

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 Joseph Hammond titled “As Trump Wall Stalls, Pakistan Builds 2,600-KM Border Fence [Along Afghan Border]” was posted at aminewswire.org on Feb. 1, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

While President Trump is having trouble adding a few miles of fence to America’s incomplete border with Mexico, Pakistan is busy building one of the world’s longest border fences.

Climbing over some of the world’s toughest terrain, Pakistan’s border fence will stretch more 1,800-miles and ascend more than 12,000-feet above sea level. It will march over mountains, span gorges, and descend into desert plains—halting, at last, on the Chinese border. The fence will seek to protect valleys and mountains that invading armies have crossed for centuries from Alexander the Great to Mongol hordes.

Built to divide Pakistan from Afghanistan, the logistical difficulties of the wall are enormous. Construction workers require constant armed protection from terrorists and bandits, who often blend in among the 60,000 people, many of whom are Pashtun tribesmen, that Islamabad estimates illegally cross the Pakistan frontier every single day.

“Pakistan is trying to differentiate between the the general Afghans who wants to travel to see relatives or do business and the flow of militants and undesirable

people who can cause problems at a time when the the future of Afghanistan is a big a question mark,” says retired Pakistani general Talat Masood.

At high altitudes, in winter, the Pakistan Armed Forces are also fighting sub-freezing temperatures, strong winds and a lack of drinkable water. All food and supplies must be carried in by truck, over treacherous and snaking unpaved roads, hewn into mountain contours.

Despite the perils and pains of construction, a frozen few are working through the winter months to complete the border fence. Pakistan’s fence is projected to be completed in the coming year.

The border fence is supposed to stop terrorists from carrying attacks in one country and fleeing to safety in the other. In the Afghanistan-Pakistan region, the terror attacks flow both ways.

In 2003, following the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, Pakistan began work on the fence, in earnest, just a few years ago. Pakistan projects completion of the long-delayed project, which has cost an estimated \$550 million, by the end of 2019. Last year despite the Trump administration’s move to cut some military funding to Pakistan, Islamabad reportedly appealed to the Trump administration for more funding to finish the ambitious project.

Nations as diverse as Estonia, Greece, Israel, Morocco, Mexico, and Spain (around its small African enclaves) have thrown up border walls to slow illicit migration. Though none are as long as Pakistan’s or involve conquering such inhospitable terrain.

Pakistan has also deploying a tank at a border checkpoint some 12,000-feet above sea level, which, one of the highest ever deployments of an armored fighting vehicle.

The tank overlooks a section of the Pakistan border opposite the Tora Bora region in Afghanistan where an U.S. and allied troops fought Al-Qaeda remnants in 2001, according to press reports. The tank stands as a reminder that Al Qaeda and other terrorists remains active in the region.

As Pakistan and the U.S. move toward striking a deal to withdraw their forces from Afghanistan, Pakistan wants to stabilize its border with Afghanistan.

That border is known, on both military and civilian maps, as the Durrand Line.

It is named after an 1893 agreement between British diplomat Sir Mortimer Durand and Abdur Rahman Khan, the Emir of Afghanistan. It marks the 2,640-kilometer (1800 miles-long border between what was once the British Northwest Frontier and rival Russian and Chinese proxy states.

Since the interest of three empires—Chinese, British, Tsarist Russia, then converged in Central Asia, the British sought Afghanistan as a buffer state to protect its rich holdings in India.

Following the signing of the agreement the British Empire largely kept the strategic Khyber Pass open and the border secure through payments to local tribal chiefs and a string of outposts.

However, the “Northwest Frontier” as it was known would continue to be the focus of “police actions” until the time of Pakistan’s independence in 1947. A young Winston Churchill accompanied a relief force sent to one beleaguered garrison in 1897. Today, Pakistan maintains that it inherited the border as the successor state to the British Raj in the region.

Modern Afghanistan has never accepted the border and it continues to be a source of tension between both countries. Opposition to the Durand Line has been nearly the one constant in Afghan foreign policy.

Afghanistan cast the lone vote against Pakistan’s admission to the U.N. and tried to raise the issue again with the United Kingdom before Pakistan’s independence in 1947. Flummoxed with the creation of Pakistan, Kabul simply announced it would not recognize the Durand Line—creating a de facto Cold War and sparking numerous clashes over the decades.

Members of the Afghan Millat, a party with a strong Pashtun nationalist base, have long opposed the Durand Line as a final border. (The Pashtun are a vast ethnic group that have traditionally lived in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and certain parts of India.)

The Pashtun nationalist dream vary from simply annexing the historically Pashtun city of Peshawar to the grandiose winning access to the sea by annexing the intervening lands known as Baluchistan where Pashtun are a minority.

Criticisms of the project are not hard to find. The environmental impact of the wall is unclear and a recent *Reuters* article compared the border to the Berlin Wall.

The comparison is ridiculous, according to the Pakistani officials, noting that the Berlin Wall was a concrete barrier that was more than 12-feet high in most places, topped with razor wire and featured armed guards that machine-gunned those who tried to climb over it. The Durand Line fence is not concrete and is not guarded by machine-gunners though the barrier includes a number of strong points.

When completed the chain-link fence anchored in concrete, is largely meant to slow intruders long enough for border guards or soldiers to arrive.



An article titled “Israel Begins Construction of New Gaza Border Barrier” was posted at france24.com on Feb. 3, 2019. Following is the article.

Israel said Sunday that work to strengthen its border with the Gaza Strip had entered a new phase, with construction starting on a massive new barrier along the frontier.

“Over the weekend we began building the above-ground barrier along the Gaza border,” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told journalists before the weekly cabinet meeting.

The barrier, set to stand six metres (20 feet) off the ground, “will prevent terrorists from Gaza from penetrating into our territory on the ground”, he said in Hebrew.

Netanyahu gave no further details but a defence ministry statement said that work on the structure began Thursday.

It is set to follow the 65-kilometre (40-mile) course of an underground barrier also under construction meant to neutralise the threat of cross-border tunnels built by Gaza militants.

At its western end, the statement said, the above-ground barrier would join a fortified sea wall jutting into the Mediterranean, aimed at blocking Palestinian attacks by water.

“It’s massive and especially strong,” the ministry said in an accompanying video clip.

In the last Gaza war in 2014, Israeli forces killed four Hamas militants who had managed to cross into Israel by water.

Some Israeli commentators have said that Netanyahu would be unwilling to see a new uptick in hostilities with Gaza’s Hamas rulers in the runup to general elections set for April 9.

But the premier, who is also defence minister, on Sunday pledged the upcoming polls would not affect security decisions.

“If the quiet is not maintained in Gaza, we will make the decisions even in the elections period and will not hesitate to act,” he said.

Palestinians have for nearly a year gathered at least weekly along the Gaza border for often-violent protests.

They want to be able to return to the homes their families fled in the war surrounding Israel’s creation in 1948, and are calling for an end to the Jewish state’s blockade of Gaza.

At least 246 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire in Gaza since March 30, the majority during border protests but also by tank fire and airstrikes.

Two Israeli soldiers have been killed over the same period.

Israel says its actions are necessary to defend the border and stop mass incursions into its territory.

It accuses Hamas, with whom it has fought three wars since 2008, of seeking to use the protests as cover to carry out 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.

- An article titled "55 Million Devotees for Busiest Days of Hindu Mega-festival" was posted at france24.com on Feb. 5, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Philip Pullella titled "Tens of Thousands Pack Stadium for First Papal Mass on Arabian Peninsula" was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 5, 2019.
- An article titled "Asia Welcomes Year of the Pig With Banquets, Temple Visits" was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 5, 2019.
- An article by Felicia Schwartz titled "Trump Plays Starring Role in Netanyahu's Re-Election Bid" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Senate Passes Legislation Allowing Boycotts of Anti-Israel Boycotts" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 5, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Mexico to Send Police and Military Force of 10,200 to Murder Hot Spots" was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by P.H. Madore titled "Maduro's Master Plan for Venezuela: Swapping 29 Tons of Gold for Euros With the UAE" was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by Patricia Laya titled "Maduro's Bid to Fly Gold Out of Venezuela Is Blocked" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 2, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Kremlin: Russia, Turkey, Iran Leaders to Meet in Russia on Feb. 14: RIA" was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 3, 2019.



An article by Rich Lowry titled "Kamala Harris and the Implausibility of 'Medicare-For-All' " was posted at nationalreview.com on Feb. 1, 2019. Following is the article.

Citing insurance company paperwork and delays, Harris waved her hand: "Let's eliminate all of that."

Senator Kamala Harris committed a most unusual gaffe at her CNN town hall the other night—not by misspeaking about one of her central policy proposals, but by describing it accurately.

Asked on Monday night if the "Medicare-for-all" plan that she's co-sponsoring with Senator Bernie Sanders eliminates private health insurance, she said that it most certainly does. Citing insurance company paperwork and delays, she waved her hand: "Let's eliminate all of that. Let's move on."

She met with approbation from the friendly audience in Des Moines, Iowa, but the reaction elsewhere was swift and negative.

"As the furor grew," CNN reported the next day, "a Harris adviser on Tuesday signaled that the candidate would also be open to the more moderate health reform plans, which would preserve the industry, being floated by other congressional Democrats."

This was a leading Democrat wobbling on one of her top priorities 48 hours after the kickoff of her presidential campaign, which has been praised for its early acumen. It is sure to be the first of many unpleasant encounters between the new Democratic agenda and political reality.

Democrats are now moving from the hothouse phase of jockeying for the nomination, when all they had to do was get on board the party's orthodoxy as defined by Bernie Sanders, to defending these ideas in the context of possibly signing them into law as president of the United States.

The Harris flap shows that insufficient thought has been given to how these proposals will strike people not already favorably disposed to the new socialism. It's one thing for Sanders to favor eliminating private health insurance; no one has ever believed that he is likely to become president. It's another for Harris, deemed a possible front-runner, to say it.

Her position is jaw-droppingly radical. It flips the script of the (dishonest) Barack Obama pledge so essential to passing Obamacare: "If you like your health-care plan, you'll be able to keep your health-care plan, period. No one will take it away, no matter what."

That was a very 2009 sentiment. Ten years later, Harris indeed wants to take away your health plan, not in a stealthy operation, not as an unfortunate byproduct of the rest of her plan, but as a defining plank of her agenda.

This is a far more disruptive idea than Senator Elizabeth Warren's wealth tax. The affected population isn't a limited group of highly affluent people. It is half the population, roughly 180 million people who aren't eager for the government to swoop in and nullify their current health-care arrangements.

They may not like the current system, but they like their own health care—about three-quarters tell Gallup that their own health care is excellent or good. This is why the relatively minor interruption of private plans as part of the rollout of Obamacare was so radioactive.

How is a President Harris going to overcome this kind of resistance absent Depression-era Democratic supermajorities in Congress? Not to mention pay for a program that might well cost \$30 trillion over 10 years and beat back fierce opposition from key players in the health-care industry?

She obviously won't. "Medicare-for-all" is a wish and a talking point rather than a realistic policy. When her aides say she is willing to accept another "path" to "Medicare-for-all," what they mean is that Harris is willing to accept something short of true "Medicare-for-all."

There is always something to be said for shifting the Overton window on policy. But it's better if that is done by think tanks and gadflies rather than plausible presidential candidates who aren't even trying to hold down the left flank of the party.

If it's uncomfortable for Kamala Harris to defend eliminating private health insurance now, imagine what it will be like when the entire apparatus of the Republican Party—including the president's Twitter feed—is aimed at her in a general election.



An article by David Harsanyi titled “The 10 Most Insane Requirements of the Green New Deal” was posted at thefederalist.com on Feb. 7, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

A number of Democratic Party presidential hopefuls—including Cory Booker, Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, Julián Castro, and Beto O’Rourke, for starters—have already endorsed or expressed support for the “Green New Deal” (GND).

Today, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Edward J. Markey dropped details about her plan. (Note: Ocasio-Cortez’s office has taken down their page describing the Green New Deal.)

It is not hyperbole to contend that GND is likely the most ridiculous and un-American plan that’s ever been presented by an elected official to voters. Not merely because it would necessitate a communist strongman to institute, but also because the societal cost are unfathomable. The risible historic analogies Markey and Ocasio-Cortez rely on, the building of the interstate highway system or moon landing, are nothing but trifling projects compared to a plan overhauls modernity by voluntarily destroying massive amounts of wealth and technology. That is the GND.

While some of the specifics need to be ironed out, the plan’s authors assure that this “massive transformation of our society” needs some “clear goals and a timeline.” The timeline is ten years. Here are some of the goals.

■ Ban affordable energy.

GND calls for the elimination of all fossil fuel energy production, the lifeblood of American industry and life, which includes not only all oil but also natural gas—one of the cheapest sources of American energy, and one of the reasons the United States has been able to lead the world in carbon-emissions reduction.

■ Eliminate nuclear energy.

The GND also calls for eliminating all nuclear power, one of the only productive and somewhat affordable “clean” energy sources available to us, in 11 years. This move would purge around 20 percent of American energy production so you can rely on intermittent wind for your energy needs.

■ Eliminate 99 percent of cars.

To be fair, under the GND, everyone will need to retrofit their cars with Flintstones-style foot holes or pedals for cycling. The authors state that the GND would like to replace every “combustion-engine vehicle”—trucks, airplanes, boats, and 99 percent of cars—within ten years. Charging stations for electric vehicles will be built “everywhere,” though how power plants will provide the energy needed to charge them is a mystery.

- Gut and rebuild every building in America.

Markey and Cortez want to “retrofit every building in America” with “state of the art energy efficiency.” I repeat, “every building in America.” That includes every home, factory, and apartment building, which will all need, for starters, to have their entire working heating and cooling systems ripped out and replaced with . . . well, with whatever technology Democrats are going invent in their committee hearings, I guess.

- Eliminate air travel.

GND calls for building out “highspeed rail at a scale where air travel stops becoming necessary.” Good luck Hawaii! California’s high-speed boondoggle is already in \$100 billion dollars of debt, and looks to be one of the state’s biggest fiscal disasters ever. Amtrak runs billions of dollars in the red (though, as we’ll see, trains will also be phased out). Imagine growing that business model out to every state in America?

- A government-guaranteed job.

The bill promises the United States government will provide every single American with a job that includes a “family-sustaining wage, family and medical leave, vacations, and a pension.” You can imagine that those left in the private sector would be funding these through some unspecified “massive” taxation. On the bright side, when you’re foraging for food, your savings will be worthless.

- Free education for life.

GND promises free college or trade schools for every American.

- A salubrious diet.

The GND promises the government will provide “healthy food” to every American (because there are no beans or lettuce in your local supermarket, I guess).

- A house.

The GND promises that the government will provide, “safe, affordable, adequate housing” for every American citizen. I call dibs on an affordable Adams Morgan townhouse. Thank you, Ocasio-Cortez.

- Free money.

The GND aims to provide, and I am not making this up, “economic security” for all who are “unable or unwilling” to work. Just to reiterate: if you’re unwilling to work, the rest of us will have your back.

- Bonus insanity: Ban meat.

Ocasio-Cortez admits that we can’t get zero emissions in 10 years “because we aren’t sure that we’ll be able to fully get rid of farting cows and airplanes that fast.” The only way to get rid of farting cows is to get rid of beef.

The GND uses the word “massive” to explain the size “investments” (formerly known as “taxes”) 13 times.

How will we pay for this plan?

“The same way we did the New Deal, the 2008 bank bailouts and extend quantitative easing,” say Markey and Cortez, who earned her degree in economics at an institution of higher learning that should be immediately decertified. The plan itself seems to insinuate that billionaires can pay for the whole thing. Of course, best case scenario, it is estimated that instituting a top marginal tax rate of 70 percent would raise a little more than \$700 billion over that decade. She does not explain how we’re going to raise the other 20 bazillion dollars it will cost to tear down modernity.

Cortez and Markey claim that 92 percent of Democrats and 64 percent of Republicans support the Green New Deal. I’m not sure where that number is derived. But ask them again when government agents come to take out their water heater.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled “Baby Killing Is Fine, Yearbook Photos Are the Problem” was posted at dailywire.com on Feb. 6, 2019. Following is the article.

Last week, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam was hit with a shocking blast from the past: a photo on his medical school yearbook page of a man in blackface and another man in a Ku Klux Klan outfit. Northam quickly apologized for the photo, then said he wasn’t in the photo and then admitted he had once worn blackface and dressed up as Michael Jackson for a dance contest. He nearly moonwalked at a press conference before his wife gave him a look that could curdle milk.

For this sin—the sin of an old, disgusting, racially insensitive photo—Northam now finds his political career on the skids. As of this writing, he’s hanging on by his fingernails, even as his lieutenant governor struggles with dicey sexual assault allegations.

The same week that Northam found himself in hot water, he endorsed a Virginia bill that would have broadened the ability of women to obtain an abortion up to the point of birth. Virginia Delegate Kathy Tran, a sponsor of the bill, stated in defense of her legislation that women would be able to obtain an abortion during labor.

Northam then defended the bill, adding that if a baby were born alive during such an abortion—he assumed that the abortion would be due to “severe deformities” or “a fetus that’s not viable”—then the baby could be “kept comfortable” while the family and the doctor decide its fate.

Even in the least appalling reading of his comments, Northam clearly endorsed infanticide. The only question is whether he endorsed the murder of fully born children.

Yet these comments did not merit his ouster. In fact, they didn't even merit an argument inside the Democratic Party about the extremism of the pro-choice position.

- Last month, Democrats in the state of New York cheered wildly for a law that opened the floodgates to third-trimester abortion, with Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordering state sites to be illuminated in pink in celebration of the potential murder of the unborn.

- The Democratic governor of Rhode Island endorsed a similar bill.

- Democrats in Vermont attempted to pass an even more extreme bill that would enshrine abortion as a "fundamental right" for the entirety of the pregnancy period.

All of this is apparently less controversial than a three-decades-old photograph showing a medical student in blackface.

Endorsing the killing of babies during dilation today—not 30 years ago, not 30 weeks ago—is considered less of a faux pas than racially offensive idiocy during the Reagan presidency.

The morality of our nation may be skewed beyond repair. Northam certainly deserves criticism for his yearbook stupidities, and for his even more idiotic response.

But if the American people are more consumed with the consequences of insulting costumes from 1984 than the murder of the unborn today, we deserve everything we have coming to us.



An article by John Stossel titled "Slum by the Bay" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 6, 2019. Following is the article.

San Francisco is one of the richest cities in the world. It's given us music, technology and elegant architecture.

Now it gives us filthy homeless encampments.

One urban planner told me, "I just returned from the Tenderloin (a section of San Francisco). It's worse than slums of India, Haiti, Africa!"

So I went to San Francisco to make a video about that.

I've never seen slums in Africa, but I've seen them in Haiti and India.

What I saw in San Francisco looked similar. As one local resident put it, "There's s— everywhere. It's just a mess out here."

There's also lots of mental illness. One man told us, "Vampires are real. I'm paranoid as hell." San Francisco authorities mostly leave the mentally ill to fend for themselves on the street.

Other vagrants complain about them. "They make it bad for people like us that hang out with a sign," one beggar told us.

San Francisco is a pretty good place to "hang out with a sign." People are rarely arrested for vagrancy, aggressive panhandling or going to the bathroom in front of people's homes. In 2015, there were 60,491 complaints to police, but only 125 people were arrested.

Public drug use is generally ignored. One woman told us, "It's nasty seeing people shoot up—right in front of you. Police don't do anything about it! They'll get somebody for drinking a beer but walk right past people using needles."

Each day in San Francisco, an average of 85 cars are broken into.

"Inside Edition" ran a test to see how long stereo equipment would last in a parked car. Their test car was quickly broken into. Then the camera crew discovered that their own car had been busted into as well.

Some store owners hire private police to protect their stores. But San Francisco's police union has complained about the competition. Now there are only a dozen private cops left, and street people dominate neighborhoods.

We followed one private cop, who asked street people, "Do you need any type of homeless outreach services?"

Most say no. "They love the freedom of not having to follow the rules," said the cop.

And San Francisco is generous. It offers street people food stamps, free shelter, train tickets and \$70 a month in cash.

"They're always offering resources," one man dressed as Santa told us. "San Francisco's just a good place to hang out."

So, every week, new people arrive.

Some residents want the city to get tougher with people living on the streets.

"Get them to the point where they have to make a decision between jail and rehab," one told us. "Other cities do it, but for some reason, San Francisco doesn't have the political will."

For decades, San Francisco's politicians promised to fix the homeless problem.

When Sen. Dianne Feinstein was mayor, she proudly announced that she was putting the homeless in hotels: "A thousand units, right here in the Tenderloin!"

When California Governor Gavin Newsom was mayor of San Francisco, he bragged, "We have already moved 6,860 human beings."

Last year, former Mayor Mark Farrell said, "We need to fund programs like Homeward Bound."

But the extra funding hasn't worked.

One reason is that even if someone did want to get off the street and rent an apartment, there aren't many available.

San Francisco is filled with two- and three-story buildings, and in most neighborhoods, putting up a taller building is illegal. Even where zoning laws allow it, California regulations make construction so difficult that many builders won't even try.

For years, developer John Dennis has been trying to convert an old meat-packing plant into an apartment building—but it has taken him four years just to get permission to build.

"And all that time, we're paying property taxes and paying for maintenance," says Dennis. "I will do no more projects in San Francisco."

People in San Francisco often claim to be concerned about helping the poor. But their many laws make life much tougher for the poor.



An article by Bruce Walker titled "Leftism: High on Buzzwords, Low on Thought" was posted at americanthinker.com on Feb. 4, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

The left does not need to argue with conservatives and other normal people. This is because the left has co-opted language so that clear thinking is impossible. Buzzwords preclude whole serious thought and channel virtually all cognition along predictable and entirely theoretical, rather than empirical, lines.

While leftists can "think" only along these lines, the real danger is that conservatives accept these buzzwords as well, so conservatives also have shackled minds that rely, almost entirely, upon an entire vocabulary created by leftist totalitarianism. A few words and phrases help show how this works.

Called homophobic

"Homophobia" is a rickety neologism intended to encompass virtually every variety of analysis of that leftist insistence that homosexuality and its offspring "transgender" and so forth have no problems. In fact, there are at least three different and usually conflicting approaches to this issue.

- Judaism and Christianity in their historic forms consider homosexuality a sin.
- Darwinists, who disagree with Judaism and Christianity in almost every respect, find homosexuality, which dramatically diminishes natural procreation, to be an evolutionary dead end.
- Psychologists, decades ago, considered homosexuality a disorder. Why, then, lump all these reactions into a single "homophobia" label? It prevents any real serious analysis or reflection.

Called sexist

As we approach the 2020 election and see that more and more potential and declared Democrat candidates are women, get ready for the dull, dreary, lifeless leftist malediction “sexist!” to be forced more and more into political debate.

What was the original argument behind feminism and sexism? Both sexes were oppressed by being forced into roles that . . . blah, blah, blah. This original argument meant that ending sexism liberated both sexes.

Feminists never really believed in or wanted equality. That would have meant that men would be given equal standing in child custody cases. Women would have the same duty to support a household that men had. Women would not be believed in court simply because a teary-eyed woman evoked more sympathy than an unemotional man. We were all going to be equal in every sense.

Every billboard dealing with domestic violence shows a woman, never a man, as the victim. The “Violence Against Women Act” might as well be called the “Violence Against Aryans Act” because most victims of violence are men, not women. Although women now live longer than men (until 1950, men lived longer), nevertheless, demands for more money to “women’s health” was angrily demanded.

The laws that were passed a century ago in the “Progressive Era” at the insistence of feminists to protect women and children, laws prohibiting factories and mine-owners from employing women and children in the most dangerous jobs, now, magically, became discrimination against women.

Whines from spoiled, rich women like Hillary that men earn more money than women are exactly like the similar screeches by Nazis of higher Jewish income—the idea that income was related to effort or skill is summarily dismissed in both cases. The fact that women own more and spend more than men is never mentioned.

Challenge the language

As with feminism, all leftist buzzwords and pseudo-ideologies are irrational and immoral. The purpose is to retain some appearance of thought while, in fact, destroying free minds and independent thinking.

The key to defeating this misogyny is to directly challenge the language and assumptions upon which it rests its rickety foundation.

That requires us to discard the lexicon shoved upon us and to show moral courage. If we fail in this, our slide into the abyss can only be slowed but never stopped.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Sandmann vs. Hogg” was posted at patriotpост.us on Feb. 2, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

One of the latest and clearest examples of biased reporting by the media can be found in the way the frauds posing as journalists treated David Hogg, the teenage scold the media hyped as the conscience of America when he used a school shooting as a springboard to attack the Second Amendment and to kickstart a cheesy political career.

You didn't hear anyone attacking him as a creature of white privilege or as a bigot or as someone who should be smashed in the face or put head-first through a wood chipper.

But, then, you also don't hear any outrage from the media against a 19-year-old illegal alien who recently robbed and murdered four elderly people in Nevada.

Rick Sandmann's inexcusable crime is that he was thought to have smirked at a Indian who, uninvited, approached the 16-year-old and started beating a drum and chanting in his face. This was after Sandmann and his fellow Covington High students had been verbally abused by a gang of black thugs calling themselves Black Hebrew Israelites, who, in spite of their misleading name are an anti-Semitic cult.

Placing any blame whatsoever on the Catholic kids who had journeyed up to the nation's capital in order to march in support of the Pro-Life movement is utterly contemptible.

Although I tend to think there is far too much litigation going on in this country, much of it simply to the financial advantage of lawyers, I hope the kids, their parents and the school, all of whom have been trashed by newspapers, cable news networks and the sleaziest of politicians, sue and win large judgments.

Even though we know that far too often rape victims are raped a second time by the rapist's defense attorney who tries to convince the jury that his client is a choir boy and the alleged victim is a slut who was just asking for it, we saw a revised version of that with the young Catholics being cast as the rapists.

After all, according to the new gospel, it's not possible to suggest that a gang of black thugs and a creepy redskin who lied about having served in Vietnam could possibly be the bad guys in this cocked-up morality play.

While these Catholics were behaving like true Christians, trying their hardest to forgive their enemies and turn the other cheek, their religious brethren at Notre Dame were once again turning into craven politically correct nincompoops.

■ They know they are lying

Radio talk show host Dennis Prager raised a good point the other morning, when he was discussing whether liberals actually know when they're lying. His conclusion, like mine, is that they do. As proof, he asked if the dopes (my word, not his) actually believed in the climate change hoax and took seriously Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's claim that the earth will be destroyed in 12 years unless we do something drastic, such as shutting down the coal processing plants and stop oil drilling; or believed those slightly smarter people who actually know how to spell "climate change" and insist the oceans will sub-

merge our coastlines in 20 years, would all those celebrities and various millionaires be building mansions next to the Pacific Ocean?

■ Actions don't support their words

In the same way, if people like Michael Moore, Al Gore and Tom Steyer, took their climate crapola seriously, wouldn't they feel morally compelled to stop jetting around the world and living in massive homes? Wouldn't all those concerned politicians in Washington stop riding around in SUVs and block-long limousines?

■ Dangerous cult

I have concluded that people like Nancy Pelosi, Maxine Waters, Bernie Sanders, Patrick Leahy and Adam Schiff, do not belong to a political party. They belong to a very dangerous cult. Even more dangerous than the Black Hebrew Israelites.

■ Vaner of compassion

But, then, it's hardly news that liberals comfort themselves in the belief that because they are good people—which we happen to know because they and their flunkies in the media keep telling us so—they are impervious to criticism or the slightest suggestion that they're hypocrites.

For instance, they were all over TV crying crocodile tears over the unfortunate, but easily avoidable, deaths of two little kids who died because their Honduran parents decided they had the right to sneak into our country, but they've never given a second's thought to the 137 border patrol agents who have been murdered by these wonderful people.

They also decided that Kate Steinle was just someone who was at the wrong place at the wrong time, as apparently were the kids on Long Island who were tortured and slashed to death by members of MS-13, as are all the little kids who are smuggled into this country so that pedophiles no longer have to travel to Bangkok in order to have sex with children.

■ Anchor babies

I wish someone with standing—which, by all rights, should be any American citizen—would ask the Supreme Court to reinterpret the 14th Amendment so as to deny pregnant Hispanic and Chinese women from entering the U.S. in order to give their babies automatic American citizenship.

Anchor babies make a mockery of citizenship, just as so-called dual-citizenship does.

In the past, I have asked how dual-citizenship is in any real way different from bigamy. I have yet to receive a coherent answer.

■ Black privilege

I just heard of a basketball coach of a predominantly black high school team who refused to play a scheduled game against a school that had a pro-Trump banner on display. He is not facing any disciplinary action, even though his

team refuses to take the court for the playing of the National Anthem. Funny how you never hear anybody talking about black privilege.

■ Attractive nuisance

I heard a caller to a talk radio show, a female realtor, point out that homeowners with a swimming pool often build fences around them. It's to prevent their being sued if a toddler happened to fall in and drown. They would lose the suit because the pool is regarded as an "attractive nuisance."

It could be argued that for millions of Mexicans and Latin Americans, America is an attractive nuisance. Just another argument for a big beautiful wall. After all, we wouldn't want to be sued if a non-swimmer fell into the Rio Grande and drowned.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "The Leftists' War on Science" was posted at patriotpost.us on Feb. 4, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

I'm sure I'm not the only person who has noticed that despite those on the Left always claiming to be highly intelligent and ruled by scientific fact, the stuff they claim to believe is far less likely than God's parting of the Red Sea or Jesus multiplying the loaves and fishes.

What makes the foolishness of liberals so dangerous is that, by denying university jobs and federal grants to serious scientists, they force the others to parrot their dogmatic lies or face unemployment.

Just consider the past four decades. In the '70s, we were told, among other things, that we should expect a new Ice Age; that the world's population was exploding so rapidly, we would soon run out of living space; that DDT, a benign pesticide, was a deadly poison, which resulted in its disappearance and the inevitable outbreak of malaria around the globe.

A little later, snake oil salesman Al Gore conned a few billion people into believing the icebergs would melt, leading oceans to rise 20 feet, drowning polar bears and submerging our coastal cities. When none of that happened within the proscribed 10 years, Gore and his lap dogs in the media and the so-called climate sciences, started claiming that the climate wasn't simply heating up, it was changing. That didn't sound as scary as heating up, but it was more useful because it could be dragged out as a boogeyman whenever there was an earthquake, a flood, a hurricane, a tidal wave, a warmer than usual summer or a harsher than usual winter.

We were also assured along the way that fossil fuels were finite, and that unless we managed to convert an industrial society to one being powered entirely by the sun and wind, our future would consist of being bossed around by the sheiks of a few oil-rich cesspools. Today, much to the chagrin of the Chicken Littles, the U.S. is the largest oil and natural gas-producing nation in the world.

The Bible tells us that Jesus could walk on water. Those on the Left tell us that unless the U.S. signs up for the Paris Climate Accords, we're none of us long for this world. I'm not even religious, but I find the Bible far more believable.

■ BuzzFeed distributed the lie

Recently, the fake news dispensers were donning party hats and tossing confetti in the air for 24 hours, thanks to BuzzFeed's reporting that sleazy shyster Michael Cohen had ratted out his former client, Donald Trump. According to BuzzFeed, Cohen told federal prosecutors that Trump had ordered him to lie under oath to Congress. If true, that would have meant that President Trump had suborned perjury, which is an impeachable offense. But, of course, it wasn't true.

■ BuzzFeed published fraudulent dossier

What some of the more honest media poohbahs did was to suddenly recall that BuzzFeed was the same sleazy outfit that had published the fraudulent Russian dossier, bought and paid for by Hillary Clinton and the DNC, and used to obtain FISA warrants by the coven of traitors at the Justice Department, the FBI, the CIA and NASA.

■ Leftist news outlets

I recently saw a poll that most young people have entirely given up on newspapers. That would come as great news, except they're getting their "news" from social media sites like Google, Amazon and Facebook, run by people like Mark Zuckerberg and Jeff Bezos, who are so far to the Left they make the editorial board members of the *New York Times* appear middle of the road.



"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.

Deficit

■ An article by Victoria Guida titled "Ocasio-Cortez Boosts Progressive Theory That Deficits Aren't So Scary" was posted at politico.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

■ An article titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Wants to Pay for Her Green New Deal by Essentially Printing More Money" was posted at theweek.com on Feb. 7, 2019.

Howard Schultz

■ An article by Mary Papenfuss titled "Sherrod Brown Lashes Howard Schultz As a 'Total Idiot' for Possible Presidential Bid" was posted at huffpost.com on Feb. 1, 2019.

- An article by Dante Chinni and Sally Bronston titled "Wide Party Divide Could Be Opening for Independent Candidate" was posted at nbcnews.com on Feb. 3, 2019.
- An article by Chris Vance titled "Howard Schultz's Independence Could Be a Blessing for Centrists" was posted at seattletimes.com on Feb. 5, 2019.
- An article by Sophie Tatum titled "CNN to Host Town Hall With Howard Schultz [in Houston on Feb. 12]" was posted at cnn.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by Brian Schwartz titled "Former Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz Plans to Take 'Necessary' Steps to Distance Himself From Financial Interests If He Runs for President in 2020" was posted at cnbc.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

Finances

- An article by Eric Bellman titled "With Cash Handouts, India Takes Step Toward Universal Basic Income" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by Jeff Cox titled "Payrolls Surge by 304,000, Smashing Estimates Despite Government Shutdown" was posted at cnbc.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by Eric Morath titled "Economy Notches 100th Straight Month of Increased Employment" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by John Carney titled "Manufacturing Unexpectedly Surges in January" was posted at Breitbart.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Labor Force Participation at Trump-Era High of 63.2% in January" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by John Seewer titled "GM Plant Closings Will Hit Part Supplies Far and Wide" was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 2, 2019.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Border Patrol in Arizona Just Confiscated Enough Fentanyl to Kill 56 Million People" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 31, 2019.
- An article titled "60-Foot Tunnel Found in Texas Running Under Where Border Wall Would Go" was posted at fox8live.com (Hidalgo, Texas) on Jan. 31, 2019.
- An article by Guy Benson titled "Revealed: Pennsylvania Forced to Disclose More Than 11,000 Non-Citizens Registered to Vote in State" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Stacey Abrams Conveniently Forgets the Obama Administration Put Kids in Cages" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by Paul Pedard titled "New Border Crisis: 1,809 Illegal Crossing Attempts a Day, 'Ticking Time Bomb' " was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

■ An article by David Martosko titled “ ‘I’m Mad, Y’All!’ Ocasio-Cortez Wipes Away a Tear As She Vows to Defund ICE Over Death of 7-Year-Old Migrant and Claims Trump Hates All Immigrants—While Saying Latinos Can’t Be Illegals Because America Is ‘Native Land’ ” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Feb. 7, 2019.

Comments about weapons

■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled “Despite Being Shot, Dems Blocked Steve Scalise From Testifying on Gun Violence” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 7, 2019.

■ An article by Beth Baumann titled “GOP Whip Scalise’s Scathing Letter to Dems: Your Gun Control Bill Wouldn’t Have Prevented My Shooting” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article by Rachel Frazin titled “Patriots Owner Praises Trump for Working for Country’s ‘Best Interests’ ” was posted at thehill.com on Feb. 1, 2019.

■ An article by cnsnews.com staff titled “Trump in State of the Union: ‘America Will Never Be a Socialist Country’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 5, 2019.

Comments about Trump opposition

■ An article by Ann Coulter titled “Hey, Commander! Start Commanding!” was posted at anncoulter.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

■ An article by Patrick Knox titled “Aborted Babies’ Body Parts Fused With Mice to ‘Humanise’ Them for Grim ‘Frankenstein’ Experiments in US Labs” was posted at thesun.co.uk on Feb. 6, 2019.

■ An article by Brian Joobdeph titled “Infanticide Abortion May Be Only the Beginning” was posted at americanthinker.com on Feb. 4, 2019.

■ An article by Emily Ward titled “Brent Bozell: ‘Where’s the Outrage’ Over Gov. Northam’s Endorsement of Infanticide?” was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 5, 2019.

■ An article by Michael Brown titled “The Governor of Virginia: Let’s Be Civil About Killing Newborns” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 2, 2019.

■ Looking back to May, an article by Carol Vaughn titled “Gov. Northam to Students at Prayer Breakfast: Don’t Forget Your Roots [Quoting Matthew 25:40 About Helping the Little Ones]” was posted at delmarvanow.com on May 11, 2018.

■ An article by Patrick Goodenough titled “Congresswomen in White Sit Stone-Faced As Chamber Cheers Trump’s Call to Ban Late-Term Abortion” was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 5, 2019.

■ An article by cnsnews.com staff titled “Rep. Ilhan Omar on Trump’s Call to Ban Late-Term Abortion: He’s ‘Pivoting . . . to Policing Women’s Bodies’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

- An article by Mark Sherman titled "John Roberts Joins Liberal Justices As Supreme Court Blocks Louisiana Abortion-Clinic Law" was posted at washingtontimes.com on Feb. 7, 2019.
- An article by Guy Benson titled "Busted: Shadowy Leader of Notorious Antifa Mobs Arrested for December Assault on Two US Marines" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 31, 2019.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler Omits 'So Help Me God' From Oath As He Swears in Witnesses" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by Michael Gormley titled "As Revenue Drops [Due to Wealthy People Moving Out of New York], Concern About the Proposed State Budget Rises" was posted at newsday.com on Feb. 5, 2019.
- An article by Timothy Snowball titled "Welcome to California, Land of 1,000 Laws—and That's Just This Year" was posted at thehill.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by Nicholas Riccardi and Elana Schor titled "Democratic Contenders Hoping to Run on Soaking the Rich" was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 3, 2019.
- An article by Joshua Green titled "The Big Democratic Fight Over How to Tax the Rich" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by George F. Will titled "Amy Klobuchar Could Be the Democrats' Best Bet in 2020" was posted at washingtonpost.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Ken Thomas titled "Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey Launches Presidential Campaign" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 1, 2019.
- An article by Elise Sole titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Fires Back at Howard Schultz for Slamming Her Tax Plan" was posted at yahoo.com on Jan. 30, 2019.
- An article by Andrew Buncombe titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Refuses to Join Standing Ovation for Trump at State of the Union Address" was posted at independent.co.uk on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article by Mark Moore and Marisa Schultz titled "Ocasio-Cortez Is Not Apologizing for Her State of the Union Reaction" was posted at nypost.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Valerie Volcovici titled "Democrats Float 'Green New Deal' to End Fossil Fuel Era" was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 7, 2019.
- An article by Andrew Buncombe titled "Pelosi Turns Nose Up at Ocasio-Cortez's 'Green Dream Or Whatever' Carbon-Neutral Economy Plan" was posted at independent.co.uk on Feb. 7, 2019.
- An article by David Knowles titled "Pelosi Throws Shade on Ocasio-Cortez's 'Green New Deal' Framework" was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 7, 2019.

■ An article by Matt Vespa titled "WSJ Columnist [Kimberley Strassel] Takes Little 'Socialist That Could' Ocasio-Cortez to the Woodshed Over Her Moranic New Green Deal" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 8, 2019.

Irishman Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke

■ An article by Rob DiRienzo titled "'Draft Beto' Grassroots Effort Urges Texas Democrat to Jump Into Presidential Race" was posted at foxnews.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

■ An article by Matt Flegenheimer titled "Beto O'Rourke Was Once Adrift in New York City; Now He's Searching Again" was posted at nytimes.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

■ An article by Reid J. Epstein titled "Beto O'Rourke Tells Opray Winfry He's Considering White House Bid" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 5, 2019.

News about the media

■ An article by David Moyer titled "'The View' Co-Hosts Smack Down Howard Schultz's Presidential Ambitions to His Face" was posted at huffpost.com on Jan. 29, 2019.

■ An article by Brad Wilmoth titled "Seth Meyers Mocks, Lectures Howard Schultz for Undermining Dems" was posted at newsbusters.org on Feb. 1, 2018.

■ An article by Matt Vespa titled "Former ESPN Writer Strikes Again: Jemele Hill Tweeted Assassination Joke During Trump's State of the Union" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

General interest

■ An article titled "Hawaii Considers Ban on Cigarette Sales [That Would Eventually End by 2024]" was posted at abc30.com on Feb. 3, 2019.

■ An article by Alene Tchekmedyan titled "Loud Booms in Downtown L.A.? That Was a U.S. Army Training Exercise" was posted at latimes.com on Feb. 4, 2019.

■ An article by Mark Sherman titled "Ginsburg Makes 1st Public Appearance Since Cancer Surgery" was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 5, 2019.

■ An article by Vanessa Chalmers titled "Sitting in Front of the TV for Two Hours a Day Raises Your Risk of Bowel Cancer by 70%, Scientists Declare Amid Sharp Rise in Cases" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Feb. 5, 2019.

■ An article by Christopher Keyes titled "Forget Standing Desks: To Stay Healthy, You've Got to Move All Day" was posted at theguardian.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

■ An article by Miranda Aldersley titled "Colorado Jogger Kills a Mountain Lion With His Bare Hands After It Attacked Him on a Running Trail and Bit Him on the Face, Back, Legs and Arms" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Feb. 5, 2019.

■ An article by Kristine O'ram titled "Scientists Are Racing to Make Pot Like Booze So You Can Drink It" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 6, 2019.

- An article by Stefano Esposito titled “[Chicago] O’Hare Once Again Nation’s Busiest Airport [the First Time Since 2014]” was posted at chicago.sun-times.com on Feb. 4, 2019.
- An article by Gregory Korte titled “Birds Strike Planes in USA More Than 40 Times a Day, FAA Data Shows” was posted at usatoday.com on Feb. 6, 2019.
- An article titled “MVP Mahomes Had to Convince High-School Coaches [at White House, Texas] He Was Their Best QB” was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 2, 2019.
- Looking back to February 2018, an article by Khadrice Rollins titled “Eagles’ Lane Johnson Questions ‘The Patriot Way’ and How Much Fun Players Have Playing There [“I Would Rather Have Fun and Win a Super Bowl Than Be Miserable and Win Five Super Bowls”]” was posted at si.com on Feb. 11, 2018.
- Looking back to May 2018, an article titled “Patriot Players Defend Bill Belichick Over ‘No Fun in New England’ Talk [Tedy Bruschi Said: ‘Players That Don’t Like Their Patriot Experience Are the One’s That Can’t Take Tough Coaching, Get Eaten Up by the Pressure, Blame Others for Failures and Expect Things Are Supposed to Be Given to Them’]” was posted at larry-brownsports.com on May 31, 2018.



Isaiah 55:6-11—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”