

# Eye on the World

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**Luke 21:34-36**—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).



An article titled "Iran Guards Chief Calls Saudi 'Terrorist State'" was posted at yahoo.com on July 4, 2017. Following is the article.

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The head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards on Tuesday described Saudi Arabia as a "terrorist state" as he announced his position had been extended for three years.

Major General Mohammad Ali Jafari's 10-year stint as commander of the elite military force was due to expire in three months.

But in a speech carried by the semi-official Fars and Tasnim news agencies, he said it would continue until at least 2020.

In a speech at a Guards meeting in Tehran, he highlighted the threat from Saudi Arabia, which backs opposing sides to Iran in several regional conflicts.

"Today, the Saudis are becoming a terrorist state in the region," he said.

"Today in our region only the countries that are powerful enough will remain safe," he added.

"We face an enemy that only understands the language of force, so we cannot speak to the enemy with another language."

However, Jafari said there was still room for negotiations.

“Some try to say that we are against interaction with the world and seek war,” he said.

“I say with a loud voice that the Sepah (Revolutionary Guards) also seek peace, but peace can only be realised and last if the enemy is scared of starting a war with us and fears its consequences.”

Jafari, 59, rose through the ranks during the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s. Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei chose him to lead the Guards in September 2007.

The Guards are a parallel military force set up to safeguard the 1979 Islamic revolution.

They oversee Iran’s external operations in Syria, Iraq and beyond, as well as running their own domestic intelligence and economic operations.

The United States has strict sanctions on the group, accusing it of terrorist activity and destabilising the region.



An article titled “Qatar Finds Ways Round Embargo But ‘Nightmare’ Continues” was posted at yahoo.com on July 3, 2017. The following are excerpts of the article.

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Nearly a month since Qatar was isolated by its Gulf neighbours, residents of the emirate have learned to adapt to the daily realities of living with the embargo.

They buy vegetables and milk that come from Iran and Turkey, complain about price increases for staples while those travelling abroad face longer-than-usual flights as most neighbouring countries have closed their airspace to Qatar Airways.

“The government has found alternatives and there is no problem (of shortages) . . . despite a slight price increase we can cope,” says Mohammed al-Chib, shopping at a Doha supermarket.

But he admits he and his family have had to make cutbacks.

“We’ve learned a lesson and we consume less.”

On June 5, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt cut diplomatic ties with Qatar and moved swiftly to isolate Doha, accusing Doha of supporting extremism.

Riyadh and its supporters severed air and sea links with Qatar—which denied the allegations against it—and closed its only land border, cutting off vital routes for imports including food.

## A 'nightmare'

Although it can seem like a distant crisis, the embargo does weigh on the daily lives of the country's 2.7 million, almost 90 per cent of them foreigners.

"The blockade is a nightmare and we hope there will be a quick end," added Maya.

One very real consequence, especially during the summer, has been the impact on those trying to fly out of the country for holidays.

With the abolition of some routes by the Gulf countries, travelling has become a headache.

One Jordanian national complained he had "spent six hours in transit" at Muscat airport for a flight from Amman to Doha, via Oman, because of the flight restrictions imposed by the embargo.

And there has also been the human cost.

The decision of other Gulf countries to force home Qataris living on their territory and recalling their own nationals from Qatar has had a real impact.

More than 13,300 people were "directly affected", says the Qatari National Human Rights Committee.

In one reported case, a Qatari woman was forced to leave the United Arab Emirates where she lived with her husband and child.

When she arrived at the airport with her baby, she was told that he could not fly with her because he is an Emirati national.

And then there is the case of Zayed al-Marri.

Human Rights Watch [HRW] says he has been blocked on the Saudi side of the land border it shares with Qatar since June 17, where temperatures reach daily 45 degrees Celsius (113 Fahrenheit).

Saudi Arabia claims he is a Qatari, but Doha insists Marri was stripped of his citizenship in the 1990s.

HRW has urged Qatar to let him in to the country.



An article by Craig Bannister titled "CNN Portrays North Korea As Misunderstood, Victim of US-Led Sanctions" was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on July 5, 2017. Following is the article.

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CNN's Will Ripley empathizes with North Korea's side of things in two short videos on CNN.com, suggesting the communist country is misunderstood and mistreated by the U.S.

In “What it’s really like to be inside North Korea,” CNN’s Will Ripley—who has visited North Korea 11 times—portrays the country as a place where leaders are viewed in “the highest possible esteem,” not as the outside world stereotypes them:

■ “This is a society that is built up around its leadership; they hold their leaders up to the highest possible esteem. And, that is very much in contrast to the view from the outside world, that North Korea is erratic, unpredictable and moving on a dangerous path as they continue to nuclearize.”

Ripley describes North Korea’s capital, Pyongyang, as a city with an “increasingly modern skyline” filled with music and celebration, day and night:

■ “You hear music playing on loudspeakers throughout the city all day. In the morning to wake people up, in the evening to put them to bed at night. There is patriotic music, people are marching, they’re practicing for these huge mass celebrations that they often do for national holidays or to celebrate the achievements of their leader.”

What’s more, all North Koreans say they have complete confidence in their leader, Kim Jong-un, who has “supreme power”:

■ “North Korea is one the only places in the world where, no matter who you ask, at least publicly, you will never hear political dissent, everybody will say they are one hundred percent behind their supreme leader.”

In his follow-up video, “Why does North Korea hate the US?,” Ripley says that North Korea is still fighting the Korean War because “Technically, the war is still ongoing, because no peace treaty was ever signed.”

But, North Koreans also hate the United States because of America’s attacks on the communist country’s economy, “blaming the U.S. for international sanctions they claim have caused North Korea’s economic woes, making America into an ever-present threat.”

What’s more, Ripley argues, American leaders’ efforts to pressure North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions only increase hatred of the U.S.:

■ “Recent escalating tensions between Washington and Pyongyang only help promote that narrative.”



An article by Damien Sharkov titled “Russian Sub Fires Cruise Missile in Arctic Barents Sea” was posted at [newsweek.com](http://newsweek.com) on July 5, 2017. Following is the article.

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Russia’s nuclear-powered submarine has carried out anti-ship cruise missile fire at a distance in the Arctic Barents Sea, as part of Moscow’s ongoing strategy to shore up defenses in its far north.

The Smolensk vessel, part of Russia’s historic and highly staffed North Fleet, was underwater when it fired an anti-ship missile, hitting a target 400 kilo-

meters (around 250 miles) away in the Barents Sea, the fleet's press desk announced via state news agency Itar-Tass on Wednesday.

The fleet's vice admiral Nikolay Yevmenov hailed the launch as a success for the Soviet submarine.

Russia's navy has sought to increase visibility in the Arctic, being one of five countries claiming the northernmost waters of the world. Its Northern Fleet boasts 79 combat vessels and its zone of operation—the Arctic—is designated a priority area for the navy's development plans.

The North Fleet launched a ballistic missile from another nuclear-powered submarine, Yuri Dolgoruky, last week from the Barents Sea towards Kamchatka.

Part of the navy's attempt to strengthen its presence in the difficult northern territories and waters by 2030 is linked to its desire to secure its North Sea route. It spans almost the full length of the country and the Kremlin is seeking to offset the fall into disrepair of facilities on Russia's northern periphery since the Soviet Union's collapse.

By Russian President Vladimir Putin's decree, Moscow reorganized its military resources in the region, forming an Arctic Joint Strategic Command in 2014. Moscow launched its latest Arctic military base in April with more of its kind planned. Increased military visibility in Russia's north also adds to its territorial claim over the waters beyond its exclusive control.

The U.S., Canada, Denmark and Norway have launched claims over the resource-rich Arctic region, with all of them besides Russia belonging to the NATO military alliance. Some of these competing claims date from the early 2000s, and have been submitted for consideration by a U.N. arbitration panel.



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Poland Hopes for Trump's Support on Troop Presence and Migration Spat With EU" was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on July 5, 2017. Following is the article.

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President Trump has arrived in Poland, where the conservative government is hoping he will reaffirm a "permanent" U.S. troop presence, and back Warsaw's rejection of a European Union refugee/migrant admission quota.

The president and First Lady Melania Trump, accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, disembarked from Air Force One on Wednesday night.

Polish President Andrzej Duda, who will meet with Trump on Thursday, said he viewed the visit as "historical." A Duda spokesman pointed out that no American president has traveled to Poland at such an early point in his tenure.

Trump's itinerary includes a meeting with 12 leaders from central Europe, the Baltics and western Balkans—a summit of the Polish-led "Three Seas Initiative," a group of nations situated between the Baltic, Adriatic and Black seas.

He is also expected to deliver a speech—his first public address as president in Europe—at Krasinski square, home to a monument to Poles who fought against the Nazis in the 1944 Warsaw Uprising.

Poland is one of just five of NATO's 28 member-states to have achieved a commitment to devote at least two percent of its GDP to defense spending—an issue that has stoked tensions between Trump and other alliance members which have not made the grade, notably Germany. (The other four that have are the United States, Britain, Estonia and Greece.)

Ahead of the visit, media commentators in both countries and further afield have pondered whether Poland, whose leaders are conservative nationalists, is "pro-Trump."

A much-discussed Pew poll last month found "low confidence" in Trump in most countries around the world.

Still, of ten European countries included in the survey, Poland accounted for the lowest "no confidence" ranking: Respondents in Poland and Hungary both had 57 percent "no confidence" in Trump, compared to 92 percent "no confidence" in Spain, 87 percent in Germany and 86 percent in France.

The global median in all 37 countries polled, was 74 percent "no confidence."

The visit comes just before Trump attends a G20 summit in Hamburg, Germany, where he's expected to have his first encounter with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The Polish government hopes Trump will address the issue of a permanent U.S. troop presence and the future of the military base at Redzikowo, Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski told the Polish Press Agency (PAP).

As part of a Russia-focused NATO mission called Operation Atlantic Resolve, a U.S. Army mechanized infantry battalion of some 1,000 personnel has been deployed this year in Poland, along with several hundred troops from Britain and Romania.

The troops are stationed in a town in north-eastern Poland, just 30 or so miles south of the Kaliningrad, the small exclave of Russian territory located between Poland, Lithuania and the Baltic Sea.

Moscow has called the NATO enforced forward presence, which also includes alliance forces in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, a threat to stability in Europe.

Redzikowo is a small air base, near Poland's Baltic Sea coast, where missile interceptors are due to be stationed by next year as part of the NATO ballistic missile defense (BMD) shield.

Groundbreaking at the site took place in May 2016, amid protests from Russia, which alleges the BMD system is calculated to weaken its nuclear deterrent.

The Pentagon says the BMD shield, which also includes another interceptor site in Romania, Aegis ships in the Mediterranean and a radar in Turkey, is

designed to protect U.S. troops and allies against the threat of missiles launched by Iran, not Russia.

Like other countries in central and eastern Europe, Poland is concerned about Russian activity in the region in the aftermath of its military intervention in Ukraine and annexation of Crimea.

State-owned Radio Poland said Wednesday many Poles hope Trump will use the visit to reiterate Washington's commitment to article five of the North Atlantic Treaty, which states that that an attack on any NATO member is considered an attack on all.

### **Migration wrangles**

In his PAP interview, Waszczykowski also said the government intends during Trump's visit to protest against what he called the enforced mass resettling of refugees.

The E.U.'s executive Commission last month launched legal action against Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic over their refusal to cooperate with a 2015 proposal to distribute some 120,000 refugees and migrants among E.U. member states.

The aim of the "relocation and resettlement" scheme is to ease the load on countries in southern Europe which took in large numbers of migrants in recent years.

The quotas were based on E.U. member states' population, GDP and unemployment rates and other factors, with Germany given the largest quota, a little over 31,000. Poland is meant to admit 9,287 asylum-seekers but has taken in none. Hungary has not cooperated, while Czech has taken in just 12 of a 2,978 quota—the last one more than a year ago.

(Overall the plan is way behind schedule—120,000 people meant to be resettled by September, but by mid-May the number stood at just 18,418.)

It was not clear from Waszczykowski's remarks whether Poland hopes for anything more than rhetorical support from the American president, possibly during Thursday's speech.

Trump will, however, be meeting with several European leaders at the G20 and summit host German Chancellor Angela Merkel has including "migration and refugee flows" in her agenda.



An article by Nick Squires titled "Austria to Send Troops and Armoured Vehicles to Border With Italy to Block Migrants" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on July 4, 2017. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Austria has deployed armoured vehicles close to its border with Italy and will send up to 750 soldiers to block any migrants trying to head north, the government announced.



The move reflects deep concern in Vienna and elsewhere in Europe over the huge number of asylum seekers who continue to cross the Mediterranean from Libya—so far this year more than 85,000 have been rescued and brought to Italy.

But it prompted a rebuke from Rome, with the Italian foreign ministry summoning Austria's ambassador to explain the beefing up of border security. Italy has warned in the past that such measures would contravene EU rules on free movement.

Austria said it would ramp up border controls at the Brenner Pass, a key trade and transport route through the Alps that connects the two countries. "We are ready to protect our Brenner border if necessary," said Sebastian Kurz, the Austrian foreign minister.

The 750 soldiers could be rushed to the border within 72 hours if there was a migration emergency, officials said. "I expect border controls will be introduced very soon," Peter Dokožil, the defence minister, told the newspaper Kronen Zeitung.

His spokesman said there was no concrete timetable for the new controls. "But we see how the situation in Italy is becoming more acute and we have to be prepared to avoid a situation comparable to summer 2015."

That was a reference to the crisis two years ago when hundreds of thousands of refugees and migrants streamed into Western Europe along the so-called Balkan Route, having crossed to Greece from Turkey.

The four military vehicles have been moved to Tyrol province, on the border with Italy. They are armoured but not armed, the spokesman said. "These are not battle tanks. These are armoured vehicles without weapons which could block roads."

They were used during the refugee crisis of 2015, when they were deployed at a crossing on Austria's border with Slovenia.



An article by Cristina Marcos titled "House Passes 'Kate's Law' and Bill Targeting Sanctuary Cities" was posted at thehill.com on June 29, 2017. Following is the article.

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The House passed legislation on Thursday [June 29] to crack down on illegal immigration and enact a key priority of President Trump's known as "Kate's Law."

In largely party line votes, the House approved two bills. One would cut off some federal grants from so-called sanctuary cities that limit cooperation with immigration authorities; the other would impose tougher sentences on criminals who have entered the U.S. illegally multiple times.

"For years, the lack of immigration enforcement and spread of sanctuary policies have cost too many lives," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), the author of both bills.



The sanctuary city bill passed 228-195, while the sentencing bill passed 257-167.

Three Democrats defected from their party to support taking away grants from the sanctuary localities.

- Matt Cartwright (Pa.)
- Henry Cuellar (Texas)
- Collin Peterson (Minn.).

Seven Republicans voted against the bill.

- Justin Amash (Mich.)
- Carlos Curbelo (Fla.)
- Mario Diaz-Balart (Fla.)
- Dan Donovan (N.Y.)
- Peter King (N.Y.)
- Dave Reichert (Wash.)
- Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Fla.).

House Democratic leaders encouraged members to oppose the bill to withhold funds from sanctuary cities, but didn't apply as much pressure on "Kate's Law," which establishes higher penalties for criminals who have entered the country illegally.

Twenty-four Democrats voted for "Kate's Law." Amash was the only Republican to oppose it.

The sentencing legislation is named after Kate Steinle, who was fatally shot in 2015 in San Francisco by a man who had had seven previous felony convictions and was deported to Mexico on five previous occasions.

Trump had invoked the shooting on the campaign trail to promote his immigration agenda, including at his speech at the Republican National Convention last summer when he accepted the party's presidential nomination.

The convention featured speeches from parents whose children were killed by immigrants in the U.S. illegally, and the White House has tried to keep a focus on the issue since then.

Three of first lady Melania Trump's guests at the president's address to Congress in February were people who had family members killed by undocumented immigrants.

During his address to Congress, Trump announced a new Homeland Security office called Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) to assist victims of crimes committed by immigrants in the country illegally.

Trump earlier Thursday called the two immigration bills “vital to public safety and national security.”

“I’m calling on all lawmakers to put the safety of American families first. Let’s pass these bills through the House, through the Senate, and send them to my desk. I will give them the fastest approval, the fastest signature, that you have ever seen.”

Despite the House passage of the two bills on Thursday, Democrats are likely to present a roadblock in the Senate.

Republicans would need at least eight Democrats to break a filibuster on either of the measures. Senate Democrats successfully blocked similar bills in 2015 and 2016.

Law enforcement groups have expressed opposition to the proposal blocking federal grants to localities with sanctuary policies.

The National Fraternal Order of Police this week wrote to House leaders warning that “withholding needed assistance to law enforcement agencies—which have no policymaking role—also hurts public safety efforts.”

“It is unjust to penalize law enforcement and the citizens they serve because Congress disagrees with their enforcement priorities with respect to our nation’s immigration laws.”

The bill includes a provision that ensures immigrants in the U.S. illegally who are charged with a serious crime are detained during their deportation proceedings.

It also requires that localities comply with Immigration and Customs Enforcement requests to detain suspects for extra time, since some jurisdictions currently don’t always cooperate. The extended detentions allow immigration enforcement authorities to pick up suspected criminal immigrants from local jails.

Democrats further accused proponents of the bill of stoking anti-immigrant attitudes.

“These bills are nothing new and they are not really about immigration or fighting crime,” Rep. Luis Guterierrez (D-Ill.), a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said during House floor debate. “They are about racial profiling and putting Latinos, quote unquote, in our place.”

The House votes come at a time when Republicans have failed to make headway on Trump’s push to authorize funds for a new wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Trump administration pushed for funding for the border wall during negotiations over a government spending bill this spring, but were unsuccessful.

The 2018 budget proposed by the White House calls for \$1.6 billion for constructing the wall. The proposal funds about 60 miles of a wall, mostly along the Texas border.



An article by Paul Bedard titled "Sanctuary Cities Promise to Make 1 Million New US Citizens in Year" was posted at [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com) on July 4, 2017. Following is the article.

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Twenty-one mostly "sanctuary cities" are pledging to make 1 million immigrants U.S. citizens this year.

The "Naturalize NOW!" campaign, which includes liberal and progressive groups and elected officials, heralded the mayors of the cities in joining the national effort.

Among the cities cited in an Independence Day notice from *Mi Familia* include the following.

- Atlanta, GA
- Boston, MA
- Cleveland, OH
- Charlotte, NC
- Chicago, IL
- Dallas, TX
- Dayton, OH
- Jersey City, NJ
- Knoxville, TN
- Los Angeles, CA
- Miami, FL
- Miami-Dade County, FL
- Montgomery County, MD
- New York City, NY
- Paterson, NJ
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Salt Lake County, UT
- San Francisco, CA
- Seattle, WA
- South Gate, CA
- Tucson, AZ

Many are sanctuary cities and counties.

“We celebrate our independence on July 4, and honor the values of freedom, justice, unity, and equality that make us who we are,” said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. “Los Angeles joined the Naturalize NOW campaign because those principles are still worth fighting for—and to encourage eligible Angelenos and people across the country to seek a path toward citizenship and join the American family.”

According to *Naturalize Now!*, more immigrants than ever have applied for U.S. citizenship, a spike coming at a time when the Trump administration is warning all illegal immigrants about deportation.

According to Mi Familia, “The campaign announced on Flag Day that a record-breaking number of aspiring Americans have submitted citizenship applications in 2017, making the second quarter of this year busier than 2016, a federal election year. The Naturalize NOW! campaign is halfway through accomplishing the target goal, with over half a million people submitting applications through the first half of this year.”



An editorial by Ann Coulter titled “Immigrant of the Week: Henry Bello (Obotetukudo)” was posted at townhall.com on July 5, 2017. Following is the article.

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Last Friday [June 30], Nigerian immigrant Henry Williams Obotetukudo, aka Henry Bello, opened fire with an AM-15 rifle at the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, killing one doctor and injuring a half-dozen others. I would prefer to leap right in and offer my ideas for stopping these immigrant shooting rampages, but first I’ll have to tell you the facts the media won’t.

The *New York Times*, still unaware there’s an internet, is trying to pass off the Nigerian as a Californian, the non-doctor as a doctor, and Mr. Obotetukudo as “Dr. Bello.”

In the Times’ major biographical profile of Bello the next day, he was described as a “sharp dresser from California.” The only other reference to the shooter’s provenance came several paragraphs later: “Dr. Bello lived in California off and on from 1991 until 2006.”

ABC News had reported on the day of the shooting that Bello was a “Nigerian national”—so the cat was already out of the bag, *New York Times*. Local New York station PIX11 also reported that he was a Nigerian. Even newspapers in Ohio knew that Bello was a Nigerian.

But as we go to print, the *Times* still has not identified Bello as a Nigerian immigrant. It issued a “correction,” but only to clarify the exact street of a homeless shelter where Bello had lived. No correction to the “California” bit.

Sadly, the *Times* didn't allow any comments to the online version of its story, but CBS did. There were four comments, two about the incident ("rot in hell") and two about CBS's report:

- "Where was Bello born?"
- "Where is he from? Where did he receive his medical degree? Worthless reporting."

You're not fooling anyone, media.

Having misled readers about Bello's nationality, the *Times* professed utter bafflement about the shooter's motive, saying it was "marked with as many questions as answers."

If the *Times* simply reported facts, instead of strategically constructing news stories to protect favored groups, it might have noticed that there have been a LOT of mass shootings by certain types of immigrants.

There are mental illness shootings, gangland shootings, still-angry-about-the-divorce shootings and so on. Some immigrant murderers are mentally ill or criminals—thanks to our excellent and extremely rigorous vetting system! But there are enough like Mr. Obotetukudo to qualify as their own category: the Disappointed Immigrant mass shootings.

The usual elements are: 1) immigrants from wildly different cultures, who have 2) unrealistic expectations about what their lives should be like in the U.S., combined with 3) an inability to achieve success in the U.S., and 4) a failure to grasp our customs—often, even our language, typically marked by 5) a particular rage at women.

The same way girls from the Midwest come to New York City expecting to live like Carrie Bradshaw in "Sex and the City" (she was paying \$700 a month for a \$2,700 per month apartment, plus \$40,000 on shoes), some immigrants seem to expect their lives in the U.S. to be like something out of "Dynasty."

Bello, for example, declared bankruptcy in 2000—from one of the priciest towns in the world, Santa Barbara, California. And he just kept failing. He was fired from the Bronx hospital. He lost his license as a "pharmacy technician." (He was not a "doctor," despite the media's insistent reference to him as one.)

The Nigerian couldn't even pull off being a fake doctor, sounding more like a character out of a comedy sketch. Co-workers described him as "very aggressive, talking loudly, threatening people." Once he was arrested for fare-jumping—just like your trusted family physician. Recently, he'd been living in a homeless shelter.

His Third World approach to meeting women resulted in his being arrested in 2004 for lifting a 23-year-old woman off the ground in Greenwich Village, while trying to penetrate her through her underwear and saying "You're coming with me." Although initially charged with felony assault, he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor—otherwise he might have been deported and America's beautiful mosaic would be diminished.

Apart from the turnstile jumping, all of Bello's arrests involve similarly rom-com, meet-cute scenarios. In 2003, he was arrested for kicking in an ex-girlfriend's door at 5:10 in the morning. In 2009, he was charged, in separate incidents, with harassing women by trying to look up their skirts.

All this insanely inappropriate behavior would have continued ad infinitum, with American women being sacrificed on the altar of multiculturalism, but, finally, the Unstoppable Force of Diversity met the Feminist Immovable Object: He was fired from the hospital for sexual harassment.

In his revenge shooting, he killed one doctor: a woman.

Bello blamed his firing on "racism and discrimination," so at least he was capable of assimilating to the American custom of immigrants being constantly aggrieved.

Close observers will notice the same basic pattern over and over again. Immigrants from backward cultures develop extravagant expectations about their lives in America, fail to master the most rudimentary civic habits, and then erupt in shooting rampages when their lives aren't turning out as planned.

One will find similar elements in the many, many immigrant mass murders—Jiverly Wong (American Civic Association, Binghamton, New York); Nigerian immigrant Peter Odighizuwa, (Appalachian School of Law); Palestinian immigrant Ali Hassan Abu Kamal (Empire State Building), Bosnian immigrant Sulejman Talovic (Trolley Square Mall, Salt Lake City); Hmong immigrant Chai Soua Vang (hunters in Wisconsin); Mexican immigrant Salvador Tapia (Windy City Core Supply); Korean immigrant Seung-Hui Cho (Virginia Poly Tech) and on and on.

Liberals have a mystical idea that we can pluck people from the most discordant cultures, put them in middle-class houses in the suburbs and then, magically, primitive tribesmen will be imbued with the core beliefs of our republic and civilization, developed over centuries.

Instead, we have Aztecs getting loaded up on Tecate and hopping behind the wheels of cars; Nigerians demanding to be called "doctor" while picking up women on the street and trying to drag them home; and Hmong responding to the concept of private property by wiping out a pack of Wisconsin hunters.

The *New York Times* might even help their Muslim friends by reporting the truth! Perhaps some Muslim mass murders—Fort Hood, the Boston Marathon and the Orlando nightclub, for example—aren't problems of Islam, at all. Maybe the problem is assimilation.mmm

It would be a major step forward if the media would just stop lying to us. Until then, Times reporters can still be issued badges, but they shouldn't be press badges.



An article by Nate Madden titled "Mark Levin's New Book Explains the Origins of the Deep State" was posted at [conservativereview.com](http://conservativereview.com) on June 26, 2017. Following is the article.

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It goes by different names, like “the deep state” and “the administrative state,” all of which are monikers for the entrenched column within the federal government that rules completely insulated from the will and consent of the American people.

We see elements of this sort of thing throughout all three branches of our government, and especially within our vast federal bureaucracy, but where did this administrative state come from? How does it operate? Why is it so entrenched? And if decades of conservative attempts to curb its influence have failed, what can really be done?

In his new book, “Rediscovering Americanism and the Tyranny of Progressivism,” Conservative Review Editor-in-Chief Mark Levin examines the real history and nature of the tyranny of the administrative state.

This tyranny, Levin explains, is the result of progressivism, through and through. Through a long, concerted effort to replace the ideals and framework of our founding with imported philosophies of collectivist central control, progressives have sought to supplant a government by consent with one by a professional governing class, which the author calls the “philosopher-kings.”

But to fully understand the true nature of the deep state, one has to understand what it opposes. In Levin’s telling, this professional governing class has slowly usurped the power of the people and undermined their liberty by subverting civil society—the vital and voluntary human ecosystem of individuals, families, and communities external to the government and necessary for a free society.

“The civil society predates the constitutional order,” Levin writes. “Its subjugation and transformation by a voracious and an unappeasable administrative state is the true object of the progressive ideologue.”

“But the purpose of a constitution, or at least the American constitution,” the author continues, “is to secure politically the human harmony within the civil society so that individual liberty, equal justice, and the civil order may be nurtured and maintained.”

What the legion of bureaucrats in the administrative state do, however, is take over the vital roles that civil society plays and replace them with top-down, centrally planned government control—all in the name of utopian progress.

After all, the thinking goes, aren’t things better run by experts? But there are clear and apparent problems with this sort of thinking.

“The issues surrounding the centralized administrative state are endless,” Levin writes. “The progressives and their philosopher-kings, who have debated among themselves for decades and even centuries about the best forms of paradisiacal rule, give scant coherent or practical direction.”

“The fact is,” he concludes, citing the works of economist F. A. Hayek and others, “that the progressives are no more capable of organizing a complex society than a complex society is capable of being organized.”



But still, the centralizing efforts press forward—or at least don't ever seem to go away—and what Levin refers to as our “post-constitutional situation” remains just as entrenched as the bureaucracy that was put in place to create it . . . for now.



An article by Paul Bedard titled “Mark Levin Book Condemning Media, Progressives, Debuts No. 1 on Amazon” was posted at [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com) on June 27, 2017. Following is the article.

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Mark Levin's new book, “Rediscovering Americanism,” an assault on the media and progressives and a call for Americans to take back their country, debuts today at No. 1 on Amazon.

Showing the draw of the *New York Times* bestselling author and top syndicated radio host, his book is already on the way to becoming another big seller.

“My new book covers a lot of territory—philosophy, history, economics, law, culture, etc. And I look deeply into what is meant by Americanism, republicanism, individualism, capitalism. What do we mean by natural law, unalienable rights, liberty, and property rights? From where do these principles come? Why are they important?” he told Secrets.

It follows in the path of his other books and the nation: *Liberty and Tyranny: A Conservative Manifesto*; *Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America*; *The Liberty Amendments*; and *Plunder and Deceit*.

Secrets reviewed “Rediscovering Americanism” last week and wrote:

In the book, Levin attacks the embrace by the media, politicians and academia of progressive promises of a “utopia” defined by the end of personal freedom and individuality.

He has a grim name for it: “The Final Outcome.” Levin wrote, “They reject history's lessons and instead are absorbed with their own conceit and aggrandizement in the relentless pursuit of a diabolical project, the final outcome of which is an oppression of mind and soul.”

Levin added, “the equality they envision but dare not honestly proclaim, is life on the hamster wheel, where one individual is indistinguishable from the next.”



An article by Monica Showalter titled “Maxine Waters, Looking Puny Next to a Giant” was posted at [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com) on June 29, 2017. Following is the article.

If there's one person Rep. Maxine Waters shouldn't bring up so as to avoid unfavorable comparisons, it's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson, who is also one of the nation's most distinguished neurosurgeons. Well, she has.

■ Rep. Maxine Waters (D., Calif.) went after Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Dr. Ben Carson at a town hall on Saturday [June 24] .

■ At the town hall in Gardena, Calif., Waters said that Carson should go back to his former profession of being a surgeon, the *Los Angeles Times* reports.

■ Waters also told the crowd that the next time Carson went before the House Financial Services Committee, she would "take him apart." Waters is the top Democrat on that committee.

Waters is a crazy demagogue whose specialty is whipping up crowds and has a history of scandals, investigations, and corruption.

Carson is not only one of the nation's most distinguished neurosurgeons, he's also excelling in his public service post, with billions in accounting errors rooted out on his watch within just the first few months of office. He's likeable, popular, and given the agency he heads, more than a little capable of working well across the ideological divide.

She doesn't want to bring up someone like that to remind voters or the public of her own absence of any achievement.

But let's take a look at what she is saying. She seems to think that because Carson is one of the nation's most accomplished neurosurgeons, somehow there's no place for him in public service.

That's swamp talk par excellence. They're comfortable over there in the Washington swamp and they don't want anyone from the outside, especially not a provably talented person, disturbing their nest.

Seriously, a prominent surgeon has no place setting policy in Washington? According to the *Los Angeles Times*:

■ "I was born at home in St. Louis back in the day when it was hard for minorities to get into hospitals," she said.

■ To soothe cavities, Waters said her family relied on turpentine and cotton. If it was really bad, the tooth was yanked out using string and a slammed door.

It's almost as if she resents Carson for being a neurosurgeon on personal grounds, as if his being a surgeon is why she was unable to get health care as a child (assuming her story is true) and thus, wants him out of Washington.

Yet Carson came from an even poorer background than Waters and unlike her, didn't spend his time making mega-millions since. It was that very poverty that drew him to the medical profession and all the good things he could do to alleviate human suffering.

And Waters? Nothing. Just ranting and raving with an overactive logorrhea problem. She was last in the news demanding that the Democratic Party, her fellow Democrats, apologize to her for cutting off her mike after going beyond, way beyond, her allotted time.

She's focused her entire term in office now on impeaching President Trump and has yelled about the Russians nonstop for the past six months. No legislation, no working with Republicans, no getting anything constructive done. Just four-minute fist-pumping tantrums with the phrase "Stay Woke."

It's never hurt Waters politically. At last count, she's now being bruited about by Democrats as a successor to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.



An editorial by Walter Williams titled "Colleges: Islands of Intolerance" was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on July 5, 2017. Following is the article.

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Is there no limit to the level of disgusting behavior on college campuses that parents, taxpayers, donors and legislators will accept? Colleges have become islands of intolerance, and as with fish, the rot begins at the head. Let's examine some recent episodes representative of a general trend and ask ourselves why we should tolerate it plus pay for it.

Students at Evergreen State College harassed biology professor Bret Weinstein because he refused to leave campus, challenging the school's decision to ask white people to leave campus for a day of diversity programming. The profanity-laced threats against the faculty and president can be seen on a YouTube video titled "Student takeover of Evergreen State College."

What about administrators permitting students to conduct racially segregated graduation ceremonies, which many colleges have done, including Ivy League ones such as Columbia and Harvard universities?

Permitting racially segregated graduation ceremonies makes a mockery of the idols of diversity, multiculturalism and inclusion, which so many college administrators worship. Or is tribalism part and parcel of diversity?

Trinity College sociology professor Johnny Eric Williams recently called white people "inhuman assholes." In the wake of the Alexandria, Virginia, shooting at a congressional baseball practice, Williams tweeted, "It is past time for the racially oppressed to do what people who believe themselves to be 'white' will not do, put (an) end to the vectors of their destructive mythology of whiteness and their white supremacy system. #LetThemF---ingDie"

June Chu, dean of Pierson College at Yale University, recently resigned after having been placed on leave because of offensive Yelp reviews she had posted. One of her reviews described customers at a local restaurant as "white trash" and "low class folk"; another review praised a movie theater for its lack of "sketchy crowds."

In another review of a movie theater, she complained about the “barely educated morons trying to manage snack orders for the obese.”

Harvey Mansfield, a distinguished Harvard University professor who has taught at the school for 55 years, is not hopeful about the future of American universities. In a College Fix interview, Mansfield said, “No, I’m not very optimistic about the future of higher education, at least in the form it is now with universities under the control of politically correct faculties and administrators.”

Once America’s pride, universities, he says, are no longer a marketplace of ideas or bastions of free speech. Universities have become “bubbles of decadent liberalism” that teach students to look for offense when first examining an idea.

Who is to blame for the decline of American universities?

Mansfield argues that it is a combination of administrators, students and faculties. He puts most of the blame on faculty members, some of whom are cowed by deans and presidents who don’t want their professors to make trouble.

I agree with Mansfield’s assessment in part. Many university faculty members are hostile to free speech and open questioning of ideas. A large portion of today’s faculty and administrators were once the hippies of the 1960s, and many have contempt for the U.S. Constitution and the values of personal liberty.

The primary blame for the incivility and downright stupidity we see on university campuses lies with the universities’ trustees. Every board of trustees has fiduciary responsibility for the governance of a university, shaping its broad policies.

Unfortunately, most trustees are wealthy businessmen who are busy and aren’t interested in spending time on university matters. They become trustees for the prestige it brings, and as such, they are little more than yes men for the university president and provost. If trustees want better knowledge about university goings-on, they should hire a campus ombudsman who is independent of the administration and accountable only to the board of trustees.

The university malaise reflects a larger societal problem. Mansfield says culture used to mean refinement. Today, he says, it “just means the way a society happens to think, and there’s no value judgment in it any longer.” For many of today’s Americans, one cultural value is just as good as another.



An editorial by Ann Coulter titled “Even Trump Can’t Make Goldman Sachs Popular” was posted at townhall.com on June 28, 2017. Following is the article.

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Having pulled off the monumental achievement of getting elected with zero help from Wall Street, President Trump is at risk of throwing it all away. He seems to be turning his White House over not only to liberal Democrats, but to the very type of liberal Democrats he railed against on the campaign trail.

It’s like voluntarily getting an AIDS transfusion.

Until Trump, voters had two choices: A Republican beholden to Wall Street or a Democrat beholden to Wall Street.

But Wall Street despised Trump, and he despised them. This allowed him the luxury of denouncing both Ted Cruz and Hillary Clinton for their ties to Goldman Sachs, especially Hillary's six-figure "speeches" to that investment bank.

Ninety percent of Wall Street's money went to Hillary's campaign. Wherever the other 10 percent went, it didn't go to Trump.

What does that mean?

[Fox News' Sean Hannity frantically waving his hand]: I know! I know! Since he owes them nothing and they're universally reviled, he needs to turn the keys of the kingdom over to Wall Street bankers!

No, actually. It means that he should stay the hell away from them.

The Democrats, who are evil but not stupid, know what a gift it was for Trump to have had no Wall Street support. And they are already plotting to win Trump's voters back.

A hand grenade has recently been tossed into Trump's camp in the form of Stanley Greenberg's mostly-overlooked report for Democracy Corps.

Greenberg, the Yale professor-turned-Democratic pollster, has conducted extensive, in-depth interviews with the beating heart of Trump's working-class support: the voters of Macomb County, Michigan, which went for Obama twice, but then flipped to Trump. They were impossible to move. They love Trump, have no regrets about their vote, disbelieve the media and detest career politicians like Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell. They just "pray he keeps his promises and succeeds."

However, one fact, and one fact only, shook their faith: when they were told that his Cabinet was "full of campaign donors, Goldman Sachs bankers (bailed out by the taxpayers) and people who use undocumented workers in their homes."

Hearing that, these devoted Trump voters called him "two-faced," a "puppet" and sadly remarked, "It's going to be a lot of the same old garbage."

Trump knows this. His guilty conscience propelled him to stray from his standard rally speech in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last week, and go into what seemed like an endless soliloquy on his chief economic adviser, Goldman Sachs' Gary Cohn. (Not to be confused with his Treasury Secretary, Goldman Sachs' Steve Mnuchin, or his deputy national security adviser, Goldman Sachs' Dina Powell. These are the people the media call the "grown-ups" in Trump's administration.)

The Cedar Rapids crowd was thrilled to see Trump. They would have cheered his tie. They would have cheered the humidity. But his lengthy disquisition on Cohn? Crickets.

Touting (lifelong, and still today, liberal Democrat) Cohn's "great, brilliant business mind," Trump said, he wanted "a rich person to be in charge of the economy," because "that's the kind of thinking we want."

Sean Hannity, bless his heart, has the zeal of the late Trump convert. He would endorse communism if Trump decided to implement the policies of "The Communist Manifesto." (Which the GOP's health care bill actually does!)

On his show last Thursday, he tried to get me to defend Trump's "rich person" remarks about Cohn. I wish you could see the segment, but, unfortunately, Hannity decided no one would ever see it—NOT, I hasten to add, because he would ever censor criticism of Trump, but simply because he ran out of time.

In a pre-taped interview. It was a time problem. (It may not be evident to most viewers, but three minutes MUST be left at the end of every Hannity show for Nerf ball throwing.)

With the zealotry of those who came late to the Trump party, Hannity fully endorsed Trump's faith in Cohn, adding, "I never got a job from a poor man!"

Those of us who have been here for a while—unlike Cruz and Rubio supporting Hannity—know how to party responsibly. The best way we serve the people we admire is to tell them the truth. (Someday, no doubt, Nancy Pelosi will wish she had been surrounded by fewer Yes Men.)

The motto of we longtime Trump supporters is: NO TREATS FOR DOING NOTHING!

As I told Hannity (in the pre-taped, and later edited, interview): He's also never gotten a job from Goldman Sachs. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross created jobs. Donald Trump created jobs. Goldman Sachs doesn't create jobs. The geniuses of Goldman specialize in generating obscene salaries for themselves while helping send American jobs abroad.

Trump said he wanted rich people to do for the country what they had done for themselves. Here's what Gary Cohn did for himself: He oversaw the mortgage department at Goldman Sachs in the run-up to Wall Street blowing up the economy with the 2008 mortgage meltdown.

Under Cohn, Goldman's role was especially egregious, as described in detail in a 600-page report issued by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations headed by Republican Sen. Tom Coburn and Democratic Sen. Carl Levin, after a two-year review.

As Goldman was furiously betting against worthless mortgages for its own account, it was hawking this toxic paper to its customers.

Goldman's customers could be wiped out with no skin off Goldman's back. But Goldman was doing the same with its trading partners, and the problem with scamming people on the other side of a bet is that, by winning, you might bankrupt them, and they can't pay you back.

But that's where you come in, taxpayer! To ensure that kazillionaires at Goldman recouped 100 cents on the dollar after the crash, taxpayer money was used to bail out the losers in these transactions—primarily AIG—so that they could pay back Goldman and other Wall Street banks in full.



It was the biggest taxpayer bailout of banks in U.S. history.

Is that what Gary Cohn is going to do for the economy? Scam the naive of, say, Canada, then ask for a taxpayer bailout from Mars?

As to rich people being “smart”: Kim Kardashian is rich. Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman is rich. Bernie Madoff was rich—as he surely tells the 300-pound, face-tattooed gangsters he now showers with. No one wants any of them advising Trump, either.

You could have heard this on Hannity, but, apparently, there was some sort of timing issue.



“Eye on the World” comment: It is interesting to view American politics through the eyes of international media. Following are three headlines from three article posted at theguardian.com.

- An article by Joana Walters titled “Trump’s Tweet Attacking CNN is ‘Un-American,’ Top Media Ethicist Says” was posted at theguardian.com on July 2, 2017.
- An article by Tom Dart titled “Your Place or Mine? Texas Liberals and California Conservatives Swap States” was posted at theguardian.com on July 3, 2017.
- An article by David Smith titled “ ‘Your Worst Nightmare: A Successful Donald Trump Presidency’ ” was posted at theguardian.com on July 3, 2017.



***Isaiah 55:6-11***—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”