

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 Julia Ainsley and Abigail Williams titled “Honduran Migrant Caravan Grows to 4,000 Amid Spike in U.S. Border Crossings” was posted at nbcnews.com on Oct. 17, 2018. Following is the article.

A caravan of migrants fleeing Honduras has grown to 4,000, and the Mexican government has sent 500 additional federal police to its border with Guatemala in anticipation of their arrival, according to U.S. government documents obtained by NBC News.

Part of the caravan, which has split into two groups, is approaching the Mexico-Guatemala border amid a surge in border crossings on the U.S.-Mexico border.

In September, U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended more than 41,400 undocumented immigrants, up from 37,544 in August, according to numbers not yet released publicly but obtained by NBC News.

The Washington Post reported Wednesday that the numbers of families and children traveling on their own surged to record levels in September.

Shelters and churches along the border have been flooded as a result of the surge as U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have been releasing hundreds of migrants from detention at a time.

Many of the Hondurans traveling in the caravan are children, some traveling with their parents and some without, according to the documents.

Because children are afforded special protections in the United States, their arrival is creating anxiety within the Trump administration, which has pledged to decrease illegal immigration. President Donald Trump said last week that he would consider separating migrant families at the border once again, after reversing his controversial “zero tolerance” policy in June.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is tracking the caravan as the Hondurans make their way north toward the U.S. border. Meanwhile, the State Department is trying to stave off that possibility by compelling the Mexican government to stop them at its border with Guatemala.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will travel to Mexico to meet with his counterparts on Friday, and plans to stop the caravan will be a “prominent” topic of discussion, a senior State Department official told reporters on Wednesday.

“I am certain that there will be conversations in Mexico about how we can work together on this issue,” the official said about the caravan. “We are certainly looking for concrete results and for solutions that work for both countries.”

Trump has threatened to cut aid to Honduras and Guatemala if their governments do not stop the caravan. It remains to be seen what pressure the United States will put on Mexico, but a senior Homeland Security official said border agents were hopeful that State Department negotiations would significantly curb the numbers that reach the United States.

The deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala, David Hodge, arrived on Wednesday at Casa del Migrante, where hundreds of Honduran migrants continue to arrive. He told them not to continue traveling to the north.

Hodge said in an interview that he was there to tell the migrants “that President Trump’s message was clear—that anyone who enters the United States illegally will be arrested before being deported.”

“The United States government is very aware of the security and prosperity problems in the countries of the Northern Triangle, but we are investing hundreds of millions of dollars every year to improve situations,” he said, referring to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

“People need their future in their country, and they must return to their country,” he said.

Police have been sent in part to quell protesters in the state of Chiapas, which borders Guatemala, who are advocating for the safe treatment of the immigrants, according to the documents.

Cooperating with the United States on strict border policies has been met with a serious backlash in Mexico, and it contributed to the election of President-elect Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

López Obrador said Wednesday that when he takes office on Dec. 1, his administration will “give jobs to Central Americans. It is a plan that we have, that anyone who wants to work in Mexico will have a work visa.”

He said he had told Trump that he wanted to emphasize options besides deportation, including work, for Central Americans.



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Snubbing the US, UN Empowers Palestinian Observer Mission to Lead Major Bloc" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 17, 2018. Following is the article.

In another move unlikely to endear the Trump administration to the United Nations, the General Assembly has endorsed, by an overwhelming margin, an "enabling" resolution giving the Palestinian observer mission powers of a member-state, albeit for a limited amount of time.

The Egypt-sponsored resolution, designed to facilitate the Palestinian mission's presidency next year of the biggest bloc of developing nations at the U.N.—the G77 and China—passed on Tuesday with 146 votes to three, with 15 countries abstaining.

It gives the "state of Palestine," acting on behalf of the G77 and China, the right to introduce and make statements, submit and co-sponsor proposals and amendments, and raise procedural motions, among others.

The "no" votes came from the United States—which urged all delegations to oppose the measure—joined by Israel and Australia.

Abstaining were mostly European countries—Andorra, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Monaco, Poland and Slovakia—joined by Canada, Honduras and the Pacific island nation of Tuvalu.

(Britain, Germany and the Netherlands stressed in statements their support should not be construed as constituting recognition of Palestinian statehood.)

Hillel Neuer, executive director of the non-governmental organization UN Watch, tweeted in response, "The UN leaves the world of reality behind by voting 146-3 for 'State of Palestine' (which has no effective control & therefore cannot be a state) to pretend to be a state & chair the 134-member G-77 group of UN states."

There is no sovereign state of Palestine, but the self-rule Palestinian Authority chaired by Mahmoud Abbas has since 2012 been given the status of "observer state" in the General Assembly.

Although still called the G77, the group today has 134 members, including seven of the world's ten most populous nations. It accounts for 80 percent of the global population, and more than two-thirds of the membership of the General Assembly.

The group's decision over the summer to confer its rotating chairmanship in 2019 on the Palestinian observer mission was widely seen as a response to the Trump administration's active pro-Israel stand at the U.N., particularly the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to that city.

Before the vote, U.S. deputy ambassador Jonathan Cohen said the U.S. opposes both the Palestinians chairing the G77 next year, and the resolution facilitating it.

"The United States does not recognize that there is a Palestinian state and notes that no such state has been admitted as a U.N. member-state," he said.

"Only U.N. member-states should be entitled to speak and act on behalf of major groups of states at the United Nations, such as the Group of 77 and China," Cohen said. "It is entirely inappropriate for an observer to play the role of representing a group of states in the General Assembly or elsewhere in the United Nations system."

He said the initiative is the opposite of what is required for peace in the Middle East—"the courage to sit down at the table, and make compromises."

The G77 was established in the 1960s, with 77 original members, to allow developing countries to promote their collective economic interests.

Israel's deputy ambassador, Noa Furman, told the assembly all members should be concerned "if the group is exploited for non-development issues, and is used to advance the political interests of one delegation."

"Constant attempts to keep changing the rules of procedure to accommodate one observer delegation—in a manner that would not be tolerated for any of the member-states—only weakens this institution," she argued.

After the vote Palestinian delegate Riyad Mansour hailed a decision he described as representing "multilateralism at its best."

His delegation would work to "advance cooperation and mutually beneficial agreements for the common good of humanity," he said.

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley in a later statement echoed Cohen's words about the U.S. non-recognition of Palestinian statehood, and added that the U.S. also "does not believe that the Palestinians are eligible to be admitted as a U.N. member-state."

"The Palestinians are not a U.N. member-state or any state at all. The United States will continually point that out in our remarks at U.N. events led by the Palestinians," Haley said.

"Today's U.N. mistake undermines the prospects for peace by encouraging the illusion held by some Palestinian leaders that they can advance their goals without direct peace negotiations. In fact, today's vote does nothing to help the Palestinian people."

Gillian Bird, the ambassador of Australia—the only other country to vote against the measure—said afterwards the vote reflected her government's "longstanding position that Palestinian attempts to seek recognition as a state in international fora are deeply unhelpful to efforts towards a two-state solution."

Australia's decision to oppose the measure was signaled in an earlier statement by new Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who said it "seeks to confer an

official status on the Palestinian Authority it does not have, and therefore has the potential to undermine efforts to bring parties together to work towards a peaceful settlement.”

Morrison in the same statement said his government would examine the question of moving Australia’s embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Should Australia take the step, it would be only the second country to follow Trump’s lead, after Guatemala moved its embassy to Israel’s capital two days after the U.S. Embassy move. (Paraguay also did so, but a new government reversed the decision last month.)



An article by Bhuvan Bagga titled “Clashes As Hindu Hardliners Block Women From Indian Temple” was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 17, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Clashes erupted on Wednesday as Hindu hardliners prevented women visiting one of India’s most sacred temples, with baton-waving police charging stone-throwing protesters.

Ugly scenes erupted as mobs surrounded and attacked the cars of female journalists. Other reporters including a female AFP journalist were intimidated.

The situation remained tense after nightfall, with police reinforcing the 500 officers already present ahead of likely another dramatic day on Thursday on the road to the Lord Ayyappa temple at Sabarimala.

Last month India’s Supreme Court overturned a ban on females of menstruating age—judged between 10 and 50 years—entering and praying at the hill-top temple in the southern state of Kerala.

This enraged traditionalists, including supporters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), with thousands protesting in the days before the scheduled opening on Wednesday afternoon.

Kerala’s state government insisted it would enforce the court ruling and ensure free access to the remote complex, reached by an uphill trek that takes several hours.

At Nilackal, a base camp below the temple, police cleared protesters early Wednesday morning and arrested seven people who were stopping vehicles.

“Stern action will be taken against anyone who prevents devotees from going to Sabarimala,” Kerala’s Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Tuesday.

But later police struggled to control the situation, fighting running battles that left five devotees and 15 policemen injured, according to EP Jayarajan, a minister in the Kerala government.

News channels CNN News 18 and Republic TV both showed footage of their reporters’ cars being vandalised. Online publication The News Minute said its reporter was kicked in the spine.

One 45-year old woman identified as Madhavi who wanted to enter the temple abandoned her attempt after activists prevented her climbing the hill, the Press Trust of India reported.

Even though police gave the woman and her family protection and allowed them to move further, they gave up as irate activists surrounded them, PTI reported.

Biju S. Pillai, a local man in his 30s, was one of those opposed to the court ruling, telling AFP that he returned from working in Dubai to “protect the sanctity of the temple.”

“No one should be able to change the way this temple has functioned for centuries,” he said. “If any change is made they will have to kill us and go over our bodies.”

“I am here to protest the Supreme Court decision,” said engineer Anisha S., 23, one of a group chanting religious slogans. “We want to save our traditions. Ayyappa needs to be respected.”

Jayarajan blamed the violence on “goons” from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a hardline Hindu group seen as close to Modi’s BJP, which is an opposition party in Kerala.

Women are permitted to enter most Hindu temples but female devotees are still barred from entry by some.

Two years ago, activists successfully campaigned to end a ban on women entering the Shani Shingnapur temple in Maharashtra state.

Women were also permitted to enter Mumbai’s Haji Ali Dargah mausoleum, a Muslim place of worship, after the Supreme Court scrapped a ban in 2016.

The entry of women at Sabarimala was long taboo but was formalised by the Kerala High Court in 1991, a ruling overturned by India’s Supreme Court last month.

The restriction reflected an old but still prevalent belief among many that menstruating women are impure, and the fact that the deity Ayyappa was reputed to have been celibate.

The Sabarimala chief priest, Kandararu Maheshwararu Tantri, 25, warned this week that “anger could easily escalate into violence if a few egotistical women try to enter” the temple.



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■ An article by Rick Rojas titled “Queensland Becomes Latest Australian State to Decriminalize Abortion” was posted at nytimes.com on Oct. 17, 2018.

- An article titled "Tens of Thousands Stage Anti-Racism March in Berlin" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 13, 2018.
- An article by Herb Keinon titled "Netanyahu: Hamas Should Expect a 'Very Painful' Response From Israel" was posted at jpost.com on Oct. 14, 2018.
- A Reuters article by Andrew Torchia and Arshad Mohammed titled "Saudi Arabia Says Will Retaliate Against Any Sanctions Over Khashoggi Case" was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 14, 2018.
- An article by Javier Blas titled "Saudi Arabia Breaks 45-Year Taboo With Veiled Threat to Use Oil As a Weapon" was posted at bloomberg.com on Oct. 15, 2018.
- An article titled "[Saudi] King Steps in As Riyadh Defends Itself in Khashoggi Case" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 15, 2018.
- An article by Mark Moore titled "Saudi Who Arrived in Turkey Day of Khashoggi Disappearance Dies in 'Traffic Accident' " was posted at newyorkpost.com on Oct. 18, 2018.
- An article by Julian Robinson titled "Has James Khashoggi's Body Been Dumped in a Forest? Turkey 'Searches Woods Outside Istanbul'" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Oct. 18, 2018.
- An article by Bram Janssen, Susan Fraser and Karl Ritter titled "Turkey Questions Saudi Consulate Staff in Khashoggi Case" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Oct. 19, 2018.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled "Democrats Know They Can Always Count on the Media" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 17, 2018. Following is the article.

This week, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., in preparation for a 2020 presidential run, decided to fight back against President Trump's brutal nickname for her: Pocahontas. Trump, you'll recall, labeled her Pocahontas because for years she has claimed Native American ancestry.

Not only that, she claimed repeatedly that her mother's Native American ancestry drove her parents to elope after her father's family refused to welcome her mother with open arms thanks to their bigotry.

As it turns out, Warren could never provide any evidence of Native American ancestry—even though she spent years labeling herself Native American while at the University of Pennsylvania Law School as well as Harvard Law School.

On Monday, Warren decided she'd had enough. She released a video of her family members discussing her claims of Native American background. "Native communities have faced discrimination, neglect and violence for generations," Warren intoned. "And Trump can say whatever he wants about me,

but mocking Native Americans or any group in order to try to get at me? That's not what America stands for."

She accompanied that video with her supposed proof of Native American background: an analysis by professor Carlos Bustamante of Stanford University in which he explains that it is possible that Warren had a Native American ancestor anywhere from six to 10 generations ago. That would have made her anywhere from 1/64 to 1/1,024 Native American.

The study was based not on Native American DNA but on Mexican, Peruvian and Colombian DNA.

In fact, not even Cherokees were happy with Warren. In a stunning rebuke, the Cherokee Nation released a statement saying, "Senator Warren is undermining tribal interests with her continued claims of tribal heritage," and that Warren's DNA test "makes a mockery out of DNA tests and its legitimate uses while also dishonoring legitimate tribal governments and their citizens, whose ancestors are well documented and whose heritage is proven."

All of this should have been foreseeable by anyone with half a brain. Falsely claiming you are Native American for years is bad enough. But releasing a study demonstrating that you are 99.9 percent white—and then claiming that such a study justifies your false claims?

What made Warren, an intelligent human being, think such a thing?

Only one simple fact: Warren knows, as everyone in politics knows, that the media will cover for nearly any instance of leftist political manipulation.

They'll cover for Warren fibbing about her ancestry. They'll cover for Texas Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke driving drunk, plowing into a truck and then attempting to flee the scene of the crime.

They'll cover for Arizona Senate candidate Rep. Kyrsten Sinema saying that she didn't care if Americans joined the Taliban (CNN's headline: "Kyrsten Sinema's Anti-War Activist Past Under Scrutiny as She Runs for Senate").

Democrats have the enviable advantage of being able to trot out nearly any story and be given credibility by most of the mainstream media.

Non-Democrats, however, see this game. And every time the media simply parrot Democratic talking points on issues like Warren's ancestry, they undercut their credibility.

Large media institutions have done more than anyone, including President Trump, to destroy their reputations with the American people. Their pathetic behavior over the past few weeks, in the approach to the 2018 elections, shows that they're doubling down on stupid.



An article by Geoffrey Dickens titled "Six Democratic Scandals the Networks Are Burying This Election Year" was posted at newsbusters.org on Oct. 15, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

As the midterms fast approach, there are a bunch of Democrats who find themselves embroiled in scandals and controversies. But if you only got your news from the Big Three (ABC, CBS, NBC) networks, you've probably never heard about them.

The networks have been doing their best to protect Democratic midterm interests by downplaying or completely ignoring Democrats who have gotten into trouble this campaign season. MRC analysts looked at the network evening, morning and Sunday roundtable shows to see how they covered or didn't cover various 2018 Democratic scandals or gaffes.

The following is a list of Democratic controversies that the nets are keeping their audiences (for the most part) in the dark about.

■ **Beto O'Rourke Lied About DUI Arrest.**

When Texas Senate Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke lied about a past DUI arrest, it was so blatant even the liberal Washington Post's fact checkers couldn't let it pass.

Big Three coverage: 0 seconds.

■ **Senate Admonishes Robert Menendez for Accepting Gifts.**

Back in April, Democratic incumbent Senator Robert Menendez was officially admonished by the Senate for accepting gifts from a donor in exchange for promoting his interests.

Big Three coverage: Total = 49 seconds (CBS 34 seconds, ABC 15 seconds, NBC 0 seconds).

■ **Sen. Claire McCaskill's Husband Takes Advantage of Government Program for Poor to Make Millions.**

Earlier this month, the husband of Missouri Democratic Senator Claire McCaskill was accused of using a government program intended to help the poor, to personally enrich himself.

Big Three coverage: 0 seconds.

■ **Former Staffer for Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee Arrested for Doxxing Republicans.**

At the height of the Brett Kavanaugh hearings, private information about Republican senators was illegally released to the public. A former Democratic staffer was arrested for the crime.

Big Three coverage: 0 seconds.

■ **Democratic Governor Nominee Jared Polis Pushes Female Employee.**

Democratic candidate for Colorado Governor Jared Polis was accused of pushing a former employee.

Big Three coverage: 0 seconds.

■ Keith Ellison Accused of Domestic Violence.

Democratic Congressman and DNC deputy chair Keith Ellison, back in August, was accused of physically abusing an ex-girlfriend.

On October 15 The New York Times did note: "An investigation commissioned by Minnesota's Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, which has endorsed Mr. Ellison, recently concluded that Ms. Monahan's allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated."

Big Three coverage: Total = 3 minutes, 47 seconds (CBS: 227 seconds, NBC 50 seconds, ABC 0 seconds)>



An article by Allen West titled "Do You Prefer the Tyranny of Collectivism or Blessing of Liberty?" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 15, 2018. Following is the article.

This past week has been all about one narrative for the progressive, socialist left.

It was not about the corrections in the market due to the rising of interest rates. There are those on Wall Street that preferred the days of Barack Obama's artificial economy manipulated by monetary policies, such as quantitative easing, to mask the failures of his economic policies. No, that was not the focus of the left and their complicit media allies. Instead, it was all about Kanye West.

We saw the real ugliness of the liberal progressive media, via CNN, when Don Lemon and his guest mocked Kanye West. As a proud, conservative black man, to hear references such as "Kanye West is what happens when negroes don't read" was disgusting, appalling, and utterly offensive.

To hear another of Lemon's guests assert that there must be a mental condition for taking a position opposite of the dogma of the left was horrific. However, this is something that has been happening for quite some time in the black community, but this past week, it took a very public, open, stage. Even Saturday Night Live could not resist in making the Kanye West Oval Office visit the brunt of its jokes.

But there is something far more serious going on that we can no longer dismiss.

Last academic year, the Young America's Foundation invited me to speak at Northwestern University about the Iranian Nuclear Agreement, and foreign policy. The very first question posed to me was from a very obtuse, belligerent, young black female: "Do you identify as black?" Yes, there is a video of the exchange, and you will see my perplexed look. The question she posed and the ugliness towards Kanye West are all examples of the tyranny of collectivism.

The progressive, socialist left does not engage with Americans as individuals. They confront them as groups, collectives, and when someone, especially in the black

community, escapes “the Borg,” the anger is palpable, clearly visible. Justice Clarence Thomas articulated this during his “high-tech lynching” for being, as he stated, as one of the “uppity blacks who in any way deign to think for themselves.”

For far too long, the belief, the mandate, has been that if you are black, you must vote for and be Democrat. This blind allegiance is being challenged by those of us who do indeed read and know very well of the history of the Democratic Party and their history the American Black community: slavery, segregation, Jim Crow, Ku Klux Klan, lynchings, destruction and decimation of the black community.

The policies of the Democratic [Socialist] Party has fundamentally transformed the black community from economic empowerment to economic enslavement. The punishment for exiting their new economic plantation is to be hunted down, denigrated, disparaged, and destroyed—some things never change.

However, the tyranny of the collective is not just a phenomenon within the black community. It is how the progressive, socialist left operates.

The #walkaway movement was started by a former left-leaning, gay white man who got tired of being told he had to think and feel a certain way. He has started a movement that has exposed the tyranny of groupthink within what has become the Mobocrat Party.

If you dare to reject, or think in opposition to their ideological agenda, their prescribed way of thinking, you are to be attacked, assaulted, and have your character assassinated. See, according to the left, your sexuality should dictate how you think.

Therefore, if you “identify” as gay or lesbian, that comes with the mandate of accepting the left’s dogma, or else, and we all know what or else ends up being.

But the tyranny of the collective does not just apply to blacks or gays and lesbians. It is not just about the color of one’s skin or their sexual behavioral choices, it is about anything the left can leverage as a means of division.

■ Here in Texas, just as I saw in Florida, if you are Hispanic, you are supposed to think only one way. You are supposed to agree that open borders, abolishing ICE, and supporting sanctuary states and cities for criminal illegal immigrants is just great.

■ If you are Jewish, you will be isolated, condemned, and attacked vehemently if you are not part of the J-Street, pro-Palestinian groupthink, daring to openly admit to being a conservative Jew.

■ If you are a woman, well, you had better be on the side of murdering unborn babies as a means of birth control. You had best be donating and advocating for that organization founded by a white supremacist and racist, Planned Parenthood. Remember, as Madeline Albright stated, “there is a special place in hell” for women who don’t support other women, meaning, women who vote for progressive, socialist women—Hillary Clinton. How dare you, as a woman, decide to think for yourself, or as Hillary Clinton said, women who voted for Trump did so because their men told them to. How blatantly disrespectful.

Yes, that is the tyranny of the collective.

■ And men, especially white men, if you are not a skinny jean, emotional snowflake, then you represent a “toxic masculinity” that the progressive, socialist left abhors. Heck, for the most part, the left has decided that unless you are in the Anderson Cooper, Chris Hayes model, they are not wasting their efforts.

The tyranny of the collective means that your gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality dictate how you should think.

If you dare to think outside of the left’s dictate, then you will be labelled a racist, sexist, homophobe, Islamophobe, dumb, or mentally ill.

Their objective is to shame you into submission, subjugation, and surrender, and they have a very powerful platform called the liberal progressive media an enabler.

You are not cool, hip, or part of the cultural “in” crowd if you do not accept the leftist ideological agenda.

Sorry, women who supported Justice Brett Kavanaugh are not really women.

Black, Hispanic, Jewish, and Asian conservatives are not really Black, Hispanic, Jewish, or Asian.

And as Hillary Clinton stated, there will be no quarter, no civility, unless the progressive, socialist left is in control. That is the pure definition of tyranny.

So, prepare yourselves; be strong and courageous, but decide for yourselves if you prefer the tyranny of the collective, or the blessings of individual liberty, meaning the ability to think for yourself.

The latter is what our Founding Fathers fought to create for us. The former is the brainchild of Karl Marx.



An article by Walter Williams titled “The Electoral College Debate” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Oct. 17, 2018. Following is the article.

Democratic socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, seeking to represent New York’s 14th Congressional District, has called for the abolition of the Electoral College.

Her argument came on the heels of the Senate’s confirming Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. She was lamenting the fact that Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, nominated by George W. Bush, and Justices Neil Gorsuch and Kavanaugh, nominated by Donald Trump, were court appointments made by presidents who lost the popular vote but won the Electoral College vote.

Hillary Clinton has long been a critic of the Electoral College. Just recently, she wrote in *The Atlantic*, “You won’t be surprised to hear that I passionately believe it’s time to abolish the Electoral College.”

Subjecting presidential elections to the popular vote sounds eminently fair to Americans who have been miseducated by public schools and universities.

Worse yet, the call to eliminate the Electoral College reflects an underlying contempt for our Constitution and its protections for personal liberty.

Regarding miseducation, the founder of the Russian Communist Party, Vladimir Lenin, said, "Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted." His immediate successor, Josef Stalin, added, "Education is a weapon whose effect depends on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed."

A large part of Americans' miseducation is the often heard claim that we are a democracy. The word "democracy" appears nowhere in the two most fundamental documents of our nation—the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. In fact, our Constitution—in Article 4, Section 4—guarantees "to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government."

The Founding Fathers had utter contempt for democracy.

James Madison, in Federalist Paper No. 10, said that in a pure democracy, "there is nothing to check the inducements to sacrifice the weaker party or an obnoxious individual."

At the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Virginia Gov. Edmund Randolph said that "in tracing these evils to their origin, every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy."

John Adams wrote: "Remember Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There never was a Democracy Yet, that did not commit suicide."

At the Constitutional Convention, Alexander Hamilton said: "We are now forming a republican government. Real liberty" is found not in "the extremes of democracy but in moderate governments . . . If we incline too much to democracy, we shall soon shoot into a monarchy."

For those too dense to understand these arguments, ask yourselves the following questions.

- Does the Pledge of Allegiance say "to the democracy for which it stands" or "to the republic for which it stands"?
- Did Julia Ward Howe make a mistake in titling her Civil War song "Battle Hymn of the Republic"? Should she have titled it "Battle Hymn of the Democracy"?

The Founders saw our nation as being composed of sovereign states that voluntarily sought to join a union under the condition that each state admitted would be coequal with every other state.

The Electoral College method of choosing the president and vice president guarantees that each state, whether large or small in area or population, has some voice in selecting the nation's leaders.

Were we to choose the president and vice president under a popular vote, the outcome of presidential races would always be decided by a few highly populated states. They would be states such as California, Texas, Florida, New York, Illinois and Pennsylvania, which contain 134.3 million people, or 41 percent of our population.

Presidential candidates could safely ignore the interests of the citizens of Wyoming, Alaska, Vermont, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Delaware. Why?

They have only 5.58 million Americans, or 1.7 percent of the U.S. population. We would no longer be a government "of the people"; instead, our government would be put in power by and accountable to the leaders and citizens of a few highly populated states.

Political satirist H.L. Mencken said, "The kind of man who wants the government to adopt and enforce his ideas is always the kind of man whose ideas are idiotic."



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Finances

- An article by Emily Ward titled "Global Competitiveness Report: US is World's Most Competitive Economy, Closest to 'Ideal State' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 17, 2018.
- An article titled "Pump Prices Hover Around \$3 As Midterms Near" was posted at wsj.com on Oct. 19, 2018.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Stephen Dinan titled "Texas Dems Ask Noncitizens to Register to Vote, Send Applications With Citizenship Box Pre-Checked" was posted at washingtontimes.com on Oct. 18, 2018.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Trump Threatens to 'Call Up the U.S. Military And Close Our Southern Border' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 18, 2018.

Comments about weapons

- An article titled "Bear Spray, Bloody Brawls at Patriot Prayer 'Law and Order' March in Portland" was posted at oregonlive.com on Oct. 14, 2018.
- An article by S.A. Miller titled "Gun Control Advocates Shift Attention, Money to Other Issues Ahead of Midterms" was posted at washington-times.com on Oct. 17, 2018.
- An article titled "Baltimore Puts 230 Desk Officers on Streets As Murders Mount" was posted at yahoo.com on Oct. 18, 2018.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Cherokee Challenge: Sen. [Lindsey] Graham to Take DNA Test, Reveal Results on TV" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 16, 2018.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Gingrich: 'Two Words' Will Shape Election, One of Them is 'Caravan' [The Other is 'Kavanaugh']" was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 18, 2018.

Comments about Trump opposition

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- An article by Guy Benson titled "Reminder: There Was Much More Corroborating Evidence Against Bill Clinton Than Against Brett Kavanaugh" was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 16, 2018.
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- An article by Corinne Weaver titled “Healthy Conversation? Hillary’s Uncivil Call is Okay With Twitter” was posted at newsbusters.org on Oct. 11, 2018.
- An article by Laretta Brown titled “First Lady’s Spokeswoman Responds to ‘View’ Co-Host [Yvette Nicole Brown] Calling Melania One of Trump’s ‘Mistresses’ ” was posted at townhall.com Oct. 12, 2018.
- An article by Brianna Heldt titled “Herschel Walker Calls for Don Lemon to Be Fired for Racist Comments About Kanye West” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 12, 2018.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled “Former CNN Bureau Chief [Frank Sesno]: The Elite Media’s Reporting Standards on Kavanaugh Were Straight Trash” was posted at townhall.com on Oct. 15, 2018.
- An article by Joe Concha titled “Mika Brzezinski [of MSNBC] Invokes 25th Amendment to Oust Trump: ‘Might Do Something Crazy in Five Minutes’ ” was posted at thehill.com on Oct. 17, 2018.

General interest

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “\$13,799,501 Federal Contract Requires UC San Francisco to Obtain Aborted-Baby Parts to Humanize Mice” was posted at cnsnews.com on Oct. 17, 2018.



“Eye on the World” comment: Years ago, this weekly collection of articles often included articles written by Burt Prelutsky (because of his outspoken observations and his humorous way of describing current events). At some point, he made his articles available on sites that insisted upon a person paying to have access to his article. Recently, his articles were discovered without cost at patriotpost.us. The following excerpts are from 18 of his articles that were written from July through September. Next week, we will include excerpts from some of his October articles. While this collection is a lot of observations from one writer, this issue and next week’s issue will serve as a means of bringing the reader up to date.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Plain Speaking" was posted at patriot-post.us on July 9, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

When President Trump told his thousands of fans at the Fargo, North Dakota, rally, "The Democrats want to take away your Second Amendment, erase your borders, throw open the jailhouse doors and destroy your freedoms," he sounded, if not like a raving lunatic, at least like someone who is engaging in super-charged hyperbole, tinged with a touch of paranoia.

That is until you stop and think about it and realize that in fact he was understating the reality.

Those on the Left really are out to do all of those insane things. And while they're at it, they want to hurl obscenities and throw tantrums. The weirdest thing of all is that they regard themselves as the custodians of the planet. Inasmuch as they talk incessantly about a clean environment, a nice first step would be for them to start with their own foul language.

What is truly startling about progressives is that they are so much in the tank for open borders that they're even reluctant to see alien criminals arrested and deported. They even go so far as to call for an end to ICE.

Apparently, the fact that ICE agents arrested 33,000 felons in 2017, 5,000 of whom belonged to violent gangs, including the vile MS-13, cuts no ice with those liberal loons who equate ICE with the Gestapo.

So it's no big surprise that after Ms. Ocasio-Cortez defeated the old war horse Joe Crowley in the Democratic primary that just took place in New York's 14th Congressional District, left-wing candidates around the nation will be adopting her anti-ICE position in their own campaigns.

If the Democrats actually run and win with this item on their platform, the next time you'll see me, I'll look like that guy who was always popping up in New Yorker cartoons, dressed in sackcloth and sandals, carrying a sign that reads "The End is Near." Or, perhaps, "The End is Here."

Speaking of border enforcement, when I listed the 41 Republicans in the House who joined with the Democrats in voting down the piece of legislation that included the things that Trump was calling for—his big, beautiful wall, an end to chain migration and the visa lottery—a few people let me know that the reason the conservatives on the list, including Louie Gohmert, gave for voting it down was that they opposed a pathway to citizenship for the so-called Dreamers.

I assumed that was the case, but it just made additional steam come out of my ears.

I replied: "Some of them may be conservatives, but that doesn't mean they're very bright. The Dreamers aren't going anywhere, so they might as well be provided with the pathway. Three quarters of a loaf is better than no loaf at all. It's high time these guys realized that they will never get rid of all the ille-

gals who are here already. After all these years, they should have understood that they will never have a better shot at immigration reform than the bill they just torpedoed. If they don't understand by now that politics is the art of the possible, perhaps they should retire from Congress and get jobs that would pay these buffoons what they are actually worth on the open market."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Socialism, Soccer, and the Supreme Court" was posted at patriotpoint.us on July 14, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Among the zanier things that are taking place in this country is that the freakish individuals who identify themselves as transgenders are being allowed to compete in athletic events against women, even if they haven't gone through surgery or even hormone treatment.

For the life of me, I don't get why anyone is pandering to these anomalies, allowing them, for heaven's sake, to determine their own sex. If the rules governing biology can be ignored, how about if the rest of us decide we're zebras and rhinos and are not to be constrained by traffic laws?

In a nation of 330 million, one can safely assume that a certain percentage of us will be certifiably insane. But that's no reason to turn common sense on its head for no better reason than to accommodate the perpetually confused.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Redefining Diversity" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 16, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

At one time, not that long ago actually, diversity meant variety. What's more, it usually referred to opposing points of view, not to pigmentation. In recent years, that has all changed.

According to those who insist that our borders, along with ICE, disappear entirely, diversity means more and more Latinos, even though they already constitute the largest minority group in the U.S. You'd think they'd be calling for more Finns and Eskimos if diversity was really the ideal they claim it to be.

Diversity, according to those promoting greater numbers of blacks and Latinos on college campuses through affirmative action, a prejudicial policy that is antithetical to everything Americans used to hold dear, inevitably comes at the expense of Asians, who actually represent a much smaller minority group than the other two.

The fact is, a black applicant with the exact same grade point average and test scores as an East Indian or a South Korean has a four times better chance of being accepted.

Proof of that was established when an Asian student decided to beat the system by passing himself off as black; he got in with a 3.1 GPA when 3.7 would have been required if he'd identified himself as an East Indian.

The way things are headed, the day may soon arrive when the only true diversity on college campuses will be represented by white males.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Fruits, Nuts, and Democrats" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 23, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Often, when people set out to show how quickly a place can decline, they point to Detroit. Once an extremely prosperous city, thanks to industry cutting out for greener pastures and white people cutting out to save their lives, the place began to resemble downtown Beirut.

California is Detroit on steroids. It once boasted superior schools, beautiful cities, a very solvent economy, and the best climate in the country. After being run exclusively by Democrats for the past several decades, it can still boast about its climate, although the endless droughts are even putting that into question.

By constantly raising taxes in order to provide for illegal aliens and pensioned civil servants, Gov. Jerry Brown and his trained seals in Sacramento have sent the white middle class running off to Texas, Nevada, and Arizona.

Because even that wasn't enough to scare away all the Republicans, the Democrats began creating sanctuary cities where Latino criminals, along with the homeless rabble, consisting almost exclusively of drug addicts, albies, and the certifiably insane, could find refuge.

Those who remained behind pretty much consisted of the hyper-wealthy of Hollywood and the Silicon Valley who live in their own lavish, well-protected bubbles and those of us who, because of advanced age or limited circumstances, are more or less compelled to stay put.

Now, I hear that Stockton, California, has decided to be the first city in the nation to offer its residents something called "a free universal income."

It will take the form of a \$500-a-month check sent to a hundred people. No news yet about how or by whom the hundred will be selected. It's to be an experiment starting in 2019 to see if this extra money will lead people to go out and get jobs, start businesses, and somehow save a city of 300,000, 70% minority, with a median family income of \$49,271—roughly \$9,000 less than the national average.

Frankly, I don't see how an influx of \$50,000 a month in additional welfare is going to produce any miracles in a city run for decades by Democrats, a city that already has one bankruptcy on its record.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Why Russia? Why Not Mexico?" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 28, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

When it comes to identifying America's enemies, I find it bizarre that the Left remains focused like a laser on Russia. For one thing, throughout the 20th century, Democrats loved the Soviet Union. No matter what Stalin or any of the other butchers did, the American Left could always be counted on to defend them.

Throughout the 30s and into the 40s, in spite of Stalin's starving millions of farmers in the Ukraine and the mock trials of Stalin's political foes, America's Communists, thanks in good part to the New York Times Moscow correspondent Walter Duranty supplying daily doses of pro-Soviet propaganda, American liberals were swooning like Frank Sinatra's bobby sox fans at the mere mention of Stalin's name.

When Stalin and Hitler signed a mutual non-aggression pact, people like Lillian Hellman, Dalton Trumbo and John Garfield took it as a signal to oppose our entry into World War II. But as soon as Hitler made the mistake of double-crossing Stalin and invading Russia, the same folks began beating the war drums, demanding that the U.S. come to Russia's rescue.

Later, during the iciest days of the Cold War, America's Communists were either supplying the Soviet Union with the secrets of the Atom Bomb or insisting that the U.S. unilaterally disarm, suggesting that if we set the example, the Russians would indubitably follow suit.

More recently, we saw Secretary of State Hillary Clinton accept millions of dollars in bribes from Russia in exchange for handing over large uranium deposits and pushing the reset button with her Russian counterpart, while Barack Obama not only assured Vladimir Putin that he would be increasingly flexible once he won reelection in 2012 but called Mitt Romney a fool during that year's presidential debate for insisting that Russia was our major geopolitical enemy in the world.

And yet, here we are today, with everyone from Chuck Schumer to Nancy Pelosi insisting they've spotted Russian spies not only under their beds but lurking in the White House.

My question is why do the Democrats spend so much time these days inflating the threat that Russia poses? There's no denying that Putin is a despot and that Russia is a nuisance, but they haven't invaded us. On the other hand, Mexico has. They have encouraged not only their own poor, illiterate rabble to enter our country illegally, they have facilitated the unlawful entry of Central Americans by allowing them to pass through Mexico so long as they don't even think about lingering.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Dreamers and Schemers" was posted at patriotpost.us on July 30, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

When the likes of Schumer and Pelosi aren't shedding crocodile tears over the separation of illegal alien parents from their illegal alien children, they're carrying on about the plight of so-called illegal alien dreamers.

To hear them go on about them, you would think they're the best and the brightest America has to offer. I would beg to differ. And for once, I'm not alone. According to the Wall Street Journal, 792,000 of the approximate 870,000 people in the group are older than 26. Of course you would never know it because those whose singular mission in life seems to be to change the United States into a place that would be better-named North Mexico keep referring to them as kids.

Fewer than a thousand (0.11%) have served in the military, although, again, interested parties would have you believe that when they're not earning Phi Beta Kappa keys, they're in the armed services, defending their adopted country.

Eighty-two percent of them (743,000) do not attend college or have a college degree, and 189,000 of the young scholars dropped out of high school.

It seems that 9,000 are currently serving time in prison.

All told, 657,000 are receiving welfare and paying no income taxes, although we keep hearing how good illegal aliens are for the economy.

Not a single one of them has properly applied for or been awarded U.S. citizenship.

The sad truth is that these people have not in any meaningful numbers improved the country. In fact, by voting exclusively for Democrats whenever they're provided with the opportunity, as they often are in California, they are doing their best to destroy the country.

■ Robert Mueller

Robert Mueller, whom we keep being assured is a paragon of virtue, recently granted Tony Podesta—brother of John, who was the head of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign—immunity to testify against Paul Manafort.

What makes this so problematic is that the crime for which Podesta is being immunized is the same one that Manafort stands accused of having committed. It would appear that the paragon made his decision solely on the basis of which of the two presidential candidates the men supported.

■ John Brennan

It also appears that John Brennan, a serial liar and the man who showed his true colors in 1976, when he cast his presidential vote for Gus Hall, the head of the American Communist Party, still has top security clearance even though he's now a talking—or, rather, shrieking—head at CNN.

It has even been rumored that Brennan converted to Islam somewhere along the way, which would certainly explain why he found it so terribly offensive when someone used the word "jihadist" in referring to a Islamic terrorist. According to Brennan, the word has a sacred meaning and should never be used in a derogatory fashion.

■ Deep State

Apparently other members of Obama's Resistance Movement, including former spymasters James Clapper and Michael Hayden, who no longer work for the government, unless you're referring to the shadow government known as the Deep State, have also been allowed to keep their top level security clearance.

■ Russian probe

The Democrats continue to trip over their own feet when they, on the one hand, condemn Trump for colluding with the Russians in order to undermine our democracy and then turn around and oppose photo I.D.s for no other reason than to enable illegal aliens to commit voter fraud.

If I have to choose between the Russians placing a few ads on Facebook and allowing millions of non-citizens to vote, I'll take my chances with Putin.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Press Two for English" was posted at patriotpost.us on Aug. 4, 2018. Following is an excerpt of the article.

I have never understood the reluctance of our politicians to make English our official language. Granted, many of them have a difficult time speaking or understanding it, but that's no excuse for our being one of the few nations that refuses to certify an official language. But, then, it does go hand in hand with our being the only nation on earth that refuses to accept protected borders as our birthright.

When it comes to borders, other nations lock theirs up with the equivalent of a chastity belt, whereas we carry on as if we're a 7/11 with a sign out front reading Open 24/7. Or, rather, Abierto 24/7.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Rumors of God's Death" was posted at patriotpost.us on Aug. 13, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Mark Twain is credited with being the first person to say that rumors of his death were greatly exaggerated. In the case of God, it's Friedrich Nietzsche, a 19th-century German wisenheimer, who first spread the rumor of His demise. It's alleged that God replied, "I happen to be alive, but you're kaput."

Be that as it may, religion is definitely on the decline in the West. Both here and in Europe, young people are saying they refuse to believe in fairy tales or in things they can't see.

What makes it so odd is that a majority of the youngsters voice their belief in socialism, the biggest fairy tale of all. In many parts of the world, children have gone to sleep while their parents read to them tales of big rock candy mountains with soda pop streams and cotton candy trees only to wake up in Russia, China, Cuba, and Venezuela to find their legs and brains in shackles.

These poor souls claim, in their rejection of God and all His trappings, that they are of a scientific bent, prepared to believe only what they can see with their own two eyes. But they then turn around and insist there are more than two genders, thus proving they don't even believe what they can see.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The China Connection" was posted at patriotpост.us on Aug. 18, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

A lot of people are asking why, when the FBI discovered that Sen. Dianne Feinstein's driver and sometime aide was a Chinese spy, she was given a heads-up so she could fire him, but when the FBI suspected that a couple of low echelon guys in Trump's campaign like Carter Page and George Papadopoulos were aligned with Russia, instead of alerting the candidate, it used its suspicion to get FISA warrants and give the uberpartisan Robert Mueller godlike powers to make life a living hell for President Trump.

That is a legitimate question, especially inasmuch as neither Page nor Papadopoulos has been arrested after two years of investigation. But there are other, possibly more important, questions that should be asked.

For instance, what is the nature of Dianne Feinstein's husband Richard Blum's business activities with China that have made him millions of dollars over the past few years?

Also, why is nobody investigating Mitch McConnell and his wife, Secretary of Transportation Elaine Cho, and the strings they have pulled to benefit Cho's father, who has become fabulously wealthy in the shipping industry, thanks to his close ties to China?

While so many others in Washington are calling for additional sanctions on China because of its toxic trading policies, money manipulation, and theft of America's intellectual property, you may have noticed that you never hear Feinstein or the McConnells lending their voices to the choir.

■ Meddling in Israel

Another very vocal chorus is the one targeting Russia's meddling in our elections. We may not like it, but we really aren't on very firm ground when it

comes to calling it out. Russia, after all, doesn't like us. That's a given. Israel is probably our most loyal ally, but that didn't prevent Barack Obama from using 350,000 of our tax dollars to send political operatives to Israel in order to defeat Bibi Netanyahu in his last election.

■ Bernie Sanders

Bernie Sanders is the guy I most want to see at the top of their [Democratic] ticket.

His platform, after all, would call for free college tuition, Social Security expansion, paid family leave, Medicaid for all and student debt relief.

The Manhattan Institute projects such a program would run \$42.5 trillion dollars for the first 10 years and then escalate to an additional \$175.5 trillion over the next couple of decades.

Because I know that numbers confuse people, I'll explain that whereas a billion is a thousand million, a trillion is a thousand billion. That should also explain why when leftists talk about taxing billionaires in order to wipe out the national debt, they're merely displaying their usual ignorance.

The national debt today stands at \$21.48 trillion. If you confiscated every dollar, including those they have stuffed in their mattresses and the loose change under their sofa's cushions, the 560 of them would only be able to cough up \$2.8 trillion.

■ Democratic leaders

Say what you will about Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi—and I've said a lot—they know how to crack the whip and keep their nitwits in line. Had Democrats opposed the agenda of someone like Clinton and Obama the way that Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins have regularly abandoned President Trump, they would have been stripped of their committee assignments and their new offices would have been broom closets in the basement of the Senate office building.

The Left understands that politics is a blood sport. It behaves just like schoolyard bullies who demand you hand over your lunch money or else. Those on the Right tend to behave like the twerps who hand over their lunch money without ever even finding out what "or else" entails.

■ Building a wall

I think that because President Trump has been so focused on keeping his campaign promise to build a big beautiful wall, he has been distracted from dealing with what might be a much bigger problem when it comes to illegal immigration. It seems that while we were concentrating on our southern border, 700,000 foreigners flew into the United States last year and overstayed their visas.

■ Philadelphia mayor

Just a few weeks after we all got to see the video of Jim Kenney, the mayor of Philadelphia, enter his office singing "We're a sanctuary city, we're a sanc-

tuary city” and exchanging high-fives with his secretary, an illegal alien named Juan Ramon Vasquez, taking full advantage of Kenney’s refusal to turn him over to ICE agents, celebrated his sanctuary status by raping a child.

To get some idea of how far this nation has declined, in 1988, Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis saw his chances of defeating George H.W. Bush blow up in his face when we all learned that while governor of Massachusetts he had allowed a killer named Willie Horton out of jail as part of a weekend furlough program.

Instead of returning to prison, Willie took it on the lam. Before he was finally captured in Maryland, the escapee had committed assault, armed robbery, raped a woman, and pistol-whipped and knifed her fiancé.

In Maryland, he went on trial and was sentenced to two life terms plus 85 years. The judge, Vincent Femia, refused to return Horton to Massachusetts, saying: “I’m not prepared to take the chance that Mr. Horton might again be furloughed or otherwise released. The man should never again breathe free air.”

Some people felt that it wasn’t fair that Dukakis was smeared because he hadn’t initiated the program. A previous governor had. But it was Dukakis who prevented the state legislature from denying furloughs to those serving time for first degree murder, arguing: “It would cut the heart out of inmate rehabilitation.”

Only a true left-wing blockhead would have seen any reason to even try to rehabilitate someone who had been sentenced to spend the rest of his life behind bars.

After voters discovered that Dukakis was the reason that a young woman was raped and her fiancé was nearly killed, I stood a better chance of being elected president than he did.

But today, 30 years later, you don’t hear anyone calling for Mayor Denney to resign or a movement to recall Mr. “We’re a Sanctuary City” from office.

It may not constitute the decline and fall of Western Civilization, but it’s certainly a big step in that direction.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Civil War II” was posted at patriotpost.us on Aug. 20, 2018. Following is the article.

It’s becoming increasingly difficult to envision a future that doesn’t include war breaking out between conservatives and liberals. After all, liberals have already shown a willingness to engage in violence. They’ve attacked conservatives on college campuses for years. They’ve sucker-punched and egged Trump supporters for merely showing up to hear him speak. George Soros has financed the fascistic antifa, no doubt picking up the tab for its masks and baseball bats, just as he’s put the leaders of Black Lives Matter on salary and no doubt funded their pension plans.

It's only a matter of time until conservatives decide that enough is enough and that turning the other cheek isn't the best policy when dealing with those who believe that Christianity is for suckers. Oddly enough, it's usually those being viciously attacked who are the ones who own most of the guns and know how to use them.

■ No geographical divide

Frankly, I think the only thing that has kept open warfare from breaking out is the same thing that's holding the country together, however precariously: Unlike the way things were in 1861, today there is no clear geographical divide.

It would have been easy to carve out the Confederacy as a separate nation, but not so easy these days when the differences aren't over slavery but over everything including taxes, abortions, immigration, the police, ICE, same-sex marriages, tariffs, trade policies, open borders, welfare, health care, and identity politics, all of which divide not just states and cities but neighborhoods and families.

■ The Deep State

Nancy Thorner, the pride of Lake Bluff, Illinois, passed along a very prescient comment from Calvin Coolidge: "No method of procedure has ever been devised by which liberty could be divorced from local self-government. No plan of centralization has ever been adopted which did not result in bureaucracy, tyranny, inflexibility, reaction and decline. Of all forms of government, those administered by bureaus are about the least satisfactory to an enlightened people. Being irresponsible, they become autocratic, and being autocratic they resist all development.

Unless bureaucracy is constantly resisted it breaks down representative government and overwhelms democracy. It is the one element in our institutions that sets up the pretense of having authority over everybody and being responsible to nobody."

He said those words about a century ago, but he could have been talking about the bureaucrats who populate the Deep State and who have conspired through their positions at the State Department, the FBI, the Justice Department, the NSA, the CIA, and on FISA courts to bring down a duly elected president.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "You're Fired!" was posted at patriotpost.us on Aug. 25, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

If there's one thing that Americans can do without, it's the notion that there's one set of laws and one set of rules for public officials and another, far more draconian set for us peasants.

Clearly, though, that is the way it works. Sen. Robert Menendez accepted bribes and didn't go to jail; Charley Rangel didn't pay his income taxes and didn't go to jail; Bill and Hillary Clinton accepted bribes from China and

Russia, divulged security secrets, and laundered money through their phony foundation and didn't go to jail; James Comey, Peter Strzok, Andrew McCabe, Lois Lerner, Eric Holder, James Clapper, Bruce Ohr, Lisa Page, Susan Page, and Barack Obama have all committed federal crimes, and didn't go to jail.

If I ever decided to rob a bank, I would make sure I first won an election.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Two Faces of Racial Discrimination" was posted at patriotpost.us on Aug. 27, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Most of us were raised to believe that racial bigotry as exemplified by segregation and Jim Crow laws was abominable. How dare some people subjugate others simply because of their skin color, while ignoring their character and common humanity?

At least that was the case when whites discriminated against blacks, forcing them to go to different schools, sit in segregated sections of buses and movie theaters, use different drinking fountains and bathrooms, and even attend different churches.

But, thanks to federal laws passed in the 1960s, all that came grinding to a halt. And those who had held the whip, people like Orval Faubus, J. Strom Thurmond, Lester Maddox, George Wallace, Theodore Bilbo, and Theophilus ("Bull") Connor, were properly deposited in the dustbin of history.

Unfortunately, that didn't bring an end to racial discrimination. Instead, it merely reversed it.

Thanks to affirmative action, discrimination—this time against white Americans—became the law of the land. Instead of ensuring that everyone would line up at the same starting point, the government decided that real justice demanded that everyone finish the race at the same time, even if it meant that blacks would get to begin the race far ahead of others.

Somehow, legislators decided that racial justice would best be achieved if those who had never been slaves were given advantages over those who had never owned slaves.

At the same time, those on the Left who had claimed the deed to the moral high ground decided that it was imperative, especially if they were ever again going to win the presidency, to change the demographics of America by bringing in more immigrants from Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

They anticipated, quite reasonably, that those coming here from Third World countries, who lacked language skills even when it came to their own native tongue and were low-skilled, would become wards of the welfare state and would therefore become Democrats. After all, just a few decades earlier, FDR

had brought millions of blacks to the party of the Klan and segregation by placing millions of them on the dole during the 1930s.

It is now predicted that by 2040, white people will be in the minority in this country. Today, Democrats can hardly contain their excitement at the prospect of achieving what they regard as nirvana, few of them realizing that a nation in which people of color constitute the majority is unlikely to elect white politicians, no matter how much racial pandering they've engaged in over the years.

■ Appeasers

People like Chuck Schumer, Nancy Pelosi, Dick Durbin, and Richard Blumenthal, with their open-border policy, remind me of those moral cowards Winston Churchill famously referred to—the appeasers who feed the crocodile in the hope they'll be eaten last.

At the time, Churchill was of course referring to those craven European leaders who were only too happy to cede Czechoslovakia to Hitler in the hope he wouldn't soon be looking in their direction and licking his chops. But, as history has shown, monsters like Hitler, Stalin, Putin, Xi, and the ayatollah never have their insatiable appetites satisfied with a mere appetizer. Unless you have the Churchillian courage to stand up to villains, they will gobble up everything in sight, including you.

■ Robert Mueller

One of the sorriest aspects of the phony investigation, aside from the fact that it required lies to get the FISA warrant that led to the witch hunt and that it only used the charge of Russian collusion as an excuse to bring down Trump's administration, is the claim that Mueller is a Republican in a sorry attempt to paint him as an impartial dispenser of justice.

■ They despise Trump

For one thing, nearly as many Republicans as Democrats in our nation's capital despise Trump because they are members of the federal establishment and feel threatened by the slightest change in the status quo. So long as people like Bush I and II were in the White House, these jackals were happy enough to see America losing its industries to other countries. It never bothered them in the least that America was being constantly whip-sawed by foreign tariffs and trade deals like NAFTA, while millions of unskilled, illiterate foreigners poured over our borders and straight onto our welfare rolls.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "A Blue Ripple or a Red Tidal Wave?" was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 1, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

I keep hearing people predicting that a blue wave in November will provide Democrats with a majority in the House and possibly in the Senate. Those

doing the predicting keep referring to congressional losses suffered by Clinton, Bush, and Obama in the first midterm of their administrations.

I'm not buying it. For one thing, all three of them made colossal blunders during their first two years. Clinton wasted time trying to push HillaryCare through; Bush was blindsided by 9/11; and Obama pushed through Hillary-Care with a name change.

Trump, on the other hand, has created jobs; raised wages; railed against unfair tariffs and trade deals and is doing something about it; freed businesses from ridiculous job-killing regulations; moved our embassy to Jerusalem, something his trio of predecessors only promised to do; leveled sanctions on Russia, China, and North Korea; seated one grown-up on the Supreme Court and is trying to seat a second; and is making every attempt to shut down our border, even though it means fighting political hacks in both parties.

It strikes me as highly unlikely that the majority of Americans will decide that they would prefer to see Trump's foes calling the shots in 2019.

On the other hand, I can't get around the fact that not only did more Americans vote for Hillary Clinton in 2016, but nearly everyone in the hierarchy of the State Department, the Justice Department, the FBI, the NSA, and the CIA lied and cheated on her behalf and against the best interests of the nation they had sworn to defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

■ Media and Illegal Immigrants

The media goons couldn't wait to clobber ICE for arresting an illegal alien from Mexico who was driving his pregnant wife to the hospital where she was about to deliver her fifth illegal alien baby.

What the media chose to ignore was the fact that Mexico had a warrant out for his arrest and had requested that he be arrested and extradited for murder.

The New York Times mentioned this inconvenient truth, but it held off until the fifth paragraph of its news story, while devoting the first four to bashing Trump and ICE.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Lessons to Be Learned" was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 8, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

When it comes to blatant hypocrisy, you need look no further than the way the media treated John McCain. When he reached across the aisle to work with Democrats, they hailed the man as principled and statesmanlike. But when he dared to oppose Barack Obama in the 2008 election, they labeled him not only a political hack, but a racist, even though he refused to allow his campaign to run TV ads connecting Obama to Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Now that Sen. McCain has passed away, the Democrats and their lap dogs in the media are tossing verbal bouquets on his casket, pretending there's nothing they appreciate more than a political maverick who calls them as he sees them.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Why?" was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 10, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

I have long been puzzled by the continuing call for abortions. In a hedonistic age, it's obviously too much to ask people to abstain from sexual activity. But the liberals have spent decades pushing for Sex Education classes for the very young, even in schools that no longer offer Art and Music, let alone Civics and American History.

So, how is it that in spite of all that graphic education and all the readily-available pills and devices, a million babies a year are still having their lives snuffed out before they officially begin? What's more, 2.3 million cases of sexually transmitted diseases, including syphilis, AIDs, chlamydia and gonorrhea, were diagnosed in 2017.

It's obvious that a lot of kids are not staying awake during those sex education classes.

■ 300 priests

As you may have heard, there are a number of prominent Catholics who are calling for the Pope to resign, insisting there is proof that he knew about the latest pedophile scandal in Pennsylvania long before the grand jury let the rest of us know about it.

As a non-Catholic, I would applaud his removal on the grounds that the religious leader of a billion people shouldn't be a South American Socialist. The Church can do better. As bad as the scandal is, and it already adds up to 300 priests and over a thousand innocent victims, it should be noted that it is so far limited to a single state.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Europe is Allah's Slave" was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 15, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Not having been to Europe in decades, I knew things were bad, but I didn't know how bad until I read an article in The New American that disclosed that Christianity has essentially ceded the continent to Islam. If not the entire continent, at least everything west of the Soviet's former slave states, who have had their fill of barbarians.

Alex Newman reports example after example of places where Islam has filled the vacuum as one European nation after another has surrendered not only its religion, but its culture, to the invaders from the south.

In Sweden, Lutheran Church bishop Eva Brunne, a lesbian, has called for crosses to be removed from churches, lest they offend the Muslim population. She has also called for creating prayer rooms facing Mecca in Lutheran churches.

In Belgium, the Provincial Committee of the Red Cross in Liège ordered crosses and crucifixes to be removed from everything, lest Muslims take offense.

In Switzerland, a lobby group representing mostly second-generation Muslims is calling for the cross to be removed from the nation's flag.

As long ago as 2003, a Muslim successfully sued to force public schools in Italy to remove crucifixes in classrooms. And that was in Italy, home of the Vatican.

By 2017, public celebrations of Christmas had sparked controversies in virtually every European country, forcing, at the very least, name changes to remove any vestige of what the holiday was intended to celebrate. Apparently, the Muslims didn't object to the natives gathering to celebrate winter.

In Munich, the renamed Winter Festival featured a snowman wearing a burka.

Not only have the name changes become commonplace, but Christmas carols, Nativity scenes and Christmas parties are now verboten.

In Kingston, England, the All Saints Church announced a service marking "the birthday of Prophet Mohammed and looking forward to the birthday of Jesus." The church celebration, blasted by the remaining sane citizens of Kingston as "Chrislam," included time for Islamic prayers.

Polls disclose that in the U.K., 930,000 Muslims attend a mosque at least once a week, while just 916,000, in spite of their far greater numbers, attend Anglican services.

In Sweden, natives are being told that they have to adopt to a new Sweden and that they need to learn how to integrate, whereas Muslims are told no such thing, lest they take offense. A TV ad shows a Somali Muslim with an Islamic head covering and is identified as the face of the new Sweden.

In Germany, women are being told to cover their heads to convey tolerance.

In Europe, the globalists running the EU and the individual governments have determined that the roles of hosts and guests should be completely reversed, so that everything must be done to assure the comfort of the newcomers, while even requesting that the guests don't murder the men and rape the women is regarded as an outrageous display of bad manners.

■ Weighing two opposing sides

During jury selection some years ago, the defense attorney asked if I would give equal weight to sworn testimony, no matter who was testifying. I replied

that I would not. "For instance," I said, "what if a drug dealer swore to one thing and a nun contradicted him? Do you seriously expect me to believe him just because he's taken an oath to tell the truth? You have to be kidding."

Needless to say, I didn't get to serve on the jury. Which is why I have such a low opinion of juries. It's not just that, as the old joke goes, they're composed of people too stupid to know how to avoid jury duty; it's because in order to be seated in the first place, you're expected to lie or at least park your commonsense at the curb outside the courthouse.

■ Kavanaugh hearings

Watching the confirmation hearings of Brett Kavanaugh is even beyond my endurance, but I have seen enough to know that if I were a Democrat, I would despise my party's base for forcing me to come off as a complete fool.

Even though people like Kamala Harris, Cory Booker and Richard Blumenthal, know they have no chance of keeping Kavanaugh off the bench, they have to pretend they need to read more than a million pages of his personal and judicial history before they come to a decision.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "That Man is Back" was posted at patriot-post.us on Sept. 17, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

I knew Barack Obama hadn't gone far, yet I was still surprised to pass through the living room and find him on the TV, giving one of his unbelievably boring speeches at the University of Illinois.

My problem with him as a public speaker isn't just the usual moronic talking points one has come to expect of progressives, it's the way he speaks. It's his voice. It sounds as if he regards himself as both the fount of all wisdom and as the epitome of cool, which I'm sure is exactly the way he sees himself.

The excuse for his speaking at the university is that he is gearing up to campaign for Democratic candidates this fall.

Speaking as one who is praying that Trump will wind up with more Republicans supporting his agenda in Congress, I hope that Obama remains as politically persuasive in 2018 as he did in 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016, when the candidates for whom he campaigned the most all lost.

In fact, it was thanks to him that the Democrats went from holding huge majorities in both houses of Congress to being the minority party. It's also worth noting that of all the presidents who have ever won second terms, Obama was the first to receive fewer votes the second time around.

■ Kavanaugh hearings

The sleazy Democrats on the judicial committee who sat in judgment of Brett Kavanaugh should be ashamed of themselves. It is reminiscent of the days when Ted Kennedy dared sit in judgment of Clarence Thomas, setting a record for unabashed chutzpah that might never be challenged; not even by Cory Booker.

Here was a sleazebag who not only got a young woman drunk and then left her to drown while he and his family's stooges figured out how to salvage his political career, but spent decades sexually harassing every woman that he and his overactive libido came across, daring to accuse Mr. Thomas of harassing the deceitful Anita Hill.

Furthermore, it was laughable for committee members Richard Blumenthal, Cory Booker and Kamala Harris, to whine about not having the time to read millions of pages of Judge Kavanaugh's rulings, especially when the Democrats passed Obamacare without reading even page one of its 2,000 pages.

■ Disrupting the Senate

Speaking of the Kavanaugh hearings, I had been wondering what the price of disrupting them would be for the left-wing louts who had to be dragged kicking and screaming from the Senate conference room.

Fortunately, one of my always helpful subscribers, Jan Hooper, was able to let me know that the fine was \$50. I was amazed. That's the fine for jaywalking. I suspect that once the word gets out, the louts will descend like locusts on Senate hearings.

Why wouldn't they be willing to pay \$50 to have all their dumb friends see them acting up on TV?



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "English As a Second Language" was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 29, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

It's bad enough that tens of millions of Latinos don't speak English in their home, language being the glue that binds people together, but the other night, because my TV began acting screwy, I was forced to spend an hour and a half on the phone with various Filipinos who had only a casual acquaintance with English.

I don't have a problem with people from the Philippines, having encountered them often working as nurses in my doctors' offices. Without exception, they have been friendly, helpful and efficient. I don't even have a problem conversing with them, but that is because they are merely going about the business of taking my blood pressure or asking my weight.

But when it comes to discussing technical problems on the phone, I have to wonder if the savings their various employers are saving by jobbing the work out to people halfway around the world isn't nullified by the amount of time it takes when I have to keep asking them to repeat themselves.

What's even worse is that I wind up feeling mean. After all, it's not their fault I can't understand them. If I had their job, I would have a far tougher time conversing with someone whose first language is Tagalog.

Perhaps along with bringing back all those manufacturing jobs that had abandoned America, Trump could do something about encouraging tech companies to start hiring Americans. Those really aren't jobs that Americans are unwilling to do.

■ Eastern Europe

Eastern Europe is looking better and better to me. First, it was because Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, slammed their doors on Muslims fleeing the Middle East and Africa like rats abandoning a sinking ship, seeing no upside in granting asylum to the scumballs who have trashed the rest of the continent.

Now, thanks to *The New American*, I hear that Hungary's Minister of Human Resources, Bence Rétvári, has declared that gender-studies programs are based in "ideology rather than science" and therefore have no place in facilities of higher education. He went so far as to compare the programs to "Marxist-Leninism."

Another spokesman for the government added that the degrees have proved useless to students after their graduation. "There is no economic rationale for studies such as these, as the degrees don't furnish students with skills that can be readily and directly converted on the labor market."

Can you imagine anyone in America saying such things about all the politically correct curriculums available on our college campuses? If they got rid of crapola like gay, lesbian, black and Hispanic studies, they'd have to padlock the doors and send all the social engineers passing for professors off to find real jobs.



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."