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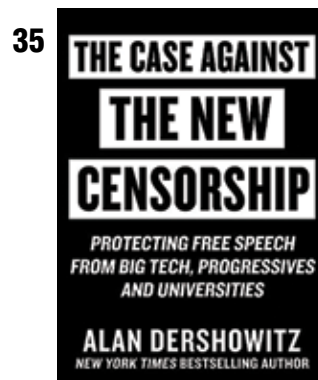
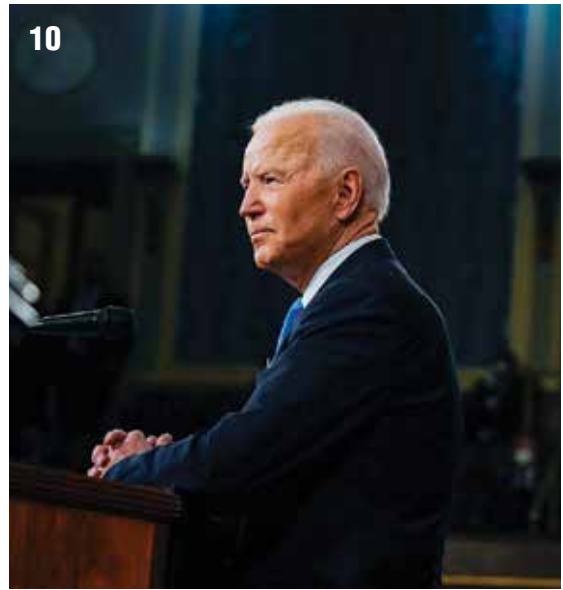
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Uncovering the CFR, Deep State Establishment

“The Power Behind the Throne,” the well-known expression incorporated into the title of the cover story by Senior Editor William F. Jasper (page 10), refers here to the powerful personages who comprise an invisible, unelected government of the United States exercising extraordinary control over the visible, elected government.

Such a power behind the throne is not unique to America or to our own times. British statesman Benjamin Disraeli observed in 1844, “The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes.”

But in America, and in our own times, this behind-the-scenes governance is now “imagined” not only by those pulling the strings but also by many millions of Americans whose eyes are now wide open to what is often referred to as the Deep State.

The Great Awakening

This great awakening has been spawned in large part by the dramatic developments of recent years — from the unprecedented attempts to delegitimize Donald Trump’s presidency during his entire term in office; to the growing body of evidence that the last presidential election was stolen; to the COVID restrictions on basic freedoms; to the riots that have wreaked destruction in cities across America; to the condemnation of the police, of Christians, of conservatives, of America as a whole, and even of whites in general, as racist; to the indoctrination of our children in school classrooms to hate America and reject the God of the Bible; and to the radical policies of the new Biden-Harris administration.

These and other developments have been covered extensively in other issues of THE NEW AMERICAN, but are not delved into here. The purpose of Mr. Jasper’s cover story, “CFR: Still the Power Behind the Throne,”

is to take a hard and necessary look at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the establishment powerhouse whose members have, for generations, occupied pinnacles of power in business and industry, the media, academe — and government, regardless if a Republican or Democrat occupies the White House. The CFR celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and it has long been and remains a sort of “shadow government,” pulling strings and shaping policy from behind the scenes.

So significant is the CFR that its membership roster provides a veritable “who’s who” of this Deep State establishment. The dominance of CFR members is documented in the lists and tables on pages 17-27. The historical tables are particularly interesting, since they show CFR dominance in top executive-branch positions during both Republican and Democratic administrations over many years. CFR dominance noticeably dipped during the Trump administration, but was not eliminated.

The Coming Activation

Please read carefully Mr. Jasper’s cover story, and peruse the names and positions in the accompanying lists and tables, which were compiled by John Birch Society researcher Christian Gomez. In general, become better informed about the CFR Deep State, as well as the developments and policies that this power behind the throne so greatly influences.

But please don’t stop there. The policies responsible for America’s long retreat from greatness can and must be changed, and every patriotic American who truly values freedom should become not only better informed but involved. Put simply, the Great Awakening needs to be followed up with a Great Activation. For more on this, see the Last Word on page 48.

— GARY BENOIT



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248 Chinese Companies Now Listed on U.S. Exchanges

On May 13, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission released its report, *Chinese Companies Listed on Major U.S. Stock Exchanges*, listing 248 of Beijing's corporate champions that have made new inroads into the American economy. The list includes Chinese companies on NASDAQ, the New York Stock Exchange, and NYSE American, the three largest U.S. exchanges. "As of May 5, 2021, there were 248 Chinese companies listed on these U.S. exchanges with a total market capitalization of \$2.1 trillion," the commission noted. The list is a "who's who" of China's top companies, plus a large contingent of smaller, lesser-known entities.

"Investors in Chinese companies may support activities that are contrary to U.S. national interests, including the development of technology used for censorship and surveillance and in support of the military," the report states. "For example, Weibo Corporation, currently is valued at \$11.6 billion. Weibo works under government direction to censor posts on its blogging platform and is used by the central and local governments to surveil and censor public protests. Ostensibly private companies in China are subject to pressure and control by the state."

Besides obvious security risks, there are financial risks to investors as well, not only those investing directly in Chinese companies, but to the millions of unsuspecting Americans whose pension funds are invested in companies owned and/or controlled by the People's Republic of China.

All of these Chinese "enterprises" need American firms will-

ing and able to underwrite and guide their invasion of the U.S. market. No problem: There are plenty of hands on Wall Street more than willing to help them do so. When Alibaba, China's mammoth e-commerce and technology conglomerate, decided to list on the U.S. exchanges, it had no trouble lining up partners from Wall Street's A-listers. The firms facilitating Alibaba's IPO included Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, and Citigroup.



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Feds Delete Data to Show "Climate Change" Causes Wildfires



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A federal agency has been caught tampering with historical wildfire data in an obvious effort to make wildfire prevalence and severity appear to be correlated with alleged global warming.

Created in 1965, the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) maintains statistics on annual wildfire counts and the number of acres burned in those fires. Until recently, the NIFC posted on its website wildfire statistics for every year since 1926. However, the agency now only posts statistics from 1983 to the present. Why?

"The answer," asserted climate realist Anthony Watts in a May 13 post on his website wattsupwiththat.com, "is simple; data prior to 1983 shows that U.S. wildfires were far worse both in frequency and total acreage burned. By disappearing all data prior to 1983, which just happens to be the lowest point in the dataset, now all of the sudden we get a positive slope of worsening wildfire aligning with increased global temperature, which is perfect for claiming 'climate change is making wildfire[s] worse.'"

Watts traces the history of the NIFC's public statements on the pre-1983 data and finds a curious pattern: Since Watts' publicization of the data's death blow to the claim that "global warming" causes wildfires, the NIFC has cast increasing doubt on the reliability of the older data to the point that it now claims said data is so bad it cannot be posted publicly.

Today, the NIFC only posts data from 1983 and later, saying, "Prior to 1983, the federal wildland fire agencies did not track official wildfire data using current reporting processes. As a result, there is no official data prior to 1983 posted on this site."

Why would the agency do this? Watts' conclusion is fairly inescapable: "It seems to me that NIFC very likely caved to pressure from climate activists to disappear this inconvenient data. By erasing the past data, NIFC has become untrustworthy. This erasure is not just unscientific, it's dishonest and possibly fraudulent."

New York Times Does Exposé on Biden's Failing Mental Health

In an extraordinary article published May 16 by the *New York Times*, a trio of investigative reporters revealed what life is really like inside the Biden White House, alleging the president is slow to make decisions and is given to outbursts of frustration, “often laced with profanity.” “He will,” they wrote, “often snap.”

Based on more than two dozen interviews with current and former Biden associates, the reporters learned that staffers spend an inordinate amount of time preparing Biden for public appearances: “His aides say it takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work to prepare him to project an assured demeanor.”



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Additionally, Biden reportedly has “little patience with staffers,” wrote the authors, being increasingly “quick to cut off conversations,” and “even occasionally hangs up the phone on someone who he thinks is wasting his time.” He is also “quick to demonstrate his displeasure” with those who cannot answer his questions.

According to the article, Biden’s staff schedules 15-minute breaks between his daily appointments, apparently because he becomes exhausted quickly, despite a light daily schedule. He typically arrives in the Oval Office around 9:30 in the morning and usually is back in his residence by 7:00 p.m.

The authors added, “On policy issues, Mr. Biden, 78, takes days or weeks to make up his mind as he examines and second-guesses himself and others. It is a method of governing that can feel at odds with the urgency of a country still reeling from a pandemic and an economy struggling to recover.”

Biden’s mental decline has become so obvious that a virtual cottage industry has sprung up, iterating his many and increasingly frequent “gaffes” or lapses. There are hundreds of YouTube videos exploiting Biden’s behaviors — some are funny, some are awkward, some are embarrassing, and some are dangerous.

The question remains: Why did the *Times* expose the declining mental capacity of their commander-in-chief? The media has worked overtime to hide Biden’s failing mental acuity, until now. Is this the first move to remove him from office under the 25th Amendment?

Retired Military Leaders Call for Americans to Get Politically Involved

A no-holds-barred letter signed by more than 150 retired U.S. generals and admirals was released by the group Flag Officers 4 America on May 13, entreating Americans to enter the political arena and get involved — “to act to Save America.”

The former military leaders cautioned that America is at risk of losing its “historic way of life,” and warned against Democrats’ welcoming of “Socialists and Marxists.” They further cited internal threats to the United States, including “dishonest and unfair” election processes advanced through progressive legislation such as H.R. 1 and S.1, censorship of the press, violating citizens’ right to free speech, and any agreements with China or Iran.

“Our Nation is in deep peril,” opens the letter. “We are in a fight for our survival as a Constitutional Republic like no other time since our founding in 1776. The conflict is between supporters of Socialism and Marxism vs. supporters of Constitutional freedom and liberty.”

“Without fair and honest elections that accurately reflect the ‘will of the people’ our Constitutional Republic is lost.... The FBI and Supreme Court must act swiftly when election irregularities are surfaced and not ignore them as was done in 2020,” reads the letter.

The officers condemned the more than 50 game-changing executive orders Biden signed during his first 100 days in office. They identified national-security issues, such as the call for open borders,

any and all accommodating agreements with China, the discontinuation of the Keystone XL Pipeline project, and the deployment of the U.S. military at the U.S. Capitol and the subtle but steady implementation of “politically correct policies like the divisive critical race theory ... at the expense of the War Fighting Mission.”

As the letter states, “Under a Democrat Congress and the Current Administration, our Country has taken a hard left turn toward Socialism and a Marxist form of tyrannical government which must be countered now by electing congressional and presidential candidates who will always act to defend our Constitutional Republic.” ■



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Liz Cheney Admits Being at Odds With the Republican Party

“The majority of the Republican Party is not where I am. I know there are many members who have expressed concern over their own security.”

*Just prior to being voted out of her leadership post by GOP party officials, Representative **Liz Cheney** (R-Wy.) admitted that she opposes many of the Republican Party’s positions on important issues.*



Liz
Cheney

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Columnist Alarmed by Ineligibility of Potential Military Recruits

“According to the Pentagon, 71 percent of Americans aged 17 to 24 are ineligible to join the military because of obesity, lack of high school diploma, or a criminal record.”

*Now an author and columnist, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury **Paul Craig Roberts** points out that the military’s ranks will soon be filled with “women who have two moms and with cisgender millennials diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder.”*



Karen
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Arizona State Senator Defends Election Audit, Chastises Critics

“They talk about conspiracy theories. But I tell you what, there’s almost a reverse conspiracy theory to demean this audit.”

*In the face of heavy pressure to discount the election audit in Maricopa County, Arizona, the Republican president of the Arizona State Senate, **Karen Fann**, told PBS that “irregularities” such as dead people “voting” and people who have moved out of the county voting occurred during the 2020 presidential election.*

Right-wing Parents Oppose Critical Race Theory Being Taught in Schools

“Telling parents that liberals want to make their kids hate their country and feel guilty for being white might be absurd and cynical. It also looks like it might be effective.”

*New York Times columnist **Michelle Goldberg** laments the objections being raised by many parents who don’t want their children taught that our nation is fundamentally racist and sexist, and in need of a complete transformation.*

Biden Selects Richard Cordray to Oversee Student Aid and Debt Problems

“This is an outstanding pick, a very promising sign about a sea change in thinking at the Education Department.”

*Praising the Cordray appointment, former student loan ombudsman at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau **Seth Froman** expects that Richard Cordray will successfully wipe away much of the \$1.4 trillion in loans held by 43 million people.*

Transgenderism Given a Huge Boost by the Biden Administration

“Fear of discrimination can lead individuals to forgo care, which can have serious health consequences. Everyone — including LGBTQ people — should be able to access health care free from discrimination or interference, period.”

*Announcing the new federal policy, Health and Human Services chieftain **Xavier Becerra** proudly announced a reversal of Trump administration policy, which stated that “sex” meant gender assigned at birth. The new policy was greeted gleefully by proponents of the transgender movement. ■*

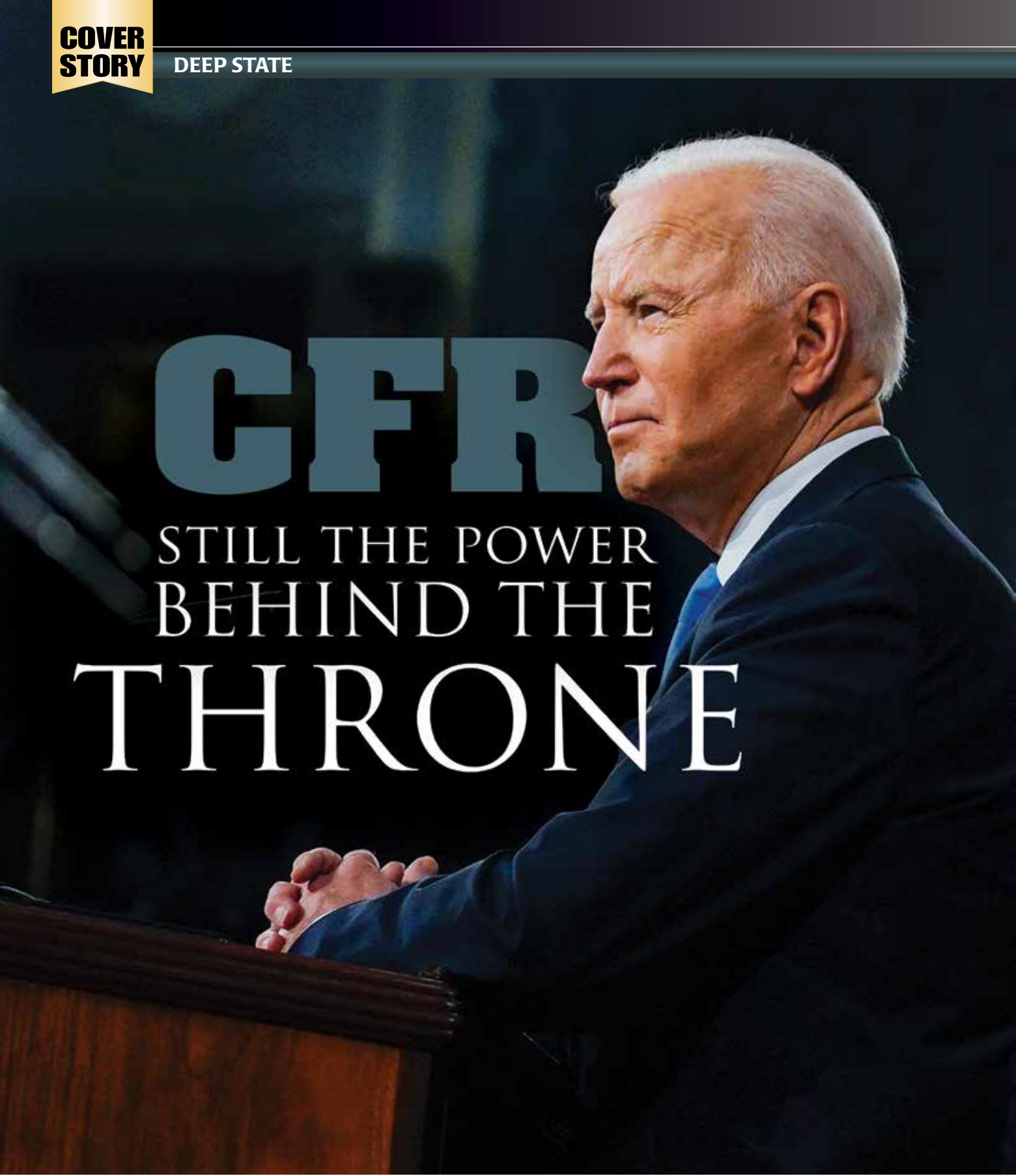
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by William F. Jasper

2021 is a big year for the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), an organization that often is heralded as the most influential think tank in America, if not the entire world. Prominent on the Council's website ([cfr.org](https://www.cfr.org)) is its centennial page, "Celebrating A Century," a self-congratulatory promo of the organization's accomplishments over the past hundred years. The promotional features an impressive cavalcade of pictorials, videos, and articles showcasing the Council's worldly influence and power, as demonstrated by the hundreds of presidents, prime ministers, princes, potentates, politicians, kings, diplomats, and dictators — including mass-murderers — who have graced the organization's meetings, and/or have written for its famed journal *Foreign Affairs*.

The CFR does indeed wield unparalleled influence in political, financial, business, media, and academic circles, and is regularly showered with accolades by "the great and the good." It is the public face, the brain trust, and the central nervous system of what critics refer to as the Deep State — the unelected "permanent government" that has hijacked our country.

In April 1945, just days before the end of World War II, Secretary of State Edward Stettinius journeyed to Pratt House, the CFR's headquarters in New York City. He had come, he said, to "bear witness, as every Secretary of State during the past quarter of a century, to the great services and influence of this organization in spreading knowledge and understanding of the issues of United States foreign policy." Every secretary of state since then has continued the tradition. As you will see in the accompanying table showing CFR influence in the State Department (pages 26-27), Secretary Stettinius and almost every one of his successors — until the Trump administration — has been a member of the Council. And now, with the enthronement of Joe Biden, that CFR control of the State Department has resumed, with CFR member Antony Blinken taking over as secretary, and a bevy of Council members filling out the top posts at State and in the rest of the Biden Cabinet.

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A century of subversion: The Council on Foreign Relations website, [CFR.org](https://www.cfr.org), is celebrating the Council's 100-year history. The above photo shows Nelson Mandela meeting longtime CFR chairman Peter G. Peterson at the organization's headquarters.

Authors Walter Isaacson and Evan Thomas referred to the Council's leading lights as "The Wise Men," a reverential term that has been generously applied to the CFR at large by the Council's academic and media shills. Journalist and presidential speechwriter Joseph Kraft famously referred to the Council as a "School for Statesmen." Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist-historian David Halberstam called it "the Establishment's unofficial club." Historian and presidential advisor Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. described the CFR as a "front organization" for "the heart of the American Establishment." Like Secretary

Stettinius, all of the individuals offering these respectful remarks were themselves prominent CFR members, though they were not identified as such when they made the comments.

However, a description by another Council member, author-journalist Richard Rovere, conveys a more ominous and telling image. "The directors of the Council on Foreign Relations," he said, "make up a sort of Presidium for that part of the Establishment that guides our destiny as a nation." Rovere's choice of the word "Presidium" was apropos. He obviously was comparing it to the murderous, unelected,

and unaccountable gang of criminals that ran the Soviet Union and still runs communist dictatorships such as China and North Korea. That such a body “guides our destiny as a nation” should be a truly chilling thought for every American. However, Rovere appears to have offered that evaluation as a compliment to his fellow CFR members, not as a condemnation, thus reinforcing the perception gained from decades of observing the CFR elite hobnobbing with the communist elite that the Pratt House princelings are far more comfortable with communist absolutism than with constitutionally limited government.

Those familiar with the true history of the Council on Foreign Relations know full well that its hundred-year history is a sordid record of treachery, treason, subversion, and betrayal. That is a serious charge, but it is not hyperbole, as we will show within the limits of this short survey. The history of the CFR is a chronicle of a century-long war against national sovereignty, and an unremitting effort to build an all-powerful world government, which CFR globalists have frequently referred to as their “New World Order.”

Yet, despite being composed of the high

and mighty of American society, and despite its central role in global events and its extensive connections to world movers and shakers, the Council was largely unknown to most Americans for much of its existence. That is as the Council’s leaders desired, since they preferred to be the power behind the scenes. Modesty was not the reason they operated in the shadows; they knew that openly revealing their agenda would invite a severe public backlash from the American people. In the past two decades, the CFR has come out more into the open, and its president, Richard N. Haass, and various CFR spokesmen and “experts” now appear regularly as Wise Men in the major media, dispensing their wisdom to the masses on sundry topics. Their increased public visibility has not brought any genuine transparency, but for those with eyes to see and brains to reason, the past four years and the past few months have removed all doubt about the existence of the Deep State and its tyrannical designs for our future.

The unprecedented fury of the non-stop attacks on President Trump, his family, his administration, and his supporters — not only by the “liberal” media and “progressive” Democrats, but also by neoconservatives, “moderate” Republicans, and a host of high-level government officials (some retired and some still serving) — has awakened millions of Americans to the fact that there is a hostile power operating not only within the highest levels of our government but within the top levels of institutional power throughout our society. If you are among the newly awakened, it is crucial that you understand that this hostile power — this “power elite,” as leftist professor C. Wright Mills and conservative columnist Edith Kermit Roosevelt referred to it — is not a recent phenomenon. The CFR Deep State, as noted above, has been building and concentrating its power for a century, patiently penetrating and corrupting all of our foundational institutions.

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“The mothership”: Then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called the Harold Pratt House, the CFR’s headquarters in New York City, the “mothership,” and said she went there “to be told what we should be doing, and how we should think.”

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The boss: In a January 23, 2018 appearance at the CFR, CFR President Richard N. Haass (right) remarked that he worked for the Council. Biden, sitting next to Haass, quipped, “And I work for Richard.”

Deep State Comes Out

The CFR elite are celebrating 2021 not only because it is their organization’s centennial year, but because they have succeeded fabulously in creating chaos by undermining our nation in all the areas listed above. And they have succeeded in ousting President Donald Trump and installing their favored candidate, Joe Biden, in the White House. Biden is not a CFR member, but he has loaded his administration with Pratt House “Wise Men” (see page 17) and has reversed course on nearly every front where President Trump had moved against the CFR globalists’ New World Order agenda. During a videotaped appearance on January 23, 2018 at the Council’s headquarters, Biden uttered a revealing comment. When CFR President Richard N. Haass introduced himself and remarked that he worked for the Council, Biden, who was sitting next to Haass, quipped, “And I work for Richard.” Just a harmless joke, right? But, as the well-known adage goes, “Many a truth is spoken in jest.” The same applies to the comment by Hillary Clinton, who, while secretary of state, admitted at the CFR’s new Washington, D.C., office that she had been many times to the organization’s “mothership” in New York, but that the new office was much more conveniently located. “We get a lot of advice from the Council,” she claimed, “so, this will mean I won’t have as far to go to *be told what we should be doing, and how we should think about the future.*” (Emphasis added.)

Having surrounded himself with CFR globalists, Joe Biden will likewise rely on the Council to tell him what to do and how to think — except that in Biden’s case his mental deterioration before our very eyes makes it increasingly doubtful that he is capable of doing or thinking *anything* independent of his handlers. That being said, Biden’s allegiance to that subversive agenda has never been in doubt. While the CFR-dominated Fake News Media (see page 18) have continuously portrayed Biden as a moderate and a centrist, his votes, words, and actions during his



36 years in the U.S. Senate and his eight years as vice president under President Obama clearly showed that he was one of their agents. In addition to his official record as a career politician, Biden has telegraphed his true orientation repeatedly over the past nearly half-century. Take, for instance, his 1992 op-ed for the *Wall Street Journal* entitled “How I Learned to Love the New World Order,” which we have referenced many times in this magazine over the years. Besides the title, another big tell in Biden’s op-ed was his proposal to “breathe life into the U.N. Charter” by, among other things, providing it with permanent military forces.

It’s worth noting the timing of Biden’s *WSJ* article as well as its content. Recall that it was published in the same time frame in which then-President George H. W. Bush was repeatedly invoking the New World Order (NWO) in televised speeches and sending massive U.S. military forces to war in Iraq for the purpose, he said, of helping bring about “a United Nations that performs as envisioned by its founders.” (We’ll return to those “visionary” founders later on.) So, Joe Biden was one of the prominent globalist Democrats chosen to reinforce globalist Republican George Bush’s NWO message. In truth, both Biden and Bush, like thousands of other Democrats and Republicans, wear their

party labels to disguise the fact that they are actually members of a CFR-directed duopoly, a globalist Uniparty.

Joe Biden: The CFR’s Man in the White House

Want another clue as to Joe Biden’s real loyalties? Consider that when Joe and Jill decided to get married in 1977, they chose the chapel of the Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN) at UN Plaza in New York City. The CCUN refers to itself as “A Door to the U.N.” and is a stalwart promoter of the UN drive for “World Order.” The CCUN building was dedicated in September 1963, with UN Secretary-General U-Thant, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Adlai Stevenson (CFR), and U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk (CFR) all speaking at the ceremony. The Church Center was originally administered by the National Council of Churches, a Rockefeller-financed operation to coopt Christianity to support a world religion and world government. Subsequently, the United Methodist Women, a radical feminist organization that supports the entire UN agenda, took charge of the Church Center and continues to run it today.

Does it not speak volumes that Joe Biden, a “devout Catholic,” chose the UN’s Church Center for his wedding when he had dozens of Catholic churches in Washington, D.C.; New York City;

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“Devout Catholic”? In 2016, in defiance of his church’s teachings on matrimony, Vice President Biden performed the “wedding” ceremony for Brian Mosteller and Joe Mahshie (shown). In 2017 he presided over the “marriage” of Henry Munoz III and Kyle Ferrari.

and his native Delaware from which to choose? It certainly fits with his pro-abortion and pro-LGBTQ “marriage” positions that clash with the teachings of the Catholic Church but are perfectly in sync with the UN agenda. During the administration’s first press conference, on January 21, 2021, when Press Secretary Jen Psaki was asked about Biden’s pro-abortion stance conflicting with Catholic doctrine, she immediately replied with this canned response: “I will just take the opportunity to remind all of you that he is a devout Catholic and somebody who attends church regularly.” And that “devout Catholic” response has been endlessly echoed by the controlled media’s talking heads, not only with regard to Biden, but also with regard to Nancy Pelosi, Andrew

Cuomo, and other “Catholic” politicians who push a leftist agenda at odds with the official teaching of their church. President Barack Obama was similarly described by his deputy press secretary, Bill Burton, as a “devout Christian.” The same description has been applied to Jimmy Carter, and, yes, even Bill and Hillary Clinton.

All of this proves the adage that “hypocrisy is the homage that vice pays to virtue.” Globalist politicians who scorn Christian morality nonetheless realize that most Americans still consider themselves to be Christians. Thus, woke politicians (such as Biden) make sure to include campaign photo-ops at churches and to sprinkle their speeches with biblical quotes and references to God. But Biden’s speechwriters must have missed the “God thing” memo.

How else to explain the bizarre neglect of God in his presidential “prayer” for the 70th anniversary of our National Day of Prayer. It was a first! “Devout Catholic” Joe Biden didn’t mention God, Jesus, or the Bible even a single time, although he did work in Marxist notions of “a reckoning on racial justice” and “the existential threat of climate change,” among other politically correct themes. This is in keeping with the Deep State’s ongoing campaign to de-Christianize America: First remove God and prayer from schools and the public square, then remove God and prayer from prayer!

Perhaps Biden was channeling Karl Marx during his odd National Day of Prayer event. He certainly has been channeling World Economic Forum CEO Klaus Schwab and the WEF’s “Great Reset” scheme to “reset” the entire planet — politically, economically, socially, morally, and spiritually — in accord with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. According to the WEF’s website, “COVID-19 offers a chance to reset and reshape the world in a more sustainable way.” It calls on everyone to “imagine another world, one in which we can sustain ourselves as envisioned in the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).” The UN’s SDGs, as regular readers of *THE NEW AMERICAN* recognize, are the centerpiece of Agenda 2030, the UN’s detailed plan for total control of everyone and everything on, in, and above planet Earth — all in the name of saving “the environment” and establishing “equity.” Hence, the world’s richest billionaires and their kept politicians flew into Davos, Switzerland, for the WEF’s annual champagne-and-caviar confab in 2020 to announce to the world’s proletariat (that’s the rest of us) that we must tighten our belts, give up driving cars and eating meat, and submit to draconian regimentation (including lockdowns, mask mandates, and vaccine passports) and a host of other new regulations. The World Economic Forum’s rollout of their Great Reset in 2020 was well timed to assist Joe Biden.

Team Biden launched into its first 100 days in the White House with a rush of activity to implement the joint WEF-UN “crisis” agendas related to COVID-19 and global warming. Biden announced the United States would again support the

UN's Paris Climate Agreement, which President Obama had illegally committed us to (without Senate ratification), but which President Trump had subsequently backed us out of. Mimicking the central planning of the Chinese Communist Party, Biden launched a whole-of-government assault on carbon-based fuels and brought out a \$2 trillion climate deal that Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) says is very similar to her socialist Green New Deal. He further announced that he was reversing President Trump's orders that had stripped the UN's scandalous World Health Organization (WHO) of U.S. staff and funding. Trump had scheduled a U.S. pullout of the WHO for July 2021, which Biden has also reversed.

Biden's moves in these and other areas mirror the "global governance" plans of the wannabe world commissars of the WEF and UN. They also mirror the schemes of the CFR, which is not surprising, since CFR leaders played key roles in setting up and promoting both the WEF and the UN. Top CFR members also help govern the WEF and serve as major presenters at the WEF's glittering soirees. Billionaire David M. Rubenstein, chairman of the CFR (and co-founder and co-executive chairman of the Carlyle Group) sits on the WEF board of trustees. Among the other CFR notables on the WEF board are Marc Benioff, founder and CEO of Salesforce, and Laurence D. Fink, chairman and CEO of BlackRock. Former U.S. Senator and Secretary of State John Kerry (a CFR member), who now serves as Biden's "climate envoy," has been a frequent attendee of Davos, and this past January he gave a double thumbs-up to the Great Reset, telling the privileged Davos crowd, "I think it will happen with greater speed and with greater intensity than a lot of people might imagine." Kerry, who is also referred to as Biden's "climate czar," has been given a seat on the National Security Council, a signal by the Biden administration that it has adopted the CFR's claim that climate change is a national-security issue, thereby justifying — even *demanding* — more government control over everything affecting climate change. According to the climate alarmists, this means virtually *all* human activity.

CFR Running the Executive Branch — Again

Kerry is not the only CFR member to be appointed to the Biden administration. In fact, Joe Biden's Cabinet and higher echelon "public servants" choir are beginning to look like the CFR White House stables of old. As the tables on pages 24-27 show, the Council has, over the decades, gained a lock hold on the Executive Branch of our federal government. From FDR through Obama — through both Republican and Democrat administrations — the CFR has functioned as our "Invisible Government," as constitutionalist author and former FBI agent Dan Smoot called it in his 1962 book of that title, one of the earliest critiques of the Council. From Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, and Director of the CIA William J. Burns, to White House Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki (and many more — see page 17), Joe Biden — or whoever is overseeing him — has stuffed the upper management of our government with the

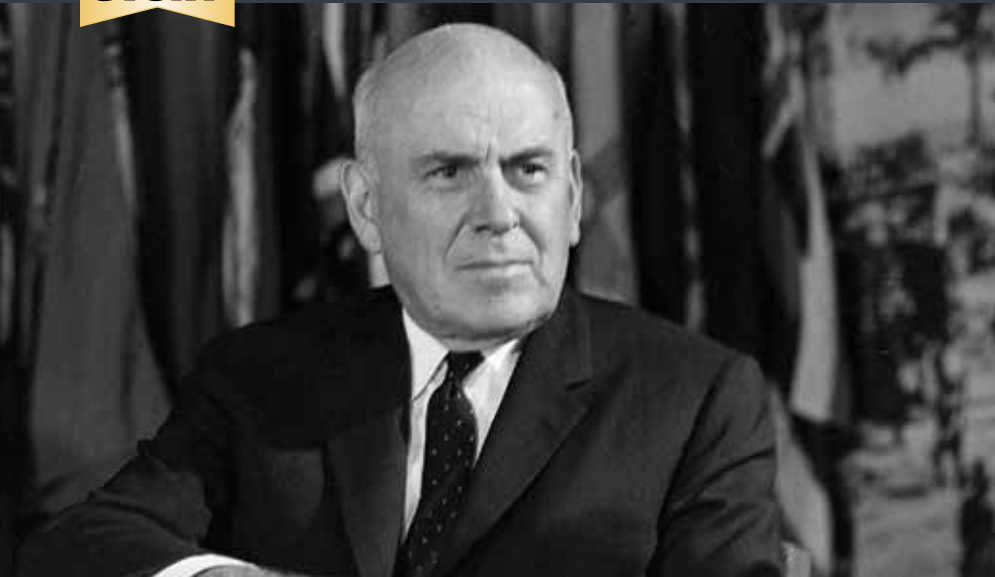
usual CFR retreats. And there are yet many important vacancies to be filled, many of which undoubtedly also will go to Pratt House camp followers.

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Wall Street rules: Billionaire David M. Rubenstein, co-executive chairman of the Carlyle Group, is chairman of the CFR as well as a trustee of the World Economic Forum. He continues a 100-year tradition of Wall Street dominance of the CFR.



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Taking control: Wall Street banker John J. McCloy was an advisor to nine U.S. presidents and longtime chairman of the CFR. He admitted how he filled government posts with CFR members. “Whenever we needed a man we thumbed through the roll of the Council members and put through a call to New York.”

cessor as chairman, David Rockefeller, continued the process, as have Rockefeller’s successors. The Council’s 2020 Annual Report says that 374 of its members hold posts in government. Imagine the media outcry if the National Rifle Association, with 5.5 million members, had that many members in such important posts! Or Christian, conservative groups such as National Right to Life with seven million members, the Knights of Columbus with two million members, or any number of other organizations. But we won’t have any national conversation about that because, as you will see on pages 18-20, the CFR has managed to place its members into controlling positions in the major corporate media. In plain words, the fix is in. The three-letter “news” organizations — ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, CNN, *NYT*, *WSJ*, FOX, NPR, etc. — are merely echo chamber adjuncts of the CFR. They simply tell us, “Nothing to see here, move along.”

Just “Conspiracy Theory”?

However, the power and influence exercised by the Council goes far beyond the sowing of their members throughout our government, the media, and other American institutional power bases. The Council has its counterpart in England, a sister organization known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA),

also known as Chatham House, which, like the CFR, traces its origins back to the aftermath of World War I. In more recent years, the CFR has launched the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and the Council of Councils (CoC), which brings together CFR affiliate organizations from 24 countries, including Russia and Communist China. In addition, the CFR is joined at the hip with the David Rockefeller-founded Trilateral Commission and the super-elite, super-secret Bilderberg Group. Moreover, its members move in and out of top posts at the World Bank, the IMF, and the UN. To top it off, it has a corporate membership that includes global giants of Big Business, Big Banking, Big Tech, Big Data, Big Media, and Big Pharma. In short, the CFR has unparalleled reach and clout.

Whenever anyone brings up concerns about the outsized influence wielded by the Council, its collaborators/defenders are ready with the all-purpose “conspiracy theory” label, which is supposed to render critics immediately non-credible. George Gavrillis (CFR), the author of the CFR’s recent centenary book, *The Council on Foreign Relations: A Short History*, attempts to dismiss legitimate public concerns with the usual resort to ridicule. He recounts in the book “a particularly colorful theory that linked the Council to an intergalactic con-

spiracy.” “Back in 1954,” Gavrillis writes, “Eisenhower met secretly with aliens in Morocco, and they appointed the first extraterrestrial ambassador to the United States. With the help of the Council, the government was keeping the alien invasion a secret from the American people.” Ah, yes, ha ha, those crazy people with their tinfoil hats and aliens in flying saucers.

This type of attempt to silence critics by gaslighting and derision still works with those who are weak of mind and/or weak of backbone, but it is having less and less effect on millions of Americans who can see with their own eyes that we are headed in a very bad direction, and also can see *who* is leading us there.

On February 17, 1950, Wall Street banker James P. Warburg, an advisor to Franklin D. Roosevelt, told a U.S. Senate Committee, “We shall have world government whether or not we like it ... by consent or by conquest.” He was in favor of it and did all within his power to advance it. He was also a member of the CFR, as was his father, Paul Warburg, known as the “father” of the Federal Reserve System. Various prominent Council members have made similar statements and have used their positions of power to advance the CFR objective of world government. With the COVID and climate-change “crises,” the Council and its globalist allies are pushing the Great Reset to wipe out the middle classes all over the world to concentrate all power — political and economic — in their hands.

Over the past century, many brave Americans have exposed this *conspiracy reality* — it’s no longer “conspiracy theory” — and have absorbed the slings and arrows of mockery and ridicule. The John Birch Society has been the tip of the spear in these efforts and has provided not only rock-solid information exposing this criminal effort to steal our country and our freedom, but proven, reliable leadership and an action program to stop and defeat this scheme. For books and videos covering these issues in-depth, see the advertisement on the inside back cover. The Deep State’s infernal grip on our nation — and the entire world — will not be broken unless more Americans awaken, expose the CFR’s growing control, and oppose its diabolical New World Order agenda. ■

SHADOWS ACROSS THE LAND

Current CFR dominance over government, media, think tanks, foundations, public health, and industry

CFR MEMBERS IN EACH BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE

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Secretary of Defense Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas
Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield
Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines
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National Security Council Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa Brett H. McGurk
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Chair Emeritus William H. Webster

Office of the Chief of Staff

Assistant to the President and Counselor to the President Jeffrey D. Zients

White House COVID-19 Response Team

White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Jeffrey D. Zients

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Member Ezekiel Emanuel
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Council of Economic Advisers

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White House Office of the Press Secretary

White House Press Secretary Jennifer R. Psaki*

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— From the cover story by William F. Jasper

Now we invite you to examine the following lists and charts and verify for yourself the rising influence and dominance of the Council on Foreign Relations in government, the military, media, think tanks, consulting firms, nongovernmental organizations, and health-care. If we are to restore and secure our God-given rights, and once again live the American Dream, we must widely expose the CFR’s freedom-destroying domination of our nation’s leading governmental and cultural institutions!

Note: On the CFR chart for the various presidential administrations from Hoover to Biden (see pages 23-27), we marked people as CFR members if they ever were a member. For example, Herbert Hoover did not join the CFR until after his presidency; nevertheless, because of his later membership, we have chosen to mark him as a member.

Christian Gomez, research project manager at The John Birch Society, researched and compiled the CFR lists and tables herein.

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Office of Cabinet Affairs

Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary Evan M. Ryan

Office of the First Lady

Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff for the First Lady Julissa Reynoso Pantaleón

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Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Keith J. Krach

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• Dina Powell McCormick
• Rajiv J. Shah
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Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency Heidi H. Grant

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Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group SEVEN/Commander, Amphibious Force, SEVENTH Fleet, Rear Admiral Fred W. Kacher
Commander, Naval Education and Training Command, Rear Admiral Peter A. Garvin
Deputy Commander, Joint Base Charleston

and Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Charleston, Captain Kevin M. Brand

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Director, U.S. Central Command Deployment and Distribution Operations Center and Deputy Director, USCENTCOM Logistics and Engineering Directorate, Brig. Gen. Brian R. Bruckbauer
Deputy Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, and the Deputy Theater Air Component Commander to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Maj. Gen. Brian M. Killough
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Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas

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The treacherous actions of top U.S. military leaders over the past four years reflect the dangerous influence acquired by the Council on Foreign Relations during a century of subversion.

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In 1996, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) published *Continuing the Inquiry: The Council on Foreign Relations from 1921 to 1996*, by Peter Grose. It was reissued a decade later, in 2006, with a new foreword by CFR President Richard N. Haass. Although essentially a hagiography of the organization, this short book provides revealing glimpses into important hidden history, including the CFR's seduction, corruption, and commandeering of much of the leadership of our country's military services. The Inquiry, to which the book's title refers, is the name taken by a secret group, numbering about 150 individuals, composed primarily of Wall Street financiers and their hired lawyers and Ivy League academicians, formed toward the end of the First World War. The moving force behind the Inquiry was "Colonel" Edward Mandell House, President Woodrow Wilson's mysterious advisor. House had never served in the military; his military title was an honorific bestowed on him by a Texas governor as patronage for House's aid in his gubernatorial campaign. Colonel House exercised a Rasputin-like control over Wilson, who referred to him as "my second personality," "my independent self," and "my alter ego."

When President Wilson sailed for the Versailles Peace Conference in 1918, a



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large contingent of Inquiry members sailed with him. House and other Inquiry members had already arrived in Paris ahead of him. Confirmed internationalists, Inquiry members played key roles in drafting the Versailles Treaty and the charter of the proposed League of Nations, their attempt at creating an embryonic world government. "The vision that stirred the Inquiry," writes Grose in the opening page of his book, "became the work of the Council on Foreign Relations over the better part of a century." Indeed, it did. When the U.S. Senate rejected the Covenant of the League of Nations because of the obvious threat it posed to our national sovereignty, the globalists of the Inquiry formed a permanent organization to carry out a long-term program to capture institutional levers of power and to transform American attitudes in favor of their New World Order. Bringing the U.S.

military to heel would be essential to this scheme. Thus began a parade of military officers to the Harold Pratt House, the CFR's headquarters in New York City, for indoctrination in Globalism 101.

"In 1962 the Council had initiated a program to bring selected Air Force officers, on their way to flag rank, to the Harold Pratt House for a year of research and reflection with their civilian counterparts," Grose writes. "This became a pilot project, with no intent at pun, and succeeded to the extent that the Army, Navy, and, eventually, Marine Corps asked for and received similar access." He notes that a few years later, in 1967, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund invited the Council to devise a similar fellowship program for promising scholars aged 27 to 35 from university faculties and the civil service. "Over the coming decades, with each year's Military

Fellows and civilian International Affairs Fellows, plus visitors from the expanding Committees across the country, the corridors of the Harold Pratt House awoke to curiosity and youth, to stimulate the thought habits of the mature members.”

The CFR’s patient, decades-long march through our military ranks has paid off for the globalists. Take, for example, the appearance of Admiral James Stavridis on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe* program on December 30, 2020. Tellingly, he appeared in tandem on the program with CFR president Richard N. Haass to charge that the Trump administration’s “obstructing” of Joe Biden’s security team is “dangerous.” Both of the *Morning Joe* regular hosts — Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski — are CFR members and intense hate-Trump globalists.

Asked if he agreed that the Trump administration’s action could be “dangerous” and “taken advantage of and exploited by our adversaries,” Admiral Stavridis told the MSNBC audience that, yes, it “is dangerous.... There are tactical problems, operational problems and strategic problems.” The retired Navy admiral went further, charging that “there are real-world consequences here. And I absolutely call on the Pentagon officials who are indeed Trump loyalists — who walked in the door less than a month ago at the very senior levels, including the acting secretary of defense — let’s do the right thing here for the nation.”

Selling Out for Globalist Honors, Pelf

Critics have good reason to question whether Admiral Stavridis is truly motivated by doing “the right thing for the nation” or doing what is best for the globalist oligarchs with whom he has thrown in his lot. It was apropos that Admiral Stavridis was coupled on the MSNBC program with CFR honcho Haass, since Stavridis is a longtime member of the CFR, a fact that neither the MSNBC host nor Haass nor Stavridis mentioned. And he is not simply an ordinary member, by the way, but a *director* of the CFR, as well as a director of the group’s Nominating and Governance Committee, its Studies Committee, and its Election and Appointments Board.

Is this important? Well, let us consider the opinion of another admiral of the U.S. Navy, the late Admiral Chester Ward, former judge advocate general of the Navy

and for many years a member of the Council on Foreign Relations before becoming one of its fiercest critics. According to Admiral Ward, the goal of the CFR is the “submergence of U.S. sovereignty and national independence into an all-powerful one-world government.” He noted from experience that “this lust to surrender the sovereignty and independence of the United States is pervasive throughout most of the membership.” He added, “In the entire CFR lexicon, there is no term of revulsion carrying a meaning so deep as ‘America First.’” This should give some idea as to why Donald Trump’s adoption of the “America First” slogan and his “Make America Great Again” agenda of national independence caused such a ferocious reaction from the entrenched globalists, including those senior officers within the military ranks.

Admiral Stavridis personifies the ambitious military man who betrays his oath and sells out his country. For his faithful ser-

vice to the Deep State, Stavridis has been richly rewarded since his retirement with lucrative and prestigious appointments. Undoubtedly, among the most profitable of those rewards is his appointment as operating executive with the Carlyle Group, one of the world’s largest private-equity funds. One of the three founders and co-executive chairmen of the Carlyle Group is David Rubenstein, who also happens to be chairman of the CFR, as well as chairman of the CFR’s Global Board of Advisors. In addition, Rubenstein is a member of the super-elite Trilateral Commission. Like most of the other big Wall Street firms, the Carlyle Group is heavily invested in China, partners with corporations controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and has brought many CCP-approved employees into its Asian investment operations. The admiral is also chair of the Board of Counselors for McLarty Associates, the high-powered consulting and lobbying firm, where Thomas McLarty and John Negro-

CFR military members have played an indispensable role assisting their CFR brethren in politics and the media in imposing a subversive agenda of political correctness on the U.S. military services.



Tarnished brass: Admiral James Stavridis epitomizes U.S. military officers who have attacked President Trump. Stavridis, a director of the CFR, is also an executive of the Carlyle Group, whose chairman, David Rubenstein, is chairman of the CFR.

ponte are members of both the CFR and Trilateral Commission.

Stavridis' globalist ties don't stop there; he's also a director of the Rockefeller Foundation, which has been at the center of funding for the leftist cultural-political-economic revolution for the past century. In addition, he is a columnist for *TIME* magazine and a national security commentator for NBC and MSNBC, along with disgraced former CIA chief John Brennan and other hate-Trump members of the Deep State intelligence community. He endorsed Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden. He has received awards from the Atlantic Council and the Stimson Center, both CFR-aligned globalist "think tanks" that wage war on American sovereignty and independence. To top it off, he is a "Davos Man," joining the World Economic Forum's annual luxury confab of billionaires, celebrities, and politicians who annually swoop into Switzerland in their Learjets and Gulfstreams to lecture the rest of humanity on the need to reduce consumption. The sanctimonious WEF plutocrats are now pushing their master plan for transforming all life on the planet through their Orwellian "Great Reset."

Benedict Arnold Brigade of the U.S. Military

Unfortunately, Admiral Stavridis is far from alone among our top-level military brass in prostituting himself for globalist cash and recognition. Plenty of generals and admirals have jumped on the one-world gravy train and joined the CFR: Admiral Michael G. Mullen, General David H. Petraeus, General Colin Powell, Admiral William Crowe, General John M.D. Shalikashvili, General Michael V. Hayden, Admiral Peter A. Garvin, Admiral William H. McRaven, General John R. Allen, General Stanley A. McChrystal, General Barry R. McCaffrey, General Eric Shinseki, General Merrill A. McPeak, Admiral Michelle Howard, and General H.R. McMaster — to name only a few of the leading U.S. military officers who have become leading figures in the sellout of America.

During the Trump administration and the 2020 presidential campaign, we witnessed an unprecedented series of public attacks by many of these officers on the president of the United States, claiming he was unfit for command. However, Brigadier General Albert E. Brewster has charged that it is these anti-Trump gener-

als and admirals who have shown they are unfit to command by using "contemptuous words" against their commander in chief, a criminal violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. In fact, it is evident that some of these officers went much further, by actually acting together with their Deep State co-conspirators in the State Department, Justice Department, FBI, intelligence agencies, other federal offices, and media in an ongoing treasonous coup effort against President Trump, beginning even before his inauguration.

Moreover, the CFR military members have played an indispensable role assisting their CFR brethren in politics and the media in imposing a subversive agenda of political correctness on the U.S. military services. The CFR military elites have been using radical feminism, LGBTQ perversion, racial-identity politics, ethnic affirmative action, and much more to destroy the finest and most important military in the world. They also have led a decades-long campaign selling perpetual U.S. military involvement in foreign no-win wars, as well as UN "police actions," "peacekeeping," and "nation-building," the ultimate objective of which is to gradually transfer command and control of America's armed forces to the UN and its subsidiaries.

However, on the positive side of the ledger we must note that the vast majority of individuals serving in our military services, both officers and enlisted, are loyal, patriotic Americans who remain wholeheartedly true to their oaths to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." In addition, hundreds of America's admirals and generals rebuked the CFR cabal by endorsing Donald Trump and opposing Joe Biden in 2020, while millions of retired and active members of the armed services enthusiastically supported and voted for President Trump.

We have come to a crossroads for America and the world unlike any before in history, and our military services will play a pivotal role against enemies foreign and domestic. We can and must do everything possible politically to oust the CFR's uniformed globalists from their positions of power and expose the sellouts before they can turn our nation's military against the American people. ■



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Trans-forming our military: The CFR military elites have been promoting radical feminism, LGBTQ perversion, racial-identity politics, ethnic affirmative action, and much more to destroy the finest and most important military in the world.



GET U.S. OUT OF NATO!

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with its principle of collective security, is supposed to make Europe and the world safer. It does the opposite.

by *Gary Benoit*

When the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed in 1949, there were 12 founding members, including the United States. Today, there are 30. And in the future, additional countries may still be added to the military alliance, including Ukraine.

Though many may believe that the expansion of NATO reduces the likelihood of war, the reality is just the opposite. Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which established NATO, states that the member nations “agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all.”

In 1949, this meant that the United States, by becoming a party to the treaty, had pledged to come to the defense of 11 other nations should any of them be attacked. Today, under this same treaty, the United States is committed to come to the defense of 29 other nations should any of them be attacked.

These expanding commitments increase, rather than decrease, the likelihood

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of the United States, as well as other nations, being pulled into a war.

Some of the countries the United States has pledged to protect in the event of an attack are well known, such as France, Germany, and the United Kingdom; others not so much. The latter category includes the two most recent nations to join the military alliance: Montenegro (in 2017) and North

Macedonia (in 2020). How many Americans would be able to locate these countries on a map? How many know that they were once part of communist Yugoslavia?

Should America go to war if (say) North Macedonia is attacked? Would it be in our national interest to do so? How about if a much bigger and more influential country such as Germany were attacked?



How about if Russia and Ukraine were to become embroiled in a war, and that war were to spill over into one or more of the NATO countries? Should the United States go to war then? Of course, if Ukraine were to become part of NATO, an attack on Ukraine would then obligate the United States to come to its defense under the North Atlantic Treaty — regardless of what the U.S. Congress or the American people might think.

Smaller countries belonging to NATO could be more aggressive and more likely to instigate a war if they know that the United States will back them up — sort of like a

small kid picking a fight with a bully because he knows his older brother will protect him.

In truth, the decision to commit American blood and treasure to fight another war in Europe, or anywhere else for that matter, should be decided by the United States. It should not happen automatically, based on treaty obligations that, if adhered to, deny the United States that choice.

Nor is it just the written agreement that subverts our country's ability to determine its own destiny. More than three-quarters of a century after the end of World War II, the United States still maintains many tens of thousands of troops in Europe to

defend NATO member nations. An attack on a NATO member nation resulting in American casualties would necessarily interject our country into a military conflict, without any action on Washington's part.

To avoid America becoming unnecessarily entangled in another foreign war, we should get the United States out of NATO and bring the troops home. If, on the other hand, our country really should go to war, that decision should be made by the United States itself — specifically the U.S. Congress, as required by the Constitution's declaration of war provision — not by multinational treaty obligations or foreign interests.

WHY DOES NATO STILL EXIST?

NATO was founded during the Cold War for the stated purpose of countering the threat from the Soviet Union and its Eastern European bloc of captive nations. The Soviets responded to NATO by forming their own military alliance, known as the Warsaw Pact.

The Warsaw Pact no longer exists. In fact, a number of countries that were once members of the Warsaw Pact have since become members of NATO. They include Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, and Romania. East Germany, another Warsaw

Pact nation, unified with NATO-member West Germany. And the Czech Republic and Slovakia, which were part of Warsaw Pact-member Czechoslovakia prior to its dissolution, have also joined NATO.

Even the Soviet Union no longer exists. Socialism may still reign in parts of the old Soviet Empire, but tragically socialism is also advancing in the West, including in Western Europe and the United States.

The bottom line is that the rationale for the creation of NATO in 1949 no longer applies. This raises the question: Why does NATO still exist? And why is the United States still in it?

TURKEY'S NATO MEMBERSHIP

Turkey might be considered a “surprising” member of NATO, since it is a transcontinental country straddling Europe and Asia. Geographically, most of the land area of Turkey is in Asia. And culturally, the vast majority of the population are Muslims, unlike the European countries that have been historically Christian. Turkey is also strategically located, serving as a gateway from the volatile Middle East to Europe. As such, Turkey could become another hotspot for Middle Eastern terrorism and even outright war, requiring U.S. intervention under NATO.



Warsaw Pact military exercise in 1980



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WILL UKRAINE JOIN NATO?

The strengthening relationship between NATO and Ukraine suggests that Ukraine's one day joining NATO is a very realistic, perhaps even likely, possibility. "Relations between NATO and Ukraine date back to the early 1990s and have since developed into one of the most substantial of NATO's partnerships," NATO's website (NATO.int) boasts. "Since 2014, in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, cooperation has been intensified in critical areas." And in case anyone doubts that this cooperation is now a trajectory toward Ukrainian membership in NATO, NATO also approvingly states on its website: "In September 2020, [Ukrainian] President Volodymyr Zelenskyy approved Ukraine's new National Security Strategy, which provides for the development of the distinctive partnership with NATO with the aim of membership in NATO."

With Ukraine in NATO, the prospect of the United States being pulled into a war over the Russia-Ukraine tensions would intensify. Not that U.S. military interventionism in Ukraine could not come about anyway, prior to Ukraine's joining NATO — after all, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, a member of the world-government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations, traveled to Kyiv in May to signal U.S. support for Ukraine.

WHAT IF?!

What if foreign forces massed along America's borders? What if huge armies from hostile foreign powers deployed along our borders with Mexico and Canada, while military armadas patrolled our coastlines just outside our territorial waters? How would Americans feel about this? Such a deployment would undoubt-

edly heighten, not reduce, tensions — and the same applies to our deployment of troops in Europe.

Instead of militarily entangling ourselves in Europe and elsewhere throughout the world, America would be much safer if we were to bring the troops home and follow George Washington's wise observation: "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."



Antony Blinken, right,
with Ukrainian President
Volodymyr Zelenskyy

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German tanks in a military training exercise

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WHY CAN'T EUROPE DEFEND EUROPE?

Germany, France, Great Britain — why can't the great countries of Europe defend themselves, without American treasure and troops? Why has the United States historically provided a disproportionate share of the resources for Europe's defense? In reality, of course, America's gargantuan military assistance over many decades has alleviated the need for European countries to provide adequately for their own defense, and even enabled them to shift more resources to their economic sector and better compete against America in the international marketplace.

THE NATO-UN CONNECTION

NATO was established as a "regional arrangement" under the United Nations Charter (Articles 52-54). It also reports to the UN Security Council. Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty specifically states that any "armed attack [against one or more NATO members] and all measures taken as a result thereof shall immediately be reported to the Security Council. Such measures shall be terminated when the Security Council has taken the measures necessary to restore and maintain international peace and security."

Council on Foreign Relations member Dean Acheson, who was U.S. secretary of state when NATO was formed, said in a speech in 1949 that NATO was "designed to fit precisely into the framework of the

United Nations" and that it is "subject to the overriding provisions of the United Nations Charter."

WHAT ABOUT CONGRESS AND THE CONSTITUTION?

Under the U.S. Constitution, Congress is delegated the power to "declare war." This important constitutional power is circumvented by the North Atlantic Treaty's Article 5, which requires the United States to consider an armed attack against

any NATO member as an attack against the United States.

Putting American troops under the command of NATO is putting them under UN command. Yet many Americans who would oppose transferring U.S. troops to UN command support U.S. participation in NATO, not realizing that this is doing essentially the same thing. It is time for America to disentangle our military from both NATO and the United Nations, and to withdraw U.S. membership from both entities. ■



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DERSHOWITZ TAKES ON LEFTIST ENEMIES OF FREE SPEECH

Liberal attorney Alan Dershowitz has long been a champion of free speech — for everyone. Now, he's calling out employers, tech giants, and universities for censoring conservatives.



by Steve Byas

The Case Against the New Censorship: Protecting Free Speech From Big Tech, Progressives and Universities, by Alan Dershowitz, New York: Hot Books, 2021, 169 pages, hardcover.

“Freedom of speech in America is facing the greatest threats since the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798,” Alan Dershowitz writes in his latest book, making the case that the threat to free speech today is coming from the political Left, particularly from aca-

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demia and Big Tech companies such as Google, Facebook, and Twitter.

Dershowitz has long been a noted civil libertarian, and was the youngest full professor in the history of Harvard Law School. Despite his history as a Democrat, his strong defense of free speech in the face of a rising tide of “progressive” opposition to the free-speech principle enshrined in the First Amendment has placed him in the crosshairs of contemporary Democrats, in and out of government.

What seems to have gotten Dershowitz in trouble with the Left is not his opposition to censorship *per se* — after all, he handled cases involving the Pentagon Papers and the Chicago Seven — but his consistency: He fervently champions freedom of speech for those on both sides of the political spectrum, not just for those on the Left.

In his new book, Dershowitz expresses special concern for the future of free speech in this country, as many of those who would censor free expression of certain political viewpoints are young — meaning our future leaders see nothing wrong with suppressing speech with which they do not agree.

Dershowitz is particularly worried about the growing trend of censorship in the private sector, saying that this form of censorship “is more damaging because for the most part it is not prohibited by the First Amendment,” which only directly restricts the government. For much of American history, it was assumed that people should be able to have differing opinions on social and political issues without fearing for their jobs. Dershowitz notes how the American Left, for example, defended communists in the motion-picture industry when writers,

directors, actors, and others were “black-listed,” i.e., denied employment because of their unpopular political views. Leftists now claim, however, that private-sector employers should have the right to fire or censor people who happen to hold conservative viewpoints or support Donald Trump.

Not only were there cheers on the Left when Trump was banned from social-media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter, but the Left has even tried to get cable television companies to drop Fox News from their basic cable TV packages.

Dershowitz also expresses concern about the suppression of free speech and opposing viewpoints at what are supposed to be the great protectors of freedom of thought: American universities. At the University of Chicago, for example, the English department insists that the only applicants that should be considered for instructor positions are those who have an interest in Black Studies, even arguing that the teaching of English has “encouraged colonization.”

While most Americans will claim they believe in freedom of speech “in the abstract,” Dershowitz notes, they often carve out exceptions when it conflicts with their other values. For example, Dershowitz calls out the hypocrisy of the American Civil Liberties Union. Instead of prioritizing free speech, this group now puts free speech second to the rest of the progressive agenda, including immigration, the environment, a woman’s right to choose abortion — and especially opposition to President Trump.

“The argument that the First Amendment simply does not apply to impeachment cases flies in the face of the text,”

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Dershowitz writes, “which prohibits ‘Congress’ from making any law abridging the freedom of speech.” Particularly obnoxious to Dershowitz were the efforts to keep anyone who participated in the Trump administration from having their philosophies published, or given an “imprimatur of respectability.” During the second impeachment of Trump, Trump’s lawyers were threatened with disbarment. This was unprecedented, as Americans have historically believed everyone is entitled to legal counsel — this concept is even enshrined in the Bill of Rights. Even the British Redcoats involved in the Boston Massacre were afforded due process of law and were defended by patriot lawyer John Adams.

Dershowitz also condemned the effort to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump from office, noting that its purpose was to remove a president who was physically or mentally incapacitated, not as a weapon by the party that controls the House of Representatives to punish a president of the other party. He also opposed the second impeachment effort (as he did the first), arguing that nothing President Trump did “comes within the criteria for impeachment and removal.”

Additionally, Dershowitz said the trial that the Senate conducted — after Trump left office — was blatantly unconstitutional. “Congress has no authority over any president once he leaves office,” he writes, calling it essentially a “bill of attainder,” forbidden by the Constitution. (A bill of attainder is an act of a legislative body, such as Congress, deciding a person’s guilt and assigning a punishment, essentially bypassing the judiciary).

Particularly refreshing is the fact that Dershowitz took the House managers to task for their tactic during the second impeachment trial of referring to the president of the United States as America’s “commander

in chief.” Certainly, the president of the United States *is* the commander in chief of the armed forces of the United States, but he has no authority to issue orders to private citizens. But the House managers used the term “commander in chief” to argue that those who broke into the U.S. Capitol on January 6 were merely following what they thought were orders from their “commander in chief.” Sadly, far too many Americans who consider themselves conservatives, even professional commentators, will refer to the president as our commander in chief, outside of his domain of authority over the armed forces. It is even quite common to hear someone refer to the president as “running the country,” as if he were some sort of dictator.

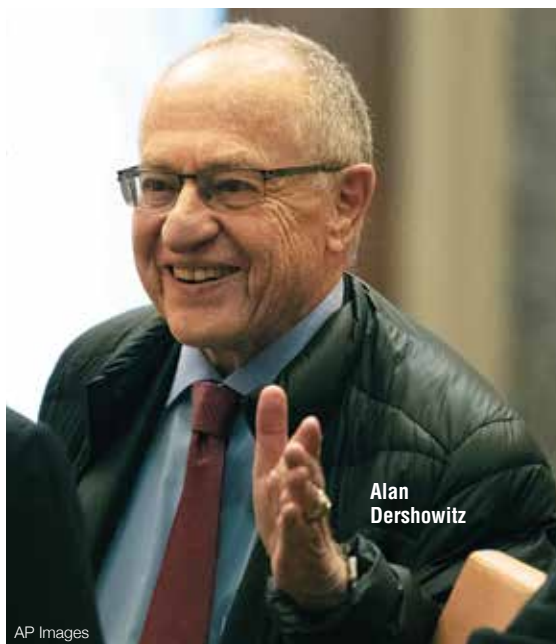
In summary, Dershowitz defends the right of free speech, even if he disagrees with its content. “A false claim that the earth is flat is as constitutionally protected as conclusive evidence that the earth is round,” he says. Whether Trump’s claims that the election was stolen are true or false

is irrelevant to Dershowitz, insofar as the remarks are protected by the Constitution.

Dershowitz also defends the Second Amendment-protected right to keep and bear arms and takes particular issue with “red-flag laws,” which permit governmental authorities to confiscate an individual’s firearms with little to no due process. He explains that red-flag laws set a “dangerous precedent” not only for the right to keep and bear arms, but also for other rights specifically protected by the Constitution.

Dershowitz makes many important points, all well-argued as usual. However, conservatives need to remember that Dershowitz is a liberal Democrat, and the book does contain content that many conservatives would not agree with. Perhaps the biggest problem with his book is that he makes several negative references to Senator Joe McCarthy. Although Dershowitz does not say it directly, a reader could infer from the book that McCarthy had something to do with the Hollywood Blacklist. The truth of the matter is that McCarthy’s principal concern was communist agents employed by the U.S. government. In 1950, when McCarthy first raised the issue of communists inside the U.S. government, the American Communist Party was a wholly owned subsidiary of the Soviet Union, ruled at the time by one of history’s greatest monsters, Joseph Stalin. American Communist Party members were loyal to a hostile foreign power, and their employment inside the U.S. government in sensitive positions enabled them to subvert the very government for which they were supposedly working. Unlike leftists involved in today’s censorship, McCarthy was on no crusade to get people fired from corporate positions in private industry or from academic posts in universities.

Despite these issues, Professor Dershowitz’ book is certainly worth reading, and heeding. Dershowitz cites Justice Learned Hand, who wrote *The Spirit of Liberty* in 1944. In that book, Justice Hand observed that the “spirit” of liberty “lies in the hearts of men and women,” and that when “it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court” can do much to save it. This spirit of liberty, Dershowitz argues, is no longer part of the philosophy of many young people on the Left. ■





THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

Kendall's Homemade Potholders

Eight-year-old Kendall Manuel of Locke, New York, used her favorite COVID-quarantine hobby to raise more than \$1,400 for several children's hospitals and an area animal shelter.

In an interview with *THE NEW AMERICAN*, Kendall said it all began when her father came down with COVID in January, forcing Kendall and her family to quarantine at their home. Kendall's teacher dropped off her assignments, which included a potholder-making project she started for Valentine's Day. Kendall enjoyed it so much that by mid-April, she had made more than 150 potholders and decided she would sell them.

Kendall's mother, Amy, assumed Kendall would use the money she would earn to purchase a Nintendo Switch, but Kendall apparently had other things in mind. She told her mother she would donate the money to Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse, New York, and the Home Stretch Dog Haven in Moravia, New York.

Kendall told TNA she chose Golisano Children's Hospital because she saw her grandmother endure chemotherapy and was devastated to learn that children have to undergo chemotherapy for cancer as well.

"My nana went through chemo two times and I thought about how I would feel if I had cancer," Kendall explained.

Kendall already had close ties to the Home Stretch Dog Haven. Her Girl Scout troop visited the facility when the organization rescued puppies, and her family has donated to the shelter in the past.

Kendall has since added St. Jude Children's Hospital to her list of beneficiaries.

Amy was both surprised and proud of her daughter's generosity.

"When she told me I instantly started crying because I was so proud," she told the *Cortland Standard*. "At her age I never would have thought of that."

Kendall has created a Facebook page called Kendall's Homemade Potholders through which she accepts orders via Messenger. Kendall's customers include family and friends, as well as strangers from New York and beyond.

As of May 5, Kendall had donated \$200 to Home Stretch Dog Haven, \$500 to St. Jude Children's Hospital, and \$750 to Golisano Children's Hospital. Donations include checks and supplies, including toys for children at the hospitals. Kendall told TNA she was excited to find toys the hospitalized children could relate to, including a wheelchair Barbie, a bald Barbie, and a Barbie with a prosthetic leg.

She told TNA her next charity of choice is likely to be a domestic-violence shelter. "I'm going to also donate toys to some people who have to leave their house because of violence and have nothing," she said.

As far as Kendall's hope of getting a Nintendo Switch, Amy told TNA Kendall was doing chores to earn enough money to buy one and was approximately \$150 away from having enough money. But upon learning of Kendall's altruism, an anonymous donor gifted the remaining balance to Kendall's family so they could surprise her with the Nintendo Switch. Kendall's Facebook page posted a video of her big surprise on April 29.

Kendall told TNA she hopes to be an inspiration to other children her age.

Don't Shoot the Messenger

Americans all over the country are fed up with the COVID paranoia and restrictions, but restaurant patrons at a brewery in New Jersey took their anger out on the wrong person, prompting the local community to step up and save the day.

The Glenbrook Brewery in Morristown, New Jersey, reopened in late February at 50-percent capacity and has adopted a number of COVID "safety" measures, including digital menus, *TODAY.com* reported. In an effort to make a profit despite the state's capacity limitations, the restaurant asks all of its patrons to limit their dining time to no more than 90 minutes so staff can turn over as many tables as possible.

And while the policy is understandably frustrating for patrons who do not want to feel rushed while dining out, the brewery is hampered by the state's mandates. All diners are made aware of the policy upon

arrival, and signs pertaining to the policy are posted outside of the restaurant as well as at each table. Simply put, if diners do not like the policy, they do not have to patronize the restaurant.

According to the brewery's creative director, Darren Cregan, diners at a table in the restaurant became angry on April 2 when their server, Beth, approached them to let them know they had been seated for approximately 80 minutes and had 10 minutes left.

The diners paid their bill, but refused to leave a tip for their waitress. Instead, they left an angry note on the bill: "I'm sorry the server gets screwed on this. Don't kick paying customers out after 90 mins."

"It's not like we're trying to keep people from staying here, it's just something that needs to happen in 50 percent capacity for a business to survive," said Beth, *NBC New York* reported.

If the patrons wanted to express their distaste with the restaurant's policy, they could have done so without hurting the waitress in the process. Waitstaff at restaurants have been some of the people hardest hit by the pandemic and the government's overzealous and egregious policies.

Beth in particular is a hard worker, according to Glenbrook Brewery's head brewer, Heath Traver. She is working to put herself through a doctoral program and is "a sweet girl." Traver said the patrons' actions were particularly upsetting because Beth is "outstanding."

The story gained a lot of attention in a local Facebook group called Morristown Stimulus Plan, which encourages the community to support new local restaurants, when a user, a waitress at a neighboring restaurant, shared a photo of the receipt with a note.

"This is a reminder to be kind and respectful to your servers," the note read, in part.

Followers of the page immediately began to raise money for Beth. Before long, donations reached \$1,700.

Beth plans to take just a bit of the money for herself and put some of it back into the community. She will be splitting the rest with the other servers at the restaurant. ■

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WHEN FDR TRIED TO PACK THE COURT

Many Democrats today want to increase the number of Supreme Court justices to make the court more progressive. This isn't the first time such "court packing" has been attempted.

by Steve Byas

“It is wrong to think of the [Supreme] Court as another political institution,” Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer said recently, in reaction to contemporary calls to “pack” the U.S. Supreme Court with additional members so as to ensure that Democratic Party efforts to pass unconstitutional legislation will not be frustrated by decisions of the current justices. Advocates of increasing the present number of justices, such as Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, argue that President Donald Trump’s addition of three justices — Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett — has shifted the ideological balance of the court, and adding more justices will shift it back.

The desire to “pack” the Supreme Court with additional justices in order to pass a progressive agenda is not a new idea. In 1937, fresh from winning reelection by sweeping 46 of 48 states,

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt likewise saw the Constitution — and any effort by the Supreme Court of his day to adhere to it in opposition to his unconstitutional schemes — as a roadblock to increasing his own power and that of the federal government.

To “remedy” the situation, Roosevelt asked — demanded, actually — that Congress increase the membership of the Supreme Court from nine members to 15. Naturally, he would then nominate six members more compliant with his views, and a compliant Democrat-dominated Senate would confirm them. Then, any legislation that FDR could dream up would face no resistance from the Supreme Court.

The Intent of the Founders

The role of the Supreme Court, as envisioned by the Founders, is largely misunderstood today, even by many “conservatives.” Alexander Hamilton assured those concerned about its establishment that it would be the “least dangerous branch.” It was not to be a *po-*

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President or dictator? Having won reelection in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt believed the Supreme Court should use his interpretation of the Constitution instead of its own. When the court didn't play ball, he tried to remake the court in his own image.

litical institution, as Justice Breyer rightly said. Rather, it was intended to hear cases arising under the Constitution and federal law, and render decisions that would constitute the law for a particular case and would be binding on the parties of the case. The Supreme Court was never meant to make general law from the bench, and its rulings were not “the law of the land,” but instead the “law of the case.”

The Supreme Court's 1803 decision in *Marbury v. Madison* is often cited as the origin of the Supreme Court's “power” of judicial review — the power to review acts of Congress and the Executive Branch as to their constitutionality. In re-

ality, Chief Justice John Marshall, who wrote the unanimous opinion for the case, never claimed the Court had the “power” of judicial review, but rather a “duty” to determine how the law applied to the case before them. Marshall wrote that Supreme Court justices had taken an oath to apply the Constitution to cases before them; that is, if the justices had a case before them, they were to apply the Constitution as superior to any act passed by Congress. Otherwise, there would be no point to having a written Constitution.

But such logic did not get in the way of enterprising progressive politicians such as FDR.

The New Deal's War on the Constitution

As a compliant Congress passed law after law as desired by FDR, ostensibly to “fight the Depression,” persons adversely affected by these “laws” challenged them in federal court. As these cases reached the Supreme Court, the justices were required by their oaths to rule guided by the Constitution, not the whims and wishes of President Roosevelt. Seven New Deal laws thus had been declared unconstitutional by the Court, and Roosevelt was furious. He accused the Court of adhering to the principles of a bygone “horse-and-buggy” era instead of adjusting to the new progressive reality. “A dead hand was being laid upon this whole program of progress,” he declared. Of course, that hand was the Supreme Court.

Perhaps the most serious blow to Roosevelt's efforts was the Supreme Court's 1935 opinion in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States* that, in effect, declared his National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA) of 1933 unconstitutional. Modeled after a program used in Fascist Italy by dictator Benito Mussolini, the NIRA established the National Recovery Administration (NRA). Under its provisions, each industry would establish codes of competition regulating hours, wages, prices, and working conditions. This would have been the death knell for the American free-enterprise system, which had allowed the United States to emerge as the greatest economy in the world by about 1900.

The *Schechter* case involved some Hungarian Jews who had come to America, believing it was the land of liberty and opportunity. They opened a kosher chicken business in New York, *Schechter Poultry*, and began living the American dream, at least until they ran afoul of NRA regulations mandating inspections of their poultry and rules governing how they sold chickens to customers.

All nine justices of the Supreme Court agreed that the Constitution did not allow the federal government to exercise such regulatory power over a local business, and ruled in favor of the *Schechters*. Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes declared, “We think that the code-making authority thus conferred [on the president] is an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power.”

The ruling effectively crippled the NRA's dictatorial edicts. The New Deal was running into the brick wall of the Constitution and its defenders on the Supreme Court. In Roosevelt's mind, the solution was to add progressive members to the Court to make it compliant to his wishes.

FDR Orders Congress to Pack the Court

Roosevelt summoned congressional leaders to the White House and essentially demanded that they pass a new law, the Judicial Procedures Reform Bill of 1937, that would permit him to nominate a new judge for each judge presently on the Supreme Court who was 70 years of age or older. This would add six new Supreme Court justice positions, to be filled by FDR and a compliant Senate, which had 76 Democrats and a mere 16 Republicans. That way, the legislation that the Court had blocked in his first term could then be re-passed in his second term, along with whatever new laws he could dream up.

The congressional leaders were not asked for their opinions on the proposals. John T. Flynn described the scene in his book *The Roosevelt Myth*. "The clerk put on the table in front of each person several documents. The President looked at his watch and said he would not have very much time." He told them he had the draft of a bill that proposed "a reorganization of the Supreme Court." The bill was necessary, Roosevelt explained, due to the advanced age of several judges, which had caused them to fall behind in their work. After a few minutes, he looked at his watch again, and said he had a press conference to attend, and abruptly left the room. Flynn commented, "It was an imperial order by a man who had become confused about his true place in the general scheme of things." Not only were the congressional leaders excluded from offering any adverse opinions to the plan, but Roosevelt had not even consulted Vice President John Nance Garner of Texas for his input.

As the congressmen were leaving the White House, one of them — House Judiciary Committee Chairman Hatton W. Sumners of Texas — turned to his colleagues and said, "Boys, this is where I cash in my chips," stating that although he had loyally supported Roosevelt thus

far, he could not support this proposal. As Rosalie Gordon wrote in *Nine Men Against America*, Roosevelt "thought he had Congress in the palm of his hand, but his plan was too much" even for a progressive Congress that had been little more than a rubber stamp throughout most of his first term.

In Roosevelt's view, the authority to add justices to the Supreme Court stemmed from the fact that the Constitution did not establish a set number justices for the Court. At first, the Court consisted of five members, and this number had fluctuated until the Judiciary Act of 1869 stated that the Supreme Court would consist of a chief justice and eight associate justices. The Framers apparently had not foreseen that the Executive Branch would seek to add more members to the bench in order to advance a legislative agenda. They did not envision that the federal government would attempt to dictate policies the Constitution had clearly left to the states to decide. And they had no reason to believe that the president, the Congress, and the courts would so callously disregard their oaths to uphold the Constitution.

Roosevelt evidently believed he could charm the American public and the Congress into ignoring the Constitution. A month after the legislation was revealed, FDR devoted his ninth Fireside Chat to the subject of the Supreme Court. "Can it be said that full justice is achieved when a court is forced by the sheer necessity of business to decline, without even an explanation, to hear 87 percent of the cases presented by private litigants?" By insinuating that he really just wanted to help the Court with its heavy workload, Roosevelt obscured his true motive — making sure his New Deal proposals were not blocked by a recalcitrant Supreme Court, which still considered the Constitution relevant to the cases before them.

Congress Balks at FDR's Court-packing Scheme

At first, it appeared that Congress might meekly submit to Roosevelt's will, as they had been doing for over four years. House polling indicated that FDR's power grab had a victory margin of about 100 members were it to come to a vote,



Following in FDR's footsteps: After the appointment of new justices he doesn't like, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) threatened to follow FDR in an attempt to "pack" the Supreme Court with new justices who would share his disregard and disrespect for the limitations on the federal government put into place via the Constitution.



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Just doing their job: All U.S. public officials take an oath to follow the Constitution. The “court packing” scheme now being pushed by the Left is an attack upon judges who would follow the Constitution in their rulings, rather than the progressive idea of unlimited governmental power.

but Chairman Sumners refused to hold hearings on the bill. Other Democratic leaders, including Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Carter Glass (D-Va.), joined in condemning the proposal. Senator Glass said it was “destitute of all moral understanding.” Senators Harry Byrd (D-Va.), Millard Tydings (D-Md.), and Burton Wheeler (D-Mont.) joined in denouncing the scheme at a meeting of Democratic Party critics.

The men decided to submit the bill first to the Senate, where Senator Wheeler took the lead in opposition. First, to rebut FDR’s claim that the purpose of the bill was simply to help elderly justices with their work, he read a letter from Chief Justice Hughes stating that, contrary to Roosevelt’s assertions, the Supreme Court was up to date on its docket — for the first time in years. Hughes said, “There is no congestion of cases on our calendar. When we rose March 15 we had heard arguments in cases in which cert had been granted only four weeks before. This gratifying situation has obtained for several years.”

One of Roosevelt’s advisors suggested a

change in strategy: “This is a plan to pack the Court. You have to say so frankly to the people. Until you do that, you cannot advance the real arguments which you have for the plan.”

Even if it was necessary to tell the truth, Roosevelt believed he could still prevail. He turned to one of his advisors, Jim Farley, and boasted, “All we have to do is to let the flood of mail settle on Congress. You just wait. All I have to do is to deliver a better speech and the opposition will be beating a path to the White House door.”

But Wheeler adopted a strategy of calling *liberal* critics to testify against the bill. As the small Republican minority largely decided to keep silent, a steady stream of liberals paraded before the Senate Judiciary Committee, warning that FDR’s proposal threatened the very system of government established by the Constitution. This message began to spread across the country, and rather than the offices of Senate members being flooded with letters supporting the bill, the opposite began to happen.

The overwhelmingly Democratic-run Senate Judiciary Committee declared, “we would rather have an independent Court, a fearless Court, a Court that will dare to announce its honest opinions in what it believes to be the defense of the liberties of the people, than a court that, out of fear or a sense of obligation to the appointing power, or factional passion, approves any measure we may enact.” The declaration added, “We are not above the Constitution.”

Some Roosevelt advisors suggested that he compromise, but Roosevelt refused. Then, one of his Senate supporters most critical of the proposed bill, Senate Majority Leader Joe Robinson, died suddenly of a heart attack. As Democratic senators made their way to Arkansas to attend the funeral, the train carrying them became a Democratic caucus seething with anger at the unpopular court-packing plan Roosevelt was making them push.

Vice President Garner had publicly denounced the plan, causing FDR to denounce his own vice president. When the two met at the White House, Garner advised Roosevelt that the plan was dead. He suggested that Roosevelt enter into talks with Wheeler on some sort of compromise. Roosevelt agreed, and asked Garner to negotiate with Wheeler. When Garner asked Wheeler what his terms were, Wheeler replied, “Unconditional surrender.”

When a vote was finally taken on the Senate floor, the Senate voted 70-20 to send it back to committee with instructions to strip it of the court-packing language. Roosevelt was dealt a humiliating defeat in a body that contained 76 members of his own political party.

In 1937, although Congress was filled with Democrats, and many were political liberals, most still had respect for the rule of law and the U.S. Constitution. Today, in contrast, it is very obvious that the Constitution is seen by most members of Congress — of both parties — as a mere relic of a bygone era, or as FDR famously put it, a “horse-and-buggy” time.

We cannot count on any branch of the federal government to follow the Constitution, but rather it is incumbent on the people themselves to insist that the Constitution be followed and our liberties be respected. ■




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Media Smears Pro-gun Women’s Group

Infowars reported on May 3 about a pro-Second Amendment group of women in California calling themselves the “Mamalitia,” a portmanteau of “Mama” and “militia,” who recently got negative media coverage and had to cancel some of their events as a result. Mamalitia describes itself as a “nonpartisan women’s group that supports the Constitution and the uplifting of women. We are made up of professionals, homemakers, women trained in natural medicine, business owners, and women who actively learn how to be self-sustaining if and when needed.” Infowars reported that CBS Sacramento ran a hit piece on Mamalitia, which has led to members of the group being harassed by leftist “terrorist organizations.”

The CBS Sacramento piece was published on April 29, and featured quotes from a left-wing academic and a politician making Mamalitia members look like domestic terrorists encouraging violence. Professor Richard Carpiano from the University of California, Riverside reviewed posts from the group’s Facebook page that featured the women holding firearms and concluded this meant Mamalitia was “extremist.” Professor Carpiano told CBS Sacramento, “When you’re showing pictures of you with weapons [and] you are advertising services to train people in firearms, there’s no reason whatsoever to think they’re not pushing some extremist view.”

CBS Sacramento did not ask Professor Carpiano why posing in pictures with lawfully purchased guns or encouraging training in the proper handling of firearms is indicative of extremism, or what he meant by his use of the word “extremist.” Does Professor Carpiano consider Antifa to be “extremist,” or is it only people on the right side of the political spectrum who fit that description? CBS Sacramento reported the professor’s personal opinion, unsupported by any facts, in a way that made him sound as if he were the authority on who is an “extremist.”

CBS Sacramento also interviewed Democrat State Senator Richard Pan, who ac-

cused Mamalitia of trying to harass public officials when in truth they were merely engaged in lawful protests. “Not only did they protest the public health measures but they then employed tactics to bully and intimidate people,” Senator Pan told CBS Sacramento. Once again, CBS Sacramento reported Pan’s statements without offering any countering opinions or a defense of the Mamalitia group. Does Senator Pan also view the type of public activism that Mamalitia engaged in as problematic when it’s done by Black Lives Matter, or is Pan only upset when his political opponents exercise their First Amendment-protected rights?

As could be expected, violent left-wing groups such as Antifa came out of the woodwork to begin harassing members of the Mamalitia group and their families once the article was published. Infowars reported that the group has now canceled all public appearances to protect the mothers in the group and their children. Mamalitia published a press release on May 2 explaining what it was dealing with due to the misleading and inflammatory reporting by CBS Sacramento: “Mamalitia community has canceled all public meet and greet events due to media attacks, irresponsible reporting and false claims that have invited terrorist organizations to threaten our women and children. In a time where all should be embracing and encouraging strong women with goals to protect their home and family, the media and politicians try to create a story that puts those same women and children in danger. Though Mamalitia is making this change to our process, the organization will not allow these extremists to intimidate and change the narrative of the organization’s mission: Mamalitia is a community of constitution loving women that recognize our empowerment comes from fully engaging in our children’s education, our wellness, food and financial sovereignty, and overall skills. We are committed to building the world we want to live in, getting back to our roots while empowering women from every walk of life.”

Paper Carrier Shoots Thief

The *Columbian* reported on May 7 about a shooting in Clark County, Washington,

that involved a would-be thief who tried stealing the vehicle of a man delivering newspapers. According to investigative documents related to the case, the paper carrier had left his vehicle unlocked and running while he made deliveries to a nearby building. During the time the paper carrier was away from his vehicle, a 29-year-old man armed with a knife and wearing rubber gloves entered the vehicle and intended to steal it, but the paper carrier quickly returned and caught the suspect sitting in the driver’s seat. The paper carrier was lawfully carrying a handgun, and he pulled it out when it looked as if the would-be car thief was reaching for something near the car’s center console. Fearing for his life, the paper carrier fired multiple shots at the suspect before retreating into the building and calling 911. Police soon arrived and the mortally wounded suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

As law enforcement investigated what occurred, they identified a man who was an associate of the deceased suspect, whose statements to police corroborated the paper carrier’s version of what occurred. The associate of the deceased suspect told police that both he and the suspect had done methamphetamine earlier in the day and had just driven to the area when the suspect noticed the open, running vehicle and said he would steal it. The associate then said he began driving away when he saw the paper carrier return and shoot the suspect as he tried to steal the car. The Clark County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office reviewed the case file and stated that they would not charge the paper carrier for his actions. “[The paper carrier] unexpectedly encountered a stranger inside his vehicle in the darkness of early morning. These circumstances would cause alarm to any reasonable person.... [The paper carrier’s] fear was not unreasonable under the circumstances. [The paper carrier] stated that he was acting to defend his own life from a criminal threat. We do not believe that we can prove otherwise, beyond a reasonable doubt,” the office stated in their letter, as reported by the *Columbian*. ■

— PATRICK KREY



Scaremongering Notwithstanding, the Sky Is Not Falling

ITEM: A page-one article in the New York Times (April 23 print edition) reported that President Biden had just “moved to put four years of official climate denial behind the United States, declaring that America would cut its global warming emissions at least in half by the end of the decade.” Biden, said the left-wing paper, “cast the challenge of avoiding catastrophic warming as an economic opportunity for America, a striking contrast to his predecessor who had abandoned the [Paris] agreement.”

ITEM: Time (April 26-May 3) featured a cover story declaring (in all caps) “CLIMATE IS EVERYTHING.” Now, said the article, “spurred by alarming science, growing public fury and a deadly pandemic, government officials, corporate bosses and civil-society leaders are finally waking up to a simple idea whose time has come: climate is everything.”

ITEM: In an interview with Foreign Policy for April 26, President Biden’s climate czar, John Kerry, implied that climate negotiations with Communist China are more important than Beijing’s genocide against Uighurs in Xinjiang or the Chinese threat to U.S. national security. Said Kerry, “Right now, climate is enough of an imperative for all of our countries. China doesn’t benefit by not having America as a partner in dealing with climate. And the United States doesn’t benefit from not having China as a partner in climate.... We have differences on economic rules, on cyber. We have other differences on human rights, geostrategic interests, but those differences do not have to get in the way of something that is as critical as dealing with climate.”

CORRECTION: The president says he’s worried about the future. Well, we are too — in part because of the way he’s handling the present.

The problem is that fearmongering tends to become an excuse for big government to become even more intrusive. This threatens liberty and the economy.



China Joe and John: President Biden picked John Kerry to be his special presidential envoy for climate. Biden has had lucrative business dealings with China, while Kerry is overlooking China’s terrible human-rights abuses and record as a world-class polluter.

When it comes to the issue of “climate change,” the prophets of doom have been peddling their scares for a long time.

The wizards at the United Nations gave us just 10 years to save the world from global warming — in 1989. Check your pulse: Methinks we survived.

That wasn’t the first, or last, bogus forecast about imminent planetary catastrophe. As the folks at news website Issues and Insights recalled recently,

Dire, way-off-base predictions have been the hallmark of radical environmentalism for at least a half century. Reason’s Ronald Bailey took “a look back” in 2020 at the first Earth Day and the forecasters “who got the future wrong.” He notes that the world did not have to halve the planet’s population or stop economic growth completely “to prevent the imminent ecological cataclysm.”

Nor have we run out of natural resources, been forced to shut down automobile travel, ban luxury items, and wear gas masks in urban areas due to air pollution....

Despite the unbroken string of erroneous predictions, we still get nonsense from the United Nations World Meteorological Organization,

which says “time is fast running out” to keep global warming at bay, and drivel from U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres, who insists “we are on the verge of the abyss.”

Of course, the scientific world is not of one mind when it comes to climate change. Among those who are reasonable and capable of reasoning is Dr. Steven Koonin, who was — incredibly enough — the undersecretary for science at the U.S. Department of Energy in the Obama administration. He’s the author of the new book *Unsettled*, in which he shows he is not one of the (all-too-common) alarmists.

Therein he says, among other things, “Heat waves in the US are now no more common than they were in 1900” and “the warmest temperatures in the US have not risen in the past fifty years.... Humans have had no detectable impact on hurricanes over the past century.... Greenland’s ice sheet isn’t shrinking any more rapidly today than it was eighty years ago.... The net economic impact of human-induced climate change will be minimal through at least the end of this century.”

Here’s another scientist not jumping on the climate-emergency bandwagon (there are plenty, but our room is limited): Hoover Institution visiting fellow Bjørn



Correction, Please!

Lomborg. In a recent piece for Toronto's *Financial Post*, Lomborg complained about how "almost every catastrophe is blamed on global warming," and we are told "that we must radically change the entire world until 2030 to avoid the apocalypse. Such irresponsible exaggerations are destroying our ability to make sensible decisions for the future."

In actuality, writes Lomborg, the evidence shows that "climate-related disasters are killing far fewer people than ever before. Over the past century, the number of dead from floods, droughts, storms, wildfire and extreme temperatures has dropped by an incredible 98 per cent."

Moreover, says Lomborg, the Paris Agreement "has been marketed as the solution to climate, yet, by the United Nations' own reckoning, it will accomplish almost nothing. In a best-case scenario, it will achieve just one per cent of what political leaders have promised. And no major nation is on-track to actually deliver on its promises."

Indeed, in an unguarded moment, even climate czar John Kerry admitted that Joe Biden's "net-zero" climate plan will have no effect on the climate if developing countries don't fall in line. And they are not going to do so.

Here's some more of the good news about "global warming" that you probably didn't see in major newspapers or "mainstream" television. As we recall from grade-school teaching back in the day, carbon dioxide is good for plants. Moreover, plants turn out to be a plus for people as well as the environment. And, with more energy being produced, there may be a bit more CO₂.

A recent piece by Richard Lindzen (professor emeritus of atmospheric sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and William Happer (professor emeritus of physics at Princeton University) explains that more carbon dioxide "will certainly increase the productivity of agriculture and forestry. Over the past century, the earth has already become noticeably greener as a result of the modest increase of CO₂, from about 0.03 percent to 0.04 percent of atmospheric molecules. More CO₂ has made a significant contribution to the increased crop yields of the past 50 years, as well. The benefits to plants of more CO₂ are documented in hundreds of scientific studies."

But we are supposed to believe that industrialization — especially when driven by fossil fuels — is destroying the planet. Hardly — the facts demonstrate other-

wise. Worldwide, details Benjamin Zycher, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, "emissions of ozone-depleting substances from economic activities have declined from 215,000 tons in 1961 to 155,000 tons in 2014. (Natural emissions are about 165,000 tons annually.)"

And we are told by the indoctrinated that wicked energy producers are poisoning us all. We'll leave such lies to the leftist propagandists. But the truth is that since the first Earth Day in 1970, there has been a marked improvement in the air quality in the United States. Nicolas Loris, an economist who focuses on energy, environmental, and regulatory issues for the Heritage Foundation, reminds us that, according to the most recent report from the Environmental Protection Agency,

pollution from the six most common air pollutants has dropped 77% from 1970-2019. We are using energy more efficiently, which saves money and reduces pollution. The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects continued improvement in energy efficiency from the industrial, commercial, transportation and residential sectors of the economy.

Through private-sector innovations, domestic companies have substantially increased our natural gas supply, catapulting the United States to the world's top energy producer. Not only are energy bills lower, saving Americans thousands of dollars per year, but so too are greenhouse gas emissions.

That is what the Biden administration and its eco-extremist friends are trying to destroy, along with eschewing fossil fuels for "renewable" energy. The latter is no panacea.

Mark Mills, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, testified earlier this year before the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change that the replacement of the "energy output from a single 100-MW natural gas-fired turbine,



Don't starve the plants: Higher CO₂ levels are better for plants. As human population increases, we will need increased crop yields. Cutting CO₂ emissions will not help in this regard.

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Good for the environment? Wind turbines are not as “green” as they’re cut out to be. They take up massive land area, require heavy industry for their manufacture, and kill a lot of birds.

itself about the size of a residential house (producing enough electricity for 75,000 homes), requires at least 20 wind turbines, each one about the size of the Washington Monument, occupying some 10 square miles of land. Building those wind machines consumes enormous quantities of conventional materials, such as concrete, steel, and fiberglass, along with less common materials, including ‘rare earth’ elements such as dysprosium.”

Even though about 80 percent of U.S. energy comes from hydrocarbons, the enemies of fossil fuels have powerful allies. John Kerry is kowtowing to Beijing — which has acquired the battery supply chain needed for electric vehicles — even while China is quietly laughing about future “agreements” about reducing emissions.

In the real world, as Reuters reported in February, China “approved the construction of a further 36.9 GW of coal-fired capacity last year, three times more than a year earlier, bringing the total under construction to 88.1 GW. It now has 247 GW of coal power under development, enough to supply the whole of Germany.” During 2020, China proposed building

73.5 gigawatts of new coal plants — more than five times that of the rest of the world *combined*.

In addition, Beijing “controls the raw material supply chains for wind turbines, solar panels, battery modules for electric vehicles and backup power systems,” notes Paul Driessen, a senior policy advisor for the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow.

Yet the Biden administration has targeted the energy industry in Alaska (among others) while it tries to buddy up to Beijing. At the same time, the U.S. Federal Reserve and other central banks are targeting industries in this country and elsewhere. John H. Cochrane, an economist at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University (also known as the “Grumpy Economist”), points out that the central banks “are rushing to take on climate change.” Writing in the *City Journal* in March, Cochrane noted that the New York Fed “has set up a top level ‘Supervision Committee’ on climate; its president, John Williams, stated that ‘Climate change ... impacts all aspects of the Fed’s mission.’”

Past business transitions didn’t attract

this type of attention, Cochrane noted. Why, he asks rhetorically, is there such pressure

for financial firms to “disclose” absurdly fictitious “climate risks” and change investments to avoid them? Clearly, these proposals aim to defund the fossil fuel industry before alternatives are in place and to steer funds to fashionable but unprofitable investments by regulatory subterfuge, rather than politically accountable legislation or transparent rule-making by environmental agencies.

This goal is no secret. For example, the Network for Greening the Financial System states plainly that it seeks to “mobilize mainstream finance to support the transition toward a sustainable economy.”

Regulators, as you may recall, are not supposed to boost preferred industries and defund those that have fallen out of favor.

However, the game is fixed. Consider the tax credits proposed for certain businesses — i.e., those considered to be “green.” Such green credits, explains the *Wall Street Journal*, “would enrich large corporations and billionaires. Hedge funds and tech companies are some of the biggest green energy investors. These tax credits would become more attractive as tax rates increase. Even big oil companies would benefit from credits for investing in carbon capture and ‘sustainable’ aviation fuels. This is one reason CEOs like Amazon’s Jeff Bezos are endorsing a corporate tax increase. They’ll make it up in subsidies.”

Yes, it helps your cronies when you write the rules. For the losers, well, Joe and his team do have something for them. Maybe a slot in the proposed Civilian Climate Corps or the Dislocated Workers Program. And John Kerry, who married into money and famously flies around the world in private planes, has graciously suggested that displaced American coal miners, for example, could switch to building solar panels. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR

Patriots Are Awake — **Now It's Time for Activation**

I was born in tyranny, in communist Romania in 1980. My father served two prison terms for failed defection attempts from that authoritarian hellhole. He wanted so badly to move his family to a place where we could live in freedom that he risked everything. Twice.

After eight years of bureaucratic finagling, we eventually ended up in the country that had proven to be the greatest beacon of hope and liberty in history.

Our American story is one shared by many, whether they be immigrants fleeing tyranny in China, Venezuela, Russia, or Cuba in pursuit of freedom.

When we arrived in the United States of America in 1988, we didn't know that forces within and without had been working for decades to destroy the country.

Now, in 2021, a tyranny similar to that in which I was born — evil that has been the source of mass murder and misery across the world — threatens to engulf my adopted home.

Collectivism, whether it be socialism, communism, fascism, or any other form of authoritarian “ism,” is a cancer that eats away any societal body in which it becomes dominant. Communism killed between 100 and 200 million people just in the last century, all of it genocide by government. That's a higher body count than both world wars combined.

Authoritarian regimes not only set historical records for death and misery, but also have destroyed an unknowable amount of human potential, including in the United States, where the ideas of collectivism have taken root.

Globalists aim to destroy America. They are closer than ever to achieving their goal. In 2021, open communists are running in American streets, making demands and destroying every semblance of Western tradition they can topple. American corporations are supporting anti-American ideas and communist organizations such as Black Lives Matter. There are socialists in Congress. Academic communists have been brainwashing and demoralizing college students for decades. And thanks to more than a half-century of indoctrination, generations of demoralized leaders and influencers are leading off a cliff disaffected young people yearning for purpose.

But there is also good news. The sinister forces are now so obvious, millions of Americans are awakening to their presence. That's very good. But not good enough. Awakening is not enough.



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American needs a Great Patriotic Activation. Without it, our grandchildren will not know freedom.

A minority of rabid leftists, at the pinnacles of power as well as in the streets, have feverishly worked to destroy this country, and we need to counter them with our own patriotic activism.

Freedom is not free. It never has been. We can't afford to sit on the bench anymore. We never should have done so in the first place.

The first step to getting active is obtaining true information. Since you're reading this

magazine, you're well on your way. Make sure to tell others about it, and share other dependable resources of truth as well. Corrective action depends on accurate intel.

Then patriots need to get up and move.

The best way, in our opinion, is by becoming involved with The John Birch Society. A member aptly described the JBS as the “intelligence organization of the freedom movement.”

No organization has more accurately warned about the incoming tyranny and identified who's behind it. No organization has more correctly predicted where America will end up if Americans don't organize against the Deep State's attempt to destroy our country. And no organization has more action projects that provide ways for patriots all across the country to restore America. There is very good reason to believe that had it not been for the JBS, America would already be submerged in full tyranny.

JBS members and supporters can also sign up for Legislative Alerts, which notify subscribers of dangerous proposed legislation and provide the information needed to put pressure on elected officials. You can call. You can e-mail. You can do both. You *should* do both.

Getting activated is not limited to getting involved with the JBS. Run for local or state office and replace those who don't value the Constitution. Band together with neighboring patriots and take over the school board, the health board, and city hall. Get your kids out of the godless indoctrination centers known as public schools and find a good private-schooling alternative such as FreedomProject Academy.

The opportunities for being involved in the upcoming Great American Activation are many. The important thing is to move. Know. Then act. The time for sitting on the sidelines is long gone.

Freedom does have an address: JBS.org. Get active and restore America. ■

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