

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 Christopher Bedford titled “Everywhere Statues Are Torn Down by the Mob, History Promises People Are Next” was posted at thefederalist.com on June 23, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

For millennia, King Mob has targeted societies’ icons with varied goals and to varied ends, and few things are more foreboding than his desecration of civic art.

Just as the targets have ranged from rulers to clergy, from tyrants to helpless, and from the guilty to the innocent, the outcomes have ranged from victory to defeat depending on the society’s strength and will.

The promise of bloodshed coming alongside or following shortly after, however, is an historic certainty. The symbols of a people never satisfy: People themselves must always come next.

Mobs in Paris

In 1790, mobs looted and pillaged Paris’s treasured Notre Dame. To the revolutionaries, the cathedral symbolized everything that was wrong with France’s history and society—a history of kings, tradition and religion, and a society beset by royal injustice and systemic inequality.

Over the next three years, the 12th-century church’s riches and artifacts were stripped, stolen, and destroyed, their remnants hidden by the faithful

and sold off by the faithless. Statues of the Virgin Mary were removed and statues to the Goddess of Liberty took their place on desecrated altars.

At nearby Sainte-Chapelle, the revolution pulled the apostles from the pedestals where they had stood watch over Christ's Crown of Thorns. The 12 statues were vandalized and buried—half so badly they are still undergoing attempts at restoration.

As the destruction of religious art unfurled, priests who did not swear allegiance to the new order and those who aided them were sentenced to death.

Back at the cathedral, the revolutionary government mistook the 28 statues of the kings of ancient Judah for French kings (rich old men and all), dragging them into the public square for decapitation. Their buried heads were not rediscovered for nearly 200 years.

In the Place de Louis XV, the large statue of the square's namesake was torn down and the plaza renamed Place de la Revolution. A guillotine was raised, and the "liberated" space would see the execution of more than 1,200 prisoners, from King Louis XVI and his wife to the executions' ringleader himself, Maximilien Robespierre.

Seventeen hundred years before, Pliny the Younger described Emperor Domitian's golden statues "rudely battered down, and made a sacrifice to public joy" amidst his toppling and assassination.

He wrote: "It was a sport and pastime to humble those [statues'] exalted heads, to make them prostrate and kiss the ground, to maul them with hammers, to hew them with hatchets, as if at every stroke blood and pain had been to follow. None was so moderate in the venting of his raptures, none so sober in his overflowing joys, but that he thought it a luscious piece of revenge to see their mangled limbs, their dissevered joints, and finally their grim and ghastly images divested of all their borrowed majesty, and thrown into the flames to be melted down into better use and service."

Mobs in America

In the United States, mob vandalism began in 2017 with a statue of an unnamed Confederate soldier, escalating to Confederate officers and Gen. Robert E. Lee, who died a nationally recognized champion of peaceful American reconciliation.

When critics, including President Donald Trump, worried the iconoclasm would continue to Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, they were mocked by left-wing reporters, columnists and hosts, from the once-respected *New York Times* to the pancy and excitable John Oliver.

Less than three years later, statues of Washington and Jefferson were defaced and torn from their pedestals. The World War II Memorial to America's actual anti-fascists was spray-painted, along with the Lincoln Memorial. A northern abolitionist boycotted in the South was splashed with blood-red paint and had a noose hung around his neck.

A relief of heroic black Union soldiers was vandalized, the hero of the Union Army was torn from his slab, and a monument to three black victims of racial violence was defiled. A statue of Saint Junípero Serra was pulled down days later, with one supporter calling for his bones to be dug up and desecrated.

Sacred religious statues depicting Christ as light-skinned "are a form of white supremacy . . . Tear them down," race-baiting activist Shaun King wrote Monday afternoon. "All murals and stained glass windows of white Jesus, and his European mother, and their white friends should also come down."

On Friday, a statue of a Confederate soldier was strung up and hanged from a lamppost in a ghastly warning of things to come.

Policemen and reporters have been attacked, while mayors and journalists have defended the riots as "mostly peaceful."

When an historic church across from the White House was set ablaze, its leader welcomed the mob and decried the president. She was joined in her outreach by Washington's Catholic archbishop, and the mayor named the street after the mob.

Monday night as I write, her church has been freshly defaced and the mob has declared the mayor's street their "autonomous zone."

The same evening across the country, the second shooting in just days led the mayor of Seattle to announce the mob's armed and walled "autonomous zone" would be dismantled.

For the previous two weeks, the mayor had withdrawn police from the precinct station and surrounding area, ceding downtown to King Mob to victimize and terrorize small business owners and each other at will.

"Does anybody here know what happened to the people who did not get on board with the French Revolution?" a member of the mob shouted into a megaphone a week prior.

"Chopped!" the mob chanted its violent response.

■ A society that believes in itself builds monuments, a sick society does not, and a dying society watches as they are torn down.

While Roman kings, French monks, American Tories, and Russian tsarists were unable to defeat the revolutions that first tore down their symbols, today in the United States we are simply unwilling.

Blood is already spilling, with civilian defenders, bystanders, workers, and rioters killed and seriously injured in cities all across the country.

Without a committed and targeted crackdown on this disorder and its leaders, the committed and targeted killings of their opponents and critics will come next.

The increasingly violent mobs in our streets are chanting for it, and the revolts of human history have come to it every time. You can be sure the ghost of King Mob will see it done. He always does.



An article by Kevin Agorastos titled “The Truth About Slavery” was posted at americanthinker.com on June 21, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Recently, Senator Tim Kaine spoke on the Senate floor and made a provocative statement: “The first African-Americans sent into the English colonies came to Point Comfort in 1619. They were slaves, they had been captured against their will, but they landed in colonies that didn’t have slavery—there were no laws about slavery in the colonies at that time.”

Senator Kaine went on to say, “The United States didn’t inherit slavery from anybody. We created it. It got created by the Virginia General Assembly and the legislatures of other states. It got created by the court systems in colonial America that enforced fugitive slave laws.”

The mention of the year 1619 was certainly not random. It coincides with the *New York Times’* 1619 Project, which attempts to conflate Britain’s slavery with that of the United States.

Two errors

Senator Kaine is wrong in two regards.

- First, the United States didn’t invent slavery—not even close. Slavery was universally practiced by every civilization at one time or another since time immemorial.
- And second, we did in fact inherit slavery from the British.

King George III had opposed anti-slavery laws and vetoed every anti-slave law in the colonies in 1774. So prolific was slavery that it would have been impossible to change it overnight. However, an early attempt to address the ills of slavery was made with the founding of the United States.

Jefferson condemned slavery

Thomas Jefferson, in the first draft of the Declaration of Independence, directly condemned slavery: “He has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most sacred rights of life and liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him, captivating and carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere, or to incur miserable death in their transportation hither . . . And he is now exciting those very people to rise in arms among us, and to purchase that liberty of which he had deprived them, by murdering the people upon whom he also obtruded them: thus paying off former crimes committed against the liberties of one people, with crimes which he urges them to commit against the lives of another.”

It may seem odd that Thomas Jefferson would condemn slavery when he himself owned slaves. He had inherited them at just 14 years of age. However, Virginia laws prohibited Jefferson from freeing his own slaves due to the fact that he was in debt.

Independence, then emancipation

The mention of slavery was ultimately omitted to placate three Southern states that had objected. At the time, it was more important to get all the colonies on board with the Declaration of Independence. Otherwise, the American Revolution might have died in its infancy.

- Ultimately, it was a declaration of independence and not a declaration of emancipation.
- Besides, at the time, the new states had much bigger concerns. They were currently at war with the superpower of their day for their very survival.
- Slavery would have to be addressed later. However, when Jefferson famously wrote “all men are created equal” in the Constitution, it was the first shot across the bow against the institution of slavery.
- The slave trade was ultimately abolished in 1808, 31 years after our founding.
- Slavery was ended in 1865, 89 years after our founding.
- In all, slavery was abolished in the United States within a single lifespan.
- That the United States ended slavery in less than a century after its conception should be commended, not condemned.

Other nations held slaves for far longer before ending the practice. In fact, many nations fought wars to acquire slaves, but the United States was unique in that it fought a war to end slavery.

Mistake of anachronism

Senator Kaine and other Democrats are guilty of anachronism. Anachronism is defined as the chronological misplacing of persons, events, objects, or customs with regard to each other.

They have anachronistically imposed their modern-day ethics and values onto those who lived hundreds of years ago.

Sins of Democrats

There’s a saying that when you point a finger, there are three fingers pointing back at you.

It’s not surprising, then, that Democrats, who were the pro-slavery and pro-segregation party, are now blaming all of America for their past sins. If anyone should take responsibility for America’s past slavery, it should be they.



An article by Farah Elbahrawy, Reema Alothman and Mohammad Hatem titled “Saudi Arabian Cities Come Under Attack From Yemeni Rebels” was posted at bloomberg.com on June 23, 2020. Following is the article.

Saudi Arabia came under a missile and drone attack from Iran-backed Yemen rebels that targeted the capital and other cities, as international efforts to end their five-year war have floundered.

Saudi air defenses intercepted at least four ballistic missiles launched by Houthi rebels at Riyadh, Najran and Jazan, and also destroyed eight explosives-laden drones, state-run Saudi Press Agency reported early on Tuesday.

Houthi military spokesman Yahya Saree said the attacks targeted the Defense Ministry, a military base and intelligence and other locations in the three cities. The rebels also vowed to carry out more powerful strikes, according to their Al Masirah news channel.

A Saudi-led coalition has been fighting the Houthis since 2015 to restore the government of Yemeni President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, and the rebels have attacked the kingdom with missiles and drones multiple times.

Efforts to propel peacemaking in Yemen have been complicated in recent months by infighting between forces loyal to Hadi's internationally recognized government and the separatist Southern Transitional Council backed by the United Arab Emirates.

The Saudi-led coalition has called on the sides to cease fire and implement a planned power-sharing deal that unraveled amid the fighting, a move that would not only ease the bloodshed in Yemen but also mend a rift between the kingdom and its top Gulf ally, the UAE.

The Yemen government has welcomed the Saudi cease-fire appeal. Earlier this week, a Hadi aide called the Saudi-led intervention in his country's civil war a failure, the first time a senior Yemeni official has asserted that publicly.

The conflict has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crisis and burdened efforts to deal with a coronavirus outbreak.

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators asked Secretary of State Michael Pompeo this month to pressure Saudi Arabia and Hadi to accept a United Nations push for a broad cease-fire and political talks to end the conflict.



An article titled "China Launches Final Satellite in Beidou Navigation System to Rival GPS" was posted at theguardian.com on June 23, 2020. Following is the article.

China has launched the final satellite in its Beidou constellation that emulates the US Global Positioning System (GPS), marking a further step in the country's advance as a major space power.

The launch of the satellite onboard a Long March-3 rocket was broadcast live from the satellite launch base of Xichang on Tuesday, deep in the mountains of

southwestern China, shortly before 10 a.m. About half an hour later, the satellite was deployed in orbit and extended its solar panels to provide its energy.

An initial launch scheduled for last week was scrubbed after checks revealed unspecified technical problems.

The third iteration of the Beidou Navigation Satellite System promises to provide global coverage for timing and navigation, offering an alternative to Russia's GLONASS and the European Galileo systems, as well as America's GPS.

The launch of the 55th satellite in the Beidou family shows China's push to provide global coverage has been "entirely successful," the system's chief designer Yang Changfeng told state broadcaster CCTV.

"In actual fact, this also signifies that we are moving from being a major nation in the field of space to becoming a true space power," Yang said.

China's space program has developed rapidly over the past two decades as the government devotes major resources toward developing independent high-tech capabilities—and even dominating in fields such as 5G data processing.

The first version of Beidou, meaning "Big Dipper," was decommissioned in 2012. Future plans call for a smarter, more accessible and more integrated system with Beidou at its core, to come online by 2035.

In 2003, China became just the third country to independently launch a crewed space mission and has since constructed an experimental space station and sent a pair of rovers to the surface of the moon.

Future plans call for a fully functioning permanent space station and a possible crewed flight to the moon, with its first attempt to send an orbiter and rover to Mars possibly coming as early as next month. If successful, it would be the only other country besides the US to land on Earth's closest planetary neighbor.

The program has suffered some setbacks, including launch failures, and has had limited cooperation with other countries' space efforts, in part because of US objections to its close connections to the Chinese military.



An article titled "Need for speed: Fugaku, Japan's New Supercomputer, Ranked Fastest in World" was posted at japantimes.co.jp on June 23, 2020. Following is the article.

The latest supercomputer developed by Japan's state-backed Riken research institute has the world's fastest computing speed, according to a biannual ranking announced Monday by the U.S.-European TOP500 project. The ranking marks the first time in nine years that a Japanese supercomputer has captured the top position.

The supercomputer, named Fugaku after Mount Fuji, also took the top spot in three other categories that measured performance in computational methods for industrial use, artificial intelligence applications and big data analytics.

It is the first time that a supercomputer has topped the rankings in the four categories, according to Riken.

Fugaku, which was jointly developed with Fujitsu Ltd. at the institute's facility in Kobe, forms a key foundation for powerful simulations used in scientific research and the development of industrial and military technologies.

"We were able to stand out in all the key specifications for supercomputers and demonstrate it is the world's highest performing. We expect it will aid in solving difficult societal problems such as the fight against the novel coronavirus," said Satoshi Matsuoka, the institute's computational science center director.

Shinichi Kato, president of Fujitsu IT Products Ltd., also expressed his delight, saying, "I feel extremely happy and honored to have been involved in creating Fugaku." Fujitsu IT Products, a wholly owned unit of Fujitsu, was in charge of the production of the supercomputer.

Fugaku was ranked No. 1 after performing over 415 quadrillion computations per second, around 2.8 times faster than the Summit system developed by the U.S. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which secured the top spot in the last ranking in November 2019.

Another supercomputer developed by the United States ranked No. 3, while China held both the fourth and fifth spots. Fugaku was the only Japanese supercomputer to rank in the top 10. The AI Bridging Cloud Infrastructure developed by the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology in Chiba Prefecture ranked 12th.

The new Riken-Fujitsu supercomputer was transported to the institute's Center for Computational Science in Kobe in May, the same location that housed its predecessor, the K supercomputer, which was decommissioned last summer.

Currently being operated on a trial basis for research on potential medicines to fight the novel coronavirus, Fugaku is expected to be fully operational in the business year starting April 2021.

The K supercomputer, which was the world's first supercomputer to make over 10 quadrillion computations per second, ranked No. 1 in June 2011 and retained the top spot for a year.

Since then, the United States has dominated the ranking, along with China. The enormous costs required to develop supercomputers means Japan can only budget to develop one every few years, unlike the United States and China.

The K supercomputer became the subject of controversy in 2009 as lawmaker Renho, then with the ruling Democratic Party of Japan and a member of a government panel seeking to cut spending on less urgent items in the

national budget, questioned whether Japan needed to pursue the No. 1 position amid an economic crisis.



“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 Julia Love titled “Major Quake [7.4 Magnitude] Shakes Southern Mexico; At Least Four Killed” was posted at reuters.com on June 23, 2020.
 - An article by Patrick Goodenough titled “Trump: Some Troops Leaving Germany Will Move to Poland—‘A Very Strong Signal to Russia’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 25, 2020.
 - A Reuters article titled “Trump Says He Held Off Xinjiang Sanctions Due to Trade Talks: Axios Interview” was posted at reuters.com on June 21, 2020.
 - An article titled “China to Establish National Security Bureau in Hong Kong” was posted at apnews.com on June 20, 2020.
 - An article titled “China to Canada PM: Stop ‘Irresponsible Remarks’ on Spy Case” was posted at apnews.com on June 22, 2020.
 - An article by Mari Yamaguchi titled “Japan Confirms Its Scrapping U.S. Missile Defense System” was posted at apnews.com on June 25, 2020.
 - An article by Alastair Gale and Miho Inada titled “In Covid-Era Japan, Flirting From Afar Is Hard in Host Clubs: ‘Closeness Is What We Sell’ ” was posted at wsj.com on June 25, 2020.
 - A Reuters article titled “Thai Vets Perform Mass Sterilization [Hundreds of Monkeys] As Hungry Monkeys Terrorize Tourist City [Lopburi]” was posted at reuters.com on June 23, 2020.
 - An article by Yogita Khatri titled “New Zealand Police Seize \$90 Million From Alleged BTC-e [Electronic Trading Platform Started in July 2011] Operator Alexander Vinnik” was posted at theblock.com on June 22, 2020.
 - An article by Josef Federman titled “Israeli Annexation Plan Draws Apartheid Comparisons” was posted at apnews.com on June 24, 2020.
 - An article by Patrick Goodenough titled “Jordan’s Refusal to Extradite Most-Wanted Terrorist [Ahlam Al-Tamini] Could Cost It U.S. Aid” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 17, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Mahmoud Mourad titled “Egypt Has a Legitimate Right to Intervene in Libya, Sisi Says” was posted at reuters.com on June 20, 2020.
 - An article by Kathy Gannon titled “As Virus Cases Soar, Pakistan Says It Must Keep Economy Open” was posted at apnews.com on June 22, 2020.

- An article by Promod Tandan titled "Nepal Is Caught in the Middle of India-China Border Tensions" was posted at yahoo.com on June 25, 2020.
- An article by Sinead Baker titled "No-Lockdown Sweden Is Compelling Parents to Send Their Children to School; Some Fear Their Kids Could Ultimately Be Taken Away If They Refuse" was posted at businessinsider.com on June 21, 2020.
- An article titled "Greece Woos Tourists With Pledge of 'Maximum' Virus Safety" was posted at afp.com on June 25, 2020.
- An article titled "Germany Condemns Weekend Violence, Looting in Stuttgart" was posted at apnews.com on June 22, 2020.
- An article titled "Germany Orders First Local Lockdown Since Easing" was posted at barrons.com on June 23, 2020.
- A Reuters article by John Irish and Marine Penner titled "France 'Will Not Tolerate' Turkey's Role in Libya, Macron Says" was posted at reuters.com on June 22, 2020.
- An article by Christopher Hope titled "Exclusive: Top British Firms [Greene King, a Pub Chain and Lloyds of London, an Insurance Firm] to Pay Compensation Over Founders' Slavery Links" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on June 17, 2020.
- An article by Debora Patta and Tucker Reals titled "With Coronavirus Fading in UK, Oxford Vaccine [Human] Trial Expands Into Hard-Hit South Africa and Brazil" was posted at cbsnews.com on June 25, 2020.
- An article by Kwasi Gyamfi Asiedu titled "After George Floyd, Ghana's Simple Message to African Americans: 'Come Home' " was posted at quartz.com on June 20, 2020.
- An article by Olga Tanas titled "Putin Hints He Could Seek a Fifth Term As President in 2024" was posted at bloomberg.com on June 21, 2020.
- An article by Justin Rowlett titled "Greta Thunberg: Climate Change 'As Urgent' As Coronavirus" was posted at bbc.com on June 20, 2020.
- An article by Jeff Berardelli titled "Arctic Records Its Hottest Temperature Ever [100.4 Degrees Fahrenheit]" was posted at cbsnews.com on June 21, 2020.



An article by Allen West titled "A Black Man's Letter to Black Lives Matter" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 22, 2020. Following is the article.

In the aftermath of the George Floyd incident, everyone seems to want to have a conversation about race in America.

Just recently, presumptive Democrat presidential nominee and former Vice President Joe Biden asserted that, if you couldn't decide whether to vote for him or President Trump, "you ain't black."

Not an ideological agenda

So let me clarify something: I was born in February 1961 in a “blacks only” hospital, Hughes Spalding, in Atlanta, Ga. I was raised by a proud black man, Herman West Sr., and woman, Elizabeth Thomas West, in the historic Old Fourth Ward neighborhood in Atlanta. My mom and dad are buried, together, in Marietta National Cemetery because of their service to our nation.

The Old Fourth Ward is the same neighborhood that produced Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and where the American civil-rights movement emanated, “Sweet Auburn Avenue.”

There is a high possibility that I have forgotten more black history than some may ever learn—or certainly know. I just authored a book titled *We Can Overcome: An American Black Conservative Manifesto*.

I do not need to “qualify” my being black based upon some predetermined ideological agenda.

Equal opportunity

I was raised to believe that I was an individual who could think and believe as I determined. I was taught that America is a place where, regardless of where you were born, where you came from, there was an equality of opportunity.

That equality of opportunity has enabled me to attain immense success for myself and set the conditions for the success of my two daughters.

My wife, Angela, an accomplished former marketing professor and financial adviser, and I now teach our daughters about the perils of equality of outcomes and those who cleverly disguise that intent within the cries for social justice.

Cowering to BLM

With this being stated, I am tired of our nation cowering, appeasing, acquiescing and surrendering to this absurd organization calling itself Black Lives Matter (BLM). There is nothing true or sincere about this ideologically aligned progressive socialist cultural Marxist organization.

BLM is just another leftist organization created by the same ilk of progressive socialists who created the NAACP. When one reviews the goals and objectives of BLM, they have nothing to do with the real issues facing the black community in America. The focus of BLM is to cleverly advance the leftist ideological agenda under the guise of a witty name that forces people into guilt, shame.

No need for apology

I do not need any white person in America to kneel before me, apologize, wash my feet or, as in the insidious comment of Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy, shine my shoes.

I did a doggone good job of shining my own boots during my career in the U.S. Army—that was my individual responsibility, in which I took great pride.

I am tired of these businesses and corporations being shaken down by BLM to the tune of some \$464 million, \$50 million right here in my home of Texas. Why?

Critical civil rights issue

Black Lives Matter does not support the critical civil-rights issue of this day. The major civil-rights issue in America today is educational freedom.

How many young black kids are relegated to failing public schools in failing neighborhoods?

Where does BLM stand on that issue? They stand with the progressive socialist left and the teachers' unions.

Ask yourself: Has BLM ever condemned the action of Barack Obama in April 2009 to cancel the D.C. school-voucher program?

Yesterday was Fathers' Day. How many young black kids are growing up without a father in the house, a strong positive role model, like my dad, U.S. Army Cpl. Herman West Sr.?

The policies of the progressive socialist left decimated the traditional two-parent household in the black community.

What does BLM say about the traditional, nuclear, two-parent (man and woman) household? They say that is a tool of white supremacy.

Honest discussion

If there is to be a conversation about the rule of law in America and the black community, let's have that honest conversation. However, BLM wants us to believe that there is some focused, dedicated, intentional genocide being enacted against the black community by law enforcement.

In 2019, there were a total of nine white law-enforcement-officer shootings of unarmed black men. Yet how many blacks have taken to the streets to kill other blacks? And where is the outrage from BLM?

No outrage over abortion

But, even worse, since 1973 there have been over 20 million unborn black babies murdered in the wombs of black mothers. The organization mostly responsible for the industry of murdering unborn babies is Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood was founded by a known white supremacist, racist, a woman who spoke at Ku Klux Klan rallies, Margaret Sanger. Planned Parenthood has over 70 percent of their "clinics" located in black communities across America.

White masters fund BLM

I have never heard Black Lives Matter speak up, speak out or speak against Planned Parenthood. Why?

Simple. The white progressive socialist masters who fund, resource and enable Black Lives Matter don't give a darn about the lives of black children.

I could go on, but I think you get my point.

Condescending and hypocritical

Black Lives Matter is an oxymoronic and disingenuous organization. As a proud American black man, I find Black Lives Matter to be an offensive and condescending organization whose hypocrisy is blatantly evident.

Yet, thanks to the lucrative support of the white progressive socialist collective elitists, it survives and extorts financial support from the useful idiots in our corporate structure.

Trojan Horse of racism

All lives matter, but this radical organization, Black Lives Matter, is the ultimate Trojan horse. The consistent purveyors of systemic racism in America are the Democrat Party.

They have smartly devised this organization to enable their ends, the proliferation of the 21st-century economic plantation.

Black Lives Matter serves as overseers on this plantation, stoking the irrational emotionalism and angst to support their agenda, their purpose.

What is the purpose? Simple. The new plantation of the left is not about producing cotton. It is about creating victims who will be dependent, and produce the new crop—votes.



A video and an article titled "BLM Co-Founder [Patrissue Cullors] Brags About Being 'Trained Marxist' in 2015 Interview" were posted at trunews.com on June 19, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

In a newly rediscovered interview from 2015, Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors not only confesses to be a 'trained organizer,' but brags about being a "trained Marxist."

Cullors, who had previously made a name for herself as a "queer activist," told Real News Network in 2015 that BLM has an "ideology frame."

■ "Myself and Alicia, in particular, are trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are super versed on ideological theories, and I think that what we really try to do is build a movement that can be utilized by many, many black folk."

TruNews has obtained contemporaneous reporting about the interview that adds more context. Specifically, Cullors said she didn't want BLM to be the "vanguard of this movement."

But, she also added: "I do think that we have some clear direction around where we want to take this movement. I don't believe it's going to fizzle out. It just gets stronger, and we see it."

This new discovery builds on the overwhelming evidence BLM is a global Marxist movement uninterested in advancing racial equality, but rather in pushing socialism.

Spent millions

Meanwhile, the national arm of Black Lives Matter spent millions on consultants, travel and compensation for its own staff between July 2017 and June 2019, according to audited financial statements prepared by its fiscal sponsor, Thousand Currents.

BLM Global Network spent \$899,000 on travel, \$1.6 million on consulting and \$2.1 million on personnel costs during its 2017, 2018 and 2019 fiscal years, the financial statements show, together comprising 83.3% of its total spending during the three year period.

Donations flooding in

BLM Global Network announced on June 11 [that] it was launching a \$6.5 million fund to support its affiliated local chapters with grants of up to \$500,000 after donations began flooding into the organizations following the death of George Floyd, an unarmed black man who died on May 25 after a white police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes.

On Wednesday [June 17], BLM Global Network announced an additional \$6 million grant fund to support black-led grassroots organization groups. The group told the Associated Press it has received more than 1.1 million donations since Floyd's death. The average donation clocked in at \$33, according to the AP.



"Eye on the World" comment: For those wanting to read more about the "Black Lives Matter" organization, feel free to check out the following two articles on the Internet.

■ Looking back to 2016, an article by A.P. Dillon titled "Black Lives Matter—Not What It Claims To Be" was posted at ladyliberty1885.com on Nov. 28, 2016. (This article first appeared at American Lens News on November 28, 2016.)

■ Looking back to 2017, an article by A.P. Dillon titled "Black Lives Matter Co-Founders: Marxist, Radical and Soros Backed" was posted at ladyliberty1885.com on Jan. 4, 2017. (This article first appeared at American Lens News on January 4, 2017.)



A video and transcript titled "Black Lives Matter Co-Founder: 'Our Goal Is to Get Trump Out'" were posted at cnn.com on June 19, 2020. Following is the transcript.

Jake Tapper: I've heard a lot of criticism of former Vice President Joe Biden from civil rights activists. The election, obviously, will be a choice. How do you think Biden matches up compared to President Trump when it come to these issues that are important to you?

Patrisse Cullors: Trump not only needs to not be in office in November, but he should resign now. Trump needs to be out of office. He is not fit for office. And so what we are going to push for is a mover to get Trump out—while we're also going to continue to push and pressure Vice President Joe Biden around his policies and relationships to policing and criminalization. That's going to be important. But our goal is to get Trump out.



An article by Alveda King titled "Trump Is Moving the Nation Toward Police Reform and Racial Justice" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on June 22, 2020. Following is the article.

In his "I Have a Dream" address of August 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called for an end to the scourge of racism in the United States. Although our nation has made significant progress in the 57 years since Rev. King's speech, the unjust murder of George Floyd proves there is still much work and healing to be done.

We must never forget Dr. King's less cited but extraordinarily meaningful words from that same historic speech: "We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality."

As President Trump works toward building a more perfect union, America can dream again. Immediately after Floyd's brutal death, Trump made clear that he is fully committed to ensuring justice will be served for George and his family—that he will not have died on that gray pavement in vain.

"Equal justice under the law," the president said, "must mean that every American receives equal treatment in every encounter with law enforcement, regardless of race, color, gender, or creed."

Powerful words like this matter, coming from our leaders. Trump knows, as my uncle Dr. King knew, that with God's help, humans have the ability to have our hearts and minds transformed and thereby heal the wounds of division.

Let us open our eyes and see that we are one human race. We are not colorblind. We all bleed the same. We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters in America; not perish as fools.

Unlike most leaders in Washington, Trump backs up his words with action—often by executive decisions. Last Tuesday, the president signed an Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. This landmark order takes

unprecedented steps to strengthen relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

This order adopts a commonsense approach that emphasizes the need to invest more resources in police training and community engagement. Improving trust between law enforcement and underserved communities will bridge the divide that so often leads to tragedy. We can only be successful in creating real change if we are willing to have uncomfortable conversations and address these issues head-on. This executive order is a very important step in advancing that noble goal.

I look forward to Trump working with Congress on additional measures in the days and weeks ahead. Police reform is an issue relevant to every American. It requires a bipartisan solution and open hearts.

I am grateful that Trump is the one leading to bring about this change. The president's aspirational leadership is helping restore and renew the true promise of America.

We must set aside our partisan divisions and come together in support of the noble pursuit of justice that Trump is undertaking. The American people can accomplish anything when we stand united.



An article by Dave Marcus titled "Two Different Meanings of 'Black Lives Matter' " was posted at thefederalist.com on June 23, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Vice President Mike Pence found himself in some hot water this week when he refused to say the words, "Black Lives Matter" (BLM).

At first glance, it is difficult to understand why anyone would have any reason not to say three words that are so obviously right and true.

Two distinct meanings

But in fact, the situation is more complicated and that is because the term has two very distinct, if not contradictory meanings in today's America.

- One is a general statement of support for civil rights.
- The other is a loose Marxist organization with a clear radical agenda.

Loosely affiliated activist groups

BLM began as the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter in 2013 in wake of the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the killing of Trayvon Martin. That earliest iteration of the term was the general statement of support.

But very quickly BLM became the umbrella name for a network of loosely affiliated activist groups with a very far left set of objectives. In fact one of the founders has said on video that the organization was founded by "trained Marxists."

Like other left-wing activist groups such as Anonymous, and Antifa, Black Lives Matter, (the organization) is very decentralized and therefore hard to pin down. This is by design.

Decentralized desires

One product of this decentralization is that it is very hard to know exactly what BLM wants.

- Sometimes it is defund the police.
- Sometimes it is demilitarize the police.
- Sometimes it is end capitalism and sometimes it is greater capital investment in black communities.
- This week Shaun King, an activist journalist associated with BLM suggested that statues depicting Jesus as white should be taken down.

It really runs the gamut and with no strict leadership one cannot say they support the organization Black Lives Matter without also supporting some rather off-the-wall stuff. Hence Pence's demurring.

Obvious truth

But then there is the other meaning of Black Lives Matter, or perhaps it is the lower case black lives matter. This is a sentiment no sane person can object to.

And whether ones believes that the disproportionate amount of police interactions that black Americans have is a result of systemic racism, or horrible government management of black communities, or a combination, we should all be able to admit the disproportionate interactions lead to more police violence and that is an important and legitimate problem.

Challenges of the organization

The general statement "black lives matter" can be used to described approaches to create greater equality for black Americans from both the left and the right, the organization, "Black Lives Matters" demonstrably cannot.

This creates a problem with no easy solution.

- A new phrase could be chosen for the general statement of support, leaving BLM's sole definition as the organization.
- Also, the organization could become more centralized and offer more moderate leadership and policy proposals that majorities of Americans can get behind.

The latter seems unlikely though.

As we have seen across the country, but especially at Seattle's Capitol Hill Occupied Zone, that even compared to 10 years ago at Occupy Wall Street, today's protest leaders have very little ability to control the mobs.

Recognize the duality

The only option that really leaves is for people to understand the complicated duality that exists within the term.

A good answer from Pence would have been, "Of course I support the truth that black lives matter, but I do not support Marxists organizations with that name who I firmly believe will set back the cause of equal and robust opportunity for all Americans."



An article by John Kass titled "What Matters More? Black Children Like Mekhi James or Big City Politics?" was posted at townhall.com on June 25, 2020. Following is the article

Mekhi James, just 3 years old, is beyond the reach of your virtue signaling and your politics now.

That little boy slipped into Chicago's never-ending river of violence as have thousands before him, a river that numbs the city even as it washes the names of the dead from common memory.

The toddler was killed in Chicago's street gang wars, one of more than 100 people shot over the weekend in the city, with 12 of those shot younger than 18. Included among the dead were two boys coming home after getting candy at a neighborhood store, a 13-year-old girl and Mekhi James.

The spike in violence in Chicago and other Democratic Party-controlled big cities, from New York to Los Angeles, is a function of street gangs, drug wars and politics.

The elected social justice warriors demand little or no bail for the violent who are released back onto the streets. Broken public school systems serve power interests, not the poor. Tax policy kills business and job opportunities in troubled neighborhoods.

In urban America, Democrats have no competition. And all that matters to the political class is counting the votes.

Carried away in that river of violence, Mekhi James slips past your public anguish and your hand-wringing about why "something" isn't done.

He's indifferent to your "hate has no home here" signs now. He's immune to your good intentions and tweets about that Minneapolis police murder of George Floyd.

The river takes him beyond your self-indulgent sentimentality that mourns the baby's death but allows for the continuation of policy that wreaks havoc upon the poor, election year after election year.

"A line was crossed," said a broken-hearted Rev. Ira Acree of Greater St. John Bible Church on the West Side to a gathering of angry and distressed mourn-

ers from the neighborhood. "This 3-year-old baby lost his life . . . We say Black lives matter, but we're here to say Black baby lives matter more."

Of course they should matter. But do they really matter?

Chicago is a street gang war zone over corners and drug sales. Not all the dead are from the street gang wars. But many are, and we don't dare admit it. Because if we did, we might realize that in Chicago, the violence is out of control.

If we really cared about these victims and their memories, we'd have the decency to call what happened to them by its real name: gang wars.

But instead we call it "gun violence." Why use antiseptic weasel words? Blaming a gun makes things a lot easier on the politicians, and on their wealthy liberal suburban supporters with the "hate has no home here" signs on their front lawns.

There are many guns in the suburbs and in rural areas. But people there aren't slaughtering one another.

The reason there is violence in some Black neighborhoods is the drug trade. And Black street gangs aren't the ones bringing drugs up from Mexico. The importing is handled by the Mexican drug cartels, which have made Chicago a hub.

So, do we really care about Black babies like Mekhi James?

If he hadn't been shot by an assassin's bullet police say was meant for his father, chances are he'd have been ready for kindergarten in a few years and might have attended the Chicago Public Schools.

Woke world journalism and politics are full of anger over institutional racism. But aren't the broken urban public school systems themselves institutionally racist? Yes. And they've had decades to prove it.

Public school systems are political systems. The one in Chicago really doesn't serve the poor as much as other interests.

Like the Chicago Teachers Union, which brings votes and angry demonstrators on demand; and school bureaucrats who historically are Democratic political patronage functionaries; and politically connected vendors who sell goods and services to the schools.

This iron triangle of interests is served first. They fight any effort that threatens their monopoly and gives minority families an alternative, particularly charter schools and school voucher programs. And minority families and students?

They're the political cash cows of the system. But they're served last, by design.

If Mekhi James lived longer, he might have played on Chicago streets where violent and repeat gun offenders are often arrested but released back onto those same streets, often with little or no bail, to prey on and in their neighborhoods.

Democrat social justice warriors are quite proud of this, including Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, her patron, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and Cook County Chief Judge Tim Evans.

I've written about this several times, from a column about a robber who slammed a young teacher to the ground in Lincoln Park for her cellphone and only had to post \$100 bail, to a convicted felon arrested with a gun. His bail included electronic home monitoring. He was later arrested while driving; his electronic home monitoring device was plugged into a portable power pack, allowing him to roll through the city, freely.

In Cook County, the political class allows electronic home monitoring to be used for those arrested for murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and rape.

"There are too many violent offenders not in jail, or on electronic home monitoring, which no one is really monitoring," said Chicago police Superintendent David Brown. "We need violent felons to stay in jail longer."

But they don't. The politics won't allow it.

And Chicago's river of violence sweeps another child away.



An article by Susan Jones titled "BLM Leader: 'If This Country Doesn't Give Us What We Want, Then We Will Burn Down This System' " was posted at cnsnews.com on June 25, 2020. Following is the article.

"I just want black liberation and black sovereignty by any means necessary," Hank Newsome, the head of Black Lives Matter for Greater New York, told Fox News's Martha MacCallum Wednesday night.

Pointing to the American Revolution, Newsome said this country was born in violence and it now exports violence by blowing up other countries.

Newsome indicated that his group is operating in that tradition.

- "If this country doesn't give us what we want then we will burn down this system and replace it. All right. And I could be speaking figuratively, I could be speaking literally. It's a matter of interpretation."
- "Like, let's be very real, and let's observe the history of the 1960s. When black people were rioting, we had their highest growth in wealth, in property ownership."
- "Think about the last few weeks. Since we started protesting, there have been eight cops fired across the country. You remember they were telling us that there was due process?"
- "That's why the cop that choked Eric Garner to death had kept his job and kept receiving raises for five years. Anytime a cop hurt a woman, hurt a child, hurt pregnant people, hurt an elder, there was always a call for due process. You must wait, you must wait. But the moment people start destroying property, now cops can be fired automatically."

■ “What—what is this country rewarding? What behavior is it listening to? Obviously not marching. But when people get aggressive and they escalate their protests, then cops get fired, now, you have police officers you have Republican politicians talking about police reform. I don’t condone nor do I condemn rioting, but I’m just telling what I observed.”

MacCallum read Newsome a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King: “Let us be dissatisfied until that day when nobody will shout, ‘White Power!’ when nobody will shout, ‘Black Power!’” but everybody will talk about God’s power and human power.”

That led to a discussion about Black Jesus:

“I love the Lord,” Newsome said. “And my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the most famous black radical revolutionary in history. And he was treated just like Dr. King. He was arrested on occasion, and he was also crucified or assassinated. This is what happens to black activists, we are killed by the government.”

Newsome called it “hypocrisy and white supremacy in America and in the world that we show portraits of a pasty, white Jesus. Jesus was not white. We all know this.”



An article by Walter Williams titled “Insults to Black History” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on June 24, 2020. Following is the article.

Many whites are ashamed, saddened and feel guilty about our history of slavery, Jim Crow and gross racial discrimination. Many black people remain angry over the injustices of the past and what they see as injustices of the present. Both blacks and whites can benefit from a better appreciation of black history.

Often overlooked or ignored is the fact that, as a group, black Americans have made the greatest gains, over some of the highest hurdles, and in a shorter span of time than any other racial group in history.

For example, if one totaled up the earnings and spending of black Americans and considered us as a separate nation with our own gross domestic product, we would rank well within the top 20 richest nations. A black American, Gen. Colin Powell, once headed the world’s mightiest military.

Black Americans are among the world’s most famous personalities, and a few black Americans are among the world’s richest people such as investor Robert F. Smith, IT service provider David Steward, Oprah Winfrey, and basketball star Michael Jordan. Plus, there was a black U.S. president.

The significance of these achievements cannot be overstated. When the Civil War ended, neither a slave nor a slave owner would have believed such progress would be possible in less than a century and a half—if ever.

As such, it speaks to the intestinal fortitude of a people. Just as important, it speaks to the greatness of a nation in which such gains were possible. No-

where else on earth could such progress have been achieved except in the United States of America.

The issue that confronts us is how these gains can be extended to about one-quarter of the black population for whom they have proven elusive.

■ The first step is to acknowledge that the civil rights struggle is over and won. At one time, black Americans did not enjoy the constitutional guarantees as everyone else. Now we do.

While no one can deny the existence of residual racial discrimination, racial discrimination is not the major problem confronting a large segment of the black community.

A major problem is that some public and private policies reward dependency and irresponsibility. Chief among these policies is the welfare state that has fostered a 75% rate of out of wedlock births and decimated the black family that had survived Jim Crow and racism.

Keep in mind that in 1940 the black illegitimacy rate was 11% and most black children were raised in two-parent families. Most poverty, about 25%, is found in female-headed households. The poverty rate among husband-and-wife black families has been in the single digits for more than two decades.

Black people can be thankful that double standards and public and private policies rewarding inferiority and irresponsibility were not a part of the 1920s, '30s, '40s and '50s. If there were, then there would not have been the kind of intellectual excellence and spiritual courage that created the world's most successful civil rights movement.

From the late 1800s to 1950, some black schools were models of academic achievement. Black students at Washington's Dunbar High School often outscored white students as early as 1899. Schools such as Frederick Douglass (Baltimore), Booker T. Washington (Atlanta), P.S. 91 (Brooklyn), McDonogh 35 (New Orleans) and others operated at a similar level of excellence.

Self-destructive behavior that has become acceptable, particularly that in predominantly black schools, is nothing less than a gross betrayal of a struggle, paid with blood, sweat and tears by previous generations, to make possible today's educational opportunities that are being routinely squandered.

I guarantee that blacks who lived through that struggle and are no longer with us would not have believed such a betrayal possible.

■ Government should do its job of protecting constitutional rights.

■ After that, black people should be simply left alone as opposed to being smothered by the paternalism inspired by white guilt.

On that note, I just cannot resist the temptation to refer readers to my "Proclamation of Amnesty and Pardon," which grants Americans of European ancestry amnesty and pardon for their own grievances and those of their fore-

bears against my people so that they stop feeling guilty and stop acting like fools in their relationship with Americans of African ancestry.



An article by Michael Brown titled "No One Will Tell Me What I Must and Must Not Say" was posted at townhall.com on June 19, 2020. Following is the article.

Because I love God and my neighbor, I will always try to be respectful and civil in my speech. At the same time, society will not tell me what words I must and must not say. Sorry, but I'm not playing that very dangerous game. I urge you not to play that game either.

For years, in order to have dialogue with people with different perspectives, as well as to interact with the younger generation, I have freely chosen to use words like "gay" or "lesbian" rather than only saying "homosexual."

At the same time, I have had no illusions. I knew I would be just as hated, just as vilified, just as judged by those whose agenda I rejected.

But that's not what we were told. We were told that we needed to show sensitivity. That it was imperative that we used the proper terminology. That we must go out of our way to not offend with our words. This is the enlightened way.

But because we resisted the radical agenda of LGBTQ+ activists, we were branded bigots and homophobes and haters and transphobes, just the same. Our careful communication did not win us brownie points in the end.

Let that serve as an example today. Quoting the right phrases will not get you a free pass. Avoiding the wrong words will not exempt you from attack. Do not be deceived.

If you do not conform completely to the latest demands of the crowd, you will be reviled, excommunicated, and cancelled. You have been forewarned.

When it comes to homosexual issues, I still use terms like "gay" or "lesbian" to interact with those who would otherwise not hear me. And I choose to use the latest version of "LGBTQ+" to illustrate the point I and others have made for years. There is no end in sight. There will always be another term. Another orientation. Another identity. This is what happens when you deviate from "male and female He created them."

But if I was forced to use the latest, acceptable terminology "or else," I would politely refuse. No one has the right to dictate the words that you and I use.

Today, we must say "black lives matter" to prove our orthodoxy. Perhaps tomorrow we will have to pay reparations?

Personally, since some of my black Christian colleagues have conveyed to me what "black lives matter" means to them, I'm happy to affirm my solidarity, using those very words.

■ With absolute freedom and without any sense of coercion, I want the world to know that I truly believe that black lives matter to God and to humanity. I say that from the heart.

But I have no illusions here either. To the woke crowd, my words are nothing more than virtue signaling. I will not win them with my words.

■ And if demands were put on me to say the words or post the logo to prove my opposition to racism, my answer would be no. You will not dictate what I say or do not say.

Not only so, but if I want to shout out, “Black lives matter, beginning in the womb,” I will do that too. And you better believe I will always explain why I do not stand with the Black Lives Matter movement.

I do not bow the knee to the crowd. Neither should you.

Of course, I would never dream of using derogatory terms or racial epithets. Those are not part of my vocabulary, nor do they enter my thoughts.

At the same time, I categorically reject today’s cancel culture that will crucify a young adult for an ugly tweet he posted when he was 15. How contrite must he be before he has paid his dues? How many apologies must he offer? What acts must he perform to prove that he is duly penitent? This too is a counsel of despair.

In November 2016, shortly before his sudden rise to fame, I interviewed Prof. Jordan Peterson on my radio show. I didn’t know a lot about him, only that he had taken a courageous stand on his college campus, refusing to go along with transgender terminology. No one was going to force him what to say.

But as we spoke by phone that day, I was in for quite a surprise. He was not a meek, hurting Christian, wounded by the attacks of his own university. Instead, he was fiery and bold, conveying anything but a victim mentality. Rather, as someone who had studied Communism for years, he saw where enforced speech led. He would not bow down to a destructive authoritarian system.

Barely eight months later, in June 2017, Canada passed a national law making it illegal to “misgender” someone. And how far would this law go? As expressed by Brenda Cossman, a law professor at Peterson’s University of Toronto, “Would it cover a situation where an individual repeatedly, consistently refuses to use a person’s chosen pronoun? It might.”

In fact, according to a 2014 policy in Ontario, “Gender-based harassment can involve: Refusing to refer to a person by their self-identified name and proper personal pronoun.”

That’s why Cossman thought that failure to use someone’s preferred pronoun could make you into a lawbreaker, even though the federal law didn’t mention pronouns. The precedent had already been set.

This enforced language code is now part of the Canadian Human Rights Act, “added to a section of the Criminal Code that targets hate speech—defined as advocating genocide and the public incitement of hatred—where it joins other identifiable groups.”

So, refusing to call a biological male by his new female name, or choosing not to refer to him as her is now in the same category as “advocating genocide and the public incitement of hatred.” This is why we resist.

If you choose to use a particular pronoun or name when interacting with someone, especially at your first meeting, that is certainly your prerogative. But when you are told you must, at that point you must refuse.

The dictating of our speech today will certainly lead to the dictating of our behavior tomorrow.

I urge you to stand your ground.



An article by Michael Brown titled “Race Is Not What Is Dividing Us” was posted at townhall.com on June 24, 2020. Following is the article.

My fellow-Americans, we are being sold a bill of goods. Race is not what is dividing us. Rather, we are being divided by competing ideologies. Let us put our focus where it belongs.

Listening to the news, you would think that racism is deeply entrenched in every neighborhood in our country. That racial hatred is the norm. That judging people by the color of their skin is what the average American does.

But I do not believe that for a second—and I say that while fully acknowledging the very real racial issues we continue to face.

A caller to my radio show on Monday said he was born in Hong Kong. Then he lived in Ghana, in West Africa. Then in Ireland. And now in America.

He said that America was by far the least racist place he lived. (The call starts here.)

One week earlier, I had interviewed Prof. Craig Keener, a dear friend and one of the world’s foremost New Testament scholars.

He is white but was ordained into the ministry in a black church in America, and he is married to an African woman and they have a son. Craig has also co-authored two books on race relations, together with a black co-author.

He is acutely aware of racial issues and does not downplay them for a minute.

But he said that his wife, a highly educated woman who speaks fluent French, suffered real discrimination while living in France. She would arrive for a job interview, for which she was well qualified. But when they met her, they would say, “We don’t hire blacks.”

She never experienced that here in America.

Not only so, but Craig told me that the worst racism she ever faced was with-in her home country in Africa, where the racism had nothing to do with skin color, since everyone was black. It had to do with where you came from or what strata of society you lived in.

Racism no knows no bounds.

That being said, I do not believe racism is the norm in America.

On June 11, I polled my Twitter followers, asking, "Would you be completely at home having a neighbor of a different race?"

Now remember, even though my Twitter followers (a little over 41,000, so not particularly large) are roughly equivalent to the national averages when it comes to demographics, they are quite conservative. The strong majority are probably Trump supporters as well.

How did they respond to the poll?

Just under 97 percent said, "Absolutely." (The exact number was 96.8 percent.) Yes, almost 97 percent said they would absolutely "be completely at home having a neighbor of a different race."

Only 2 percent answered with, "Depends on which race." Only 1.2 percent said, "Absolutely not."

And remember: this is an anonymous poll, so people can vote freely.

As for the results, they didn't surprise me in the least, especially in Christian circles. (The vast majority of my social media followers identify as Christian.)

Many of our churches are multi-racial, especially if they are in multi-racial locations. And when they are not, joining together for multi-racial gatherings is often considered a highlight. And in cities across America, pastors work together in multi-racial coalitions.

And just ask yourself about your own circle of friends or co-workers. How common is racism in your midst?

Getting back to the poll, I was inspired to do the "neighbor" poll by a 2013 article by Max Fisher in the *Washington Post*. It was titled, "A fascinating map of the world's most and least racially tolerant countries."

Fisher reported the results of a major study by two Swedish economists who felt the number one way to determine racial attitudes was this: "The survey asked respondents in more than 80 different countries to identify kinds of people they would not want as neighbors."

What were their findings?

"Anglo and Latin countries most tolerant. People in the survey were most likely to embrace a racially diverse neighbor in the United Kingdom and its Anglo former colonies (the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) and in Latin America."

Conversely, "India and Jordan by far the least tolerant. In only two of 81 surveyed countries, more than 40 percent of respondents said they would not want a neighbor of a different race. This included 43.5 percent of Indians and 51.4 percent of Jordanian."

So, America is one of the least racist countries on the planet?

To repeat. This does not mean that we do not have problems to address. And, as I have stated before, to the chagrin of some of my conservative friends, I have no problem asking if there is still systemic racism in America. (If not systemic racism, then system inequity.)

My point in this article is to stress that our biggest issues in America are not race-based. They are ideologically based. And right now, those pushing a radical leftist agenda are the most divisive among us, by far.

Of course, if the radical right (which includes the "alt-right") had a bigger platform today, they would be just as divisive. But they do not. They have been largely marginalized, and for that I am glad.

Instead, it is the radical left (which includes the BLM movement and its Marxist-fueled agenda) which has become dominant, championed by a complicit (or foolishly naïve) media. They are the ones dividing us.

On a personal level, I will continue to listen to people of color as they their share perspectives with me (like a caller on Monday who told me he started picking cotton at the age of 5 and that I had no idea what his life experience was like; he is correct). And I will continue to ask God to show me my blind spots.

But I will not allow cultural radicals to paint a false picture of our nation.

We are far from perfect. But we are hardly a country that is deeply divided by race.

Let us join together then and stand as one for what is right.

I truly believe that is what the great majority of Americans want to do.



An article by Dennis Prager titled "America's Jews and Christians Are Failing the Test of Their Lives" was posted at townhall.com on June 23, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

America is being taken over by violent mobs; a vast amount of destruction and stealing has taken place (with little police intervention and the apathy of our political leaders).

Why aren't all clergy delivering thundering sermons about the [Eighth] Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal"? Does it now come with an asterisk?

A central part of a major American city has been seized and occupied by people who hate America and its values, including its Judeo-Christian values. Heard any clergy (aside from some evangelical Christians) speaking out against it?

Free speech threatened

And most ominous by far, for the first time in American history, free speech (the mother of all freedoms) is being widely suppressed.

- Not by the government
- By the press, the universities, the high schools, the elementary schools, all the giant internet media, Hollywood and virtually every major business in America

Smear job

- The freest, least racist, most opportunity-providing country in history (“the last best hope of earth,” in Abraham Lincoln’s words) is smeared as “systemically racist.”
- All white people are declared “racist.”
- The statues of the greatest Americans, including George Washington and even Abraham Lincoln, are toppled and/or defaced.

And all we get from most American religious leaders is either agreement or silence.

It leads this religious American to ask the question the anti-religious ask: Of what use is religion?

Calling “colorblind” racist

Take the claim that being “colorblind” is racist.

If you are a religious Jew or Christian—let alone a rabbi, priest or minister—do you believe that?

Do you believe that the human ideal is not to be colorblind?

Do you believe that the ideal is to see every person, first and foremost, as a member of a race?

Is that what you learned at seminary?

Is that what you have taught from your pulpit all of your life?

Content of character

I doubt it. I assume that, until as recently as a year or even six months ago, you have always believed and preached that we are, in Martin Luther King Jr.’s words, to measure people not by “the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

Isn’t it fundamental to all Bible-based religions that we are all created in God’s image, that God has no race and that Adam and Eve, from whom we all descend, had no race?

If you are a Christian, do you see Christians of other races first as fellow Christians or first as members of their race?

If you are a Jew, do you see Jews of other races as anything other than fellow Jews?

Does God?

Not based upon race

So, why the silence?

Why aren't all rabbis, priests and pastors telling their congregations and telling America—in tweets, on Facebook, in letters to the editor, on television and radio, in opinion pieces—that there is one race, the human race, and that the only antidote to racism is to deny that race determines our worth, not to affirm its significance?

Does an ideology that affirms the significance of race have an honorable pedigree?

Has it ever led to anything good?

Isn't that exactly what Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan advocated?

Afraid to speak up?

So, how are we to explain this tragic failure of religious Jews and Christians—and their clergy—to speak up against looting (aka stealing) and for freedom, for America, for Western civilization and for being colorblind?

The answer to this question also goes to the core of what it means to be religious. At the center of our two religions is the notion of fear of God: "Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

But what is now apparent is that most Jews and Christians fear the left, fear *The New York Times*, fear being shunned by "friends" on Facebook and mobbed on Twitter more than they fear God.

Losing more than freedom

That's what this moment comes down to.

Jews and Christians who fail this test will lose the following.

- Will have lost their freedom.
- Will have lost the West.
- Will have lost the great American hope for mankind.
- Will have also lost their souls.



An article by David Limbaugh titled "The Silent Majority Can Be Silent No More" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on June 19, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The left has been at war with America as founded for decades, and it has made great progress in transforming our culture and institutions. Leftists are activism-oriented and relentless. They pursue their goals 24/7, exhausting their less activist and less calculating opponents, and advance their agenda by sheer attrition.

But a more important factor in the left's success is the depressing naivete of too many conservatives about its ultimate aims.

If you underestimate the extremism and determination of your opponents, how can you counter them?

Though Trump and virtually all of America condemned the senseless killing of George Floyd, the extreme left seized the moment not merely to protest officer misconduct, but to condemn the nation for "systemic racism," "white privilege," and "white supremacy."

Leftist activists converted the protests into riots, looting, and violence, and Democratic leaders refused to condemn it and instead fanned the flames lit by the organized mob.

Note to conservatives: If you have been casually dismissing leftist extremism, maybe now you will wake up. Can't you hear the alarms blaring?

■ Too many on the right also mistakenly believe that this Democratic frenzy and leftist unrest is all based primarily on their contempt for President Donald Trump.

They'll do anything to get rid of him. Then everything will return to normal. Yes, he makes them crazier, more desperate, and more unreasonable—mainly because he's fighting them hammer and tongs

■ But he didn't make them leftists, and leftists don't need any prompting to unleash their hell on America. It stands for everything they hate.

With or without Trump, their goals remain the same. But without Trump, their chances of finally undoing America immeasurably increase.

I began this column saying we can't afford to be discouraged. We can't. But that doesn't mean we can afford to be blind to the gravity of the threats we face.

Let's wake up and rededicate ourselves to preventing the destruction of America. Don't ever lose hope.

My bet is the silent majority is bigger than ever and that we'll see that in November. Stay in the fight like your children's future depends on it—because it does.



An article by Andy Ngo titled "My Terrifying Five-Day Stay Inside Seattle's Cop-Free CHAZ" was posted at nypost.com on June 20, 2020. Following is the article.

On June 8, Seattle police frantically loaded what they could from the East Precinct into trucks and cars. Within hours, they boarded up and abandoned the station.

That night, left-wing protesters from Black Lives Matter and Antifa declared ownership of the six-block neighborhood in the middle of the Pacific Northwest's

largest city. They named their new territory the "Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone," or CHAZ. No laws or rules applied here except for one: "No cops allowed."

During five undercover days and nights in the zone, I witnessed a continuing experiment in anarchy, chaos and brute-force criminality. In order to avoid being exposed as a journalist—several reporters have been barred or expelled—I slept and showered outside the zone. (Those inside have no showers but they do have portable bathrooms.)

I took meals, and most of my water breaks, elsewhere because I was reluctant to remove my mask and risk being recognized. Every day I entered the zone twice through its semi-porous borders—once in the early afternoon, and again after sundown, staying until the wee hours.

Crime has surged inside and outside the zone.

On Saturday morning, a shooting erupted that left at least one person dead and another injured near a border checkpoint. Police were reportedly met with resistance when they tried to get to the victims, who apparently were then taken in private cars to the hospital. Cops made it into the zone to gather shell casings and evidence, some reports said, as police in riot gear stood at the border.

On Thursday, police arrested Robert James after he left the CHAZ. He is accused of sexually assaulting a deaf woman who was lured inside a tent. The same day, former city council candidate Isaiah Willoughby was arrested on suspicion of starting the arson attack on the East Precinct on June 12.

Police Chief Carmen Best has stated that police response times to 911 calls in the surrounding area have "more than tripled" because the force is down a station.

"Emergency calls, which often means somebody's being assaulted, sometimes it's a rape, sometimes it's a robbery, but something bad is happening if it's a top priority call, and we're not able to get there," she has said.

Various "Occupy"-type protests have occurred across the US since the original occupation near Wall Street in 2011. But the CHAZ is nothing like the mostly peaceful tent city in privately owned Zuccotti Park that was corralled and closely monitored by the NYPD.

CHAZ occupants, ranging from several hundred to 10,000, depending on the day, with many openly armed, control all of the Capitol Hill neighborhood near downtown. The neighborhood is the heart of Seattle's gay and counter-culture district, and is densely filled with businesses and apartment buildings. The CHAZ now claims all of it.

Before the takeover, violent clashes between rioters and police defending the East Precinct resulted in dozens of officers injured by rocks and other projectiles. Protesters and rioters complained of police brutality, leading Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan and Best to ban cops from using tear gas, pepper spray and flash-bangs for 30 days.

The CHAZ is having reverberating effects elsewhere. In the early hours of Thursday, Antifa and other left-wing protesters established an “autonomous zone” in downtown Portland, Ore. They stole city and business property to build a wall.

At least one protester was seen carrying a rifle. The area was later cleared by police, but far-left activists are determined to try again. Protesters in Nashville and other cities have attempted to recreate their own “autonomous zones” modeled after the CHAZ, but have so far been stopped by law enforcement.

In Seattle, as soon as police evacuated from the station nearly two weeks ago, masked protesters stole city property—barricades, fencing and more—to create makeshift barriers. These barriers became the official border checkpoints in and out of the CHAZ. They were later fortified with additional layers of security: more blockades and 24-hour guards.

A large team of volunteers assembled to designate themselves “security” for the CHAZ. Many of them wear patches signaling they’re part of the Puget Sound John Brown Gun Club, a far-left militia-type organization named after the radical abolitionist.

Last year, one of the group’s members carried out an armed attack on an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Tacoma, Wash. Police said Willem van Spronsen tried to ignite the 500-gallon propane tank attached to the facility. He was killed by police.

Despite the group’s link to violent extremism, its armed members were celebrated in the CHAZ for “protecting” the new denizens.

The head of the CHAZ’s security is a short female named “Creature.” She and the rest of her team communicate with walkie-talkie devices and earpieces. Some of them openly carry rifles, handguns, batons or knives.

Their operating base is in the open-air eating section of the Rancho Bravo Tacos Mexican restaurant. Signs posted all over their base declare: “NO PHOTOS. NO VIDEOS.” Another sign lists Venmo names for donations.

Though the CHAZ claims to have no rules, it quickly developed a complex code of conduct that varied from zone to zone and even the time of the day. For example, those in the garden area, who are mostly white, need to make sure they do not “recolonize” the space.

Mainstream media reports have focused on the “block party” atmosphere of the occupation, repeating a talking point from the Seattle mayor. She, along with Gov. Jay Inslee, a fellow Democrat, have gone to great lengths to emphasize the “peaceful” nature of the occupation. For media crews that arrive during the day, that is certainly what they will see. People have barbecues in the street. Many bring their children to make street art. People walk their dogs.

But at night, a whole different side of the CHAZ emerges.

Lacking agreed-upon leadership, those who have naturally risen to the top have done so with force or intimidation.

For example, rapper Raz Simone, real name Solomon Simone, patrols the CHAZ on some nights with an armed entourage. Simone, originally from Georgia, has an arrest record for child cruelty and other charges. He usually conducts his patrols carrying a long semi-auto rifle and sidearm. Last weekend, a livestream recorded Simone handing another man a rifle from the trunk of a car.

Not everyone in the CHAZ recognizes Simone's police-like presence, but no one is willing to stand up to him and his group. There have been consequences for those perceived as challengers or threats.

Independent Los Angeles-based journalist Kalen D'Ameida recorded Simone and his crew in the early hours of Monday. He was spotted by one of Simone's men, who manhandled him and demanded he turn over his mobile device. Simone's team chased D'Ameida and tried to drag him to the security tent. He escaped by hiding in a construction site outside the CHAZ until police responded to his 911 call.

Those unfortunate enough to have homes or businesses within the CHAZ—an estimated 30,000 residents—have no say over their new overlords. Residents have discreetly voiced their concerns to local media. Gunshots and "screams of terror" at night have been reported. A resident of an apartment building came out twice to ask protesters to leave the alley where the entrance is. They brushed him off.

Every business and property inside the CHAZ has been vandalized with graffiti. Most messages say some variation of "Black Lives Matter" or "George Floyd," but other messages call for the murder of police. Most businesses are boarded up. "ACAB"—"All cops are bastards," an Antifa slogan—is written over them.

Businesses outside the CHAZ are also suffering. Last week, the Trader Joe's in Capitol Hill announced it was closing immediately and indefinitely because of "safety and security concerns."

Then last Sunday night, around 100 angry protesters sprinted toward a nearby auto repair shop to "rescue" a comrade who had been detained. All it took to sic the mob on the business was one man yelling into a microphone inside the CHAZ.

According to the police report, the store's owner, John McDermott, stopped Richard Hanks after he allegedly broke into the business, stole property and tried to start a fire. The owner and his son said they called police "multiple times" but cops and firefighters never responded.

Rioters from the CHAZ broke down the gate to the business lot and began rushing the owner. A large team of CHAZ volunteers successfully de-escalated the situation by forming a human chain where the fence once stood.

It was one of the rare occasions the community was able to police itself. Private security for the business said they found a cache of weapons, including a rifle, hidden in a nearby bush.

In the midst of the restlessness and drug abuse that arises in and around the CHAZ, acts of kindness and community support also flourish. Donations from outside have poured in every day, supplying the camp with multiple food and supply stations.

The “No Cop Co-Op,” the largest supply booth, distributes raw meat and fresh vegetables. Next to the tents in Cal Anderson Park, denizens have started rudimentary “farms” to grow lettuce and herbs. One farm is only for “black and indigenous folks.” Those looking to make new friends can sit on one of the many sofas at the “Decolonization Conversation Cafe.” Free coffee is served.

Left-wing political groups have capitalized on the opportunity to recruit new members. The Democratic Socialists of America features prominently in addition to the Seattle Revolutionary Socialists.

But in the absence of any vetting, perhaps intentionally, extremists have also set up shop. One station that operates off and on distributes extremist anarchist-Communist agitprop—the political ideology of Antifa.

In one manual titled, “Blockade, Occupy, Strike Back,” instructions show how to use human shields against police, and make rudimentary “bombs” using light bulbs and paint.

Another booklet is titled “Against the Police and the Prison World They Maintain.” It features short essays on why police, capitalism and the state must be destroyed by any means necessary, including through violence. One section explains how the media are enemies used to “pacify” revolutionaries.

“Our contempt for the media is inextricable from our hatred of this entire world,” the booklet reads. Attacks on journalists who are accused of not toeing the line have become commonplace.

On Monday, a masked Antifa militant pointed me out to her comrades and tried to assemble a mob. I left before I could be injured. The following day, a Fox News crew was forced out of the zone.

Knowing the danger journalists faced in the CHAZ, I tried to blend in by dressing in the “black bloc” uniform popularized by Antifa. I avoided speaking to people on the chance they would recognize my voice.

When they viewed me as one of their own, they were incredibly kind. They offered me water and snacks throughout the day. Suspicious “outsiders,” on the other hand, were immediately tailed by security.

Despite the pleas from those who live and work inside Capitol Hill for law and order to be restored, Seattle’s city council has determined that the CHAZ should continue.

On Tuesday, the city even provided upgrades to the CHAZ, including street blockades that double as graffiti canvases, along with cleaning services and porta-potties.

It is difficult to decipher what CHAZ occupants want. Each faction, whether liberal, Marxist or anarchist, has its own agenda. But one online manifesto posted on Medium demands no less than the abolishment of the criminal justice system.

What will happen if demands aren’t met?

Jaiden Grayson, a young black woman who has developed a large following in the CHAZ, told a filmmaker: "Respond to the demands of the people or prepare to be met with any means necessary . . . It's not even a warning. I'm letting people know what comes next."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" was posted at patriotpost.us on June 20, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

That was the title of a terrible 1963 movie that thought that casting the likes of Sid Caesar, Phil Silvers, Milton Berle, Dick Shawn, Buddy Hackett and Jonathan Winters, would be enough to turn a stale script into what the movie ads used to call a laff riot.

Even if the script hadn't been a mishmash of endless chases, it was doomed when producer Stanley Kramer decided to also direct it.

Kramer was a man who took himself far too seriously and was usually attracted to serious material. Why Kramer suddenly decided he was just the person to direct a madcap movie is anyone's guess. Sheer unadulterated ego, I assume. I mean, if he knew anything at all about comedy, he would never have made one that was even longer than his title. It would be a lie to say the movie ran three hours and twenty-five minutes. When a movie is that long, it doesn't run; it lumbers, limps and stumbles, until it finally just plops face down in the dirt at about the 90 minute mark.

The fact is that Charlie Chaplin couldn't have carried off a 3-hour comedy. Neither could Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd or Steve Martin. Only someone with an ego the size of Mt. Everest would have even considered such a mad, mad, mad, mad undertaking.

Having said all that, what we are all experiencing these days is surely one form of madness piled on other examples of mental illness.

■ Experts about coronavirus

First, we had the experts telling us lies about the seriousness of the coronavirus and about the best ways of dealing with it.

■ Riots, not demonstrations of conscience

Other people were telling us that riots and pillaging were actually demonstrations of conscience, the sort of thing the Founding Fathers had in mind when they wrote the First Amendment and referred to peaceful assembly.

■ Beware of experts

I, for one, am sick and tired of listening to experts. They not only all seem to have an agenda, but it's an agenda that always seem to give them more power over me and gives me less.

The experts said that two million Americans were going to die of China's latest gift to the world. Thank God it was only one-twentieth that deadly.

Another group of experts predicted the economy would lose eight or nine million jobs in May. Instead, it added 2.5 million. Close, as they say, while laughing up their sleeve, but no cigar.

Ronald Reagan once said that the nine most terrifying words in the English language were: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

Perhaps it's time to revise that to "I'm an expert and you better listen to me."

■ Clinton, Biden and deplorables

Hillary Clinton used to call Conservatives deplorables. These days, Joe Biden refers to us as bad people. Being a plagiarist at heart, Biden's first instinct was to call us deplorables, too, but he found he couldn't handle all those [darn] syllables.

■ Priorities of DC mayor

The mayor of Washington, D.C., Muriel Bowser [Charles Dickens couldn't have come up with a better last name for this [lady] of a mayor] took it upon herself to change a street name to Black Lives Matter Plaza and to have painted in large yellow letters on a street in the nation's capital BLACK LIVES MATTER.

Then, as if that wasn't bad enough, she announced that she would not allow members of the U.S. military to bivouac in her city, evicting 1200 members of the National Guard from a hotel, many of whom were sleeping after back-to-back 12-hour deployments, trying to protect the decent citizens of D.C. from the mob.

■ Brainwashed youth

Not since Hitler's Aryan Youth and Stalin's bestowing medals on youngsters betraying their parents as enemies of the state have I seen anything quite as hideous as the video selfies that adolescents are posting on Facebook. There are teenagers, snarling, tears of anger streaming down their faces, denouncing their parents for not paying homage to George Floyd and the BLM.

It's repulsive but not entirely unexpected. These kids have been brainwashed in their schools and by the media into believing that blacks are all wonderful people who, in a just world, would be running America if not for white racists.

■ Ludicrous double standard

In the meantime, Nancy Pelosi used her female prerogative to change her mind in a matter of a few short weeks. In May, she declared we need nation-wide mail-in voting because people won't be able to leave their homes in November.

In June, she said: "We encourage everyone to get out and exercise their right to protest."



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Hardly a Hero" was posted at patriot-post.us on June 22, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

I have grown quite tired of people tossing around the word "hero" quite as casually as they do. It's bad enough referring to people who hit a ball, kick a ball or dunk a ball, for millions of dollars a year "heroes," but I'd also say that those who referred to the people, aside from the first responders, who died in New York on 9/11 as anything but victims were carried away by their emotions.

■ Unfortunate death, but not a hero

Now, I'm hearing a lot of people referring to George Floyd as a hero. He was anything but. He never did anything in his crime-riddled life for another person. He was killed by a corrupt cop and his own violent death has led to the violent deaths of a lot of innocent people, including a number of blacks, including retired police captain David Dorn.

It's one thing to say that what happened to Mr. Floyd should never have occurred, and if I had my way Officer Chauvin would be executed in the same way that he killed Floyd, but it's quite another thing to say that the riots dishonor the victim's memory. His own life did that.

The guy was a street thug. If some other thug had had his life choked out of him by Derek Chauvin, you can bet that Floyd would have been out looting with the rest of the bums.

In fact, considering his size, he probably would have brought home more than a pair of sneakers or a case of beer. The big moose probably would have carted home a side of beef and a freezer for storing it.

■ Called peaceful demonstrations

According to most of the news coverage, the majority of riots have not been riots; instead, they've been peaceful demonstrations by concerned citizens. We are told this lie because when George Soros created the BLM Foundation, he did a better job of it than when he put Antifa together. The advantage that the BLM has is that it's black, while Antifa is full of snot-nosed, middle-class white kids.

■ Creating chaos in the nation

India has its sacred cows, but so do we. Theirs give milk; ours burn down buildings and loot stores. Ours also have an agenda, which includes creating chaos in the nation; destroying the nuclear family so that whites can better reflect the worst aspect of black life; and bringing about a race war.

One thing both sets of cows have in common is that they make a mess in the street.

■ Our riots are also in Britain

Britain can blame China for the virus, but for the riots currently riling the island nation, we have to take the credit.

It seems that the Black Lives Matter movement has gained a toehold over there. And thanks to the BBC, their answer to our PBS, the news coverage of the rioting is equally biased in favor of the mob.

The other day, the BBC reported a demonstration as “peaceful” in which 27 people were hospitalized, including a policewoman who was knocked off her horse and wound up with broken ribs and a punctured lung.

In retaliation, like a lot of their American colleagues, the bobbies took a knee.

■ The anger of the mob

The mob also decided, like their American cousins, to take out their anger on statuary. Over here, a Texas Ranger rendered in brass was removed because it represented law enforcement. In England, the imbeciles defaced a statue of Winston Churchill because they claimed he represented racism. Which, the mob, being a mob, naturally confused with guts, rationality and patriotism.

■ Booted off the force years ago

After every race riot, we hear that we need additional police training and we need review boards that will crack down on bad cops. I can certainly agree that a lot of people in Minneapolis fell down on the job. With a record that included 18 citations for the use of excessive force used on both black and white suspects, Chauvin should have been booted off the force years ago.

But, by and large, America’s cops do a very good job under extremely difficult circumstances.

■ The voters pick the bad leaders

It seems to me that the folks who require re-training are the voters who define insanity every time they cast a ballot for a Democrat. They keep repeating the same stupid action and apparently expect different results.

■ Go to a socialistic country

For years, I’ve begged Socialists to go live in places like Cuba, China, Ethiopia and Venezuela, and see if they still like Socialism after a year or two.

■ Go to Minneapolis

These days, if Minneapolis goes through with its plan to get rid of the police, I’d like to invite all the George Floyd protesters to move there and see how they like being protected from thieves and rapists by their pure souls and good intentions.

■ So what

I don’t have the same reverence for the military brass that other Conservatives seem to have. That’s why when I hear that generals and admirals, including those named Mattis, Mullin and now Colin Powell, aren’t planning to vote for Donald Trump in five months, it’s as irrelevant to me as hearing that Mitt Romney, Lisa Murkowski and Jonah Goldberg, aren’t supporting his re-election.

■ People are customarily moved

The media made a big deal of the protesters being moved out of the way when President Trump walked from the White House to St. John’s Church. They carried on as if was evil and unprecedented.

For one thing, these allegedly peaceful demonstrators had been asked politely to move out of Lafayette Park on three different occasions over the course of 20 minutes and refused.

The truth is, it was anything but unprecedented. Whenever this president or any president goes anywhere, large numbers of people are cleared out. When a president flies anywhere, other people's flight plans are rearranged. When a president is driven anywhere, all surrounding traffic stops.

So when President Trump decided to walk a few hundred yards and there are a thousand people lurking in the area who have not been frisked for weapons, those people can expect to be removed one way or another.

Plus, it could have provided the mob with a little quiet time away from the infantile chanting so they could try to figure out what exactly they were supposed to be protesting against.

■ Celebrities bailing out looters

Among the holier-than-thou celebrities who are virtue-signaling by bailing out the looters are Steve Carrel, Seth Rogen, Don Cheadle, Cynthia Nixon, Ryan Reynolds and Colin Kaepernick.

Although I have on rare occasion enjoyed Carrel and Reynolds in a couple of things, I am relieved to say that I'm not a fan of those other people.

■ Bad politics and bad performers

One of the most difficult things for me is to appreciate the talent of people I have reason to despise.

That's why I was always happy to be unconflicted when it came to people like Vanessa Redgrave, Mark Ruffalo, Jane Fonda, Leonardo DiCaprio, Rob Reiner, Rosie O'Donnell and Madonna.

■ Bad politics, but talented performers

I have at times been forced to overcome my bias because I admired their talent so much. Two who spring to mind are Emma Thompson and the late Alan Rickman, a pair of typical English elitists who would have fit right in with the Hollywood climate change, Cuba-loving, Trump-hating, hypocrites.

■ Managing editor fired

For the sin of headlining an article that, oddly enough soft-soaped the rioters, "Buildings Matter Too," the longtime managing editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer was fired after 20 years on the job.

It seems the paper's owner couldn't stand up to the mob within the building itself after several black staffers complained "We're tired of hearing there are two sides to an issue. Sometimes there aren't two sides."

Right, there's only their side. The side of ignorance, the side of black bigotry, the side that's only too happy to nullify the First Amendment.

■ First annoying lie

A couple of lies really annoy me. The first is that this nation's wealth was built on the backs of slaves and that's why their descendants deserve reparations.

The Confederacy was only one part of America. Slavery didn't exist in most states, most of which did quite well financially.

■ Second annoying lie

Another more recent lie was promulgated by the black Pinocchio, Barack Obama, when he not only insisted that Arabs and Muslims had played a significant role in our space missions but then, carried away by the cheers from his brethren in the Middle East, declared that they had also played a major role in the creation of this republic.



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

Deficit

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "In 2,000 Days As Speaker, Pelosi Has Increased Debt a Record \$9.6 Trillion" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 24, 2020.

Federal reserve

- An article by Mark DeCambre titled "'Will the Fed Spend Trillion of Dollars Every Year, Forever to Support the Market?' Asks Billionaire Howard Marks" was posted at marketwatch.com on June 23, 2020.

Finances

- An article by Mia Jankowicz titled "Carnival Is Selling 6 Cruise Ships After a \$4.4 Billion Loss, a Sign of the Industry's Bleak Future in the Coronavirus Pandemic" was posted at businessinsider.com on June 19, 2020.

- An article by Darcy Schlid titled "Cruise Ships Won't Sail From the US Until Mid-September, Says Association That Oversees Carnival, Disney Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean" was posted on insider.com on June 20, 2020.

- An article by Mark DeCambre titled "The Decline of the U.S. Dollar Could Happen at 'Warp Speed' in the Era of Coronavirus, Warns Prominent Economist Stephen Roach" was posted at marketwatch.com on June 23, 2020.

- An article by Jeff Cox titled "Total of those Receiving Unemployment Benefits Falls Below 20 Million" was posted at cnbc.com on June 25, 2020.

Stimulus checks

- An article by Jim Wang titled "Chances of a Second Stimulus Check Just Got a Whole Lot Better" was posted at forbes.com on June 24, 2020.
- An article by Eric Boehm titled "The Feds Sent More Than 1 Million Coronavirus Stimulus Payments to Dead People, GAO Says" was posted at reason.com on June 25, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to July 2019, 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.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

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- An article by Chelsey Cox titled "Fact Check: Feds Buy Syringes That May Have RFID [Radio Frequency Identification Devices] Chips, But No Evidence COVID-19 Vaccinations Required" was posted at usatoday.com on June 4, 2020.

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- Looking back to April, an article titled "Will Coronavirus Hasten the Demise of Religion, or Herald Its Revival?" was posted at spectator.co.uk on April 11, 2020.

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Comments about racism (real or imagined)

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- An article by Amanda Krause titled "Mike Pence Said 'All Lives Matter' When Asked by a News Reporter If He'd Be Willing to Say 'Black Lives Matter' " was posted at businessinsider.com on June 20, 2020.
- An article titled "'White Lives Don't Matter': Cambridge Academic [Professor Priyamvada Gopal] Has Post 'Deleted by Twitter' " was posted at yahoo.com on June 26, 2020.
- An article by Guy Benson titled "Hispanic Man Loses Job Over 'White Power' Hand Gesture Accusation; He Was Cracking His Knuckles" was posted at townhall.com on June 17, 2020.

- An article by Hans Bader titled "Lawyer: Vermont School Violated Free Speech by Removing Principal Who Criticized BLM" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 22, 2020.
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- An article by Marty Johnson titled "Protesters Tear Down Statues of Union General Ulysses S. Grant, National Anthem Lyricist Francis Scott Key" was posted at thehill.com on June 20, 2020.
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- An article by Kelly Tyko titled "'It's Our History': Families of Aunt Jemima Former Models Oppose Quaker Oats' Planned Brand Changes" was posted at usatoday.com on June 22, 2020.
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- An article by Mahita Gajanan titled "Gone With the Wind Should Not Be Erased, Argue Film Historians; But It Should Not Be Watched in a Vacuum" was posted at time.com on June 12, 2020.
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- An article by Jake Thompson titled "SEC Commissioner [to State of Mississippi]: Change State Flag Or Lose Championship Hosting Opportunities" was posted at oxfordeagle.com on June 18, 2020.
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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."