

# 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 Ben Shapiro titled “Coronavirus Is the ‘Chinese Virus’ ” was posted at townhall.com on March 18, 2020. Following is the article.

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This week, President Donald Trump came under fire for his use of the phrase “Chinese virus” to describe the coronavirus, the source of the new pandemic that has led to a global economic shutdown as well as lockdowns of citizens in every major Western country.

That media have somehow found time to hone in on the one issue that matters least—the labeling of a Chinese virus as such—in the middle of an unprecedented planetwide freeze demonstrates the utter unseriousness of those objecting.

That the term should be controversial at all is nearly beyond belief. The virus did indeed originate in China.

Most of all, that the Chinese government should be shielded in any way from the results of its own pathological and tyrannical misgovernment is perverse beyond measure.

Make no mistake: The Chinese government is chiefly responsible for the explosion of this pandemic.

The so-called wet markets of China—the meat markets that often include wild animals ranging from snakes to pangolins—exist for a variety of reasons, ranging from price to superstitious belief in medicinal properties of exotic animals.

According to Zhenzhong Si, research associate at the University of Waterloo, "Eating wild animal is considered a symbol of wealth because they are more rare and expensive."

Whatever the rationale, the communist Chinese government has been exceedingly tolerant of such markets, even though they have now been responsible for the spread of coronavirus, SARS, bird flu, Asian flu and swine fever. The Chinese government has been similarly tolerant of treatment via traditional Chinese medicine rather than evidence-based medicine, which has increased the risk of such diseases.

The same Chinese government now being praised for its extraordinary crack-down on its own citizens—the same government that is said to be imprisoning up to a million Uighurs for no specific crimes—has been unwilling for decades to stop the selling of exotic animals. Authoritarianism obviously doesn't apply to the most obvious solution to a bevy of possible epidemics.

Meanwhile, the Chinese government acted early to shut down the spread of information about the coronavirus, which paved the way for freedom of travel by carriers of the disease.

When ophthalmologist Li Wenliang told fellow doctors about coronavirus in an online chat room in December, he was forced to swear by the Chinese government that he had been making "untrue statements." He ended up dying of the disease.

When further information began to emerge about the coronavirus, the communist government simply lied about it, suggesting that case numbers were not rising—a lie bought by the World Health Organization.

Even now the Chinese government continues to spread propaganda suggesting that the coronavirus originated in the United States. Lijian Zhao, deputy director-general of the Information Department of China's Foreign Ministry, tweeted a link to an article he claimed had "Evidence that the Virus Originated in the US."

And is it truly believable that China had just 127 diagnosed cases of coronavirus between March 9 and March 16, even as the Chinese government expels American journalists en masse from both China and Hong Kong?

Once this is all over, it's far past time for Americans to have a serious discussion about the extent to which openness to China ought to be curbed. The Trump administration should consider a travel ban on China until China has verifiably shut down its exotic animals markets, at the very least.

The current crisis will cost millions of American jobs, millions more of Americans' savings and thousands of American lives. To trust the Chinese government after a global betrayal of this magnitude would not only be foolish; it would be immoral.



An article by David Harsanyi titled "COVID-19 Is the Chinese Government's Curse Upon the World" was posted at [nationalreview.com](https://nationalreview.com) on March 17, 2020. Following is the article.

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The World Health Organization and other sensitive souls have instructed us to stop referring to the new strain of coronavirus as the “Wuhan” or “Chinese” flu because of the racist connotations. I’m disinclined to curb my speech to placate Chinese propagandists—and it seems to me the aversion to those terms is less about racism than about averting blame. But in the spirit of comity, and avoiding disparaging an entire nation, I’m happy to call it the ChiCom Flu moving forward.

There are many traditional naming conventions that don’t really make that much sense. Somewhat weirdly, for example, we often name diseases after the people who “discover” them—Hodgkin’s disease after Thomas Hodgkin, Parkinson’s disease after James Parkinson, and so on.

But naming viral diseases after places—Guinea Worm, West Nile Virus, Ebola, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, etc.—is probably just intuitive. Viruses “come” from someplace, after all, and thus people gravitate to those names. I doubt we came up with “Lyme disease” because of some deep enmity towards Connecticut.

Anyway, “COVID-19” or “H1N1” don’t exactly roll off the tongue.

The latter was, until very recently, widely referred to as the “Spanish flu,” a virus that killed around 675,000 Americans and tens of millions of others around the world in the early 1900s. “Spanish flu” has now retroactively fallen into disfavor as well. And to be fair, there is some historical evidence that the virus may actually have originated in China or France, so if we must call it the French flu moving forward, so be it.

But while the Spanish have a good case to be annoyed, the Chinese government does not. As Jim Geraghty notes, the Communist Chinese have been far more effective in stopping the spread of information about the coronavirus than in stopping the spread of the coronavirus itself. Today, for example, China expelled most American journalist from the country.

Early on, the Communists destroyed samples and suppressed vital information that could have helped mitigate the damage of this new strain of coronavirus.

The government also silenced doctors who warned about the disease. Some were censured for “spreading rumors” or sharing test results with colleagues, and some were forced to write a self-critical public letters—a Marxist mainstay—admitting that the warning “had a negative impact.” The Chinese Communists probably let five million people leave Wuhan without screening, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

The Chinese Communists, like all Communists, hide their societal problems. There is no crime, disease, or addiction in the collectivist state. This kind of secrecy and dishonesty can be disastrous, especially in a highly interconnected world.

Though millions of Chinese have been lifted out of extreme poverty through free trade, with modernity comes some basic responsibilities—like, for instance, not killing everyone in the world with preventable zoonotic diseases.

The Chinese regime is perfectly capable of administering an array of authoritarian policies to suppress the rights of its own people. But it's apparently unable to exert even mild cultural pressure warning them that their eating habits can be extraordinarily dangerous, and hold the potential of creating massive socioeconomic problems.

If reports are correct, it was in Wuhan's popular "wet markets" that vendors were selling the bats—and possibly snakes—that may have caused the COVID-19 outbreak. "Wet" because the meat sold in its unsanitary stalls was only recently slaughtered.

This kind of thing happens quite often. And not always in China, of course. But the avian influenza was likely transmitted to humans from chickens in a "wet" market. Scientists have been warning for years that the eating of exotic animals in southern China "is a time bomb."

Acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) also originated in China, and probably jumped to humans through bats. Other coronavirus strains are also likely connected to bats.

I hate to thrust my Western cultural values on anyone, but maybe it's time to stop eating bats.

It's important to stress that it's not the Chinese people who are the problem. Just look at their success in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, or the United States. The ChiComs are the problem.

If the Chinese government spent as much time working on educating its people and regulating dangerous markets as it does on secrecy and propaganda efforts, maybe it wouldn't have to worry as much about diseases being named after it—or about the catastrophic death and economic pain their negligence helps cause.



A transcript titled "Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing" was posted at [whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov) on March 9, 2020. Following are excerpts of the transcript.

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. We just attended a very important task force meeting on the virus that everybody is talking about all over the world. No matter where you go, that's what's on people's minds. And we are going to take care of, and have been taking care of, the American public and the American economy.

We are going to be asking tomorrow—we're seeing the Senate. We're going to be meeting with House Republicans—Mitch McConnell, everybody—and discussing a possible payroll tax cut or relief, substantial relief—very substantial relief. That's a big—that's a big number.

We're also going to be talking about hourly wage earners getting help so that they can be in a position where they're not going to ever miss a paycheck.

We're going to be working with companies and small companies, large companies—a lot of companies—so that they don't get penalized for something that's not their fault. It's not their fault, it's not our country's fault.

This was something that we were thrown into and we're going to handle it, and we have been handling it very well. The big decision was early when we shut down our borders. We're the first ones ever to do that. We've never done that in our country before. Or we'd have a situation that would be a lot more dire.

Also, we're going to be seeing Small Business Administration and creating loans for small businesses. We're also working with the industries, including the airline industry, the cruise ship industry—which, obviously, will be hit. We're working with them very, very strongly. We want them to travel. We want people to travel to certain locations and not to other locations at this moment. And hopefully that will straighten out sooner rather than later. But we're working with the industries, and in particular those two industries.

We're also talking to the hotel industry. And some places, actually, will do well, and some places probably won't do well at all. But we're working also with the hotel industry.

But the main thing is that we're taking care of the American public, and we will be taking care of the American public.

And I really appreciate the professionals behind me and the professionals actually behind them, in a different room. We have a tremendous team, and it's headed up by our great Vice President, Mike Pence. And I want to thank Mike because he's been working 24 hours a day, just about. He has been working very, very hard, very diligently, and very professionally. And I want to thank him, and I want to thank the team. And I'll have Mike say a few words.

Thank you very much. Thank you. Mike? Please.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. President. We just completed the day's meeting of the White House Coronavirus Task Force. We had the opportunity to brief the President today on a broad range of issues.

And once again, because of the unprecedented action that President Trump took in January—suspending all travel from China; establishing travel advisories for portions of South Korea and Italy; establishing screening of all direct flights, all passengers from all airports from Italy and South Korea—we have—we have bought a considerable amount of time, according to all the health experts, to deal with the coronavirus here in the United States.

In fact, as I stand before you today, the risk of contracting the coronavirus to the American public remains low, and the risk of serious disease among the American public also remains low.

With that being said, the President did deploy not just a whole-of-government approach, but also a whole-of-America approach. And last week, at the President's direction, we met with leaders in industries, from nursing homes to airlines, pharmaceutical companies, commercial labs, and it's had great, great impact.

Pharmaceutical companies are already working, literally around the clock, on the development of therapeutics; that will be medicines that can bring relief to people that contract the coronavirus. And I know how pleased the President was to learn that the commercial labs in this country, led by companies like LabCorp and Quest, have already brought a test forward and are taking that to market effective today.

This week, at the President's direction, we'll be meeting with hospital CEOs, health insurance CEOs, and all—building on top of what the President will be announcing tomorrow with regard to economic relief for working Americans.

We also met today in a conference call with 47 of America's governors. We were able to brief them on the latest—the progress that we've made. We were able to confirm with them that testing is now available in all state labs in every state in the country. Over a million tests have been distributed. Before the end of this week, another 4 million tests will be distributed. But as I said before, with the deployment of the commercial labs, we literally—we literally are going to see a dramatic increase in the available—availability of testing, and that's all a direct result of the President's leadership.

Today, in a few moments, we will—we will outline community guidance that Dr. Birx and Dr. Fauci will be publishing. At President's direction, we're going to be providing guidance about how to keep your home safe, how to keep your business safe, how to keep safe and healthy at your school. And we'll be publishing that information and speaking about that.

A brief word about the Grand Princess: The Grand Princess has docked this afternoon in Oakland, California, at a commercial dock. Twenty-five children, we were happy to learn through the screening over the last two days—the 25 children on the ship are all healthy. Of the people that have contracted the coronavirus—21 in all—they're being dealt with in proper isolation.

Working with health authorities in California, we hope before the end of today to begin to disembark California residents to Travis Air Force Base in Miramar. We've made arrangements with Canada and the UK to take their passengers back. They'll be transported directly to the tarmac, charter flights home.

And tomorrow, the remaining passengers will be transported, again, through very, very carefully controlled environments—buses out to the tarmac and flown to military bases in Georgia and Texas.

All the passengers will be tested, isolated as appropriate, quarantined as appropriate. And I want to express appreciation to the Governor of California and his administration, the Governor of Georgia, the Governor of Texas, for their strong cooperation with us in resolving the issues around the Grand Princess.

It has been a—it has been a partnership which the President directed us from the very beginning. And the process that Bob Kadlec will detail, and any questions in a few moments, continues to work and move forward.

The remaining people on the ship—the crew itself will push off from the dock, and they will be quarantined and observed and treated shipboard. But the

President made the priority to get—to get the Americans ashore, and we're in the process of doing that, as well as returning the foreign nationals.

Let me just say one other point: As the President has spoken today to congressional leadership, one of the things that I informed the President that I've been hearing from governors is the concern about hourly wage earners in this country feeling that they had to go to work, even if they were ill. And the President has tasked this economic team, and is working already with leaders in the Congress, to make sure that anyone is not—feels that they're at risk of losing their job or losing a paycheck because they may contract the coronavirus.

When we tell people, "If you're sick, stay home," the President has tasked the team with developing economic policies that will make it very, very clear that we're going to stand by those hardworking Americans, stand by those businesses large and small, and make it possible for us, as the President said from the very beginning, to put the health of America first.

We'll be available to take any questions on any of these topics, but, Mr. President, I didn't know if you wanted to speak a few more, in closing.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think what we will be doing is having a news conference tomorrow to talk about various things that we're doing economically—there'll be very major—including, obviously, the payroll tax cut.

And so we'll be meeting again tomorrow afternoon. We'll be coming back from the Senate, and we have a lot of very important meetings set up. And we'll have a press conference sometime after that, and we'll explain what we're doing on an economic standpoint and from an economic standpoint. But they will be very—very dramatic. And we have a great economy, we have a very strong economy, but this came—this blindsided the world. And I think we've handled it very, very well. I think they've done a great job. The people behind me have done a great job.

So I will be here tomorrow afternoon to let you know about some of the economic steps we're taking, which will be major. Thank you very much.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Let me be sure to get you an answer to that. I honestly don't know the answer to the question, but we'll refer that question, and we will get you an answer from the White House physician very quickly.

Let me—let me ask Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx to come to the podium. You all, and the American public, will have at their fingertips, very quickly, guidance that this is for every American.

We're working with communities, like the Seattle area, like portions of California, New York, and Florida, that have what we call "community spread," a concentration of coronavirus cases. But we directed our team to come up with helpful recommendations for every American, every American family, every American business and school.

And if Dr. Birx and Dr. Fauci step forward, they can outline that for you.

DR. BIRX: Great. Thank you. Good evening. We've been—it was good getting out last week, meeting with communities. We know that the real solutions to this is every American has a role in stopping the spread of the virus, and so we wanted to really put out guidance for every American and every community that was practical and common sense, but detailed in a way that everyone would know precisely what to do.

The guidance will be around how to keep workplaces safe, how to keep school safe, how to keep the home safe, and how to keep commercial businesses safe, where people would eat or be present.

The importance about this is we believe that communities are at the center of this. I came from a field where it was the communities that really solved our issues around HIV prevention. And so we're very much speaking to the communities and the American people about what can be done.

All of this information came from a paper that Dr. Fauci provided from the Australians—first, author Dalton. So you can actually look up the scientific evidence that informed each of these guidelines. But we will be providing that this evening in great detail so that every mother, father, child, son, daughter, caregiver will know precisely what to do and what to ask for.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. Fauci?

DR. FAUCI: Yeah. Just to reiterate what Dr. Birx said, it was as simple as that: We have been speaking about the kinds of things that would keep our citizens safe in a variety of environments.

We've been speaking about on telephone calls. We've been speaking about at conferences. The CDC has been talking about this for a long time, as has Dr. Birx and I. So we thought we would put it together in a neat-form way that would be available to the general public.

What Dr. Birx had mentioned is that, just the other day, I got one of many, many emails where some of my colleagues that I know from Australia actually decided they were going to write a paper on it and make a number of boxes, which was exactly saying what we had been talking about. So we came up with the idea—it would be very good for clarity, so why don't we just put it together, edit it a little, and put it in a way that people can look: "What about the home? What about the school? What about the workplace?"

These are really simple, low-tech things. There's nothing in there that's complicated. But it's just stated in a way that's clear, that people can understand.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: I might ask the Surgeon General—is there anything about the guidance you want to reflect on?

SURGEON GENERAL ADAMS: Well, one thing I want folks to know is that we have been looking at the data from around the world, and we now know more than we ever have about who is at risk. Who is at risk—and I hope you will help us communicate this to the American people—are people over the age of 60; they're much more likely to develop complications from the coronavirus and to be hospitalized from the coronavirus. The average age of death is age 80.

Now, what we also want communities to know is that if you are a child or young adult, you are much more—you're more likely to die from the flu, if you get it, than you are to die from coronavirus. So there's something about being young that is protective. We want people to be reassured by that.

We want people to know that we are really focusing in on those groups that are at highest risk for complications, and helping them understand how to be safe. And this new advice that's going to be coming out tomorrow is designed to keep our community safe, to help keep the most vulnerable safe. And it's important to understand that even though young people aren't at risk for dying from coronavirus, they can potentially spread that to older people in the communities and people with chronic diseases.

So it's important we all take precautions: washing our hands, covering our cough, keeping our distance from people who are sick, and taking the steps that will be coming out in this new guidance to help make sure we're doing everything we know possible to keep our most vulnerable protected.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great. Well done. Thank you.

And I'm going to—I think the Surgeon General raises a very important point. You know, my mother is 88 years young. My stepfather is about the same age. This is just a really good time—what Dr. Fauci tells us, what the experts tell us is to look after—look after family members, loved ones who are senior citizens, and particularly those who have serious underlying health conditions. All the data, Dr. Birx confirms to us, that they—they're the most vulnerable to serious consequences if they contract the coronavirus.

But the guidance that we would—we would ask members of the media and the American public looking on: You can go to [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.covid19.gov). This information will be posted tonight. And hopefully it will be useful, helpful, common sense for families, for schools, for businesses, and for commercial establishments that welcome the public in, just to—just to create the kind of practices that we believe will mitigate the spread of the coronavirus across the country as a whole.

But with regard to seniors, I might just ask Seema Verma to step up and speak about—last week, at the President's direction, we raised the standards for every nursing home in America with regard to infectious disease. And we are deploying all 8,000 of our inspectors in every state, as we told the governors today, to focus exclusively on infectious disease compliance at our nursing homes.

Our hearts break for the families at the Kirkland nursing home in Seattle. The loss of life has been grievous. But we are—we are sending the message out, working with our governors to make sure our nursing homes and long-term care facilities have the additional layer of protection against the spread of the coronavirus.

And maybe you can give us —

ADMINISTRATOR VERMA: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

As he said, that's exactly where our focus is: It's around infection control. And we're working with the entire healthcare industry. Today, we issued more guidance

to nursing homes about really upping their screening of people that are coming into the nursing home and making sure that, you know, they're gloved and they have masks so that they—so that we can protect people that are in the nursing homes.

The other thing that we're doing is, because we know that many of our senior citizens are vulnerable, we want to make sure that they know that the Medicare program is behind them and we're here to support them. We're letting our patients know that they can get a coronavirus test and that there is no cost-sharing associated with that for our seniors on the Medicare program.

And we're also letting them know that, because of the President's leadership, over a year and a half ago, he took action to actually extend more telehealth benefits to our nation's seniors. And this is a very historic change that we made under the President's leadership.

And so, if they're sick and they're ill, they can call their doctor, they can Skype with their doctor, and Medicare will reimburse for those services. And we've also, in our conversations with governors today, we've talked about having telehealth services also available in the Medicaid program.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Great. Let me—let me invite Bob Kadlec, who is Deputy Secretary of HHS, to come forward as well to fill us in on the latest on the progress on the Grand Princess —

DR. KADLEC: Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

THE VICE PRESIDENT:—that is dockside now and is going through a very careful process of having Americans and foreign nationals come off, and everyone will be tested.

DR. KADLEC: Thank you very much, sir. And, yes, we began our medical operation to basically disembark those passengers. On Saturday, we placed the medical crew on that boat to augment the physicians and nurses that were already on the ship. We basically ensured that the quarantine on the boat and isolation were being enforced, and then evaluated first the children and those who are ill, identifying anyone who is severely ill, if possible.

When the boat arrived on dockside today, additional medical personnel came on board and began an orderly disembarkation. Our intent is to basically disembark about half of the passengers on the boat today and the other half tomorrow. And everyone will be medically screened before they get off. If there's any question about their physical or health, they'll be screened again more additionally. And then they'll be transferred to one of the four quarantine sites in the United States: Travis Air Force Base, Miramar Naval Air Station, Lackland Air Force Base, and Dobbins Air Force Base in Georgia.

The foreign passengers will be transferred to—the Canadians will be taken back to Canada, and we're working with the United Kingdom to return their passengers back to the United Kingdom.

But we're doing this all in cooperation with the great support of the State of California, the City of Oakland, and with the support of the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: Okay. Great. And on the subject of testing, we had a very good discussion today, as I mentioned, with 47 governors. And I outlined for them all of the different testing methods that are available. We have tests now in every state lab in America, but we're rapidly expanding that.

And let me ask the Secretary of HHS to give us the latest on the availability of testing to the American public and at the states.

SECRETARY AZAR: Great. Thank you, Mr. Vice President. So we continue with our strategic plan at HHS, across all of the components represented by many of the leaders here, which is to diagnose, to treat, to contain, to mitigate, to research, and communicate. It's what we do in a healthcare crisis situation.

One element of that is the test, which, of course, CDC developed in record time after getting the genetic sequence posted from China. That then was available at CDC, and from that point on, there was no individual that a public health official needed to get tested that CDC didn't have surplus capacity to test. But we've been moving progressively to bring that test closer and closer and closer to the patient and to the bedside, and to make it as easy as possible for us to use testing, very much in line with our peer countries facing similar epidemiological circumstances.

At this point, we—as many of you who were here on Saturday for the briefing know—we have over 1 million tests that have shipped from CDC and to private contractors that are the CDC type of test. Those are now out. And as the Vice President mentioned, every state public health lab has validated in operating those tests. In addition, hundreds of thousands of those tests are in hospitals, in private labs, in commercial labs. We now have a total of 2.1 million tests that are available, either shipped or waiting to be shipped or waiting to be ordered.

We, by the end of this week, expect to be able to be producing up to 4 million tests per week in the United States. And that is on top of what the private commercial entities—the companies you know of, like LabCorp or Quest—using their technology, the test that they're getting out—which is an even better experience for the patient because those were -- they are able to actually collect samples directly in doctors' offices, have a very sophisticated collection system to their labs, again, making it a very much more seamless patient experience. They're now validated and getting up and running. And that, you'll see even more of that.

So as I said, over the next week or so, you're just going to see a progressively better patient and physician and provider experience connected to diagnostic testing here in the United States. Thank you.

THE VICE PRESIDENT: With that, I want to—I want to invite the Director of CDC to come forward just to give you an overview of where we are in the country with regard to cases. And then we'll take questions on any of the topics.

DR. REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Vice President. We do continue to see an increased number in cases, again, as we said we would. As time passes, we

currently have over 500 cases now in the United States, outside of the repatriation cases and the cases on the Diamond Princess. We now have cases in 35 states that have been reported and the District of Columbia.

I want to reiterate what the Vice President said, despite what I just said here, is that, at the present time, the risk to the American public does remain low. We do have several community outbreaks, which we're focusing on in the Seattle area; in the Santa Clara, California area; in Westminster, in New York; and in Florida.

And these are areas that we're investigating heavily to try to understand the transmission mechanisms there and begin to help these jurisdictions begin to operationalize a series of mitigation strategies to help, again, to slow and contain the outbreak. Thank you.

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

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- A Reuters article by Winni Zhou and Brenda Goh titled "As China's Coronavirus Outbreak Eases, a Wary Return to Shops for Consumers" was posted at reuters.com on March 17, 2020.
  - An article by Nassar Karimi and Jon Gambrell titled "Iran Warns Virus Could Kill 'Millions' in Islamic Republic" was posted at apnews.com on March 17, 2020.
  - An article titled "Queen Elizabeth Moves Out of Buckingham Palace Due to Novel Coronavirus Scare" was posted at indiatoday.com on March 15, 2020.
  - An article by Victoria Murphy titled "Queen Elizabeth Returns to Buckingham Palace After Announcing Coronavirus-Related Changes" was posted at countryliving.com on March 17, 2020.
  - A Reuters article titled "Iran President Says Iran Responded, Will Respond to Assassination of Soleimani" was posted at reuters.com on March 18, 2020.



An article by Clint Cooper titled "Trump Has to Battle Media in Battling Coronavirus" was posted at timesfreepress.com on March 17, 2020. Following is the article.

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If President Donald Trump appeared today to announce a cure for the coronavirus, the national media would fault him for keeping them in the dark, for taking a victory lap by making the announcement himself or by saying the announcement was timed so the roaring economy wouldn't falter.

We exaggerate a little, but not much.

If one constantly stayed tune to the national media, one would not think Trump had done anything right about the virus.

But national experts praised his early bans on travel from China and Europe.

Indeed, former White House physician Dr. Ronny Jackson said Trump's "quick and decisive actions" are likely to keep the virus from spreading in the United States as it has in other places.

"What's going on in Italy and Iran is not going to happen here I think," he said on the Fox News show "Hannity." "I think we are going to be more in line with what's going on in South Korea and things of that nature.

"We are going to see that we got on it early the president stopped it quickly," Jackson added, "and it's going to save countless American lives. I am proud that he's acted so quickly and decisively in all of this."

We should all, regardless of party, hope he is right.

Trump, for sure, finally is treating the coronavirus with the seriousness it deserves. Up to now, the national media would have preferred he prepared the country for an apocalyptic future rather than saying it is "something we have tremendous control of."

We have long despaired of the president's wording on some issues, and in this case his early, overzealous wording of confidence may have hidden the serious work related to the virus going on behind the scenes.

Of course, it doesn't help Trump when the likes of a member of *The New York Times* editorial board are intentionally spreading social media lies about his response to the virus.

On Monday, Mara Gay tweeted, "Trump told governors this morning they are on their own: 'Respirators, ventilators, all of the equipment—try getting it yourselves,' Mr. Trump told the governors during the conference call, a recording of which was shared with The New York Times."

Heartless of the president, right?

Well, a link in Gay's tweet to the newspaper's updates on the virus spelled out the truth.

"Mr. Trump told a group of governors that they should not wait for the federal government to fill the growing demand for respirators needed to help people diagnosed with coronavirus," the dispatch said. The president then said the words Gay tweeted.

"We will be backing you, but try getting it yourselves," he added, according to the dispatch. "Point of sales, much better, much more direct if you can get it yourself."

It was a sin of omission by Gay but a deliberate sin of omission.

Meanwhile, at a televised news conference Monday, Trump had dropped the "we've-got-this" tone. While saying "we will rally together as one nation, and

we will defeat the virus,” he nevertheless laid out the importance of not gathering in groups of more than 10 people, stated a vaccine had entered its first human trial and admitted social distancing could extend into the summer.

When he did, White House media kept repeating the timeline as if he were stating for a fact it wouldn't end until July or August. Finally, he and aides had to reiterate that he was suggesting a worst-case scenario, not what might likely happen.

The same was true about a query whether the virus crisis was sending the country into a recession. “It may be,” Trump said, adding that the end of the virus could make the economy bounce right back. He'd used the word “recession,” though, a word that is likely to be parroted back from a national media hopeful a recession could help elect a Democrat in the fall.

In those exchanges can be seen the national media's typical responses to Trump since he announced his candidacy for president in 2015: Forget the central fact of what is being stated and concentrate on something controversial, something said on conjecture (like the waning of the virus or a recession), or the way or manner in which something was said.

Yes, the president didn't help himself by falling for a question about how he would rate himself in his response to the crisis—an undeserved 10 out of 10, of course, when he should have said he wouldn't answer such a foolish question.

But it wouldn't have mattered what Trump said in the eyes of the national media, even in this Sunshine Week, which highlights the importance of open government laws and access to public records. It would have been wrong.

Going forward, at least in regard to the virus (but other things, too), he should stick to the facts and his experts. Together, they offer the country the best solution in dealing with the crisis.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Rights Vs. Wishes” was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on March 11, 2020. Following is the article.

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Sen. Bernie Sanders said: “I believe that health care is a right of all people.” He's not alone in that contention. That claim comes from Democrats and Republicans and liberals and conservatives.

It is not just a health care right that people claim. There are “rights” to decent housing, decent food, a decent job and prescription drugs.

In a free and moral society, do people have these rights? Let's begin by asking ourselves: What is a right?

In the standard usage of the term, a “right” is something that exists simultaneously among people. In the case of our U.S. Constitutional decree, we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our individual right

to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness imposes no obligation upon another other than the duty of noninterference.

As such, a right imposes no obligation on another.

For example, the right to free speech is something we all possess simultaneously. My right to free speech imposes no obligation upon another except that of noninterference. Similarly, I have a right to travel freely. Again, that right imposes no obligation upon another except that of noninterference.

Sanders' claim that health care is a right does impose obligations upon others. We see that by recognizing that there is no Santa Claus or tooth fairy who gives resources to government to pay for medical services. Moreover, the money does not come from congressmen and state legislators reaching into their own pockets to pay for the service. That means that in order for government to provide medical services to someone who cannot afford it, it must use intimidation, threats and coercion to take the earnings of another American to provide that service.

Let's apply this bogus concept of rights to my right to speak and travel freely. In the case of my right to free speech, it might impose obligations on others to supply me with an auditorium, microphone and audience.

It may require newspapers or television stations to allow me to use their property to express my views. My right to travel freely might require that others provide me with resources to purchase airplane tickets and hotel accommodations.

What if I were to demand that others make sacrifices so that I can exercise my free speech and travel rights, I suspect that most Americans would say, "Williams, you have rights to free speech and you have a right to travel freely, but I'm not obligated to pay for them!"

A moral vision of rights does not mean that we should not help our fellow man in need. It means that helping with health care needs to be voluntary (i.e., free market decisions or voluntary donations to charities that provide health care.) The government's role in health care is to protect this individual right to choose.

As Senator Rand Paul was brave enough to say, "The basic assumption that you have a right to get something from somebody else means you have to endorse the concept of theft."

Statists go further to claim that people have a "right" to housing, to a job, to an education, to an affordable wage. These so-called rights impose burdens on others in the form of involuntary servitude.

If one person has a right to something he did not earn, it means that another person does not have a right to something he did earn.

The provision by the U.S. Congress of a so-called right to health care should offend any sense of moral decency. If you're a Christian or a Jew, you should be against the notion of one American living at the expense of another.

When God gave Moses the Eighth Commandment—"Thou shalt not steal"—I am sure that He did not mean, "Thou shalt not steal—unless there is a majority vote in the U.S. Congress."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Birds and Bees of Economics" was posted at patriotpost.us on March 14, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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When it comes to making money, self-confirmed Socialist Bernie Sanders is no slouch. In spite of his hatred of Capitalism, he has managed to accumulate over a million dollars and three homes. What's more, he isn't ashamed of his wealth. He even boasts that he earned it writing books, something that I, who have devoted most of my life to writing, haven't been able to do.

Still and all, he doesn't appear to know the simplest facts of life when it comes to money.

The things he has proposed during his presidential campaign come at a very steep price. And while these can only be estimated, I think we can all agree that when it comes to government spending, there will always be cost-overruns.

But let us, for the sake of argument, agree with these seemingly reasonable guesses: Medicare for All, \$36 trillion; Federal Jobs Guarantee, \$44.6 trillion; Housing for All, \$2.5 trillion; Green New Deal, \$161 trillion. So, even without including free college tuition, the paying off of college debt and providing free health care to illegal aliens, we're talking about \$244.1 trillion. And that's only for the first 10 years.

When asked how he (meaning we) would pay for all this, Sanders talks about raising taxes on the super wealthy.

What he appears to be unaware of is that even if you include his two former competitors, Michael Bloomberg and Tom Steyer, there are only another 605 billionaires in America. Their accumulated wealth amounts to a paltry \$9.1 trillion. That would cover only one-fourth of Bernie's Medicare for All wet dream.

And keep in mind I'm not talking about raising taxes on the likes of Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Ted Turner, Mark Zuckerberg, George Soros, Warren Buffett, Charles Koch, Sam Walton's kids, Elon Musk and even Oprah Winfrey. I'm talking about confiscating every last one of their dollars and leaving them barefoot on the streets, sleeping in cardboard boxes.

The scary thing isn't just that a presidential contender is proposing something as insane as a series of expenditures that are not rooted in anything even slightly resembling reality but are the delusions of a committed Communist who holds the United States in contempt.

Sanders is not merely a fantasist, he is someone who finds the time to compliment the achievements of murderous despots like Mao, Stalin, Castro, Che

Guevara and Hugo Chavez, but has never had a good word to say about the moral and intellectual titans who founded this nation.

But as scary as he is, what's even more blood-curdling is the fact that there are tens of millions of Americans who are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to vote for him.

#### ■ I agree with Rush Limbaugh

In case you missed it, Chelsea Clinton, who is now being identified as an assistant professor of public health at Columbia, weighed in on the coronavirus to complain that Rush Limbaugh was downplaying the seriousness of the threat and deriding President Trump for not doing enough to keep us safe from what, so far at least, is not living up to the media hype.

I happen to agree with Mr. Limbaugh. As I see it, any disease that can't kill off more than about 2,500 people world-wide in a month hardly deserves to be called an epidemic.

#### ■ Chelsea Clinton

But speaking of diseases, is there no way to rid ourselves of the Clintons? At least Bill seems to have retired from politics, the better to pursue women in his 70s. But Hillary keeps hanging around like a bad head cold, while her equally obnoxious daughter keeps popping up like the world's homeliest jack-in-the-box.

Does anyone, including Kirsten Gillibrand, doubt that New York City resident, Assistant Professor of Public Health Chelsea Clinton, could run for Gillibrand's Senate seat and win? After all, New York is one of the few places where Hillary Clinton could walk the streets and not have people pointing at her and screaming "Unclean!"

#### ■ Bloomberg and guns

Speaking of obnoxious New Yorkers, Michael Bloomberg has spent many years and donated millions of dollars to help elect like-minded politicians who sought to revoke the Second Amendment.

Just because he has given up hopes of becoming President Bloomberg doesn't mean he won't continue doing everything in his power to revoke the Second Amendment.

Now that he has dropped out of the race, he will be spending his money to help Joe Biden get elected. No doubt with the understanding that Biden and his gun czar Beto O'Rourke will attempt to confiscate the guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens.

But I wonder if it has ever occurred to Bloomberg that long before the NRA was created, it was the likes of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, who constituted what he and his fellow morons so contemptuously refer to as the gun lobby.

#### ■ Empowering China

China has lately been much in the news, but never in a good way. If it's not a disease they're exporting, it's tainted dog food. When they're not conquering Tibet and threatening Taiwan and Japan, they're propping up their loony,

nuclear-armed, puppet in North Korea. When they're not building islands in the South China Sea and turning them into military installations, they're churning out electronic devices capable of spying on their owners. When they're not rolling tanks over Chinese freedom seekers in Tiananmen Square, they're turning firehoses on freedom seekers in Hong Kong.

And if all that isn't bad enough, they're chowing down on bats, skunks, snakes, badgers and puppy dogs.

But it didn't all happen overnight and they didn't do it all by themselves.

First, it took Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger to swing open the door to the West.

Then a series of presidents stood idly by while our factories closed, placing millions of workers on the unemployment roster, so that their jobs could be moved to China.

As we've just recently discovered, among the essential things we've entrusted the Chinese to produce for us are antibiotics, penicillin, face masks and most of our generic pharmaceuticals.

For his part, Bill Clinton saw to it that whatever American technology the Chinese weren't able to steal be provided to them in exchange for contributions to his re-election campaign.

But even those creeps couldn't have carried it all off by themselves. The rest of us had to do our part to help make China the financial giant, and thereby the military colossus they've become, by buying all their crapola at Target and Walmart.

There is a certain cruel irony in the fact that a nation that demands a minimum wage for unskilled workers and union wages for all the rest insists on buying so many things produced by serfs earning coolie wages.

#### ■ More thoughts

Time for a few more thoughts culled from the pages of "Screw Calm and Get Angry":  
"Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret." (Benjamin Disraeli)

"If you wake up and you're not in pain, you know you're dead." (Russian proverb)

"Life is easy to chronicle but bewildering to practice." (E.M. Forster)

"I know that God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much." (Mother Teresa)

"It is preoccupation with possession, more than anything else, that prevents men from living freely and nobly." (Bertrand Russell)

"In our civilization, and under our form of government, intelligence is so highly honored that it is rewarded by exemption from the cares of office." (Ambrose Bierce)



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Math for Dummies" was posted at patriot-post.us on March 16, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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When I hear liberals toss around numbers that make no sense, I find myself wondering if it's all the fault of the new math they began teaching after I was out of school.

But since some of the people who are the worst offenders are nearly as old as I am, I know that can't be the entire answer.

I mean, even Bernie Sanders has to realize there's not enough money in America to pay for all the "free" stuff he's promising to deliver if elected. And Joe Biden, who's only a few months younger than Bernie, is just as bad, with his insistence that 150 million Americans were killed with guns since 2007.

#### ■ Every American \$1 Million?

Recently, over on MSNBC, Brian Williams, who's 60, was chatting with NY Times editorial writer Mara Gay, 29, about Michael Bloomberg's failed campaign. They actually had the gall to suggest he wasn't very bright because he'd squandered \$500 million and only ended up carrying American Samoa on Super Tuesday. For that same amount, Williams told Ms. Gay, Bloomberg could have given every American one million dollars!

As there are 330 million Americans, the actual amount he could have doled out to each of us is a puny \$1.51.

That might have been impressive a long time ago. But these days, you can't buy very many things, including votes, for \$1.51.

What was most disturbing about the exchange is that Ms. Gay didn't give Mr. Williams a funny look and ask him what he was talking about. Neither did his producer, who is generally in constant touch with the on-air talent through a small receiver in the host's ear. So, although, there may be someone in the cleaning crew at MSNBC who knows that 500 million divided by 330 million is not a million, apparently the folks who are paid the big bucks haven't the slightest clue.

#### ■ 17,000 Americans have already died of the flu

Speaking of numbers, 76 days into the year, 17,000 Americans have already died of the flu but all you hear about are the handful who have died from the Chinese virus.

On a foggy, snowy day in the Midwest, we have all grown accustomed to that many fatalities in a single highway pileup.

If a small number of deaths can cause the mass hysteria we have all witnessed recently, God only knows what will happen if this country is ever faced with a real life calamity.

In 75 years, we've gone from the Greatest Generation to the Lamest. We're scared of our own shadows, we can't do basic math and, lately, we've begun reacting to coughs and sneezes as if they're gunshots.

## ■ Daylight saving time

Isn't it past time that we did something about Daylight Saving Time? Such as get rid of it?

Of all the dumb ideas ever foisted on people, this is truly one of the goofiest.

I have heard it defended as good for farmers and store owners. I say, let them fool around with their own clocks and leave the rest of us alone.

In case you didn't know, there are two states that don't bother changing their clocks and watches twice a year. They're Hawaii and Arizona (except for the Navajo tribal lands), and their farmers and store owners seem to do just fine.

I wonder how Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are going to get along once they're both back in the Senate. Although she knew she was out of the race even before Super Tuesday, she stuck around to drain votes away from Sanders, allowing Biden to capture 10 of the 14 states in play, when he would have been lucky to win seven if she'd dropped out a week earlier.

## ■ Blaming sexism

Taking a page out of Hillary Clinton's playbook, Warren blamed sexism for her dismal showing, even though most Democrats are women.

With their weak grasp on logic and reality, I suppose it makes sense that Democrats have so much trouble when it comes to arithmetic.

## ■ Boy scouts and homosexuality

There are times when you don't really need a fully functioning crystal ball to recognize the inevitable long before certain things take place. For instance, you didn't need to be Nostradamus to recognize that once the Boy Scouts of America threw open its doors to homosexual scout leaders, an army of attorneys would start licking their lips in anticipation of the lawsuits that would eventually be heading their way.

## ■ Chief Justice

After Chief Justice John Roberts chastised Sen. Chuck Schumer, who, while playing to a crowd of abortion enthusiasts, threatened Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh.

In Schumer's defense, the Democrats pointed to Trump's referring to a female judge who had displeased him as an "Obama judge."

At the time, Roberts, who isn't really as stupid as he sometimes appears, insisted there's no such thing as a Democrat judge or a Republican judge. But of course there is, which explains why there are so many split 5-4 decisions.

## ■ Moral equivalency

But what people should find the most disturbing is the false moral equivalency in which liberals love to engage.

Sometimes, when a serial killer is executed, the pinheads will insist that what the state did is just as bad as what he did.

Sometimes, as Steven Spielberg managed in "Munich," they like to pretend that when Israel tracked down and executed the Arabs who murdered 11 Israelis at the Munich Olympics, they were no better than the terrorists.

And sometimes, they pretend that threatening the physical safety of Supreme Court justices is no worse than saying someone is an "Obama judge," even if she happens to be an Obama judge.

#### ■ Girl Scouts and Planned Parenthood

When I think about the Girl Scouts, I picture the tiny tykes surrounding me as I exit my local supermarket and shaming me into buying a box of over-priced cookies.

But until I heard from Ralph Barnett, I had been unaware that the leadership of the GSUSA is connected at the hip to Planned Parenthood.

After I looked into it, I discovered that the leadership is also favorably disposed to homosexuality.

In the future, I just may have to plow over the Munchkins when they try to hogtie me and make me buy those thin mint cookies, which aren't all that bad. But what are those tasty little cookies compared to my principles?



"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.

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### **Coronavirus fear and panic**

■ An article by Valerie Richardson titled " 'Inducing Panic': Media Under Fire for Driving Coronavirus Hype to Epidemic Levels" was posted at [washington-times.com](http://washington-times.com) on March 11, 2020.

■ Looking back to February, an article by Michael Le Page, Debora Mackenzie titled "Could the New Coronavirus Really Kill 50 Million People Worldwide?" was posted at [newscientist.com](http://newscientist.com) on Feb. 11, 2020.

■ An article by Tim Stickings titled "15 Million People Will Die and the Global Economy Will Take a \$2.3 Trillion Hit From Coronavirus in the Best-Case Scenario, New Study Predicts" was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](http://dailymail.co.uk) on March 6, 2020.

■ An article by Anna Harnes titled "Study Claims 15 Million People Will Die From Coronavirus in the 'Best-Case' Scenario" was posted at [inquisitr.com](http://inquisitr.com) on March 6, 2020.

- An article by Chas Danner titled "CDC's Worst-Case Coronavirus Model: 214 Million Infected, 117 Million Dead" was posted at nymag.com on March 13, 2020.
- An article by J. Edward Moreno titled "California Projects 56 Percent of Population Will Be Infected With Coronavirus Over 8-Week Period" was posted at thehill.com on March 19, 2020.

## **Finances**

- An article by Jake Coyle titled "Coronavirus Brings Entertainment World to a Standstill" was posted at apnews.com on March 12, 2020.
- An article by John Biers and Roland Jackson titled "Global Airlines Slash Flights As U.S. Carriers Seek \$50 Billion Bailout" was posted at afp.com on March 16, 2020.
- An article by Tatiana Siegel, Borys Kit and Lesley Goldberg titled "Hollywood Could Take \$20 Billion Hit From Coronavirus Impact" was posted at hollywoodreporter.com on March 13, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Sandra Amrhein and Zachary Fagenson titled "In Florida Retirement Hub, More Worry About Stock Market Collapse Than Getting Sick From Coronavirus" was posted at reuters.com on March 16, 2020.
- An article by Jeff Cox titled "Fed Says It Will Offer an Additional \$500 Billion in Overnight Repo Funding Markets" was posted at cnbc.com on March 16, 2020.
- An article by Eliza Relman titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Demands the Government Distribute a Universal Basic Income and Implement 'Medicare for All' to Fight Coronavirus" was posted at businessinsider.com on March 12, 2020.
- An article by Victor Reklaitis titled "Romney, Other Lawmakers Call for Sending \$1,000 Checks to Americans As Part of Coronavirus Response" was posted at marketwatch.com on March 16, 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 Dave Keating titled "Could Coronavirus Beat Green Deal in Slowing Climate Change?" was posted at forbes.com on March 10, 2020.
- An article by Daniel Turner titled "How the Wuhan Virus Is Accomplishing the Green New Deal's Goals" was posted at thefederalist.com on March 12, 2020.
- An article by Enda Curran titled "Coronavirus Will Change How We Shop, Travel and Work for Years" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 13, 2020.
- An article by Michelle Kaufman titled "American Airlines Grounds 55,000 Flights, Offers Voluntary Leaves to Employees" was posted at miamiherald.com on March 19, 2020.

## **Illegal immigration**

- An article by Scott Morefield titled "The Left Is Perfectly Fine With Any Coronavirus Measure, Except This [Closing the Border]" was posted at townhall.com on March 16, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Joe Biden Promises No Deportations During First 100 Days of His Presidency" was posted at townhall.com on March 16, 2020.
- An article titled "Greece's First Woman President Vows to Defend Borders, Rights; Warns on Virus" was posted at afp.com on March 13, 2020.

## **Comments about weapons**

- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Banning the Sale of Firearms and Ammunition Because of Wuhan Virus? An Illinois Mayor [Deborah Frank Feinen of Champaign, Illinois] Just Signed An Executive Order to Do It" was posted at townhall.com on March 13, 2020.
- An article by Lisa Marie Pane titled "Virus Fears Fuel Spike in Sales of Guns and Ammunition" was posted at apnews.com on March 15, 2020.

## **Comments about Trump support**

- Looking back to January, an article by Yaron Steinbuch titled "White House Weighs Ban on Flights Between China, US Amid Coronavirus Outbreak" was posted at nypost.com on Jan. 29, 2020.
- Looking back to January, an article by Sergei Klebnikov titled "U.S. Declares Coronavirus a Public Health Emergency As Major Airlines Suspend China Travel" was posted at forbes.com on Jan. 31, 2020.
- Looking back to January, an article titled "US Travel Ban: Trump Restricts Immigration From Nigeria and Five Other Countries" was posted at bbc.com on Jan. 31, 2020.
- An article by Courtney O'Brien titled "Rep. Gohmert [of Texas] Not Moving on Emergency Relief Bill Until He Sees the 'Substantial Changes'" was posted at townhall.com on March 16, 2020.

## **Comments about Trump opposition**

- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Biden Calls Trump Racist for Stating the Fact That Wuhan Virus Began in China" was posted at thefederalist.com on March 12, 2020.
- An article by Tom Pappert titled "Biden Called Trump's Chinese Coronavirus Travel Ban 'Xenophobia'" was posted at nationalfile.com on March 12, 2020.
- An article by David Siders and Holly Otterbein titled "A 'Never Biden' Movement Vows Not to Vote for Joe" was posted at politico.com on March 13, 2020.
- An article by Jon Levine titled "Bernie Bros Warn of 'Massive Exodus' If Democrats Nominate Biden" was posted at nypost.com on March 14, 2020.

■ Looking back to February, an article by Craig Bannister titled “Trump, Jr: I Testified for 30 Hours, ‘Hunter Biden Is Taking Millions, They Don’t Even Consider Calling Him’ ” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Feb. 3, 2020.

### News about the media

■ An article by Julio Rosas titled “Mainstream Media Reporters Spread Trump Quote Missing Vital Context About Wuhan Virus Response” was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on March 16, 2020.

■ An article by David Marcus titled “As Trump Spoke [on March 13], Stocks Soared; But CNN Won’t Tell You That” was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on March 13, 2020.

■ An article by Will Thorne titled “First Joe Biden-Bernie Sanders Debate Scores 10.8 Million Viewers” was posted at [variety.com](https://www.variety.com) on March 16, 2020.

■ An article by Matt Wilstein titled “Fox News Host Jesse Watters Admits He Should Have Taken Coronavirus ‘Seriously’ ” was posted at [thedailybeast.com](https://www.thedailybeast.com) on March 16, 2020.

### General interest

■ An article titled “Stockton [California] Mall Closed After Dozens of Teens Confront Security Guard” was posted at [kcra.com](https://www.kcra.com) on March 12, 2020.

■ An article by Jeff Amy, Elana Schor and Denise Lavoie titled “Worshippers Go Online, Those at Services Keep a Distance” was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on March 15, 2020.

■ An article by Michelle Boorstein titled “For Millions of Americans, No Church on Sunday Is Coronavirus’s Crueliest Closure So Far” was posted at [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) on March 14, 2020.

■ An article by Daniel S. Levine titled “Kid Rock’s Nashville Bar Refuses to Close Amid Coronavirus Concerns, Calls Major’s Mandate ‘Unconstitutional’ ” was posted at [popculture.com](https://www.popculture.com) on March 15, 2020.



**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.”