

# 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 by Seth J. Frantzman titled “Make No Mistake: Hamas Wants to Be Underestimated by Israel, West – Analysis” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 15, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

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The group has thrived for four decades on being underestimated and it assumes this will happen again. When it was founded in the late 1980s, its goal was to challenge the leading Palestinian group (Fatah) and fill a void that it had identified in Palestinian politics.

Hamas succeeded in the late 1980s and 1990s by being underestimated and thrived because it was often able to convince some in Israel that it was a positive alternative to the others.

Sometimes, it preyed cynically on this tendency in Israel to want to balance Fatah and the Palestinian Authority with Hamas.

Hamas has always been a genocidal terrorist group. It has always used massacres as a means to prevent peace. However, no matter the body count and the level of its crimes, it has been able to lull Israel and the region into acceptance.

It accomplishes this in several ways, including partnering with countries that back the Muslim Brotherhood or political Islamism. Because Hamas has its roots in this ideology, it has gained close ties to Turkey and Qatar.

Hamas has also successfully angled for Iranian support over the years. Despite being a Sunni

group closely linked to other Sunni Islamic groups, it has been able to secure Iranian support because of its war against Israel.

Hamas thus benefits from both “sides” of the different ideological regional strains. It receives support from Iran (which backs groups like Hezbollah) and also from Turkey (which has backed extremist groups in Syria).

### **Sustained rule in Gaza**

Another way that Hamas has thrived over the years is by getting Israel to buy into its sustained rule in Gaza.

- Israel unilaterally pulled out of Gaza in 2005.
- Israel may have been surprised by the rise of Hamas in Palestinian politics and elections in 2006.
- Israel watched as Hamas took over Gaza by force in 2007.

Even though Hamas immediately began launching rockets at Israel and had also kidnapped IDF soldier Gilad Shalit in 2006, Israel chose to appease it. (Hamas kept Shalit captive for five years and built up a terror army in Gaza.)

Every time Hamas and Israel fought short conflicts, Hamas would walk away without many losses, but Israel would claim a major victory. Hamas play into this, encouraging Israel and the region to underestimate it.

The terror group pretended to be deterred and defeated – even as it gathered a massive arsenal and build hundreds of miles of underground tunnels.

Hamas understood Israel preferred precision wars with a low death toll, and it obliged. In 2021, a short war saw Hamas lose nothing, but Israel concluded that it had set the terror group back years.

Meanwhile, Hamas was fine with encouraging this view and grew in power and strength.

Hamas’s main goal after 2021 was to knit itself into the Iranian axis and also to convince its partners in Qatar and Turkey to pave the way for wider international acceptance of it.

### **October 7 massacre**

This is the context in which the October 7 massacre took place.

- Hamas assumed it could get away with the attack because it had closely watched Israel’s elections in 2022 and its domestic politics.

- It knew that it would be in the interests of the Israeli Right to downplay the Hamas threat.
- The diagnosis was that Israel was entering a point of extreme weakness.
- It knew that Israel wouldn't trade for male soldiers or male civilians.
- It knew that Israel might deal for hundreds of hostages – many women, children and elderly.

Hamas is ready to be portrayed as defeated and deterred again. It will then rebuild its forces and begin the process of trying to take over the West Bank.

The only question that Hamas may be asking itself is if it will have to kill more than 1,000 people and kidnap more than 250 in the next massacre – since it already killed more Jews than at any time since the Shoah.

And Israel continues to underestimate it.



An article by James Durso titled “Hold Ukraine Accountable for Corruption, Misspent Aid” was posted at thehill.com on Dec. 31, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

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The shame of American military assistance in Iraq and Afghanistan is that while our troops and their local allies were fighting bravely, the leaders of our so-called allies were getting rich. We have seen something even worse in Ukraine – while Ukrainian military personnel and civilians fight valiantly in a fierce contest for independence, Ukrainian leaders have gotten fabulously wealthy.

The American shame is that the U.S. heedlessly expanded NATO to the borders of Russia, and then, after Russia pushed back, enabled and funded the cynical maladministration by the Zelensky government – which will go down in history as one of the greatest examples of waste and theft of Western aid.

The sheer scale of waste and fraud will only be revealed by independent investigations after the war's end. The Zelensky government uses the war to quash media stories that dare to question Ukrainian spending of our taxpayer dollars. Still, many brave Ukrainian journalists and officers have exposed scandals of overpricing, shoddy equipment and embezzlement at the highest levels of Volodymyr Zelensky's administration. They have risked being labeled as Russian saboteurs or sent to certain death at the front lines for reporting the truth.

The real crime of the Zelensky administration, however, began in late 2023. In a November 2023

article for The Economist, General Valerii Zaluzhnyi (then commander in chief of Ukraine's Armed Forces) said that without a substantial technological edge, Ukraine would face a stalemate. He said traditional attritional strategies were insufficient to overcome the numerical advantage of the Russian forces.

- Stalemate on the front lines

The war had reached a deadlock, with both Ukrainian and Russian forces locked into positions reminiscent of World War I trench warfare. He noted: "There will most likely be no deep and beautiful breakthrough."

- Need for technological advancement

He highlighted the importance of drones, electronic warfare, anti-artillery capabilities, demining equipment and robotics.

- Limitations of attritional strategies

Zaluzhnyi acknowledged Ukraine had miscalculated by assuming that inflicting heavy casualties on Russian forces would stop them. He noted that Russia had suffered at least 150,000 dead yet continued its aggression, indicating that such losses did not deter Russian leadership.

In other words, it was time to focus on diplomacy. But Zelensky had no interest in diplomacy – because ending the war would mean ending the state of emergency, new elections and a change in the structure of international assistance. He ousted Zaluzhnyi and continued a war he was warned would waste lives and money – without result.

In the end, Zaluzhnyi was too optimistic. Lives and money were indeed wasted, but they did not achieve a stalemate. Russia regrouped and gained territory.

Zelensky and his administration should answer to the Ukrainian people for lives and territory lost because he silenced his military commanders.

And they should also be held accountable by the U.S. Congress for the lost billions of American taxpayer dollars. (Total aid from the U.S. and its Western allies totals \$260 billion.)

It's past time Washington stopped letting corrupt foreign officials steal American aid.



An article by Joseph Addington titled "The Argentine Miracle" was posted at [theamericanconservative.com](http://theamericanconservative.com) on Dec. 31, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

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“You’re my favorite president!” Donald Trump reportedly told Javier Milei. Milei was the first foreign leader to meet the president-elect in person after the election and is one of Trump’s most dedicated allies, despite the fact that in many ways their political philosophies are nearly as divergent as can be.

The Argentine maverick, who shares with Trump a distinctive head of hair, has accumulated an international fanbase for his almost miraculous accomplishment of pulling Argentina back from the brink of hyperinflation and complete economic devastation.

Go back just a few years and few people would have ever expected Milei, the eccentric, chainsaw-wielding libertarian economist, to be a person of any political importance – let alone end up getting chummy with Trump and snapping photos with Elon Musk at Mar-a-Lago.

Now, he’s not only the chief executive and head of state of his own country of Argentina, but a prophet and harbinger for libertarians, conservatives, populists, and enemies of the “*zurdos de mierda*” everywhere.

Milei has proven himself an unusual occupant of the Argentine presidential chair – not only because of the fact that he is a self-proclaimed “philosophical anarchocapitalist” (a striking persuasion for a head of government), but also because he has proven spectacularly effective at both components of that funny trade that goes under the heading “politics”: delivering substantive goods to the electorate and consolidating power in the hands of his allies at the expense of his enemies.

Even a cursory review of the historical record will reveal that Argentine politicians have proven themselves entirely incapable of the former, and libertarians (if such a thing is possible) even more helpless at the latter.

Yet despite being both an Argentine politician and a libertarian, Milei has managed to assemble, on a skeleton crew of institutional political supporters, an impressive governing record.

His most striking accomplishment is, without a doubt, his effective rescue of the Argentine economy from hyperinflation. High inflation has long been one of Argentina’s most durable problems, but toward the end of the presidency of Alberto Fernandez it began to spiral out of control, skyrocketing from an already high rate of five percent per month in January 2023 to an astronomical 25.5 percent per month as Milei was sworn into office in December.

The situation threatened to turn catastrophic: The rapidly eroding purchasing power of the Argentine peso encouraged rampant capital flight and threatened the integrity of the Argentine financial system while sinking the citizenry into potentially crippling poverty.

Milei campaigned on the promise of dollarizing the Argentine economy, but when he arrived at the Casa Rosada (the Argentine equivalent of the White House), he was confronted with the reality that the Argentine Central Bank’s dollar reserves were in the red – far below the levels necessary to implement currency substitution.

If the country tried to switch to dollars before substantially increasing the amount of currency held by the central bank, there would literally not be enough cash to keep the country's economy running.

The hardheaded libertarian did not flinch for a moment. Dollarizing Argentina was impossible, but there were plenty of other ways to confront inflation – they would just be painful.

- The president began the difficult process at the beginning of December by chopping the official exchange rate in half – devaluing the peso 50 percent against the dollar. The move hurt the purchasing power of Argentines already suffering economic distress.
- A week later, Milei launched his real offensive: the total restructuring of the Argentine state and economy on libertarian principles. (This took the form of the so-called “megadecree” – an 83-page document with over 300 provisions slashing regulations, eliminating subsidies, opening up constricted markets and beginning the process of privatizing all of the country's state enterprises.)
- The disruption was enormous: overnight, tenancy protection laws, rent control provisions, employment rules and regulations, tariffs, export restrictions and weighty subsidies and price controls for food, fuel, power, and other utilities and necessities disappeared.
- The domestic consequences were harsh.
- Argentines not only found themselves with reduced purchasing power from currency devaluation and inflation, but also with sticker shock from now free-floating, unsubsidized prices for food, rent, power, and other necessities.
- The poverty rate climbed from 49.5 percent in December 2023 to over 57 percent in January 2024 – with the country entering a recession, as GDP fell for the first two quarters of 2024.
- Nevertheless, the shock therapy worked: Monthly inflation fell from the disastrous 25.5 percent in December 2023 to 20.6 percent in January 2024 – then to 13.6 percent in February.
- The successful reversal of the inflationary trend kept him in the confidence of the Argentine populace.

Notice some results at the time of writing.

1. Monthly inflation has fallen to just 2.7 percent – below the average Argentine inflation rate since 2000.
2. Poverty has declined back to the December 2023 levels.

3. The economy is projected to grow as astronomical 8.5 percent next year.

Milei's success in bringing down Argentine inflation and revitalizing the economy has won him many admirers outside of Argentina, though likely few converts to anarchocapitalism.

Like Trump, he and the media are on bad terms. His hatred of journalists is legendary: He considers the industry fundamentally corrupt, a way for *la casta* to slander outsiders under the cover of responsibility and open inquiry.

He said: "It's time for all you [journalists] to accept that the world has changed for the better and that your monopoly on speech is over. Now you will have to do honest work."

That approach won him the presidency on the back of a major youth movement: he won a massive 69 percent of the vote among 16-24 year-olds and 54 percent of the vote of 25-34 year-olds.

As a politician, much of Milei's genius consists in a very strong understanding of political, economic, and social institutions.

Perhaps because he is an individualist and an anarchist, Milei thoroughly understands the following.

- The left is institutional.
- The socialists maintain their power institutionally.
- They fill the ranks of government, state enterprises and organizations.
- He understands their theory – eliminate the enemy by depriving them of their subsistence.
- Leftists are parasites, who benefit from not facing consequences for their decisions.
- Solution – cut down the bloated rolls of government.

The first thing Milei did upon entering office was to show his determination to fulfill his campaign promises: In one stroke, he eliminated 9 of the 18 ministries in the Argentine executive branch, folding their competencies into other executive agencies or abolishing them entirely.

His decisions followed a pattern of his typical political strategy.

- Proceed from a position of strength.
- Coopt potential allies.
- Avoid unnecessary distractions.
- Avoid taking on too many political fights at once.
- Then, destroy the institutional power of the enemy in a single blow.

Milei's libertarian populism is of a very different ideological bent than the right-wing populism sweeping Europe and the United States.

But, if Milei continues to be successful at creating prosperity for Argentina (while destroying the

political power of left-wing institutions), the “Milei model” may well become an increasingly attractive option for frustrated populations in America and abroad.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines involve articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

### **Vatican and borders**

- An article by Aludena Martinez-Bordiu titled “Vatican Cracks Down on Illegal Entry Into Its Territory” was posted at catholicnewsagency.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **Hostage deal? – hope, anxiety and anger**

- An article by Nicholas Potter titled “Hope, Anxiety and Anger Among Jerusalem Residents Following Cease-Fire Announcement” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “ Hamas Attempts Last-Minute Changes After Deal Announced, PMO Says” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Isabel Keane and Caitlin Doombos titled “Netanyahu Says ‘Last Minute Crisis’ With Hamas Holding Up Approval of Gaza Truce and Hostage Deal as Terror Group Posts Shocking ‘Pride’ Video” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “[Finance Minister Bezalei] Smotrich Demands IDF Return to Fighting After First Phase of Deal” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “IDF Begins Preparations to Partially Withdraw From Gaza, Smotrich Threatens to Quit Government” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Jerusalem Post – reports about potential hostage (cease-fire) deal**

- An article by Staff titled “Gaza Hostage Deal: How Phase One of Cease-Fire Deal Will Be Implemented” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Gaza Hostage, Cease-Fire Deal Reached, to Go Into Effect Sunday at Noon” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Eve Young titled “Hostage Family Describes Turmoil of Waiting for a Deal: ‘No Name for This Feeling’ ” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.



- An article by Staff titled “Five Israeli Female Soldiers to Be Released on Sunday in First Phase of Hostage Deal – Report” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Eve Young titled “ ‘The Heart Is Split’: Hostage Families Fear for Loved One Left Out of First Phase of Deal” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Hannah Sarisohn titled “Until Hostages Are Free ‘There Is Nothing’ – Aunt of [Identified to Be] Released Hostage Abigail Mor Edan Tells Post” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “ ‘Do Not Forget the Fallen Hostages’: Bereaved Families Plea for Return of Loved Ones” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “The Hostage Deal Is About People, Not Politics – Editorial” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Bereaved Goldberg-Polin Family: Hostage Deal [Would Be] a Start to ‘National Healing Process’ ” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Dr. Itay Gal titled “Health Ministry Announces Medical Protocol for Hostages Returned From Hamas Captivity” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Maya Cohen titled “Protesters Against Deal With Hamas Block Traffic in Jerusalem” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **New York Post – reports about potential hostage (cease-fire) deal**

- An article by Ronny Reyes titled “Israel and Hamas Agree to Hostage Release, Gaza Cease-Fire Deal After 15 Months of War: Reports” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Editorial Board titled “Cheer for Deal That’ll Bring Hostages Home – and Pray Israel Is Allowed to Defeat Hamas Once They’re Back” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Caitlin Doombos and Diana Glebova titled “Even Biden Insiders Admit It Took Trump to Close the Cease-Fire and Israel Hostage Deal” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Liel Leibovitz titled “Praise That Israeli Hostages Are Coming Home, but a Deal That Keeps Hamas in Power Is a Bad One” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **Relationship – between Israel and U.S.**

- An article by Daniel Greenfield titled “Biden Administration Shifts Millions in Aid From Israel to Hezbollah” was posted at frontpagemag.com on Jan. 12, 2025.

- An article by Martin Oliner titled “Time for Trump to Fix Doug’s Damage [Doug Emhoff Is a Jewish Man Married to Kamala Harris]” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Trump Administration Will Be the Most Pro-Israel in American History; Rubio Says” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Anti-Semitism – international**

- An article by Staff titled “How Many More Attacks Before Australia Defends Its Jewish Community? – Editorial” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Michael Starr titled “[Ireland] President [Michael] Higgins’s Holocaust Speech Questioned by Irish Jews After ‘Neglecting Anti-Semitism’ ” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **More articles – Jerusalem Post**

- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “Has Israel Ended the Multi-Front Threat in the Middle East? – Analysis” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled “Will Yemen’s Houthis Get Away With a Year of Attacks on Israel? – Analysis” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Salem Alketbi titled “Can Israel and the New Syria Live Together? – Opinion” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Iran and Israel**

- An article by Paul Iddon titled “Israel’s Air Force Blazes Air Superiority Path to Iran’s Border” was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article Staff titled “Israel Supplied Iran With Centrifuge Platforms Containing Explosives, Top Official Acknowledges” was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Iran’s Khamenei Celebrates Cease-Fire as Win for Hamas” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Iran and Russia**

- An article by Staff titled “Russia Says Iran’s President Will Visit This Week and Sign a Partnership Pact With Putin” was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Can Russia and Iran Challenge the Western-Led Global

Order?” was posted at aljazeera.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

- An article by Maya Mehrara titled “Iran Spurns Russia’s Crimea Annexation in New Strategic Treaty” was posted at newsweek.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled “With an Incoming Trump and the Fall of Assad, Iran and Russia Depend on Each Other – Analysis” was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Iran Says New Cooperation Treaty With Russia ‘Not a Military Alliance’ ” was posted at thecradle.co on Jan. 16, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Staff titled “Russia-Iran Pact Will Not Include Mutual Defense Clause, TASS Cites Iranian Envoy” was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “U.S. Sanctions May Impact Russian, Iranian Oil Supplies: IEA” was posted at newarab.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Russia-Ukraine war**

- An article by Will Stewart titled “NATO Warplanes Are Scrambled as Putin Launches Huge Attack Near Poland Border” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **Comments about China – general**

- An article by Thomas Barrabi titled “China’s Iron Grip on Critical Minerals Puts U.S. in ‘Unfathomable’ National Security Bind: Experts” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Mark Toth and Jonathan Sweet titled “Trump’s Greenland Push Is About Growing China Threat – and the Media Is Missing the Message” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 12, 2025.

### **Comments about China and Taiwan**

- An article by Ireland Owens titled “China Blacklists Four U.S. Companies [Pacific Rim Defense; AEVEX Aerospace; LKD Aerospace; and Summit Technologies Inc.] Over Arms Sales to Taiwan” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **Reminders – China talks climate change, but produces coal**

- Looking back to November 2023, a Reuters article by Colleen Howe and Ella Cao titled “In China’s Coal Country, Full Steam Ahead With New Power Plants Despite Climate Pledges” was posted at reuters.com on Nov. 30, 2023.
- Looking back to December 2023, an article by Seth Borenstein titled “World Carbon Dioxide Emissions Increase Again, Driven by China, India and Aviation” was posted at

apnews.com on Dec. 4, 2023.

- Looking back to March 2024, an article by Ian Hanchett titled “[John] Kerry: China Says It Might Not Use Coal Plants It’s Building” was posted at breitbart.com on March 7, 2024.

### **South Korea**

- An article by Staff titled “South Korea’s President Yoon Suk Yeol Arrested as Agencies Probe His Short-Lived Martial Law Decree” was posted at cnbc.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **International news – miscellaneous**

- An article titled “Dozens of Survivors, Dead Pulled From Abandoned South African Mine as Hundreds Remain Underground” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Thomas D. Williams titled “Report [by Human Rights Watchdog Group ‘Open Doors’]: 380 Million Christians Suffer ‘High Levels of Persecution’ ” was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Frances Martel titled “Study [by Human Rights Watchdog Group ‘Open Doors’]: Nearly 400 Million Christians [Actual Total Is 380 Million] Persecuted Globally, Islamism and Communism Main Drivers” was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled “Sweden to Step Up Restrictions for Citizenship, as Approved Asylum Permits Fall to 40-Year Low” was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 16, 2025.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines are about articles that involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

### **Wild fires in California – physical tragedy**

- An article by Laurence Darmiento and Summer Lin titled “First, They Lost Their Home Insurance – Then, L.A. Fires Consumed Their Homes” was posted at latimes.com on Jan. 12, 2025.
- An article by Amy Furr titled “ ‘Tone Deaf’: L.A.’s Wealthy Ripped for Hiring \$2,000 Per Hour Private Firefighters” was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 12, 2025.
- An article by Caitlin McCormack titled “Los Angeles Police Arrest 4 People for Allegedly Trying to Start New Blazes as Wildfire Death Toll Rises to 25” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

- An article by Jason Hopkins titled “Illegal Immigrant Arrested Near LA Fire With Blowtorch Is a Convicted Felon With History of Violence” was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Jack Montgomery titled “California Wildfires Remain Under 50% Containment” was posted at [thenationalpulse.com](https://thenationalpulse.com) on Jan. 16, 2024.

### **Wild fires in California – many policy mistakes**

- An article by Kate Sheehy titled “Reservoir in Worst Fire-Ravaged Area of LA Had Been Drained for Repairs When Blaze Erupted” was posted at [nypost.com](https://nypost.com) on Jan. 10, 2025.
- An article by Chris Bray titled “California’s DEI-Obsessed Anarcholtyrants Threw Money at Everything but Water and Firefighters” was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://thefederalist.com) on Jan. 10, 2025.
- An article titled “Transcript: FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell on ‘Face the Nation With Margaret Brennan’ [Included the Quote: ‘I think that they were very prepared’]” was posted at [cbsnews.com](https://cbsnews.com) on Jan. 12, 2025.
- An article by Sarah Arnold titled “L.A. Water Chief [Janisse Quinone] Knew Fire Hydrants Were Broken, Yet Earns Nearly \$800,000 Annually” was posted at [townhall.com](https://townhall.com) on Jan. 12, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “[Actor] Dean Cain Predicts California Wildfire Catastrophe Will Change How Hollywood Votes” was posted at [foxnews.com](https://foxnews.com) on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Guy Benson titled “Here’s Who Maxine Waters Is Blaming for California’s Disastrous Response to the Fires [Wealthy People for Not Paying Their Fair Share of Taxes]” was posted at [townhall.com](https://townhall.com) on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Perkin Amalaraj titled “Staggering Image of 100 Essential Fire Trucks Idling in a Parking Lot Waiting for Repair While Los Angeles Apocalyptic Fires Ravage City Killing 24” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://dailymail.co.uk) on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Emily Crane titled “LAFD Bosses Sent Just 5 Fire Engines to Palisades Fire – While Holding Back 1,000 Firefighters and 35 Trucks in Critical First Hours” was posted at [nypost.com](https://nypost.com) on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Lauren Acton-Taylor titled “Los Angeles Fire Union Chief [Freddy Escobar] Breaks Down on Live TV as He Reveals Shocking Truth About Department” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://dailymail.co.uk) on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Daniel Greenfield titled “California Needs to Back Away From Radical

Environmentalism to Get Aid” was posted at frontpagemag.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

- An article by Dana Kennedy titled “75 Los Angeles Fire Trucks Wait for Repairs as Wildfires Rage – While City Spends \$1.3 Billion on the Homeless” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Media – it is enlightening to watch the media make fools of themselves**

- An article by David Ng titled “[Late-Night Hosts] Colbert, Jon Stewart, Kimmel Ignore Democrats Controlling California – Attack Trump, GOP Over L.A. Fires” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Rachel Bowman titled “MSNBC’s Joy Reid Sparks Fury With ‘Billionaire Apartheid’ LA Fires Conspiracy Theory” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled “CNN Panel Has Fiery Exchange After Scott Jennings Backs ‘Conditions’ on Wildfire Aid [Requiring Policy Changes]” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **Media – it is refreshing to watch the media admit their mistakes**

- An article by Staff titled “LA Times Owner: It Was a ‘Mistake’ to Endorse Karen Bass” was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **Censorship – Zuckerberg promises to end censorship on Facebook**

- An article by Editorial Board titled “The Incredible, Blind Arrogance of the ‘Fact Checking’ Censors” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 12, 2025.

### **Censorship – hurray for Zuckerberg, but he has some explaining to do**

- An article by Miranda Devine titled “We Can’t Let Mark Zuckerberg Pass the Buck on Meta’s Censorship” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 12, 2025.
- Looking back to October 2021, an article by Editorial Board titled “How Mark Zuckerberg Helped Democrats Sway the 2020 Election” was posted at nypost.com on Oct. 13, 2021.
- Looking back to October 2021, an article by William Doyle titled “Mark Zuckerberg Spent \$419 Million on Nonprofits Ahead of 2020 Election – and Got Out the Democrat Vote” was posted at nypost.com on Oct. 13, 2021.
- Looking back to August 2024, an article by Dana Kennedy titled “Mark Zuckerberg Ripped for Claiming He Didn’t Realize \$400 Million in ‘Zuck Bucks’ Helped Sway 2020 Election for Biden” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 30, 2024.

- Looking back to October 2024, an article by Steven Nelson titled “Facebook Executives Suppressed Hunter Biden Laptop Scandal to Curry Favor With Biden-Harris Administration: Bombshell Report” was posted at nypost.com on Oct. 30, 2024.
- An article by Robert McGreevy titled “Zuckerberg Refused to Name Them, but a Report Found the People Who Helped Biden Censor Americans on Facebook” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **Censorship and free speech**

- An article by Awr Hawkins titled “Joe Rogan: America Has ‘Unique Freedom’ Because First Amendment Protected by Second Amendment” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 13, 2025.

### **Vindication for Dean Phillips**

- Looking back to December 2024, an article by Jeffrey Clark titled “Democratic Congressman [Dean Phillips] Who Ran Against Biden Citing ‘Physical Decline’ Defends His Decision: ‘Vindication’ ” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 28, 2024.

### **Politician & media liars – hid Biden’s mental decline**

- An article by Jason Cohen titled “Joe Scarborough Doubles Down on Claim That Biden Seemed ‘Sharp’ Before Debate Despite Ample Reports That Say Otherwise” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Diana Glebova titled “Jill Biden Admits Nancy Pelosi Pushing Joe Out of Re-Election Bid Was ‘Disappointing’ ” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **Reminder – Joe Biden & Kamala Harris lied about the “Inflation Reduction Act”**

- Looking back to August 2023, an article by Brianna Lyman titled “Inflation Reduction Act ‘Has Nothing to Do With Inflation’ – Biden Says” was posted at dailycaller.com on Aug. 11, 2023.
- Looking back to August 2024, an article by Staff titled “Kamala Fumbles Over Words While Admitting ‘Inflation Reduction Act’ Not About Inflation” was posted at dailywire.com on Aug. 30, 2024.
- Looking back to September 2024, an article by Nick Gilbertson titled “Biden Admits ‘Inflation Reduction Act’ [Which Included \$369 Billion for Green Energy Initiatives] Was Wrongly Named: ‘We Should Have Named It What It Was’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on Sept. 5, 2024.

- Looking back to September 2024, an article by Jack Hellner titled “Inflation Reduction Act’s Costs Are Skyrocketing” was posted at [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com) on Sept. 9, 2024.

### **Joe Biden – gave farewell address**

- An article by Alexandra Hutzler titled “Biden, in Farewell Address, Warns About Dangers of Unchecked Power in Ultra-Wealthy” was posted at [abcnews.com](http://abcnews.com) on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article titled “ ‘I Was Sad’: [Popular Host] Stephen A. Smith Says Biden’s Farewell Needed ‘Silence or a Simple Goodbye’ ” was posted at [dailycaller.com](http://dailycaller.com) on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Wendell Husebo titled “Biden Warns Dark Money Is Dangerous After Awarding Dark Money Kingpin George Soros the Medal of Freedom” was posted at [breitbart.com](http://breitbart.com) on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Biden (lectures about democracy) – uses his wealthy power to regularly ignore SCOTUS**

- An article by Staff titled “Biden Warns in Farewell Address That an ‘Oligarchy’ of Ultra-Rich in U.S. Threatens Future of Democracy” was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Steven Nelson titled “Biden Announces One More Round of Student Debt Forgiveness – Bringing Total to 5 Million Recipients at \$183 Billion Cost” was posted at [nypost.com](http://nypost.com) on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article titled “Biden Uses Loophole for Defiant Last Act on Student Loans – as Total Forgiveness Cost Hits \$183 Billion” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](http://dailymail.co.uk) on Jan. 13, 2025.

### **Democrat’s sabotage – general comment about sabotage against Trump**

- An article by Editorial Board titled “As Biden & Company Leave, They’re Doing Their Best to Trash the Country They Claimed to Serve” was posted at [nypost.com](http://nypost.com) on Jan. 3, 2025.
- An article by James Comer titled “How Joe Biden Became America’s Obstructor-in-Chief” was posted at [nypost.com](http://nypost.com) on Jan. 11, 2025.
- An article by Derek Hunter titled “Biden Is Going to Destroy as Much as Possible on His Way Out the Door” was posted at [frontpagemag.com](http://frontpagemag.com) on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Emily Goodin titled “Biden’s ‘Sneaky’ and ‘Dirty’ Plot to Slow Down Trump on Day One – Despite Promising a ‘Smooth’ Transition” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](http://dailymail.co.uk) on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **Democrat’s sabotage – drilling restrictions**



- An article by Rich Lowry titled “Forget Biden’s Shameful Drilling Ban – Energy Will Be Trump’s Superpower” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 6, 2025.
- An article by Thomas Catenacci titled “Biden Solidifies Anti-Oil Legacy With Flurry of Lame-Duck Attacks on Drilling and Mining” was posted at freebeacon.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **Illegal immigration – Venezuelan Gang (Tren De Aragua)**

- An article by Jason Hopkins titled “Nine Suspected Tren De Aragua Gangbangers Charged for Brutal Kidnapping” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **H-1B visas**

- An article by Thomas D. Williams titled “[As a Backlash to Elon Musk Promoting H-1B Visas] Steve Bannon: ‘I Will Do Anything’ to Keep Elon Musk Out of the White House” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 11, 2025.
- An article by Neil Munro titled “Ron DeSantis Slams H-1B Visas, Outflanks Donald Trump” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 13, 2025.

### **Illegal immigration – general comments**

- An article by Todd Bensman titled “Biden’s Final Border Lie: That Hundreds of Thousands of Migrants Can’t Be Deported” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Jason Hopkins titled “[Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro] Mayorkas Says Biden ‘Quickly’ Cracked Down on Border Crisis – Several Years and Millions of Migrants Later” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Sandy Fitzgerald titled “[Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro] Mayorkas: Border More Secure Now Than Before Pandemic” was posted at newsmax.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Neil Munro titled “[Texas Representative] Chip Roy Warns That Republicans Will Break Migration Promises If Voters Stay Silent” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Rebeka Zeliko titled “Majority of Democrats Vote Against Bill to Deport Illegal Immigrants for Committing Sex Crimes” was posted at theblaze.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **News about January 6**

- An article by Ryan King titled “JD Vance Says Trump Will Pardon January 6ers Who ‘Protested Peacefully’ – Not Violent Rioters” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 12, 2025.

### **Climate agenda – BlackRock and ‘Net Zero Assets Managers’**

- An article by Silla Brush titled “BlackRock Total Assets Top \$10 Trillion After Comeback” was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 12, 2025.
- An article by Charles Gasparino titled “BlackRock May Exit Woke Business Climate Group Net Zero Alliance as Backlash Over ESG Investing Widens” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 7, 2025.
- An article by Charles Gasparino titled “BlackRock Quits ‘Net Zero’ Initiative at Perfect Time as Woke Policies Contribute to Devastating LA Fires” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 11, 2025.
- An article by Owen Klinsky titled “ ‘A Huge Win’: Woke ‘Cartel’ of Financial Giants [‘Net Zero Asset Managers’ a United Nations-Sponsored Collection of Financial Services Companies] Dealt Death Blow [After BlackRock Announced Its Exit] 11 Days Before Trump Takes Office” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 10, 2025.
- An article by Owen Klinsky titled “ ‘A Huge Win’: Woke Climate Cartel [‘Net Zero Asset Managers’ a United Nations-Sponsored Collection of Financial Services Companies] Goes Belly Up [After BlackRock Announced Its Exit]” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 13, 2025.

### **Fossil fuel – Biden and Harris**

- Looking back to March 2022, an article by Staff titled “[Journalist Dan] Bongino: Destruction of U.S. Fossil Fuel Has Been Biden Administration’s ‘Energy Suicide Plan’ Since Day 1” was posted at foxnews.com on March 12, 2022.

### **Pro-life**

- Looking back to May 2023, an article by Mansur Shaheen titled “[Massachusetts] Doctors Perform World-First Brain Surgery on Baby With Deadly Genetic Disorder While It Is Still Inside Its Mom’s Uterus” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on May 4, 2023.
- An article by Staff titled “21 Pro-Life Defendants Targeted by Biden DOJ Ask Trump to Pardon Them” was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **Comments – about defunding the police**

- Looking back to June 2020, an article by Paige Fernandez titled “Defunding the Police Will Actually Make Us Safer” was posted at aclu.org on June 11, 2020.

### **Pedophiles**

- An article by Jason Walsh titled “[Florida Rep.] Anna Paulina Luna Unveils Bill to Take

Pedophiles ‘Off the Streets Permanently’ With Death Penalty [She Reported That Donald Trump Was Enthusiastic About the Idea]” was posted at wakespy.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **Do Democrats want Kamala Harris to lead them?**

- An article by Marc Griffin titled “[Popular Host] Stephen A. Smith Questions His Vote for Kamala Harris, Believes He Was ‘Misinformed’ ” was posted at vibe.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **Biden claims – that he would have beaten Trump**

- An article by Jarvis DeBerry titled “Joe Biden Says He Could Have Beaten Donald Trump – That’s a Delusional Claim” was posted at msnbc.com on Jan. 9, 2025.
- An article by titled “Biden Says He ‘Would Have Beaten Trump’ but Withdrew to Unify Democrats” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 10, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Jill Biden Turns On ‘Disappointing’ Nancy Pelosi for Ousting Her Husband From Presidential Race” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Harris is not happy**

- An article by Staff titled “Biden’s Claim He Would Have Beaten Trump Opens Rift With Harris” was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article titled “Another Sign of Strain: Kamala Harris Tells Friends That She Is Disappointed by Joe Biden’s Comments That He Would Have Beaten Donald Trump Had He Been the Candidate” was posted at economictimes.com on Jan. 16, 2025.

### **Biden claims – that Kamala Harris would have beaten Trump**

- An article by Hanna Panreck titled “CNN Host Calls Out Biden for ‘Nonsensical’ Claim That Kamala Harris Could Have Beaten Trump [Nonsensical Because the Match-Up Actually Occurred, and She Was Badly Beaten]” was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 12, 2025.
- An article by Kipp Jones titled “CNN’s Jake Tapper Rips Biden’s ‘Nonsensical’ Claim Harris Could Have Beaten Trump: ‘Trying to Backtrack’ After ‘Dissing Her’ for Months” was posted at mediaite.com on Jan. 12, 2025.

### **Do Democrats want Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to lead them?**

- An article by Staff titled “AOC Fumes Over Bill Protecting Girls From Men” was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 14, 2025.

### **Who will lead the Democrats? – (Gavin Newsom is born connected)**

- Looking back to September 2018, an article by Seema Mehta titled “How Eight Elite San Francisco Families Funded Gavin Newsom’s Political Ascent [Newsom Wasn’t Born Rich, but He Was Born Connected]” was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 7, 2018.

### **Election losers = mainstream media & celebrity endorsements**

- Looking back to December 2024, an article by John Loftus titled “Top Kamala Harris Staffer [Rob Flaherty] Admits What We Knew All Along [the Left’s Ecosystem Is the Mainstream Media and Hollywood]” was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 10, 2024.

### **Election loser = the corporate media**

- An article by Brandon Morse titled “The Washington Post Has Officially Lost 90 Percent of Its Readership” was posted at redstate.com on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Ariel Zilber titled “Washington Post Columnist Jennifer Rubin Quits, Slams Owner Jeff Bezos as Mass Exodus Continues at Money-Losing Publication” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled “Majority of Americans Do Not Trust TV Reporters’ Honesty and Ethics – Just 13% Do” was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Breccan F. Thies titled “Jack Smith’s Report Proves the Media Were Always Lying About January 6 ‘Insurrection’ ” was posted at thefederalist.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **MSNBC**

- An article by James Gordon titled “MSNBC’s Desperate Move to Save Ratings as Stars Flee and Ratings Tank” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 13, 2025.
- An article by Robert McGreevy titled “MSNBC President Rashida Jones Stepping Down, to Be Replaced by [Rebecca Kutler] Architect of Massive Media Failure [CNN+ Streaming Service]” was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by John Nolte titled “Russia Hoax Queen Rachel Maddow Returns to Five Nights [a Week] for Desperate MSNBC” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Pam Key titled “MSNBC’s Maddow: Biden Stark Warning About Trump ‘Put a Shiver Down My Spine’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 15, 2025.

### **General interest**

- An article by Lucas Nolan titled “Wall Street Could Slash Up to 200,000 Jobs Replaced by A.I.” was posted at Breitbart.com on Jan. 11, 2025.

- An article by Chris Nesi titled “Sour Don Lemon Launches Profanity-Laced Rant Against MSNBC’s ‘Morning Joe’ and Obama for Cozying Up to Trump: ‘[Expletive] You!’” was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 12, 2025.
- An article by Guy Benson titled “Wow: Major American University [University of Michigan] Severs Ties With Chinese Partner After Espionage Revelations” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “The RFK Effect? FDA Announces Ban on Red Food Dye Over Cancer Concerns” was posted at theblaze.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- A video and an article by Jeff Charles titled “WATCH: Josh Hawley Torches Biden’s Justice Department for Targeting Christians” were posted at townhall.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Dave Urbanski titled “Greg Abbott Throws Down Threat Over Texas A&M Trip to Event That Excludes Whites, Asians – Soon School Has Change of Heart” was posted at theblaze.com on Jan. 15, 2025.



An article by Breck Dumas titled “California Insurance Crisis: List of Carriers That Have Fled or Reduced Coverage in the State” was posted at foxbusiness.com on Jan. 10, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

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| • Allstate                | • Nationwide                  |
| • American National       | • State Farm                  |
| • AmGUARD                 | • The Hartford                |
| • Chubb                   | • Tokio Marine Insurance Co.  |
| • Falls Lake Insurance    | • Trans Pacific Insurance Co. |
| • Farmers Insurance Group | • Travelers                   |



**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 by 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.”**