Eye on the World January 25, 2025

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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).

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An article by Jacob Nagel titled "Israel Must Prepare for Confrontation With Iran After Trump Inauguration – Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

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The renewed entry of President Trump into the White House signals a new era in Washington, and hopefully in U.S.-Israel relations.

The first and most critical and significant issue on the agenda should be the joint and determined fight against Iran's nuclear program, its regional behavior, and its support for terrorist organizations all over the region.

In recent days, Rafael Grossi (the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency called IAEA) addressed the possibility of attacking nuclear facilities. He argued that Iran must reach understandings with the Trump administration regarding its nuclear activities to avoid another military confrontation in the Middle East.

This is a very mistaken and dangerous approach, especially considering Iran's current fragile state – involving the following.

• The collapse of its plan to create a "ring of fire" around Israel.

- The severe damage to its strategic air defense systems.
- The damage to its ballistic missile production capabilities.
- And the ongoing collapse of its economy.

Khamenei plan

Despite these challenges, Khamenei continues to advance his ambitious plan to destroy Israel using conventional means under a "nuclear umbrella" by 2040 – as indicated by the countdown clock in Palestine Square in Tehran.

When President Biden was elected (about 4 years ago), he then announced his intention to reenter negotiations with Iran. His advisors even prepared a white paper that examined a quick return to the flawed 2015 nuclear deal (JCPOA). Naturally, Israel was very concerned about this approach because the agreement (which Trump wisely withdrew from in 2018) gave Iran a dangerous and guaranteed path to a nuclear weapon.

Iran felt very empowered against Biden's weak and hesitant administration and quickly revealed its true intentions by violating the agreement in numerous ways – without any real response from Biden's U.S. or Europe (aside from a few weak statements unaccompanied by actions).

Essential to avoid a repeat

Israel must now demonstrate unity and explain why even considering to start negotiations with Iran is extremely dangerous. It is crucial to ensure that this message is echoed by Middle Eastern partners (the Abraham Accords signatories and Saudi Arabia) all of whom share similar concerns about Iran and its nuclear intentions. The U.S. ignored these concerns in the past. It is essential to avoid a repeat.

Iran's hostile activities increased significantly following Biden's election (and not after Trump's withdrawal from the agreement, as many mistakenly believe). Here is what occurred since Biden's election in 2020.

- The regime has intensified its nuclear extortion
- It enriched hundreds of kilograms of uranium to high levels (60%).
- It developed, produced and installed advanced centrifuges in underground facilities.
- It built new facilities.
- It took dangerous steps in the weaponization program under a dual use purpose excuse.

The IAEA and some of its board member states has published particularly harsh reports on Iran's nuclear activities over the years – revealing clear violations of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (NPT) and other agreements Iran has signed, as well as violations of the nuclear agreement.

These reports were not backed by sanctions or concrete actions.

Everyone desires a good agreement. A good agreement should not permit Iran to continue its

nuclear activities at all – and there is no chance Iran would agree to such terms.

Any solution must address all three elements of Iran's nuclear program.

Fissile material

Fissile materials (uranium and plutonium) and the technology to produce them must be entirely prohibited on Iranian soil and monitored by the IAEA. All existing capabilities, conversion and enrichment facilities, centrifuges of all types, enriched materials at all levels, heavy-water reactors with plutogenic potential, and any other capacity, must be completely destroyed. There is no room for negotiation on this matter.

Weapons systems

Monitoring the development of the weaponization activities is extremely challenging (as the finding from Iran's atomic archive clearly showed in the past). Before considering any new agreement, Iran must declare all its past activities and address all unresolved questions in the IAEA files.

Delivery means

Addressing delivery means requires much more than ambiguous UN resolutions. A deal must fully halt the development of ballistic missiles, capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

Making demands

It seems all of these conditions will never be accepted by Tehran current regime. The Trump administration must make it clear to the Iranians that these are its demands and that it is not open to negotiation.

Negotiations can only begin after the destruction of Natanz, Fordow, Isfahan and many other nuclear sites and production facilities. Until all facilities and capabilities are dismantled by Iran (willingly or by external forces), the Trump administration must return to the "maximum pressure" program (including very harsh sanctions). And they must make it clear to Iran that the threats about a real military action by the U.S. and its allies are not empty words.

Given the high likelihood that Iran (despite its dire state) will not voluntarily cooperate with an agreed destruction of capabilities, Israel must prepare for a confrontation with Iran and its nuclear facilities – preferably with U.S. cooperation.

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An article by Efran Fard titled "Iran's Regime on the Brink: Khamenei's Theocracy Faces Collapse – Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025. Following are excerpts of the

article.

The current state of Iran is a powder keg of societal dissatisfaction, relentless repression, and environmental collapse. Theocratic rule under Iran's dictator (Ali Khamenei) has pushed the nation toward disintegration. Khamenei (an obstinate autocrat) clings to power despite cascading failures, deluding himself with fantasies of triumph as the country suffers.

His tirades (filled with vitriol against Israel, the United States and the modern West) reveal his growing fear of an imminent uprising by the Iranian people.

Islamic countries also bear significant responsibility for nurturing this malignancy.

The Shia crescent (a manifestation of clerical tyranny driven by the Islamic Republic) has spread across the Middle East like an octopus. It has fueled terrorism, ignited sectarian conflicts, and destabilized the region – all at a great cost to Iran's wealth and its people's well-being. Only dismantling this theocracy can pave the way for peace, democracy and liberation from this destructive empire.

For over half a century, Israel has stood as a witness to the relentless and malignant expansion of Islamic terrorism. Yet, when Israel advocated for regime change in Iran following the catastrophic 1979 revolt, the global community leaned toward appears and diplomacy with the Islamic Republic's terrorists or the criminal ayatollahs in Tehran.

When Israel exposed the transnational terrorist networks orchestrated by the Shiite mullahs, the world chose to counsel Israel rather than confront Iran's regime.

Khamenei's regime is caught in a paradox in which each oppressive act only increases its international isolation and accelerates its inevitable collapse. The relentless courage of the Iranian people suggests that the era of religious despotism and terror-driven governance is nearing its overdue end.

He continues to deliver rambling, disjointed diatribes, resembling a deranged autocrat's behavior. His venomous tirades against Israel, the United Stated, the broader Middle East, and his own people (often laced with threats) are now met with indifference or ridicule – even among his dwindling supporters.

Iran's public anger is palpable – a nation suffocated by decades of corruption, authoritarianism, and the criminality of its clerics. Deep-seated hatred for the regime stems from daily hardships.

- A plummeting economy
- Widespread poverty
- Environmental degradation
- Oppressive religious dogma

Internationally, the regime's failures are evident. Its dreams of regional dominance have fallen into disarray. The terror networks it once cultivated are faltering, highlighting the regime's decay and diminishing influence.

Khamenei embodies the corruption at his regime's core. He is a vindictive despot in denial. Recently, he has delivered multiple speeches claiming empty victories over Israel and the West – showcasing his detachment from reality. His aggressive and delusional rhetoric underscores his slide into irrelevance. Cloaked in a guise of piety, Khamenei's true legacy is the devastation of Iran and the Middle East.

This moment in history presents a rare and fleeting opportunity. The collapse of the regime would liberate Iran and strike a decisive blow against the roots of Islamic terrorism that have troubled the Middle East for decades. The world is on the brink of seeing the end of an 86-year-old dictator and a 46-year-old despised theocratic regime.

This crucial moment promises to reshape the Middle East's future – offering hope to millions and closing one of history's darkest chapters. Let this be the moment Iran breaks free from tyranny – allowing the world to exhale a collective sigh of relief.

The final solution involves escaping the suffocating grip of clerical rule and dismantling the ideological, financial, and cultural networks that support the oppressive Shiite clergy. This shift would pave the way for a progressive, rational, and inclusive society – where humanity, logic and equality replace superstition and fanaticism.

International actors are vital in this transformation. Regional and global powers must collaborate to ensure Iran's peaceful transition and protection from external interference. Together, they can position Iran as a stabilizing force in the Middle East – free from the shadows of terrorism and tyranny.

For a moment, imagine the possibility.

- Imagine a Middle East liberated from the networks of Islamic terrorism.
- Visualize Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi leading Iran through a transitional government.
- Envision Israel and the United States reopening their embassies in Tehran.
- Consider celebrating the emergence of a new Middle East.

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"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.

World Economic Forum (WEF)

- An article by Lydia Moynihan titled "Sam Altman, Mark Zuckerberg and Business Leaders Choose Trump Inauguration Over World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 14, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Trump to Address Business, Political Leaders at Davos Forum Remotely" was posted at arisetv.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- A video and an article by Brandon Morse titled "WATCH: Javier Milei Goes Nuclear at the WEF, Calls Out Pedophiles, Says Davos Is 'Crumbling'" were posted at redstate.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- A video titled "President Trump Full Speech Virtually at World Economic Forum" was posted at youtube.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- A transcript titled "Davos 2025: Special Address by Donald J. Trump, President" was posted at weforum.org on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Trump to Global CEOs at Davos 2025: 'America Is Back and Open for Business'" was posted at weforum.org on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Alexander Ward titled "Trump Tells Davos: Make Your Product in America of Pay Tariffs" was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Kevin Stocklin titled "In Davos Speech, Trump Urges Banks to End Discrimination Against Conservatives" was posted at theepochtimes.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Staff titled "Trump Tells Davos He Will Demand Lower Interest Rates, Oil Prices" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Israel – continues their retaliation

- An article by Staff titled "IAF Strikes Terror Cell Within Vehicle in Jenin During Counter-Terrorism Operation" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- A video and an article by Staff titled "WATCH: Palestinian Terrorists Arrested, Explosives Found in IDF's Jenin Operation" were posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Hostage (cease-fire) deal

- A Reuters article by Staff titled "Trump Middle East Envoy [Steve Witkoff] Predicts 'Good Things' to Announce on Gaza Hostages Before Inauguration" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 7, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Staff titled "Trump's Middle East Envoy [Steve Witkoff] Meets Netanyahu on Saturday [January 11] Amid Cease-Fire Push" was posted at reuters.com on Jan.

11, 2025.

- An article by Amichai Stein titled "Israeli Officials: Hamas Will Comply With Next Phase of Gaza Hostage Deal" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Staff titled "Trump's Mideast Envoy [Steve Witkoff] Says He Will Be in Gaza for Cease-Fire Inspections" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Jacob Schimmel titled "Not Just a Soldier, but Our Son: When Heroes Come Home Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Doron Steinbrecher's Sister: 'My Ray of Sunshine Has Returned to Me'" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Eve Young titled "We Are So Close: Families of Hostages Not Set to Be Released in Stage One Call to See Deal Through" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Israel Approves Hamas's List of Hostages Set for Saturday Release" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Amichai Stein titled "Israeli Officials Expect Hamas to Comply With Saturday Hostage Release" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Treatment of hostages

• An article by Anna Barsky titled "France Claims Hostages in Gaza Received Medical Supplies Sent Last Year" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025.

Won't fighting continue?

- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled "IDF Seeks U.S. Sign-Off on Continuing War With Hezbollah Citing Cease-Fire Violations" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Hamas Is Making Big Comeback in Gaza During Cease-Fire, Expert Warns" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Amir Bohbot titled "Hamas May Exploit Humanitarian Aid to Ready for Second Round of Fighting IDF Fears" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Relationship – between Israel and U.S.

- An article by Eve Young titled "Area E1 Near Ma'aleh Adumim to Be Renamed After Trump, Mayor Says" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Ambassador to U.S. Michael Herzog Doesn't See Trump

Giving Green Light to West Bank Annexation" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

• An article by Herb Keinon titled "Trump's Israel Support Comes With Strings Attached – Analysis" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Enemy tunnels

• An article by Staff titled "IDF Unearths Hezbollah Tunnels, Weapons in Southern Lebanon Mosque" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Anti-Semitism – international

- An article by Staff titled "German Police Arrest Man for Throwing Molotov Cocktail at Synagogue After TV Appeal" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Enough Promises: Unleash the Law in the Fight Against Anti-Semitism Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

More articles – Jerusalem Post

- An article by Ohad Merlin titled "Abu Obeida's Theological Points Show Glimpse Into Hamas's Way of Thinking Analysis" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Giorgia Valente titled "Egyptian Human Rights Activist Majed El-Shafie Highlights Israeli Struggles in New Documentary" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Jonathan Spyer titled "The Last Jews of Damascus: A Journey Through Memory and Ruins" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Batya Levinthal titled "South Africa's Activist Rabbi Takes Global Stage in Israel's Defense" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by David Ben-Basat titled "Social Media Is Impacting Political and Social Discourse Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Stav Livne titled "Air India to Resume Israel Flights, Joins Host of International Airlines Returning to Tel Aviv" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Nathan Klabin titled "'If Hamas Survives, Peace Will Be Difficult' Says Middle East Expert" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Iran

• A Reuters article by John Irish titled "Trump's Ukraine Envoy [Keith Kellogg] Says World Must Reinstate 'Maximum Pressure' on Iran" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 12, 2025.

- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "Over 1,000 Tons of Missile Fuel Chemicals Head for Iran From China" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "West Bank Is 'Flooded With Iranian Weapons' former Shin Bet Official Says" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 22, 2025.

Saudi Arabia

• An article by Rob Crilly titled "[In His First Call in Office] Trump Demands \$1 Trillion Investment and a Reduction in Oil Price From Saudi Arabia in Call With [Saudi Crown Prince] Mohammed Bin Salman" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 23, 2025.

Russia-Ukraine war

- An article by Staff titled "Ukraine Is Losing Fewer Soldiers Than Russia but It's Still Losing the War" was posted at nytimes.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Zelensky Demands Deployment of U.S. Troops to Ukraine to Deter Russia" was posted at thenational pulse.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Niki Gunter titled "President Trump Criticizes Ukrainian President Zelenskyy in Interview With Sean Hannity" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "North Korea Prepares to Send More Troops to Russia After Suffering Casualties" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 24, 2025.
- An article by Pjotr Sauer titled "Putin 'Ready for Negotiations' With Trump on Ukraine War" was posted at theguardian.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Climate agenda – international

- An article by Bjorn Lomborg titled "Climate Change Fanatics Want to Bankrupt the Entire World for Little to No Reward" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 19, 2025.
- An article by Bill Pan titled "Bloomberg to Fund UN Climate Body After Trump Reorders Paris Agreement Exit" was posted at theepochtimes.com on Jan. 23, 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 Younmi Kim titled "South Korean Democracy Was Nearly Toppled by Its President, It Was Saved by Its People" was posted at theguardian.com on Jan. 21, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Hyonhee Shin titled "South Korea Court Rejects Request to Extend Yoon's Detention" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Lionel Lim titled "Singapore's Prime Minister Warns of a 'Third World War' If U.S. and China Force Rest of the World to Pick Sides" was posted at fortune.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Karishma Vaswani titled "Japan and South Korea Were Stable U.S. Allies Not Anymore" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Charlotte Hazard titled "U.S. Coast Guard Begins Calling the Gulf of Mexico the 'Gulf of America'" was posted at justthenews.com on Jan. 23, 2025.

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"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.

Do you remember people pushing the Hunter laptop lie?

- Looking back to April 2023, an article by Harold Hutchison titled "'Believe It Now': Kayleigh McEnany Says Hunter Biden Laptop Letter Proves 'Deep State' Is Real" was posted at dailycaller.com on April 21, 2023.
- An article by David Propper titled "Trump to Suspend Security Clearances of 51 Intelligence Officials Who Falsely Implied Hunter Biden Laptop Was Russian Fake" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 19, 2025.

Politico reporters – confirm laptop censorship

- An article by Josh Christenson titled "Ex-Politico Reporters Reveal 'Cowardly Editors' Buried Bombshell Hunter Biden Laptop Stories Fueled 'Misinformation' Narrative Involving Ex-President" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Editorial Board titled "Now the Truth Comes Out: Reporters Admit Politico Snuffed Out Hunter Biden Laptop Story to Protect Joe in 2020" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled "'Don't Write About the Laptop': Two Former Politico Reporters Allege Outlet Shot Down Negative Stories About Bidens" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 23, 2025.

Biden (scandal-plagued with billionaires) – talks about "oligarchy"

- An article by Jason Cohen titled "Charlamagne Says It Was 'Highly Hypocritical' for Biden to 'Talk About Oligarchy' in Farewell Speech" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Robby Soave titled "Arrogant Biden Couldn't Care Less About 'Oligarchs' He's Mad Tech Giants Aren't Censoring for Democrats Anymore" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Lucas Nolan titled "Biden's Hypocrisy on 'Tech Oligarchy' Exposed by Microsoft's Extraordinary Access to White House" was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 17, 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.
- An article by Martin Gurri titled "Let the People Find the Truth: As Biden's Censorship Wall Falls, a Welcome Return to Open Society" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 21, 2025.

Joe Biden sets a record – when he pardons thousands of criminals

- Looking back to December 2024, an article by Katelynn Richardson titled "Biden Commutes Sentences of Cartel Leaders, Crack Dealers and 'Notorious' Fraudsters in Massive Clemency Push" was posted at dailycaller.com on Dec. 12, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Biden Sets Presidential Pardons, Commutations Record as He Commutes Almost 2,500 More Sentences" was posted at cbsnews.com on Jan. 17, 2025.
- An article by Jim Quinn titled "In One Final Insult to Victims, Biden Commutes

Sentences of Killers and Sex Traffickers" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 19, 2025.

• An article by Katelynn Richardson titled "Biden Lets Cop Killer, Dangerous Criminals Walk Free in Last-Minute Clemency Action" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.

Then, Joe Biden pardons his family – to protect them from a history of crimes

- An article by Nick Pope titled "Biden Pardons Five Family Members Just Moments Before Trump's Swearing-In" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Wendell Husebo titled "Peter Schweizer [the President of the Government Accountability Institute and Breitbart Senior Contributor] Slams Biden Family Pardons: 'We Have Never Had Such a Self-Serving and Corrupt President'" was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Nicole Silverio titled "'Stain on His Legacy': CNN's John King, David Axelrod Rip Biden for 'Slipping' In Last-Minute Pardons for Family" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Katelynn Richardson titled "Biden's Sudden About-Face on Sweeping Pardons for Family Members, Allies Sets 'Perilous Precedent'" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled "Biden's Sweeping Last-Minute Pardons Could Come Back to Haunt His Family, Alan Dershowitz Says" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Hailey Gomez titled "'This Is Just Egregious': Megyn Kelly Slams Biden's Last-Minute Pardons, but Those Pardoned Can Still Face Prosecution" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Jason Cohen titled "CNN Host [Kasie Hunt] Says Democrats Tell Her Biden Family Pardons Will Make It 'Harder to Criticize' Trump Pardons" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Gage Klipper titled "Biden's Last-Minute Pardons Might Be Good for Trump, but Bad for America" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Michael Goodwin titled "Biden's Corrupt Last Act as President Proved His Family Hustle Always Superseded the Truth, the Law and the Country" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 21, 2025.

Joe Biden also pardons January 6 committee members – to protect them from their crimes

- An article by Kristina Wong titled "President Biden Preemptively Pardons General Milley, Anthony Fauci and January 6 Committee Members" was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Jason Cohen titled "'Disastrously Bad': [Former CNN Analyst] Chris Cillizza Goes Scorched Earth on Biden Over 'Incredibly Stupid' Pardons" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Adam Pack titled "January 6 Committee Members (Who Insisted Biden Shouldn't Hand Out Pardons) End Up Accepting Clemency After All" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.

Trump pardons January 6 defendants

- Looking back to July 2021, an article by Eric Flack and Eliana Block titled "VERIFY: Yes, Some Capitol Riot Defendants Are Being Held Without Bond Before Their Trials" was posted at wusa9.com on July 26, 2021.
- An article by Jason Cohen titled "Jonathan Turley Says Biden DOJ's Harsh Treatment of January 6 Rioters 'Made the Case' for Trump Pardoning Them" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 21, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Trump Pardons About 1,500 January 6 Defendants" was posted at cbsnews.com on Jan. 21, 2025.
- An article by Patrick Reilly titled "Pro-Trump Police Union Condemns President's January 6 Pardons: 'A Dangerous Message'" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Sarah Fortinsky titled "January 6 Rioter [Pamela Hemphill] Declines Trump Pardon: 'We Were Wrong That Day'" was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 22, 2025.

Obstructionist Democrats

- An article by Reagan Reese titled "From Terrorism to the Border, Biden Uses His Final Days to Leave Behind Minefield of Obstacles for Trump" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 15, 2025.
- An article by Steven Nelson titled "Joe's Low Blows: How Lame-Duck Biden Has Tried to Trip Up Trump on Way Out the Door With 32 Executive Actions" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 17, 2025.
- An article by Adam Pack titled "'Obstructionist Democrats' Block Swift Confirmation of Trump's CIA Nominee [John Ratcliffe] Despite Garnering Bipartisan Support" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 21, 2025.

• An article by Nick Pope titled "Bureaucrats Privately Fume About Trump Abolishing DEI, Go Into Full Conspiracy Mode" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Donald Trump – keeps 46 promises on first day

• An article by Wendell Husebo titled "Donald Trump Keeps 46 Promises and Counting on Day One, Thrilling Republicans" was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 21, 2025.

Same old rhetoric – when you don't have good policies, compare opponents to Hitler

- An article by Daniel McCarthy titled "Elite Democrats Shunned Democracy Throughout Biden's Term and Now They Are Paying the Price" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 16, 2025.
- An article by Hailey Gomez titled "'[Expletive] Game': Joe Rogan Rips Into People Pretending 'Everyone's Hitler'" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Daniel Bice and Mary Spicuzza titled "CBS 58 Weather Reporter Sam Kuffel Is Out After Criticizing Elon Musk Arm Gesture" was posted at jsonline.com (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel) on Jan. 22, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled "Netanyahu Weighs In on Inaugural Blunder: 'Musk Being Falsely Smeared [of Nazi Salute]" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 23, 2025.

Maddow might get credit for modifying her critical rhetoric – but Fidel Castro?

• An article by Alex Hammer titled "MSNBC Host Rachel Maddow Unleashes Most Bizarre Insult Yet Against Donald Trump [Comparing Him to Fidel Castro]" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 23, 2025.

Trump's executive orders

• An article by Sara Chernikoff and Ramon Padilla titled "Comparing Trump's Day One Executive Orders to Past Presidents [He Rescinded 78 Executive Orders Approved by Joe Biden, and Signed Over 20 Executive Orders and Actions On Inauguration Day]" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 23, 2025.

Trump replaced "deep state" Republican

• An article by Jon Michael Raasch titled "Trump Sends Shockwaves Through DC as Top Republican 'Deep State' Lawmaker [Mike Turner of Ohio] Is Knifed [Replaced] for Close Ties to CIA" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 16, 2025.

Trump State Department – bans some flags

An article by Adam Kredo titled "Trump State Department Tells Embassies and

Outposts: Fly Stars and Stripes Only, No More Pride or BLM Flags" was posted at freebeacon.com on Jan. 21, 2025.

Bishop Budde – corrects Trump

- An article by Clarissa-Jan Lim titled "Bishop [Mariann Edgar Budde] Lectures Trump to His Face During Prayer Service: 'I Ask You to Have Mercy'" was posted at msnbc.co on Jan. 21, 2025.
- An article by Virginia Kruta titled "Woke Bishop [Mariann Edgar Budde] Claims She Felt Compelled to 'Counter' President Trump [for Failing to Embrace Radical Gender Ideology and Unchecked Illegal Immigration]" was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 22, 2025.

Illegal immigration – Laken Riley Act

• An article by Henry Rodgers titled "Senate Passes Laken Riley Act After Trump's Inauguration" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.

H-1B visas

• An article by Larry Alton titled "Why the H-1B Visa Issue Touches a Nerve" was posted at americanthinker.com on Jan. 18, 2025.

Illegal immigration – illegal immigrants can be arrested inside churches

- Looking back to August 2018, an article titled "Dispelling Myths About Churches as Sanctuaries From the Law" was posted at churchlawcenter.com on Aug. 9, 2018.
 - "A church is not a valid sanctuary against arrest."
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- An article by Massey Villarreal and Sam Sanchez titled "We Are Latinos Who Voted for Trump, He Needs to Fix Our Broken Immigration System Opinion" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 17, 2025.
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- An article by Victor Skinner titled "Wyoming [Public] Schools Vow to Shield Illegal Migrants Superintendent Says District Will Keep Information From ICE" was posted at the populist times.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
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- An article by Nick Pope titled "Anti-Trump Nonprofit [National Security Counselors] Will Slap DOGE With Immediate Lawsuit" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
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• An article by Nidhi Subbaraman and Liz Essley Whyte titled "Trump Order Seeks to Stop Virus Research That Critics Have Linked to Covid" was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 22, 2025.

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- An article by Staff titled "Pro-Life Community Anxiously Awaits Trump Pardons for Imprisoned Activists" was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 22, 2025.
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Do Democrats want Kamala Harris to lead them?

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- An article by David Propper titled "AOC Launches Inflammatory Rant Against Trump Leading Up to Inauguration: 'Eve of an Authoritarian Administration' "was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 20, 2025.
- An article by Harold Hutchison titled "[Popular Host] Stephen A. Smith Tears Into Rep. Ocasio-Cortez After She Posts Video Calling GOP Fascists 'Exactly Why Trump Is In'" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 21, 2025.

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- An article by Editorial Board titled "LA Fires Reveal Democrat-Run California's Ridiculous Number of Catastrophes" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 19, 2025.
- An article by Sean Moran titled "Nancy Pelosi's Husband Traded \$38 Million in Stock Just Before Trump Inauguration" was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 23, 2025.

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- An article by Alex Griffing titled "Fox News Trounced CNN and MSNBC With Democrats and Independents on Inauguration Day" was posted at mediaite.com on Jan. 23, 2025.

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- An article by Mark Jackson titled "'Wokeism Failure': CNN Lays Off Hundreds of Employees" was posted at the populist times.com on Jan. 23, 2025.
- An article by Wendell Husebo titled "Media Elites Whine They Are 'Exhausted' Just 5 Days Into Trump's Presidency" was posted at breitbart.com on Jan. 24, 2025.

Embarrassing media hype – portrayed Doug Emhoff and Tim Walz as new masculinity

• Looking back to August 2024, an article by Rhonda Garelick titled "The Rise of the Husband [Describing Doug Emhoff and Tim Walz as a New Masculinity]" was posted at nytimes.com on Aug. 29, 2024.

- Looking back to September 2024, an article by Francesca Chambers titled "Campaigning for Wife Kamala Harris, Doug Emhoff Embodies (and Redefines) Masculinity" was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 13, 2024.
- Looking back to September 2024, an article by Ray Lewis titled "VP Harris's Husband Credited With Reshaping 'Perception of Masculinity' Jen Psaki Says" was posted at abc.com on Sept. 30, 2024.
- Looking back to October 2024, an article by Allie Griffin titled "AOC Praises Doug Emhoff as Ideal Representation of Masculinity at Las Vega Campaign Event" was posted at nypost.com on Oct. 31, 2024.
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- An article by Matthew Keys titled "MSNBC Faces \$30 Million Defamation Lawsuit Over Segments Airedon Rachel Maddow, Chris Hayes Shows" was posted at msn.com on Jan. 22, 2025.

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• An article by Virginia Kruta titled "Sunny Hostin and Joy Behar Do Rhetorical Gymnastics to Excuse Biden Family Pardons" was posted at dailywire.com on Jan. 22, 2025.

General interest

• An article by Larry Elder titled "CBS's [Gayle] King Blasts Trump for Having Too Few Blacks – 'The View's [Sunny] Hostin Says There Were Too Many [Black Entertainers Performing at Trump Inaugural Events]" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 23, 2025.

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Looking back to November 2024, an article by Star Parker titled "Get Rid of Woke by Understanding Its Root Causes" was posted at newsmax.com on Nov. 27, 2024. Following is the article.

Coincident with Donald Trump's electoral victory, increasing numbers of America's corporations are backing off their DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) programs.

Trump opposition to DEI is clear, and JD Vance's bold opposition to this agenda was one of the reasons for his selection as Trump's running mate.

As the Trump transition team completes its work bringing in the new leadership that will run our government, it's clear that a priority is to uproot the woke rules, directives and institutions that Democrats have implanted in our federal government. Efforts will be made to de-woke the military, the Defense Department and other major government departments and agencies.

And the Justice Department will work to use existing law to challenge the prevalence of woke rules that have so widely taken over the governance and operation of our universities.

Walmart, one of America's largest companies, has just announced that it will end the Center for Racial Equity that it launched in 2020 with funding of \$100 million. The website of this center describes its mission as working to "foster equitable outcomes for people . . . (and) to address the root causes of gaps in outcomes experienced by Black and African American people in education, health, finance and criminal justice systems."

Walmart also (according to The Wall Street Journal) will "stop allowing third-party sellers to offer some LGBTQ-themed items on Walmart.com."

Boeing corporation (per the same report) has also announced a similar winding down of these efforts.

Whereas we can understand how a political agenda can find its way into government institutions, how does this happen in the private sector?

- What motivated these corporations that operate in a free marketplace and are owned and controlled by private stockholders to incorporate a political agenda into their business and operating practices?
- And what is motivating them now to back off these programs?
- Has management of these corporations changed their minds regarding the business efficacy of these programs?
- Or did they put them in place initially to curry favor with a political regime once in power and now they are backing off to curry favor with a new regime?

Let's recall, again, how profoundly our culture has changed.

- If there was a defining moment in the Civil Rights Movement, it was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech in August 1963.
- And if there was a defining line in that speech, it was King's declaration: "I have a dream that one day my four little children will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

The Civil Rights Movement was (in the grand scheme of things) about right and wrong. About good and evil. The movement succeeded because it was rooted in these truths.

As King argued in 1963, the problem was not our Constitution, but its implementation by human beings who permitted evil to find its way into our culture.

Unfortunately, rather than following through with the true biblical spirit of the Civil Rights Movement, the nation took the path of politics to implement justice (making our country less free) rather than turning to King's appeal to the Bible to improve our freedom, in the spirit in which the Constitution was written.

We might consider that moment – when politics took over, the birth of today's woke movement.

The result has been a vast politicization of our country and our culture.

My hope is we learn and don't trade one political regime for another.

Yes, we need to go back to a culture of free markets and merit.

But it all starts with the choices free individuals make, and those choices must start with a conviction of good and evil as defined by the Bible – that King had in mind when he spoke that day in Washington in August 1963.

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An article by Jonathan Turley titled "The Final Corruption of Joe Biden" was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 20, 2025. Following is the article.

With only 15 minutes to go as president, Joe Biden snatched infamy from the jaws of obscurity.

With record-low polling and widely viewed as a "failed" president, Biden completed his one-man race to the bottom of ethics by issuing pre-emptive pardons to members of his own family.

The pardons were timed to guarantee that the media would not focus on yet another unethical act

by this president. He need not have worried. For four years, the media worked tirelessly to deny or deflect the corruption scandal surrounding the Biden family.

The pardoning of James Biden, Sara Jones Biden, Valerie Biden Owens, John Owens and Francis Biden brought an inescapable clarity to the corruption of what is known in Washington as Biden Inc.

I have written about the Biden family's corruption for decades. Influence-peddling has always been the favorite form of corruption in Washington, but this city has never seen the likes of the Biden family. Millions of dollars were secured from foreign sources and distributed to various Biden family members.

Biden repeatedly lied about the influence peddling. He long denied knowing about his son's foreign clients or business. He denied ever meeting Hunter's clients. Later, photos and emails showed that Biden had clearly met these clients and knew about the business deals. He was fully aware that his family was cashing in on his name and various offices.

Even Biden's claims about handling the Trump cases were recently contradicted. While long claiming that he left these cases to the Justice Department and took no position on the merits, the Washington Post recently reported that Biden was irate over the failure to prosecute Trump before the election. He also reportedly lashed out at Attorney General Merrick Garland and said he regretted his appointment in light of the failure to nail Trump.

One of the most glaring lies was that he would never pardon his son. Few people believed him. Indeed, Hunter Biden's bizarre criminal defense made no sense unless he knew that he had a pocket pardon if all else failed.

Once he was forced out of the presidential race, Biden was freed up to sign a pardon for any and all crimes committed over a ten-year period by his son. He insisted that he really hadn't been lying. He claimed that no ordinary person would have been tried for his son's crimes – a manifestly untrue statement. He also emphasized that he had to take this step as a father of a son who was a hopeless addict and has now been clean for years.

However, the latest family pardon shatters even that rationalization. These Bidens are not even charged with any crimes, but Biden wanted to give them cover from any possible prosecution for anything. It was the ultimate sign of contempt for the intelligence of the American public and the integrity of his office.

Biden has long exercised situational ethics and, with his powers coming to an end, the situation demanded that he cash out before his credit ended. In granting these pardons, Biden was seeking to protect not just his family but also himself. He was the object of the influence peddling and repeatedly lied to bury the scandal. This insulation of his family serves to move the threat farther from himself.

Biden, however, may have been too clever by half the time. In the final moments of his

presidency, He broke into the open and exposed not just himself but his allies in the media. Reporters are now fully visible as willing dupes in one of the greatest corruption scandals in the history of this country.

In his pardon statement, Biden insisted that "the issuance of these pardons should not be mistaken as an acknowledgment that any individual engaged in any wrongdoing, nor should acceptance be misconstrued as an admission of guilt for any offense." Of course, that is the very opposite of what most people will conclude. More importantly, the pardons will not end the threat to his family.

Figures such as James Biden have been accused of lying to Congress about the influence-peddling operation. He can still be subpoenaed and, if he lies, he can be charged with a new crime.

Indeed, after James Biden's pardon, it will be argued that he has less basis to claim the right to remain silent about any alleged crimes committed during the period for which the pardon applies. (He could argue that there is a danger of state charges, but that is less credible due to the running of statutes of limitation and other factors.) The pardons, if anything, make such an investigation even more compelling for those who want answers to longstanding questions of corruption.

Biden sealed his legacy with a finality that escapes most presidents. While his diminished mental capacity will remain an issue for historians, his longstanding lack of ethics was conclusively established with there pardons. It was Biden's final act of corruption.

For a president who liked to call others "lying dog-faced pony soldiers," Biden proved that, in the world of political corruption, the ponies are entirely optional.

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An article by Harold Hutchison titled "FLASHBACK: What Democrats, Corporate Media Said About Potential Preemptive Pardons From Trump Four Years Ago" was posted at dailycaller.com on Jan. 20, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

Democrats and corporate media figures were highly critical about pardons being issued preemptively prior to the end of President Donald Trump's first term.

During his last term, Trump considered preemptively pardoning his children as well as former Republican Mayor Rudy Guiliani of New York City in the wake of his efforts to contest the 2020 election.

One prominent critic of the concept of preemptive pardons during Trump's first term was then-

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California (who was one of the committee members to whom Biden granted clemency on Monday.

MSNBC host Joy Reid asked Schiff in 2020: "Have you ever heard of somebody getting a preemptive pardon who was innocent of all crime, who's just an innocent person? Have you ever heard of that? Just somebody getting a blanket pardon and they're an innocent person."

Schiff responded: "No."

Later, CNN host Wolf Blitzer asked if accepting the pardons would be viewed as an "admission of guilt."

Schiff responded: "I certainly would view it that way. I think millions of Americans would view it that way. If there was no belief in criminality, why would he think a pardon was necessary?"

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An article by Staff titled "Who Did Biden Pardon? Full List" was posted at nbcchicago.com on Jan. 20, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

- James and Sara Biden brother and sister-in-law
- Francis Biden brother
- Valerie and John Owens sister and brother-in-law
- Dr. Anthony Fauci was the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health for nearly 40 years.
- General Mark A. Milley served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff starting in 2019.
- Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol.

Adam Schiff current Democratic Senator of California (who was then a House member) Pete Aguilar current Democratic Rep. of California current Democratic Rep. of California Zoe Lofgren Jamie Raskin current Democratic Rep. of Maryland current Democratic Rep. of Mississippi Bennie Thompson former Democratic Rep. of Virginia Elaine Luria Stephanie Murphy former Democratic Rep. of Florida Liz Cheney former Republican Rep. of Wyoming Adam Kinzinger former Republican Rep. of Illinois

D.C. Metropolitan police officers who testified before committee

Harry Dunn Aquilino Gonell Michael Fanone Daniel Hodges

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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."