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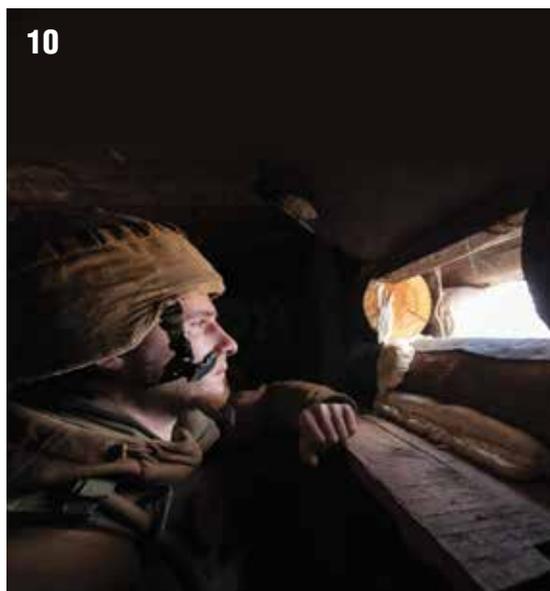
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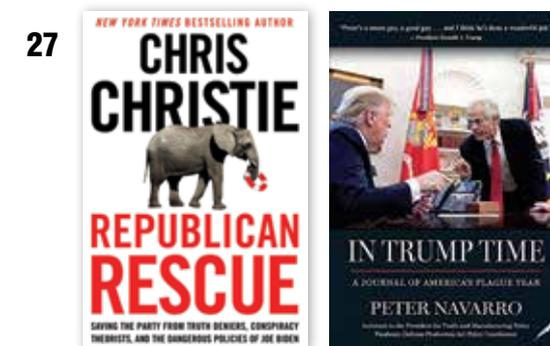
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## Plotting America's Collapse

Democrats are executing the infamous Cloward-Piven strategy to catastrophically collapse our economy so America can be remade as a socialist tyranny — certainly at least fascist, but possibly even communist.

Illegal immigration is one of the key components of their strategy. Our welfare system and medical care are to be overwhelmed by millions who will rely on cradle-to-grave welfare, free medical care, and education in their native language so they don't need to assimilate. There is talk of giving them Medicaid. Illegals (being dumped heavily in swing states) will then show gratitude by voting for Democrats, replacing black and Latino voters leaving the Democrat party.

Severe inflation is being created by massive government spending. It diminishes savings and purchasing power, as well as the quality of life for most Americans. Massive spending bills are designed to increase national debt far beyond the point at which we will be able to service it, and inflation will greatly exacerbate this problem. This will make further debt increases impossible, while social-spending demands continue to increase. We will be bankrupted.

The supply chain is deliberately being allowed to collapse, with possible intervention to clear roadblocks being withheld. Racial strife generated by CRT and similar hyper-racist programs is designed to divide us with anti-white bigotry and convince people of color they are unable to succeed because of their color.

MARVIN MATHIAK  
*Sent via e-mail*

## The Next Move

Although there are many moves being made against America, the most pressing is destruction of election integrity. Now we have Joe Biden telling us how he will not flinch or waver in his support of the Democrats' efforts

for "election integrity," and will fight all enemies of America, foreign and domestic. I'm sorry, I hate to generalize, but this guy has lied to us every step of the way, from day one, about everything.

All efforts made by Democrats regarding elections are basically to gain control of elections and control of America. They refuse to clear inaccurate information from voter-registration lists of the 50 states, which would assure us of an accurate count. They, at their very core, are against voter ID, which is merely a way of assuring the person voting is an American citizen. On these two issues, there is no debate; they admit their position.

Now they are attempting to take authority over elections away from the states and impose federal regulations and conditions on the election process. In doing so, they would have the power to grant voting rights to illegal immigrants and allow mail-in ballots from anyone (much different than absentee ballots, which are always verified). Mail-in ballots are important to them because when an election isn't going their way, they figure out how many votes they need to win and, suddenly, the poll workers are counting the arriving "mail-in ballots." This is how one party gains control over a country.

Pay attention to what goes on in Washington regarding the elections. If the federal government gets control over our election process, we will no longer have a say in what happens in America. The federal government will decide what we can and cannot do. America will be gone, and we will be ruled by "the State."

What can you do? Get involved in your local politics, ensure patriots are being elected to public office, and vote out those who refuse to stand up and put America first. We need our states to be strong. Most importantly, talk to people, make them aware of what is going on, and ask them to get involved.

FRANK D. LOVELL  
*Sent via e-mail*



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## Luxury Yachts Exempt From New EU Emissions Standards

The European Union's "Fit for 55" climate agenda has the ambitious goal of slashing carbon emissions by 55 percent by the year 2030 as part of Europe's Green Deal. But environmental groups are upset over certain omissions to the carbon-pricing scheme, which will apparently allow the owners of private yachts to keep emitting carbon tax-free.

According to a study released January 13 by Transport and Environment (T&E) — an umbrella group of several non-governmental organizations promoting so-called sustainable approaches to transport and shipping in the EU — a key carve-out in the new Emissions Trading System (ETS) will allow many maritime vessels, including private luxury yachts, to go on emitting carbon without paying their "fair share" of carbon taxes.

The new emissions standard will only apply to vessels above 5,000 gross tonnage. Vessels under that weight would include fishing vessels, tourist boats, and, yes, private luxury yachts.

"T&E study shows that EU Commission proposals to bring shipping into the bloc's carbon market contain exemptions that would leave millions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions unregulated," T&E tweeted on January 13.

In another tweet, T&E explained that this loophole would allow some 20 percent of shipping emissions to remain unregulated, and means that approximately 25 million metric tons of

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions — roughly the same amount that Denmark emits annually — would go untaxed by the EU.

"Loopholes in the EU's proposed carbon pricing for shipping would mean that some 25 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> are exempt," T&E wrote. "This would leave roughly 20% of shipping emissions unregulated, including high emitting vessels servicing off-shore oil and gas, as well as yachts."

"It's good that the EU is finally trying to address shipping's appalling climate impact. But its proposal based on arbitrary loopholes lets too many heavily polluting vessels off the hook," said Jacob Armstrong, the sustainable shipping officer for T&E.

"The EU must rethink its shipping laws to ensure that millions of tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> don't go unregulated." Armstrong said.



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## New Microsoft Word Feature Suggests "Woke" Words, Phrases

Microsoft Word has taken on the role of PC police by introducing a new feature that suggests politically correct alternatives to certain "triggering" words or phrases.

The U.K. *Daily Mail* reported January 12 that Microsoft has included a "new function in the latest version of its Word software" that ensures users are opting for inclusive and politically correct terminology.

The function produces a purple line beneath words and phrases that are deemed inappropriate, as they might reflect age bias, cultural bias, ethnic bias, gender bias, sexual orientation bias, racial bias, and socioeconomic bias.

When Word finds the troublesome language, it will offer acceptable alternatives. The *Daily Mail* said, for example, the feature will offer "mail carrier" or "postal worker" as an alternative to "postman."

The U.S. Sun noted January 12 that the feature makes for some "hilarious and baffling results."

For example, typing "Mrs. Thatcher" invites a comment from Word that the use of "Mrs." implies "gender bias," with a recommendation to opt for the less-offensive "Ms. Thatcher."

Users who type Neil Armstrong's famous moon-landing quote are told that "humanity" or "humankind" is a better alternative to "mankind." Too bad Neil Armstrong didn't have Microsoft Word on Apollo 11 in 1969, when it could have come in handy!

Other notably bizarre suggestions include replacing "maid" with "house cleaner," "headmaster" with "principal," "master" with "expert," "manpower" with "workforce," etc.

The "woke" feature has been included in Microsoft's latest version of Office 365, available by subscription only, the Sun noted. It does not come with the standalone version of Office 2019 or earlier versions, the *Daily Mail* added.

Anticipating criticism of the new feature, Microsoft released a statement assuring users that they can turn the woke function off if they'd prefer: "Microsoft understands that not every Editor suggestion may be suitable for all users and all scenarios.... Editor is a completely optional tool that users can turn on or turn off at any point."



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## California to Remove Pagan Prayers From Public-school Curriculum

California has agreed to remove prayers to Aztec and other pagan gods from its public-school curriculum as part of a settlement in a lawsuit brought by parents and the Californians for Equal Rights Foundation with the assistance of the Thomas More Society.

In the settlement, reached January 13, the state consented to delete from its Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum two “affirmations” that students could be asked to recite, to notify local school districts not to use the deleted exercises, and to not encourage the use of the exercises in schools.

“We filed the lawsuit after we discovered that California’s Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, a resource guide for local school districts, included prayer to Aztec gods — the same deities that were invoked when the Aztecs worshipped with human sacrifices,” Paul Jonna, partner at LiMandri & Jonna LLP and Thomas More Society Special Counsel, said in a January 16 press release. “The Aztec prayers at issue — which seek blessings from and the intercession of these demonic forces — were not being taught as poetry or history. Rather, the curriculum instructed students to chant the prayers for emotional nourishment after a ‘lesson that may be emotionally taxing or even when student engagement may appear to be low.’ The idea was to use them as prayers.”

The curriculum also featured the “Ashe Affirmation,” which invokes the divine force of the traditional African religion of Yoruba, from which Santeria and voodoo sprang. According



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to the lawsuit, the affirmation “seeks intercession from this divine force with regard to the school day, it honors this spiritual force by chanting its name, and it includes speaking to Ashe in a religious way.”

Curiously, while the state admitted no wrongdoing in the settlement, it did agree to fork over \$100,000 for the plaintiffs’ attorneys’ fees.

## Implantable Chips for Humans Coming “Whether We Like It or Not”

“Whether we like it or not,” an implantable microchip meant to read COVID-19 vaccination status could be implemented globally, according to Hannes Sjöbald, the managing director of Dsructive Subdermals, a company headquartered in Spain, which has already designed the chip. Dsructive Subdermals is already marketing the chip as a simple way of always having proof of COVID-19 vaccination status with you.

The chip is roughly the size of a grain of rice — two milli-

meters by 16 millimeters in size — and is implanted under the skin. When it is scanned, a PDF will appear showing the details of a vaccine passport. According to Sjöbald, it is also easily programmable to show other things that the user may need.

“This technology exists and is used whether we like it or not,” Sjöbald told the U.K. Express in a January 3 interview. “I am happy that it is brought into the public conversation.

“If you understand how these implants work, they don’t have a battery. They cannot transmit a signal by themselves. So they are basically passive. They sit there asleep,” Sjöbald claimed. “They can never tell your location, they’re only activated when you touch them with your smartphone, so this means they cannot be used for tracking anyone’s location.”

Sjöbald himself confirmed the easily programmable aspect of the device, saying, “It is easy to update the implant, you can use an app on your phone to change what is on the chip. So I can add new info to the chip every day — yesterday it was my LinkedIn, today it’s my COVID certificate, tomorrow it could be something else.”

“I have a chip implant in my arm, and I have programmed the chip so that I have my COVID passport on the chip, and the reason is that I always want to have it accessible,” Sjöbald said.



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# EXTENDED INSIDE TRACK

## Bureaucrats Knew HCQ, Ivermectin Worked Against COVID, Hid the Truth

As early as 2020, 65 percent of doctors surveyed stated they'd prescribe hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) for a loved one with COVID-19, and there have been 67 studies indicating ivermectin's effectiveness in treating the disease, according to a January 12 post at The Gateway Pundit. Put simply, the evidence is now overwhelming that the two medications, when used in conjunction with other therapeutics as part of a treatment protocol, cure the disease.

Despite this, ivermectin and HCQ are still being demonized by politicians and health officials such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, who ostensibly had no idea about the drugs' utility in suppressing SARS-CoV-2.

Except that they did — or should have.

And according to observers such as Dr. Robert Malone, an mRNA-vaccine-technology pioneer, hundreds of thousands of people have died needlessly because of these officials' negligence.

That our authorities should have known, and likely did, about the medications' efficacy is revealed in government documents that investigative organization Project Veritas recently uncovered. As Project Veritas wrote January 10:

Project Veritas has obtained startling never-before-seen documents regarding the origins of COVID-19, gain of function research, vaccines, potential treatments which have been suppressed, and the government's effort to conceal all of this.

The documents in question stem from a report at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, better known as DARPA, which were hidden in a top secret shared drive.

DARPA is an agency under the U.S. Department of Defense in charge of facilitating research in technology with potential military applications.

Project Veritas has obtained a separate report to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense written by U.S. Marine Corp Major, Joseph Murphy, a former DARPA Fellow.

The information relating to ivermectin and HCQ is found on page four of a document whose subject is "SARS-CoV-2 ORIGINS INVESTIGATION WITH US GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. UNDISCLOSED DOCUMENT ANALYSIS," dated August 13, 2021. The relevant portion reads (note that the coronavirus is called "SARSr-CoV-WIV" in the document):

Because of its (now) known nature, the SARSr-CoV-WIV's illness is readily resolved with early treatment that inhibits the viral replication which spread the spike proteins around the body (which induce a harmful overactive immune response as the body tries to clear the spikes from the ACE2 receptors). Many of the early treatment protocols ignored by the authorities work because they inhibit viral replica-



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tion or modulate the immune response to the spike proteins, which makes sense within the context of what EcoHealth was creating. Some of these treatment protocols also inhibit the action of the engineered spike protein. For instance, Ivermectin (identified as curative in April 2020) *works throughout all phases of the illness* because it both inhibits viral replication and modulates the immune response. Of note, chloroquine phosphate (Hydroxychloroquine, identified April 2020 as curative) is identified in the proposal as a SARSr-CoV inhibitor, as is interferon (identified May 2020 as curative). [Emphasis added.]

This helps explain why hundreds of congressmen have reportedly been treated for coronavirus with ivermectin by Dr. Pierre Kory, a Wisconsin intensive care physician and lung specialist.

Moreover, Dr. Kory isn't alone in treating, and curing, people sick with the pathogen. For instance, internist Dr. Syed Haider "has treated more than 4,000 COVID-19-positive patients so far during the pandemic," according to news site Udumbara.net, writing January 6. "Just five ended up going to a hospital, and none have died." Another example is New York-based family practitioner Dr. Vladimir Zelenko, whose "Zelenko Protocol" COVID treatment has been widely circulated and embraced.

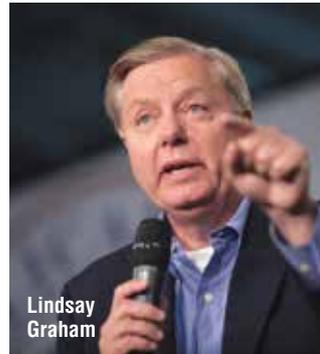
There are also organizations of such physicians, such as America's Frontline Doctors and the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC), successfully treating people with ivermectin and HCQ.

Assuming the Project Veritas report is accurate, it's just more evidence that coercing people into taking experimental vaccines while denying them effective COVID treatment is deadly, inexcusable malpractice. Fauci and other officials had every reason to know this, too — and likely did. For this reason, say many, they have the blood of hundreds of thousands on their hands. ■

## Key Senator Blasts January 6, 2022 Speeches by Biden and Harris

“The speeches by President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris were an effort to resurrect a failed presidency more than marking the anniversary of a dark day in American history.”

Senator **Lindsay Graham** (R-S.C.) wasn't alone in condemning the attack on the Capitol by demonstrators one year ago. But he pointed to Republican colleagues who aptly labeled the Biden and Harris speeches as an attempt to deflect attention away from their failing administration.



Gage Skidmore

## Georgia Candidate for Governor Favored by Left-leaning Groups

“I don't think anyone could call Stacey Abrams a moderate.”

Making a second run to become Georgia's governor, Stacey Abrams is favored by all types of extreme-left-leaning groups. But the leader of progressive advocacy group “She the People” **Aimee Allison** believes Abrams should be classified as a progressive who holds the same views as Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).



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## Washington Post Reports Pelosi Has Decided to Step Down After 2022 Midterms

“After almost 19 years as House Democratic leader, Speaker Nancy Pelosi is expected to step down at the close of this Congress.”

Calling her leadership “historic,” Washington Post columnist **Marianna Sotomayor** lauded Pelosi for “trying to end George W. Bush's Iraq War, implementing President Obama's signature health-care law, impeaching President Donald Trump twice, and squeezing President Biden's sweeping agenda through a narrowly controlled House.” Sotomayor listed as possible replacements Representatives Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.), Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), and James Clyburn (D-S.C.).

## In Hong Kong, Anti-Communist News Sources Close Their Doors

“We all love this place. Regrettably, what was ahead for us is not just pouring rains or blowing winds, but hurricanes and tsunamis.”

A spokesman at Citizen News announced its closure, in which it will join the pro-democracy Apple Daily newspaper and the similarly inclined online Stand News. The communist leadership of Hong Kong is tightening its grip almost daily.

## Business Is Booming at the Only Gun Store in Beverly Hills

“This morning, I sold six shotguns in about an hour to people that say ‘I want a home defense shotgun.’ This is very sad. We're used to this community being like Mayberry.”

The owner of the only place to buy a gun in posh Beverly Hills, **Russell Stuart** told Los Angeles Magazine that his customers were increasingly fearful of the many “smash-and-grab” robberies that have become common in this very liberal but wealthy area.

## Time Magazine's Man of the Year Opposes Vaccine Mandates

“I am against forcing people to be vaccinated. It's something we shouldn't do in America. Yes, the unvaccinated are taking a risk. But people do risky things all the time. I believe we've got to watch out for the erosion of freedom in America.”

The founder and owner of Tesla, **Elon Musk** proudly notes that his company delivered 936,000 cars to eager customers in 2021, a rise of 87 percent from the year before. And he moved his company's headquarters from liberal California to conservative Texas. An outspoken defender of freedom, he doesn't hesitate to voice his opposition to forcing dubious healthcare procedures on people. ■

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# RUSSIA VS. UKRAINE IS IT OUR FIGHT?



The long-simmering dispute between Russia and Ukraine appears ready to boil over into all-out war. Should that happen, will NATO become embroiled in the conflagration? How about America?

by Charles Scaliger

In early November of 2021, a world already preoccupied by the coronavirus pandemic was jolted anew by the sudden announcement of a massive Russian military buildup along Ukraine's eastern border. The long-simmering territorial dispute over the Donbas, a region in eastern Ukraine that is culturally and linguistically Russian, almost overnight became a potential theater for a major war between East and West.

American and European leaders lined up in support of Ukraine and its charismatic young president, Volodimir Zelenskyy, even as Russia's longtime strongman President Vladimir Putin drew a line in the sand. Ukraine, Putin insisted, was historically part of Russia, and would never be permitted to join NATO alongside fellow former Soviet republics Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia.

The West, in turn, accused Russia of threatening Ukraine's sovereignty and vowed resolute action against Russia — including possible military involvement — should Putin opt to invade. President Biden himself hinted at drastic economic sanctions, including perhaps cutting off Russia from the Belgium-based SWIFT (Society of Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication), a system that allows international trade, money wiring, and currency convertibility. As a result of this conflict, in tandem with the growing crisis over Taiwan in the Far East, the world is facing the first real threat of a major war between nuclear-armed superpowers since the Cold War, and the first use of nuclear weapons since World War II.

It is evident that Putin and Russia are in deadly earnest. In mid-December, Russia submitted a list of guarantees that it wishes to receive from the West in order to stave off a war. Perhaps the most important is a guarantee for Ukraine not to join NATO, but the Russians also want NATO to refrain from carrying out activities in eastern European countries that are not NATO members. Putin has made clear that failure to guarantee a NATO-free Ukraine is a deal-breaker.

*Charles Scaliger, a longtime contributor to THE NEW AMERICAN and former academic at an American university, now lives and works in East Asia.*

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**Plot and counterplot:** The map of Ukraine depicted behind Vladimir Putin and General Valery Gerasimov purports to show the influence of foreign infiltrators in Ukraine. True or not, Russia claims to be ready to take any steps necessary to prevent the further expansion of NATO into what Russia claims as its own sphere of interest.

In the meantime, Russia is taking a hard line on what might come next, should the West prove intransigent. Dmitry Kiselyov, head of the Russian state-owned news organization Rossiya Segodnya (Russia Today) and Putin's personal selection to head the propaganda agency, told the BBC that Russia was preparing to deploy more missiles, including its vaunted new hypersonic missiles. "If Ukraine ever joins NATO or if NATO develops military infrastructure there, we will hold a gun to America's head. We have the military capability," Kiselyov told BBC. "Russia has the best weapons in the world — hypersonic ones. They'd reach America as fast as US or British weapons could reach Moscow from Ukraine. It would be the Cuban missile crisis all over again, but with a shorter flight time for the missiles."

For added effect, Kiselyov suggested that America could be "turned into radioactive ash" if Russia's conditions were not met.

The Russian media, meanwhile, have been actively priming the Russian public for a possible nuclear war, and the Russian government is apparently preparing to excavate massive pits that could serve as mass graves for the victims of radioactive fallout. This latter program has been labeled by Russian chess grandmaster and political dissident Garry Kasparov as one of the "signposts on the way to the apocalypse."

And the Russians are not alone in their willingness to resort to the nuclear option; some American politicians, such as Senator Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee, threatened to "rain destruction on the

Russian military” should Putin launch an invasion of Ukraine, a campaign that might include nuclear strikes, since “we don’t rule out first-use nuclear action.” The Biden administration and American allies in Europe have struck only a slightly milder tone, threatening Russia with cutting off the Nord Stream 2 natural-gas pipeline connecting Russia and Germany, or perhaps even cutting Russia off from SWIFT.

### Long-simmering Dispute

To those of us who lived through the Cold War, this is heady and horrifying stuff, surpassing in rhetoric and brinksmanship any event of that era aside from the Cuban Missile Crisis. Lost in all the threats and counter-threats, however, is any level-headed discussion of the grievances of

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The conflict over the Donbas region is neither new nor particularly clear-cut. The Donbas, long part of Russia, first rose to international significance in the 19th century as a result of its enormous coal resources. In fact, the name itself is a contracted form of “Donets Basin,” short for Donets Coal Basin. The largest city, Donetsk, was founded by a British industrialist who made a fortune there mining coal. During the Russian and Ukrainian communist revolutions, the Ukrainians ended up seizing the Donbas region, with the result that it was incorporated into the Ukrainian portion of the Soviet Union, and remained a part of an independent Ukraine after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. However, its overwhelmingly Russian ethnic makeup, large

population, and industrial might have made the region a continued bone of contention, with local sentiment decidedly in favor of either independence from the corrupt, kleptocratic, and discriminatory Ukrainian government, or of outright annexation by “Mother Russia.”

Events came to a head in March 2014, when a separatist war erupted in the region against the backdrop of Russia’s annexation of Crimea, another Russian-majority Ukrainian territory, and the revolutionary overthrow of the Ukrainian government. Amid bitter fighting, well-armed separatists, with the support of the Russian military, seized control of most of the Donbas and proclaimed two sovereign “people’s republics,” Luhansk and Donetsk, which continue to this day. These two republics, recognized internationally only by another breakaway republic in the region, South Ossetia, now control most of the Donbas, including its largest cities, mineral assets, and millions of residents — a not-insignificant percentage of the entire Ukrainian population. By all accounts, the respective citizenries are overwhelmingly supportive of their new governments, and unwilling to be re-absorbed into Ukraine.

Adding to the complexity of matters in eastern Ukraine is the longer history of Ukraine and Russia. Both cultures regard the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, as their ancestral heartland, a view vindicated by a shared history and language that only diverged in the Middle Ages. Even today, the Russian and Ukrainian languages are so similar as to be mutually comprehensible, and both peoples are predominantly Orthodox Christian. Moreover, large swaths of Ukraine, as recognized internationally, are almost entirely ethnic Russian — in addition to the Donbas, Crimea and the major Black Sea city of Odessa are in essence Russian settlements.

Internationally, Russia has been increasingly alarmed at the advance of NATO into its “near abroad,” which has seen the accession of many former Soviet republics and Warsaw Pact nations. Despite early assurances by the West to Russian officials after the breakup of the Soviet Union that NATO would make no inroads into the Russian sphere of influence, the ensuing decades have seen the three Baltic republics — Estonia, Latvia,



**Unholy alliance:** Ostensibly created to counter the threat of the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact in Europe, NATO has long outlived the Cold War and continues to be used as an instrument to encircle Russia. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg is shown here.

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and Lithuania — as well as Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, and many of the successor countries of the former Yugoslavia all formally join NATO. Moreover, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, and Kazakhstan are all beneficiaries of Individual Partnership Action Plans, or formal cooperative agreements with NATO that might one day be upgraded to Membership Action Plans. With the exception of China, Finland, and the Russian Far East, Russia now finds herself virtually encircled by NATO members or potential members. And nearly all of these new European NATO members have joined the European Union, as well.

### Nationalism vs. Globalism

One need not be particularly sympathetic to Vladimir Putin or his policies to appreciate why Russia might be deeply suspicious of Western motives. By all accounts, a post-Cold War policy of strategic encirclement has left Russia increasingly isolated, except for staunch ally Belarus. NATO, founded for the stated purpose of countering Soviet expansionism, has, following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Russian communist menace, expanded instead of disbanding, and redefined its mission to include the decades-long war in Afghanistan, among other things.

It is no accident that NATO and the European Union have expanded largely in tandem. Just as NATO is the most significant international military alliance ever created, so too is the European Union the most “successful” attempt at consensual economic and political union in history. The European Union, originally created out of the deceptively named European Common Market, has become a very transparent effort to set up a full-blown regional government. Such regional government blocs are also being set up in Africa, South America, and North America (this last, in the guise of the recently created USMCA), always in the beginning disguised as “free trade zones.” The ultimate motivation behind such regional arrangements is to drastically reduce the number of sovereign governments on the face of the Earth and provide for a simpler and more orderly integration of such regional blocs into a single global authority — the real ultimate goal of



**Buildup:** Ukrainian tanks are seen here on their way to the breakaway Luhansk region. A low-intensity conflict has been under way in the Donbas for almost six years, and threatens to erupt into all-out war sometime soon.

internationalist foreign policymakers. As former U.S. National Security Advisor and unapologetic globalist Zbigniew Brzezinski opined in 1995, “We cannot leap into world government in one quick step.... The precondition for eventual globalization — genuine globalization — is progressive regionalization, because thereby we move toward larger, more stable, more cooperative units.”

At the same time, regional military alliances, and especially NATO, are perpetuated as a means of internationalizing military force, to prepare for the eventual consolidation of regional military alliances into a global military — another indispensable ingredient of a consolidated global government.

Of course, not every sovereign country may be willing to submit to such a process. Russia and China, their other deficiencies aside, remain extremely nationalistic and resistant to assimilation into existing international systems. Both countries are very reluctant to enter into any type of binding agreement or treaty with other countries or with any international authority, and typically flout the rules of any international organization that they do end up joining. And both countries are large enough and well-enough armed that even a Gulf War-style

international coalition might not be able to compel them to accede to the demands of the “international community.”

Thus the ultimate objective of the so-called international community, i.e., the internationalists whose policies and priorities completely dominate the foreign-policy agenda in the West, including the United States, is the establishment of a single world government — by consent if possible, but by force if necessary. Most of their actions are guided by the imperative of creating political, military, and economic conditions favorable to the eventual establishment of such a “world order.” All of the major innovations in foreign policy since World War II — the establishment of the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, the IMF, and the World Bank; the creation of the European Union; and the formation of permanent international military alliances, especially NATO — have all had as their core purpose diluting the sovereignty of individual countries (especially powerful countries such as the United States) and building the architecture of an eventual world government, to be progressively strengthened as conditions allow.

With smaller nations, negating national sovereignty is not too difficult. Such countries are often willing to trade sovereignty for guarantees of military protection

against stronger neighbors and for better access to foreign markets. Strong nations — especially nations armed with the ultimate power chips, nuclear weapons — pose a vexing challenge to “one-worlders,” however, as no less an eminence than Bertrand Russell, a prominent British intellectual and international socialist, pointed out at the dawn of the modern nuclear age. Writing for *The Atlantic* in 1951, Russell advocated stern measures for recalcitrant nuclear-armed regimes:

The establishment of a single government for the whole world might be realized in various ways: by the victory of the United States in the next world war, or by the victory of the U.S.S.R., or, theoretically, by agreement. Or — and I think this is the most hopeful of the issues that are in any degree probable — by an alliance of the nations that desire an international government, becoming, in the end, so strong that Russia would no longer dare to stand out. This might

conceivably be achieved without another world war, but it would require courageous and imaginative statesmanship in a number of countries.... I think we should admit that a world government will have to be imposed by force....

Great wars can be brought to an end only by the concentration of armed force under a single authority. Such a concentration cannot be brought about by agreement, because of the opposition of Soviet Russia, but it must be brought about somehow.

The first step — and it is one which is now not very difficult — is to persuade the United States and the British Commonwealth of the absolute necessity for a military unification of the world. The governments of the English-speaking nations should then offer to all other nations the option of entering into a firm alliance, involving a pooling of military resources and mutual defense against aggression. In

the case of hesitant nations, such as Italy, great inducements, economic and military, should be held out to produce their cooperation.

At a certain stage, when the alliance had acquired sufficient strength, any great power still refusing to join should be threatened with outlawry and, if recalcitrant, should be regarded as a public enemy. The resulting war ... would probably leave the economic and political structure of the United States intact, and would enable the victorious alliance to establish a monopoly of armed force, and therefore to make peace secure. But perhaps, if the alliance were sufficiently powerful, war would not be necessary, and the reluctant powers would prefer to enter it as equals rather than, after a terrible war, submit to it as vanquished enemies. If this were to happen, the world might emerge from its present dangers without another great war. I do not see any hope of such a happy issue by any other method. But whether Russia would yield when threatened with war is a question as to which I do not venture an opinion.

Here, then, is the essential plan, laid out by one of the 20th century’s most influential intellectuals and opinion molders, whose internationalist credentials were impeccable: Set up and enlarge a military alliance, led by the United States and Great Britain, gradually involving more and more countries until, eventually, this military alliance will have the power to compel even mighty Russia to come to terms — either as a vanquished combatant or as a submissive former foe no longer willing to wish annihilation in the service of old-fashioned national sovereignty. Russell was willing to resort to all-out war to achieve Russia’s compliance, believing as he did that continued international “anarchy” was an unacceptable risk, and that the forcible imposition of world government was the only hope for humanity to avoid self-destruction. Russell also argued that it would be preferable that the eventual world government be a creation of Western nations such as the United States and the U.K.,



**High stakes:** Biden and Putin recently met by videoconference to discuss the escalating crisis centered on Ukraine. Neither the West nor Russia has signaled any willingness to compromise on Ukraine’s status, which for the West would probably include Ukraine’s future accession to NATO.

rather than of Soviet or Chinese communists, since the West had enjoyed a long tradition of limited government and the protection of human rights.

Given Russell's candor, the true motives behind the maintenance and expansion of NATO, as well as the West's endless preoccupation with Russia's every border dispute, are plain to see: An independent, fiercely nationalist Russia is an unacceptable challenge to the world-government program, and one that must be quashed at any cost. Clearly incremental encirclement and military and economic coercion are the preferred instruments; but, if the views of Russell are to be taken as representative of at least some internationalists, all-out war, including nuclear war, is not off the table.

And such could be the outcome of the unpleasantness building in eastern Ukraine, despite what the Biden administration may believe. Economic penalties being discussed include the aforementioned cutting off of Russia from SWIFT should Russia invade Ukraine. This and other potentially crippling financial and trade sanctions, such as ending convertibility of the ruble to U.S. dollars, could effectively destroy an already-fragile Russian economy weakened by years of sanctions, forcing them to do business only with a handful of regimes, such as Iran and China, that might not be willing to cooperate with Western-led initiatives. Driven to desperation, the Russians might conclude that they have nothing further to lose by moving against the Baltic republics and eastern Europe — if only to secure by force more avenues for trade and commerce — and end up triggering an international war.

Such machinations, after all, were in part what put America and Imperial Japan on a collision course during World War II: Despite proclaiming neutrality, America imposed crippling trade sanctions on Japan, including oil and steel embargoes, eventually prompting the latter to strike out at American military forces in Pearl Harbor and the Philippines.

### Road to World Government

Risking a third world war, complete with nuclear weapons, over a territorial dispute in Ukraine might seem to be the very definition of insanity. But the perverse logic of world government turns rational thought on



**Usual suspects:** While NATO and the EU have been at the center of the Ukrainian crisis, the real center, as always, is the United Nations, our longtime world-government-in-waiting. Another world war, especially one that unleashed the destructive power of Russian and American nuclear weapons, would be an almost irresistible pretext for the transformation of the UN into a true world government, complete with a single world military and nuclear authority.

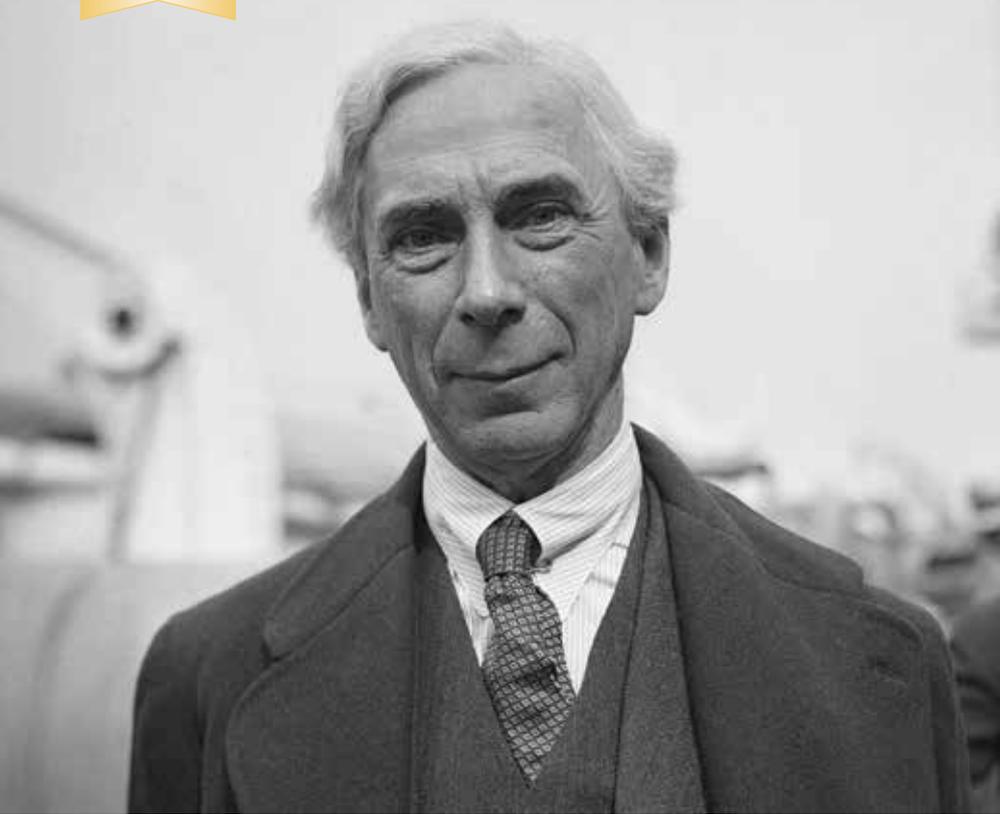
its ear. After World War I, a conflict that globalist President Woodrow Wilson sold to a skeptical American public as a campaign to “make the world safe for democracy,” Wilson and his internationalist advisors, led by Edward M. House, lost no time drawing up plans for a proto-world government called the League of Nations. At the same time, the British and French prepared plans of their own. Although the League was successfully established as part of the Treaty of Versailles, the American Senate refused to ratify membership in the organization, a signal failure for American globalists.

However, they succeeded a generation later against the backdrop of a second, far more calamitous world war whose depredations finally persuaded the American public that, after all, the only possible salvation lay in a global organization: the United Nations. Designed to be a framework for an eventual world government, the UN was inaugurated in 1944, this time with the enthusiastic support of the United

States Senate and an American public exhausted by war. It seemed that the long-anticipated “Parliament of Man” would soon be consummated.

But the drive for world government faltered after World War II. Although the hobgoblin of nuclear war with the Soviet Union was brandished to considerable effect, neither the American public nor the citizenries of other Western countries ever manifested much sustained interest in surrendering their national identities and independence in the service of world federalism or some other Utopian abstraction.

In the early 1960s, the Kennedy administration undertook a feasibility study of how to integrate the world's military forces and eventually subordinate them to a single global authority, with particular emphasis on denying sovereign nations control over the world's nuclear stockpile. Published in 1961 by the Department of State, *Freedom From War: The United States Program for General and Com-*



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**Worldly philosopher:** Bertrand Russell, 20th-century English philosopher, logician, and mathematician, was also a keen proponent of world government and believed that violent suppression of Russia might be necessary in order to secure a global monopoly on military force, including nuclear weapons.

*plete Disarmament in a Peaceful World* contemplated progressively empowering the United Nations by ceding control over national military forces, including all weapons of mass destruction and all additional military forces except token reserves for internal peacekeeping. In the first of three stages of national disarmament laid out in the document, states possessing nuclear arms would cease further manufacture of such weapons and agree to reduce existing stockpiles. An International Disarmament Organization would be established for oversight and verification of disarmament. Moreover, the nuclear powers would enter into a treaty banning the further testing of nukes and their proliferation to countries not in possession of nuclear-weapons technology. Significantly, most of the aims described in the first stage have been accomplished: The Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963 and its successor, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1996,

brought to fruition one of the major goals of the *Freedom From War* program, while the Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1970 accomplished another.

In the second stage, the International Disarmament Organization would be strengthened, and would begin overseeing the actual surrender of weapons, including nuclear weapons, to the United Nations. A permanent UN military force would also be established. In the final stage, the UN Peace Force would become the world's most powerful military force, while nations would retain only small amounts of weapons necessary to keep the peace internally; all other weapons and weapons stockpiles — including, presumably, all privately owned weapons — would be destroyed, leaving a monopoly of force in the hands of a single global authority.

Needless to say, although efforts to bring about such an outcome have been unceasing, stages two and three are nowhere near fruition. One of the reasons

is the refusal of sovereign nations to surrender their military forces, especially coveted nuclear weapons, to any global authority.

### What Next?

There is absolutely no prospect of this state of affairs changing anytime soon. Yet the globalist zeal for world government is undiminished. If past is prelude, the only thing that might change the prevailing winds would be another world war, and one so devastating that the nations of the earth might finally conclude that the only hope for the human race resides in a world government. If enough cities lay in irradiated ruins, if sufficient millions were sacrificed on the altar of a nuclear Moloch, perhaps then the survivors would plead for the world order that they rejected in peacetime. In addition to the horrors entailed by such a war itself, the horrifying possible political outcome of such a conflict — a true world government and an end to national sovereignty and the supremacy of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence — cannot be overstated.

While the partisans of world government have always preferred a peaceful, incremental approach, there can be no doubt that a nuclear war between the West and Russia would furnish the ultimate pretext for fast-tracking world government — a pretext they would certainly not hesitate to exploit should such a war occur.

A nuclear World War III would be an unprecedented calamity not only for the lives of millions of people, the fabric of modern civilization, and the rest of life on Earth, but also for future generations who would likely face permanent bondage under a world government in which an independent America was only a distant memory. American leaders have no sound moral or strategic interest in the broils of eastern Europe, and it is deadly folly to risk nuclear war — and its abyssal aftermath — by meddling in quarrels whose moral contours are unclear and whose outcome ought to be none of our business.

The meddling needs to stop. Americans should insist, therefore, that their elected representatives in Congress get the United States out of NATO and the United Nations and adopt a noninterventionist foreign policy. ■

# The QAnon PHENOMENON

Many Americans were misled by QAnon predictions, believing them to be credible at the time they were posted. The experience shows the wisdom of evaluating claims with a discerning eye.

by C. Mitchell Shaw

In the just over three years between October 28, 2017 and December 8, 2020, one or more bloggers claiming to have access to secret intelligence from inside the Trump White House published nearly 5,000 cryptic posts known as “drops” under the moniker “QAnon,” or simply “Q.”

At the time, many viewed the posts as credible, yet the passage of time showed beyond a reasonable doubt that they were not. After all, according to Q, patriots in high places, not the Deep State, were in control and those patriots would protect Trump from the Deep State. Events that have transpired since then have shown otherwise.

Putting it bluntly, Q followers were beguiled. Yet lessons can be learned and — to avoid being beguiled again — it is worthwhile taking a look at the Q phenomenon.

## Fanciful and Fantastic

The Q drops ran the full range from the incredible to the ridiculous. Averaging nearly four cryptic drops per day for over three years, Q bombarded followers with

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**WWGOWGA:** QAnon supporters were often easily identified by wearing Q logos on clothing, flying Q banners and flags at events, and chanting Q slogans such as “Where We Go One, We Go All.”

one fanciful theory after another. Some of the drops claimed to be predictions, while others were claims of things alleged to be already in action. Q was consistent in only two regards: The drops were all audaciously outrageous, and they were all false. But the sheer volume of the Q drops was dizzying. Followers had so much to follow that it would have been nearly (if not completely) impossible to keep up with what was being said and how a more recent drop contradicted the claims of a previous drop.

And the contradictions were legion.

They were also part of a larger picture of failed predictions — referred to as “prophecies” by some followers. And many of the failed “prophecies” were conveniently “fixed” by merely resetting dates after the previously promised dates had come and gone without anything resembling the ful-

fillment of the “prophecies.” But then the new dates also came and went with the “prophecies” failing to come to pass.

And it’s not as though Q began by making predictions that came to pass before going full bore with nonsensical falsehoods. Q’s mendacity began with the very first drop.

Drop #1 — published on October 28, 2017 at 4:44 p.m. — was not *entirely* a prediction of something that was to take place in the future. It also contained elements that it claimed were present and past. That drop read, “HRC [Hillary Rodham Clinton] extradition already in motion and effective yesterday with several countries in case of cross border run.” This, of course, implied that Hillary Clinton was soon to be arrested. The drop continued, claiming that Clinton’s passport was “approved to be flagged effective 10/30 @12:01am.” The drop then stated, “Expect massive

riots organized in defiance and others fleeing the US to occur. US M's [Marines] will conduct the operation while NG [National Guard] activated."

Since the claims of the post were so outrageous, Q offered this assurance at the conclusion of the post: "Proof check: Locate a NG [National Guard] member and ask if activated for duty 10/30 across most major cities."

If those who read that drop in October 2017 had taken that challenge, Q would have been seen for the fraud he was. The whole phenomenon would likely have fizzled out, and there would not have been subsequent failed predictions — or even if there were, it wouldn't have mattered, since no one would have cared to pay attention. That simple bit of due diligence would have shown that there was no military operation, no activation of the National Guard, no mass riots, no arrest of Hillary Clinton, and no accomplices fleeing the country. In fact, *nothing* predicted or claimed in the drop turned out to be true. Most notably, instead of Hillary Clinton being arrested on October 28, 2017 — beginning the end of the Deep State/Democratic National Committee conspir-

acy — it turned out that two of President Trump's former aides, Paul Manafort and Rick Gates, were charged on that date and turned themselves in. A third former Trump aide (George Papadopoulos) was reported that day to have already pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.

### Hopelessly Addicted to "Hopium"

For the next 1,137 days, Q continued to push the bounds of credulity, making one brazenly false claim after another. But — and this is important — all of the claims were laced with a healthy dose of hope. Granted, it was *false* hope, but people desperate for hope will often seize false hope and cling to it for dear life, and this was the case with Q's nearly 5,000 drops. For the faithful followers, it was the hope that mattered, even if not one single prediction ever came to pass. And each new drop — promising the coming "storm" — was one more dose of false hope to keep the followers addicted a little while longer.

Q fed into people's confirmation bias, posting of terrible goings-on within the DNC, including high-ranking Democrats (such as Hillary Clinton) living off of adrenochrome, an adrenaline-based

substance allegedly harvested from the adrenal glands of kidnapped and tortured children. It did not matter that whatever "proof" was offered of these stories fell apart under the slightest scrutiny; the very unbelievability of the claim was seen as all the proof that was needed. After all, don't we already *know* that Democrats are inhumanly evil? *Of course* they sacrifice children. Can you prove they *don't*?

But beyond offering false hope to Americans who found themselves concerned over seeing their country dragged, kicking and screaming, into an Orwellian New World Order, Q offered them the promise of salvation without effort. Time and again, Q drops told followers to do *nothing* — stay out of the way — as "patriots" on the "inside" handle everything. This was never stated more clearly than in Drop #4, dated October 29, 2017 at 12:11 p.m. That post promised, "POTUS [the president of the United States] is 100% insulated — any discussion suggesting he's even a target is false," and "POTUS will not be addressing nation on any of these issues as people begin to be indicted and must remain neutral for pure optical reasons." Drop #4 ended by saying, "Patriots are in control. Sit back and enjoy the show."

As even a cursory glance at the facts will tell any honest observer, President Trump was not "100% insulated" and he most certainly was "a target" of the Deep State. After all, he was twice impeached, he was hounded by false allegations of collusion with Russia his entire presidency, and he eventually was taken out of office in an election that was highly suspect.

### Looking for Hope in All the Wrong Places

If that is winning, this writer would hate to see what losing looks like. But that is exactly what happens when concerned Americans are persuaded to outsource their patriotic duty. The admonition to "sit back and enjoy the show" since "patriots are in control" serves only to lull concerned Americans into a do-nothing state of apathy where they wait for a hero to save them and their country.

The only correct path to restoring and preserving the Republic is for each and every concerned American to stop looking for a hero to save us and *be* the heroes who save us. If the reader wants to find a



**False claims from the start:** Drop #1 — posted on October 28, 2017 — claimed Hillary Clinton's passport was flagged and implied she would soon be arrested. More than four years later, Clinton has never even come close to arrest.

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hero, he should look not to Q or any other online persona, but in his own mirror. This magazine's parent organization, The John Birch Society (JBS), has been educating, organizing, and putting to work concerned patriots since 1958. The motto of the JBS sums up our mission: Less government, more responsibility, and — with God's help — a better world.

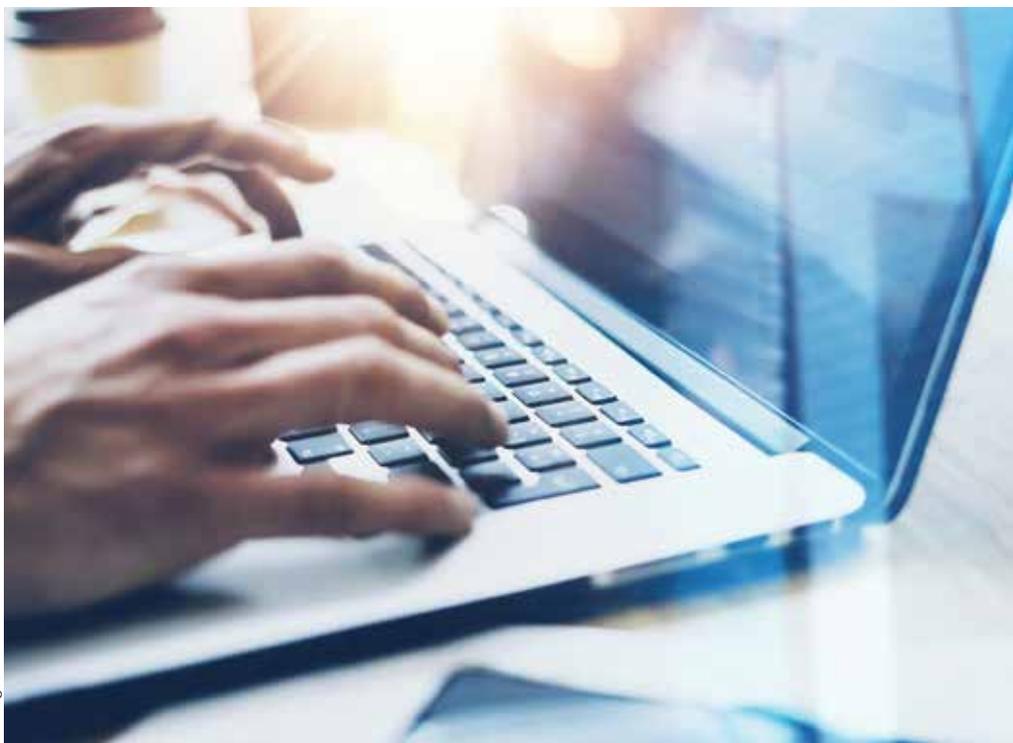
When the JBS exposes a problem, it also proposes a realistic, moral, and legal solution that members and others can work to employ. In other words, the JBS recognizes that if *we* are going to save our freedoms, *we* must bring that about through our own hard work (while, of course, also recognizing the need for God's help) — we cannot “sit back and enjoy the show,” expecting somebody else to save our freedoms for us. Hard work — by each and every patriotic American — is the only thing that will save us. There are no shortcuts.

But with Q, the expected happened: The self-appointed hero and self-anointed savior not only failed to deliver, but then summarily slithered back into the ether of the Internet from whence he came. It is still not known who Q was. What is known is that the last post from Q was on December 8, 2020 — just over a month before President Trump left the White House and turned the keys over to Joe Biden. Once his falsehood was undeniable to all but the most ardent (and stubborn) of his followers, Q simply logged off and went away.

Prior to December 8, 2020, the longest time Q went without posting was about three months in 2019, when 8chan (the platform Q used for posting) went offline. Now, more than a year after going silent, it is safe to say that Q is gone for good. And while there are still some die-hard believers left out there who continue to cling to the hope that Q will return, others have realized the truth about Q. As *Forbes* reported hours after Biden was inaugurated, one QAnon follower posted, “It's over and nothing makes sense ... absolutely nothing.” Another wrote, “He [apparently referring to Q] sold us out.”

The dream is over and the “storm” — when President Trump would bring down the Deep State, and well-known figures from the Democratic Party and Hollywood would be arrested for their crimes — never came to pass. In fact, far from a “storm,”

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**Keyboard warriors:** Faithful followers of Q were prolific posters (and reposters) of Q's wild claims. Where they fell short was in conducting the few minutes of Internet research it would have required to see that — from the very first post — Q's claims were false.

the sun rose brightly over the DNC, as Democrats now control not only the White House, but also both houses of Congress.

### The Great Disappointment

The chagrin and frustration experienced by faithful followers of Q causes this writer to reflect on a period of religious history in this country known as The Great Disappointment. In the 1800s, Baptist preacher William Miller predicted the Second Coming of Christ would happen on October 22, 1844. Those who followed Miller — called “Millerites” — had all but quit this world. Many had neglected their businesses and farms, running up debts in the process. But none

of that would matter because the Lord would return and take them to Heaven. When October 22 came and the Lord did not, they waited with great anticipation — it would happen any minute now. But it never did. One of the Millerites, Henry Emmons, later wrote of the disappointment. What he wrote could — with very few alterations — have been written by any of them. He wrote:

I waited all Tuesday [October 22] and dear Jesus did not come; — I waited all the forenoon of Wednesday, and was well in body as I ever was, but after 12 o'clock I began to feel faint, and before dark I needed

someone to help me up to my chamber, as my natural strength was leaving me very fast, and I lay prostrate for 2 days without any pain — sick with disappointment.

While most Millerites did their best to pick up what was left of their lives and get on with the business of living by leaving Miller and his predictions alone for the rest of their lives, others started their own spin-off religious movements, claiming that Miller was essentially right, but that the event was spiritual, rather than material.

Likewise, many Q followers are still hanging on for dear life to the false hope that Q administered to them in small, regular doses.

### Questioning QAnon

THE NEW AMERICAN and the JBS had been calling out Q's deceptions well before December 2020. In videos and articles, as well as in the field work of the JBS, we exposed Q as a psy-op, deliberate disinformation, and a tangent. A full six months before Q closed up shop, THE NEW AMERICAN published an article entitled "Questioning QAnon." In that article, this writer asked, "If the Deep State wanted to discredit and neutralize American patriots, could it have invented anything that would have been better designed for that purpose than Q?" That article ended with this observation:

One thing is obvious: Q is not — as claimed — someone with access to classified information involving the battle between the Trump administration and its opponents in the liberal establishment and who is working to save America by sharing the truth.

It was an unpopular position to take at the time, but the facts being what they were — and with liberty at stake — Q needed to be exposed as a fraud. It has taken others more than a year to catch up to THE NEW AMERICAN and the JBS, but now media are reporting that even former White House National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, who was once reported to be an ardent supporter of QAnon — and who was recorded at a pro-Q conference in Dallas in



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**Verifiable falsehoods:** In Drop #4, Q claimed, "POTUS [the president of the United States] is 100% insulated — any discussion suggesting he's even a target is false." What actually happened to President Trump over the course of his entire presidency puts the lie to that claim.

May 2021 saying a Myanmar-like coup "should happen here" — has recently said that he thinks Q's drops were "total nonsense" and likely "a disinformation campaign that the CIA created."

Those remarks were made in a phone call with attorney Lin Wood, who made the recorded call available to media in November 2021. In the recording, Flynn can be heard on the call with Wood saying, "I think it's a disinformation campaign. I think it's a disinformation campaign that the CIA created. That's what I believe. Now, I don't know that for a fact, but that's what I think it is."

Whether Flynn really believes that or not is not the point. Whether Flynn ever believed in Q or not is not the point. It is possible that corporate media — doing the bidding of their corporate and Deep State masters — exaggerated Flynn's statements to make it appear that Flynn was an ardent Q supporter. It is also possible that Flynn is just another public figure turning his sails into the prevailing political winds. In that case, he would merely serve as a very public example of someone who hitched his wagon to the shooting star of the Q phenomenon and is now scrambling to unhitch it after it came crashing down to Earth.

Either way, this new report of Flynn calling Q a "disinformation campaign that the CIA created" still illustrates that the JBS and THE NEW AMERICAN were way ahead of the curve on calling Q nonsense and a *possible* Deep State disinformation campaign.

Q was never going to save us. We have to do it ourselves — but that requires trustworthy leadership.

The John Birch Society helps concerned patriots work together in concert to preserve and restore the Republic. If you are already a member of the JBS, now is the time to redouble your efforts. The fields are white for the harvest. What is needed are laborers in the field. If you are not already a member of the JBS, you should consider joining us in our proud companionship and our epic undertaking.

Q is gone, thank God, but something else — some other outrageously fanciful tangent — will likely come along. If patriotic Americans are already hard at work, practicing effective activism when whatever-next comes along, it won't have any place to gain purchase. We'll all be too busy *actually* saving the Republic to care. ■

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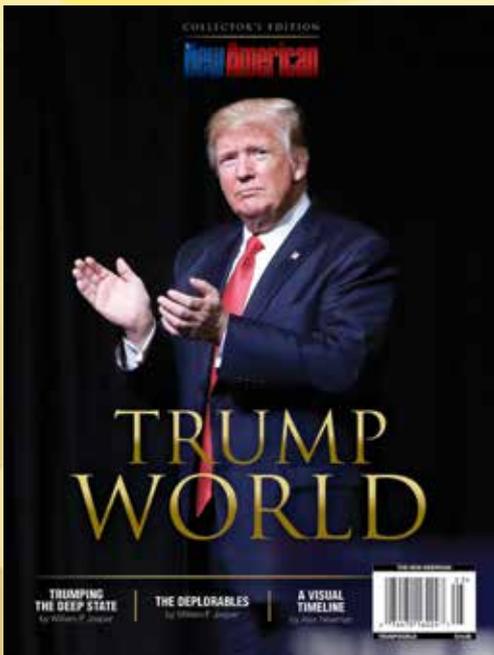
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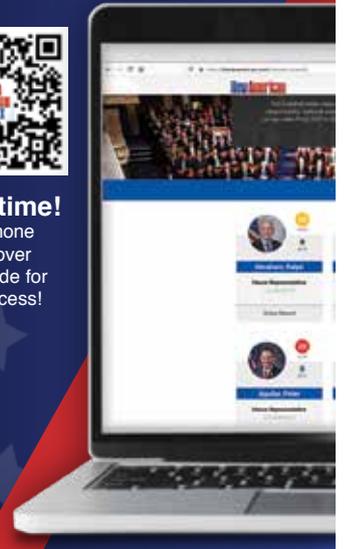
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# BIDENFLATION RAGES

As prices mount, injecting trillions of dollars into a sick economy won't cure it. It cannot be otherwise, since flooding the economy with money created out of thin air will further erode the purchasing power of the dollar, causing prices to rise even more.

by William P. Hoar

When Joe Biden moved into the White House in January 2021, the annual inflation rate was reported at 1.4 percent. In less than a year, that number jumped fivefold — the yearly rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) climbed to seven percent in December. The rate has not been that high since June 1982.

Inflation can pack a huge wallop. A fellow who was once known to be as phony as a three-dollar bill is now up to fifteen dollars.

Even the methodology used to create

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the Consumer Price Index has been altered to minimize the appearance of inflation's influence, making long-term comparisons more difficult. The CPI, notes Alfredo Ortiz (president of Jobs Creation Network), no longer “directly measures housing prices, which were part of the index until 1983. This omission means that the current CPI doesn't fully account for housing prices that have increased by 19.5% over the last year. According to economist Peter Schiff, if the CPI still included housing prices, it would be growing at around 11% rather than 6.8%.”

According to a recent analysis by the Penn Wharton Budget Model, low- and middle-income American households spent about seven percent more in 2021 for the same products they bought in 2020 or in 2019. The gloomy experience is becoming known as “Biden's pay cut.”

In other words, if Bidenflation were computed more truthfully, it would be Jimmy Carter-esque.

## Expanding the Money Supply

There is no doubt that we have an inflation problem, yet part of the difficulty in understanding it lies with a general misunderstanding as to its definition. While increases in the prices of groceries, energy, wages, and other products and services are certainly related to inflation, those are *effects*, not the prime driver.

Here's a clear dictum in the words of famed economist Milton Friedman: “Inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon.”

Often, however, in common use or in shorthand fashion, the meaning gets conflated or equated with all sorts of increases — to include the bumps in the govern-

ment's Consumer Price Index, rises in gasoline prices, jumps in the cost of health care, and so forth. Yet, strictly speaking, inflation refers to the drop in the purchasing power of currency that results when a central bank expands the money supply. To be brief, the Fed prints more money.

Federal Reserve Bank officials know this, and they used to admit it on occasion — but not very often these days. Indeed, last February, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said during testimony to Congress that the growth in the money supply (specifically the broad measure known as M2) “doesn't really have important implications.” That's telling.

Daniel Lacalle, a professor of global economy at IE Business School in Madrid and a best-selling author, was much more candid for Mises.org not too long ago:

Inflation is not the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Inflation is the loss of purchasing power of the currency that leads to a persistent rise in most prices regardless of their sector, demand, supply, or nature, and is a direct consequence of the wrongly

termed expansionary monetary policy. Inflation is a direct cause of currency debasement.

Treating inflation as if it were a mysterious fluke also tends to keep the public in the dark. Steve Hanke and John Greenwood, in multiple pieces last year in the *Wall Street Journal*, shed light on the subject, even while pointing out that mainstream media's reporting “about U.S. inflation rarely contains the words ‘money supply.’ We are repeatedly told that the most recent upticks in inflation are anomalous and ‘transitory.’” That's incorrect, as the pair recognized. (Hanke is a professor of applied economics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore; Greenwood is chief economist at Invesco in London.)

They are also on target in saying that “the inflation upticks aren't temporary and were predictable, driven by an extraordinary explosion in the money supply.” The economists are similarly spot on in observing how the media ignores the immediate instigator of inflation. For an example, we offer a *New York Times* article that appeared (in print) on December

25, purporting to be “Inflation 101: Stark Facts and Nuances.” The entire piece of nearly 1,700 words did not use the words “money supply” a single time. That's telling, too — by not telling.

Last fall, Hanke and Greenwood likened the monetary expansion during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic to opening a gusher from a faucet, saying:

Between December 2019 and August 2021, the U.S. money supply, measured by M2, grew by \$5.5 trillion, a stunning 35.7% increase in only a year and a half, driven primarily by the Fed's purchases of Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities. [Author update: As of December 2021, the Fed had increased the money supply more than 40 percent over the previous two years.] In light of anticipated Federal Reserve tapering, we estimate that by the end of 2024 the money supply will grow another \$5.1 trillion.

Persistent, not transitory, inflation “will be with us for the next two to three years,” as the two economists put it. And that is assuming that the Fed counters its previous actions immediately.

### Scapegoats, Summers, and Pseudo-stimuli

Washington, of course, affects supply and demand in multiple ways — usually to our detriment. (State governments often do likewise.) As a result, prices change. For example, the Biden administration's interference affects transportation and energy production, lockdowns harm production, and unemployment rates are exacerbated by paying people excessively to not work.

Rather than doing the right thing, or even stopping its harmful practices, the Biden administration and its allies (notably including Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren) have been looking for diversions and others to blame for the inflationary damage. Warren, for instance, has blasted major oil and gas producers, as well as grocery chains, for dastardly “profiteering.” While she gets positive left-wing publicity for trying to scalp the food-distribution chiefs, Warren ignores the facts to do so. “Big Grocery,” as has been explained by *National Review* writ-



**Not a real solution:** The Fed and Biden administration have flooded the U.S. economy with money — driving up the cost of living at a pace not seen in four decades. Real wages, on the other hand, have not kept pace with inflation.

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er David Harsanyi, “is one of the *least* profitable major businesses in the United States, with average margins coming in at a little over 2 percent.” (Emphasis in original.)

Looking everywhere but in the mirror, the president has sicced the Federal Trade Commission on oil and gas companies, alleging that their “anti-consumer” behavior was responsible for inflated gasoline costs. The Federal Maritime Commission was directed to look for “price gouging” by shipping companies said to be implicated with the troubled supply chain.

In addition, Biden employed executive authority against alleged unfair practices in the agribusiness industry, directing the Department of Agriculture to investigate large meatpacking companies, and calling for new rules under the Packers and Stockyards Act. This came, as it happens, after passage of the massive \$1.9 trillion stimulus package known as the American Rescue Plan — which included awarding around \$600 million in new subsidies to the meat industry. Then in January 2022, the president threw more money at the situation, pledging \$1 billion to smaller meat and poultry companies (Little Meat?) as part of his blame game against Big Meat for higher prices.

All of this is more than a distraction, it’s also counterproductive.

The *Wall Street Journal* quoted a spokeswoman from the North American Meat Institute, who explained that

labor remains the biggest challenge for the industry and that meat companies can’t operate plants at full capacity because they struggle to employ a long-term stable workforce. “New capacity and expanded capacity created by the government will have the same problem,” she said.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce said the Biden administration’s plan could further constrain supply and push prices higher.

“It is pretty clear that the administration is attempting to use higher prices to justify their pre-existing agenda to overturn decades of bipartisan consensus around antitrust and competition policy in favor of a ‘government-knows-best’ regulatory



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**Whose fault is it?** Consumers are feeling the pain at the pump as gas prices rise. Despite claims that OPEC is to blame, the Biden administration’s stifling energy policy and excessive money printing are the real culprits.

approach,” said Neil Bradley, the group’s executive vice president and chief policy officer.

Administration efforts were doomed to fall flat from the start — a point obvious to one prominent “liberal” economist in particular. A veteran of the Obama and Clinton administrations, former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers has publicly taken Biden to task for his “antitrust” actions — supposedly against inflation — pointing out that such efforts are more likely to cut supplies and reduce innovation. (By contrast, the establishment leftist *New York Times* applauded. A front-page piece on December 26 was headlined “As Prices Rise, Biden Deploys Antitrust Team,” with the subhead celebrating the search for “Gouging by Big Business.”)

In February 2021, Summers wrote in a *Washington Post* op-ed that the massive spending package could help overheat the economy. He warned that a “macroeconomic stimulus on a scale closer to World War II levels than normal recession levels will set off inflationary pressures of a kind we have not seen in a generation, with

consequences for the value of the dollar and financial stability.”

Summers kept up his efforts. This was recapitulated well by Issues & Insights (though the publication acknowledged not being a long-term fan of the economist):

In March, after Biden had signed his \$1.9 trillion monstrosity into law, Summers called it “the least responsible macroeconomic policy we’ve had in the last 40 years.”

In May, he said that “Whatever was the case a few months ago, it should now be clear that overheating — not excess slack — is the dominant economic risk facing the U.S. over the next year or two.”

It’s important to point out that Summers’ predictions came before the (unexpected) return of COVID and before the supply chain bottlenecks and shortages gripped the nation — both of which are now getting blamed for the inflation surge.

It’s also important to point out that, despite what Biden kept saying, the economy didn’t need rescuing. The nation’s GDP had almost completely

The wizards in Washington have already approved of spending that projects a stunning \$112 trillion in additional baseline deficits over the next three decades. That would push the national debt beyond 200 percent of GDP.



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**Where's the beef?** Many Americans are growing frustrated with rising food prices and empty store shelves. Supply-chain issues and loose monetary policy are taking their toll on the availability of certain food items, particularly meat.

on the inflationary fire — figuratively, of course, since such fossil fuel is reputedly an enemy of the People and Mother Climate. More deficit spending is planned. Much more. This follows the post-pandemic package (about 15 percent of GDP, beyond the New Deal's response to the Great Depression), the \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill, and a \$550 billion infrastructure bill.

Sadly, subsequent generations will learn the value of the dollar when they have to pay the resultant debt.

Manhattan Institute senior fellow Brian Riedl lays out the encapsulated pain that is still in the works. The proposed (albeit struggling) program called

Build Back Better (\$3 trillion in deficits assuming Congress repeals the fake expiration dates), and new discretionary spending (\$1 trillion over the decade) would add up to \$6.5 trillion in additional ten-year debt from one year of legislation. This is quadruple the cost of the 2017 tax cuts, and it exceeds 20 years of domestic and international costs related to the war on terrorism. Nor are Democrats finished yet, as President Biden still has campaign pledges related to health care, Social Security, education, and other areas that would add an additional \$3 trillion in debt.

This deficit spending would take place on top of growing baseline deficits and push the national debt — less than \$17 trillion before the pandemic — past \$44 trillion a decade from now.

As it is, as computed by the Congressional Budget Office, the wizards in Washington have already approved of spending that projects a stunning \$112 trillion in additional baseline deficits over the next three decades. That would push the national debt beyond 200 percent of GDP.

It would be comforting to think this couldn't happen here. And wrong. Inflation, you see, also means that the buck doesn't stop anywhere. Disaster, however, is not inevitable. What is vital is to stanch the bleeding: End Washington's excessive, largely unconstitutional spendathon. ■

recovered from the COVID lockdowns by March, and unemployment was tumbling. What's more, vast amounts of money for the previous two COVID stimulus bills under President Donald Trump still hadn't been spent.

A recent tweet by Harvard economist Summers is likewise blunt: "The emerging claim that antitrust can combat inflation reflects 'science denial.'" There are, he maintained, "many areas like transitory inflation where serious economists differ. Antitrust as an anti-inflation strategy is not one of them." As reported by Market-Watch in late December, Summers also explained that "there's been little change

in corporate concentration as U.S. inflation soared this year to the highest level since the early 1980s."

Inflation, as it happens, doesn't affect everything: After all, we still have two-bit politicians. Reading the notes given to him, Biden has continued to claim that even more deficit-financed spending will — somehow — cut prices.

Still, according to the International Monetary Fund, we are tops — after a fashion: Among the top 35 developed nations, the United States has the highest level of inflation.

**Even More Deficits, Debt**

Facing all that, the Biden administration still wants to throw more gasoline



# THE REVIEW

by Paul Dragu

## Chris Christie Wants to “Rescue” Republicans

*Republican Rescue: Saving the Party From Truth Deniers, Conspiracy Theorists, and the Dangerous Policies of Joe Biden*, by Chris Christie, New York: Threshold Editions (an imprint of Simon & Schuster), 2021, 304 pages, hardcover.

Former New Jersey Governor and failed Republican presidential candidate Chris Christie believes the Republican Party needs to be rescued from “truth deniers” and “conspiracy theorists” — just as when William F. Buckley, Jr. “rescued” it from The John Birch Society decades ago.

Christie, in fact, wants to save neo-conservatism, which is on a death march due to the awakening of millions of patriotic Americans, thanks to decades of work by the JBS and other like-minded organizations.

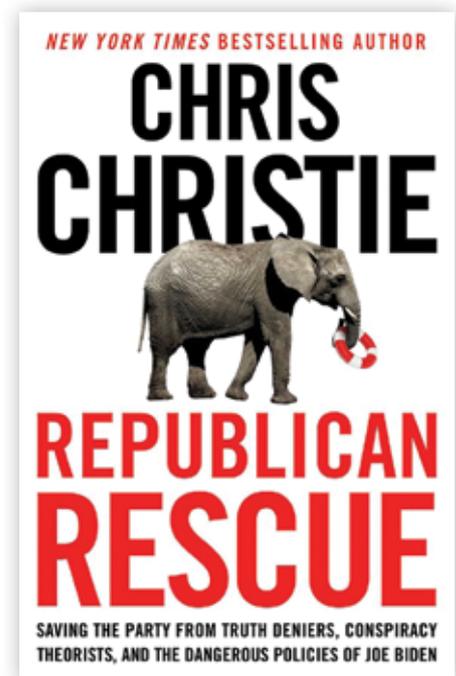
In *Republican Rescue: Saving the Party From Truth Deniers, Conspiracy Theorists, and the Dangerous Policies of Joe Biden*, Christie implies he’s the man equipped to “rescue” the party. Although he demonstrates some knowledge of the nation’s threats, the idea that baseless conspiracy theories threaten the Republican Party’s ability to remain relevant

shows how blind he is to what’s really happening in America today.

The final section of Christie’s book contains short chapters with policy cues on education, business, international threats, COVID, and more. It’s the part of the book in which Christie indicates he has some idea of what’s going on. He acknowledges that Black Lives Matter is a “radical” group intent on fundamentally changing America (although he stops way short of outing the group for the Marxist terrorist organization it is). He calls the leaders of Russia, Iran, North Korea, and China what they are — ruthless dictators and thugs. He agrees that Big Tech should be stripped of its Section 230 protections, since social-media companies have long stopped behaving like neutral platforms. And he even says that innovation, not government, is the best answer to problems, although he doesn’t explain how that assertion fits with his belief that only the vaccinated should be free of vaccine mandates. “No mandates of any kind for people who have already been vaccinated,” he writes.

Political analysts speculate the former New Jersey governor is preparing a 2024 presidential run, and by all appearances, this book is serving as a publicity tool. His conspiracy takeover theme has served as a topic for speaking events across the country. He’s also made appearances on several left-wing political shows hosted by journo-crusaders eager to host a Republican yapping about how the party they hate has lost its mind.

The main lie destroying the Republican Party, according to Christie, is that



the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump. Trump lost fair and square because he received fewer votes, Christie maintains. In one chapter, Christie attempts to debunk what he deems to be the most common election-fraud fallacies. Conveniently, nowhere in the book does he mention the forensic findings of the independent audit in Arizona, where the cybersecurity firm Cyber Ninjas discovered 284,412 corrupt or missing ballot images and 9,041 more ballots returned than sent, and ran into audit interference by election officials.

As an advisor and debate sparring partner to then-President Trump, Christie says,

he warned the president several times that his reelection campaign was flawed. Trump shouldn't have discouraged mail-in voting, as it likely cost him votes that would have been cast by elderly Republican voters who were too scared to vote in person. And as an incumbent, the centerpiece of Trump's strategy should have been to tout his accomplishments, not go on another grievance tour.

Trump also failed to heed Christie's advice to take COVID-19 more seriously, says Christie. Multiple times in the book, Christie channels his inner "mask Nazi" by documenting instances in which Trump and those around him weren't wearing face masks.

If only Trump would have listened to Chris Christie. This is a recurring theme in the book.

And if only Republicans would listen to him now, before they completely lose the party to crazies. This is the crux of the book.

*Republican Rescue* rehashes several common "conspiracy theory" talking points, including how large a threat conspiracy-theory poster-boy Alex Jones poses, the Pizzagate ordeal, and QAnon. He attempts to shame Republican politicians who've supposedly aligned or agreed with Jones and QAnon talking points in some way. All this is meant to show how dangerously prevalent conspiracies are to the stability and credibility of the Republican Party.

Christie also tries to draw a parallel between this supposed threat today and the one The John Birch Society is said to have posed half a century ago.

Christie repeats the tired, false narrative that years after the rise of The John Birch Society, respectable conservatives, led by Reagan king-maker and founder of *National Review* magazine William F. Buckley, Jr., banished the influential Birchers from conservative politics because of their wacky, conspiratorial beliefs. What were these beliefs? Apparently, the Birchers "saw a communist around every corner," a paranoia so dangerous it threatened the Republican Party's ability to ever win again. Christie accompanies this snide, rehashed jab with zero mention that communists were indeed found em-

bedded in high levels of the U.S. government, or that this evil ideology with its gulags, armies of jackbooted thugs, and homicidal leaders has wiped an estimated 200 million people off the face of the planet and injured and enslaved many, many more. Communist government infiltration is a fact bolstered by convictions of communist agents. Communism has left a long trail of corpses. The carnage of communism is not comparable to an unbalanced man convinced that a sex-trafficking ring exists under a pizza joint.

Regardless, once the venerable Buckley kicked the JBS to the Siberia of political relevancy, so the story goes, the grown-up conservatives won and ushered in an age of small government, culminating with the election of Ronald Reagan. To Christie and many well-meaning Republicans, Reagan is the conservative gold standard. He subscribes to the common misconception that the Reagan administration was one of small government, and he likes to remind people that Reagan played a major role in the fall of the Soviet Union.

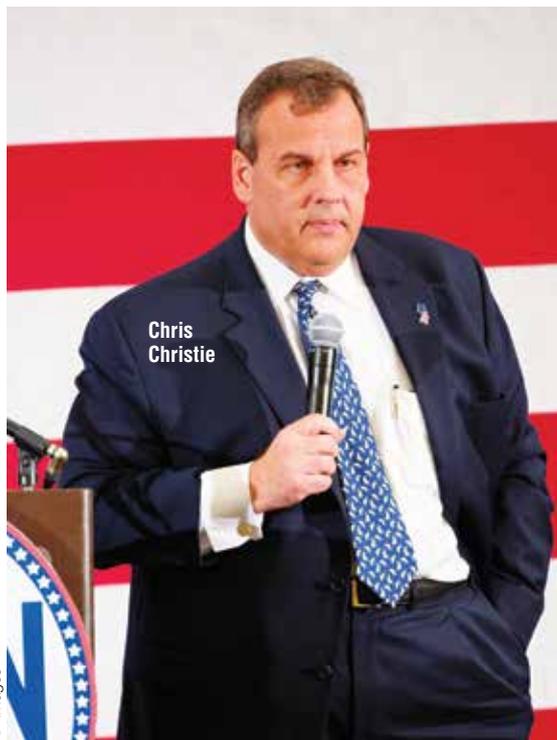
Despite Reagan's memorable small-government rhetoric, reality paints a different picture. Reagan's presidency was marred by federal spending and revenue increases, large deficits, and amnesty

for illegal aliens. The 40th president's proposed federal budget for fiscal year 1989 constituted the largest proposed budget for the federal government in the history of the United States at the time. Reagan also didn't eliminate even one of any number of unconstitutional programs or departments, despite his famous line that government is the problem and not the solution. And as for the fall of the Soviet Union, Christie doesn't acknowledge the proliferation of Marxist ideas in contemporary America.

As for the JBS, there is no comparison to QAnon and Pizzagate. To his credit, Christie does say he's not equating the JBS with QAnon, which indicates that he realizes there's a difference between the two. However, he obviously believes there is a comparison, or he wouldn't lump both in the same section of the book, titled "Crazy Talk."

*Republican Rescue* reveals that Christie still thinks it's 2019, before the Deep State showed itself and plunged the world into overt tyranny, and before half of America — whose votes he would need to become president — realized that Republicans and Democrats both are responsible for the monstrous government apparatus that seeks to completely devour our freedoms and wealth.

Christie seems to be campaigning on the assumption that the Republican and Democratic parties can return to working undisturbed and unopposed at destroying America piecemeal. Over the decades, both parties have supported policies that shipped American jobs and production overseas, especially to China. Both have perpetuated American dependence for energy on despotic foreign countries, despite all the country's energy needs sitting under our feet. Both have for decades facilitated the funneling of American wealth overseas through every conceivable foreign aid and international organization scheme. Both have aided the illegal mass-migration invasion. Both have contributed to building an unconstitutional surveillance state. Both have contributed to the creation of numerous unconstitutional federal programs



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that control Americans and plunder our wealth. Both have supported illegal wars not declared by Congress. And both have been complicit in helping build and fund international organizations that threaten America's sovereignty.

Those "crazies" at The John Birch Society, on the other hand, have warned for 63 years about the danger of every one of these policies. For example, JBS founder Robert Welch's speeches often included the warning that ever-growing government would one day exert control over every aspect of our lives. That is now true. JBS had a campaign in the 1970s to repeal the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the unconstitutional government institution the Biden administration tried to use as his vaccine-compliance Gestapo before his executive overreach was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. The JBS warned that government education would serve as a brainwashing mechanism for Marx-

ist ideals, the results of which Americans now see clearly. There's also been no week during which the JBS has not published something reminding Americans of how dangerously out of control government spending is. And it was the JBS that tried to warn Americans that one day the global elites working to plunge the world into a one-world totalitarian state ruled by themselves would reveal themselves in their attempt to roll out the last aspects of their plan.

If a rescue is what he truly seeks, Christie should be relieved. Millions of Americans are waking up and recognizing the true threat to our nation — the Deep State globalists. And Americans have had enough. They realize more neocon policies are not going to save America. Constitutionalism is. Election reform is. Saving our children from public schools is. Getting the United States out of the United Nations is. Reducing the size of government is.

If Christie doesn't recognize the

Deep State — the invisible government behind the visible government of the United States — then he's the truth denier. Ironically, it's decades of work by the JBS that is serving as the intellectual foundation of America's great awakening. While Christie echoes the prevailing left-wing media narrative that the JBS has been banished, even some of the staunchest left-wing publications have enough sense to realize that's wrong. Recently published pieces with titles such as "The John Birch Society Never Left" and "We All Live in the John Birch Society World Now" (*The New Republic*), "The John Birch Society's Lasting Influence" (*the New Yorker*), and "William F. Buckley and the Birchers: a Myth, a History" (*Salon*) indicate that leftist journo-crusaders can no longer hide the JBS' influence.

Christie is a relic, a remnant of a Republican establishment that is losing its power. He's sailing against the wind. ■

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by Arthur R. Thompson

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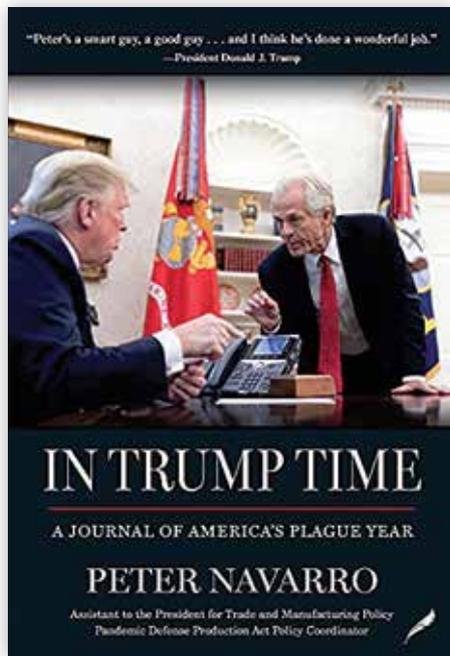
## An Inside View of the Trump White House

*In Trump Time: A Journal of America's Plague Year*, by Peter Navarro, St. Petersburg, Florida: All Seasons Press, 2021, 326 pages, hardcover.

Peter Navarro was the assistant to the president for trade and manufacturing policy, as well as pandemic defense production act policy coordinator — in other words, an insider — during the Trump administration.

His new book *In Trump Time: A Journal of America's Plague Year* exposes the ups and downs of life within the Trump administration during the COVID-19 pandemic, and reads in many cases like a diary in which he kept notes.

The title of this book could just as well have been *You Can't Trust Anybody*, because it demonstrates the frustrations



Navarro and Trump had to deal with inside and outside of the administration to get things done, and done in a timely manner.

Navarro shows that even when it came to implementing established government

policy, getting things done quickly and effectively was a constant battle. In other words, members of the Trump team — and he names names — were not always working to implement Trump administration policy.

Navarro made a statement on television that, after reading his book, one will want to see Dr. Anthony Fauci put in prison. In that, he was correct.

There has been much written about Fauci and his mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The difference with Navarro's book is that readers get an inside look at Fauci's actions and opinions out of the public eye, and can see how Fauci actually hindered effective COVID policy. The book reveals Fauci's true personality and his lack of honest input into the Trump administration's handling of the pandemic.

But Dr. Fauci was not the only problem. As mentioned above, there were many people within the Trump administration who seemed more intent on stifling Trump's agenda than on working to implement it.

As well, Navarro was constantly frustrated by people who moved much more



Donald Trump with Peter Navarro

slowly than he did — people who didn't seem to have the same sense of urgency to get things done. His method of working more closely mirrored Trump's, and led to the title of the book: *In Trump Time*. This essentially refers to an attitude of not only *not* putting things off until tomorrow, but moving as rapidly

as possible to get things done — literally within minutes in some cases — especially when it came to getting supplies to help curtail the pandemic. Readers may find of particular interest the lengths to which the bureaucracy went to scuttle inexpensive treatments for COVID-19, such as hydroxychloro-

quine, in direct contravention of the president's directives.

Readers familiar with many of the personalities in and around Trump may disagree with or be disappointed by what Navarro has to say about them. Navarro certainly pulls no punches, either about how intelligent such individuals were or how well they performed their duties.

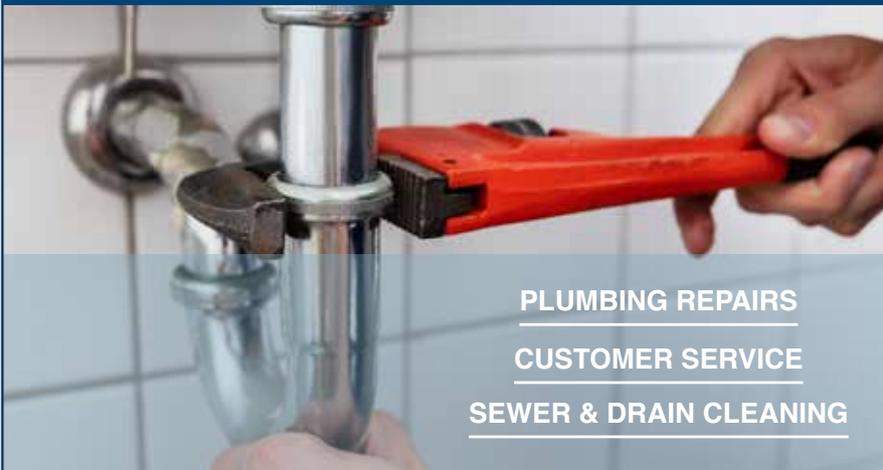
Navarro also gives readers an inside look at what went on immediately after the November 2020 election and the problems the Trump team faced in trying to get the story of voter fraud made public, initiate lawsuits, and pull information together to make the case that Trump actually won the election, and exposes those in the administration who betrayed Trump in this regard.

*In Trump Time* is a fascinating read, and shows the inside workings of the Trump administration from Navarro's vantage point. It goes a long way toward explaining some of the problems conservatives saw with the Trump years, and whom one could trust when it came right down to the wire. ■



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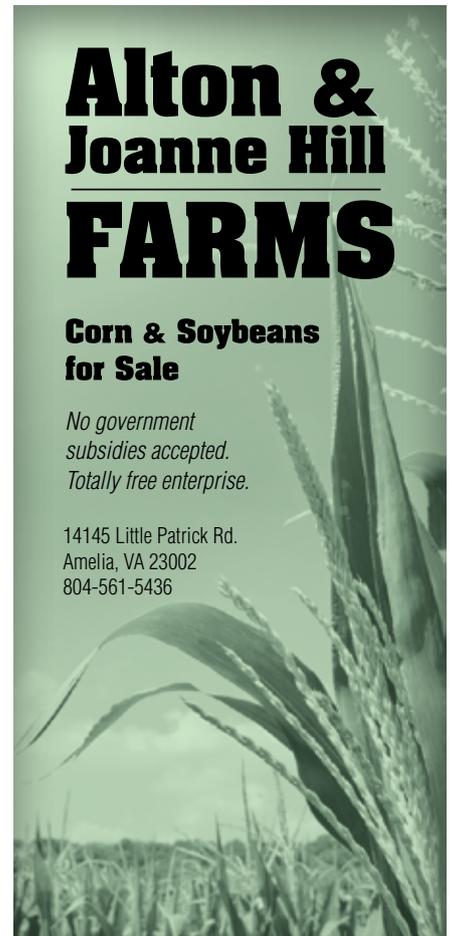
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## Bread Delivery on I-95

Desperate motorists stranded in a 50-mile backup on I-95 between Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Virginia, for more than 20 hours without food and water after a snowstorm brought a foot of snow and icy conditions were treated to much-needed sustenance from a local bakery.

Casey Holihan and her husband, John Noe, a couple traveling to North Carolina, noticed a Schmidt Baking Company truck a few cars ahead of them. After 21 hours of waiting for conditions to improve so the vehicles could begin moving again, they decided to make a “long-shot” call to H&S Bakery, which owns Schmidt Baking Company, and ask if the driver could share some of the truck’s cargo with the trapped drivers.

Within 20 minutes, Chuck Paterakis, the co-owner of H&S Bakery and senior vice president of transportation, called Holihan and asked her to approach the Schmidt truck and bring her phone to the driver, Ron Hill, who, coincidentally, had just been praying about the same idea.

With Paterakis’ blessing, Hill, Holihan, Noe, and a handful of other good Samaritans split up and trekked the icy road to distribute packages of potato rolls and split-top wheat loaves, *Baltimore Magazine* reported.

Holihan recalled, “We were going up to windows holding bread up, and many people were like, ‘How much money do you want for it?’ When we said it was free, some of them were almost moved to tears. They were just so relieved.”

*Baltimore Magazine* reported this is not the first time H&S has donated bread. The bakery has given nearly three million loaves to organizations throughout the pandemic.

Paterakis’ only regret? “I just wish we could have supplied them some butter or peanut butter, too.”

Holihan and Noe took to Facebook after their 36-hour nightmare on I-95 to thank H&S for their incredible generosity.

“This was one of the kindest moments I have ever witnessed,” Holihan wrote.

WBAL reported Holihan and Noe were traveling to North Carolina to say goodbye to family before Noe is stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Germany.

## The Gift of Transportation

A teacher in Anderson County, Kentucky, was so saddened by the story of a Mayfield, Kentucky, tornado survivor that she drove four hours to donate her car.

Rebecca Marsala was one of the survivors trapped inside a candle factory in Mayfield last month when a devastating tornado swept through the city and destroyed the factory. Marsala was trapped in the rubble for five hours. Believing that she would die, Marsala even called her daughter to say goodbye before being rescued.

Marsala spent several days in the hospital recovering from her injuries, the *Epoch Times* reported.

And as if all that was not enough, Marsala lost everything in the tornado.

Meanwhile, Sharon Sutherland, a teacher from Anderson County, was so overwhelmed by the devastation in Mayfield that she was struck with a compulsion to do something: She decided to donate her own car.

“I can’t explain it, at 3 o’clock in the morning, I wake up and my first thought is, ‘I need to take that car to Mayfield,’” she told WKYT.

And when she learned of Marsala’s story, she knew Marsala was the one to whom she wanted to gift the car.

Sutherland contacted Graves County Sheriff Jon Hayden, who helped arrange a meeting between the two women on December 26.

Sutherland recalls that both women “were trying so hard not to bawl” when they met. Marsala, she said, was both “shocked” and “grateful.”

The Graves County Sheriff’s Office posted the story on its Facebook page.

“Mrs. Sutherland signed over the title and handed the keys to Rebecca. What a blessing,” the sheriff’s office stated. “She also delivered some homemade cookies for our deputies.”

Sutherland told WKYT that she did not want praise for her actions but hoped instead that they would inspire others to help those in need.

“Some of the lessons we do the best in class aren’t the science, or the English, or the math. It’s the life things,” she shared.

## Uber Driver Turned Caretaker

In another incredible story from the I-95 nightmare, an Uber driver took very good care of a young passenger in his car, who was understandably anxious during the ordeal.

Davante Williams was driving his passenger from Washington, D.C., to her parents’ home in Williamsburg, Virginia, when they became stranded on I-95.

“My passenger, she was so distraught,” he recalled to News Nation’s Marni Hughes. “Apparently, I picked her up from Union Station, and her train was canceled due to derailment. So she only could call for Uber, and I was her driver.”

CNN reported Williams picked up the passenger at 2:00 a.m., and they were 20 miles into their two-and-a-half-hour journey when they got caught in the backup.

Williams said he shared the crackers and water he had in his car with the teen girl, which helped stave off hunger. He also contacted her parents to assure them that their daughter was safe.

Eventually, Williams was able to follow a work truck and turn around on I-95 to head back to D.C., but he did not want to leave her at Union Station by herself to wait for another train, CNN reported.

“I wind up having to put her in a hotel because she wasn’t old enough to get a room.... So I wanted to make sure she was comfortable. And I didn’t want to leave her stranded,” he explained.

He checked her into the hotel at 8:00 a.m. and offered to take her to her parents in Williamsburg for free when the roads were clear. She ultimately ended up getting a ride from a friend of the family, but the teen and her parents were beyond grateful for all of Williams’ generosity.

Williams said he has received an outpouring of thanks from both his young passenger and her parents.

His story motivated ridesharing company Ride Alto to reach out to Williams and offer him a position as lead driver, which will allow him to work mostly in an office in a supervisory role, Williams said. ■

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# WHO SHOULD WIELD THE POWER OF THE SWORD?

The Founding Fathers wanted this power to be exercised by Congress — not the president, and not entangling alliances — and even then only when absolutely necessary to defend American liberty and citizens.



U.S. Army/Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

**Defending Europe:** U.S. soldiers stationed in Europe under NATO command stand ready to fight NATO's wars, even if the adversaries do not threaten the United States.

by Gary Benoit

The U.S. Constitution assigns to the U.S. Congress the “power ... to declare war.” Yet many view this congressional power as an anachronism that’s no longer applicable to today’s world.

The last time the United States declared war was during World War II, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, more than 80 years ago. In 1995, following American military interventions

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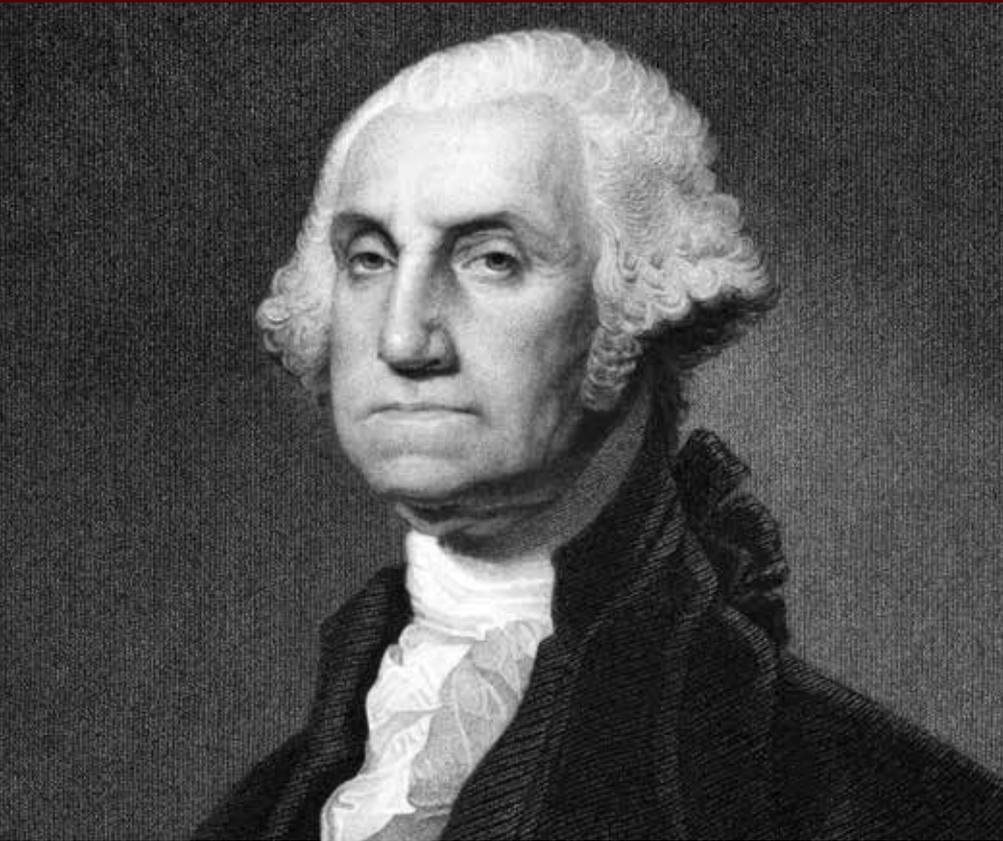
from Korea to Vietnam, and from the Persian Gulf to Bosnia, Congressman Henry Hyde opined, “I think it is a fact of modern history that declarations of war are gone. I think they are anachronistic.” Hyde at least acknowledged that “the Constitution assigns the declarations of war function to Congress and only to Congress.” But he added that “declaring war has consequences in a technologically advanced world that nobody wants to face.”

What we have faced instead has been the exercise of executive powers by presidents who claim to possess the authority to decide when to go to war. In his January 28, 2003 State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush said that “sending Americans into battle is the most profound deci-

sion a president can make.” The previous October, the Congress had passed a resolution that said essentially the same thing, by delegating its war-making authority to the president. The resolution authorized the president “to use the Armed Forces of the United States *as he determines to be necessary and appropriate*” (emphasis added) to defend the United States against Iraq and enforce United Nations Security Council resolutions against Iraq.

We have also faced the transfer of war-making powers not only to the president, but also to international bodies such as the United Nations and its military affiliate NATO that the president and the rest of the U.S. government are expected to obey. For instance, on February 14, 2001, Secretary of State Colin Powell said that “with respect to U.S. policy, when it comes to our role as a member of the [UN] Security Council, we obviously are bound by UN resolutions.” Two years later, the president made the decision to invade Iraq to enforce UN resolutions to disarm the country. As Powell explained on March 17, 2003, three days before Bush launched this war, “We believe ... that there is sufficient authority in [UN Security Council Resolutions] 1441, 678, and 687 ... for whatever military action might be required.”

Under NATO, the United States and all other 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,” per the North Atlantic Treaty that established the military alliance in 1949. Originally there were 12 members of NATO. There are now 30, which means that the United States is now pledged to come to the defense of any of the other 29 NATO members should any of them be attacked. This military commit-



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**Wise counsel:** In his Farewell Address, George Washington observed, “It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.”

ment, it could be argued, increases rather than decreases the likelihood of the United States being pulled into a war.

Certainly the contravention of the congressional power to declare war by the president and international organizations has not resulted in the elimination of war. There have been many since World War II, and today new wars in Asia (over Taiwan) and Europe (over Ukraine) seem distinct possibilities. Although Ukraine is not a member of NATO (though that could change), it is easy to imagine how an attack on Ukraine by Russia could trigger the intervention of NATO and the United States, which are supportive of Ukraine.

But who should decide if and when America goes to war? NATO? The United Nations? The U.S. president? Or Congress?

The Founding Fathers supported the latter, which is why they designed the president’s role as “Commander in Chief” to be a limited one and delegated to Congress the power to declare war. They did

not want to deposit the war-making power in a single man, and they did not want that power to be abused. In general, they viewed the mission of the military as being limited to defending the United States and the lives, liberty, and property of its citizens; and they cautioned against becoming entangled in foreign alliances that could draw America into a war.

### George Washington’s Advice

Internationalists unfairly deride that traditional view of American foreign policy as “isolationist.” But George Washington was not advocating “isolationism” when, in his Farewell Address of September 17, 1796, he wisely counseled the new nation: “The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is, in extending our commercial relations to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop.”

Washington acknowledged in his Fare-

well Address that “Harmony, liberal intercourse with all nations, are recommended by policy, humanity, and interest.” But he also warned that “the nation which indulges toward another an habitual hatred or an habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest.” Regarding America’s interests, and those of Europe, he noted:

Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities.

Our detached and distant situation invites and enables us to pursue a different course. If we remain one people, under an efficient government, the period is not far off ... when belligerent nations, under the impossibility of making acquisitions upon us, will not lightly hazard the giving us provocation; when we may choose peace or war, as our interest, guided by justice, shall counsel.

Washington continued: “Why forgo the advantages of so peculiar a situation? Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor, or caprice?” Why indeed? Which is why Washington counseled: “It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.”

Washington’s sage advice guided the Republic during its early years. Our military was used to defend our homeland and our liberties, but it was not sent abroad to meddle in foreign quarrels. Because of this sound policy, the United States prospered. Thomas Jefferson expressed this traditional view of U.S. foreign policy in his Inaugural Address of March 4, 1801, when he cited, among the “essential principles

of our Government,” “peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none.” And John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, expressed a similar view when he observed that America “goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own.... She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standards of freedom.”

### The Isolationist Fallacy

But that was many years ago, whine the internationalists. Hasn't the world gotten smaller since the days of sailing ships?

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With the development of intercontinental ballistic missiles and supersonic aircraft, what kind of “moat” does the Atlantic now provide for “fortress” America? And what about World War II? Is not the death and destruction of that conflagration a direct consequence of “isolationism”?

Not so — as should be evident to anybody willing to survey the historical landscape. Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Imperialist Japan, recall, were *aggressive* regimes. They did not build fortresses of “isolationism” but engaged in naked ag-

gression against their neighbors. So did the Soviet Union, which joined Hitler in carving up Poland prior to Germany's surprise attack on Russia.

Germany declared war on the United States after Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor, because of Germany's treaty obligations to Japan. U.S. entry into the European theater facilitated the destruction of one totalitarian “ism” (Nazism), but it also strengthened another (Communism). The Soviet Union, bolstered by American lend-lease and given



**Folly of “isolationism”?** Conventional wisdom claims that World War II was a consequence of “isolationism.” The claim ignores the fact that the nations that started that terrible conflagration were imperialistic, not “isolationist.”

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vast territorial concessions at the Yalta wartime conference, emerged from WWII as a world power. But this power, which was created largely with U.S. assistance and was our WWII “ally,” quickly became our Cold War “adversary.”

Even prior to Pearl Harbor, the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt was doing what it could to provoke Germany and (later) Japan to attack the United States as the means of pulling us into the war. As Secretary of War Henry Stimson wrote in his diary after a meeting with FDR: “The question was how we should maneuver them [the Japanese] into the position of firing the first shot.” Japan decided to fire “the first shot” by launching a surprise attack at Pearl Harbor; the Roosevelt administration learned of these plans but failed to alert the commanders at Pearl.

That duplicity, which entailed sacrificing our Pacific Fleet as bait in order to drag the nation into war, was the exact opposite of George Washington’s admonition: “To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.” Or, as Benjamin Franklin put it, “The way to secure peace is to be prepared for war. They that are on their guard, and appear ready to receive their adversaries, are in much less danger of being attacked than the supine, secure and negligent.” On another occasion, Franklin recalled an old Italian saying: “Make yourselves sheep, and the wolves will eat you.” The Roosevelt administration made our military

sheep so as to invite the attack of imperialist wolves. Switzerland, on the other hand, was able to avoid the Nazi wolves by being prepared for war. Even though Switzerland is located in central Europe, the Nazis decided to bypass the country since they recognized that, by attacking Switzerland, they would have to fight not just the Swiss military but an entire people ready and willing to defend their home-



**Why go to war?** GOP Senator Robert Taft, unlike today’s interventionist-minded, neoconservative Republicans, believed that “no foreign policy can be justified except a policy devoted without reservation or diversion to the protection of the liberty of the American people, with war only as the last resort and only to preserve that liberty.”

land and liberties. The Nazis decided that the subjugation of Switzerland would not be worth the cost. Yet, by inverting reality, internationalists claim with a straight face that “isolationism” and not “interventionism” is responsible for WWII.

Fortunately, not everyone has been deceived by such claptrap. One 20th century leader who understood the folly of interventionism was Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. In his book *A Foreign Policy for Americans* (1951), he wrote, “Fundamentally ... the ultimate purpose of our foreign policy must be to protect the liberty of the people of the United States.... To achieve that liberty we have gone to war, and to protect it we would go to war again.” But he also recognized the horrible results of war — including not just the military and civilian casualties and the destruction to

property but the fact that it “may lead, even if the war is won, to something very close to the destruction of liberty at home.” And so he cautioned, “No foreign policy can be justified except a policy devoted without reservation or diversion to the protection of the liberty of the American people, with war only as the last resort and only to preserve that liberty.”

Taft had voted for the UN charter, but later concluded that “The U.N. has become a trap. Let’s go it alone.” On the other hand, he voted against NATO, recognizing that the treaty “obligates us to go to war if at any time ... anyone makes an armed attack on any one of the ... [member] nations.” When, based on a UN Security Council vote, President Harry Truman plunged the United States into the Korean War without a congressional declaration of war, Taft told his Senate colleagues, “If the incident is permitted to go by without protest, at least from this body, we would have finally terminated for all time the right of Congress to declare war, which is granted

to Congress alone by the Constitution of the United States.” He added: “If the President can intervene in Korea without Congressional approval, he can go to war in Malaya, or Indonesia, or Iran or South America.”

The dangerous precedent having been established in Korea, subsequent presidents have gone to war without a congressional declaration. Those who support such deployments should ask themselves if one man should possess this awesome power. Taft indicated that he would have supported a congressional declaration of war against North Korea, based on his belief that communism represented a significant threat to the United States, but he did not believe that the president should be allowed to go to war without congressional approval or that the Constitution permitted such action. In his book, he warned:

If in the great field of foreign policy the President [Harry Truman] has the arbitrary and unlimited powers he now claims, then there is an end to freedom in the United States not only in the foreign field but in the great realm of domestic activity which necessarily follows any foreign commitments....

History shows that when the people have the opportunity to speak they as a rule decide for peace if possible. It shows that arbitrary rulers are more inclined to favor war than are the people at any time.

### Presidential Powers

Taft’s view about the limitation of presidential power “in the great field of foreign policy” is in harmony with that of the Founding Fathers. It is true that under the Constitution the president possesses powers to conduct foreign policy: He nominates ambassadors; he makes treaties; and he is the “Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States.” But the ambassadors he appoints must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate, the treaties he makes must be ratified by a two-thirds Senate vote, and his role as “Commander in Chief” is restrained by the following *congressional* powers: “To declare War”; “To raise and



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**In harm’s way:** U.S. forces have been guarding the Demilitarized Zone ever since the end of the Korean War. If North Korea invades the South, the resulting American casualties would pull America into another war without Congress having a say in the matter.

support Armies”; “To provide and maintain a Navy”; “To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces”; “To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions”; and “To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia.”

Internationalists argue that the president can go to war without congressional approval since the Constitution grants to Congress only the power to *declare* war, not the power to *make* war. That argument is erroneous, however, since it is in contradiction to the clear intent of the Founders with regard to the wording. As the Senate Foreign Relations Committee explained in its “Report on War Powers” of February 9, 1972: “The Constitutional Convention at first proposed to give Congress the power to ‘make’ war but changed this to ‘declare’ war, not, however, because it was desired to enlarge Presidential power but in order to permit the President to take action to

repel sudden attacks.” Far from being anachronistic, the wording the Founding Fathers settled on is very apropos for today’s times, when missiles targeted at the United States can cross the ocean much quicker than sailing ships.

In short, the president does not possess the war-making powers of a king, as Alexander Hamilton explained in *The Federalist*, No. 69: “The President is to be commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States. In this respect his authority would be nominally the same with that of the king of Great Britain, but in substance much inferior to it. It would amount to nothing more than the supreme command and direction of the military and naval forces, as first general and admiral ... while that of the British king extends to the *declaring* of war and to the *raising* and *regulating* of fleets and armies — all which, by the Constitution under consideration, would appertain to the legislature.” (Emphasis in original.)

Hamilton revisited this theme in later years, writing in 1793, "It is the province and duty of the Executive to preserve to the Nation the blessings of peace. The Legislature alone can interrupt those blessings, by placing the Nation in a state of War." The following year he stated, "War is a question, under our constitution, not of Executive, but of Legislative cognizance. It belongs to Congress to say — whether the Nation shall of choice dismiss the olive branch and unfurl the banners of War."

If the Constitution is to be taken seriously, then the president not only cannot go to war without congressional authorization, but cannot place the military in situations that will inevitably lead to war. Daniel Webster addressed this fundamental point in a speech he gave on December 2, 1846: "No power but Congress can declare war; but what is the value of this constitutional provision, if the President of his own authority may make such military movements as must bring on war?" The deployment of American troops to areas where war could break out will like-

ly mean American casualties if war does break out, pulling the United States into a war Congress might otherwise have opted to stay out of.

The constitutional limitations on the president's use of the sword provide an important safeguard for American liberty and against foreign adventurism. As James Madison noted in 1798 in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, "The constitution supposes, what the History of all governments demonstrates, that the Executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has, accordingly, with studied care, vested the question of war in the Legislature." Or, as Abraham Lincoln observed in 1848 in a letter to William Herndon, "Kings had always been involving and impoverishing their people in wars, pretending generally, if not always, that the good of the people was the object. This, our [1787] Convention understood to be the most oppressive of all Kingly oppressions; and they resolved to so frame the Constitution that *no one man* should hold the power of bringing this oppression upon us." (Emphasis in original.)

### Changing Course

Since World War II, U.S. presidents have exercised war-making powers as if they were kings. They have ignored the congressional power to declare war and have claimed that their authority to go to war comes from international bodies such as the United Nations.

When the UN was established in 1945, it was supposed to be "mankind's last best hope for peace." That promise has not been kept — not for the world, not for the United States. History has shown that the internationalist path America has pursued since World War II has been the wrong one.

It is now long past time to change course. It is time to put America first, to reject foreign entanglements in favor of the noninterventionist policy advocated by the Founding Fathers, to get the United States out of the UN and NATO, and to insist that Congress reclaim its constitutionally delegated power to declare war — and to exercise that power only when absolutely necessary to defend the United States and its citizens. ■



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## Massie Christmas Photo Causes Controversy



Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) caused quite a controversy when he tweeted out a Christmas photo of his family with all of them holding firearms and the comment “Merry Christmas! ps. Santa, please bring ammo!” Massie is well-known as a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment and, as explained by The Blaze on December 5, “has introduced into the U.S. House numerous Second Amendment-related bills in his nearly-one decade tenure as a lawmaker. Massie has introduced a bill to restore Second Amendment rights in Washington, D.C., multiple bills to repeal the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, a bill that would honor concealed carry reciprocity in Washington, D.C., and most recently a bill that would permit all voting-age Americans to purchase handguns.”

Massie’s gun-toting family photo was obviously done tongue-in-cheek, but leftists reacted with the same exaggerated outrage we’ve all grown to expect from them. Twitter leftists denounced the photo as evidence of everything they feel is wrong with America, including racism and so-called domestic terrorism. The comments were crude and obscene and obvious overreactions, but Massie wisely avoided responding to the Twitter mob. In the end, though, he mailed out a Christmas card to his constituents that didn’t feature the family firearms.

## Retaliatory Lawmaking

California Governor Gavin Newsom, who just recently avoided a recall elec-

tion, issued a statement on December 11 that his administration will copy a Texas law aimed at preventing abortion but apply it to guns in the Golden State. The controversial measure in Texas effectively bans all abortions after six weeks of pregnancy by making abortion providers subject to private lawsuits, which could bankrupt them. As intended by its drafters, the Texas law went before the Supreme Court for review and was upheld as constitutional, and this sent leftists into a raging fury. Newsom decried both the Supreme Court ruling and the Texas law but, at the same time, announced he was now going to copy the law and modify it to implement gun control that has previously been struck down in federal court.

As Vox reported on December 12, the “proposed bill, according to a press release from Newsom, would allow Californians to sue ‘anyone who manufactures, distributes, or sells an assault weapon or ghost gun kit or parts’ for damages — the same injunction-skirting mechanism Texas has used to ban all abortions after six weeks, which has so far been permitted by the Supreme Court.”

A law professor interviewed by Vox doubted the Court would uphold Newsom’s proposed law, and felt that the law, unlike the Texas law it was based on, would be ruled unconstitutional.

## “A Person’s Home Is His Refuge”

Breaking911 reported on December 16 about a shooting in Lakeland, Florida, that involved an intruder who broke in to a house in the middle of the day. The Polk County Sheriff’s Office said a 42-year-old man named Steven Stillwell threw a flowerpot through the rear glass door of a house and then forced his way inside. The homeowner did not know the intruder; he retrieved his legally owned firearm and shot the man three times.

The homeowner immediately called the police, and deputies arrived to discover the suspect lying on the floor of the living room, suffering from gunshot wounds.

He was transported to a nearby medical facility for treatment and is expected to survive. Investigators found a shotgun belonging to Stillwell in the backyard, and Breaking911 reported that the suspect has a long criminal history.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd held a press conference in which he praised the actions of the homeowner. “The castle doctrine is very clear in Florida law.... A person’s home is his refuge. The evidence in this case at this point indicates that the suspect illegally forced his way into the home. The homeowner did exactly what he had a right to do. I commend him for protecting himself and defending his home,” Judd told reporters.

## Armed Lyft Driver Shoots Carjackers

Fox29 reported out of Philadelphia on January 4 about a wild carjacking that involved two men being shot.

The incident unfolded in West Philadelphia on the afternoon of January 3, when two suspects in a car repeatedly rear-ended a Lyft vehicle, ran up to the driver and pointed a shotgun at him, and demanded he give them the vehicle. Thankfully, the Lyft driver had a handgun accessible and knew how to use it. He opened fire on the two suspects, causing the would-be carjackers to back away from the car.

The Lyft driver quickly exited his vehicle and began helping his customer out of the back of the car. As he was aiding his customer, however, one of the wounded suspects leapt into the vehicle and began driving away. The Lyft driver opened fire on the man now driving the vehicle, as well as the second suspect, who was trying to escape in his original vehicle, and reportedly hit both men. The carjackers were successful in fleeing the scene, but did not get far.

Police discovered the injured men about thirty blocks away. Both were taken for medical treatment and are expected to survive their injuries, and have been charged for the violent carjacking. ■

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## FIGHTING FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

**A**re we living in a time of catastrophic consequences? Freedom-fighter and former Trump advisor Steve Bannon seems to think so. “Elections have consequences. Stolen elections have catastrophic consequences,” he often repeats on his popular streaming show *War Room*.

But just as the courageous Bannon has never ceased talking about election fraud, so, too, must Americans never forget 2020 and continue to seek the truth of what *really* happened on November 3, and still get out and vote!

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the many Americans taking action to uphold the laws that protect the right of the self-governed to elect lawmakers who will defend the liberties of this free and unique nation at all costs.

Arizona State Senator Wendy Rogers, for example, has bravely called for comprehensive audits of the 2020 election in all 50 states, election-reform legislation, the cleaning up of voter rolls, and the decertification of the 2020 election results.

In the Grand Canyon State, where Joe Biden was declared the winner over Donald Trump by a mere 10,457 votes, Rogers has used her political clout to spotlight the massive election anomalies and to demand not only investigations by Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich into alleged fraud, but full-scale criminal prosecutions of officials who broke the law.

Arizona’s historic Maricopa County audit further awakened Americans to the truth of a deeply flawed U.S. electoral system. Following the revealing and incriminating reports of that forensic evaluation, Senator Rogers gathered 186 legislators from 39 states to pen a letter to Americans calling for audits and decertification where evidence of fraud had surfaced, including the states of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Yet while all eyes were on Arizona, patriots in the battleground state of Georgia were hard at work probing the facts of their own election concerns, and the fruits of their first-rate analysis are finally beginning to show.



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### Voters Are Engaged and Equipped

Over the past decade, burgeoning grassroots election-integrity organizations have made monumental inroads to help Americans engage in the electoral process. Staffed mostly by liberty-loving, truth-seeking volunteers, these often-bipartisan groups work relentlessly to equip voters with the resources and tools they need to end election fraud.

One such group, the Houston-based nonprofit True the Vote, founded in 2009 by Texan Catherine Engelbrecht, is conducting several ongoing, in-depth investigations into the U.S. elections system — a system it describes as “uniquely insecure.”

In a May 2020 interview with radio-show host Joe Pags, Engelbrecht accurately predicted “engineered chaos” for the 2020 presidential election:

What we’re not being told in this current push toward mail-in [ballots] is that it’s not just about standardizing [the proc-



Wendy Rogers

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ess of mail-in voting]; it's also about a push to do away with voter ID, to get away from signature comparison, to provide for limitless ballot harvesting. All of that is part of a much larger [scheme] that is going to end up in a disaster this November.

Of course, Engelbrecht was right. In the months following the 2020 election, mounting evidence of widespread fraud showed the integrity of the presidential race to be severely compromised. A movement was thus born that has greatly dispelled the myths devised by the Democrats and the legacy media that the 2020 election was the “most secure” in the nation’s history and that former Vice President Biden was the indisputable winner.

### Proving the Fraud

True the Vote, mindfully steering clear of the legacy media spotlight, has vehemently maintained that election processes in 2020 were “fundamentally altered, under the fog of COVID.” For more than a year, while the months-long audit was under way in Arizona, the voter group was spearheading a massive video-surveillance project to catch potential ballot traffickers in Georgia.

Their research began shortly after November 3, 2020, and was largely kept secret until January 2022. The plan was to prove election malfeasance by tracking the movements of ballot traffickers and ballot drop boxes in the battleground state during the presidential election and subsequent run-off Senate races. The practice of gathering and delivering ballots for voters, known as harvesting, is illegal in the Peach State.

In early January, Georgia authorities announced they are investigating the video footage obtained by True the Vote. Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger confirmed to the media outlet Just the News that subpoenas may be forthcoming.

Appearing on CBS’s *Face the Nation*, Raffensperger commented that “no one has alleged those are fraudulent ballots,” adding, “those were lawful voters. And the allegation is that they were collected and delivered by a person.”

However, Just the News read the full complaint by True the Vote, citing critical evidence that “scores of activists worked with nonprofit groups to collect and deliver thousands of absentee ballots, often during wee-hour operations, to temporary voting drop boxes distributed around the state during the pandemic.”

Furthermore, True the Vote obtained geolocation data for the cellphones of more than 200 liberal activists captured on the videotapes, allegedly documenting the dates and times of ballot drop-offs.

“When you hand over that ballot to a harvester you can kiss it goodbye,” said Engelbrecht in an interview. “Maybe it makes it to the count, maybe it doesn’t. You have no way of controlling that.”

Raffensperger, a Republican, should agree with her claims. In 2019, he pushed for a ban on ballot harvesting prior to the 2020 election. Later, the secretary’s reputation was destroyed for refusing the Trump campaign’s request to audit signatures of absentee ballots and envelopes during the recount of the fewer-than 12,000 votes that separated Biden from Trump in Georgia’s final vote tally.

Just days after the election, Raffensperger brazenly wrote in a *Washington Post* op-ed that “Georgia’s voting system has never been more secure or trustworthy.”

### Follow the Data

True the Vote poured copious hours into its probe, acquiring an astonishing 10 trillion location-based cell signals to conduct its investigation, assisted by whistleblowers and witnesses. The group stresses that the mobile and GPS data “told the real tale,” and this is just the beginning.

“If law enforcement doesn’t initiate investigations, we have plans to release all data, all video, publicly,” reads a statement on the organization’s website.

The saga’s next chapter may address the tens of thousands of ballots that have been reported to have been duplicated in Georgia, specifically in the densely populated DeKalb and Fulton counties.

### VoterGA Steps Up to Help

Another righteous election-integrity group, VoterGA, has continued to lead efforts to litigate against fraudulent ballot trafficking. In May 2021, VoterGA obtained a court order permitting the organization to inspect hundreds of thousands of mail-in ballot images following the state’s audit in November 2020.

The initial recount, while praised by Secretary Raffensperger, was deemed “fatally flawed” by VoterGA after the nonprofit’s own review uncovered a stunning 60-percent error rate. Voter-

GA's founder, Garland Favorito, told THE NEW AMERICAN that Fulton County falsified tally sheets, that three days of chain-of-custody forms were missing, and that duplicate reporting of batches had occurred.

Additional important election facts alleged by VoterGA include:

1. The U.S. District Court found on Oct 11th, 2020 the Dominion Voting System that was used in the November 2020 election is unverifiable to the voter and in violation of two Georgia statutes.
2. There are six sworn affidavits of counterfeit mail-in ballots in Fulton Co. election results scaling into the tens of thousands.
3. State Farm Arena video shows at least four violations of Georgia election law.
4. Approximately 43,000 DeKalb Co. drop box ballots have no chain of custody forms to authenticate them.
5. True-the-Vote Geo tracking showed evidence of ballot harvesting teams driving repeatedly to drop boxes in Fulton and Dekalb.
6. All 350,000+ original in-person ballot images in Fulton are missing in violation of federal, state retention law.
7. All 393,000+ original ballot images in Cobb are missing in violation of federal, state retention law.
8. At least 17,720 certified in person recount votes have no ballot images in Fulton.
9. 18,325 voters had vacant residential addresses according to U.S. Post Office.
10. 904 voters were registered at a P.O. Box address which is illegal.
11. All or large parts of 2,000,000 original ballot images from 70+ Georgia counties are missing.
12. Failure to make mandatory check of ballot envelope signature to signature on file resulted in absentee ballot rejection rate drop from 3.47% to .34% allowing about 4,400 extra dubious ballots to be counted.
13. The U.S. District Court found Secretary of State's office "not credible" on August 16th, 2019.
14. A report compiled by Matt Braynard and his team at Look Ahead America provided specific, verifiable evidence that likely illegal ballots exceed the margin of victory in the Presidential race.
15. Statistical abnormalities identified in many GA counties by former Army Intelligence Captain, Seth Keschel show that it is implausible that the election results are correct.



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### Not Giving Up

Joining the millions of Americans who have not been silent in decrying the outrage of the 2020 presidential election are two authors of new and notable books who brilliantly tell the truth of the country in crisis: Federalist contributor Mollie Hemingway recently released the comprehensive *Rigged: How the Media, Big Tech, and the Democrats Seized Our Elections*, and American Greatness Senior Editor Julie Kelly penned the meticulously researched analysis of *January 6: How Democrats Used the Capitol Protest to Launch a War on Terror Against the Political Right*.

Undoubtedly, Americans now have a renewed vision as to the importance of election integrity. Organizations such as True the Vote and VoterGA, along with intrepid state leaders, must remain diligent in pursuing honest elections and not give up!

As True the Vote's Engelbrecht says, "Now more than ever before, we need to commit to participating in our local elections. If things are broken, work to fix them." Engelbrecht's commitment continues to energize the public for greater participation in state and national elections. Though the evidence of widespread election fraud remains overwhelming, and Americans' confidence in the U.S. election process remains low, Engelbrecht and others like her offer a glimmer of hope even as more and more brave Americans continue to stand. ■

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## Democrat Conspiracy and **the January 6 Witch Hunt**

**T**he conspiracy theorists are at it again — with a burning vengeance. No, we’re not referring to QAnon or other “far-right” promulgators of “conspiracy theories.”

We’re talking about the Nancy Pelosi-Chuck Schumer-*New York Times*-*Washington Post*-Fake News cabal and their “January 6 Insurrection” conspiracy witch hunt. This is the same cabal that gave us four years of phony “Trump-Russia” conspiracy theory, along with the “Trump Obstruction of Justice” conspiracy-theory hoax,

followed by the “Trump-Ukraine” conspiracy theory, in addition to nonstop lawsuits, media smears, two trumped-up impeachment trials, and internal sabotage and coup efforts by Deep State “Resistance” opponents. But, of course, this same conspiracy-theory cabal is lightning fast to label-lynch as a “conspiracy theorist” anyone who calls out their collusion.

“Conspiracy theorist” is their go-to response, their default setting — along with “racist,” “white supremacist,” and “domestic extremist” — to demonize and discredit all opposition to their Marxist/globalist revolution.

For the past year, the same cabal purposely and repeatedly has been calling the riot that occurred at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 an “insurrection” and a “domestic terrorist attack.” Their obvious intent is to paint millions of Americans who voted for and supported President Trump as actual or potential national-security threats and to conflate the prosecution of the few who broke the law and engaged in violent actions on that day with the many who peacefully assembled and exercised their constitutionally protected right to “freedom of speech.”

Representative Cori Bush (D-Mo.), a Black Lives Matter activist and the latest addition to the AOC-Tlaib-Omar-Pressley Bolshevik club known as “the Squad,” has proved she knows how to blow the “white supremacy” dog whistle to incite her Democrat colleagues, as well as her BLM street rabble. “If we fail to remove a White supremacist president who incited a white supremacist insurrection, it’s communities like Missouri’s first district that suffer the most,” Bush said during her speech in support of impeaching President Trump, one of her first actions in Congress. “The 117th Congress must understand that we have a mandate to legislate in defense of Black lives, the first step in that process is to root out white supremacy starting with impeaching the White supremacist in chief.”

According to Cori Bush and like-minded ilk, the January 6



riot was not just an “insurrection,” but a “white supremacist insurrection.” So, naturally, impeaching the “White supremacist in chief” is only the first step in rooting out “white supremacy.” Gotta follow through by going after all those millions of white supremacists infesting this country! In addition, she introduced legislation to expel from the House for “sedition” every member who had supported Trump’s challenge to the 2020 presidential results.

Representative Bush, who rose to prominence as a “community organizer” during the

Ferguson riots after the death of Michael Brown, was propelled into Congress by the same coalition of street radicals (BLM, Democratic Socialists of America, Communist Party USA, Liberation Road), plus Big Media, Big Labor, and Big Money.

Of course, the racist rantings of Cori Bush, the Squad, and the NGO lobby would have little impact as pressure from below if they were not endlessly repeated and amplified with pressure from above provided by the Fake News industrial complex. Thus, we have salvos such as the opinion piece by the *Washington Post*’s Dana Milbank titled “On Jan. 6 came the white supremacists. Now comes the whitewash.” Milbank reminds readers that Deep State operative Christopher Wray (who replaced Deep State operative James Comey as FBI chief) had told us “that ‘militia violent extremists’ and ‘racially motivated extremists’ were behind the insurrection, and that there is no evidence of ‘fake Trump supporters’ or ‘antifa’ having any role in the attack.” Nobody there but those violent “white supremacists,” so don’t pay attention to any of the “conspiracy theory” evidence about involvement of *agents provocateurs* on January 6.

Not to be outdone by the *Post*, *The New York Times* led off on January 1, 2022 with a volley of 10 op-eds on the supposed lessons of January 6. The lead op-ed was a truly chilling, unsigned piece by the *Times* editorial board titled, “Every Day is Jan. 6 Now.” The *Times* collective warned that “Jan. 6 is not in the past; it is every day.”

“It is regular citizens,” says the *Times* hive mind, “who threaten election officials and other public servants ... and who vow to murder politicians who dare to vote their conscience.” It is, the editors warn, “people who believe in conspiracy theories.” The malevolent intent behind the editorial propaganda is transparent: demonize and *criminalize* “regular citizens” as violent white supremacists and conspiracy theorists to justify their arrest, persecution, and prosecution. ■

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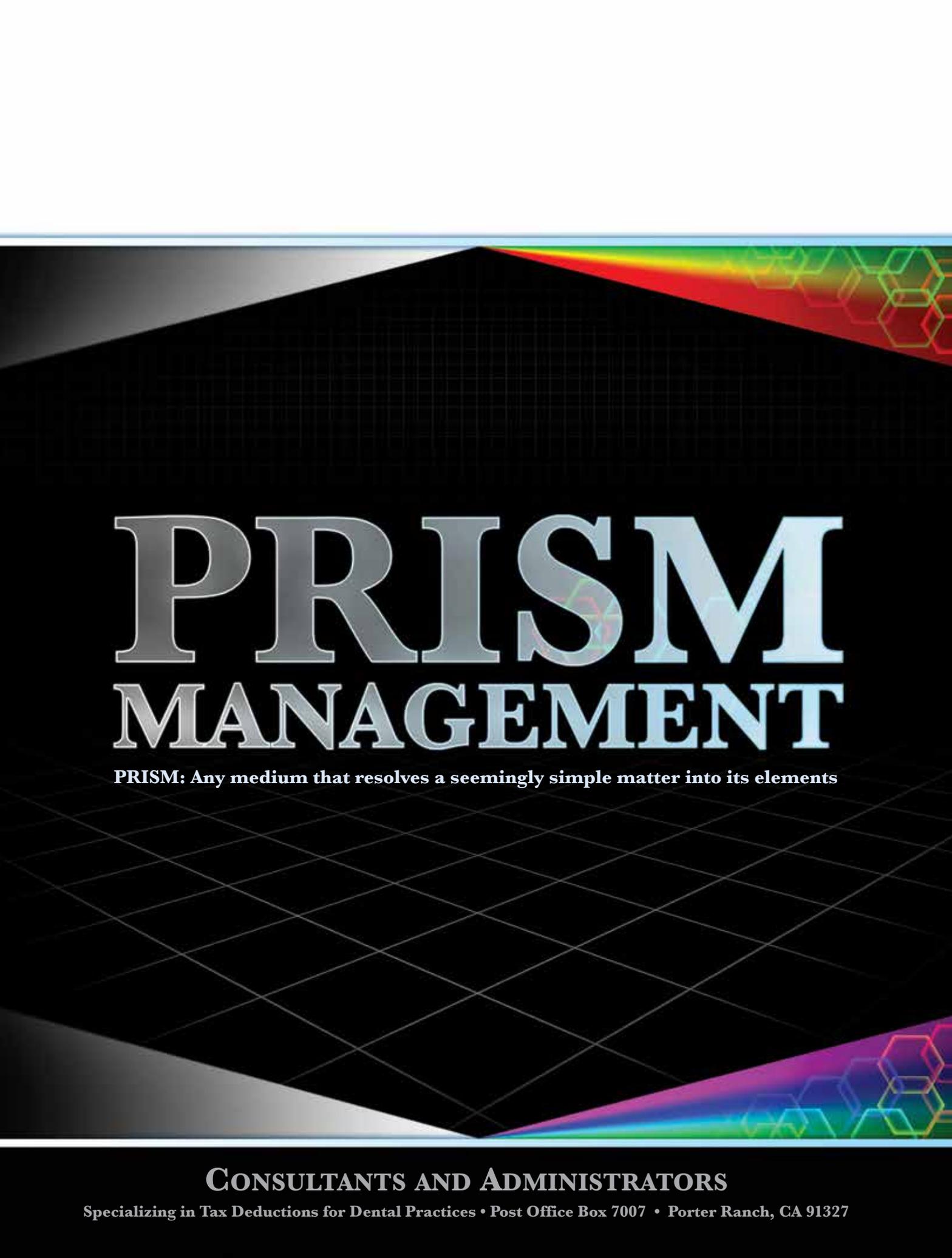
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