

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).



A Reuters article by Rachel Wolf titled " 'Devastating Plague of Locusts' Poses Threat to East Africa, UN warns" was posted at jpost.com on Feb. 10, 2020. Following is the article.

The swarm of locusts coming to East Africa in the coming weeks could "be the most devastating plague of locusts in any of our living memories if we don't reduce the problem faster than we're doing at the moment," UN humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock told NBC News.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) released a report saying that desert locusts, which have already begun swarming Kenya, pose a threat to the entire East African region's food security and livelihoods.

In a single day, a one square kilometer (.38 square miles) swarm can consume enough food to feed 35,000 people and can travel 150km (57.9 miles), according to UNOCHA.

UNOCHA also expressed concern that the upcoming rainy season, which enables desert locust reproduction is also a "key season for pastoralists and farmers."

"We must act now," Lowcock told UNOCHA. "If left unchecked, this outbreak has the potential to spill over into more countries in East Africa with horrendous consequences. A swift and determined response to contain it is essential."

Kenya is experiencing “the worst upsurge” in locust swarms in 70 years, according to UNOCHA. Additionally, the upsurges in Ethiopia and Somalia are the worst the countries have seen in 25 years.

The swarms have already reached Djibouti and Eritrea, according to the UNOCHA, which added that Uganda and South Sudan, which have not had locust swarms in almost 60 years, are likely to see locusts.

The locusts are a problem that “we cannot believe in Mother Nature to solve,” Alberto Trillo Barca, a spokesman for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFOA), told NBC News.

The concern is that this massive swarm, if not controlled properly can turn into a plague, “and when you have a plague, it takes years to control,” Barca told NBC News.

Climate scientists say global warming may be behind the current infestations, which have also hit parts of Iran, India and Pakistan.

Warmer seas have resulted in a rise in the frequency of cyclones in the Indian Ocean. This caused heavy downpours along the Arabian peninsula, creating ideal conditions for locust breeding in the deserts of Oman, Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

Researchers are increasingly looking to technology to help provide early warning signs and control locust outbreaks amid fears climate change could bring more cyclones.

Officials in Kenya say drones could play an important role given the limited number of aircraft.

“Every county wants an aircraft, but we have only have five at the moment, and they can only be in one location at one time,” David Mwangi, head of plant protection at Kenya’s ministry of agriculture, told Reuters.

“We have not used drones before, but I think it’s worth testing them as they could help.”

Existing drone models are restricted in terms of the volumes they can carry and the distances they can cover due to their size and limited battery life, say entomologists and plant protection researchers.

Another challenge for drone use in such emergencies is the lack of regulation. Many east African countries are still in the early stages of drafting laws, prohibiting usage unless in exceptional circumstances and with strict approvals.

That makes it harder to deploy larger drones, which have petrol-powered engines capable of carrying tanks of up to 1,500 liters and traveling distances of up to 500 km, and often require special approval.

Drones can also be used in the aftermath of an infestation.

“The other use case for drones is in post disaster mapping,” said Kush Gadhia from Astral Aerial Solutions, a Kenyan firm that seeks to use drones to address development challenges.

“Governments need to know the extent of the damage afterwards. Combining larger satellite maps with smaller drone maps—which provide higher resolu-

tion images—will give more accurate assessments on the extent crop loss and health,” Gadhia told Reuters.

The UNFOA launched an emergency appeal in response to the swarm. The organization is looking to put \$76 million toward helping “governments rapidly scale up aerial spraying and other control measures and to protect peoples’ livelihoods in affected areas,” UNOCHA reported. The organization has managed to raise \$18 million of its \$76 million goal.

According to UNOCHA, “desert locusts are considered the most destructive migratory pests in the world.” The organization noted that Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia all have reported crop damage, but that the reports were not “reliably ascertained.” UNOCHA says that “rapid assessments” are already taking place and will provide a more accurate image of the damage.

“We cannot eradicate the locusts, but we can contain them and prevent a food crisis from breaking out,” UNOCHA wrote.



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

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- A video and an article by Yaron Steinbuch titled “Watch Israel’s Wild New Laser Weapon Shoot Drones Out of Sky” were posted at nypost.com on Feb. 12, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Stephanie Nebehay titled “WHO Warns of Global Shortage of Coronavirus Protective Equipment” was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 7, 2020.
 - An article by Charles Duncan titled “Military Preparing Quarantine Centers for Coronavirus Patients in US, Pentagon Says” was posted at miamiherald.com on Feb. 7, 2020.
 - An article by Donald Kirk titled “North Korea’s Secret Coronavirus Crisis Is Crazy Scary” was posted at thedailybeast.com on Feb. 10, 2020.
 - An article by Jackie Salo titled “‘Super Spreaders’ Could Make Coronavirus Outbreak Harder to Contain” was posted at nypost.com on Feb. 10, 2020.
 - An article titled “Coronavirus: Deadliest 24 Hours So Far As 97 Die in Single Day in China” was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 10, 2020.
 - An article by Helen Roxburgh and Jing Xuan Teng titled “China Virus Toll Passes 1,000 As Xi Visits Frontline Hospital” was posted at afp.com on Feb. 10, 2020.
 - An article by Rosie Perper titled “Scientists Say at Least 500,000 People May Become Infected With the Coronavirus in Wuhan Before It Peeks in the Coming Weeks” was posted at businessinsider.com on Feb. 10, 2020.

- A Reuters article titled "To Fight Coronavirus, Disinfectant Tunnel in China Sprays Industrial Workers" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by John Baron and Ken Alltucker titled "Death Toll From Coronavirus Surpasses 1,100; US Confirms 13th Case" was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by Weizhen Tan and Holly Ellyatt titled "China Confirms 15,152 New Coronavirus Cases, 254 Additional Deaths" was posted at [cnbc.com](https://www.cnbc.com) on Feb. 13, 2020.
- An article by David J. Lynch titled "Economic Fallout From China's Coronavirus Mounts Across the Globe" was posted at [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) on Feb. 14, 2020.
- An article titled "The Coronavirus Outbreak Has Affected 4 Different Cruise Ships" was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Feb. 7, 2020.
- An article by Tim Stickings titled "Coronavirus Cases on Yokohama's Quarantined Cruise Ship [the Diamond Princess] Almost Double to 136, With 23 Americans Now Infected, As One Passenger Warns Depression Is Setting In" was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Feb. 10, 2020.
- An article by Morgan Hines titled "Princess Cruise Ship Forced to Turn Around After Over 300 Sickened With Norovirus" was posted at [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com) on Feb. 11, 2020.
- An article by K. Oanh Ha titled "Turned Away on Virus Fear, [the Westerdam] Cruise Ship Risks Running Low on Food" was posted at [bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) on Feb. 11, 2020.
- An article by Rhea Mahbubani titled "After 13 Days at Sea and Refusal by 5 Ports, Passengers Aboard the Westerdam Cruise Ship Are Slated to Disembark in Cambodia" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by Karen Leigh and Iain Marlow titled "China Official (Who Tore Down Church Crosses) to Oversee Hong Kong" was posted at [bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) on Feb. 13, 2020.
- An article by Israel Today Staff titled "Israeli Expert: China Might Have Created the Coronavirus" was posted at [israeltoday.com](https://www.israeltoday.com) on Feb. 9, 2020.
- An article by Sebastian Kettleby titled "Coronavirus theories: Is Coronavirus An Experiment Gone Wrong? Is It a Chinese Bioweapon?" was posted at [express.co.uk](https://www.express.co.uk) on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by Philip Pullella titled "Pope Rejects Push to Ordain Married Men" was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by Bojan Pancevski titled "Merkel's Succession Plan Unravels As Protege [Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer] Ends Leadership Bid" was posted at [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) on Feb. 10, 2020.
- An article by Joao Lima titled "Even Critics Praise Merkel As Chancellor's Reign Draws to an End" was posted at [bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) on Feb. 12, 2020.

- An article by Edmund Heaphy titled “Petrol, Diesel and Even Hybrid Cars to Be Banned [in England] by 2035” was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 4, 2020.
- An article by Haley Ott titled “11,000 Cancer Patients [in England] Told to Get Rechecked After Treatment by Rogue Surgeon” was posted at cbsnews.com on Feb. 7, 2020.



An article by Tristan Justice titled “Coverage of Mitt Romney’s Impeachment Vote Is a Case Study in Media Bias” was posted at thefederalist.com on Feb. 7, 2020. Following is the article.

Utah Republican Sen. Mitt Romney was the only senator this week to buck his party on impeachment, switching sides to convict President Donald Trump on one of the two counts in the Senate impeachment trial on Wednesday.

Since the vote, Romney has been predictably hailed as a hero in the press, an independent arbiter of truth unafraid to take a courageous and principled stand against power within his own party.

- CNN’s Don Lemon said: “It is so rare to see someone take a stand the way Mitt Romney did. It deserves to be seen . . . [One has to wonder] if there is still a place, for that kind of person, that kind of character, that kind of stature in America’s politics.”

- Brooke Baldwin, another CNN anchor, was also in awe of Romney’s incredible grandstanding: “Wow, that was extraordinary. That was a moment we haven’t seen very often from a member of the U.S. government,” Baldwin said. “That was pure honesty and emotion from Mitt Romney.”

- A news headline in the *Washington Post* “How Romney’s Vote To Convict Trump Paid Homage To His Rabble-Rousing Republican Father.”

Flashback to December, when two members of the House broke with Democrats to vote in opposition to impeachment. Democratic Reps. Collin Peterson of Minnesota and Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey rejected their party’s impeachment inquiry in October and voted to oppose the articles on the House floor in December.

Contrary to Romney’s treatment in the corporate media, which played a pivotal role in perpetuating Russiagate 2.0 itself, Peterson and Van Drew saw no such treatment. The headlines were glaringly boring.

- “These Were The Only Two Democrats To Vote Against The Trump Impeachment Inquiry Resolution,” said a CBS headline.

- “House Democrat Says He Plans To Vote Against All Articles Of Impeachment,” headlined CNN.

When Van Drew ended up officially switching parties to Republican over the issue, the media said Van Drew was turning his back on Democrats.

- “Rep. Jeff Van Drew Will Abandon The Democratic Party While The House Votes To Impeach President Donald Trump,” read a headline in BuzzFeed News.

- “Jeff Van Drew’s Party Switch Underscores The Particularly Partisan Impeachment Of Trump,” blasted the *Washington Post*.
- “Another Democrat, Wooed By Republicans, Likely To Oppose Impeachment,” wrote *Newsweek*.

There was no coverage of heroism from Van Drew or Peterson coming from the mainstream media in their act of defiance.

The episode showcases a common double-standard practiced in the mainstream media today, where practicing bipartisanship only makes one a principled public servant if it plays into the media narrative. It’s clear that simply switching parties on a major issue only makes one a hero if it hurts Republicans.



An article by Walter Williams titled “A More or Less Perfect Union” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Feb. 12, 2020. Following is the article.

“A More or Less Perfect Union” is a three-part series, produced by Free to Choose Network, that will air on various PBS stations across the nation starting in February.

The documentary is a personal exploration of the U.S. Constitution by Justice Douglas Ginsburg, who served on the U.S. Court of Appeals D.C. Circuit and is now a senior justice on the court.

Ginsburg explores the U.S. Constitution and features interviews with and gains the perspectives from constitutional experts of all political views—liberal, conservative and libertarian. He examines the key issues of liberty in the U.S. both from a historical and contemporary perspective.

Among those issues are freedom of the press and religion, slavery and civil rights, the Second Amendment, separation of powers and the number of ways that the Constitution’s framers sought to limit the power of the federal government.

First episode

The first episode is titled “A Constitution in Writing.” It examines the contentious atmosphere that arose among the delegates in that hot, humid Philadelphia summer of 1787. State delegates were sent to Philadelphia to work out the problems of the Articles of Confederation, which served as the first Constitution of the 13 original states.

This part of the documentary examines some of the efforts to deal with the problems of the Articles of Confederation while maintaining its guiding principle to preserve the independence and sovereignty of the states. It also examines the compromises and struggles that led to the document we know as the U.S. Constitution.

Some of the framers, particularly the Anti-Federalists, led by Patrick Henry, saw the Constitution as defective and demanded amendments be added that contained specific guarantees of personal freedoms and rights and clear lim-

itations on the federal government's power. They swore that they would never ratify the Constitution unless it contained a Bill of Rights.

Second episode

The second episode is titled "A Constitution for All." One major emphasis of this episode is the examination of the Supreme Court decisions that undermined racial justice both for slaves and later ex-slaves for a century after the Civil War.

Several constitutional scholars discuss how the courts and states ignored and weakened the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, known collectively as the Civil War Amendments, which were designed to ensure equality for recently emancipated slaves.

There is also discussion of Bill of Rights guarantees to people accused of a crime. There is more exploration into the Bill of Rights guarantees of free speech, religious freedom and the notion that "due process of law" be part of any proceeding that denies a citizen "life, liberty or property."

This forced the government to compensate citizens when it takes private property for public use.

Third episode

Episode three, "Our Constitution at Risk," examines the many ways that our Constitution is under assault today. It points out that the framers would be shocked by how all three branches of government have grown as a result of what we the people demand from our elected representatives.

There's a discussion about how some of our Bill of Rights guarantees mean absolutely nothing today, namely the 9th and 10th Amendments, which reaffirm personal liberty by specifically limiting the federal government to its "enumerated powers."

"A More or Less Perfect Union" is not just a bunch of academics and constitutional experts preaching. It features interviews with everyday Americans weighing in with their visions on the rule of law, the branches of government and the debate over originalism.

Voices of Our Republic

There's a companion book titled "Voices of Our Republic," edited by Ginsburg. It is a collection of thoughts about the Constitution from judges, journalists, and academics. It includes the thoughts of Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Neil Gorsuch and Sandra Day O'Connor, publisher Arthur Sulzberger, professor Alan Dershowitz, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and historians Joseph Ellis and Ron Chernow, along with Jack Nicklaus, Gene Simmons and many others.

The most important audience for "A More or Less Perfect Union" is high school and college students. For it is they who stand a good chance of losing the liberties that made our nation the greatest and freest on earth.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Bolton, Kissinger & Hemingway" was posted at patriotpost.us on Feb. 8, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

It is amazing, though predictable, how quickly liberals will go from despising a public figure to holding him in esteem. All that's required is that he pass a simple litmus test. If he despises President Trump, he's a good guy; if not, he's a villain.

We've seen it happen with not only James Comey, but with the former heads of our intelligence agencies, John Brennan, James Clapper and Michael Hayden. Now it's happening all over again with John Bolton. For years, they hated the man who, before being named our ambassador to the U.N., called for our removing ourselves from the organization.

He was so unpopular in Washington that he only got the short-lived appointment because George W. Bush took advantage of a Senate vacation to give him the job for a year. It was short-lived because the Senate refused to make it permanent once the recess appointment came to an end and they had a say in the matter.

The world knows Bolton to be hawkish when it comes to America's foreign policy, which is why Trump finally had to bounce him out of his administration. Bolton was born in November, 1948, which would have made him a prime candidate to serve in Vietnam, but he escaped combat by using a student deferment. His own perfectly reasonable desire to avoid getting killed or maimed in a needless war hasn't deterred him from supporting America's intervention in similar wars all over the planet for the past 50 years.

Chicken hawks is the term used for perverts who prey on young children. I believe it is also used about 71-year-old career bureaucrats who sit in comfy arm chairs and blithely send young men and women to fight in foreign lands in which this country has no national interest.

But ever since it was leaked that Bolton might be able to paint his former boss into a corner on behalf of the Democrats, liberals are treating the schmuck like a messiah whose message must be heard by the heathens.

■ Who cares what Kissinger says?

Something has recently gone viral on the Internet and it keeps winding up in my in-box. It purports to be a lengthy statement of support on behalf of President Trump by none other than 96 year old Henry Kissinger.

One, I have no reason to believe Dr. Kissinger actually said it. All sorts of stuff gets passed around on the Internet, including doctored photos and misattributions.

Two, even if it's authentic, it would simply be the reverse of the praise the Left is heaping on its former nemesis, John Bolton. Why should anyone care what Kissinger says about anything? I have personally despised Nixon's chief adviser for the past five decades. This is the guy, after all, who urged Nixon to invite Red China into the so-called community of nations. It was also his idea to prolong the Vietnam War when Nixon could have easily followed the lead of President Eisenhower, who ended the Korean War by blaming it on the Democrats and simply withdrawing our troops.

Just think how much better off the country would be today if Nixon had blamed the War on Kennedy and Johnson and withdrawn our troops in 1969.

■ Sanctuaries for foreign invaders

I'm not calling for a replay of the Civil War, but how is it that states and municipalities all over the nation are being allowed to flout federal law and the Constitution by declaring themselves sanctuaries for foreign invaders?

How is it that governors and mayors aren't being perp-walked out of state houses and city halls by federal marshals for not merely refusing to cooperate with ICE agents, but for hindering their efforts to enforce the law?

It was in 2018 that the mayor of Oakland, California, Libby Schaaf, alerted several hundred alien felons of an impending raid by ICE agents. And yet she still remains in office and not behind bars, where she belongs for aiding and abetting.

■ Defend his country

It was naturalist Edward Abbey who, sounding a great deal like one of the Founding Fathers, said: "A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against its government."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Inmates Running the Asylum" was posted at patriotpost.us on Feb. 10, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

God knows I'd be the last person on earth who'd wish to be judged on the basis of his son. But, at least I didn't aid and abet my son Max in his criminal activities, which included theft, illegal gambling and kiting checks, in his early 20s.

On the other hand, Joe Biden has covered for his 50 year old son Hunter and done everything in his power to encourage him to be the nogootnik he clearly is and always was.

For the first 39 years of Hunter Biden's life, he was best known as a drunk and a cocaine addict. Suddenly, in 2009, he co-founded Rosemont Seneca Partners, which, coincidentally, was the year his old man became the Vice President of the United States.

In 2014, he was given a place on the board of Burisma Holdings, which, again coincidentally, was the same year that President Obama made his Vice President his go-to guy on all things involving Ukraine. Being a board member for an energy company earned him \$84,000-a-month. One can only imagine how much he would have been paid if he knew anything about energy or could speak Ukrainian.

In October, 2019, Hunter resigned from the Board of a Chinese private investment firm because, as he explained, he wanted to avoid "even the appearance of a conflict of interest" while his father was running for president.

There's still more on the guy's resumé. In 2013, Hunter applied for a position in the U.S. Navy Reserve and, not too surprisingly, the son of the Vice President received it even though he had a record of having been a cocaine addict. His proud father administered his commissioning oath at the White House.

The very next month, a random urinalysis found cocaine in Biden's system, and he was booted out of the Navy. With his customary inability to accept responsibility for his own actions, the schmuck blamed others for giving him cigarettes laced with coke.

And, finally, he divorced the mother of his three children in 2017 after having taken up with the widow of his late brother in 2016. He has since married a South African filmmaker but is currently involved in a paternity suit over a baby he sired with yet another woman in 2018.

■ Socialist before an independent

Ronald Reagan once said he didn't leave the Democratic Party, that, rather, it left him.

The reverse has been the experience of Bernie Sanders. Although he now calls himself an Independent, he used to more honestly identify as a Socialist.

These days, he no longer has to because his party has joined him on the far left. That is why there's not an iota of actual difference among those vying for the nomination.

Some believe Biden will be the eventual nominee because black voters connect him to Barack Obama, even though the ex-president has refused to endorse him.

Others believe Sanders will garner the nomination because he's the most authentic candidate, meaning he's been pushing the Communist line even long before Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was born.

So far as normal, sane, people are concerned, that's the equivalent of saying that Joe Biden has over 40 years of experience in foreign relations while ignoring the fact that he's been wrong on every foreign policy issue for over 40 years.

■ Pampered snowflakes

When one of my readers suggested that drugs are the reason that so many youngsters rally around Bernie, I disagreed. "I'm sure that some of them smoke pot, but, for the most part, Sanders owes his following to the fact that they're a bunch of pampered snowflakes who like the idea of getting free stuff without having to work. To them, the old bastard is a combination Pied Piper and Santa Claus."

■ Nancy lacks Bernie's principles

On the other hand, Nancy Pelosi can't even claim, as Bernie Sanders can, that she has principles from which she refuses to waver.

Unlike Sanders, who makes no secret of the fact that he would love to see America become the latter day version of the Soviet Union, all that Nancy Pelosi wants is to retain the speakership of the House. If it came down to

whether she remains the Speaker or Donald Trump is evicted from the Oval Office, she wouldn't hesitate to cast her vote for him next November.

Although she opposed for strictly pragmatic reasons the move to impeach the President, she eventually caved in and made it appear she was even more eager than Maxine Waters to oust #45.

She did it for the same reason that she gave the odious freshman members of the House, including Ilhan Omar, A O-C, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley, important committee assignments. She needed their votes to win the speakership in 2018. She will continue to need their support in 2020 if the Democrats manage to hang on to the House.

■ Five major issues

The latest Gallup poll asked Americans how they feel about five major issues and compared the results to a poll taken when Trump assumed the presidency in January, 2017.

On the state of the economy, 68% have a positive response today; it was 46% three years ago.

When it comes to feeling secure from terrorism, the margin is a similar 68% to 50%.

Military preparedness: 81% to 66%; as for policies to reduce crime, 47% to 38%; and even when it comes to the state of race relations under Trump compared to Obama, the score is 36% to 22%.

■ Down the rabbit hole

The House and Senate Democrats must have looked at those numbers, gulped, and asked themselves why in the hell they ever allowed Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Jerry Nadler, to lead them down the rabbit hole of impeachment.



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Deficit

■ An article by Sylvan Lane titled "Fed Chief [Jerome Powell] Issues Stark Warning to Congress on Deficits" was posted at thehill.com on Feb. 11, 2020.

■ An article by Alex Tanzi titled "U.S. Household Debt Exceeds \$14 Trillion for the First Time" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 11, 2020.

■ An article by Kate Davidson titled "U.S. Budget Deficit Grew 25% in First Four Months of Fiscal 2020 on Calendar Quirk" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 12, 2020.

- An article by Caitlin Emma and Jennifer Scholtes titled "Trump Hits Medicaid, Food Stamps in Push to Slash Domestic Spending" was posted at politico.com on Feb. 9, 2020.

- An article by Stephen Cunningham titled "Trump Proposes Selling 15 Million Barrels From U.S. Oil Reserve" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 10, 2020.

Finances

- An article by Paulina Cachero titled "U.S. Taxpayers Have Reportedly Paid an Average of \$8,000 Each and Over \$2 Trillion Total for the Iraq War Lone" was posted at businessinsider.com on Feb. 6, 2020.

- An article by Emily Hamann titled "More Than 400 Employees Potentially Affected in Downsizing of South Sacramento FedEx Facility" was posted at bizjournals.com on Feb. 10, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to July, an article by Adam Shaw titled "AOC's Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate" was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.

- An article by Chris Martin titled "Wind Turbine Blades Can't Be Recycled, So They're Piling Up in Landfills" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 7, 2020.

- An article by Marina Medvin titled "Luring Children: How Socialism Got Its Groove Back" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 11, 2020.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "New Numbers: Illegal Border Crossings Plummet for the Eighth Month in a Row" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 11, 2020.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Allie Morris titled "God and a Glock: Texas Churchgoers Are Training to Fight Off Attackers Wielding Guns" was posted at dallasnews.com on Feb. 7, 2020.

- An article by Maddie Hanna titled "A 6-Year-Old Pointed a Finger Gun at Her Teacher and Said 'I Shoot You'; Her School Called the Cops" was posted at inquirer.com on Feb. 11, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

- An article by Michael Balsamo and Zeke Miller titled "[Attorney General William] Barr Swipes at Trump: Tweets Make It 'Impossible' to Do Job" was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 13, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

- Looking back to August, an article by Joshua Holland titled "Joe Biden's Frontrunner Status Is a Media-Driven Mirage" was posted at alternet.org on Aug. 12, 2019.

- Looking back to September, an article by Alex Roarity titled "Biden Is Labeled a Moderate; But His Agenda Is Far More Liberal Than Hillary Clinton's" was posted at mclatchydc.com on Sept. 10, 2019.
- Looking back to December, an article by Peter Suderman titled "Moderate Joe Biden Wants Tax Hikes Twice As Big As Hillary Clinton Proposed in 2016" was posted at reason.com on Dec. 5, 2019.
- An article by Brent Bozell and Tim Graham titled "No Centrists in the Democratic Primaries" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by the Editorial Board titled "No, Pete Buttigieg and Joe Biden Are Not 'Centrists' " was posted at washingtonpost.com on Feb. 8, 2020.
- An article by Nicholas Riccardi and Alan Fram titled "Some Democrats Fear Fallout From Sanders Atop the Ticket" was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by Sahil Kapur and Shaquille Brewster titled "Bernie Sanders Is Now the Front-Runner, and Moderates May Be Too Divided to Stop Him" was posted at nbcnews.com on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by Sophia Ankel titled "Ex-Goldman CEO Lloyd Blankfein Laid Into Bernie Sanders After His New Hampshire Win, Saying He'll Wreck the Economy and Let Russia 'Screw Up the US' " was posted at businessinsider.com on Feb. 12, 2020.
- An article by Jonathan Easley titled "Democrats See Chances Rising for Brokered Convention" was posted at thehill.com on Feb. 10, 2020.
- An article by Ryan Teague Beckwith titled "Team Clinton Hits Sanders Ahead of New Hampshire Primary" was posted at bloomberg.com on Feb. 7, 2020.
- An article by Zack Budryk titled "Sanders Calls James Carville 'a Political Hack' " was posted at thehill.com on Feb. 13, 2020.
- An article by Joe Concha titled "Carville Fires Back at Sanders for 'Hack' Slam: 'At Least I'm Not a Communist' " was posted at thehill.com on Feb. 13, 2020.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Pelosi [Who Supports Abortion] Makes the Hilarious Argument That She Works on Behalf of America's Children" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 10, 2020.
- An article by Jessica Chasmar titled "AOC Rips Rush Limbaugh As 'Virulent Racist': 'Truly Nauseating' He Was Awarded Medal of Freedom" was posted at washingtontimes.com on Feb. 5, 2020.
- An article by Danielle Zoellner titled "Former CNBC Anchor [Michelle Caruso-Cabrera] to Challenge Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Seat in 2020 Election" was posted at independent.co.uk on Feb. 11, 2020.

News about the media

- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Wolf Blitzer Had to Remind Senator [Mazie] Hirono That Trump Was Acquitted" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 7, 2020.

- An article by Variety Staff titled "Jennifer Lopez Blasts Critics of Super Bowl 'Too Sexy': 'It Was a Celebration of Women and Latino Culture' " was posted at variety.com on Feb. 8, 2020.
- An article by David Bauder titled "Oscars Viewership Plunges to Record Low" was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 10, 2020.
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General interest

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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."