

Eye on the World

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



An article by Damien Sharkov titled "North Korea Prepares Air Force Build Up After U.S. Bombers Arrive in South" was posted at newsweek.com on Sept. 26, 2017. Following is the article.

North Korea is deploying military aircraft to the east of the country after U.S. B-1B bomber jets arrived in South Korea over the weekend, NHK World reports.

The U.S. military has stepped up its air force cooperation with South Korea and Japan in the aftermath of a series of missile tests and a nuclear test by North Korea this summer. Speaking in South Korea Wednesday, U.S. Lieutenant General Thomas Bergeson said that a joint force with seamlessly integrated air power "is exactly that type of force that is necessary to interdict and then defeat a nuclear-capable enemy."

According to South Korean intelligence, however, which national lawmakers were briefed about Tuesday, the North is shifting deployments to the east of the country, along the route that the U.S. jets flew. Interestingly the decision occurred after the U.S. made the announcement of the deployment public, suggesting the North may have been unaware of the jets beforehand.

A legislator at the meeting told South Korea's Yonhap news agency that the North Korean military showed no immediate signs that it detected the planes' arrival Saturday. This has led South Korean media to speculate about the state and management of the North's early warning radar system as it nominally has a detection range of up to 600 kilometers (around 370 miles.)

The North Korean redeployment follows tense exchanges between the U.S. and North Korean delegations from the U.N. General Assembly floor this month, during which President Donald Trump called North Korea's leader "rocket man" and warned him he is "on a suicide mission."

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho responded to the comments this week, accusing Trump of effectively declaring war and said Pyongyang now had the right to shoot down U.S. military jets even if they do not cross into his country's airspace.



An article by Thomas Lifson titled "Interpol Votes to Allow Palestinians As a Member 'State' " was posted at americanthinker.com on Sept. 28, 2017. Following is the article.

A terror-supporting fox has just been invited into the global police henhouse. Over strenuous Israeli objections, Interpol, the international police agency that shares information and arrest "red notices," voted at its annual general assembly in Beijing to admit the Palestinian Authority as a member-"state."

Israel points out that the P.A. is not a state, but that did not prevent the required two-thirds majority from voting to admit it and the Solomon Islands to membership, making a total of 192. A similar bid last year in Interpol's Jakarta general assembly meeting had failed.

There are a number of concerns over this move. Primarily, it is seen as another step toward full U.N. membership for the Palestinian Authority, conferring legitimacy on it. The P.A. now becomes eligible for membership in the International Criminal Court, which will enable it to push to criminalize Israelis for the "crime" of defending Israel's right to exist. This could lead to "red notices" being issued for the arrest of Israeli officials overseas.

■ Some Israeli media commentators have voiced concern that as an Interpol member, Palestine could ask the organization to issue a "Red Notice," an alert to police worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest an individual, pending extradition.

■ But the procedure does not appear to pose serious legal problems for Israelis such as government officials and military officers whom pro-Palestinian groups have sought to have arrested by local authorities as suspected war criminals during overseas visits.

■ A red notice is not an international arrest warrant, and on its website Interpol notes that it cannot compel any member country to detain an individual named in one.

But there are plenty of left-wing governments in the world that would love to harass Israelis with arrests based on Palestinian-issued red notices, even if they are not compelled to do so.

Then there is the issue of access to the Interpol databases. How much intelligence would be available to the Palestinians, who, it must be kept in mind, pay a substantial part of their budget as rewards to the families of terrorists who attack Israelis and are killed or detained?

This may not be a disaster, but it is hardly a good thing when terror supporters take on the legitimacy of a member of a global police agency.



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "N. Korea, Venezuela, Chad Added to Travel Restriction Countries; CAIR Still Calls It 'Muslim Ban' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 25, 2017. Following are excerpts of the article.

North Korea, Venezuela and Chad have been added to a handful of countries whose citizens face varying restrictions on visiting the United States under a proclamation issued by President Trump on Sunday, as the main provisions of a previous temporary ban were set to expire.

At the same time, Sudan has been removed from the earlier list. The new set of countries comprises Syria, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Libya—all previously listed—plus North Korea, Chad and Venezuela.

"Making America Safe is my number one priority," Trump tweeted after the proclamation was released. "We will not admit those into our country we cannot safely vet."

The original countries were singled out early this year, according to the administration, because they were deemed to be of terrorist concern (and had in fact been identified as such by the Obama administration in 2015-16). Despite that, critics were quick to label the move a "Muslim ban," not least of all because of Trump's own statements during his presidential campaign.

Neither Venezuela nor North Korea are Islamic countries. Chad's population is around 52 percent Muslim, 44 percent Christian.

Still, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), in its reaction to Sunday's proclamation described it as the "latest iteration of the discriminatory and unconstitutional Muslim ban."

CAIR's senior litigation attorney Gadeir Abbas called the proclamation Trump's "Muslim ban 3.0."

From Ben Rhodes, deputy national security adviser for strategic communications in the Obama administration, came a different take. "The inclusion of Venezuela and North Korea shows this was never about terrorism at all and is just politics," he tweeted.

(In fact, Republican lawmakers and others have called for years for North Korea's return to the list of state-sponsors of terror from which it was removed in 2008, and to add Venezuela, which has long been deemed a terrorist safe haven.)

Trump's "Presidential Proclamation on Enhanced National Security Measures" takes into account differences among the eight countries' levels of cooperation with efforts by the U.S. government to determine whether their nationals pose a security risk to the U.S.

The restrictions themselves also vary. In Venezuela's case, for instance, a restriction on non-immigrant tourist and business visits applies only to officials and family members of officials from government agencies involved in screening and vetting procedures, such as the foreign and justice ministries and intelligence services.

Somalia is described as a special case, given the lack of the government's territorial control and poor record-keeping. While Somali nationals may not enter the U.S. as immigrants, their entry as non-immigrants is not prohibited, although it is subject to additional scrutiny.

The restrictions are tightest for North Korea and Syria, whose nationals will not be allowed to enter the U.S. either as immigrants or non-immigrants.

That's because North Korea was found not to be cooperating with the U.S. "in any respect" while also failing to satisfy information-sharing requirements.

Syria, the president said, "regularly" fails to cooperate, is a source of significant terror threats, and is a designated state-sponsor of terrorism.

Iranian, Libyan, Chadian and Yemeni nationals will not be allowed entry as immigrants, but not all categories of non-immigrant entry visas are blocked for the four countries.

Non-immigrant entry on business and tourist visas is suspended for nationals of Libya, Chad and Yemen.

In Iran's case, all non-immigrant visa categories are affected, except for student and exchange visas, although enhanced screening and vetting will be required.



An article by Susan Stamper Brown titled "Greedy Capitalists Didn't Rape Venezuela, Greedy Socialists Did" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 25, 2017. Following is the article.

“From the Soviet Union to Cuba, Venezuela, wherever socialism or communism has been adopted, it has delivered anguish, devastation and failure. Those who preach the tenets of these discredited ideologies only contribute to the continued suffering of the people who live under these cruel systems . . .”—President Donald Trump, Sept. 19.

A big takeaway from my prior years in ministry is that things aren't always as they seem. Sometimes people hide dark secrets behind nice smiles and happy faces.

Here in the U.S., gobs of sorely misinformed people fantasize about the pie-in-the-sky idea of socialism, having no idea all it does is make everyone except those in charge poor and miserable.

Even so, socialism barkers put on happy faces and try to sell socialism like snake oil salesmen.

And then there is President Trump, who told it like it is during his U.N. General Assembly speech, which will likely go down in history as one for the ages.

Trump said, “The problem in Venezuela is not that socialism has been poorly implemented, but that socialism has been faithfully implemented.”

You could almost hear all the air being sucked out of the room by horrorstruck socialist world leaders forced to face the truth head-on: Everywhere socialism is implemented it eventually fails.

Venezuela, the weight loss capital of the world, is falling apart.

Socialist policies picked this oil rich country bone-dry.

Former president Hugo Chavez justified stealing businesses from private citizens in the name of spreading the wealth around. He nationalized just about every industry to supposedly level the playing field and create financial equality.

Then he went spend-happy.

For a short while, Venezuelans enjoyed freebies like the single payer health-care system that Congressional Democrats here in the U.S. want so bad they would probably be willing to sell everything you own to get it, if that's what it would take.

The government became Venezuelans' sole provider. Along with free health-care, they also received subsidies for energy and food.

Then the healthcare system collapsed and the economy went kaput.

Devoid of basic necessities like food, medications, or even toilet paper, Venezuelans now forage through trash like wild animals and even eat dogs and cats to survive.

All that, while current president Nicolas Madura and Chavez family members live in the lap of luxury.

Yes, folks, socialism works.

It works for leaders who steal it from the folks at the top, bottom and middle. They'll tell you every time they are doing it to share the wealth. Chavez talked the socialism talk while he was lining his pockets. When he died, he left his daughter Maria Gabriela Chavez around \$4 billion, Miami-based newspaper Diario Las Americas reports.

Americans should be very leery of Democrat Party politicians whose eyes light up like blow torches at the mention of the childishly romantic idea of socialism. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is a multi-millionaire who lives in a \$2 million mansion. Bernie Sanders has three homes, including a \$600,000 lake house. Former President Obama is worth tens of millions and rakes in \$400,000 per speech from the Wall Street folks he once rail against.

Like Chavez, Democrats tend to blame much of the inequities in the world on capitalism.

Greedy capitalists didn't rape Venezuela, greedy socialists did.

The Economist reports Chavez "expropriated and redistributed wealth to weaken enemies and woo allies" and "undercut the oil wealth that funded Venezuelan socialism." Then, the inevitable happened, Venezuela ran "out of other people's money," just like former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once said.

Apparently, her wisdom is far too yesteryear for current Prime Minister Theresa May, who issued President Trump a stiff-lipped smackdown for "pursuing protectionism" during her UN speech. May said protectionism might "undermine support for the forces of liberalism and free trade that have done so much to propel global growth."

Meanwhile, malnourished Venezuelans are fleeing in droves to escape the death throes of a socialist nightmare.



An editorial by Walter Williams titled "Not a Day Care" was posted at jewish-worldreview.com on Sept. 26, 2017. Following is the article.

Our college-age population consists mostly of 18- to 30-year-olds, and likewise our armed forces. I wonder whether they shared common responses to the 2016 presidential election.

Many college administrators provided students with therapy dogs, play dough, coloring books, bubbles, videos of frolicking kittens and puppies, and soft music. They even canceled classes and postponed exams so that their 18- to 30-year-old snowflakes could better cope with the election results.

There are numerous internet photos and videos of these youngsters screaming and in outright grief and panic.

Here's my question.

- Were our military leaders as accommodating as college administrators?
- Did commanding officers of our aircraft carriers provide their young people with therapy dogs, play dough, crayons and coloring books, and soft music?
- Were sea training exercises canceled?
- Were similar accommodations ordered by commanders of our special forces, such as the Army Rangers, Navy SEALs and Delta Force?

I'm guessing and hoping that our military leaders, unlike many college administrators, have not lost their minds.

That brings me to this column's title: "Not a Day Care." That's the title of a new book written by Dr. Everett Piper, president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Piper reminds us that today's law students are tomorrow's lawyers and judges.

Based on what they are taught, there's no mystery why lawyers and judges seek to legislate from the bench. Students who want to rid college curricula of dead old white men such as Plato, Aristotle, Voltaire and Kant will be on tomorrow's school boards or be professors. This doesn't bode well for our nation's future.

Many colleges have become hotbeds of what might be labeled as enlightened racism. Students at the University of California, Berkeley created "safe spaces" for people of color.

Resident advisers at Scripps College posted two signs to educate students about "emotional labor," one aimed at white students and one for "people of color and marginalized backgrounds."

University of Michigan students demanded a "designated space on central campus for Black students and students of color to organize and do social justice work." That was after the university caved to student demands and spent \$10 million to build a multicultural center.

In Chapter 6, Piper discusses an attack by a Muslim Somali student at Ohio State University. Fortunately, he was shot dead by police officers before he could add to his toll of 11 injured students. The Islamic State group praised him and called him one of its soldiers. The administration responded to the incident by inviting Nathan Lean, author of "The Islamophobia Industry: How the Right Manufactures Fear of Muslims," to lecture about Islamophobia.

A few days after the attack, protesters gathered on campus to read the names of people of color killed by police in the previous two months. The Muslim Somali student made the list, going from a terrorist to a victim virtually overnight. Piper asks whether it is possible to imagine President Franklin D. Roosevelt taking to the radio waves after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to announce a forum on diversity and prejudice.

Among the many other ugly things going on at our universities is the withering attack on free speech. Diversity is the highest goal of students and professors who openly detest those with whom they disagree.

The content of a man's character is no longer as important as the color of his skin or his sex or his political loyalties. This intolerance has won such respectability that even politicians have little shame expressing it.

In 2014, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo basically told people who disagreed with him to leave the state. He said people who defend traditional marriage, are pro-life and are anti-gun control "have no place in the state of New York." That's progressive ideological fascism that ought to be put down by freedom-loving Americans.

Dr. Everett Piper's "Not a Day Care" is a short but powerful book by a university president who is not afraid to maintain civility and common sense, traits all too rare among today's university administrators.



An editorial by Allen West titled "Relentless Left, Retreating Republicans" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 25, 2017. Following is the article.

Well, here we are in that last possible moment for healthcare reform under budget reconciliation. That simply means the GOP controlled Senate has until the end of this month, just a few days, to come to a consensus on a healthcare reform legislation that owns up to their promise.

- They had promised to repeal and replace Obamacare for, what, seven years or so? They had stated they just needed the House of Representatives . . . done.
- Then they decried, we need to have the US Senate . . . granted. Then they pleaded, please give us the White House . . . trifecta.
- And then Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said we had "excessive expectations." That came from Senator McConnell while on August "recess," something he promised wouldn't happen if the GOP controlled Senate did not get its work done.

They have not.

And if this is supposedly part of the Trump agenda, you would not be able to tell from this past weekend. It appears that President Trump's priorities are all about the NFL and the NBA, not pressing for a free market-based conservative solution to the known failures of Obamacare.

President Trump continues to rail, rather simplistically, just send me something to sign, and everything to President Trump is a good bill. Well, that was at least what the House GOP thought until President Trump referred to their bill, which he had celebrated, as mean.

Through all of this, we see a relentless left of progressive socialists who are busy about creating chaos, violence, removing historical monuments and statues, and thumbing their nose at our rule of law. I just seem to wonder, who did win back on November 8th?

It doesn't seem that the GOP has won anything. Consider one Senator John McCain who has stated he will not vote for the Graham-Cassidy healthcare reform legislation. According to Senator McCain, he wants to see more, hmm, bipartisanship. Should I remind Senator McCain that after he so bungled his 2008 presidential election against Barack Obama, it was Obama who said, "I won."

■ Why is it that the GOP has the trifecta of majorities in the White House, control of many a gubernatorial mansion and state legislatures and yet they are in full retreat?

■ In contrast, the liberal progressive left has been pummeled at the ballot box and they are acting with a resolve and belligerence that is unheard of? I mean, let's be honest,

Republicans appear to be cowards when compared to these leftist socialists. Who else, after being soundly defeated would propose an absurdity like government-run healthcare, Medicare for all, like Bernie Sanders and his cohorts recently did. Ya gotta give it to them, that is truly gutsy.

Amazingly enough, Republicans are timid, reticent, recalcitrant, and just plain afraid to go toe to toe with the left. They run and hide because of the media and the collective aggregation of the cultural, academic, and entertainment elites when they should be on the full-scale attack, going on the offense. When I was in the military, we had a little saying, "why do you kick a man when he is down?." The answer was simple, because he is close to your foot.

Can any of you imagine a Democrat controlled US Senate allowing for hearings against Barack Obama? Well, we do not have to ponder that question, the answer is of course Harry Reid didn't.

Yet we had GOP controlled Senate committee after committee holding these sham hearings about Russian collusion. Any of them that had cajones would have told the Democrats, the left, to pound sand, and then started hearings on Hillary Clinton and her uranium deal with the Russians.

Republicans have the left down but are too undisciplined and nervous about keeping them down, completely different from Obama and his ilk. Remember Obama saying the Republicans can get on in the back of the bus?

Even now with tax reform, we have Republicans, to include President Trump, using the language of the left.

■ Why do we have Republicans in the majority if they just believe like the left and that we can only have "tax cuts" for the middle-income Americans?

■ Who would have ever thought a Republican president would say that "the rich are not a priority"? Every American income earner is a priority when it comes to tax relief and economic growth.

■ And why do we have Republicans speaking like leftists selecting winners and losers, and who holds the decision criteria as to who is a priority and who is not?

- Perhaps this all comes down to a question of, does today's Republican party want to fight for our constitutional conservative principles and values?
- What exactly is the philosophical core of the Republican party, the establishment?
- Are they just a lesser version of progressive socialists . . . just drop the socialist moniker?
- How does the today's Republican party see the relationship between the institution of government and the individual American citizen, which one is sovereign?

By the end of this week, chances are the whole GOP promise of repealing and replacing Obamacare may have sailed. The window for budget reconciliation will have closed, and the entire year wasted. The Republican party was given Washington DC, and they are not only proving to be incapable of governing, but also incompetent, inept, and cowardly.

No, there will not be a return of Nancy Pelosi or Chuck Schumer as House and Senate leaders . . . either the cowardly lions will find courage, doubtful, or the American people will find those who possess that vital quality.



An article by Brian C. Joondeph titled "GOP is Dead, Obamacare is Alive" was posted at americanthinker.com on Sept. 27, 2017. Following is the article.

Remember back in 2012 when then-vice president Joe Biden told us, "Bin Laden is dead; General Motors is alive"? The good old days. That was also around the time Senators John McCain and Lisa Murkowski promised to repeal Obamacare—along with a bunch of other Republicans seeking re-election to Congress.

Fast forward to 2017. The new catchphrase is "GOP is dead; Obamacare is alive." At least their credibility is dead, buried in the rubble of broken campaign promises: not only Obamacare repeal, but also tax cuts, immigration enforcement, balanced budgets, reduced spending, and so on.

Repeal and replace, as a promise, was simple enough on the campaign trail. We heard this promise in 2010, when voters gave the House to Republicans. We heard it again in 2012, when voters gave them the Senate. Despite their controlling Congress, Obamacare remained alive and well. Candidate Donald Trump, along with most Republican members of Congress, promised repeal and replace last year.

Eight months into the Trump administration, Obamacare is still kicking. Congress had three bites of the apple this year and each time came up with a worm. This week was their third attempt to fix Obamacare. It was not the promised repeal, but instead only financial window dressing to keep Obamacare alive in some shape or form.

Graham-Cassidy didn't even earn a Senate vote this week after three promised GOP defections. Too bad they didn't vote. Senator Richard Shelby

thought a vote was fruitless, saying, "Why have a vote if you know what the outcome is and it's not what you want?" Why? How about getting the senators on record with a yea or nay vote? Votes that they could be reminded of during their next campaigns?

Once again, the do-nothing Congress has squandered a once-in-a-generation, or lifetime, opportunity to advance a conservative agenda. Instead, after eight months, they have little to show for their control of the executive and legislative branches of government. Obamacare remains the law of the land.

Republican lassitude is not lost on voters, as Luther Strange learned this week. Senator Bob Corker noticed, too, choosing to do nothing as a private citizen rather than as a U.S. senator. Congress may not want to repeal Obamacare, but the voters do.

Many want a simple repeal, similar to what Congress passed multiple times, certain that their virtue-signaling repeal bills would be slapped down by an Obama veto. Now that the veto threat is gone, so are the votes for repeal. It won't happen. Neither will the IRS ever be abolished or the Departments of Education and Energy be closed. All conservative pipe dreams far from the reality of current Washington, D.C.

Obamacare remains in a death spiral—another year of double-digit premium increases, some families paying more for their Obamacare insurance premiums than for their mortgages, not to mention rising co-pays and deductibles and narrowing physician and hospital networks. All of this makes medical care unaffordable for many Americans, even though they have insurance.

What's next? Waiting in the wings is Bernie Sanders's "Medicare for All" bill, which has the support of 17 Democratic senators, more than a third of their caucus. On the House side, John Conyers has his own version of single-payer with 119 cosponsors, more than half of the Democrats' House caucus.

America is already drifting toward single-payer. Medicaid, Medicare, and the VA System are all single-payer health insurance plans—or, more accurately, government-run health care systems. Obamacare is following this path. A third of counties have only one Obamacare insurer. It's not far from what we have now to a true single-payer plan. And the Democrats are ready and waiting to take advantage of Republican chaos and an imploding Obamacare.

Perhaps this was the plan all along. It was then-senator Obama who once said single-payer is the goal, but "we can't get there immediately."

If President Trump cannot get anything done with his own party in Congress, maybe he calls his new buddies Chuck and Nancy—John McCain's extolled "reaching across the aisle."

Suppose Donald, Chuck, and Nancy cook up a two-tiered system, something for everyone? A public option and a parallel private option. Just as most developed countries have. The public option covers everyone. Think of Medicaid for all. A bare-bones catastrophic coverage plan available to all

Americans. With minimal or no out-of-pocket costs to patients but with the tradeoff of long wait times for care and limited treatment options.

The private option allows individuals to purchase medical insurance or actual care directly, what they want and need, nothing more. Insurance without mandates and regulations. No subsidies, tax breaks, or government assistance. Pure free market.

Think of K-12 schools. Public schools are available without cost to all students—for most, a good education. And there is a private school option for those who desire and have the means. Pay the private cost, or default to the public option and pay nothing.

There are pros and cons to each system, but both are separate and distinct, each doing what it's designed to do—rather than an amalgam of both systems, which is what we have with Obamacare, Graham-Cassidy, skinny repeal, or whatever the witches and warlocks of Congress conjure up.

This is something for both the right and for the left. Free market for the right. Universal coverage for the left. Perhaps it's the only way to get past the current logjam in Congress. If Republicans continue to twiddle their thumbs and do nothing, they may soon find themselves in the minority, leaving Bernie in charge.

If the Democrats control Congress, make no mistake: they will pass single-payer. No defections. They will change procedural rules such as the filibuster if necessary. And they will accomplish what the Republicans are unable to.

In the meantime, Obamacare is alive, and it's the GOP on life support.



An editorial by Ann Coulter titled "They Don't Call It 'The Great Tweet of China' " was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 20, 2017. Following is the article.

During the campaign, Donald J. Trump made lots of promises—he'd be the greatest jobs president God ever created, he'd cut taxes, he'd balance the budget, he'd give all Americans fantastic health care, he'd renegotiate NAFTA, he'd scotch the Iran deal and so on.

But there was one central promise without which he wouldn't have been elected: He said he'd build a wall.

Either Trump understood the urgency of our border crisis, as his every campaign speech suggested, or it was just meaningless boilerplate to get himself elected. If it was the latter, then our search continues for one politician who won't lie to us.

It was precisely the Nietzschean Eternal Recurrence of politicians promising to get tough on immigration, but never, ever doing it, that caused voters to cling to Trump like a life vest in a tidal wave.

If Trump actually believed what he claimed to believe, he would treat the building of a wall as a far more urgent priority than sending FEMA after a hurricane.

Taking nothing away from the fine people who lost their lives in the recent hurricanes, since the 2005 hurricane season, about 200 Americans have died in hurricanes, plus 82 in Hurricane Harvey and 50 in Hurricane Irma.

That's 332 deaths from hurricanes in the past 12 years.

Even a federal government determined not to tell Americans how many illegal immigrants are committing crimes admits that—at a minimum—there are 350,000 illegal immigrants incarcerated in state prisons and jails, and 3,500 are in for murder.

Considering that the average time served for murder in America is six years, that means that, in the last 12 years, hurricanes have killed 332 Americans, and illegal immigrants have killed 7,000 Americans.

Throw in the more than 30,000 Americans who die every year from heroin and fentanyl brought in by Mexicans, and illegal immigration is a problem at least 100 times more urgent than Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and every other hurricane since 2005, combined.

(If we're including U.S. territories and Hurricane Maria ends up killing another 100 people—current estimates are zero dead—illegal immigration is still 80 times worse than the last 12 years of deadly hurricanes. Of course, if we're including territories, then we also must note that illegal immigration is especially disastrous for Puerto Ricans living in the U.S., in terms of crime and diminishing job prospects.)

There is no question but that illegal immigration dwarfs any other issue, not only in dead Americans, but also in welfare expenditures, taxes, lost jobs, police and prison expenditures, declining neighborhoods, ruined schools, overwhelmed hospitals, facial reconstruction surgeries and rape counseling services, to name a few costs.

We thought Trump understood this. We were counting on him to fight for us on the border—not with rallies, not with hats, not with tweets, but by building a wall.

And yet, as of Wednesday this week, Trump will have been in office 243 days without having begun the wall. Imagine if Hurricanes Harvey and Irma had hit 243 days ago and all we'd gotten from the president were assurances that FEMA would be coming any day now—just as soon as he got the go-ahead from Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan! (Or worse, from Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer.)

The more accurate analogy would be if Trump responded to the recent hurricanes not only by sending zero federal aid, but also by demanding that we dismantle FEMA and the National Hurricane Center. That's exactly what he's doing by proposing we respond to the crisis of 40 million illegal aliens in our country with an amnesty that will lure another 40 million across the border.

We hoped we wouldn't have to spell it out. We thought Trump understood that this was an emergency. We believed he was capable of getting the job done.

If he did understand, then 243 days ago, he would have sent the Navy Seabees and Army Corps of Engineers to start building the wall.

For most of the nation's history, the primary job of the military—of which President Trump is the commander in chief—was building walls and fortresses on our borders. That's why we have an Army Corps of Engineers. It may not seem like it from recent history, but the job of our military is to protect America's borders—not Ukraine's borders, not Jordan's borders.

This is our one and only chance to get this done, and we're losing the fight. While Trump dallies, last week California became a sanctuary state. Sixteen-year-old girls are taking lessons to learn to be safe drivers, but when they're smashed into by drunk-driving illegal aliens, the state won't tell ICE, and taxpayers will spend \$40 million to pay for their defense.

The wall has to get built, and nothing else matters.

Trump will not be able to tweet his way out of not building the wall. He will not be able to change the subject by attacking the media or Crooked Hillary. He will not be able to get away with blaming Republicans in Congress.

Obviously, it suits the rest of the traitorous GOP—which ferociously opposed him—to pretend that Trump's election had nothing to do with immigration.

I don't know about a lot of things. I don't know where women let you grab them if you're a rich celebrity. I don't know how to play a wind instrument. But when everyone else said Trump was a joke, I said, nope, he's going to be our next president. If anyone is telling Trump that a "virtual wall," drones, a conga line or a "Don't Cross!" sign are as good as a wall, he can get his stock tips from them, but not his political advice.

If Trump doesn't get that wall built, and fast, his base will be done with him and feed him to Robert Mueller.



"Eye on the World" comment: Some conservative commentators mentioned a challenge facing NFL owners with the following question—Do the owners want to please their employees (the players) or their customers (the fans)?



An article by Derek Hunter titled "The Slow Death of the NFL?" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 28, 2017. Following is the article.

I should say at the outset that I've never really been a big football fan. I grew up in Detroit and played hockey, so I love the Redwings. Besides, we didn't really have a professional team in Detroit; we only had the Lions.

Jokes aside, I watched it nearly every week. Not intently, but it was on in the background because it's easy to do other things with football on. Whether it's cleaning, writing or whatever, there are long stretches of time during a football game where nothing much happens. And if anything interesting does happen the announcer's voice and crowd noise give it away and you can look at the TV. If you miss that, they replay it immediately.

It's the perfect sport to ignore while you get other things done. Now it's become, for me, a sport to simply ignore—period.

I'm done.

HGTV was my refuge. Watching a marathon of real people get their houses remodeled was much more entertaining than watching pampered millionaires wrestle in taxpayer-funded stadiums while disrespecting the national anthem and the American flag.

Since I wasn't a rabid fan the NFL won't really notice that I'm gone. But I'm not alone. Through my radio show, social media, and life I have heard from scores of people who are diehard fans, and they're done too.

More importantly for the NFL and the players, they're beyond angry. Lifelong fans feel betrayed. Anger fades with time, but the sting of betrayal lingers.

This was a foreseeable eventuality, akin to being hit by a train because you were playing on the tracks and refused to move.

The damage to the NFL began when Commissioner Roger Goodell chose to side with left-wing activists over the game in the hope of placating them and absolving himself from his failures to properly address domestic violence by some players.

Activist groups were vocal critics of slaps on the wrists for players abusing their wives or girlfriends. But left-wing activist groups don't stop, ever. Even when something is (eventually) made right and harsher penalties were handed out. Because they can fundraise off of it and, equally as important to them, they hate professional sports.

Activist liberals always have hated sports, even when they use it. They hate competition—championing ending scorekeeping in youth sports—because there are winners and losers, and they hate meritocracy. If professional sports is anything it is a meritocracy. Only the best survive, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and all the other boxes liberals have created to divide people.

Professional sports has no time for any of that; there's too much money in winning. And professional sports is a business.

At least it used to be.

It has evolved from an organization that fined Jim McMahon for writing messages on his headbands to one that ignored players perpetuating the lie of “hands up, don’t shoot.” From blocking the Dallas Cowboys from honoring five police officers who were murdered by a militant racist inspired by anti-police activists to ignoring Colin Kaepernick wearing socks portraying police as pigs.

It seemed like a league held hostage by Kaepernick’s racism; in fear of being called racist itself. Now it’s an enabler of ignorance.

Putting aside the ignorance of the issue, because it doesn’t really matter what the protests are about. The method is what is destroying the NFL.

There could not have been a worse target for a protest than the national anthem in a sport that has marinated itself in patriotism. Sure, it was paid for—nothing in the NFL is free—but they cashed the checks.

When Kaepernick chose to protest during the national anthem all people saw was a protest of the national anthem. That Goodell and his highly paid PR team didn’t recognize this fact and squash it like they did DeAngelo Williams’ desire to pay tribute to his late mother by wearing pink to raise breast cancer awareness is a testament to the fear and desire for self-preservation that has marked his tenure. You can’t claim to support the First Amendment rights of your players when you deny them the ability to honor their mothers or excessively celebrate touchdowns.

Yet that’s what the NFL tried to do. And it failed, miserably. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones tried to stop the hemorrhaging by kneeling before the anthem with his team, then they all stood for it. Would’ve been smart to think of that before, now, for many, it’s just too late.

I won’t miss it because I was never really emotionally invested in it. But the NFL has millions of fans who’ve happily handed over their hard-earned money for years who are now feeling like they’ve been conned the whole time. Maybe they were.



Looking back to 2016, here is an article by Pete Blackburn titled “NFL Denies Cowboys’ Request to Wear Helmet Decal Honoring Dallas Police” that was posted at foxsports.com on Nov. 15, 2016.

Despite their best efforts, the Cowboys’ helmets will not feature a decal supporting Dallas police officers this season.

According to Brandon George of the Dallas Morning News, the NFL denied the team’s request for permission to include a decal reading “Arm In Arm” on their lids for the upcoming season. That decal, which the team has been wearing on its helmets during training camp, is in support of Dallas Police and the officers killed in July’s sniper attack.

After hearing back from the league on Wednesday , Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones gave the following statement, as reported by George.

"Everyone has to be uniform with the league and the other 31 teams. We respect their decision," said Jones. "There are so many wonderful, wonderful causes, the league has to be careful. If you allow one, then what do you do about every team that has a great reason to have something on their helmets?"

The NFL has unapologetically enforced it's strict uniform policies for years. Just last season the league denied the request of Steelers running back DeAngelo Williams to wear pink gear all season in honor of his mother, who passed away from breast cancer. Williams was also fined for having the message "Find the cure" printed on his eye black during a game.

The Cowboys' "Arm In Arm" decal promotes unity between members of the Dallas community and its police officers. On the opening day of camp, the team—joined by the Dallas police chief, the city's mayor, and family members of the slain police officers—walked onto the practice field with their arms intertwined and unveiled the decal in a ceremony honoring the officers lost.



An article by Kevin McCullough titled "Why #TakeAKnee is Built on a Lie" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 26, 2017. Following are excerpts of the article.

While America vigorously debates the merits of employers having the right to dictate when and where protests are allowed while on the job, while players who make millions feel that disrespecting the flag and the national anthem of the nation that enabled them to make that money is appropriate, and while America turns their televisions off in disgust, a vital note needs to be pointed out.

It's all based on a lie.

The national disgrace that was Sunday took place because a public, largely ignorant of facts, were spoon-fed emotional ultimatums by a media still seething with hatred towards a president whose win they've never accepted.

That he so easily lit their fuse demonstrates their inability to think. That they blew it so out of proportion demonstrated their own lack of coherence with facts, and exposed an under-bellied desire to use lies to advance a narrative based purely on their hate for their president and the people who elected him.

- The players who took their knee on Sunday did so under the first dishonest idea that the president was attacking the players of the league in general. Not true.
- They believed he attacked them based on race. Again not true.
- They believed and were repeatedly told on the networks that their First Amendment rights had been taken away. Not even close to true.

Then thanks to the coaching staffs of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Seattle Seahawks, and the Tennessee Titans that were disobeying league rules found on page A62-A63.

The rule explicitly states: "The National Anthem must be played prior to every NFL game, and all players must be on the sideline for the National Anthem. During the National Anthem, players on the field and bench area should stand at attention, face the flag, hold helmets in their left hand, and refrain from talking. The home team should ensure that the American flag is in good condition. It should be pointed out to players and coaches that we continue to be judged by the public in this area of respect for the flag and our country. Failure to be on the field by the start of the National Anthem may result in discipline, such as fines, suspensions, and/or the forfeiture of draft choice(s) for violations of the above, including first offenses."

Some teams believed they were remaining neutral when in reality, they did little more than boycott their own national anthem.

The players that did this in the earliest game—played in London—did so on foreign soil, then stood and showed respect for the British National Anthem could be considered a direct act of disloyalty.

But all of it was done out of emotion, anger, and rhetoric . . . that is based . . . on a lie.

Kaepernick turned "radical" and began his "protest" following his intimate hook-up with an activist from Black Lives Matter. Said activist group now enjoys a 57 percent disapproval rating from the American people because they march and chant, "Cops are pigs!" Then they feel creative they describe putting "pigs in a blanket," and they aren't referring to the tasty treat your mom served in childhood using pastry and hot dogs.

Black Lives Matter is also associated with the deaths of nearly a dozen police officers over the last two years and believes they have the right to be so because of police shootings. They justify this even as deaths of black men at the hands of rogue police officers are down in historical and numerical terms.

Black Lives Matter was largely organized in the aftermath of events that caused the phrase "Hands Up Don't Shoot" to become popular.

This phrase was reported by the press (see the problem here), and it was commonly repeated that these words were spoken by Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. The press repeated this narrative in literally thousands of recounts of the events of Ferguson. T-shirts were made, commercials of celebrity montages invaded our TV screens, and Black Lives Matter was born.

The problem here is that none of it was true.

In the 5000-plus pages of grand jury transcripts, no one—not a single person—not one eye-witness—was able to state truthfully that Michael Brown was shot while running away, that he had his hands up, nor that he ever spoke the words, "Hands up! Don't shoot!"

When under oath and penalty of perjury, witnesses that had told television stations one thing, told investigators the complete opposite.

- There was no mistreatment of Michael Brown.
- He was not shot in the back while running away.
- He charged and tried to kill a police officer with an impeccable record.
- He did not follow the officer's instructions.
- And he never said, "Hands up! Don't shoot!"

It didn't happen. It was a lie. A lie that gave birth to Black Lives Matter, and the lie that started #TakeAKnee. And now a lie that has divided America.



An article by Marc Weisman titled "Classic Media Bias: Tebow vs. Kaepernick" was posted at americanthinker.com on Sept. 26, 2017. Following is the article.

When Denver Broncos unapologetic Christian QB Tim Tebow takes a knee to thank G-d for his successful plays, he is mercilessly mocked by the left and the mainstream media. When Colin Kaepernick takes a knee to protest what he imagines as American institutional racism, he is ebulliently admired by the left and mainstream media as a heroic champion for "social justice." Why? The answers are simple and obvious but also enlightening.

- Tim Tebow is a white, straight-laced, religious, pro-life, and pro-abstinence athlete. He celebrates America. In other words, he is a poster child for all that is wrong in America today—according to the left, that is.
- Colin Kaepernick (also religious) is black, was orphaned by his destitute mother, is heavily tattooed, and harbors reproachful views of America, which he sees as "oppressing black people and people of color." He too is a poster child, in this case for all that is right in America—again, according to the left.

Never mind that according to the NYT, only two of the last 15 high-profile police killing cases where the left and the press rushed to a guilty judgment actually resulted in guilty pleas or convictions.

Never mind that the clear majority of these "brave social warriors" protesting America have somehow, despite rampant racism, made it big in this evil land of America. They are all multimillionaires.

Never mind that despite 87% of America being non-black, we elected a black president—twice.

Never mind that there is no safer haven or greater land of opportunity for minorities than America.

Americans celebrate the fact that we have the right to peacefully protest—a right safeguarded by the very men and women in uniform being disrespect-

ed by the misguided defiance of these players and the cowardly NFL owners. Many if not most of these owners (wealthy and white) probably feel exactly as Donald Trump does but fear the intolerant backlash from the left if they were to reveal their support for the flag and all that it represents.

Here is the thing that is lost in all this posturing: having the right doesn't make it right. Our children are watching all of this. How many of them will take away a militant and negative view of this greatest nation the world has ever seen?

This is the true tragedy if you love this country, but for the left, this is a perfect opportunity to sow a negative view of America for the next generation of so-called "community organizers."



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."