

# 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 Marissa Newman and Amanda Borschel-Dan titled "Ancient Boulder Dislodges From Western Wall, Crashes Down Near Woman at Prayer" was posted at timesofisrael.com on July 23, 2018. Following is the article.

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A large boulder from the Western Wall was dislodged from the ancient structure on Monday morning, tumbling down onto an egalitarian prayer platform.

There were no injuries in the incident near Robinson's Arch, south of the main prayer plaza, but the rock landed very close to a female worshiper. It damaged the platform where she was praying.

"I didn't hear or feel anything until it landed right at my feet," said Daniella Goldberg, 79. She said she was praying at the site, as she does regularly, when suddenly the boulder crashed down. She told Hadashot TV news she "tried not to let the incident distract me from my prayers" and refused to be drawn on whether divine providence had spared her. "May we all be blessed," she said.

The smaller of two platforms designated for mixed-gender prayer at the site was closed until further notice.

"Israel Antiquities Authority officials are dealing with the incident," said Masorti movement head Yitzhar Hess in a statement posted on Twitter, along-

side dramatic footage of the stone coming loose and crashing onto the platform, revealing dirt behind the wall.

"This is a wake-up call—we must check the entire Western Wall, both parts, so that heaven forbid there is no disaster in the future," he added.

The fallen boulder weighed about 220 pounds (100 kilos), Israel Radio said.

The incident came a day after the platform was filled with worshippers marking the Tisha B-Av fast, which honors the destruction of the two Jewish temples in Jerusalem. Tens of thousands of Jewish Israelis also flocked to the main prayer plaza of the Western Wall between Saturday night and Sunday evening to solemnly mark the day.

The rabbi of the main Western Wall plaza called for public "soul searching" after the incident.

"This is an unusual and most rare incident that has not occurred for decades," said Western Wall Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch.

"The fact that this powerful incident happened a day after the 9th of Av fast, in which we mourned the destruction of our temples, raises doubts and questions which the human soul is too small to contain, and requires soul-searching."

"I thank the creator that a heavy disaster was averted," he added.

An archaeologist who visited the site later Monday warned that the entire Western Wall is "danger zone," and said the public should stay away. Zachi Dvira said he noted multiple cracks in other stones and fears that another stone fall is just a matter of time. Other stones "could immediately fall on the heads of people," said Dvira, who is completing a PhD on the recorded archaeology of the Temple Mount.

Following the stone's fall from one of the original Herodian courses of the Western Wall, a team of IAA experts, including archaeologists, engineers and conservationists, began careful examination of the affected area.

In a statement, the IAA said there were a number of possibilities that may have led to the stone's fall, such as vegetation growing in the wall's cracks, or entrapped moisture that may have led to the stone's wear. There is also the possibility of a still unknown engineering failure.

"With the help of advanced technological methods, IAA experts will begin careful monitoring in the area of the fall, as part of a survey of the entire area and the formulations of recommendations for the elimination of such danger," said the IAA.

"The Israel Antiquities Authority is aware of the sensitivity required in handling this case and will work in cooperation with all the relevant bodies."

Anyone visiting the site will note that there are already several gaps in the Western Wall, where large Herodian stones have crumbled in the past. In a notable case in 2004, large pieces of Western Wall stone fell in the main-

stream prayer plaza—slightly injuring a Yom Kippur worshipper—due to erosion caused by foreign metal objects inserted into the wall's cracks by birds.

One of the original archaeologists at the site told *The Times of Israel* that some minor patch work was done during the Western Wall's excavation in the 1970s.

Al-Aqsa Mosque director Omar al-Kiswani denied that anyone on the Temple Mount pushed the rock down to the bottom.



An article by Elle Penner titled "Where Does Fat Go When You Lose Weight" was posted at [beachbodyondemand.com](http://beachbodyondemand.com) on July 11, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Have you ever wondered where all that fat that you're working so hard to lose actually goes?

While burning more energy than you take in is the root of weight loss, when fat is burned, the vast majority of it is exhaled as carbon dioxide into thin air.

According to Australian researcher and physicist Ruben Meerman, Ph.D., and colleagues, 84 percent (or 8.4 of every 10 pounds) of fat burned is exhaled as carbon dioxide.

The remaining 16 percent leaves the body as water through urine, sweat, tears, breath, and other bodily fluids. And no, before you ask, you can't lose weight simply by breathing more.



An article by Patrick J. Buchanan titled "Is Putin's Russia an 'Evil Empire'?" was posted at [buchanan.org](http://buchanan.org) on July 23, 2018. Following is the article.

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"History repeats itself, first as tragedy, then as farce," a saying attributed to Karl Marx, comes to mind in this time of Trump.

To those of us raised in the Truman era, when the Red Army was imposing its bloody Bolshevik rule on half of Europe, and NATO was needed to keep Stalin's armies from the Channel, the threat seemed infinitely more serious. And so it was.

There were real traitors in that time.

Alger Hiss, a top State Department aide, at FDR's side at Yalta, was exposed as a Stalinist spy by Congressman Richard Nixon. Harry Dexter White, No. 2 at Treasury, Laurence Duggan at State, and White House aide Lauchlin Currie were all exposed as spies. Then there was the Rosenberg spy ring that gave Stalin the secrets of the atom bomb.

Who do we have today to match Hiss and the Rosenbergs? A 29-year-old red-headed Russian Annie Oakley named Maria Butina, accused of infiltrating the National Rifle Association and the National Prayer Breakfast.

Is Putin's Russia really a reincarnation of Stalin's Soviet Union? Is Russia a threat of similar magnitude?

Russia is "our No. 1 geopolitical foe," thundered Mitt Romney in 2012, now cited as a sage by liberals who used to castigate Republicans for any skepticism of detente during the Cold War.

Perhaps it is time to contrast the USSR of Stalin, Khrushchev and Brezhnev with the Russia of Vladimir Putin.

By the beginning of Reagan's tenure in 1981, 400,000 Red Army troops were in Central Europe, occupying the eastern bank of the Elbe.

West Berlin was surrounded by Russian troops. East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria were all ruled by Moscow's puppets. All belonged to a Warsaw Pact created to fight NATO. Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Georgia, Ukraine were inside the USSR.

By the end of the Jimmy Carter era, Moscow had driven into Ethiopia, Mozambique and Angola in Africa, Cuba in the Caribbean, and Nicaragua in Central America, in the greatest challenge ever to the Monroe Doctrine.

The Soviets had invaded and occupied Afghanistan. The Soviet navy, built up over 25 years by Adm. Sergey Gorshkov, was a global rival of a U.S. Navy that had sunk to 300 ships.

And today? The Soviet Empire is history. The Soviet Union is history, having splintered into 15 nations. Russia is smaller than it was in the 19th century. Russia is gone from Cuba, Grenada, Central America, Ethiopia, Angola and Mozambique.

The Warsaw Pact is history. The Red Army is gone from Eastern Europe. The former Warsaw Pact nations of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria all belong to NATO, as do the former Soviet "republics" of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

When the flagship of Russia's navy, the aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov, sailed from Murmansk to Syria, it had to pass through the North Sea, the Channel, the east Atlantic, the Straits of Gibraltar, and then sail the length of the Med to anchor off Latakia.

Coming and going, the Kuznetsov was within range of anti-ship missiles, aircraft, submarines and surface ships of 20 NATO nations, among them Norway, Britain, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal, and many U.S. bases and warships.

Entering the Med, the Kuznetsov had to travel, without a naval base to refuel, within range of the missiles, planes and ships of Spain, France, Italy and Greece. Along the banks of the Adriatic and Aegean there are only NATO nations, except for Kosovo, which is home to the largest U.S. base in the Balkans, Camp Bondsteel.

To sail from St. Petersburg through the Baltic Sea to the Atlantic, Russian warships must pass within range of 11 NATO nations the three Baltic republics, Poland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Britain and France.

The Black Sea's western and southern shores are now controlled entirely by NATO: Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey. Russia's lone land passage to its naval base in Crimea is a narrow bridge from the Kerch Peninsula.

With the breakup of the USSR, Russia has been reduced to two-thirds of the territory and half the population of the Soviet Union.

Its former republics and now neighbors Georgia and Ukraine are hostile. Its space launches are now done from a foreign land, Kazakhstan. Its economy has shrunk to the size of Italy's.

It has one-tenth the population and one-fifth the economy of its looming neighbor, China, and, except for territory, is even more dwarfed by the United States with a GDP of \$20 trillion, and troops, bases and allies all over the world.

Most critically, Russia's regime is no longer Communist. The ideology that drove its imperialism is dead. There are parties, demonstrations and dissidents in Russia, and an Orthodox faith that is alive and promoted by Putin.

Where, today, is there a vital U.S. interest imperiled by Putin?

Better to jaw-jaw, than war-war, said Churchill. He was right, as is President Trump to keep talking to Putin—right through the Russophobia rampant in this city.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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■ A Reuters article by David Brunnstrom titled "North Korea Making Bomb Fuel Despite Denuclearization Pledge: Pompeo" was posted at reuters.com on July 25, 2018.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "50,000 US Troops in Range of Iranian Weapons Warns Trump" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 24, 2018.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Haley on Defending Israel at the UN: US Has 'A Moral Duty to Take Sides' " was posted at cnsnews.com on July 24, 2018.

■ A Reuters article titled "Israel Shoots Down Syrian Warplane As Golan Frontier Heats Up" was posted at reuters.com on July 24, 2018.

■ An article by Jeremy Culley titled "Turkish President Erdogan Says 'Spirit of Hitler Has Re-Emerged in Racist Israel' " was posted at dailystar.co.uk on July 24, 2018.

- A Reuters article titled "Israel's Netanyahu Accuses Erdogan of 'Massacring Syrians and Kurds' " was posted at reuters.com on July 24, 2018.
- An article titled "Danish Imam Charged Over Call to Kill Jews" was posted at france24.com on July 24, 2018.
- An article by Frank Jordans titled "Germany: Sharp Rise in Number of Anti-Government Extremists" was posted at abcnews.com on July 24, 2018.
- An article by Alex Terrell titled "Tour De France Halted After Riders Sprayed With Tear Gas by Cops Trying to Disperse Protesting Farmers on Stage 16" was posted at thesun.co.uk on July 24, 2018.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Trump Postpones Summit With Putin Until 2019—'After the Russia Witch Hunt is Over' " was posted at cnsnews.com on July 25, 2018.



An article by Henry Olsen titled "What Liberals Still Get Wrong About Trump's Support" was posted at theguardian.com on July 23, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Liberals and progressives are forever predicting Donald Trump's political demise. After each purported outrage—Charlottesville, separating children from their immigrant parents, now Helsinki—they confidently contend that this latest event will finally force Trump's supporters to abandon him. Yet not only does this not happen, Trump's support has actually risen by 6% since late 2017.

How do they keep getting it so wrong?

To quote Ronald Reagan: "The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so."

They presume that because Trump is so unconventional in style, his coalition must be equally unconventional. But it's not. The data clearly shows that Trump's political coalition is pretty much the traditional Republican coalition. And the often virulent behavior of anti-Trump partisans has made partisan Republicans especially unwilling to abandon their leader even when he stumbles.

The sheer ordinariness of Trump's coalition is impossible to overstate. Data from the Voter Study Group show that more than 80% of his votes came from men and women who voted for Republican nominee Mitt Romney just four years before.

This group contains the usual suspects among American Republicans: tax-cut advocates, religious evangelicals and Catholics, gun rights supporters and business types eager for deregulation. Trump has made sure to give each faction what they most desire just like any good politician would. That keeps them in his camp even as the media flays him with each supposed transgression.

Evangelicals are a case in point. My work on Republican factions, contained in the book I co-authored with Professor Dante Scala, *The Four Faces of the Republican Party*, found that very conservative voters who highly value social issues comprise about 25% of the party.

These voters today are very afraid that liberal and progressive judges will slowly circumscribe their ability to practice their religion in their daily lives. They tended not to support Trump during the primaries, instead backing the Texas senator Ted Cruz. Their support for Trump now is highly transactional: so long as he nominates the judges they think will protect their beliefs and way of life, they will overlook virtually anything else he says or does.

The recent nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the supreme court thus solidified their support, as social conservatives believe he is much likelier to back their views than the man he is replacing, Anthony Kennedy.

- They might be troubled by other things he says or does, but so long as he keeps his end of the bargain on their priority they will swallow hard and stick with their man.

- Nor are Trump's voters united by racism and sexism, as many on the left presume.

Analysis by the libertarian Cato Institute's Emily Ekins found that Trump's general election support broke into five groups. Only one, the American Preservationists, contained a large number of voters who could be said to be generally hostile to racial and ethnic minorities per se. They were outnumbered by another group, the Free Marketeers, whose attitudes towards racial and ethnic minorities were as or more tolerant than the attitudes of Hillary Clinton supporters.

Each faction's continued support for Trump is based upon how he acts on their priorities, not on one overarching theme.

- That doesn't mean Trump backers are blind. Polls show an unusually high share of Republicans do not say they "strongly" approve of his performance; they are well aware of his many foibles and flaws.

But in our bipartisan system, opposition to Trump means supporting the Democrats. Absent any indication that Democrats are open to Republicans' views, these voters, sometimes reluctantly, remain in Trump's camp.

Intense opposition to liberal views clearly impacted the 2016 election. Ekins found that each faction within Trump's coalition strongly disapproved of Hillary Clinton.

- Their dislike of Clinton was the single largest factor behind their vote for Trump. Animus towards Democrats and their nominee was a very strong predictor of Trump support even among those who also strongly disliked Trump.

My own work confirms this. The 2016 exit poll showed that Trump won because he decisively beat Clinton among the 18% of Americans who did not like either candidate. These voters tended to be suburban, college-educated, Republican-leaning men. These "reluctant Trump voters" were undecided un-

til the very end of the race, but ultimately decided that the devil whose policies they liked was better than the devil whose policies they didn't.

Democrats have done nothing since Trump's election to reduce these feelings. On issue after issue the Democratic party has moved to the left, catering to a progressive base outraged at Trump's election and seething at how the Democratic establishment foisted a fatally flawed candidate upon them.

The latest progressive cause célèbre is for eliminating America's border enforcement agency, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). One can be outraged at how Trump is enforcing America's immigration laws without thinking that eliminating all border enforcement is a good idea. An idea like this keeps Republicans united in their support for Trump as it clearly shows how unacceptable the alternative is.

- The news media's behavior also keeps Republicans in line.
- It is impossible to overstate the degree of daily vituperation visited upon the president in the media.
- Comics and actors use their non-political programs to attack him, often to the implicit applause of the press.
- Virtually all coverage outside the conservative Fox News and isolated conservative outlets is negative, often couched in highly hostile terms.
- Virtually all of the columnists at the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, America's two most respected dailies, despise Trump—and that includes nearly all of the conservative, libertarian and Republican columnists too. Trump supporters who follow news at all cannot escape the daily blast of negativity.
- This has, predictably, hardened the attitudes of many Trump supporters.

As minor issues are blown up into major catastrophes, it's not surprising that potentially major issues like Trump's embarrassing and obsequious behavior towards Russian president Vladimir Putin in Helsinki get overlooked. It's "boy who cried wolf" syndrome writ large; when the media cries "wolf" at every passing shadow, many Trump backers simply don't believe them when they say that a wolf might actually be coming.

- Should the economy slow down or he goes back on something his fans value, his support could easily drop.
- But it is very unlikely to drop much based on the sort of revelations liberals and progressives often revel in.
- For better or for worse, much of what Trump says and does is already baked into the cake.
- And that might not only keep him politically alive, it might serve to re-elect him against a strong progressive candidate two years hence.



An article by Earick Ward titled "It's Not Socialism; It's Free Stuff" was posted at [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com) on July 24, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

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I, for one, am thankful for the elevation of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Democratic Socialist, to the national stage.

Progressivism has always been premised on deceit. Progressive Democrats for a century have operated in the shadows, increasingly expanding state services in exchange for votes.

We now have a clear delineation between our respective ideologies—constitutional republicanism, premised on free-market capitalism, versus democratic socialism.

Of course, democratic socialism is socialism (or, more particularly, Marxism), but for the sake of clarity, it is important that we understand the distinction and its appeal, in order to defend against its rise.

Who doesn't want free stuff?

Free health care? Sure, why not?

Free tuition? Where do I sign up?

Free or subsidized housing? Yeah!

Universal basic wage? A thousand dollars per month of free money. Whom do I need to vote for to get this?

Informed, reasoned people know where this ends: destruction (as it always has).

But to the vast collective of ill informed (predominantly Millennials), the draw to free stuff is strong. Again, who doesn't want free stuff?

We speak of socialism having never worked, but we need to define what success means.

- Socialism has worked swimmingly in helping collectivist politicians secure authoritarian power (see Cuba and Venezuela). Socialism worked great for Fidel Castro and Hugo Chávez.

- For the people of Cuba and Venezuela, not so much.

We can't compete with free stuff on an emotional level. Trying to reason with the ill informed against the current of lying media and our manipulative social media platforms will be a heavy lift. But it is a fight we must be fully prepared to engage, for our future (as a Republic) depends on our success.

With Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez coming out of the shadows and being described as the future of the Democratic Party, the fight card has been set.

- Socialism versus free-market capitalism.
- Socialism versus constitutional republicanism.
- Socialism (authoritarianism) versus self-rule.
- In short, bondage versus freedom.

We should be thankful that the DNC has embraced its true intentions, as we have, for too long, been punching shadows.

How, though, do we fight free stuff? It is important that we expose the ill informed to the end of the road, not the utopian beginning.

Do you want free health care? Are you prepared to contribute 10-15% of your future earnings to grant the government permission to manage your health care choices?

Free tuition? Are you prepared to contribute 5-10% of your future earnings for the right to go to college for free?

Free housing? Are you prepared to contribute 10-15% of your future earnings in order for the government to provide you a place to live (of its choosing)?

Universal basic wage? How much of that "free money" will you have left after you've paid for said free stuff above?

Lastly, and most importantly, are you prepared to give up your freedom, your liberty, your free-market choices, in order to empower government bureaucrats to make those choices on your behalf?

The end of the (socialist) road is . . . well, the end of the road.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Can We Trust Experts?" was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on July 24, 2018. Following is the article.

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Former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers predicted that if Donald Trump were elected, there would be a protracted recession within 18 months.

Heeding its experts, a month before the election, *The Washington Post* ran an editorial with the headline "A President Trump could destroy the world economy."

Steve Rattner, a Democratic financier and former head of the National Economic Council, warned, "If the unlikely event happens and Trump wins, you will see a market crash of historic proportions."

When Trump's electoral victory became apparent, Nobel Prize-winning economist and *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman warned that the world was "very probably looking at a global recession, with no end in sight."

By the way, Krugman has been so wrong in so many of his economic predictions, but that doesn't stop him from making more shameless predictions.

People whom we've trusted as experts have often been wrong beyond imagination, and it's nothing new.

Irving Fisher, a distinguished Yale University economics professor in 1929, predicted, "Stock prices have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." Three days later, the stock market crashed.

In 1945, regarding money spent on the Manhattan Project, Adm. William Leahy told President Harry S. Truman, "That is the biggest fool thing we have ever done. The (atomic) bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert in explosives."

In 1903, the president of the Michigan Savings Bank, advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in Ford Motor Co., said, "The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty—a fad."

Confidence in the staying power of the horse was displayed by a 1916 comment of the aide-de-camp to Field Marshal Douglas Haig at a tank demonstration: "The idea that cavalry will be replaced by these iron coaches is absurd. It is little short of treasonous."

Albert Einstein predicted: "There is not the slightest indication that nuclear energy will ever be obtainable. It would mean that the atom would have to be shattered at will."

In 1899, Charles H. Duell, the U.S. commissioner of patents, said, "Everything that can be invented has been invented."

Listening to its experts in 1936, *The New York Times* predicted, "A rocket will never be able to leave the Earth's atmosphere."

To prove that it's not just academics, professionals and businesspeople who make harebrained predictions, Hall of Fame baseball player Tris Speaker's 1919 advice about Babe Ruth was, "Taking the best left-handed pitcher in baseball and converting him into a right fielder is one of the dumbest things I ever heard." For those of us not familiar with baseball, Babe Ruth was one of the greatest outfielders who ever played the game.

The world's greatest geniuses are by no means exempt from out-and-out nonsense.

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) was probably the greatest scientist of all time. He laid the foundation for classical mechanics; his genius transformed our understanding of physics, mathematics and astronomy. What's not widely known is that Newton spent most of his waking hours on alchemy. Some of his crackpot experiments included trying to turn lead into gold. He wrote volumes on alchemy, but after his death, Britain's Royal Society deemed that they were "not fit to be printed."

Then there's mathematical physicist and engineer Lord Kelvin (1824-1907), whose major contribution was in thermodynamics. Kelvin is widely recognized for determining the correct value of absolute zero, approximately minus 273.15 degrees Celsius or minus 459.67 degrees Fahrenheit. In honor of his achievement, extremely high and extremely low temperatures are expressed

in units called kelvins. To prove that one can be a genius in one area and an idiot in another, Kelvin challenged geologists by saying that Earth is between 20 million and 100 million years old. Kelvin predicted, "X-rays will prove to be a hoax." And he told us, "I can state flatly that heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible."

The point of all this is to say that we can listen to experts but take what they predict with a grain or two of salt.



An article by Matt Vespa titled "Spin Cycle to Maximum: Fact-Checker Says Trump Dossier Was Not a Clinton-Funded Operation" was posted at townhall.com on July 25, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

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You know, there are times where you wonder how much dynamite you have to stick in the ears of the liberal media before they hear anything.

With the Trump dossier, alleged FISA abuses, and Carter Page, Trump's former foreign policy adviser for his 2016 campaign, back in the news, the fact checkers at the Associated Press tried to say it's not right to call the infamous dossier a "Clinton campaign document" because . . . a couple of close aides didn't know what was going on, or something.

Yeah, that's an understatement. If they knew, Hillary would be president. The Clinton campaign didn't know a lot, but this attempt by the liberal media spin away the ramifications of the Steele dossier, also known as the Trump dossier, is just mind-numbingly stupid.

Here's the spin cycle.

*CBS News*: "It's not correct to call the Steele dossier a 'Clinton Campaign document'. Steele was hired by Fusion GPS, a private research firm that in turn was hired by a law firm that represented the Democratic campaign. But Clinton's closest aides said they didn't learn about the research until after the election, which is probable considering they never raised the allegations publicly."

First, even *The Washington Post* reported that this was a joint Clinton-Democratic National Committee venture.

Here's the Cliff Notes version, folks.

- A law firm working with the Clinton campaign, along with the DNC, retained the services of the research firm Fusion GPS.
- GPS then hired former MI6 spook Christopher Steele to get dirt on Trump; Steele's sources included former and current officials within the Kremlin.
- Yes, the conservative *Washington Free Beacon* also hired Fusion to do research on multiple GOP presidential candidates, but the information gleaned in that operation was public, and none of it appeared in the Trump dossier.

- The Trump dossier is not an intelligence brief.
- It's a piece of partisan campaign opposition research that was allegedly used to secure a FISA warrant to spy on Page. That, along with other aspects of the FISA process in this incident, is at the heart of the controversy here.
- The dossier is alleged to be the "insurance policy" that disgraced FBI Agent Peter Strzok referred to in a text to Lisa Page, a former FBI lawyer with whom he was having an extramarital affair.
- The two exchanged tens of thousands of texts that were anti-Trump, while Strzok was a key player in two of the most sensitive FBI investigations in recent memory: the Hillary Clinton email probe and the counterintelligence investigation into whether the Trump campaign collude with the Russians.
- Special Counsel Robert Mueller is now quarterbacking the Russia investigation. It embarrassed the FBI. The notions of anti-Trump bias and the fixing of investigations have embroiled the Department of Justice. Strzok and Page did text about how they felt the FBI was going too hard on Hillary during the email probe, and that Strzok reportedly did nothing when presented with evidence that the former first lady's unsecure and unauthorized email server was breached.

But we've digressed from the fact checkers' aversion to face facts here.

"It's also not correct to call the Steele dossier a "Clinton Campaign document," they said.

Wait—what was that again Washington Post.

*Washington Post:* "The Hillary Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee helped fund research that resulted in a now-famous dossier containing allegations about President Trump's connections to Russia and possible coordination between his campaign and the Kremlin, people familiar with the matter said.

"Marc E. Elias, a lawyer representing the Clinton campaign and the DNC, retained Fusion GPS, a Washington firm, to conduct the research. After that, Fusion GPS hired dossier author Christopher Steele, a former British intelligence officer with ties to the FBI and the U.S. intelligence community, according to those people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. . . .The Clinton campaign and the DNC, through the law firm, continued to fund Fusion GPS's research through the end of October 2016, days before Election Day."

That sounds like it was a "Clinton campaign document," folks.

There are many questions here. Some have been unanswered for months, and while Congress has asked for documents that could lead to the truth, the DOJ has decided to drag its feet on disclosure.



An article by Matt Vespa titled "Here Are the 34 Democrats Who Voted Against Measure Supporting ICE" was posted at townhall.com on July 18, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

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A resolution honoring the brave men and women of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, who enforce our laws and keep us safe, passed in a 244-35 vote.

- One Republican (Justin Amash of Michigan) voted against the resolution.
- Thirty-four Democrats voted against the measure.
- Another 133 Democrats voted “present,” which their leadership had urged the rank-and-file to do.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) had initially wanted to bring to the floor a measure sponsored by several liberal Democrats that would have abolished ICE.

Make no mistake; abolish ICE is still an issue the progressive Left wants to push. More Democrats are joining the chorus that’s rapidly becoming a litmus test for candidates.

At the same time, more than a few are more than aware that this isn’t really a winning issue. It’s good for deep blue enclaves that elect democratic socialists, but not so much in Middle America and swing districts.

Here is a list of the 34 people who voted against the resolution.

- Brown, Anthony—Maryland (suburbs of Washington, DC)
- Castro, Joaquin—San Antonio, Texas
- Clarke, Yvette—New York City
- Clay, Lacy—St. Louis, Missouri
- Cleaver, Emanuel—Kansas City, Missouri
- Correa, Lou—Anaheim, California
- Crowley, Joseph—New York City
- Davis, Danny—Chicago, Illinois
- Demings, Val—Orlando, Florida
- DeSaulnier, Mark—Concord, California
- Doggett, Lloyd—San Antonio, Texas
- Espaillat, Adriano—New York City
- Gomez, Jimmy—Los Angeles, California
- Green, Al—Houston, Texas
- Grijalva, Raul—Tucson, Arizona
- Gutiérrez, Luis—Chicago, Illinois

- Huffman, Jared—San Rafael, California
- Jackson Lee, Sheila—Houston, Texas
- Johnson, E. B.—Dallas, Texas
- Meeks, Gregory—New York City
- O'Rourke, Beto—El Paso, Texas
- Panetta, Jimmy—Carmel Valley, California
- Rush, Bobby—Chicago, Illinois
- Schakowsky, Jan—Chicago, Illinois
- Schiff, Adam—Los Angeles, California
- Serrano, Jose—New York City
- Soto, Darren—Orlando, Florida
- Swalwell, Eric—Dublin, California
- Thompson, Bennie—Jackson, Mississippi
- Tonko, Paul—Albany, New York
- Vargas, Juan—San Diego, California
- Veasey, Marc—Fort Worth, Texas
- Vela, Filemon—Brownville, Texas
- Velázquez, Nydia—New York City



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## Finances

- An article by Tucker Higgins and Kayla Tausche titled “Trade War Bailout: Trump Administration Plans to Offer \$12 Billion in Emergency Aid for Farmers Hurt by Tariffs” was posted at [cnbc.com](http://cnbc.com) on July 24, 2018.
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- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Liberals, Why Doesn't #MeToo Apply to Victims of Illegal Alien Sexual Assault?" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on July 24, 2018.

- An article by Wilson Ring titled "With Focus on Mexico, Apprehensions Grow at Canadian Border" was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on July 24, 2018.

- An article by Paul Bedard titled "22% of US Population Does Not Speak English at Home" was posted at [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com) on July 24, 2018.

### **Comments about weapons**

- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Multiple Pro-Gun Groups File Lawsuit Over City's [Seattle, Washington] Latest Gun Control Ordinance" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on July 21, 2018.

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### **Comments about Trump support**

- An article by Tony Perkins titled "Trump Is Writing a New Chapter of Real and Lasting Freedom" was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on July 26, 2018.

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- An article by Chris Cuomo, Kara Scannell and Eli Watkins titled "Exclusive: CNN Obtains Secret Trump-Cohen Tape" was posted at [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) on July 25, 2018.

- An article by Mike Allen titled "Exclusive: Lanny Davis [Lawyer for Michael Cohen] Says 'There's More to Come' on Trump-Cohen Tape" was posted at [axios.com](http://axios.com) on July 25, 2018.

- An article by Haley Britzky titled "The Government Has Seized More Than 100 Cohen Tapes" was posted at [axios.com](http://axios.com) on July 26, 2018.

- An article by Marina Medvin titled "What Kind of Lawyer Would Tape a Client?" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on July 26, 2018.

### **News about the media**

- An article by Elizabeth Harrington titled "Denver Post Runs Letter to Editor Suggesting Trump Should Be Executed" was posted at [freebeacon.com](http://freebeacon.com) on July 23, 2018.

- A video and an article by Evan Real titled "Sarah Palin Says Sacha Baron Cohen Duped Her in 'Sick' Interview" were posted at hollywoodreporter.com on July 10, 2018.
- A video and an article by Beth Baumann titled "Watch: Sacha Cohen's Attempt to Pull a Fast One on a Gun Store Went Down in Flames" were posted at townhall.com on July 18, 2018.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "MSNBC's Joe Scarborough Bashes Trump Supporters: 'Who the [Heck] Are These People?'" was posted at cnsnews.com on July 20, 2018.
- An article by Taylor Lewis titled "Trump Shines a Spotlight on the Media's Left-Right Double Standard" was posted at americanthinker.com on July 24, 2018.
- An article by Rich Noyes and Bill D'Agostino titled "Study: TV's War Against Trump's Immigration Enforcement Agenda [92% Negative]" was posted at newsbusters.org on July 24, 2018.
- An article by Josh Feldman titled "Fox News President Declares 'Strong Solidarity With CNN' After WH Bars Kaitlan Collins From Event" was posted at mediate.com on July 25, 2018.

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- An article titled "After Missouri Duck Boat Tragedy, Passengers Grappling With Survivor Guilt" was posted at yahoo.com on July 23, 2018.
- An article by Jamila Perritt titled "If Roe is Overturned, Self-Managed Abortion Won't Be a Coat Hanger" was posted at yahoo.com on July 23, 2018.
- An article by Alex Tanzi titled "Texas and Florida See Largest Population Gains" was posted at bloomberg.com on July 23, 2018.
- A Reuters article titled "California Power Grid Urges Consumers to Conserve Energy in Heat Wave" was posted at reuters.com on July 23, 2018.
- An article by Macy Jenkins titled "Hot Weather Blamed for Increase in Cockroach Infestation [in California]" was posted at sacramentoCBS.com on July 24, 2018.
- An article by Thomas Barrabi titled "Dallas Cowboys Players Must Stand for Anthem, Jerry Jones Says" was posted at foxbusiness.com on July 25, 2018.
- An article by Amy Furr titled "Dallas Pro-Life Billboard Draws Controversy: 'Abortion is Not Healthcare' " was posted at townhall.com on July 26, 2018.
- An article titled "Rip Currents Pose Hidden, Deadly Threat Along NC Coast" was posted at google.com on July 2, 2018.
- A video and an article titled "Video Shows Beachgoers Forming Human Chain to Pull People Out of Water at Emerald Isle [North Carolina]" were posted at abc11.com on July 25, 2018.



**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.”