

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 George Martin titled “Christians Suffered An Increase in Persecution Last Year With 245 Million Facing Violence or Oppression Around the World—30 Million More Than a Year Ago” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 16, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Christians around the world suffered a huge increase in persecution last year—with around 30 million more people being targeted than in the previous year.

A report by Open Doors, a Dutch charity that supports persecuted Christians showed that in total, 245 million faced violence or oppression in 2018, with 73 countries listed as danger zones for Christians.

China has been named among the most dangerous places to be a Christian after new laws governing religious expression led to raids and the demolition of scores of churches.

Millions more Christians suffered persecution this year thanks mainly to deteriorating religious rights across Asia, including in China and India.

At least 50 million people expected to experience some form of repression this year as the government tightens its controls over religious worship.

While India has also seen a spate of attacks against ultra-nationalists against non-Hindu minorities—the report claimed.

“Rising nationalism is leading to similar persecution in other countries such as Bhutan, Myanmar and Nepal where national identity is tied to religion,” the charity said.

Open Doors said in its 2019 World Watch List, which ranks 50 countries, that one in three Christians face high levels of persecution in Asia—as India entered the top 10 for the first time.

It comes just three weeks after Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt ordered an independent review into the persecution of Christians worldwide.

Hunt said: “Britain has long championed international religious freedom, and the prime minister underlined our global leadership on this issue when she appointed my excellent colleague Lord Ahmad as her special envoy on freedom of religion or belief.

“So often the persecution of Christians is a telling early warning sign of the persecution of every minority.”



An article by Matt Binder titled “Apple Books 50 Daily Flights to China, Spends \$150 Million a Year With a Single Airline [United Airlines]” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 14, 2019. Following is the article.

The increasing cost of the latest iPhone models may be starting to make sense.

An internal United promotional sign has leaked with details about the company’s top business accounts. The most notable takeaway: Apple spends \$150 million a year with the airline.

That’s a lot.

With \$150 million in revenue generated for United, Apple is the airline’s largest global account. To put things into perspective, the next highest air travel spending by major tech companies like Facebook and Google are listed as only spending “over \$34 million.”

The flyer, which reads “This is confidential information. Please do not share outside of United,” on the bottom provides a bit of a run down as to where Apple’s travel budget is going.

Employees of the Cupertino, Calif.-based tech giant are mostly racking up frequent flyer miles heading to Shanghai Pudong International Airport. Apple spends around \$35 million, or 25 percent of its annual budget, on flights to Shanghai. The company books 50 business class seats per day from San Francisco to Shanghai with United.

Outside of Shanghai, Apple's next most frequented locations are also located in China. Hong Kong International Airport and Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport round out the top three routes for Apple's air travel.

It's not all that surprising to find that Apple employees are frequently visiting China. Most of the company's hardware is manufactured in cities like Shenzhen where one of Foxconn's main factories is located.

However, the sheer amount of money spent on air travel is shocking. Fifty business class seats a per day to Shanghai alone? Sounds wasteful.

Apple CEO Tim Cook recently reduced revenue projections for the company's last quarter by \$9 billion. Obviously, saving some of this \$150 million wouldn't have had that much of an impact overall for Apple.

Still, Apple's fellow tech behemoths such as Facebook and Google spending just around a quarter of what it's throwing down on airline tickets. Maybe Apple could be a little bit more thrifty. Also, maybe they could knock down the price of the iPhone XS.



An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "In Cairo, Pompeo Rebutts Obama's 2009 Speech: 'The Age of Self-Inflicted American Shame Is Over' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 11, 2019. Following is the article.

Almost a decade after President Obama delivered a widely-hailed address "to the Muslim world" in Cairo, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo returned to the Egyptian capital Thursday to give a speech that amounted to a rebuttal of Obama's—and a repudiation of the previous administration's policies across the region.

Obama's views on "violent extremism," his engagement with the fundamentalist regime in Tehran, and his decision not to carry through with threats to punish the Assad regime for using outlawed chemical weapons all featured in Pompeo's speech.

"Remember," Pompeo told an audience of students, government officials and diplomats at the American University in Cairo, "it was here, here in this city, that another American stood before you."

"He told you that radical Islamist terrorism does not stem from an ideology," Pompeo continued. "He told you that 9/11 led my country to abandon its ideals, particularly in the Middle East. He told you that the United States and the Muslim world needed, quote, 'a new beginning,' end of quote."

"The results of these misjudgments have been dire," Pompeo charged. "In falsely seeing ourselves as a force for what ails the Middle East, we were timid in asserting ourselves when the times—and our partners—demanded it."

Among the Obama policies Pompeo then touched on were his evident “reluctance” to condemn the Iranian regime for a violent crackdown on street protests that broke out after the disputed re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2009.

“America’s reluctance, our reluctance, to wield our influence kept us silent as the people of Iran rose up against the mullahs in Tehran in the Green Revolution,” he said.

“The ayatollahs and their henchmen murdered, jailed, and intimidated freedom-loving Iranians, and they wrongly blamed America for this unrest when it was their own tyranny that had fueled it.”

“Emboldened, the regime spread its cancerous influence to Yemen, to Iraq, to Syria, and still further into Lebanon.”

Obama was criticized for what the non-partisan Council on Foreign Relations described as an initially “muted response” to the 2009 crackdown. After initially responding cautiously, it was only ten days after the episode began that Obama condemned the violence explicitly for the first time.

In his speech in Cairo on June 4, 2009—just days before the election that triggered those protests—Obama had reached out to the Iranian regime, pointing to the “tumultuous history” between the two countries but offering to engage “without preconditions on the basis of mutual respect.” It was an offer he was to repeat in a Persian new year message the following March—despite the violent clampdown and loss of life that had taken place in the intervening period.

Pompeo characterized Obama’s pursuit of a nuclear deal with Tehran as driven by a “desire for peace at any cost” and accused his administration of a “willful blindness to the danger of the regime.”

Under Trump, on the other hand, the U.S. “withdrew from the failed nuclear deal, with its false promises,” he said, “re-imposed sanctions that should never have been lifted,” launched a new pressure campaign targeting revenues used to spread terror, and “joined the Iranian people in calling for freedom and accountability.”

Pompeo also contrasted Obama’s response to chemical weapons use by the Assad regime to President Trump’s.

“When Bashar Assad unleashed terror upon ordinary Syrians and barrel-bombed civilians with sarin gas [in 2013],” he said, the U.S. had “condemned his actions, but in our hesitation to wield power, we did nothing.”

By contrast, Pompeo said, when Assad did it again more recently, “President Trump unleashed the fury of the U.S. military not once, but twice, with allied support. And he’s willing to do it again, although we do hope that he does not have to.”

Pompeo said the lessons learned from the previous policies were “that when America retreats, chaos often follows; when we neglect our friends, resentment builds; and when we partner with enemies, they advance.”

"The good news is this," he continued. "The age of self-inflicted American shame is over, and so are the policies that produced so much needless suffering. Now comes the real 'new beginning.' "

Obama's June 2009 speech in Cairo was officially titled "A new beginning," and he told his audience he had come to "Cairo to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world."

The National Security Action group, comprising mostly former Obama administration officials, criticized Pompeo for taking aim at Obama's 2009 address, which it described as "a vision of tolerance and pluralism."

"That this administration feels the need, nearly a decade later, to take potshots at an effort to identify common ground between the Arab world and the West speaks not only to the Trump administration's pettiness but also to its lack of a strategic vision for America's role in the region and its abdication of America's values," it said in a statement.

The National Security Action group is co-chaired by former deputy national security adviser for strategic communications Ben Rhodes and Jake Sullivan, former top aide to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Advisory Council members include former ambassadors to the U.N. Samantha Power and Susan Rice, who also served as Obama's national security advisor.



"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 titled "Iran Vows to Keep Military Forces in Syria Despite Israeli Threats" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Lanit Chernick titled "Revolutionary Guards Commander Warns Israel [That] Iran Will Retaliate for Syria Strikes" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Cassandra Gomes-Hochberg titled "Report: U.S. Army Acquires Two Iron Dome Batteries" was posted at jpost.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
 - An article titled "U.S. Official Cautions Israel Over Chinese Investments" was posted at cnbc.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
 - An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Ex-Ambassador Haley Calls 'Coddling' of Palestinians 'The Reason the UN is Not Taken Seriously' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
 - A Reuters article titled "Russian Sovereign Wealth Fund to Boost Deals With Saudi Arabia" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 16, 2019.

- An article titled "Mecca's Grand Mosque Plagued by Swarm of Locusts" was posted at timesofisrael.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Natalie Cornish titled "A Super Blood Wolf Moon Eclipse Will Turn the Sky Red This Weekend" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "World's Worst-Scoring Country for Gender Equality [Yemen] Gets Leadership Post in UN Women's Agency" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 10, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Brazil Says It Recognizes Venezuelan Opposition Leader [Juan Guaido] As President" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 12, 2019.
- An article titled "Venezuelan Opposition Tries Luring Soldiers Away From Maduro" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "British Govt. Faces No Confidence Vote After Historic Defeat for [Theresa] May's Brexit Plan" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Alexa Lardieri titled "Yellow Vest Protesters Destroy 60 Percent of France's Speed Cameras" was posted at usnews.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Joseph Schmid and Adrien Marotte titled "More 'Yellow Vests' But Violence Wanes in French Protests" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 12, 2019.
- An article titled "German Newspaper [Left-Wing *Taz Daily*] Says Employee Attacked by Far-Right Group [Suspected to Be the Identitarian Movement]" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 14, 2019.
- An article titled "China Broadcasts Spacecraft Pictures From Moon's Far Side" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Gordon Lubold and Dustin Volz titled "China's Confidence Rises in It's Military, U.S. Says" was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article titled "China Warns US Navy Over Taiwan" was posted at france24.com on Jan. 15, 2019.



An article by Rich Noyes titled "Networks Trashed Trump With 90% Negative Spin in 2018, But Did It Matter?" was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 15, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

At the midpoint of Donald Trump's first term, the establishment media's obvious hostility shows no signs of relenting, but polls show this negative coverage has had no discernible impact on the public's attitudes toward the President.

Since January 20, 2017, the Media Research Center has analyzed every moment of coverage of President Trump on the ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts, seen by approximately 23 million people each night.

■ As it was last year, the Trump presidency was the biggest story of 2018, accounting for almost 87 hours of coverage, or 28% of all evening news airtime. But that's down from 99 hours of coverage in 2017, perhaps a sign the networks are wearying of treating every Trump tweet as deserving of crisis-level coverage.

■ The tone of coverage remains incessantly hostile: 90% negative, vs. just 10% positive (excluding neutral statements), matching the historically bad press we documented in 2017. Yet despite the media's obvious disapproval, public opinion of the President actually improved slightly during 2018, from an average 40% approval on January 1 to 42.7% approval on December 31, according to RealClearPolitics.

■ For the second year in a row, the Russia investigation was the single most-covered topic amid the networks' Trump coverage, garnering 858 minutes of airtime. Since January 20, 2017, the Russia probe has received 2,092 minutes of coverage on just the three evening newscasts.

Negative spin: To determine the spin of news coverage, our analysts tallied all explicitly evaluative statements about the President or his administration from either reporters, anchors or non-partisan sources such as experts or voters. Evaluations from partisan sources, as well as neutral statements, were not included.

As has been the case since the President took office, the tone of network coverage has been exceptionally hostile, ranging from 82% negative in April 2017 (after Trump was praised for a missile strike punishing Syria for a chemical weapons attack) to 96% negative in February 2018 (when the news agenda focused on the Russia investigation, demands for gun control, and a White House aide accused of domestic abuse).

Remarkably consistent: The 90% negative spin we calculated roughly matches what the Pew Research Center, not a conservative group, found in their study of coverage of Trump's first 60 days in office. They found 62% of network stories were negative, vs. 5% positive and 33% neutral. If you remove the neutral stories and look at just the stories with a clear spin, Pew's bottom line looks like ours: 93% negative spin, vs. just 7% positive.

Harvard media scholar Thomas Patterson looked at coverage of Trump's first 100 days in office. He found NBC's coverage was 93% negative, CBS's 91% negative; ABC was not included. His study also found highly negative coverage from leading newspapers and CNN, while only Fox News offered balanced coverage (52% negative vs. 48% positive).

The highly-partisan media earn partisan reviews: The media's confrontational stance seems to have earned them greater respect among Democratic voters, of whom 76% say they trust the media (up from 51% in 2016), according to the most recent Gallup survey. But a meager 21% of Republicans say

they trust the press, a near-record gap of 55 percentage points in how the press is viewed by voters of each party. (The record was a 58-point gap in 2017; prior to the age of Trump, this partisan gap never exceeded 40 points.)

TV's Trump agenda: More than half of the Trump coverage on the broadcast evening newscasts in 2018 focused on just five topics: the Russia investigation (858 minutes); immigration policy (643 minutes); the Kavanaugh nomination (435 minutes); dealing with North Korean nukes (410 minutes); and the Michael Cohen/hush money investigation (341 minutes).

The network spin on all of these topics was fiercely negative, ranging from 80% bad press on North Korea, to 99% negative on the Cohen/hush money story.

What about the shutdown? The partial government shutdown was the top Trump topic in December, garnering 67 minutes of airtime that month, or about one-fifth of the total Trump coverage. (Note that this figure also includes negotiations prior to the start of the shutdown on December 21). And at least in December, nearly 97% of the evaluations of Trump's handling of the impasse were negative.

In ordinary circumstances, this onslaught of negative publicity would cause the politician on the receiving end of it to reverse course. But the establishment media have been so reliably negative towards this President, for so long, that the effect of their criticism now seems to be virtually nil. As noted above, Trump's job approval ratings actually rose slightly last year, despite all of the negative coverage.

The media elite have clearly waded into the political fray to wage war against this President. But have they accomplished anything beyond cementing their reputation as political partisans, not objective journalists?



An article by Derek Wallbank titled "Full Text: Trump's Prime-Time Address on Shutdown, Border Wall" was posted at [bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) on Jan. 8, 2019. Following is the article.

My fellow Americans: Tonight, I am speaking to you because there is a growing humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border.

Every day, Customs and Border Patrol agents encounter thousands of illegal immigrants trying to enter our country. We are out of space to hold them, and we have no way to promptly return them back home to their country.

America proudly welcomes millions of lawful immigrants who enrich our society and contribute to our nation. But all Americans are hurt by uncontrolled, illegal migration. It strains public resources and drives down jobs and wages. Among those hardest hit are African Americans and Hispanic Americans.

Our southern border is a pipeline for vast quantities of illegal drugs, including meth, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl. Every week, 300 of our citizens are killed by heroin alone, 90 percent of which floods across from our southern border. More Americans will die from drugs this year than were killed in the entire Vietnam War.

In the last two years, ICE officers made 266,000 arrests of aliens with criminal records, including those charged or convicted of 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and 4,000 violent killings. Over the years, thousands of Americans have been brutally killed by those who illegally entered our country, and thousands more lives will be lost if we don't act right now.

This is a humanitarian crisis—a crisis of the heart and a crisis of the soul.

Last month, 20,000 migrant children were illegally brought into the United States—a dramatic increase. These children are used as human pawns by vicious coyotes and ruthless gangs. One in three women are sexually assaulted on the dangerous trek up through Mexico. Women and children are the biggest victims, by far, of our broken system.

This is the tragic reality of illegal immigration on our southern border. This is the cycle of human suffering that I am determined to end.

My administration has presented Congress with a detailed proposal to secure the border and stop the criminal gangs, drug smugglers, and human traffickers. It's a tremendous problem. Our proposal was developed by law enforcement professionals and border agents at the Department of Homeland Security. These are the resources they have requested to properly perform their mission and keep America safe. In fact, safer than ever before.

The proposal from Homeland Security includes cutting-edge technology for detecting drugs, weapons, illegal contraband, and many other things. We have requested more agents, immigration judges, and bed space to process the sharp rise in unlawful migration fueled by our very strong economy. Our plan also contains an urgent request for humanitarian assistance and medical support.

Furthermore, we have asked Congress to close border security loopholes so that illegal immigrant children can be safely and humanely returned back home.

Finally, as part of an overall approach to border security, law enforcement professionals have requested \$5.7 billion for a physical barrier. At the request of Democrats, it will be a steel barrier rather than a concrete wall. This barrier is absolutely critical to border security. It's also what our professionals at the border want and need. This is just common sense.

The border wall would very quickly pay for itself. The cost of illegal drugs exceeds \$500 billion a year—vastly more than the \$5.7 billion we have requested from Congress. The wall will also be paid for, indirectly, by the great new trade deal we have made with Mexico.

Senator Chuck Schumer—who you will be hearing from later tonight—has repeatedly supported a physical barrier in the past, along with many other Democrats. They changed their mind only after I was elected President.

Democrats in Congress have refused to acknowledge the crisis. And they have refused to provide our brave border agents with the tools they desperately need to protect our families and our nation.

The federal government remains shut down for one reason and one reason only: because Democrats will not fund border security.

My administration is doing everything in our power to help those impacted by the situation. But the only solution is for Democrats to pass a spending bill that defends our borders and re-opens the government.

This situation could be solved in a 45-minute meeting. I have invited Congressional leadership to the White House tomorrow to get this done. Hopefully, we can rise above partisan politics in order to support national security.

Some have suggested a barrier is immoral. Then why do wealthy politicians build walls, fences, and gates around their homes? They don't build walls because they hate the people on the outside, but because they love the people on the inside. The only thing that is immoral is the politicians to do nothing and continue to allow more innocent people to be so horribly victimized.

America's heart broke the day after Christmas when a young police officer in California was savagely murdered in cold blood by an illegal alien, who just came across the border. The life of an American hero was stolen by someone who had no right to be in our country.

Day after day, precious lives are cut short by those who have violated our borders. In California, an Air Force veteran was raped, murdered, and beaten to death with a hammer by an illegal alien with a long criminal history.

In Georgia, an illegal alien was recently charged with murder for killing, beheading, and dismembering his neighbor.

In Maryland, MS-13 gang members who arrived in the United States as unaccompanied minors were arrested and charged last year after viciously stabbing and beating a 16-year-old girl.

Over the last several years, I've met with dozens of families whose loved ones were stolen by illegal immigration. I've held the hands of the weeping mothers and embraced the grief-stricken fathers. So sad. So terrible.

I will never forget the pain in their eyes, the tremble in their voices, and the sadness gripping their souls.

How much more American blood must we shed before Congress does its job?

To those who refuse to compromise in the name of border security, I would ask: Imagine if it was your child, your husband, or your wife whose life was so cruelly shattered and totally broken?

To every member of Congress: Pass a bill that ends this crisis.

To every citizen: Call Congress and tell them to finally, after all of these decades, secure our border.

This is a choice between right and wrong, justice and injustice. This is about whether we fulfill our sacred duty to the American citizens we serve.

When I took the Oath of Office, I swore to protect our country. And that is what I will always do, so help me God. Thank you and goodnight.



An article by Neal Rothschild and Mike Allen titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Has More Twitter Power Than Media, Establishment" was posted at [axios.com](https://www.axios.com) on Jan. 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

A freshman congresswoman who has held office for less than two weeks is dominating the Democratic conversation on Twitter, generating more interactions—retweets plus likes—than the five most prolific news organizations combined over the last 30 days.

(The asterick denotes three people—Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren—who have a combined Senate and personal account.)

@realDonaldTrump	39.8 m
@AOC	11.8 m
@KamalaHarris	4.6 m*
@BarackObama	4.4 m
@CNN	3.1 m
@SpeakerPelosi	2.8 m
@BernieSanders	2.6 m*
@SenSchumer	2.4 m
@thehill	2.3 m
@ABC	2.2 m
@BetoO'Rourke	1.8 m
@nytimes	1.8 m
@MSNBC	1.6 m
@NBCNews	1.5 m
@seanhannity	1.5 m
@washingtonpost	1.5 m
@ElizabethWarren	1.4 m*
@Reuters	1 m

The big picture: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is miles behind President Trump in the influence of her Twitter account. But he's the president—she's a new member of Congress who shot out of a cannon following the midterm elections. And she has far more power on Twitter than the most prominent Democrats, including the congressional leaders and the likely 2020 presidential candidates.

Ben Thompson—founder of Stratechery, and one of the most pioneering online thinkers—points out that neither Ocasio-Cortez's "background nor her position as a first-time representative are . . . noteworthy enough to be driving the national political conversation. And yet she is doing exactly that."

He continued: "In short, she is the first—but certainly not the last—of an entirely new archetype: a politician that is not only fueled by the Internet, but born of it."

Antonio García Martínez—author of "Chaos Monkeys," about Silicon Valley—wrote in Wired that she's "a harbinger of a new American political reality."

He continued: "When a 29-year-old former bartender of Puerto Rican descent beats a senior Democratic leader of the House, and then proceeds to set the political agenda during her first week in office, it's more than a cute social media story.

"AOC is one answer to the bigger question of how social media impacts not just the portrayal of political power, but its seizure and exercise."

Here are the main takeaways.

- Among 2020 Democratic hopefuls, Sen. Kamala Harris (combining her Senate and personal accounts) had the highest Twitter engagement at 4.6 million interactions over the last 30 days—but that's still way behind Ocasio-Cortez.

- Even former President Barack Obama was far behind Ocasio-Cortez, at 4.4 million interactions (but she's a lot more active on Twitter).

- News organizations' metrics do not include numbers from their star journalists. CNN's Jim Acosta generated 2 million interactions, compared to the network's 3 million.

- On the right, individual personalities out-index partisan news organizations. The biggest conservative megaphones—aside from the president—are Charlie Kirk (7.3 million interactions) and Donald Trump Jr., whose 1.86 million interactions eclipsed his nemesis, the New York Times' 1.84, by a hair.

- The volume of tweets is an important variable to consider—Trump has 9.1 tweets per day; Ocasio-Cortez has 5.8 tweets per day;

Harris has 9.7 tweets per day; Obama has 0.4 tweets per day and CNN has 136 tweets per day.

- Fox News is not listed, because it has boycotted Twitter since November.

- These numbers do not account for Twitter activity from bots.



An article by Katherine Loughead titled "Which States Rely the Most on Federal Aid?" was posted at taxfoundation.org on Jan. 9, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

Taxes are perhaps the most apparent source of state revenue, as they constitute the vast majority of each state's general fund budget. But state governments also receive a notable amount of assistance from the federal government. In fiscal year (FY) 2016, 32.6 percent of state revenues derived from federal grants-in-aid.

Federal aid is allocated to states for a variety of purposes, primarily to supplement state funding for programs or projects deemed to be of national interest.

Some federal aid is awarded in the form of competitive grants, while other federal funding is allocated according to formulas established by law. Formula grants usually incorporate factors such as population size, poverty statistics, and state matching dollars for distributing federal aid among states. Competitive grants are awarded on a discretionary basis and are more likely to fluctuate from year to year.

Largest shares

In FY 2016 (the most recent year of data available), the states where federal aid comprised the largest share of general revenue were:

- Mississippi (43.4 percent)
- Louisiana (42.7 percent)
- New Mexico (41.2 percent)
- Arizona (41.2 percent)
- Kentucky (40.9 percent).

States that rely heavily on federal grants-in-aid tend to have sizable low-income populations and relatively lower tax revenues.

Smallest shares

The states for which federal aid comprised the smallest share of state general revenue were:

- Virginia (21.1 percent)
- Hawaii (22.7 percent)
- Kansas (23.0 percent)
- North Dakota (23.8 percent)
- Utah (25.7 percent).

States with relatively lower reliance on federal aid tend to collect more in taxes and have smaller low-income populations, although some exceptions exist.

Notably, although North Dakota and Alaska impose relatively modest taxes on residents, both are resource-rich states that export much of their tax burdens through severance taxes, yet their reliance on federal aid differs greatly.



An article by Ann Coulter titled “Media Throw Everything at the Wall to See What Sticks” was posted at anncoulter.com on Jan. 9, 2019. Following is the article.

Now that Trump has finally turned to the campaign promise that won him the election—build a wall and deport illegals—the Democrats, the media and even most Republicans are hysterical.

Just remember: They were hysterical about Ronald Reagan, too. You don’t change history by being a follower, particularly if the people you’re following are unimaginative, go-with-the-flow company men.

When President Reagan implemented the strategy that won the Cold War, he was opposed by the entire media, as well as foreign policy “experts” in both parties.

The New York Times and *Washington Post* produced nonstop denunciations of his “dangerous” policies. There were propaganda movies like “The Day After,” terrifying Americans about a Soviet strike on our country. Witless college students demanded cyanide pills be stocked in campus health care clinics, on the grounds that Reagan was going to get us all nuked.

Only after Reagan’s policies succeeded did these same hysterics say, Ho hum, no big deal. We always knew the Soviet Union was a paper tiger.

Frantically rewriting history, they claimed Reagan had merely continued the policies of his predecessors. The truth about their eight-year primal scream is helpfully assembled in my smash best-seller, *Treason: Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism*.

The Democrats, the media and most of the Republican Party are as fanatically opposed to Trump’s ideas about illegal immigration as they were to Reagan’s ideas about winning the Cold War.

Like Reagan, Trump has only the people on his side. Unlike Reagan, he doesn’t seem as confident that he is right.

So the people need to be louder.

All we’re getting from the media on immigration is an avalanche of lies, neurotically repeated by people citing one another:

Polls show Americans don’t want a wall!

We're a nation of immigrants!

Immigrants commit less crime than the native born!

Studies show: Black Americans are NOT hurt by illegal immigration.

Every one of these claims is a lie, as demonstrated in my book *Adios, America*. (Also a smash best-seller.)

People assume a minimal standard of decency in others and think to themselves, Well, Joe Scarborough wouldn't say that if it weren't true.

What viewers don't understand is how lazy media personalities are. They are merely quoting what someone told them. They don't know. Their expertise consists of memorizing a set of talking points, like ABBA memorizing the syllables to English words without knowing what they meant.

If journalists allowed follow-up questions and you could ask, "How do you know that?" The answer would be, "I heard it from a guy at Vox."

The media go to extremely biased sources; they know nothing, so they're not in a position to challenge them; and even if they were, they wouldn't, because they're on the same team.

After a *New York Times* reporter tracked me down for a quote about the wall, I gave him the following, but he chose not to run it. Why should the Newspaper of Record present the opposition's side honestly?

There are a million reasons we want a wall, but here are five:

- The Simpson-Mazzoli Act—passed almost 30 years ago to the day Trump was elected president—came with elaborate promises that it would put an end to illegal immigration. In fact, 30 to 40 million more illegals have poured into our country since then.
- Notwithstanding the vast number of illegal alien valedictorians, there are also criminals, drunk drivers, drug cartel members and desperately poor people consuming government services meant for the least among us and driving down the wages of our working class.
- We need a better method.
- Walls work. See Israel.
- If we don't get it done now, we never will. Trump is our last chance.

But instead of explaining to the *Times*' readers why Trump's promise to build a wall shook the political world to its foundation, the newspaper trotted out campaign adviser Sam Nunberg's boast that he invented "build the wall" because Trump's mind tends to wander. It was only a dumb talking point, you see, not a serious campaign pledge.

This is like claiming you were the guy who invented carrying an umbrella when it rains. I'm sorry, Sam, but you're not getting royalties for that.

Building a wall is kind of an obvious idea for protecting a border. Not only have walls been used from time immemorial to defend borders, but those precise three words have been used to describe what should happen at our specific border thousands of times before Trump used them, according to a quick Nexis search.

The current DNC talking point against a wall is that it is a “medieval solution to a 21st-century problem!” Turn on MSNBC or CNN right now, and you’ll hear someone saying it.

So are wheels. Are Democrats taking tires off their cars?

A roof is a medieval solution. How about Nancy Pelosi replace the one over her house with “new technology”—like a drone! Drones won’t keep anything out, but at least she can see what’s coming in seconds before it drops on her head.

Medievalism: 1; Pelosi: 0.



An article by Ann Coulter titled “White Supremacists Ate My Homework” was posted at anncoulter.com on Jan. 16, 2019. Following is the article.

By finally returning to the issue that won him the election, President Trump once again has a winning hand. That’s why we’re hearing so much about “white supremacy” this week.

Liberals lie all the time, but when they know they’re vulnerable they lie even more than all the time. They’re vulnerable on immigration. Even heroic, non-stop lying doesn’t help—as CNN has discovered.

So, naturally, the media have turned to their larger project of relentlessly trying to discredit conservatives as “white supremacists.”

Unfortunately for them, apart from a few crackpots—whom I assume exist in a country of 320 million people—there are no “white supremacists.” There were white supremacists 50 years ago, and they were all Democrats. (See my book *Mugged: Racial Demagoguery from the Seventies to Obama*.)

Today, “white supremacy” is nothing but a comfortable fantasy the left developed to explain its sick preoccupation with white people.

Talk about a manufactured crisis! The same people who love to snicker about *Fox News* viewers worrying about Sharia law sweeping the country are convinced that mythical “white supremacists” are hiding under every bed.

The whole concept is bogus. In my life, I’ve encountered a number of white people—some of them are my best friends. I’ve never heard any of them suggest that whites should rule over other races. None of them has argued that a substandard white person should get a job over a more competent person just because he’s white—you know, what every other group openly advocates for itself.

There is a whole swath of journalists who have decided that instead of investigating relevant news, they will spend their time doing oppo-research on prominent conservatives, hoping against hope to call them “racists.”

If the facts don’t fit, they’ll make them up. The New York Times’ Maureen Dowd once famously imagined a Republican congressman calling Obama “boy.”

This week, Newsweek’s Nina Burleigh (“I’d be happy to [have sexual relations with Bill Clinton] just to thank him for keeping abortion legal”) casually asked to interview me about “white identity politics.”

I have nothing to do with “white identity politics.” I don’t know anyone who knows anyone who even knows what that means. (Nor do I know anyone who’s seen a copy of Newsweek in at least a decade.)

When will we get around to talking about the media’s actual hatred of whites?

Last year, *The New York Times* hired Sarah Jeong, a Korean journalist who has posted such venomous anti-white tweets as:

- “White men are bullshit.”
- “F*** white women lol.”
- “White people have stopped breeding. You’ll all go extinct soon. That was my plan all along.”
- “Dumbass f***** white people marking up the internet with their opinions like dogs pissing on fire hydrants.”
- “#CancelWhitePeople.”
- “Are white people genetically predisposed to burn faster in the sun, thus logically being only fit to live underground like groveling goblins?”
- “Oh man it’s kind of sick how much joy I get out of being cruel to old white men.”

There’s no question but that such racist attacks would never be tolerated toward any other group. Jeong never apologized and happily took her seat on the Times’ editorial board.

Our cultural institutions regard the statement “It’s okay to be white” as hate speech. Colleges instigate investigations whenever signs with that phrase appear on campus. Second-graders in this country are being indoctrinated into “white privilege” ideology.

Eventually people get tired of the left’s fixation on “white people”—the gratuitous dumping on Western civilization, the incessant sneering about “old white men,” and the nonsense about “white privilege,” as if every white person knows every other white person and is greased into jobs and promotions.

But if you ever respond to the hate by noting that the contributions from the parts of the world loathed by *The New York Times* dwarf the contributions of other cultures, they threaten you.

Any references to white male accomplishments are merely defensive.

Consider the current Gillette ad, “We Believe: The Best Men Can Be” (after the board of directors rejected the more accurate title, “ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHAREHOLDERS: WE’RE FOLDING THE COMPANY”). The ad shows only white men harassing women—and being corrected by minority men.

As long as they brought it up, every culture in the universe is galaxies more misogynistic than Western European culture. The ad should have been titled, Hey, white America, you’ve got to stop doing the things that everyone BUT you does.

When other groups talk about themselves, they instantly go to: We rock, we’re awesome! Only the descendants of white Western Europeans are not allowed to be proud of their culture.

There is still casual racism, and that should be quickly and severely condemned. Iowa Rep. Steve King, for example, was fanatically obsessed with vindicating a white defendant accused of, first, murdering a half-Pakistani woman, and, second, falsely accusing a Congolese man of the murder.

Except King never did that. *Newsweek’s* Burleigh did, writing an entire book in defense of alabaster-white Amanda Knox, after she was convicted of the brutal murder of her half-Pakistani roommate—later overturned—and also convicted of falsely accusing an innocent Congolese man of the crime, for which she served four years.

Liberals could never, in a million years, survive the standards of “racism” applied to conservatives.

Even famed defense attorney Alan Dershowitz said that the only reason journalists defended “Foxy Knoxy” was that “she’s pretty and she doesn’t look like she did it and Americans care about what people look like. She’s the all-American young woman and we don’t care about the evidence.”

If you want to know about white supremacy, Nina, interview yourself. After that, maybe you can learn your maid’s name.

I’m getting back to the subject you desperately don’t want to discuss: How uncontrolled low-skilled immigration is slaughtering our working class—white, black and brown.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Politics of Immigration” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Jan. 16, 2019. Following is the article.

Here are a couple of easy immigration questions—answerable with a simple “yes” or “no”—we might ask any American of any political stripe.

Does everyone in the world have a right to live in the U.S.?

Do the American people have a right, through their elected representatives, to decide who has the right to immigrate to their country and under what conditions?

I believe that most Americans, even today's open-borders people, would answer "no" to the first question and "yes" to the second.

There's nothing new about this vision. Americans have held this view throughout our history, during times when immigration laws were very restrictive and when they were more relaxed. Tucker Carlson, host of Fox News Channel's "Tucker Carlson Tonight," gives us an interesting history lesson about immigration that's embedded below.

It was prompted by his watching a group of protesters who were denouncing President Donald Trump's immigration policies. They were waving Mexican flags and shouting, "¡Sí, se puede!" ("Yes, we can!")

Unbeknownst to the protesters, the expression "Sí, se puede" was a saying of Cesar Chavez's. When Chavez, the founder of the United Farm Workers union, used the expression "Yes, we can," he meant something entirely different: "Yes, we can" seal the borders.

He hated illegal immigration. Chavez explained, "As long as we have a poor country bordering California, it's going to be very difficult to win strikes."

Why? Farmers are willing to hire low-wage immigrants here illegally. Chavez had allies in his protest against the hiring of undocumented workers and lax enforcement of immigration laws. Included in one of his protest marches were Democratic Sen. Walter Mondale and a longtime Martin Luther King Jr. aide, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy.

Peaceful protest wasn't Chavez's only tool. He sent union members into the desert to assault Mexicans who were trying to sneak in to the country. They beat the Mexicans with chains and whips made of barbed wire. Undocumented immigrants who worked during strikes had their houses firebombed and their cars burned.

By the way, Chavez remains a leftist hero. President Barack Obama declared his birthday a commemorative federal holiday, an official day off in several states. A number of buildings and student centers on college campuses and dozens of public schools bear the name Cesar Chavez.

Democrats have long taken stances against both legal and illegal immigration.

- In 1975, California Gov. Jerry Brown opposed Vietnamese immigration, saying that the state had enough poor people. He added, "There is something a little strange about saying 'Let's bring in 500,000 more people' when we can't take care of the 1 million (Californians) out of work."

- In his 1995 State of the Union address, President Bill Clinton said: "All Americans . . . are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country. The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public service they use impose burdens on our taxpayers."

■ On a 1994 edition of CBS' "Face the Nation," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., declared: "Border control is a federal responsibility. We simply don't enforce our borders adequately. In my state, you have about 2,000 people a day, illegally, who cross the border. Now, this adds up to about 2 million people who compete for housing, who compete for classroom space."

She added: "In 1988, there were about 3,000 people on Medicaid. There're well over 300,000 (people on Medicaid) today who are illegal aliens. That presents obvious problems."

Tucker Carlson has a four-part explanation for the Democratic Party's changing position on illegal immigration.

Here are his four parts.

■ "One: According to a recent study from Yale, there are at least 22 million illegal immigrants living in the United States."

■ "Two: Democrats plan to give all of them citizenship. Read the Democrats' 2016 party platform."

■ "Three: Studies show the overwhelming majority of first-time immigrant voters vote Democrat."

■ "Four: The biggest landslide in American presidential history was only 17 million votes. Do the math.

The payoff for Democrats: permanent electoral majority for the foreseeable future. In a word: power."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Careers to Die For" was posted at patriot-post.us on Jan. 12, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I [recently] got to thinking about all those people who seemingly had exactly the sort of lives that hundreds of millions of people wished they had, but who chose to end them. Many of their deaths were officially ruled suicides by the medical examiners; others were the result of drug overdoses, which is suicide by another name.

The cast of characters [who have committed suicide] includes, but is not limited to: George Sanders, dead by his own hand at the age of 65; Maggie McNamara, 48; Pier Angeli, 39; Everett Sloane, 55; Richard Jeni, 49; Margaret Sullavan, 50; Jean Seberg, 40; Albert Dekker, 62; Spalding Gray, 62; Diana Barrymore, 38; Herve Villechaize, 50; Gia Scala, 38; Marie McDonald, 42; John Belushi, 33; Robin Williams, 63; Dana Plato, 34; Freddie Prinze, 22; Michael Jackson, 51; River Phoenix, 23; George Reeves, 45; Gig Young, 64; Carole Landis, 29; Inger Stevens, 35; Bella Darvi, 42; Lupe Velez, 36; Prince, 57; Rachel Roberts, 53; Margaux Hemingway, 42 (Grandpa Ernest, 61); Amy Winehouse, 28; Chris

Farley, 33; Jim Morrison, 28; Philip Seymour Hoffman, 47; Heath Ledger, 29; Scotty Beckett, 39; Anna Nicole Smith, 40; Dorothy Dandridge, 43; Keith Moon, 32; Jimi Hendrix, 28; Judy Garland, 47; David Carradine, 72; Hank Williams, 30; Lenny Bruce, 41; Whitney Houston, 48; Marilyn Monroe, 36.

■ Memorable words

Speaking of reputations, David Sorensen, a former Trump speechwriter, lost his job along with his reputation when he was falsely accused of having committed domestic violence. While speaking to Tucker Carlson, he shared a few memorable words befitting a presidential speechwriter: "Your reputation is something that is gained by the raindrop and lost by the bucketful."

■ Sureños Gang

The man, Gustavo Perez Arriaga, 33, who stands accused of recently murdering police officer Ronil Singh, is not only an illegal alien who had no business being in this country, but a member of the Sureños Gang. Up until now, the only gang I kept hearing about was MS-13. But, apparently, the punks in Sureños number 30,000 nation-wide and are actively involved in murder, extortion, narcotics trafficking, prostitution, human smuggling, rape and robbery.

Not exactly the jobs that Americans won't do.

Apparently, the gang is affiliated with the Mexican Mafia, so even if you arrest them and toss them in jail, it's less a punishment than un reunion familiar.

I can't help wondering if Gustavo remembered to register his gun.

■ Following her mentor

Arthur Hershey, who makes Calabasas, California, the garden spot it is, sent me a photo of the bug-eyed hope of the Democratic Party, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, with a caption reading: "Never Let Someone Who Has Done Nothing Tell You How to Do Anything."

The one thing that Ms. Ocasio-Cortez has learned from her mentor, Bernie Sanders, is that if you're a Socialist who doesn't want to work, politics is the answer. Sanders was so lazy, he even got kicked off the commune he joined in Vermont. So, at 39, reading the writing on the wall, he ran to be the mayor of Burlington. He won, and he hasn't worked since.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "When Is a Wall Not a Wall?" was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 14, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

That is the question that has been plaguing me lately. Campaigner Trump said he wanted an actual wall. President Trump says he would be happy with some sort of

actual barrier, whether it is composed of cement or steel stakes. The Democrats, in the meanwhile, say they want border security, but definitely oppose a wall.

Frankly, I don't care what materials they use in building the thing or whether they call it a wall, a fence or a doodad, so long as it keeps out those who would sneak in if they could.

I happen to favor a barrier that border agents can see through, so they can easily keep an eye on what the chiselers are up to. I would also like to see the agents using drones to provide them with a bird's eye view of what's being staged on Mexico's side. In addition, I would like to have our side mined with sound-sensors, so we can finally put an end to the tunnels that drug and people smugglers have used for decades to avoid detection.

■ Fooled Reagan

As for the Democrats, they've been lying for over 30 years, ever since they vowed to build Ronald Reagan a wall if only he'd agree to sign a bill granting amnesty to the 3.5 million illegal aliens who were already inside our borders. Typically, the Democrats reneged on their word, leaving Mr. "Trust-But-Verify" with egg on his face.

■ Wanting open borders

Today, when the likes of Chuck Schumer, Dick Durbin and Nancy Pelosi, speak of border security, what they mean is an open border that provides security for the constant stream of interlopers whom they have good reason to believe will spend their lives voting for liberals.

■ Removal of inactive voters

Speaking of which, Judicial Watch, one of the few groups worthy of your donations, announced the other day that it has signed a settlement agreement with the State of California and County of Los Angeles under which they will begin the process of removing from their voter registration rolls as many as 1.5 million inactive registered names that may be invalid. These removals are required by the National Voter Registration Act.

The NVRA is a federal law requiring the removal of inactive registrations from the voter rolls after two general federal elections. Inactive voter registrations belong, for the most part, to voters who have moved to another county or state or have passed away.

In Chicago, such a draconian ruling might deplete the voter rolls by as much as 50%.

■ Romney and Warren

Someone sent me side-by-side photos of Mitt Romney and Elizabeth Warren. It shows him saying: "I'm a Republican." It shows her responding: "I have more Indian in me than Mitt has Republican in him."

■ Politicians' walls

It occurred to me that if I ran Fox News, I would dispatch a camera crew to go around the country and photograph the homes of all the high-profile Democrats who so self-righteously object to Trump's wall, and show the walls that surround their own domiciles, which include mansions and castles.

On second thought, it might be even better if Trump ordered it done. He does, after all, have a much larger audience than Fox. Just let Nancy Pelosi insist that walls are immoral and inefficient when the world gets a gander at the one that surrounds her own 3-story, 13,500 square foot, home in the ritzy Pacific Heights section of San Francisco.

As if that's not bad enough, her district office is 3,075 square feet and costs the American taxpayer \$18,736-a-month. It is, in case you were wondering, the most expensive congressional district office in the nation.

■ J Street

J Street is a Jewish group that identifies itself as the political home for Pro-Israel, Pro-Peace Americans, dedicated to bringing about a diplomatic resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Unfortunately, it is an ultra-liberal group, which is part of the reason that a lot of people deem it, quite appropriately, as being pro-Arab and anti-Israel. Whether it is or is not is, frankly, beside the point. Anyone who believes that the Palestinians, led by the terrorist group Hamas, wants anything less than the extinction of Israel is too dumb to be trusted.

In any case, like other such groups, it is more than willing to take seriously anyone who speaks high-sounding bilge, sprinkled with the usual references to "brotherhood," "meeting of the minds" and "peaceful ends," etc.

During the 2018 midterms, one of its missions was to help elect Rashida Tlaib, a 42-year-old Palestinian-American running in Michigan's 13th District.

As it happened, the district, which is located in Detroit, wound up with five candidates in the general election, four of them black, one of them Ms. Tlaib.

Because the four blacks split up 68.8% of the votes between them, Tlaib wound up getting elected with just 27,803 (31.2%) of the 89,179 votes cast.

As it happens, if even the one who came in dead last, Shanelle Jackson, had stayed out of it, her 4,848 votes would have been enough to put second-place finisher, Brenda Jones (31,084 votes) over the top.

Judging by her comment the other day, Ms. Tlaib will be a worthy addition to the left side of the House aisle. Shortly after being sworn in as a member of the 116th Congress, she received an ovation from her brainless supporters at MoveOn.org when she announced: "When your son looks at you and says, 'Momma, look you won. Bullies don't win.' And I say, 'Baby, they don't because we're gonna go in there and we're going to impeach the mother—er!' "

I imagine, but can't swear to it, that among those cheering her the loudest were her new sorority sisters, Maxine Waters and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Good luck, Speaker Pelosi, you're going to need it. If you thought herding cats in the past was tough, you ain't seen nothing yet. You just might want to consider building a wall around your House office.



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

Finances

- An article titled "Ford Recalls Over 953,000 Vehicles, Part of Largest Series of Recalls in U.S. History" was posted at marketwatch.com on Jan. 7, 2019.
- An article by Hannah Elliott titled "Ford Debuts Most-Powerful Mustang Ever" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 14, 2019.
- An article by Jennifer Smith and Erika Tempesta titled "Conservative Customers Boycott Gillette in Outrage Over It's 'Offensive and Sexist' Ad About 'Toxic Masculinity' " was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Megan Cerullo titled "NYC Restaurants Cutting Staff Hours As Minimum Wage Hits \$15" was posted at cbsnews.com on Jan. 16, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Morgan G. Stalter titled "\$20 Million Raised in GoFundMe for Trump Border Wall to Be Refunded" was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Rafael Carranza titled "Amid Border Wall Debate, Third Drug Tunnel Found in Less Than a Month Along Arizona Border" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 12, 2019.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Stephen Gutowski titled "Va. Governor's [Ralph Northam's] Gun-Confiscation Proposal Could Affect Millions of Residents" was posted at freebeacon.com on Jan. 14, 2019.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Oregon Looks to Enact Gun Laws So Strict That Only Firearms You Could Own Would Be the Ones Davy Crockett Used" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Emily Ward titled "DOJ Report: Guns Carried During Crimes Most Frequently Obtained Off the Street or Underground" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 15, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Emily Domenech titled "Bre Payton's Life [Deceased Writer for thefederalist.com] Sure Makes Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Look Small in Comparison" was posted at thefederalist.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Paul Sperry titled "This Town [El Paso, Texas] Is Proof That Trump's Wall Can Work" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 13, 2019.
- An article by Wayne Allyn Root titled "I Want a Wall Just Like Israel's" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 13, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Madeline Osburn titled "Pelosi Just Cancelled the State of the Union Over the Border Wall She Refuses to Build" was posted at thefederalist.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
- An article by Justin Wise titled "House Armed Services Chairman [Adam Smith, D-Wash.]: Trump's Border Wall Obsession Rooted in 'Racism' " was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 8, 2019.
- An article by Laretta Brown titled "Dem. Rep. [Pramila] Jayapal Claims Trump's 'Ultimate Goal' Is to Make America 'Pure' Without People of Color" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Sen. [Mazie] Hirono: 'We Don't Negotiate With Amoral Hostage-Takers' Like Trump" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Penny Young Nance titled "Senators' [Kamala Harris and Mazie Hirono] Bigotry Threatens All Believers; The Left Gets Closer to Stifling Public Expressions of Faith" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 9, 2019.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Democrat [Tulsi Gabbard] Denounces Sen. [Mazie] Hirono's 'Religious Bigotry' Against Catholic Judicial Nominee" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 9, 2019.
- An article by Daniel Strauss titled "Tulsi Gabbard to Run for President" was posted at politico.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Emily Ward titled "Planned Parenthood President [Leana Wen] Admits Abortion Is 'Our Core Mission' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 9, 2019.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate [Stacey Abrams]: Yeah, I'm Down With Illegal Aliens Voting" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 14, 2019.
- An article by Morgan Chalfant titled "Manafort Developments Trigger New 'Collusion' Debate" was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 13, 2019.
- An article by Mollie Hemingway titled "NY Reveals FBI Retaliated Against Trump for Comey Firing" was posted at thefederalist.com on Jan. 14, 2019.

- An article by Daniel Hemel titled "What Happens If Ruth Bader Ginsburg Remains Too Sick to Work? [Nothing, Unless She Dies]" was posted at politico.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
- An article by Andrew Joseph titled "Nutritionalist Blasts [Trump's] White House Fast Food Feast for Clemson" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
- An article by Des Bieler titled "After Trump Serves Fast Food, Ayesha Curry Invites Clemson to Her [Barbecue] Restaurant" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Noah Feit titled "Retired NFL Star [Michael Strahan] Promises Clemson 'Proper Meal' of Lobster [in New York City] After Trump Fast Food Feast" was posted at thestate.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Rachael Bade and Heather Caygle titled "Exasperated Democrats Try to Rein in Ocasio-Cortez" was posted at politico.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Shane Goldmacher titled "Ocasio-Cortez Pushes Democrats to the Left, Whether They Like It Or Not" was posted at nytimes.com on Jan. 13, 2019.
- An article by Benjy Sarlin titled "In New Video, Ocasio-Cortez Joins Progressive Effort to Oust More Incumbent Democrats" was posted at nbcnews.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
- An article by Aidan McLaughlin titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Says She's Going to 'Run the Train on the Progressive Agenda' " was posted at mediaite.com on Jan. 16, 2019.

Irishman Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke

- Looking back to August, an article titled "AP Fact Check: [Beto] O'Rourke Get's Money Through PAC, Not From It" was posted at usnews.com on Aug. 6, 2018.
- Looking back to November, an article by Emily Kopp titled "Democratic Strategists Launch Draft Beto PAC" was posted at rollcall.com on Nov. 29, 2018.
- Looking back to December, an article by Matt Flegenheimer and Jonathan Martin titled "Beto O'Rourke Emerges As the Wild Card of the 2020 Campaign-In-Waiting" was posted at nytimes.com on Dec. 9, 2018.
- Looking back to December, an article by Jake Johnson titled "Challenging 2020 Hype, Analysis of Beto's Voting Record Shows Texas Dem Often Sided With Trump and GOP" was posted at commondreams.org on Dec. 20, 2018.
- Looking back to December, an article by David Sirota titled "Beto O'Rourke Frequently Voted for Republican Legislation, Analysis Reveals" was posted at theguardian.com on Dec. 20, 2018.
- An article by Raymond Arke titled "From Beto to Oprah, Undeclared 2020 Candidates Already Backed by Outside Groups" was posted at opensecrets.org on Jan. 10, 2019.

- An article by Bruce Golding titled "Beto O'Rourke Could Announce 2020 Run During Oprah Interview" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Jenna Johnson titled "Beto O'Rourke's Immigration Plan: No Wall, Few Specifics" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 15, 2019.

News about the media

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Seattle TV Station Caught Airing Doctored Video of Donald Trump's Address" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 10, 2019.
- An article by Kelsey Harkness titled "CNN Accidentally Proves (Twice) Why Trump's Wall Will Work" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "CNBC Host [Joe Kernen] Trashes Democrats Over Shutdown: They're Just Trying to Make a Political Point" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "CNN Host [Alisyn Camerota] Calls Out Top Democrat [Steny Hoyer] Over Party's Hypocrisy on Border Wall" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 14, 2019.
- An article by John Soloman titled "[Rod] Rosenstein, DOJ Exploring Ways to More Easily Spy on Journalists" was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 14, 2019.
- An article by Laretta Brown titled "On 'The View,' Women's March Leader Tamika Mallory Won't Condemn Farrakhan's Anti-Semitic Remarks" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 14, 2019.
- An article by Warren Henry titled "Major Liberal Groups Walk Away From the Women's March, But Very Quietly" was posted at thefederalist.com on Jan. 15, 2019.

General interest

- An article by Ben Renner titled "Survey: Americans Spend Nearly Half Their Waking Hours Looking at Screens" was posted at studyfinds.org on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article titled "USGS: 4.4 Earthquake Recorded in North Central Oklahoma" was posted at kfor.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article titled "4.7 Magnitude Earthquake Reported Off Coast of Ocean City [Maryland]" was posted at cbsaltimore.com on Jan. 15, 2019.
- An article by Michael Casey titled "Inmates Battling Addiction Get An Unlikely Ally: A Puppy" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 11, 2019.
- An article by Scott Morefield titled "Congressman [Andre Carson] Envisions Over 30 Muslim Reps in Congress by 2030" was posted at daily-caller.com on Jan. 12, 2019.
- An article by Hope Schreiber titled "Chick-Fil-A Store [in Mobile, Alabama] Opens on Sunday, So Boy Can Fulfill His Birthday Wish [to Help Run the Drive-Thru]" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 14, 2019.

■ An article by Shamard Charles, M.D. titled “Even a Little Marijuana May Change Teen Brain, Study Finds” was posted at nbcnews.com on Jan. 14, 2019.



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.”