

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 titled “Majority of World Population Support Globalism, Survey Finds” was posted at straitstimes.com on Jan. 20, 2019. Following is the article.

Maybe populist political movements don’t have as much support as often presumed.

The global public favours cooperation between nations, thinks immigration is a good thing and believes climate scientists, according to a poll of 10,000 people in every region of the world.

The poll was commissioned by the World Economic Forum (WEF) and will be discussed at panels at this year’s meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

People in South-east Asia and Africa were the strongest believers in countries working together, with 88 per cent saying it’s extremely or very important.

The least enthusiastic region was Western Europe, where 61 per cent held that view. In North America, the figure was 70 per cent. Worldwide, it was 76 per cent.

A global majority of 57 per cent said immigrants were “mostly good” for their new country, but only 40 per cent of Eastern Europeans thought so. Despite the continuing stand-off in the United States over building a wall along the Mexican border, 66 per cent of North Americans had a positive view of migrants.

One theme where there’s less optimism is social mobility, with only 20 per cent of Western Europeans and 34 per cent of Americans saying it is common to be born poor and become rich.

Across the world, 54 per cent have trust in climate scientists. But in North America, only 17 per cent do.

Meanwhile, WEF founder Klaus Schwab said the annual meeting remains relevant even though US President Donald Trump and other major world leaders have announced they would not attend it this year.

Mr Trump called off his attendance earlier this month because of the government shutdown, and as it extended last Thursday [Jan. 17], also cancelled the planned trip of a US delegation, which included Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of State Michael Pompeo and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross.

British Prime Minister Theresa May and French President Emmanuel Macron also won't participate at this year's meeting.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Brazil's recently sworn-in President Jair Bolsonaro will be the leaders topping the list of attendees at the Davos gathering which begins on Tuesday (Jan 22).

The planned meeting between US and Chinese delegations "was supposed to be one of the highlights this year," but there will still be about 800 participants from the US, "including the heads of the biggest companies," Professor Schwab told the Geneva-based newspaper *Le Temps* in an interview published on Saturday [Jan. 19].

"We can also count on the presence of about 60 heads of state," he said. "This proves that Davos remains unavoidable."



An article by Patrick J. Buchanan titled "At Age 70, Time to Rethink NATO" was posted at buchanan.org on Jan. 18, 2019. Following is the article.

"Treaties are like roses and young girls. They last while they last."

So said President Charles De Gaulle, who in 1966 ordered NATO to vacate its Paris headquarters and get out of France.

NATO this year celebrates a major birthday. The young girl of 1966 is no longer young. The alliance is 70 years old.

And under this aging NATO today, the U.S. is committed to treat an attack on any one of 28 nations from Estonia to Montenegro to Romania to Albania as an attack on the United States.

The time is ripe for a strategic review of these war guarantees to fight a nuclear-armed Russia in defense of countries across the length of Europe that few could find on a map.

Apparently, President Donald Trump, on trips to Europe, raised questions as to whether these war guarantees comport with vital U.S. interests and whether they could pass a rigorous cost-benefit analysis.

The shock of our establishment that Trump even raised this issue in front of Europeans suggests that the establishment, frozen in the realities of yesterday, ought to be made to justify these sweeping war guarantees.

Celebrated as “the most successful alliance in history,” NATO has had two histories. Some of us can yet recall its beginnings.

In 1948, Soviet troops, occupying eastern Germany all the way to the Elbe and surrounding Berlin, imposed a blockade on the city.

The regime in Prague was overthrown in a Communist coup. Foreign minister Jan Masaryk fell, or was thrown, from a third-story window to his death. In 1949, Stalin exploded an atomic bomb.

As the U.S. Army had gone home after V-E Day, the U.S. formed a new alliance to protect the crucial European powers—West Germany, France, Britain, Italy. Twelve nations agreed that an attack on one would be treated as an attack on them all.

Cross the Elbe and you are at war with us, including the U.S. with its nuclear arsenal, Stalin was, in effect, told. Hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops returned to Europe to send the message that America was serious.

Crucial to the alliance was the Yalta line dividing Europe agreed to by Stalin, FDR and Churchill at the 1945 Crimean summit on the Black Sea.

U.S. presidents, even when monstrous outrages were committed in Soviet-occupied Europe, did not cross this line into the Soviet sphere.

Truman did not send armored units up the highway to Berlin. He launched an airlift to break the Berlin blockade. Ike did not intervene to save the Hungarian rebels in 1956. JFK confined his rage at the building of the Berlin Wall to the rhetorical: “Ich bin ein Berliner.”

LBJ did nothing to help the Czechs when, before the Democratic convention in 1968, Leonid Brezhnev sent Warsaw Pact tank armies to crush the Prague Spring.

When the Solidarity movement of Lech Walesa was crushed in Gdansk, Reagan sent copy and printing machines. At the Berlin Wall in 1988, he called on Mikhail Gorbachev to “tear down this wall.”

Reagan never threatened to tear it down himself.

But beginning in 1989, the Wall was torn down, Germany was united, the Red Army went home, the Warsaw Pact dissolved, the USSR broke apart into 15 nations, and Leninism expired in its birthplace.

As the threat that had led to NATO disappeared, many argued that the alliance created to deal with that threat should be allowed to fade away, and a free and prosperous Europe should now provide for its own defense.

It was not to be. The architect of Cold War containment, Dr. George Kennan, warned that moving NATO into Eastern Europe and former Soviet republics would prove a “fateful error.”

This, said Kennan, would “inflame the nationalistic and militaristic tendencies in Russian opinion” and “restore the atmosphere of the cold war in East-West relations.” Kennan was proven right.

America is now burdened with the duty to defend Europe from the Atlantic to the Baltic, even as we face a far greater threat in China, with an economy and population 10 times that of Russia.

And we must do this with a defense budget that is not half the share of the federal budget or the GDP that Eisenhower and Kennedy had.

Trump is president today because the American people concluded that our foreign policy elite, with their endless interventions where no vital U.S. interest was imperiled, had bled and virtually bankrupted us, while kicking away all of the fruits of our Cold War victory.

Halfway into Trump’s term, the question is whether he is going to just talk about halting Cold War II with Russia, about demanding that Europe pay for its own defense, and about bringing the troops home—or whether he is going to act upon his convictions.

Our foreign policy establishment is determined to prevent Trump from carrying out his mandate. And if he means to carry out his agenda, he had best get on with it.



An article by Sam Kestenbaum titled “Who Are the Black Israelites at the Center of the Viral Standoff at the Lincoln Memorial?” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 22, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

In the initial media churn, they were nearly missed.

But a small band of Hebrew Israelites, members of a historic but little-known American religious movement, may actually be at the center of a roiling controversy that has gripped the nation in recent days.

It began with a now-viral video clip, filmed Friday [Jan. 18] at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, in which high school students from a Catholic school in Kentucky appeared to be in a faceoff with a Native American elder, who was beating on a drum.

But a longer video soon bubbled to the surface, widening the lens. It showed how a group of half a dozen Hebrew Israelites had, in fact, been goading and preaching at both the Native Americans and high schoolers, using profanity and highly provocative language, for nearly an hour. Phillips later told journalists that he was seeking to defuse tensions between the Israelite group and the high school students by stepping in between them.

But who are these Hebrew Israelites?

Dressed in fringed black garb, some with scarves tied around their heads, they preached what to many were both abrasive and unfamiliar End Times messages—calling Native Americans literal descendants of the Israelite “Tribe of Gad,” the white students cursed “Edomites” and preaching that a nuclear apocalypse was around the corner.

How did this relatively obscure group shoot into the national spotlight?

They are members of The House of Israel, which draws from what scholars call Black Israelism, a complex American religious movement that can be dated to the 18th century, at least.

Beliefs vary widely, but groups are bound together by the central tenet that African Americans are the literal descendants of the Israelites of the Bible and have been severed from their true heritage. A related belief holds that white people are Edomites, the genealogical descendants of Esau—the twin of Jacob.

Several distinct denominations or traditions have emerged over the years. Congregations and leaders differ widely, making neat generalizations tricky.

Some read the Christian Bible and believe that Jesus was the prophesied Messiah; others read only the Hebrew Bible. Some have moved into tentative dialogue and collaboration with wider American Jewish organizations. Others have not.

The 1970s and '80s saw the rise of an innovative new branch of Black Israelism centered around an organization named the Israeli Tanack School, known colloquially as One West, after its address on 125th Street in Harlem.

The One Westers saw themselves as radical reformers of earlier generations of Hebrew Israelites who had gone astray. They would troop out to street corners dressed in colorful and ornate capes and leather—vivid imaginings of what ancient Israelites might look like transported into the urban culture of New York City. They were also early and eager adopters of new media, hosting local television slots and filming their often-confrontational street ministry.

Doctrinal innovations, said by insiders to be the product of divine revelation, came to the One West school as the years passed.

Leaders developed their own modified version of Hebrew—which they claimed was, in fact, the true and ancient version of the language, free from modern impurities. Unlike standard Hebrew, which has several vowels, their language was spoken with only one wide “a” sound and other idiosyncratic pronunciations (“Shalom,” for example, becomes “Shalawam.”)

Around the same time, their outreach also expanded. Significantly, One Westers began teaching that it wasn't just African Americans who comprised the true Israelites—other nationalities and ethnicities were also descended from the Israelites of the Bible. Puerto Ricans, for example, comprised the Tribe of Ephraim and Native Americans were the Tribe of Gad.

These people were the downtrodden of the earth, they argued, whose past hardships were the result of their having strayed from the commandments of

God. Contemporary hardships facing these groups—such as poverty, police brutality, racism and gun violence—could be overcome only when they recognized their forgotten history as Israelites.

“These are the people who constitute the nation of Israel,” a leading teacher known as Masha said in a 1990s television appearance as an assistant held up a hand-drawn chart of the Twelve Tribes of Israel and their supposed modern-day corollaries. “This is their true identity.”

Leaders also embraced an apocalyptic worldview, teaching that the world would soon come to an end, ushering in a time when the Israelites would assume their rightful place as rulers and the white man’s time would come to a close.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, doctrinal disputes and an End Times prophecy gone awry caused the school to fracture several times. Today there are at least a dozen organizations that have roots in the early One West school, with many other smaller groups, or “camps,” as they are often called, drawing influence.

House of Israel is one of them. Headquartered in New York, the group is led by a onetime member of the original One West school known as Zabach. According to the group’s website, it has branches in three other cities, including Washington.

Doctrines may vary slightly within the One West splinters, but HOI, as the group is commonly known, is still working straight from the original school’s playbook by “uniting and building up the nation destroyed by Colonialism, Imperialism, and Slavery,” its website reads. “Our chief mission is the uplifting of the so called Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans; who are the 12 Tribes of Israel.”

In recent years, One Westers such as HOI have seen a huge boost in interest as a result of online outreach. There are thousands of videos on YouTube and dozens of Facebook and Twitter accounts dedicated to One West Hebrew Israelite messages. Typical videos look much like the one that has now spread widely from D.C.

A related organization, Israel United In Christ, was also recently thrust into the spotlight after rap superstar Kendrick Lamar featured snippets of his cousin, one of its members, preaching on his Pulitzer Prize-winning album.

With an elevated profile, Hebrew Israelite groups such as HOI have received significant pushback from organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League—which brand them as “hate groups” for their inflammatory messages about white, LGBT and Jewish people—as well as from Christian groups that see them as a growing religious threat.

Meanwhile, other Hebrew Israelite groups that are not in the One West tradition diverge significantly in their beliefs and denounce the abrasive ministry of groups like HOI.

But as the scene of their preaching spread widely over the weekend, HOI members claimed they were not instigators and were not threatening any real violence.



“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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- An article titled “Israel, U.S. Test Ballistic Missile Interceptor” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
 - An article by Hiha Masih titled “Tiny Indian State Proposes World’s Biggest Experiment With Guaranteed Income [For Every One of Its 610,577 Citizens]” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 18, 2019.
 - An article titled “About 170 Migrants Dead in Mediterranean Shipwreck” was posted at bbc.com on Jan. 19, 2019.
 - An article titled “ ‘Yellow Vest’ Protesters Clash With Police in France During 10th Week of Protests” was posted at globalnews.com on Jan. 20, 2019.
 - An article by Max Fisher and Amanda Taub titled “A Second Brexit Vote Could Worsen the Chaos Created by the First” was posted at nytimes.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
 - An article by Huileng Tan titled “China’s Economy Grew 6.6 % in 2018, the Lowest Pace in 28 Years” was posted at cnbc.com on Jan. 21, 2019.
 - An article titled “Soros Warns China Uses AI to Find Threats to One-Party Rule” was posted at swissinfo.ch on Jan. 24, 2019.
 - An article titled “Bill to Make 9-Year-Olds Criminally Liable Approved by Philippine Lawmakers: Reports” was posted at channelnewsasia.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
 - An article by Susan Scott titled “Eloba Deaths Top 400 in Congo As Obstacles Challenge Health Care Workers” was posted at cnn.com on Jan. 17, 2019.
 - An article by Francis Kokutse and Gerald Imray titled “Journalist in Ghana Who Exposed Soccer Corruption Shot Dead” was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 17, 2019.
 - An article titled “Mexico Pipeline Explosion That Killed at Least 79 Puts New Attention on Strategy to Stop Fuel Theft” was posted at globalnews.com on Jan. 20, 2019.
 - A Reuters article titled “Murders in Mexico Rise by a Third in 2018 to New Record” was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 21, 2019.
 - An article titled “Rio De Janeiro to Test Facial-Recognition Cameras During Carnival” was posted at france24.com on Jan. 21, 2019.
 - An article by Ahmed Jawadi titled “Protests Erupt in Venezuela After Failed Military Revolt” was posted at newsy.com on Jan. 21, 2019.
 - An article by Eugenia Logiuratto titled “Brazil Battling Crime Wave Fueled by Prison Chaos” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 20, 2019.



An article by Thomas Sowell titled "Fact-Free Politics" was posted at jewish-worldreview.com on Jan. 18, 2019. Following is the article.

In this era when there has been more information available to more people than at any time in the past, it is also true that there has been more misinformation from more different sources than ever. We are not talking about differences of opinion or inadequate verification, but about statements and catchwords in utter defiance of facts.

Among the most popular current catchwords are "climate change deniers." Stop and think. Have you ever—even once in your entire life—seen, heard or read even one human being who denied that climates change?

It is hard even to imagine how any minimally knowledgeable person could deny that climates change, when there are fossils of marine creatures in the Sahara Desert. Obviously there has been quite a climate change there.

The next time someone talks about "climate change deniers," ask them to name one—and tell you just where specifically you can find their words, declaring that climates do not change. You can bet the rent money that they cannot tell you.

Why all this talk about these mythical creatures called "climate change deniers"? Because there are some meteorologists and other scientists who refuse to join the stampede toward drastic economic changes to prevent what others say will be catastrophic levels of "global warming."

There are scientists on both sides of that issue. Presumably the issue could be debated on the basis of evidence and analysis. But this has become a political crusade, and political issues tend to be settled by political means, of which demonizing the opposition with catchwords is one.

It is much the same story on economic issues. Any proposal to reduce income tax rates is sure to bring out claims that these are "tax cuts for the rich," based on the "trickle-down theory" that reducing the taxes collected from the rich will cause some of their wealth to "trickle down" to people with lower incomes.

Here, yet again, all you need to do is think back over your own life, and ask yourself if you have ever—even once in your entire life—seen, heard or read a single human being who advocated this "trickle-down theory."

Certainly none of the innumerable fellow economists I have encountered in my 88 years ever advocated any such theory. Nor am I aware of anyone else, in any other walk of life, who has done so.

Yet there are ringing denunciations of the "trickle-down theory" in books, articles, and in politics and the media. That theory has been denounced as far away as India.

The next time someone talks about the “trickle-down” theory, ask them to tell you where specifically you can find the writings, videos or any other evidence of someone advocating that theory. You may get some very clever and creative evasions of your question, but no actual answer.

One of the best-selling history textbooks did name Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon as having said in the 1920s that letting the rich pay less taxes would allow their wealth to “trickle down” to others. It was one of the very rare examples that actually named a name.

Unfortunately, what this widely used history textbook attributed to Andrew Mellon was the direct opposite of what he actually said. In Mellon’s own book, “Taxation,” he said that wealthy people were not paying enough tax revenue to the government, because they put their money into tax-exempt securities.

Mellon called it “incredible” that tax laws allowed someone making a million dollars a year to pay not a cent in taxes, and an “almost grotesque” consequence that people of more modest incomes had to make up the shortfall.

He understood, however, that higher tax rates did not automatically mean higher tax revenues. So when the tax law changes that he advocated cut tax rates, the income tax revenues actually hit a record high at that time. Moreover, the rich paid more tax revenue and a much higher percentage of all income tax revenues than before.

Issues in both economics and science can get complicated. But when one side of those issues has to resort to demonstrably false catchwords, that should give us a clue.



An article by Brent Bozell and Tim Graham titled “The Media’s BuzzFeed and Covington Disasters” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 23, 2019. Following is the article.

The last few days have been absolutely terrible for the reputation of the badly named “mainstream media.”

The myth that they tried to build for themselves after the 2016 election—that the American people were too prone to misinformation from malignant (and often foreign) actors in social media and needed a sober, factually meticulous “news” media to put the Facts First—utterly collapsed under the weight of the BuzzFeed fiasco and the smear-athon of Covington High School kids.

The reality is this: In the Trump era, no one in the “old media” feels the need to wait for the facts. And whatever goes viral on left-wing social media channels is quickly defined as “news.”

The media do not mediate as much as they magnify. So a pack of lies can quickly take flight and dominate the national conversation.

The common thread in these two stories is that they indulged the worst tendencies of Trump-hating journalists. Their emotional investment in pushing impeachment and finding racism under every MAGA hat gets way ahead of what they actually prove.

BuzzFeed reported that President Trump had directed his lawyer Michael Cohen to lie to Congress. The entire sound of the media's reports on the story last Friday—their saying "we have not independently confirmed" the story and then insisting that "if true," it's curtains for President Trump—made the actual facts a sad afterthought. The media wished and hoped this was "it," the "beginning of the end" of President Trump and "the walls closing in," as they have claimed month after month.

The story collapsed when the office of special counsel Robert Mueller—whom all the Trump-hating journalists adore and trust deeply as their savior, the hero who will get Trump—said the BuzzFeed story is "not accurate."

BuzzFeed essentially published raw sewage—just as it published the entire Hillary Clinton-funded dossier of unsubstantiated conspiracy theories, like the alleged "pee tape" of Trump watching prostitutes urinate on each other in a Moscow hotel room in 2013.

Then, on Saturday night, the smearing of Covington Catholic High School boys at the Lincoln Memorial began, based on one 30-second video clip and the testimony of left-wing Native American activist Nathan Phillips, who's now exposed as a shameless liar.

Much longer videos quickly demonstrated that Phillips was not surrounded by a mob of "beastly" teenagers with the gleeful faces of a lynch mob, as he'd claimed.

This disingenuous radical marched right into these unsuspecting teenagers' midst, banging a drum in their faces. He told reporters that he fought in Vietnam, which is a lie. But the liberal media indulged him. It was too good to check.

Isn't this the "fake news" that professional journalists and social media barons alike are supposed to curtail and not allow be spread like a virus—or even magnified?

These Catholic boys rode a bus 500 miles from Kentucky to participate in the March for Life, a pro-life event that liberal journalists usually pretend never happened.

ABC, CBS and NBC gave Friday's march just 58 seconds, but by Monday morning, they'd devoted over 19 minutes to the allegedly racist aftermath. Everyone knows that if these teens hadn't worn MAGA hats, this viral video cesspool (complete with hate speech and death threats) would have never been created. That's not the teens' fault. It's the knee-jerk media's fault. It's the jerks in the press at fault.

A new poll from the Pew Research Center found that "58 percent of U.S. adults feel the news media do not understand people like them, while 40 percent feel they are understood." And 73 percent of Republicans say the media don't understand them. These colossal new blunders only make that alienated feeling even stronger.



“Eye on the World” comment: Following are additional headlines of articles about the incident at the Lincoln Memorial. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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- An article by Curtis Houck titled “Networks Spend Over 27 Minutes on Dubious BuzzFeed Trump Story” was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 19, 2019.
 - An article by Curtis Houck titled “Weekend CNN, MSNBC Spend Over 53 Minutes Trying to Smear Covington Students” was posted at newsbusters.org on Jan. 21, 2019.
 - An article by Curtis Houck titled “Covington Catholic Story a Total Disaster for Liberal Media’s Credibility” was posted at lifesitenews.com on Jan. 21, 2019.
 - An article by Craig Bannister titled “Tucker [Carlson] Calls Out Media for Prematurely Attacking Covington Kids” was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
 - An article by Matt Vespa titled “CNN Legal Analyst [Jeffrey Toobin] Worries BuzzFeed Foul-Up Makes the Media Look Like a Bunch of Leftists Looking to Take Out Trump” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 20, 2019.
 - An article titled “[Even] Joy Behar Says the Press Jumped the Gun on Covington Kids Because They’re Desperate to Get Trump Out of Office” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 23, 2019.
 - An article by Guy Benson titled “Double Down: [Mazie] Hirono Stands by Anti-Catholic Smear, Calls Defense of Religious Liberty An ‘Alt Right’ Stance” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
 - An article by Scott Baumgartner titled “Alyssa Milano Calls Red MAGA Hats ‘The New White Hood’ ” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
 - An article titled “Covington Catholic Cancels Classes After Students Release Video Detailing Threats Against Them” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
 - An article by Cortney O’Brien titled “Rep. [Ilhan Omar, D-Minn.] Just Made Some Outrageous Claims About the Covington Boys” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 23, 2019.
 - An article by Terry Jeffrey titled “Covington Student Did No Wrong” was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 23, 2019.
 - An article titled “Covington Catholic Student Nick Sandmann Tells TODAY: ‘I Can’t Say That I’m Sorry for Listening to Him and Standing There’ ” was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 23, 2019.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled "The Covington Rorschach Test; Why Do You See?" was posted at michellemalkin.com on Jan. 23, 2019. Following is the article.

Sometimes, a three-point celebration is just a three-point celebration. Sometimes, a pep rally is just a pep rally. Sometimes, a smile is just a smile. And sometimes, a hat is just a hat.

Only among the most deranged partisans could a universal sports ritual, a common high school activity, a typical teen face and patriotic headgear be construed as evil symbols of patriarchal oppression.

These, however, are the soul-sapping, lunacy-inducing times in which we live.

Nobody loses their marbles when black NBA stars make the universal "OK" gesture with one hand. Or two. Or when the elite athletes hold up the sign to the sky, turn two of them into triumphant eye goggles, stir the pot, sweep the floor or dramatically holster their finger-trios like weapons.

It's all in good fun.

But when reputation-destroying agitators plundered the photo collection of the Covington Catholic High School basketball team in search of evidence to bolster their prefabricated narrative that the white Kentucky boys must, must, must be unrepentant bigots, the three-point celebration transmogrified into menacing proof of R-A-C-I-S-M.

Liberal pot-stirrers tweeted celebrities and journalists an image purporting to show that the Covington kids—still under siege after being slandered last week at the March for Life rally by Native American agitator Nathan Phillips—had flashed white supremacy signs. The teens were pictured on the sidelines of a basketball court in their uniforms, paying tribute to a teammate who had just scored.

No, they did not hail him with Hitler salutes, but with the innocuous three-point, A-OK sign.

Undeterred by basketball fans who futilely tried to explain the actual meaning of the hand gesture, monomaniacal left-wing detectives marked all the Covington athletes' fingers with cuckoo red-font circles and disseminated their fevered forensic analysis across social media with enraged captions, including this one sent to the pope:

"This is the All White hand sign. This is Covington Catholic school. Is this what they teach at this Catholic school? Is this how Jesus wanted it?"

Comedienne-turned-decapitation fetishist Kathy Griffin gleefully attacked the boys, tweeting "Covington's finest throwing up the new nazi sign."

The *New York Daily News* and U.K. *Daily Mail* compounded the delusional smear with sensational headlines claiming Covington basketball players had taunted a black opponent while in "blackface." Quelle horreur!

In truth, internet trolls had ripped a screenshot from the team's video montage of pep rallies—where students had dressed up as nerds, businessmen and Hawaiians or painted themselves blue, white and (gasp!) black at various competitions.

It's not racism. It's athletic boosterism.

An alum, Ryan Toler, tried to correct the record, pointing out that he was pictured in the seven-year-old photo: "I'm shown in the background of this image. ITS CALLED A BLACKOUT THEME. WE HAD SCHOOL SPIRIT. WE DO THIS TO EVERY SCHOOL NO MATTER THE RACE OR ETHNICITY. Stop trying to force a fake story to drive your false narrative."

But the media manufacturers of racism won't stop because the ideological incentives to convict first and verify later are far too strong. Time after time, liberals see racism where it doesn't exist, fabricate it when they can't find it and ignore it within their own ranks.

They didn't stop after falsely accusing Zina Gelman Bash, a Jewish Mexican-American lawyer, of flashing a white supremacy sign at a Senate confirmation hearing last fall for her friend Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

They didn't stop after the liberal white zealots of the Southern Poverty Law Center falsely labeled famed neurosurgeon and Trump Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson and anti-jihad activist Maajid Nawaz "extremists."

They didn't stop after hysterically spreading campus hate crime fakery cooked up at my alma mater Oberlin College, where excitable nitwits claimed a student walking around with a blanket wrapped around her was a lurking racist in a KKK hood; at Michigan State University, where a "noose" turned out to be a lost shoelace; or at Bowling Green State University, where a purported group of Klansmen turned out to be lab equipment covered with a white cloth.

They didn't stop after attacking my Catholic high school alma mater, Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, N.J., four years ago, when a decades-old tradition of basketball fans dressing up in goofy costumes was falsely portrayed by USA Today as racism because students wore monkey pajamas and a giant banana (others wore a green ballerina tutu, a bumblebee suit, a jack-o'-lantern outfit and "Wizard of Oz" get-ups).

The Covington hoax is more than just the epitome of fake news. It's a cultural Rorschach test that measures the impact of Trump-hating confirmation bias on the viewer's intellectual honesty and emotional stability. Those calling to protest, dox, stalk or kill the MAGA hat-wearing Covington kids and their families over a selectively edited video planted by a foreign instigator prove, once again, that political correctness is a pathological disorder.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Who Benefits From Democratic Control?" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Jan. 23, 2019. Following is the article.

In 1976, Gerald Ford won 15 percent of the black vote. That's the most of any recent Republican presidential candidate.

In most elections, blacks give Democrats over 90 percent of their votes. It's not unreasonable to ask what have blacks gained from such unquestioning loyalty to the Democratic Party.

After all, the absolute worst public safety conditions and other urban amenities for blacks are in cities that have been controlled by Democrats for decades. Let's look at it.

What cities are the deadliest for blacks?

The Trace, an independent nonprofit news organization, answers that question. Using 2017 data from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program, The Trace (<http://tinyurl.com/y9bvwlh2>) listed the 20 major U.S. cities with the highest homicide rates—factoring in both the number of people murdered in cities and their populations. Chicago, with 589 murders in 2018—one murder every 15 hours—is often called the nation's murder capital. But that's dead wrong.

- In 2017, St. Louis had the nation's highest murder rate, at 66.1 homicides per 100,000 residents.
- Baltimore came in second, with 55.8 murders per 100,000 people.
- Detroit was third, with 39.8 murders per 100,000 people.
- Other cities with high murder rates included New Orleans; Kansas City, Missouri; Cleveland; Memphis, Tennessee; and Newark, New Jersey.
- With 24.1 murders per 100,000 residents, Chicago ranked ninth in the nation.
- It was followed by Cincinnati and Philadelphia.
- Washington, D.C., was 17th.

Now here's the kicker. Of the 20 most dangerous major cities, all but one had a Democratic mayor.

In many of these cities, the Democratic Party has ruled for a half-century or more. Only Tulsa, Oklahoma, with 17.3 murders per 100,000 residents, had a Republican mayor.

Who knows what conclusion can be drawn from the finding that the most murderous cities have been controlled by Democrats—and often black Democrats?

I am not suggesting that Democratic control causes murder and mayhem. What I am saying is that murder, mayhem and other violent crime are not reduced by the election of black or white Democrats to run our cities.

That means one cannot dismiss out of hand a question then-candidate Donald Trump asked black Americans in a 2016 campaign speech in Michigan: "What

do you have to lose by trying something new like Trump? . . . What the hell do you have to lose?"

Violent crime is not the only problem for blacks in our major cities. Because of high crime, poor schools and a less pleasant environment, cities are losing their economic base and their most productive people in droves.

When World War II ended, Washington, D.C.'s population was about 900,000; today it's about 694,000.

In 1950, Baltimore's population was almost 950,000; today it's around 612,000.

Detroit's 1950 population was close to 1.85 million; today it's down to 673,000.

Camden, New Jersey's 1950 population was nearly 125,000; today it has fallen to 75,000.

St. Louis' 1950 population was more than 856,000; today it's less than 309,000.

A similar story of population decline can be found in most of our formerly large and prosperous cities. In some cities, the population decline since 1950 is well over 50 percent. In addition to Detroit and St. Louis, those would include Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

During the 1960s and '70s, academic liberals, civil rights advocates and others blamed the exodus on racism—"white flight" to the suburbs to avoid blacks. However, since the '70s, blacks have been fleeing some cities at higher rates than whites.

The five cities whose suburbs have the fastest-growing black populations are Miami, Dallas, Washington, Houston and Atlanta (<http://tinyurl.com/y8avphy5>).

It turns out—and reasonably so—that blacks, like whites, want better and safer schools for their kids and don't like to be mugged or have their property vandalized.

And just like the case with white people, if they have the means, black people can't wait to leave troubled cities.

Bobby Hesley—a Catholic speaker, writer and conservative political commentator—writes, "Black people are finally starting to wake up and unplug themselves from the Liberal Matrix that has ruled their reality for over a half a century."

I say good! It's unwise to be a one-party people in a two-party system.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "It's a Goofy World" was posted at patriot-post.us on Jan. 19, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

For many years, I resented my parents. They definitely were not the parents I would have ordered out of the catalogue. Because they had been born in

Russia and hadn't come to America with their respective families until my father was 13 and my mother 16 or 17, they spoke heavily-accented English.

How was I, a young snot with literary aspirations, to put up with a father who, I don't believe, ever read a book in his life?

I'm not sure my mother had, either, until she became a widow in her late 60s when she began to ask me to check books out of the library that I had read and would recommend.

I certainly felt like an indentured slave when I had to spend every summer between the ages of 13 and 21 working at my dad's cigar stand in the Harris-Newmark building, situated in the middle of L.A.'s garment industry.

It was definitely a learning experience.

I learned that I didn't want to be in retail sales.

I also learned that character had nothing to do with money.

I learned to despise most of the factory owners who would insist on carrying a tab with my dad for months on end, while, in the meantime, he had to pay his suppliers off in timely fashion.

I also hated them because a few of them made a habit of snapping their fingers at me, expecting me to remember which cigars they wanted without their having to speak. I wasn't an idiot, so of course I remembered, but I preferred to play dumb and make them say "Three Churchills" or "A couple of Royales" just to annoy them and punish them for snapping their fingers at me, as if I were a Cocker Spaniel.

But I also had no use for a lot of their black and Hispanic employees who took advantage of the small crowds that would show up at 10 a.m. and 12 noon to swipe gum and candy bars from the counter display.

I am now 79 years old. If I were unhappy with the way I turned out, I would no doubt still be griping about what my parents did to me. But without knowing how much the books I read, a few of the teachers I had and the friends I made, had to do with turning out the finished product, I'd be a cur not to pay my respects to Sam and Bella Prelutsky. They may not have been the parents I wanted, but they may very well have been the parents I needed.

■ Liberals and leftists

Sometimes, when I'm listening to my car radio, I hear talk show host Dennis Prager differentiating between liberals and leftists. I acknowledge there was a time when people could differentiate between the two groups, but it's been a few decades now. So when Prager insists there is actually a difference, I find myself wondering if he can also count the number of angels dancing on a pin.

■ Cable news viewers

I knew that Fox drew the largest audience among cable news viewers, but until I checked the numbers, I didn't quite realize how wide the gap is.

In first place is Fox's Sean Hannity, with 3 million viewers; followed by Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, with 2.9 million; followed by Tucker Carlson, 2.82 million; "The Five," 2.67 million; Laura Ingraham, 2.56 million; Bret Baier, 2.4 million; Lawrence O'Donnell of MSNBC, with 2.2 million; and Fox's Martha MacCallum, 2.1 million. That means six of the top eight are all on Fox.

Bringing up the distant rear, in spite of paying off airports to carry it, is CNN. Their two top-rated hosts are Chris Cuomo, with 363,000 viewers, and Anderson Cooper, 361,000.

■ Secularism and socialism

I don't happen to be religious, but I'm grateful that so many people are, because I believe it is those people who are preventing America from turning into the Socialist s***hole that the likes of Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and most of the 40 new Democrats in the House, would like it to become.

The problem with secularism is that it's full of people best described by the adage that those who don't believe in something are likely to believe in anything. Socialism, for instance.

■ House organ of socialist party

The revolution in the Democratic Party has its parallel in the metamorphosis of the New York Times. There was a time when the Times, while not perfect, made an attempt to live up to its motto: All the news that's fit to print.

These days, it's the house organ of the Socialist Party.

■ Jill Abramson rips the paper

It's hardly news-worthy that I'd throw stones and stink bombs at the Times and the Washington Post. But it is news when the extremely liberal Jill Abramson, a former executive editor of the Times, rips the paper for its biased coverage of President Trump.

In her new book, she writes: "Some headlines now contain raw opinion, as do many of the stories that are labeled as news analysis."

But she acknowledges that the 24/7 attacks on Trump have helped the paper's bottom line because digital subscriptions have soared from 1.4 million to 2.1 million since Trump's election. Which indicates that the President is right when he claims credit for keeping the rag afloat.

Ms. Abramson's book, by the way, is titled "Merchants of Truth." I assume it's to be taken ironically.

■ Romney attacks Trump

I knew that Matt Romney's being elected to the Senate from Utah did not bode well for Donald Trump, even though Romney has often praised Trump in the past, especially when Trump endorsed him in 2012.

Romney appears determined to pick up the attacks on Trump where the rancid likes of John McCain, Bob Corker and Jeff Flake, left off.

Although I obviously would have preferred Romney to Obama in 2012, I always felt there was something unauthentic about the guy as a conservative. And I'm not just referring to RomneyCare in Massachusetts. After all, there's only so much any Republican governor can do when he has to deal with a supermajority of Democrats in the state legislature.

On his first day in the Senate, by attacking Trump as unfit to serve, he might as well have simply announced that he intends to fight for the GOP nomination in 2020. I'm sure if he does, the *NY Times* will describe him as a statesman, at least until he gets the nomination. Then, as they did with John McCain in 2008, the paper will predictably reverse course and claim Romney is no better than Trump, and, what's more, being a Mormon, is a member of a cult that wears funny underwear.

When it comes to selecting a running mate, don't be too surprised if the schmuck picks Benedict Arnold.

■ Elizabeth Warren in Iowa

Over the past weekend, Elizabeth Warren kicked off her own 2020 presidential campaign in the Iowa county of Buena Vista. Proving that God has a jolly sense of humor, the two counties flanking Buena Vista are Cherokee to the west and Pocahontas to the east.

While tossing down the gauntlet as the first of the 30-odd contenders for the nomination, she interrupted the proceedings for a minute to say she was going to grab a beer.

Or, as her people refer to it, fire water.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Politics of Abortion" was posted at patriotpost.us on Jan. 21, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

A great many black Americans have accused the government of committing genocide against them. They have blamed the cops of gunning for them and the feds for conspiring to distribute cocaine in their communities. They have chosen to blame unemployment on others rather than on themselves for dropping out of school. They can't blame their 70% rate of illegitimate births on others, so they and their bottom-feeding politicians simply ignore the tragic fact and the inevitable repercussions of raising children, boys especially, in fatherless homes.

Something else, they choose to ignore is that even though they represent only about 12% of the population, they account for the majority of abortions taking place in the nation.

Which brings us to Planned Parenthood, the single largest abortion mill this side of Communist China.

It is one of those inconvenient facts that Democrats like to sweep under the carpet that Margaret Sanger, who created Planned Parenthood was a confirmed racist who argued for the extinction of the black race.

Another fact is that Sanger was Hillary Clinton's idol, and that Mrs. Clinton herself is the proud recipient of the Margaret Sanger Award. Feeling as positively about abortion as she does, I wonder how often Chelsea wonders how close she may have come to never being born.

It is not apocryphal, as some have claimed; Adolph Hitler actually sent a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Sanger. Like Hillary's heroine, Hitler also concluded the world would be greatly improved if certain groups of people were simply eliminated.

■ Romney's miscalculation

Sen. Mitt Romney belatedly learned the facts of life. Because, he is essentially just a pretty face, he obviously misread President Trump's 44% approval ratings and decided he was vulnerable to attack from within his own party.

What the arrogant numbskull didn't take into account is that 44% nationwide translates to 85-90% favorable among Republicans.

After Romney's vicious, back-stabbing editorial ran in—where else but the *Washington Post*—Romney probably woke up the next day to discover there was a recall being organized back in Utah.

As someone or other once observed, when you set out to kill the king, you better make certain he's dead.

Romney will be joining a GOP-controlled Senate that has now been alerted to the fact that an extremely ambitious traitor is in their midst.

■ A goniff

When I recently referred to Mark Zuckerberg as a two-faced, double-dealing, goniff, Dick Barry let me know that he had to consult a dictionary to discover that "goniff" is a Yiddish word for a thief or scoundrel and wondered how many others had to run off to their Funk and Wagnalls.

The fact is, I only heard from one other subscriber and he was Jewish, so he knew the word, but assumed others wouldn't.

When I didn't receive any questions about the word, I assumed that a lot of gentiles know a few Yiddish words and expressions just from watching a half century of Jewish comics on TV. Also, thanks to the context, I assume a great many readers simply understood that I was insulting Zuckerberg and were happy to leave it at that.

■ Paul Ryan or Nancy Pelosi

Unlike a lot of my fellow Conservatives, I am not expecting the worst from a House run by Nancy Pelosi. That doesn't mean I expect Trump to receive bipartisan support for his agenda. I'm just wondering how much worse it can be going forward than it was when Paul Ryan was the House Speaker.

After all, the only thing the House did for Trump in two years was to pass his tax cut bill.

■ Gave two justices

It was the Senate that gave him his two Supreme Court justices, and the GOP picked up two Senate seats while Never-Trumpers Bob Corker and Jeff Flake rode off into the sunset. Fortunately, Romney can only replace one of those turncoats.

■ Presidential role models?

Speaking of presidents, I keep hearing Democrats insisting that Trump fails not only as a competent leader, but as a role model for the rest of us.

It makes you wonder what those people are smoking in the congressional cloakroom. Just who is it that might be encouraging their kids to grow up to emulate sexual hound dogs like FDR, JFK, LBJ, Bill Clinton and Donald Trump? Is there someone out there telling his kids to grow up to be just like the weirdly paranoid Nixon or the pot-smoking bi-sexual Obama?

If kids need role models, let it be their parents. When it comes to presidents, most of those guys can't walk and chew gum simultaneously.

■ Woodrow Wilson was a racist

After I recently blamed Woodrow Wilson's administration for saddling this nation with a number of terrible things, including the Federal Reserve, Prohibition and the direct vote to select senators, Patrick Miano reminded me that Wilson was also a racist and a snob, adding it proved that "education is not the answer to everything."

Wilson, who came by his bigotry naturally, having been born into a slave-holding family in Virginia five years prior to the Civil War. He received a BA degree in political science from Johns Hopkins and served as the president of Princeton before entering politics as a Progressive.

In replying to Mr. Miano, I wrote that in Wilson's case, education not only wasn't the answer to everything, it wasn't the answer to anything.

In fact, Wilson reminded me that George Orwell once pointed out that there are some things that are so stupid that only an intellectual would believe them.



"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 by Grant Smith titled "U.S. Could Soon Pump More Crude Than Saudi's Can at Their Peak" was posted at bloomberg.com on Jan. 18, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Hereward Holland titled "Gap Between Rich and Poor Growing, Fueling Global Anger—Oxfam International" was posted at reuters.com on Jan. 21, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Josh Shaffer titled "A Green-Card Holder Voted Illegally 3 Times in N.C.; the Judge Scolds Election Officials" was posted at newsobserver.com on Jan. 17, 2019.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "New Poll: President Trump's Approval Rating Among Latinos Skyrockets—During Wall Debate" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 18, 2019.
- An article by Wendy Fry titled "Is Tijuana Prepared for the Next Caravan?" was posted at sandiegouniontribune.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article titled "U.S. to Start Returning Some Asylum Seekers to Mexico" was posted at wsj.com on Jan. 24, 2019.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Republicans Torpedo Virginia's Democrats' Anti-Gun Package, But This Is Only Round One" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 19, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Hispanic Approval of Trump Surges to 50% As Employment Sets Record" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 18, 2019.
- An article by Michelle Beerstein and Julie Zauzmer titled "Trump and Pence Give Surprise Addresses at Anti-Abortion March for Life" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 18, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Sidney Powell titled "Red Handed: All the Collusion Was in the Deep State" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 21, 2019.
- An article by Ed Mazza titled "Ex-RNC Chair [Michael Steele] Puts Trump-Supporting Senators on Notice: 'It's All Collusion'" was posted at huffpost.com on Jan. 16, 2019.
- An article titled "Watergate Prosecutor [Jill Wine-Banks]: 'This Is Exactly the Watergate Model . . . This Should Be Enough'" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 17, 2019.

- An article by George F. Will titled "The Shabbiest U.S. President Ever Is An Inexpressibly Sad Specimen" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 18, 2019.
- An article by Emily Ward titled "Annual Report: Planned Parenthood Did 332,757 Abortions in FY 2017" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 21, 2019.
- An article by Micaiah Bilger titled "New York Governor Andrew Cuomo Signs Bill Legalizing Abortions Up to Birth" was posted at lifenews.com on Jan. 23, 2019.
- An article by Lee Moran titled "Bernie Sanders Flat-Out Calls Donald Trump a 'Racist'" was posted at huffpost.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article titled "Democrats Lurch Left on Top Policies As 2020 Primary Begins" was posted at apnews.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article by Raechal Shewfelt titled "Celebs Speak Out Against Supreme Court's Decision to Allow Transgender Military Ban to Go Into Effect" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article by Andrew Seidman titled "As Biden Mulls 2020 Run, His Scranton Hometown Asks: 'Can His Family Go Through All This?'" was posted at philly.com on Jan. 18, 2019.
- An article by Brent Scher and Joe Schoffstall titled "Kamala Harris Stacks Presidential Campaign With Hillary Clinton Alums" was posted at freebeacon.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Maxine Waters [New Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee] Wants \$13.27 Billion to End Homelessness (But No Money for a Wall)" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 17, 2019.
- An article by Joel Shannon titled "Ocasio-Cortez, Other Progressives Land Spots on Powerful Committee Poised to Investigate Trump" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 23, 2019.
- An article by William Cummings titled "'World Will End in 12 Years If We Don't Address Climate Change,' Ocasio-Cortez Says" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Ocasio-Cortez: Claim World Ending in 12 Years Due to Climate Change Was Not a 'Gaffe'" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article by Ben Stein titled "Ocasio-Cortez Is Promising 'The Same Kinds of Things' As Hitler" was posted at huffpost.com on Jan. 23, 2019.

Irishman Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke

- An article by Mike Allen titled "AOC, Beto: The 7 Letters Disrupting Politics" was posted at axios.com on Jan. 22, 2019.
- An article by David Siders titled "Beto O'Rourke's Campaign-in-Waiting Awaits His Signal" was posted at politico.com on Jan. 24, 2019.

■ An article by Patrick Svitek titled "Beto O'Rourke Ran His 2018 Campaign on His Own Terms—He's Looking at 2020 the Same Way" was posted at textribune.org on Jan. 25, 2019.

News about the media

■ An article by Katie Yoder titled "Networks Spend More Time on 1 Women's March Than 6 Marches for Life" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 16, 2019.

■ An article by Helen Murphy titled "CNN Legal Analyst [Areva Martin] Apologizes After Accusing Black Radio Host [David Webb] of White Privilege" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 16, 2019.

■ An article by Adam Carlson titled "Trump Is Reportedly Unhappy Over TV Coverage of the Shutdown: 'We Are Getting Crushed!'" was posted at people.com on Jan. 17, 2019.

■ An article by Michael Goodwin titled "The Media's 'Gotcha!' Hysteria Is Shameful" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 19, 2019.

■ An article by L. Brent Bozell III titled "Facebook Doesn't Really Believe in Free Speech; What They Believe In (And Actively Practice) Is Censorship" was posted at foxnews.com on Jan. 22, 2019.

■ An article by John Dempsey titled "It's Toxic Media That Hurts America, Not Toxic Masculinity" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 23, 2019.

General interest

■ An article by Sean Rossman titled "Food Recalls Up 10 Percent Since 2013 As Foodborne Illnesses Kill 3,000 Americans a Year" was posted at usatoday.com on Jan. 17, 2019.

■ An article by Katelyn Newman titled "Woman Has 50-Pound Tumor Removed" was posted at usnews.com on Jan. 17, 2019.

■ An article by Madison Roberts titled "Niagara Falls Is Freezing Over; See the Stunning Video That Looks Like Something Out of [The Movie] Frozen" was posted at people.com on Jan. 22, 2019.

■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Black Democrat Lawmaker [Katrina Jackson] Says She Fights for Life, Because She's a 'Christian First'" was posted at cnsnews.com on Jan. 18, 2019.

■ An article by Ben Shapiro titled "Factually Incorrect Cannot Be Morally Correct" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 23, 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.”