

# 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).



A Reuters article by Waqar Mustafa titled "Pakistani Mother Sentenced to Death for Burning Daughter Alive in 'Honour Killing' " was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 16, 2017. Following is the article.

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A court in Pakistan sentenced a mother to death on Monday for burning her daughter alive as punishment for marrying without the family's consent.

Parveen Bibi confessed before a special court in the city of Lahore to killing her daughter in June for what she said was "bringing shame to the family."

Police said 18-year-old Zeenat Rafiq married Hassan Khan and eloped to live with his family a week before she was killed.

The court sentenced Rafiq's brother Anees to life in prison after the evidence showed her mother and brother had first beaten her, before her mother threw kerosene on her and set her on fire.

After Rafiq's murder in a poor district of Lahore, none of her relatives sought to claim her body, police said, leaving her husband's family to bury her charred remains after dark in a graveyard near the city.

Violence against women is rampant in Pakistan, according to the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. Citing media reports, it said there were more than 1,100 "honor killings" in 2015.

Pakistan's parliament passed legislation against "honor killings" in October, three months after the murder of outspoken social media star Qandeel Baloch. Her brother was arrested in relation to her strangling death in July.

Perceived damage to a family's "honor" can involve eloping, fraternizing with men or other breaches of conservative values.

In most cases, the victim is a woman and the killer is a relative who escapes punishment by seeking forgiveness for the crime from family members.

Under the new law, relatives can forgive convicts in the case of a death sentence, but they would still have to face a mandatory life sentence.



An article by Nick Squires titled "Italy Hit by Four Powerful Earthquakes in Four Hours, Bringing Terror to Region Trying to Recover From Last Year's Deadly Terror" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Jan. 18, 2017. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Italy was hit by four earthquakes in four hours on Wednesday, bringing fear and foreboding to the same mountainous region that was struck by deadly tremors last year.

The four quakes, which came in quick succession, caused buildings to collapse but miraculously resulted in no deaths or injuries.

They affected already badly-damaged towns and villages in the regions of Abruzzo, Lazio and Marche, where around 300 people lost their lives last August.

The quakes were so strong that they caused buildings in distant Rome to shake, with office workers rushing out onto the streets, schools ordered to close and the metro temporarily suspended.

The first tremor happened at 10.25am local time, with the last felt shortly after 2.30pm. The magnitudes of the quakes varied between 5.3 and 5.7.

The bell tower of a church was brought crashing down in Amatrice, the hill-top town that was worst hit by the August earthquake.

The epicentre was the village of Montereale, north of the city of L'Aquila, which was devastated by a 6.3 magnitude earthquake in 2009 that killed 300 people.

"Everyone is outside. It's very cold and windy," said Lina Mercantini, who lives in the village of Ceselli in Umbria, 50 miles from the epicentre. "This is totally unnerving. It's never ending. We are all shaking."

The earthquakes compounded an already difficult situation. The bad weather has left around 100,000 people without power, and there were warnings of possible avalanches.

“The problem is not so much the earthquakes but the snow—there are isolated hamlets which are covered in two metres of snow,” said Sergio Pirozzi, the mayor of Amatrice.

“The situation is really getting extreme,” said the mayor of Canzano, Franco Campitelli. “It’s snowing hard. We’re without electricity. We hope the army gets here soon with snow ploughs or we risk being completely isolated,” he told the TV channel Sky TG24.

Since the first big quake struck on Aug 24, the region has been shaken by more than 45,000 aftershocks, geologists said.



An editorial by Walter Williams titled “International Trade Thuggery” was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on Jan. 18, 2017. Following is the article.

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President-elect Donald Trump’s threats against American companies looking to relocate in foreign countries have won favorable review from many quarters. Support comes from those alarmed about trade deficits, those who want a “level playing field” and those who call for “free trade but fair trade,” whatever that means.

Some American companies relocate in foreign lands because costs are lower and hence their profits are higher. Lower labor costs are not the only reason companies move to other countries.

Life Savers, a candy manufacturing company, was based in Holland, Michigan, for decades. In 2002, it moved to Montreal. It didn’t move because Canada had lower wages. Canadian wages are similar to ours. The mayor of Holland offered Kraft, the parent company of Life Savers, a 15-year tax break worth \$25 million to stay. But Kraft’s CEO said it would save \$90 million over the same period because sugar was less expensive in Canada.

Congress can play favorites with U.S. sugar producers by keeping foreign sugar out, enabling them to charge higher sugar prices, earn higher profits and pay their employees higher wages. Our Congress has no power to force the Canadian Parliament to impose similar sugar import restrictions.

One of the unappreciated benefits of international trade is that it helps reveal the cost of domestic policy. For example, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration can impose high costs on American companies, but it has no jurisdiction elsewhere. Our Environmental Protection Agency can impose costly regulations on American companies, but it has no power to impose costly regulations on companies in other countries.

Congress can impose costly tax burdens on American companies, but it has no power to do so abroad. Restrictions on international trade conceal these costs. My argument here is not against the costly regulations that we impose

on ourselves. I am merely suggesting that we should appreciate the cost of those regulations. The fact that a good or service can be produced more cheaply elsewhere helps.

Trump's threats to impose high tariffs on the products of companies that leave ought to be a worry for us—namely, whether we are going to have another president who flouts the U.S. Constitution. Here's how Article 1, Section 7 of our Constitution reads: "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills."

President Barack Obama has circumvented the Constitution and Congress through executive orders. His success in doing so has put too much power in the hands of the executive branch. One wonders whether Trump plans to broaden that power by implementing trade tariffs through executive order.

In early December, Masayoshi Son, CEO of SoftBank, a Japanese telecommunications company, pledged, after meeting with Trump, to invest \$50 billion in the United States, a move that would create 50,000 jobs. I wonder whether Trump would support Japanese domestic interests that might want to prevent so many jobs from moving away from Japan.

A few weeks ago, when it was announced that Peter Navarro was appointed to lead the new White House National Trade Council, Trump said Navarro will work to "shrink our trade deficit." Yet more foreign investment would put upward pressure on America's trade deficit.

Some Americans support trade restrictions because they think there is a problem with having a trade deficit, i.e., buying more from foreigners than they buy from us. But when foreigners sell us goods and take home U.S. dollars, what do they do with those dollars?

The answer to that question lies in the fact that ultimately, dollars are only good in the U.S. They can go from country to country, but they sooner or later wind up in the U.S. as claims on what we produce.

By the way, all trade is fair in the eyes of the parties trading, or else they would not trade. It's third parties who seek to interfere.



An article by Kim Hjelmgaard titled "Eight Men Own Same As Poorest Half of World: Oxfam" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 16, 2017. Following is the article.

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Income inequality is so now lopsided that eight men now own the same amount of wealth as the poorest half of the world.

A top corporate CEO earns as much in a year as 10,000 garment factory workers in Bangladesh.

And the world's 10 biggest corporations together have revenue greater than the 180 poorest countries combined.

These findings by Oxfam, from a report titled *An economy for the 99 per cent*, was released as the globe's leaders and the business elite travelled to Davos, Switzerland, for this week's annual meeting of the World Economic Forum. The conference is partly aimed at eliminating extreme income inequality.

The study found that the richest eight people on the planet have net wealth of \$US426 billion (\$569.6 billion)—equivalent to what's held by the bottom half of the world's population.

"From Nigeria to Bangladesh, from the UK to Brazil, people are fed up with feeling ignored by their political leaders, and millions are mobilising to push for change," British-based Oxfam, an international poverty-fighting group, said in a statement. "Seven out of 10 people live in a country that has seen a rise in inequality in the last 30 years."

The study is the latest in recent years by Oxfam to campaign for ways to reduce the growing gap between the rich and poor. Oxfam called on President-elect Donald Trump, world leaders and the international business community to "take urgent action to reduce inequality and the extreme concentration of wealth by ensuring that workers are paid a decent (salary) and by increasing taxes on both wealth and high incomes."

"It is mind-boggling that just eight men own as much wealth as the poorest half of the world's population, but that's the sobering reality of 2017," said Paul O' Brien, Oxfam America's vice president for policy and campaigns. "Such dramatic inequality is trapping millions in poverty, fracturing our societies and poisoning our politics."

Oxfam based its calculations on data from Swiss bank Credit Suisse's 2016 Global Wealth report and Forbes' billionaires list of the world's richest billionaires.

That means the eight men who have as much wealth as the world's poorest half (3.6 billion people) are the following.

- Bill Gates (\$US75 billion, source of wealth Microsoft)
- Amancio Ortega (\$US67 billion, Zara)
- Warren Buffett (\$US60.8 billion, Berkshire Hathaway)
- Carlos Slim Helu (\$US50 billion, Telecom)
- Jeff Bezos (\$US45.2 billion, Amazon)
- Mark Zuckerberg (\$US44.6 billion, Facebook)
- Larry Ellison (\$US43.6 billion, Oracle)
- Michael Bloomberg (\$US40 billion, Bloomberg LP)

The Credit Suisse report shows that Russia is the world's most unequal coun-

try, with the exception of Comoros and Zambia in Africa. Russia's richest 1 per cent of the population controls 74.5 per cent of total wealth. Globally, the corresponding figure is 50.8 per cent, and in the United States it is 42.1 per cent, according to the Zurich-headquartered bank.

Pedro Martins, an economics professor at Queen Mary University of London, says two important forces lead to income inequality: One is inequality between countries, and the second is inequality within countries.

Globalisation—a hot-button topic at the Davos forum, which runs Tuesday through Friday—can be a powerful force to reduce inequalities between countries, although it also can increase inequality within countries at the same time, Martins says.

For example, he points to the emergence of China and India, which together account for about a third of the world's population with economic growth rates of 6 per cent to 7 per cent. From a global perspective, they helped make the world overall more equal now than it ever has been. Millions have been raised up from poverty; the problem is a few people at the top are doing increasingly better.

Says Martins, "In economic circles, this is known as the 'superstar economy'—the returns for being very talented can be exceptionally high."



An article by Bob Bryan titled "George Soros Reportedly Lost About \$1 Billion After Trump's Election" was posted at [businessinsider.com](http://businessinsider.com) on Jan. 12, 2017. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Hedge fund legend George Soros lost a lot of money after the election of Donald Trump, according to a new report from *The Wall Street Journal*.

The *Journal's* Gregory Zuckerman and Juliet Chung cited people familiar with Soros' trading who said the billionaire became bearish after Trump's the victory, and those bets seem to have come back to bite him.

However, Soros' larger fund, Soros Fund Management, gained 5% over the year, according to the *Journal*.

Soros supported Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton, and contributed millions to super PACs backing her campaign, so it may come as no surprise that he was skeptical of the market after Trump's upset victory.

Additionally, most Wall Street analysts believed that a Trump win would sow uncertainty and cause a sell-off.

Since Trump's election, Soros has criticized him, calling him a "would-be dictator" and warning about what his win could mean for the long-term health of democracy.



An article by Joe Schoffstall titled "Soros' Son Quietly Steps Up As Major Liberal Donor" was posted at freebeacon.com on Jan. 14, 2017. Following is the article.

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Alexander Soros, the son of liberal billionaire George Soros who acts as the managing partner for Soros Brothers Investments, has quietly emerged as a major donor to Democratic campaigns and causes.

Alexander has remained relatively unknown in the world of political giving thanks to his father garnering a bulk of the family's attention. However, Alexander has stepped up his political contributions even as his father continued to pour tens of millions into the coffers of Democratic campaigns and political action committees.

Alexander gave more than \$4.5 million to Democratic campaign committees and political action committees in 2016, according to campaign finance records. The millions in donations from Alexander throughout the past election cycle is a sharp increase from years past.

The Senate Majority PAC, the political action committee of former Sen. Harry Reid (D., Nev.), was the biggest recipient of cash from Soros' son. Between August and November 2016, Alexander cut four checks to Reid's leadership PAC totaling \$3.5 million.

Alexander gave \$127,800 to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee during the 2016 campaign cycle and added \$133,400 to the Democratic National Committee Services Corp.

Alexander also contributed the maximum amount allowed (\$5,400) to numerous Democratic politicians, including failed presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, former senator Russ Feingold (D., Wis.), Sen. Chuck Schumer (D., N.Y.), and Rep. Keith Ellison, who is in the running to lead the Democratic National Committee.

Tens of thousands were also given to numerous state Democratic parties across the country. Alexander provided checks of \$10,000 to the Democratic parties of Illinois, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Nevada, Texas, Oregon, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, among other states.

The \$4.5 million in donations from Alexander this past election cycle is a major jump from what he had given since the 2012 election cycle.

During the 2012 election cycle, Alexander contributed slightly more than \$400,000. For the 2014 election cycle, Alexander provided over \$88,000 to Democratic campaigns and committees.

Dan Gainor, the vice president of Business and Culture at the Media Research Center who has extensively tracked cash from George Soros, particularly to media entities, said that Alexander could assume the role currently occupied by his father in the future.

“Alexander Soros is following in both his father and brother’s footsteps—going left,” Gainor told the *Washington Free Beacon* in an email statement. “As George Soros ages, there has been speculation about who will assume his role funding the liberal movement. With the expanded giving of both Alex and Jonathan Soros, it’s possible that both of them will play key roles supporting the left for decades to come.”

Gainor went on to say that the media should pay closer attention to Alexander’s activities.

“Alex, in particular, has championed standard left-wing ‘progressive causes’ such as climate change and social justice. Like many liberals, he totally misread the 2016 election and his support for Hillary leaves him without a standard-bearer to back,” Gainor continued. “But, he has more than enough money to support numerous candidates and organizations. Though his own personal foundation is young, it doubled its annual giving to about \$1.5 million just since 2012. And its assets have grown even faster.”

Alexander did not immediately return a request for comment on his spike in contributions.



An article by Cody Derespina titled “Clinton Global Initiatives to Lay Off Employees, Shut Down Amid Dwindling Donations” was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 16, 2017. Following are excerpts of the article.

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The Clintons are moving ahead with plans to downsize their controversial foundation’s network of offshoots, a decision carried out as the powerful family’s political influence wanes and its once-lengthy donor list shrinks.

In a decision announced last week, 22 additional employees are being laid off from the Clinton Global Initiative [CGI]—known for its annual glitzy gathering of high-powered leaders and celebs. The layoffs are tied to a decision to shutter CGI that originally was announced in an Aug. 22 letter from former President Bill Clinton.

At the time, the Clintons were under pressure to explain how they would handle potential conflicts of interest with their namesake foundation if Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton were to win the White House.

Bill Clinton wrote in his letter at the time: “Nine years ago in my book ‘Giving,’ I wrote, ‘I want to continue these meetings for at least a decade, with the objective of creating a global network of citizen activists who reach across the divides of our interdependent world to build real communities of shared opportunities, shared responsibilities, and a genuine sense of belonging.’ . . . That is exactly what CGI, its members, and its dedicated staff have done.”

Clinton lost the 2016 election to Donald Trump—but the family is proceeding anyway with its CGI plans, and those “dedicated staff” are getting the ax.



The “layoff date” is set for April 15.

It’s unclear how many employees will be left at CGI after the latest round of layoffs, or if any of those workers will be shifted to other Clinton projects. A spokesperson for the Clinton Foundation declined to comment on the record for this story.

CGI, which began in 2005, is not a direct-action charity like the Clinton Foundation, but instead brings power players together to address “significant global challenges” through their own commitments to action.

While Hillary Clinton’s presidential prospects were quashed mere months after Bill Clinton penned his August letter, other factors may have contributed to CGI’s ending despite the disappearance of looming conflict-of-interest issues.

While the 2011 CGI meeting boasted a roster of 46 sponsors, that number had been cut in half by the final September summit, Politico reported. And since Clinton’s presidential election loss in November, other donors have cut back or stopped giving to the overarching Clinton Foundation, too. After 10 years and more than \$88 million in donations, the Australian government decided against renewing its partnership with the foundation, news.com.au reported. Norway reduced its giving from \$20 million in 2015 to \$4.2 million in 2016.



An article by Scott Whitlock titled “Silence From Networks As Clinton Global Initiative Shuts Down” was posted at [newsbusters.org](http://newsbusters.org) on Jan. 17, 2017. Following are excerpts of the article.

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The shuttering of the Clinton Global Initiative [CGI] in the wake of Hillary Clinton’s brutal election loss hasn’t resulted in any interest from the three networks. ABC CBS and NBC have skipped the news that the division of the Clinton Foundation will lay off employees and close in April.

CGI filed notice with New York on January 12, but news outlets began reporting it on January 16. On Monday and Tuesday, despite a combined 17 and a half hours of morning and evening air time, the networks punted.

On Monday’s Fox and Friends, co-anchor Heather Childers co-anchor highlighted:

HEATHER CHILDERS: We begin with the controversial Clinton Global Initiative. Remember that? Well, they are closing the doors for good. This comes after Hillary Clinton’s crushing loss in the presidential election this November and months after WikiLeaks uncovered emails that reportedly showed corrupt management helping donors get political access, rather than focusing on charitable work around the world. Employee layoffs take effect in April.

What did ABC, CBS and NBC cover instead?

■ On Tuesday, *Good Morning America* devoted 5 minutes and 41 seconds to *Dancing With the Stars*.

- The *Today show* offered up 4 minutes and 33 seconds to a story on “how to vacuum” and “how to mop.”
- *CBS This Morning* focused on actor Denzel Washington for 8 minutes and 12 seconds.

Clearly, there was time.



An article by Cortney O’Brien titled “Mika Slams Jim Acosta for More Misleading Questions” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 17, 2017. Following is the article.

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At President-elect Donald Trump’s press conference last week, CNN’s Jim Acosta stole the show by demanding he get a question. He said CNN was entitled to one since Trump had repeatedly attacked their organization. Trump refused, accusing him of stoking “fake news” for reporting on an uncorroborated BuzzFeed report.

On Monday, Acosta followed Trump to Trump Tower in New York City, where he asked a misleading question to Martin Luther King III following the civil rights leader’s meeting with the president-elect. The reporter wanted to know what King thought of Trump’s feud with Rep. John Lewis. However, Acosta editorialized and answered his own question before giving King a chance to respond.

“Isn’t that something that just cuts to your core when you hear the president-elect refer to John Lewis as all talk and no action,” Acosta asked King. “I mean nothing could be further from the truth, isn’t that right? John Lewis is not all talk and no action.”

*Morning Joe* anchor Mika Brzezinski, who made sure to note she is not a Trump supporter, nevertheless was fed up with the media’s cherry picking everything Trump says, while leaving Democrats alone. She shared her thoughts on Acosta’s behavior on Tuesday.

“We decipher Democrats and make them sound great,” she noted. “And we make Republicans sound like complete—the word we won’t use.”

Perhaps the media is the one who needs to “reset,” Brzezinski surmised.



An article by Cortney O’Brien titled “Pelosi: Remember How Carefully We Considered Obamacare?” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 16, 2017. Following is the article.

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Democrats couldn’t bother to read all of the Affordable Care Act legislation while it was being debated in Congress. Of course you can’t really blame them, considering it was 2,000 pages long. Yet, they passed it anyway, without one

Republican vote. Before the vote, House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi showed her hand by infamously noting they had to “pass it to see what’s in it.”

Now, as Republicans have begun the process of repealing the ACA, Pelosi is acting as if the original document was gone over with a fine tooth comb.

The document Pelosi links to outlines the “debate” Democrats had over the legislation, in the form of hearings and markups.

Pelosi is getting defensive because both the Senate and the House accepted a budget resolution last week that includes language to repeal Obamacare. President-elect Donald Trump has told Americans not to worry about their health insurance because the Republican alternative will cover everyone.



An article by Christine Rousselle titled “Donald Trump Corrects John Lewis’ Claim He’s ‘Never’ Boycotted an Inauguration” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 17, 2017. Following is the article.

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On *Meet The Press* over the weekend, Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) claimed this Friday will be the first time he has skipped an inauguration.

As it turns out, this isn’t true: Lewis did not attend George W. Bush’s inauguration in 2001 and instead spent the day in Atlanta.

(His staff now claims that they “forgot” about that.)

Anyhow, the president-elect took it upon himself to act as Lewis’ fact-checker. Trump posted a series of tweets calling out Lewis for his inaccuracy.

In addition to Lewis, more than 40 of his colleagues will also be boycotting the inauguration.



An editorial by Michelle Malkin titled “Sponsors of Anarchy” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 18, 2017. Following is the article.

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Hoodlums will be out in full force this Inauguration Day weekend. Count on it.

I’ve covered the left’s criminal anarchist element for more than 20 years—from the animal rights terrorists who have harassed, threatened and firebombed scientific researches across the U.S. and Europe to the anti-capitalist thugs who wreaked havoc on downtown business owners at the 1999 World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle and the 2010 G-20 summit in Toronto to the ANSWER Coalition and Code Pink’s not-so-peaceful peaceniks who disrupted congressional hearings and menaced veterans memorials and military recruit-

ing stations throughout the George W. Bush years to the Occupy Wall Street vagrants and rapists of 2011-12 to the rent-a-rioters who hijacked Ferguson, Baltimore and other Black Lives Matter demonstrations against police.

My favorites over the years?

I'll never forget the seditious mother in Olympia, Washington, who tied bandanas over her kids' faces and recklessly planted them in the middle of a street 10 years ago to block trucks carrying military shipments. She was so caught up in the excitement of her "direct action" that she dropped her baby on the ground as her anarchist compatriots threw rocks at police and soldiers driving around them.

Then there were the "progressive" nitwits who handcuffed themselves to concrete-filled barrels in January 2015 and shut down traffic in the Boston area (risking the lives of crash victims waiting for an ambulance that was blocked) to protest . . . something or other.

Clenched-fist troublemakers will use any mass gathering as an excuse to undermine civil society. Social media and the irresistible lure of virality have only strengthened their incentive to "FSU" (f— s— up). Here's another thing you can take to the bank: "Mainstream" protesters on the streets of D.C. will look the other way at these lawless vandals who leech onto any available cause.

Their common goal is not "social justice." It's destabilization and disorder.

In Oakland, California, far-left "activist" Mayor Jean Quan groveled to Occupy agitators and refused to crack down as small businesses were destroyed and cops were attacked.

Oberlin grad Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Democratic mayor of Baltimore, infamously created a safe space for rioters sabotaging inner-city businesses.

The American Civil Liberties Union has written the literal playbook for redefining violent protest as "free speech" and obstructing police planning efforts to defend cities against left-wing chaos.

Kory Flowers, a North Carolina-based law enforcement expert on domestic anarchists and criminal subversive groups, describes the persistent pot stirrers as "cause parasites." In 2012, at the Democratic National Convention, where international media coverage was assured, Flowers reported that anarchists had manufactured "urine-filled eggs, acid-filled Christmas ornaments, and water guns containing urine, all meant to be used against the law enforcement security forces throughout the city."

Five years later, investigative journalist James O'Keefe exposed D.C.-based anarchists associated with the #DisruptJ20 (Jan. 20) movement on tape this week as they were plotting to invade inaugural balls with stink bombs, trigger sprinkler systems to force attendees out in the cold, chain themselves to Metro trains and hunt down city officials who act against them.

“If you try to close us down, we will look for your house. We will burn it. We will physically fight the police if they try to steal one of our places. We will go to war, and you will lose,” one plotter threatened.

Many of these guerilla punks employ “Black Bloc” tactics, Flowers notes, wearing all-black clothes “to appear as a unified assemblage, giving the appearance of solidarity for the particular cause at hand,” which allows “virtual anonymity while conducting criminal acts as a group.”

They may be a fringe minority, but it’s the continued tolerance of these vandals, looters and terrorist wannabes on the ground by “mainstream” community organizers and politicians that gives them cover—and power.

Lee Stranahan, an independent journalist and blogger who covers protest movements for Breitbart, adds: “It’s important that Americans not be lulled into a false sense of security by such an oversimplification.

While it’s been proven that funders like (billionaire George) Soros and the Democrat party have paid protest organizers and some protesters, groups like the violent Black Bloc typically aren’t motivated by money, but instead come to protests because of their anti-American ideology, base criminal desires and thrill seeking.”

Opponents of President-elect Donald Trump’s have accused him of “inspiring violence” and bringing out the worst in people. Wrong. The active and passive sponsors of left-wing political mayhem are the ones guilty of enabling it over the past quarter-century. Restoring peace and justice starts with restoring law and order. Either you’re against the rule of the mob or you’re with it.



An editorial by Ann Coulter titled “Tips for Hate Crime Hoaxers” was posted at [anncoulter.com](http://anncoulter.com) on Jan. 11, 2017. Following is the article.

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In a country of more than 320 million people, everything must happen once. So it’s somewhat surprising that not one of the alleged post-election hate crimes committed by Trump supporters has turned out to be true.

They are false in one of two ways: Either they aren’t “hate” or they aren’t true. This week, we’ll provide tips for selling a hate crime that didn’t happen.

Hate Crime Hoaxer Tip No. 1: Don’t invent hate crimes that could form the opening of a Harlequin Romance.

Liberal girls always seem to be imagining strong, rough, Heathcliff-type white men demanding that they disrobe or become “sex slaves.” (Oddly, Heathcliff keeps doing this in well-trafficked areas in the middle of the day with no witnesses.)

The hijab hoaxer at the University of Michigan described her imaginary Trump-supporting pursuer as white, in his 20s or 30s, with an athletic build,

unkempt and intoxicated. He demanded that she remove her hijab. (After a police investigation, she admitted she made it up.)

The alleged hijab victim at University of New Mexico, Leena Aggad, said her hijab was ripped off by “a really buff guy wearing a Trump shirt.” (The attack was serious enough for her to tell the media about it, but not serious enough to report it to campus security, much less the police.)

A 28-year-old black woman, Kara Stevens, claimed three Trump-supporting white men in their 30s approached her in a Safeway parking lot in Hillsboro, Oregon, mentioned Donald Trump—then threatened to turn her into their “sex slave”! (Investigation suspended with no video, no witnesses and no evidence.)

With a little more imagination, these stories could become the new “Fifty Shades of Grey.”

Hate Crime Hoaxer Tip No. 2: Don’t accuse white men of throwing things at you—even if it allows you to issue inspirational quotes, suitable for framing, like: “It’s going to take more than a brick to break me!”

An African-American woman, Eleesha Long, claimed that, the day after the election, three white men in Trump shirts threw rocks at her on the campus of Bowling Green State University.

The Safeway “sex slave,” Kara Long, claimed the Trump-supporters threw a brick at her. (She, of the inspirational quote.)

We’ve seen lots of rock-, bottle- and brick-throwing recently—in Ferguson, Baltimore, Charlotte, Oakland, Chicago—in fact, pretty much whenever disaffected urban youth encounter the police.

We’ve seen Mexicans throw eggs at Trump supporters and rocks at the police.

We’ve seen Brazilians throw rocks at journalists at the Olympic Games in Rio, Palestinians throw rocks at the military in Israel, and Muslim “refugees” throw rocks at the police in Europe.

But throwing things at people never really caught on with white men over the age of 6. (NOTE: Sen. John McCain’s bellicose sidekick is a notable exception—CNS News: Sen. Lindsey Graham, “I’m Ready to Throw a Rock” at Russia.)

Even sad, directionless, white (alleged) “men” at Occupy Wall Street protests—i.e., the molecular opposite of a Trump supporter—don’t seem to have thrown rocks at cops. The rock-throwing was done by their minority backup.

Again, we’re a country of 320 million people, so it must have happened sometime, but the 21st-century white American male is the most pacific—and least rock-throwing—Y-chromosomed being ever to walk the Earth.

Black women accusing white men of throwing rocks at them are thinking of what they would do, not what their athletically built, white male, Trump-supporting Lotharios would do.

Hate Crime Hoaxer Tip No. 3: Don't post your tale of victimology on Facebook if your father may read it, worry about you and call the police. That's what Eleesha Long's father did, which—to Miss Long's eternal embarrassment—led to a police investigation.

The cops found clear evidence of hate—hers. She'd texted her boyfriend such sweet nothings as, "I haven't met a decent Trump supporter yet" and "I hope they all get AIDS."

More significant in terms of the penal code, police determined from her cellphone records that she was nowhere near the site of the alleged rock-throwing incident.

Hate crime hoaxers, I don't think I need to tell you this, but you do *not* want a police investigation. Much better to send anonymous reports into America's leading hate group, the Southern Poverty Law Center, so your story can appear in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, ABC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, the *Today* show, *Good Morning America*, etc., etc.

A brick might not break you, but a police investigation will.



An editorial by L. Brent Bozell and Tim Graham titled "Hollywood vs. the 'Fascist' Election Result" was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on Jan. 13, 2017. Following is the article.

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Critics of the Hollywood left chuckled when Hillary Clinton lost the election. Those dramatic videos full of celebrity ardor for the Clintons flopped. Rarely has there been a more pronounced disconnect. It turned to belly laughs when those celebrities responded by making more videos.

First, the celebrity leftists made a video urging the Electoral College to actually reject the election results. When it dawned on them (Has it dawned on them?) that America wasn't going to reverse itself because they said so, they gave that up.

Now they want to derail President-elect Donald Trump's administration, so out came a celebrity video promoting MoveOn that was full of pompous celebs urging Congress to reject Trump's Cabinet nominees. They announced: "The majority of Americans, regardless of who they voted for, did not vote for racism, for sexism or for xenophobia. And yet Donald Trump won." Only in La-La Land does that incoherence make sense.

But the ad that takes the celebrity cake appeared in the Jan. 11 edition of the *Washington Post*. Page A-5 carried a full-page advertisement. Written large on the top half were the words: "No! In the name of humanity, we refuse to accept a fascist America!"

We think they're upset.

"The presidency of Donald Trump is illegitimate," reads a bold-lettered sub-heading. The ad continues: "By any definition, Donald Trump is a fascist. He has put together a regime who will carry out this program, and worse."

It even dispenses with the actual voters, saying: "No election, whether fair or fraudulent, should legitimize this. 'Reaching across the aisle' only legitimizes that which is illegitimate." How ironic that this diatribe ran on the very same day that the Post hailed President Obama's farewell address for identifying "gathering threats to American democracy."

Their pompous call to action reads like the anti-Declaration of Independence. "We, the undersigned, know in the depths of our beings, the catastrophe that will befall the people of the world should the Trump/Pence regime assume full power," it says. They insist the election should be thrown out because the Electoral College is "an institution set up in 1787 to protect slavery."

The actors who signed this appeal for a coup included Ed Asner, Margaret Cho, Debra Messing, Rosie O'Donnell, Michael Shannon and David Strathairn.

Shannon plays villains in the movies . . . and in real life. He said: "There's a lot of old people who need to realize they've had a nice life, and it's time for them to move on . . . If you look at the young people, between 18 and 25, if it was up to them Hillary would have been president. No offense to the seniors out there. My mom's a senior citizen. But if you're voting for Trump, it's time for the urn." Entertainment Weekly praised him as "a patron saint of grumpiness and grief."

There were plenty more celebrity activists on this list. There were the Hollywood directors Joe Dante and John Landis. There were the far-left rebels of the music world, rappers Chuck D and Vic Mensa; and jazz musicians Kurt Elling, Lalah Hathaway and Arturo O'Farrill. And there were alternative rockers Alex Ebert of the band "Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes," Merrill Garbus of "tUnE-yArDs" and Thurston Moore of "Sonic Youth."

The signatories also include leaders of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, which is committed to a global revolution. (So much for opposing Trump's pending dictatorship.) This party's constitution rejects democracy. It says, "In a world marked by profound class divisions and social inequality, to talk about 'democracy'—without talking about the class nature of that democracy and which class it serves—is meaningless, and worse."

Based on the copy of this ad, it's fair to surmise the signatories feel very much at home with that sentiment.

The Hollywood left is too enriched to be communist. "Pampered multimillionaires of Hollywood, unite!" It has a certain ring.



An editorial by Dennis Prager titled "A Guide to Basic Differences Between Left and Right" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 17, 2017. Following is the article.

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■ Source of Human Rights



Left: government

Right: the Creator

■ Human Nature

Left: basically good (Therefore, society is primarily responsible for evil.)

Right: not basically good (Therefore, the individual is primarily responsible for evil.)

■ Economic Goal

Left: equality

Right: prosperity

■ Primary Role of the State

Left: increase and protect equality

Right: increase and protect liberty

■ Government

Left: as large as possible

Right: as small as possible

■ Family Ideal

Left: any loving unit of people

Right: a married father and mother, and children

■ Guiding Trinity

Left: race, gender and class

Right: liberty, In God We Trust and e pluribus unum

■ Good and Evil

Left: relative to individual and/or society

Right: based on universal absolutes

■ Humanity's Primary Division(s)

Left: rich and poor; strong and weak

Right: good and evil

■ Ideal Primary Identity of an American

Left: world citizen

Right: American citizen

**■ How to Make a Good Society**

Left: abolish inequality

Right: develop each citizen's moral character

**■ View of America**

Left: profoundly morally flawed; inferior to any number of European countries

Right: greatest force for good among nations in world history

**■ Gender**

Left: a social construct

Right: male and female

**■ Most Important Trait to Cultivate in a Child**

Left: self-esteem

Right: self-control

**■ Worth of the Human Fetus**

Left: determined by the mother

Right: determined by society rooted in Judeo-Christian values

**■ Primary Source of Crime**

Left: poverty, racism and other societal flaws

Right: the criminal's malfunctioning conscience

**■ Place of God and Religion in America**

Left: secular government and secular society

Right: secular government and religious society

**■ American Exceptionalism**

Left: chauvinistic doctrine

Right: historical reality

**■ Greatest Threat to the World**

Left: environmental catastrophe (currently global warming)

Right: evil (currently radical Islamist violence)

**■ International Ideal**

Left: world governed by the United Nations, and no single country is dominant

Right: world in which America is the single strongest entity

■ Primary Reason for Lack of Peace in Middle East

Left: Israeli settlements in the West Bank

Right: Palestinian, Arab and Muslim denial of Jewish state's right to exist

■ Purpose of Art

Left: challenge status quo and bourgeois sensibilities

Right: produce works of beauty and profundity to elevate the individual and society

■ Guns

Left: ideally universally abolished, except for use by police, the armed forces and registered sportsmen

Right: ideally widely owned by responsible individuals for self-protection and the protection of others

■ Race

Left: intrinsically significant

Right: intrinsically insignificant

■ Racial, Ethnic and Gender Diversity at Universities

Left: most important

Right: far less important than ideological diversity

■ Black America's Primary Problem

Left: racism

Right: lack of fathers

■ Greatest Playwright

Left: entirely subjective; there is no greatest playwright

Right: Shakespeare

■ War

Left: not the answer

Right: sometimes the only answer

■ Hate

Left: wrong, except when directed at the political

Right: wrong, except when directed at evil

## ■ Cultures

Left: all equal

Right: some are better than others

## ■ America's Founding Fathers

Left: rich white male slave owners

Right: great men who founded the greatest society

## ■ Purpose of Judges

Left: pursue social justice

Right: pursue justice

## ■ National Borders

Left: a relic of the past

Right: indispensable for national survival

## ■ View of Illegal Immigrants

Left: welcomed guests

Right: illegal immigrants

## ■ Nature

Left: intrinsically valuable

Right: made for man



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