said that the homeowner engaged in a shootout with the suspects shortly after they entered the home. In the flurry of bullets, a four-year-old in the house was injured by the crossfire. The homeowner must have been a good shot because two of the four suspects were fatally wounded. The incident is still being investigated by authorities, but police say the four-year-old has received medical treatment and is expected to make a full recovery.

Fox8.com reported on December 9 that neighbors in the normally quiet community where the crime occurred were shocked by the events. A neighbor told Fox8.com that the homeowner might have been pistol-whipped before he was able to retrieve his own firearm and shoot at the suspects.

The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office explained that the two surviving suspects are going to be charged with first-degree murder for the deaths of the deceased suspects. The Louisiana criminal code has a felony murder law that makes a suspect criminally liable for any deaths that occur during the commission of a violent felony. The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office said that the homeowner is not going to face any charges.

Anti-gun Zealots Demand Firing of Department of Justice Advisor

Frank Minter, writing for America's First Freedom on the National Rifle Association website, reported on December 9 about the latest witch hunt being perpetrated by the anti-gun Left. Academic and gun-rights proponent John Lott was recently appointed to a position in the U.S. Department of Justice as a senior advisor for research and statistics at the Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

As Minter explained, this “DOJ division has given millions of dollars to academics — some who have a clear bias against your right to keep and bear arms. In his new role as an adviser, it is unclear whether Lott has yet been able to bring some balance to these massive grant allocations — DOJ-funded studies that, when they come out, often feed the mainstream news with ‘research’ arguing that good, old-fashioned American freedom is not such a good thing after all. If Lott, who is well-known for digging deep into the details about gun ownership and crime rates, is able to influence how this money is allocated, he could affect the left's ideological quest to ban and confiscate the citizenry's guns. . . . So, when word got out that Lott is working at the DOJ, the left demanded his job.”

Minter then explained that anti-gun groups came out loaded for bear and, in a united effort, called for Lott to be fired. Shortly after their coordinated social-media campaign, nine Democratic U.S. senators joined in the pile-on and wrote to Attorney General William Barr insisting that they be given all the details on how Lott was hired. The letter in question criticized Lott as “a pro-gun advocate who claims that widespread gun ownership can reduce crime.”

Minter shot down this criticism by dismissing it as “nothing more than an ideologically motivated slur. Lott is a researcher and an academic who has taught at many universities. His peer-reviewed research has clearly shown that gun ownership tends to reduce crime.” Minter also explained how it was clear from the letter that the senators were snooping around about how many other individuals in the OJP were political appointees during Trump's presidency. “The intent of this is clear: They want to know how easy it will be to fire him, so they can thereby protect money going to anti-Second Amendment research, if Joe Biden is sworn in as president on January 20. . . . These senators clearly want a list from the DOJ so they can target and remove people who came in during the Trump administration. As with Lott, they want to cancel these people, too,” Minter wrote.

Minter further explained that the anti-gun Left has harassed Lott in this manner in the past, have repeatedly targeted any sites

or publications that featured his work, and even got *The Hill* to stop publishing him in 2017. There's a reason why they keep going after Lott, according to Minter: It's because “gun-control groups find Lott's well-researched studies to be inconvenient to their desire for more gun control — inconvenient because, as the facts continually show, freedom does work. These gun-control groups can't win debates about the data, so they are doing everything in their power to cancel Lott.” As we have repeatedly seen, the Left does not believe in free speech and instead seeks to censor and silence all dissenting opinions. As Minter concluded, “They want control. To get control, as they can't win fact-based discussions, they're opting to attempt to cancel Lott, to cancel the NRA and, yes, they'll try to cancel you too, if, that is, you get in their way.”

Pacifist Santa?

The *New York Post* reported on December 7 about a mall Santa who went viral on social media when he was caught explaining to a child that Santa doesn't give children toy guns. The mother of the boy who got the bad news posted video of the incident to Facebook, which showed Santa responding to the boy's request for a gun as his Christmas present with the words “No, no guns.” The mother clarified that her son wanted a Nerf gun, but the anti-gun Santa reacted negatively to this as well. The Santa again replied that “nope, not even a Nerf gun. . . . If your dad wants to get it for you, that's fine, but I can't bring it to you. . . . What else would you like? Lots of other toys. Legos. There's bicycles. There's cars and trucks. What do you think?” The boy was clearly overwhelmed and began crying.

The backlash online was quick, and the mall Santa was sacked. *The Hill* reported on December 8 that the Harlem Irving Plaza Mall in Northridge, Illinois, where the Santa worked, posted a video to their social media of a new Santa delivering a nerf gun to the boy's home and apologizing for the earlier incident. The mother of the boy expressed gratitude for all of the people who reacted so positively. ■

— PATRICK KREY

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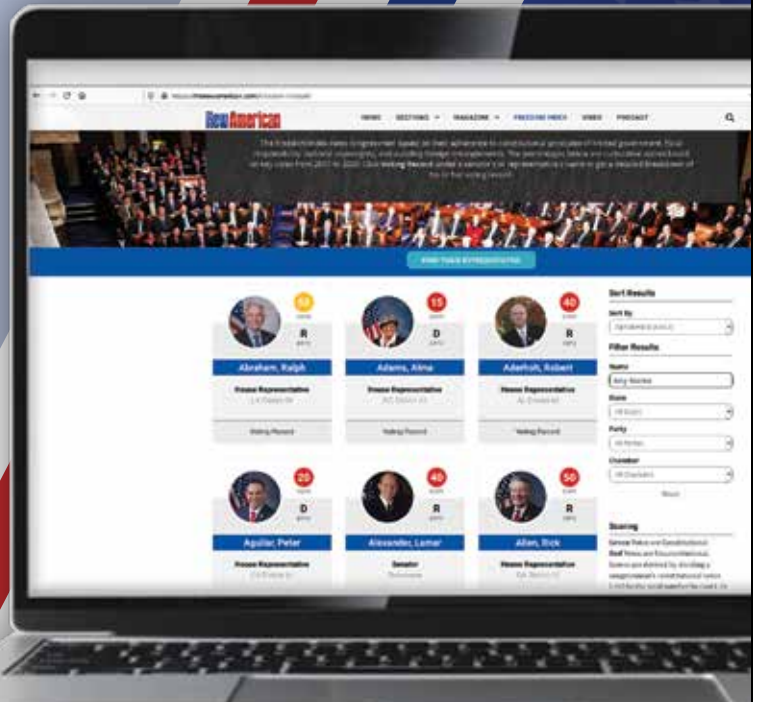
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Seeking to Aid Their Educated Elite, Democrats Push Massive Cancellation of Student Debt

ITEM: “Even before taking office, President-elect Joe Biden is already facing a political storm among his ideologically diverse base of supporters over the volatile issue of student-debt forgiveness,” reported *Time* for December 13. “Roughly 45 million Americans currently hold \$1.6 trillion in student debt, with the average student-loan recipient owing between \$20,000 and \$25,000, according to the Federal Reserve.”

Progressives, noted the magazine, “say that student-debt forgiveness could be a boon for the economy.”

ITEM: Senate Minority Leader Schumer “continues to put pressure on President-elect Joe Biden to forgive up to \$50,000 in student debt per borrower on the first day of his presidency,” said *CNBC* on December 7. Speaking from his Midtown Manhattan office, Schumer said: “We have come to the conclusion that President Biden can undo this debt, can forgive \$50,000 of debt the first day he becomes president. You don’t need Congress; All you need is the flick of a pen.”

CORRECTION: When you want to get an extreme, unappealing notion through Washington, it often helps to have bad, worse, and worst options in play. It’s not likely that the worst choice — that is, the most left-wing one — will prevail, at least at first, but even its presence helps in negotiations.

Once the principle in question is ceded, it becomes (as in the old joke about prostitution) just a matter of haggling over the price. In such instances, the “bad” and “worse” picks, by comparison, don’t appear as damaging.

Over the last several months, we have heard from avowed socialist Bernie Sanders, who has pushed for canceling all student debt; Elizabeth Warren and Chuck Schumer have set the forgiveness limit at \$50,000 for borrowers; and Joe Biden has (depending on the day and question asked) come out for canceling \$10,000 in federal



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Biden’s first 100 days: Senators Elizabeth Warren (left) and Chuck Schumer (center) want Biden to write off as much as \$50,000 in student debt for each student, though such inflationary spending will raise the cost of products across the country, hurting the poor.

student debt per borrower. One conservative-leaning analyst likes the idea at a lesser amount, maintaining that forgiving debts of under \$5,000 — but just once and as a tax credit — might suffice for certain strained low-income households.

Forgiving every borrower even \$10,000 would cost about \$370 billion, according to Preston Cooper, a visiting fellow at the Foundation for Research on Economic Opportunity. As Cooper notes, that huge total is more than what the government spent on “stimulus” checks as part of the CARES Act.

Of course, Joe also has other ideas in his back pocket, where his extremist supporters have put their IOUs. As the *Wall Street Journal* noted in mid-November, Biden also wants to forgive “any student debt that covered tuition at public colleges for borrowers earning under \$125,000, and any student debt owed by those who show they were defrauded by for-profit colleges.”

Numerous progressive groups who supported Biden’s election want more, of course, as the *New York Times* acknowledged on December 10. Democratic leaders, said the *Times*,

backed by the party’s left flank, are pressing for up to \$50,000 of debt relief per borrower, executed on Day 1

of his presidency. More than 200 organizations — including the American Federation of Teachers, the N.A.A.C.P. and others that were integral to his campaign — have joined the push.

That’s the Schumer/Warren version — with \$50,000 being forgiven. Its total cost would run to at least a trillion dollars. In a piece Warren wrote for the *Washington Post* shortly after the election, she praised the Biden-Harris team for “running on the most progressive economic and racial justice platform of any general election nominee ever,” before adding the reminder that this support has a price tag. This was one of the key “bold steps” she advocates: “Cancel billions of dollars in student loan debt, giving tens of millions of Americans an immediate financial boost and helping to close the racial wealth gap. This is the single most effective executive action available to provide massive consumer-driver stimulus.”

So she claims. There are, as it happens, multiple left-wing activists who don’t see the forgiving of student debt to be a particularly effective stimulus.

An excellent depiction of the proposed move — what the author called the “Brahmin Bailout,” after the upper caste in India



Correction, Please!

— was made by Zaid Jilani in the *Wall Street Journal* on November 29. As Jilani wrote:

Canceling student debt would play well with the Democrats’ growing base of educated elites. But how much would it help the workers who once formed the backbone of the Democratic Party? Sen. Elizabeth Warren claims forgiving student debt would be the “single biggest stimulus we could add to the economy.”

But Jason Furman, a chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Obama, writes that this debt forgiveness “likely has a multiplier close to zero,” because it would be taxable. Matt Bruenig, founder of the left-wing People’s Policy Project, writes that forgiving student debt is “possibly the least effective stimulus imaginable on a dollar-for-dollar basis,” because “normal stimulus measures try to put money in people’s pockets so that they can spend it. But student debt forgiveness does not do this. It’s like giving out \$1+ trillion that is then immediately garnished by creditors, leaving households with no extra liquid cash to spend.”

In other words, it is not just stingy right-wingers who are skeptical.

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget also agrees that loan forgiveness doesn’t make much of a “stimulus” — in part because such borrowers generally pay back loans “over 10, 15, or even 30 years,” so “debt cancellation will increase their available cash by only a fraction of the total loan forgiveness.”

When the mass media and politicians try to make their case for debt forgiveness, they usually leave out a key point — one that was made in an October analysis by the Brookings Institution, which decidedly does not lean to the right. What is omitted, noted the Brookings report, is the fact that the “households in the upper half of the income distribution and those with graduate degrees hold a disproportionate share of that debt.” Using data from the Federal Reserve’s Survey of Consumer Finances, the analysis reveals that the

highest-income 40 percent of households (those with incomes above \$74,000) owe almost 60 percent of the outstanding education debt and make almost three-quarters of the payments. The lowest-income 40 percent of households hold just under 20 percent

of the outstanding debt and make only 10 percent of the payments. It should be no surprise that higher-income households owe more student debt than others. Students from higher-income households are more likely to go to college in the first place.

It turns out that the Left’s vaunted solutions are not only inordinately expensive but also do a poor job of stimulating the economy.

Tellingly, proponents do not explain why those with student debt should be considered more deserving of federal relief than those, say, holding auto loans or home mortgages. Meanwhile, most federal student loans are handed out with little heed to their recipients’ creditworthiness. Private lenders, on the other hand, do pay attention to such matters when it comes to the purchases of houses or cars.

As a result, many student loan defaults just become government losses. A recent internal audit shows that Washington will put the taxpayers on the hook for \$435 billion for losses in the federal student loan program. Once again we find that the more the government is in the economy, the less economy is in the government.

Both current and proposed plans anticipate that the working poor will pick up the tab for the much more affluent — often those with graduate degrees. Yet, various academic studies (with differing results over the years) show that average holders of bachelor’s degrees earn about a million dollars more (over a lifetime) than high-school graduates. Those with graduate degrees, debtors though they may be at some point, usually earn even more.

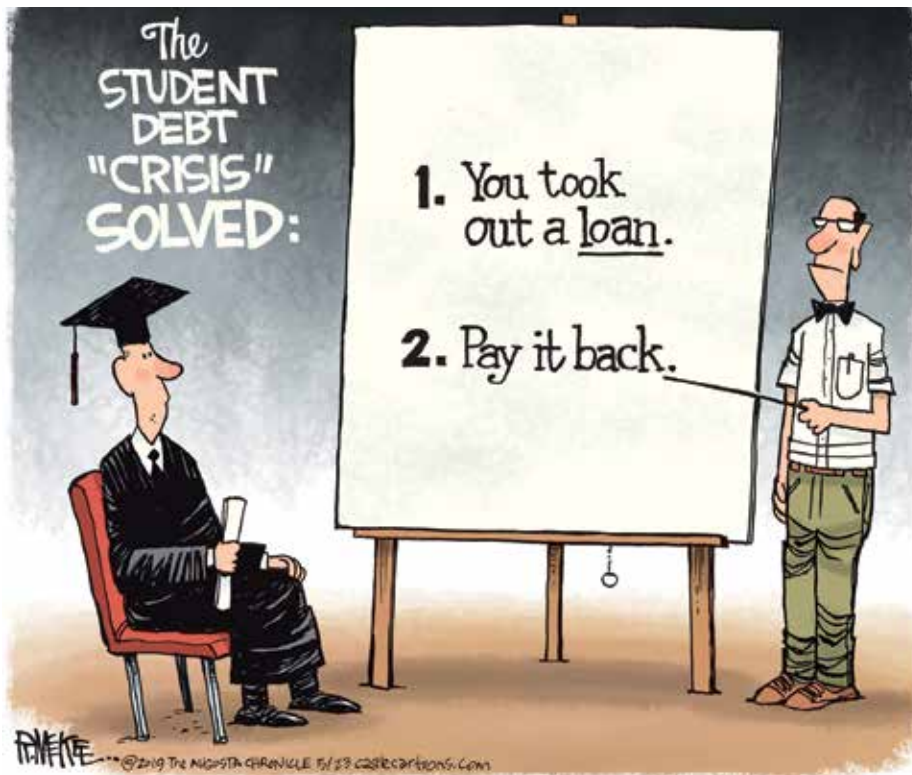
The American Enterprise Institute’s Frederick Hess has rightfully observed that it is “the oddest sort of progressivism” that promotes a policy that largely benefits those who are highly educated and financially successful at the expense of taxpayers in general. Indeed, says Hess, “more than 40 percent of student debt was accumulated during graduate study by doctors, lawyers, and other professionals in pursuit of lucrative credentials.”

Such proposals scream unfairness.



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Smart? Democrats routinely chastise Republicans for supposedly giving tax breaks to the rich, but now they want to pay off student debts, though the debts have been largely incurred by the wealthiest families in the country and by individuals who stand to earn the most money.



Moreover, these loan-forgiveness designs also commit the mortal modern social sin of increasing economic inequality. Cooper, a former analyst at the Manhattan Institute and American Enterprise Institute, notes that out of the

255 million adult Americans, just 45 million have federal student debt. If economic relief is in order, it's highly inequitable to distribute tens of thousands of dollars to the 45 million while the other 210 million get nothing. Underlying student loan forgiveness is the logic that people who attended college in the recent past are more deserving of government assistance than everyone else, which makes little sense. For the cost of forgiving \$10,000 in debt per borrower, the federal government could instead cut every adult American a check for just under \$1,500.

Making matters worse, these broad student-debt-forgiveness schemes would establish a damaging precedent — setting the table to do this all over again.

George Leef of the James G. Martin

Center for Academic Renewal is on target in observing that current and future students would recognize that “a ‘generous’ government has eliminated debts for those who have graduated,” and thus be “inclined to run up larger college debts than they otherwise would have, thinking that politicians won’t dare to deny them their debt relief.”

What we are really talking about, of course, is shifting the burden to others. This fits to a “t” the definition of an economic “moral hazard” — when one party can take risks because he will not be held responsible for his actions and the consequences will fall on others.

As detailed in a recent paper from Wharton economist Sylvain Catherine and the University of Chicago’s Constantine Yannelis (“The Distributional Effects of Student Loan Forgiveness”), the complete cancellation of student loans would “benefit the top decile as much as the bottom three deciles combined” — with the distribution of \$192 billion going to the top 20 percent, while the bottom 20 percent would receive just \$29 billion.

Liberals claim they are doing this for our own good. Right. On the other hand,

Ronald Reagan hit the mark when he said that the “nine most terrifying words in the English language are: ‘I’m from the government, and I’m here to help.’”

Washington’s heavy hand has certainly been disastrous for education. Inez Feltcher Stepman, senior policy analyst at the Independent Women’s Forum, explains some of its counterproductivity as follows, saying that “student loan forgiveness” and “increasing grants” make

the inflationary pressure on the cost of a degree worse, not better. One major reason for the cost increase has been — you guessed it — federally-backed student loans. More than nine in ten student loans are originated or held by the federal government today, and unlike a private bank, Uncle Sam doesn’t evaluate whether a high school student is likely to be able to pay back a five- or six-figure loan.

The “Bennett hypothesis” — named after Reagan’s Secretary of Education [William Bennett] who first advanced the idea that easy federal loans were creating a cost crisis — is no longer a hypothesis. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York found that for every single subsidized taxpayer dollar a university takes, its sticker price increases by 60 cents.

As pointed out by Richard Epstein — a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, a law professor at the New York University Law School, and senior lecturer at the University of Chicago — it is this “constant infusion of new capital into the lending market” that is “causing increases in college tuition that outstrip inflation, imposing additional costs on individuals who do not take out student loans, and raising the overall cost of education above competitive rates.”

Persons of a certain age used to say jocularly that the younger generation would learn the value of a dollar when it began paying off our debts. It’s no joke, however. Our so-called leaders are setting all of us up for a painful rendezvous with debt. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Should you or should you not **take the vaccine?**

This is the question on many people's minds, and it is not an easy question to answer. But the "experts" and their collaborators in the media will be, and already are, demanding that you do what you're told and just take the vaccine. One of these "experts" is Ben Shapiro. The former Breitbart staffer touted the widely publicized and hoped-for efficacy of the vaccine and opined, "Get the vaccine, dopes."

Shapiro is not the only one telling people what to do where the vaccine is concerned. Anthony Fauci, for instance, worries that people won't want to get jabbed. "My primary biggest fear is that a substantial proportion of the people will be hesitant to get vaccinated," he said.

Just get the vaccine, dopes.

And then there's our most outrageous of oligarchs, Bill Gates, a man who thinks his money alone entitles him to be considered an expert. He too holds that people should do what they are told. We won't be able to live normal lives, he has claimed, until "almost every person on the planet has been vaccinated against coronavirus."

In other words, just get the vaccine, dopes.

These types of sentiment overlook many important factors related to the vaccines under development. First, they are not all the same, even when comparable. The Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine, for example, has similarities with the Moderna vaccine in that both rely on messenger RNA. But these two vaccines have important differences. The Pfizer vaccine, for example, is quite elegant in its formulation and is, in fact, quite ingenious in its technology. It is, indeed, a very good candidate for a vaccine. Even so, clever as it is, it is not perfect, and important details remain unknown.

Some puzzling issues have arisen. Four people in the Pfizer trial (which had tens of thousands of participants) were afflicted with Bell's palsy — a weakening or paralyzation of facial muscles — after receiving the vaccine. No one knows why and there doesn't seem to be anything in the vaccine that might cause such an outcome. But it occurred. There have also been allergic reactions.

Should everyone take it? Of course not. Some health authorities are already admitting as much. The guide published for usage of the Pfizer vaccine in the U.K. notes, "Any person with a history of immediate-onset anaphylaxis to a vaccine, medicine or food should not receive the COVID-19 mRNA



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Vaccine BNT162b2." Those on anticoagulants might want to avoid the vaccine as well, the same document notes. Women who are pregnant or considering pregnancy might wish to avoid the vaccine, as well. Based on its ingredients, the vaccine seems unlikely to have an impact on female fertility, but testing hasn't been done for verification and the risk should be avoided.

What about other vaccines when or if they become available? Unknowns abound.

The key point, and one that goes directly against those who favor mandatory

vaccination, is that individuals should decide for themselves whether or not to get the vaccine. This means vaccine development should be done with significant transparency and the public should have ready access to vaccine-development data so that people can make informed healthcare decisions. This has rarely, if ever, been the case with regard to vaccine development.

Mandatory vaccination, moreover, is counterproductive. If a vaccine must be made mandatory to ensure it is utilized, then the suspicion immediately arises that there is something intrinsically wrong with the vaccine that prevents people from requesting it voluntarily. A truly beneficial and safe vaccine, proven to be such, in the context of a transmissible and potentially deadly disease, would be broadly demanded by a vast majority of the population. In such a case, intense customer demand would likewise provide intense incentive for suppliers to deliver the vaccine in large quantities and with enhanced rapidity. No government intervention would be required. Only a defective and suspect vaccine requires a mandate.

Despite what the "experts" say, forced and coerced medication of people — not least when that coercion comes as a result of an orchestrated fear campaign — is unethical and intrinsically destructive of freedom.

So why do people willingly go along?

An answer is that people have been conditioned to doubt their own judgment and ultimately give up their independence of thought and action. This is a trend of ancient lineage, but it has been drastically accelerated during the COVID year. It is a trend that must be stopped and reversed if freedom is to be recovered. On COVID questions — masks, social distancing, forced closures, and so on — it is more necessary than ever to revolt against the constructed pseudo-reality that controls behavior.

And so on the question of whether to get the vaccine, there is only one legitimate answer, and it is this: You decide. ■

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