

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).



“Eye on the World” comment: Regular readers of this publication are aware of our normal format of presenting four categories of information—international articles, international headlines, U.S. articles and U.S. headlines. In this edition, we have added information because of the increasing role of Kamala Harris. Of course, information about her is both international and domestic. Notice one article and 14 headlines concerning her.



An article by Jeff Crouser titled “Countdown to Kamala” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 28, 2021. Following is the article.

President Joe Biden is a shadow of his former self. Long gone is the aggressive, pugnacious, and partisan Democrat who mistreated Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in his confirmation hearings. Today, Americans see a president who is clearly mentally diminished and is getting worse on a daily basis.

During the campaign, Biden refused to submit to a cognitive test. When asked by CBS News correspondent Errol Barnett if he would take a test, Biden snapped, “No, I haven’t taken a test. Why the hell would I take a test? Come on man, that’s like saying, before you got in this program, if you take a test where you’re taking cocaine or not. What do you think? Huh? Are you a junkie?”

Biden refused to take a test because it would show he is in mental decline. His last medical report was issued in December of 2019. While his doctor, Kevin

O'Connor of George Washington University, labeled Biden "vigorous" and fit to successfully perform as president, that view was not shared by other experts.

Dr. David Scheiner, the former personal physician for Barack Obama, claimed that Biden was "not a healthy guy." In fact, U.S. Congressman Ronny Jackson (R-TX), the former White House physician for President Obama and President Donald Trump, said Biden "does not have the mental capacity, the cognitive ability to serve as our Commander-in-Chief and head of state." He also reiterated a concern shared by many Americans, "I really think that he needs some type of cognitive testing before he takes over the reigns as our Commander-in-Chief."

Unfortunately, no such testing has been conducted in recent months. Americans have no idea when Biden took his last cognitive test. Biden is now president and Americans are being subjected to the uncertainty of a person with serious mental issues serving in the most important position in the world.

Ever since his inauguration, President Biden has been making frequent misstatements and obvious gaffes. The most recent episodes occurred on Friday. Earlier in the day, he forgot to put on a mask after finishing a speech. Then, after a trip to Houston, Texas, Biden made a series of troubling statements. He referred to high-profile U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) as "Shirley." Also, he mispronounced the name of Congresswoman Lizzie Pannill Fletcher (D-TX) twice. After the mistakes, he asked, "What am I doing here?"

Ironically, Biden stumbled upon the ultimate question that needs to be answered. In his first two presidential campaigns, Biden was a stunning failure. In 1988, he was forced out of the race after his repeated plagiarism was discovered. In 2008, he bombed again as a presidential candidate, barely registering 1% support.

Biden was rescued politically when Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama chose him for the vice-presidential slot. This selection was not made because of any great chemistry between the two men. Obama chose Biden even though he made a stunningly racist comment. Biden referred to Obama as "the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy. I mean, that's a storybook, man."

Clearly, Biden was chosen because he was born in Pennsylvania and could theoretically appeal to white, working-class voters in the Rust Belt. During eight years on the same ticket, President Obama did not value Biden as a vice-president and never invited him to his personal quarters in the White House for a visit. Biden admitted this embarrassing fact in a recent CNN town hall meeting.

Obama held Biden in such low regard that he did not encourage him to run for president in 2016. Instead, he endorsed Hillary Clinton. In the 2020 election, Obama only endorsed Biden when it was apparent to everyone that he would be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee.

Obama's reluctance about Biden extended to many leaders in the Democratic Party. It was only after the surge of U.S. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) in the presidential primaries that leading Democrats decided to rally around Biden. Top Democrats knew a socialist like Sanders could not win the presidency and they reluctantly backed a mentally compromised Biden as their choice.

In the presidential campaign against Trump, Biden barely left the basement of his home. He held few events and news conferences so he would have few opportunities to stumble. Although he performed adequately during the two presidential debates, he made plenty of other verbal blunders and curious comments during the race.

After the election, his mental decline has become obvious. To cover for his cerebral issues, he has not held a formal press conference and has only been interviewed a few times by friendly reporters. His one town hall meeting was broadcast on CNN, a pro-Biden network that supports his agenda and uses most of its airtime fuming about President Donald Trump and his supporters.

On a typical day, Biden will make a statement or issue an executive order. He will give a speech filled with bumbled or contorted language and then immediately exit the room as reporters are ushered out shouting questions. This is in contrast to President Trump, who gave impromptu press conferences constantly.

Sadly, the liberal mainstream press is covering for Biden. If Trump had acted in such a manner during his first five weeks, there would have been a press uproar. Eventually, these mental problems will be too severe to hide and even the liberal media will have to report on these issues.

Biden is mentally deteriorating as most astute observers knew he would. His condition has become so worrisome that 31 House Democrats are demanding the control of the "nuclear football" be removed from the sole authority of the President.

In the background, smiling and patiently waiting, is Vice President Kamala Harris, a socialist with radical views on a range of issues. To bolster her position, she has the full support of former President Obama and his political entourage.

She knows that her ascendancy will come sooner rather than later.

Harris is biding her time, as the countdown has begun.



Awaiting her time

- An article by Susan Jones titled "Rep. [Devin] Nunes [of California]: Govs. Cuomo and Newsom 'Are Expendable Now'—Because 'They're a Threat' to Kamala Harris" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on March 1, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Guy Faulconbridge titled "Harris Favorite to Win 2024 U.S. Presidential Election: UK Bookmaker" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Anders Hagstrom titled "President Joe Biden Nears 45 Days Without Holding a Press Conference" was posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on March 3, 2021.
- A video and an article by Ari Hoffman titled "Watch: White House Cuts Live Feed After Biden Says He's 'Happy to Take Questions' " were posted at the [postmillennial.com](https://www.postmillennial.com) on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Chad Banghart titled "Shocker: Liberal Media Coddles Joe and Kamala, Divides Americans" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on March 4, 2021.

Harris in international community

- An article by Steven Nelson titled "Bipartisan Bill Introduced to Repeal Iraq War Authorization After Biden Bombed Syria" was posted at nypost.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Post Editorial Board titled "Why Do Biden's Handlers Have Him Back in the Basement?" was posted at nypost.com on March 4, 2021.
- An article by Tamar Beeri titled "Netanyahu Tells Kamala Harris He Won't Let Iran Obtain Nuclear Weapons" was posted at jpost.com on March 5, 2021.
- An article by Tuqa Khalid and Al Arabiya titled "U.S. VP Harris Assures Israel's Netanyahu of 'Unwavering Commitment' Amid Iran Standoff" was posted at alarabiya.net on March 5, 2021.

Kamala Harris on the domestic front

- An article by Kyle Jaeger titled "Did Kamala Harris Flip-Flop on Marijuana Again to Adopt Biden's Anti-Legalization Position?" was posted at marijuanamoment.net on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Michael Lee titled "Harris Remains Silent on [Andrew] Cuomo Allegations Despite Past #MeToo Support" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Tim Graham titled "Al Sharpton's Hoary Heart-to-Heart With Kamala [Masqueraded As an Interview on MSNBC]" was posted at townhall.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Daniel Uria titled "Kamala Harris Visits Woman-Owned Yarn Store to Discuss American Rescue Plan" was posted at upi.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article titled "Kamala Harris Emerging as Magnet for Pressure From the Left" was posted at latimes.com March 4, 2021.



An article by Bill Donahue titled "WashPost Ignores the Catholic Church's Role in Ending Slavery" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 1, 2021. Following is the article.

As Black History Month has come to a close, the subject of slavery has been discussed in many forums. In some cases, treatment of the Catholic Church's role has been misrepresented.

Slavery is one of the most ubiquitous and historically accepted institutions in history. There is not a place on the globe where slavery did not exist, and protests against it have been extremely rare. The Hebrews, Greeks and Romans saw nothing wrong with it, and neither did the Africans, Chinese and Japanese. Aristotle thought slavery was a normal way of life.

It is important to recognize that, notwithstanding the American experience, slavery has almost never had anything to do with race: people of the same race, ethnicity, tribe, or clan enslaved each other. Moreover, it was not uncommon for

former slaves to enslave others. That slavery still exists today in parts of Africa (which did not make it illegal until the 1980s) is proof of its tenacious legacy.

If slavery was considered normal throughout most of history, when, and for what reasons, was it finally seen as objectionable? We can credit Western civilization with that honor: It was the first civilization to condemn slavery. The driving force behind it was Christianity.

The first person in history to condemn slavery publicly was Saint Patrick. A former slave himself, he enunciated the wisdom of natural law without specifically invoking it. All men were created equal in the eyes of God, he said, and should therefore be treated as equals in law. It was this quintessentially Catholic concept—all humans possess equal dignity—that eventually proved to be triumphant.

In antiquity, slavery was so common that Pope Pius I in the second century and Pope Callistus I in the third century were slaves. It wasn't until the fourth century that a bishop rejected slavery, and that was Gregory of Nyssa.

In practice, the Church's opposition to slavery began with its objections to the inhumane treatment of slaves; only later did it condemn the institution itself. But by protesting maltreatment, it did more to lay the groundwork for the eventual demise of slavery than any other institution, secular or religious.

Given the Church's role in opposing slavery, it was troubling to read a recent *Washington Post* article posted by Shannen Dee Williams, a professor of history at Villanova University. Apparently unaware of Saint Patrick and Gregory of Nyssa (who later became a saint), she claims the Church played "the leading role" in the history of slavery. She even goes so far as to say that the Catholic Church was "the first global institution to declare that black lives did not matter."

This is not simply an example of shoddy scholarship—it is a vicious lie. To make her case, she cites papal bulls by Pope Nicholas V in 1452 and Pope Alexander VI in 1493 as evidence that "the Catholic Church authorized the perpetual enslavement of Africans and the seizure of 'non-Christian lands.'" This account is seriously flawed.

Nicholas V's "Dum Diversas" was a response to those who sought "to extinguish [the] Christian religion." The pope argued that the King of Portugal had a right to protect his people and to hold in "perpetual servitude" the Saracens (Muslims) and pagans who threatened Christianity. The pope did not make a sweeping statement about enslaving Africans, as Williams contends.

Pope Alexander VI's "Inter Caetera" awarded colonial rights over newly discovered lands to Spain and Portugal. Nowhere in his papal bull does the pope even mention slaves or slavery. For Williams to imply otherwise is scurrilous.

Had Williams dug a little deeper she would have cited Pope Paul III's decision to forbade slavery in the New World under penalty of excommunication. This was in 1537, at a time when no other leader, secular or religious, was denouncing slavery. In 1839, Pope Gregory XVI also condemned slavery, but it was Pope Leo XIII in 1888 who took the most authoritative steps to abolish this institution.

It was the Catholic Church's teaching on natural law—all humans possess equal dignity and equal rights—that proved to be determinative in the end. Aristotle may be the father of natural law but he thought it was normal for slaves to obey their masters. The Church disagreed. It invoked natural rights—our equal rights come from God, not government—thus making the case to undermine slavery.

An honest historical account of the role played by the Catholic Church in ending slavery is not being taught in the schools, at any level. This has less to do with scholarship than it does politics.

To cite one example, how many college students are aware that the first prominent sociologist in American history, George Fitzhugh, was known as a progressive and a strong defender of slavery? In the 1850s, he maintained that because blacks were intellectually and morally inferior to white people, they could never successfully compete with whites in a capitalist society and were therefore better off as slaves. This is what happens when natural law and natural rights are jettisoned.

It is time for those in education, and for the publishers of elementary and secondary textbooks in history and the social sciences, to render an accurate depiction of the Catholic Church's role in ending slavery.



An article by Brad Polumbo titled "What Makes Bitcoin Special? An Economist Explains" was posted at fee.org on Feb. 27, 2021. Following is the article.

Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are all the rage right now.

Of course, the rise of non-government, decentralized, encrypted electronic currencies like bitcoin has been going on for years. But in recent months it has surged to the forefront of the national conversation as major figures like Elon Musk have bought in and bitcoin has hit record valuation levels.

Many Americans may not have followed the trend closely, and are seeking to understand it. So, to help readers better understand the novel technological trend, FEE interviewed Will Luther, an economics professor, director of the American Institute for Economic Research's Sound Money Project, and an adjunct scholar with the Cato Institute's Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives.

■ What Makes Bitcoin Different From the U.S. Dollar?

One easy way to understand bitcoin is to compare it to the U.S. dollar.

"Bitcoin is similar to the dollar in many respects," Luther explained. "Both are intrinsically worthless, meaning they have no use apart from their role as a medium of exchange. Both are irredeemable, meaning they are not backed by some underlying asset. And both are digital base moneys. (Bitcoin is fully digital, while the dollar is only 99.96% digital—close enough.)"

However, the two differ in important ways.

For one, the US government has centralized control over the dollar and its supply. Bitcoin is decentralized, meaning there's no central authority controlling it.

"Bitcoin's supply is preprogrammed," Luther said. "There will never be more than 21 million bitcoin in circulation and the supply will follow a predetermined trajectory until it reaches the maximum. The supply of dollars, in contrast, depends on the discretion of the Federal Reserve."

One consequence of this difference is that the government can inflate the US dollar if it wishes, by printing money. No one can inflate bitcoin because the supply of the currency is not centrally controlled or subject to manipulation.

One other key difference, Luther says, is that "bitcoin tends to provide more financial privacy in digital transactions."

While exchanges using the dollar can be very private if done in-person with cash, digital exchanges using the dollar that are not done in person must involve a trusted third-party that records the transaction—like Venmo or your bank. (This opens up an opportunity for privacy violations).

However, "since bitcoin can be transferred without relying on a trusted third party, it tends to offer more financial privacy than traditional digital payment mechanisms," Luther explains.

■ **Is Bitcoin a 'Currency' or an 'Asset'?**

Much of the news around bitcoin involves people making (or losing) money by purchasing it and then selling it when its highly volatile price shifts. At first glance, it seems more similar to an asset like a stock one buys on the stock market than a currency, defined as a medium of exchange.

But it's both, Luther explains.

"Bitcoin is, first and foremost, a currency (or potential currency)," the economist says.

However, "all currencies are assets," Luther offers. "And some assets appreciate. For this reason, some people think of bitcoin as an investment. But that is secondary. Indeed, bitcoin's price will only rise if (1) it becomes more useful as a currency today or (2) is expected to be more widely used as a currency in the future. Hence, even those interested in bitcoin as an investment should understand its role as a currency."

■ **Why Is Bitcoin's Price So Volatile?**

Bitcoin is infamous for its volatility, meaning that its valuation, or price, often swings drastically up and down over relatively short periods of time. This is what makes it an attractive speculative asset for some, but also is a barrier to its adoption as a widespread currency used for exchange.

Why is it so volatile?

"Since bitcoin's supply is essentially fixed, its price fluctuates due to changes in demand," Luther says. "Bitcoin is more volatile than many other assets because it is a medium of exchange. It is more volatile than other media of exchange because it lacks a core, reliable source of demand."

"Media of exchange are subject to what economists call network effects," he explained. "No one wants to use a [form of] money that no one else is using. Everyone wants to use the same money that their trading partners are using."

"Therefore, my decision to accept bitcoin makes it more desirable to you, and vice versa," Luther continued. "The network effect means that small shocks to demand are amplified, since anything making bitcoin more attractive to me also makes it more attractive to you and everyone else by virtue of the fact that it is more attractive to me. The same process works in the opposite direction for anything making it less attractive to me."

Again, comparing bitcoin to the dollar can help us understand this phenomenon.

"With other monies, there is some core group of users that everyone can count on with near certainty to accept it," Luther said. "The U.S. government, for example, stands ready to accept dollars in payment of taxes and fees. It seems very, very unlikely that it will stop doing so. That core group of users provides a lower bound to the demand for dollars . . . as a result, demand tends to be fairly stable."

"That's not the case with bitcoin," the economist continued. "It's not unreasonable to think its demand could fall to zero. So we are constantly on guard against that prospect. Relatively small disturbances lead some to reevaluate their positions. And bitcoin's price fluctuates as a result."

■ Will Bitcoin Ever Catch on For Widespread Use in Everyday Exchange?

Whether bitcoin is just a fad or could catch on for widespread use in everyday exchanges is a subject of much debate. Luther, for his part, points out that it already *can* be used in many exchanges.

"You can buy a new couch on Overstock.com," he says. "You can pay your AT&T wireless bill. Tell me what you are looking for and there is a good chance someone is out there ready to sell it for bitcoin. That it is not more commonly used, despite many retailers willing to accept it, suggests that it is not well suited for many transactions."

"Bitcoin is very well suited for making cross-border payments," Luther continued. "It is well suited for making private transactions. But few of the transactions I make in the course of a month involve cross border payments or require more privacy than is afforded by my bank. So I don't spend bitcoin very often. I suspect other people make a similar calculation. That's not a knock on bitcoin. It is just to acknowledge that it tends to function as a niche money at present, and seems likely to do so into the foreseeable future."



An article by Hilary Brueck titled "How Does Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 Vaccine Stack Up Against Shots From Pfizer and Moderna?" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Feb. 27, 2021. Following is the article.

Here is a summary of the article.

■ Johnson & Johnson's covid-19 vaccine was shown to be 66% effective at preventing mild and moderate infections, and 85% effective at preventing severe disease, in FDA data released Wednesday.

- It doesn't appear to be as effective as Moderna or Pfizer's mRNA vaccines, though it is nearly just as good at preventing hospitalizations and deaths.
- It has the benefits of being cheap and relatively easy to manufacture and distribute. It only requires one shot in the arm, and side effects tend to be milder.

The US Food and Drug Administration on Saturday authorized Johnson & Johnson's coronavirus vaccine.

The shot is 66% effective at preventing moderate to severe covid-19, according to data released on Wednesday.

At first glance, the vaccine doesn't appear to be as stellar as FDA authorized vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna, but it does have a few perks.

First and foremost: J&J's vaccine is just one shot in the arm, while both Pfizer and Moderna's are administered as two doses, given several weeks apart. Second, it can be refrigerated for three months, making transportation and storage far less of a challenge. Third, it appears to have a milder set of side effects. And finally, it is cheaper and easier to produce.

"Our goal all along has been to create a simple, effective solution for the largest number of people possible, and to have maximum impact to help end the pandemic," Johnson & Johnson Chief Executive Officer Alex Gorsky said in a statement when his company's results were released in late January.

During a call at the National Institutes of Health last month, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the US' top infectious disease expert, also stressed the importance of adding "yet another platform, another candidate into the mix in our global efforts against this extraordinary pandemic."

"This has really important domestic and global public health implications," Fauci said of the J&J vaccine, noting that "it is one shot," that doesn't need to be stored at super-chilled temperatures, and it is relatively inexpensive.

Below are the basics of how these three covid-19 shots compare, based on what we know so far.

How well the shots prevent illnesses

- Moderna: 94.1% effective at preventing symptomatic infections, 100% effective at preventing severe infections, after two doses.
- Pfizer: 95% effective at preventing symptomatic infections, nearly 100% effective at preventing severe infections (one case among more than 18,000 vaccinated individuals in the trials), after two doses.
- Johnson & Johnson: 66% effective at preventing moderate to severe infections, 85% effective at preventing severe infections, after a single dose. (There were five confirmed severe cases among more than 19,000 fully vaccinated individuals in the trials, meaning people who'd received the shot at least 28 days prior.)

How well the shots prevented hospitalizations and deaths:

- Moderna: Zero hospitalizations or deaths 14 days after the second shot.
- Pfizer: Zero hospitalizations or deaths seven days after the second shot.
- Johnson & Johnson: Zero hospitalizations or deaths 28 days after the single shot.

How many people tried them out:

- Moderna: trials included more than 30,000 volunteers across the US.
- Pfizer: trials included more than 40,000 volunteers across six countries: the US, Argentina, Brazil, Turkey, Germany, and South Africa.
- Johnson & Johnson: trials included more than 40,000 volunteers across eight countries: the US, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and South Africa.

About half of the volunteers in each company's study got real shots, and half got fake (placebo) jabs, to test out how well the vaccines work, compared to nothing.

How they work:

- Moderna: mRNA.
- Pfizer: mRNA.
- Johnson & Johnson: adenovirus. (It's the same platform as an Ebola vaccine that was approved for use in the European Union last July.)

How you take them:

- Moderna: Two shots in the arm, given 28 days apart.
- Pfizer: Two shots in the arm, given 21 days apart.
- Johnson & Johnson: One shot in the arm.

Most common side effects:

- Moderna: arm pain (91.6%), fatigue (68.5%), headache (63.0%), muscle pain (59.6%), joint pain (44.8%), and chills (43.4%).
- Pfizer: arm pain (84.1%), fatigue (62.9%), headache (55.1%), muscle pain (38.3%), chills (31.9%), joint pain (23.6%), fever (14.2%).
- Johnson & Johnson: arm pain (48.6%), headaches (38.9%), fatigue (38.2%), and muscle aches (33.2%).

How long it takes for protection to kick in:

- Moderna: some protection from infection begins 10-14 days after the first shot, with full protection achieved two weeks after the second shot.
- Pfizer: some protection from infection begins 10-14 days after the first shot, with full protection achieved one week after the second shot.
- Johnson & Johnson: some protection from infection begins as early as 14 days after the shot, with full protection measured 28 days after the jab.

How long hospitals and clinics can store it in the fridge

- Moderna: 30 days.
- Pfizer: Five days.
- Johnson & Johnson: Three months.

"The company can actually produce, in a reasonable period of time, billions of doses," Fauci added, suggesting that though this vaccine may not be as potent as the mRNA vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna, it could become a more widespread tool to help suppress the pandemic.



An article by Victoria Friedman titled "UK Govt. Scientist [Susan Hopkins] Says Britons Should Wear Masks With Three Layers" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on March 2, 2021. Following is the article.

Susan Hopkins, a specialist in infectious diseases at Public Health England, said that Britons should wear masks made with at least two, or even three, layers, and left open the possibility that the UK might follow the U.S.'s lead and recommend double masking.

The British government made wearing masks, or any kind of face covering, in shops mandatory in July 2020, with the government advising they be made with at least two layers of fabric.

Responding to a question on U.S. President Joe Biden 'double masking', Dr Hopkins said during a Downing Street press briefing on Monday: "The more layers you have, the better."

"What we recommend is at least two layers and ideally three layers in a mask. That is really important to reduce the virus transmission both from you to others and others to you," Hopkins added, according to *The Times*.

She then appeared to suggest that double masking could be coming to the United Kingdom, describing discussions about mask regulations as "ongoing": "We have got a facemasks and face coverings advisory group who meet on a regular basis and look at new and emerging evidence. The U.S. has looked at some of that evidence as well.

"We are in an ongoing discussion about what to do next. But we think one mask that has more than two layers in it is currently effective for the vast majority of the population."

The recommendations come as another health expert said that joggers should wear a mask while undertaking their vigorous exercises outside, claiming that runners' heavy breathing could put other people at risk.

Masks are only mandated in certain enclosed public spaces such as on public transport or in shops, but Oxford University's Trish Greenhalgh told *Good*

Morning Britain on Tuesday: “The exercising jogger—the puffing and panting jogger—you can feel their breath come and you can sometimes actually feel yourself inhale it, so there’s no doubt that there is a danger there.”

The debate over where masks should be warning has become a controversial topic in Britain’s halls of power, with former Brexit Party MEP and peer on the House of Lords Claire Fox, now Baroness Fox of Buckley, calling the recommendation that children wear masks in school “clearly nonsensical” and detrimental to learning.

“Why isn’t there more pushback on this?” Baroness Fox wrote on social media. “And what about the confusion of face-to-face teaching in masks—you can’t assess children’s progress without seeing and engaging with their faces . . .”

Last week, Prime Minister Boris Johnson outlined his unlocking of England from its third shutdown, with the UK having been under some kind of restrictions for almost one year.

While the Conservative government has not mandated secondary school pupils (aged 11 to 18) wear masks, the Johnson administration does recommend masks be worn in areas of schools where social distancing is not possible, at least until the Easter break.

This leaves schools the final arbitrators of whether they enforce a mask policy, but the Department for Education (DfE) stipulates that “no pupil should be denied education on the grounds that they are not wearing a face covering.”

However, that has not stopped some primary schools from reportedly telling parents that children as young as five must wear masks at all times apart from during PE lessons and when eating or drinking.

The government intervened on Tuesday, issuing the statement: “Children in primary school should not be asked to wear face coverings when they return next week.”



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

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- An article by Harriet Sherwood titled “First Papal Visit to Iraq to Go Ahead Despite Covid and Terrorism Fears” was posted at [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com) on March 1, 2021.
 - A Reuters article by Charlotte Bruneau titled “Clergy Lead a Rare Christian Revival in Iraqi Town [Qaraqosh] Welcoming Pope” was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on March 2, 2021.
 - An article by Nick Squires titled “Pope Francis ‘Walking Into the Unknown’ as He Risks His Safety to Keep Iraqi Christianity Alive” was posted at [telegraph.co.uk](https://www.telegraph.co.uk) on March 3, 2021.
 - An article by Katie Pavlich titled “Abraham Accords Prevail: UAE Ambassador Arrives in Israel for the First Time” was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on March 1, 2021.

- A Reuters article by Ari Rabinovitch titled "Israel Supreme Court: More Non-Orthodox Jewish Converts Can Become Citizens" was posted at reuters.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Lahov Harkov titled "Mediterranean Oil Spill Is 'Ecoterrorism' by Iran; Israel Says" was posted at jpost.com on March 4, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Parisa Hafezi titled "Iran Dismisses Idea of Talks With EU and U.S. to Revive 2015 Nuclear Deal [Until Sanctions Are Lifted]" was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 28, 2021.
- An article by Hollie McKay titled "Iranian Regime Returns to Medieval Punishment of Amputating Prisoners' Limbs" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 28, 2021.
- An article by Kenneth Garger titled "10 Rockets Strike Iraqi Base Hosting U.S. Troops" was posted at nypost.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Amy Teibel, Verity Ratcliffe and Arsalan Shahla titled "Middle East Tensions Rise as Israel Says Iran Attacked Ship" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Israel Blames Iran for Ship Blast Near Hormuz" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Hollie McKay titled "Iran Continues to Take Over, Manipulate Endangered Christian Communities in Iraq" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Isabel Debre titled "Saudi Arabia Says It Intercepts Missile Attack Over Capital" was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- An article by Matthew Brown titled "White House Criticized for Not Directly Sanctioning Saudi Prince Mohammed Bin Salman for Role in Khashoggi Murder" was posted at usatoday.com on Feb. 28, 2021.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "WaPo Editor [Fred Hiatt]: Why Is Biden Cozying Up to a Known 'Dictator' [Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman]?" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 28, 2021.
- A Reuters article by John Irish and Raya Jalabi titled "[Global] Media Watchdog [Reporters Without Borders] Seek German Investigation of Saudi Crown Prince Over Khashoggi Death" was posted at reuters.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Lydia Moynihan and Charlie Gasparino titled "Citigroup's Ties to Saudi Royal Family to Remain Intact After Khashoggi Link" was posted at foxbusiness.com on March 2, 2021.
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Looking back to February, a video and an article by Ari Hoffman titled “Watch: Rush Limbaugh’s Longtime Producer ‘Bo Snerdley’ [Black Producer and Friend James Golden] Remembers the Talk Radio Pioneer on the Sean Hannity Show” were posted at thepostmillennial.com on Feb. 19, 2021. Following is the article.

Rush Limbaugh’s longtime producer and friend James Golden, AKA Bo Snerdley, remembered the conservative icon on the *Sean Hannity Show* Thursday night [Feb. 18].

- Golden said: “You know, Sean, we can’t wrap our arms around this. We can’t wrap our brains and our hearts around it, that our beloved Rush has returned his talent to God. And we are so thankful for him. You know, Rush is a second-generation founding father. This went beyond radio. This went

beyond politics, what Rush did for America. One man changed so many trajectories in this, in this country.”

■ Golden continued: “When Rush began his career, there were 1,200 radio stations, roughly, doing the talk-radio format. Today there over 12,000 . . . it’s flourishing. There was no Fox TV . . . there was nowhere on TV that you could get conservative ideology that you could get the values that represent what most Americans believed until Rush.”

■ Golden then described Limbaugh’s impact on the media. “He changed the media. He changed the landscape. Rush Limbaugh’s radio show grew for over 30 years. This is unheard of, and our audience from the small children all the way up through the senior of senior citizens and beyond all of those accomplishments, Rush Limbaugh was one of the finest human beings that you would ever want to meet, a generous, wonderful, beautiful spirit—humble. A gentleman always. [He] never failed to thank people for the smallest service that they could do to him. Never looked down on people.”

■ Golden pushed back on those that disparaged Limbaugh throughout his career and after his passing. “It burns me to my soul. When people sully his reputation with falsehoods, calling him a racist, this man was just an incredible phenomenon and we love you, Rush. God bless you.”

Following the passing of Limbaugh on Wednesday, a *New York Times* obituary identified Limbaugh’s producer as an enigmatic, possibly made-up person—as implied by the paper’s description of the man, referring to him as an “unheard voice of someone he called ‘Bo Snerdly.’ ”

“Unlike Howard Stern, Don Imus and other big names in shock radio, Mr. Limbaugh had no on-the-air sidekicks, though he had conversations with the unheard voice of someone he called ‘Bo Snerdly,’ ” the *Times* wrote. “Nor did he have writers, scripts or outlines, just notes and clippings from newspapers he perused daily.”



Looking back to June 2020, an article titled “Qualified Immunity: Both Sides of the Debate” was posted at supreme.findlaw.com on June 25, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Qualified immunity provides protection from civil lawsuits for law enforcement officers and other public officials. It attempts to balance the need to allow public officials to do their jobs with the need to hold bad actors accountable. Proponents of qualified immunity argue that without a liability shield, public officials and law enforcement officers would be constantly sued and second-guessed in courts. Critics say the doctrine has led to law enforcement officers being able to violate the rights of citizens, particularly disenfranchised citizens, without repercussion.

Qualified immunity is not the result of a law passed by Congress, nor is it written in the Constitution. It is instead a legal doctrine refined by the U.S.

Supreme Court. First outlined in 1967, it has since been greatly expanded. Because qualified immunity is largely a creation of the courts, that is not based on the U.S. Constitution, Congress could pass a law amending, affirming, or revoking qualified immunity at any time. It has so far declined to do so. However, both lawmakers and current Supreme Court justices have considered amending or revoking qualified immunity as it currently stands.

Understanding the pros and cons of this once obscure legal doctrine requires some knowledge of the surrounding legal issues and why qualified immunity was created in the first place. This article will briefly recount the history of qualified immunity, how it is applied in courts today, and the pros and cons it affords society.

Section 1983 and Fourth Amendment Claims

In the Enforcement Acts of 1871, also known as the “Ku Klux Klan Acts,” Congress specifically held that groups of people could be liable in court for violating the constitutional rights of other Americans, including public officials. This was an effort to help protect black Americans who were the frequent targets of horrific violence, including lynching, and that in some cases public officials condoned. However, the end of Reconstruction came about shortly after these laws were passed and the legal system ended up offering little protection for black citizens until the 1960s.

People refer to lawsuits against the police alleging civil rights violations as §1983 claims. This is because the civil rights movement of the 1960s reinvigorated 42 U.S.C. §1983 of the Ku Klux Klan Acts. Section 1983 provides that “every person who . . . subject[s], or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States . . . to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.” Put simply, victims of constitutional rights violations can sue whoever was responsible. It was during the civil rights movement that black Americans first began alleging police use of excessive force in violation of §1983.

The Supreme Court has held that the Fourth Amendment prohibits police from using excessive force when apprehending a suspect or making an arrest. Under §1983, such a violation means that officers who use excessive force are subject to civil liability. This exact reasoning occurred in the 1958 case *Monroe v. Pape*. There, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a police officer acted “under the color of law” in using unreasonable force, and as such could be liable for violating the suspect’s Fourth Amendment rights.

The Supreme Court has also held that a Fourth Amendment violation on its own—regardless of §1983—can lead to civil liability in the 1971 case *Bivens v. Six Unknown Fed. Narcotics Agents*.

Creating Qualified Immunity

It was in 1967 that the U.S. Supreme Court first gave a police officer qualified immunity. In *Pierson v. Ray*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a police officer acting in good faith was not liable for a false arrest. The Warren Court had two reasons

for giving qualified immunity in the case. First, it wrote that courts had been granting qualified immunity for many years prior to §1983, and that Congress did not specifically ban qualified immunity in that section. The Warren Court then expanded that qualified immunity to acts undertaken by public officials in “good faith.” Legal scholars have since questioned this reading of the law. Secondly, and perhaps more important to the Warren Court, the Supreme Court feared that police would not seek to arrest suspects or do their jobs as diligently if they feared being held liable. “A policeman’s lot is not so unhappy that he must choose between being charged with dereliction of duty if he does not arrest when he has probable cause, and being mulcted in damages if he does” Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote.

Fifteen years later, in *Harlow v. Fitzgerald* the Supreme Court greatly expanded the doctrine to become closer to what it is today. In that case, an 8-1 decision, the Supreme Court said that public officials have immunity *unless* the official knew or should have known that their actions violated the plaintiff’s constitutional rights. It replaced the previous “good faith” test with something more “objective.” This test is now the analysis courts use when determining if qualified immunity protects an officer from a lawsuit.

How Qualified Immunity Works

Qualified immunity is not the same as absolute immunity. In other words, there are circumstances in which a public official can be held accountable for constitutional violations in civil court. However, in the Supreme Court’s own words, qualified immunity is an officer-friendly doctrine that protects “all but the plainly incompetent or those who knowingly violate the law.”

Courts employ a two-part test to determine whether qualified immunity applies. If the answer to both questions is yes, then the public official does not get immunity.

- Did the officer violate a Constitutional right?
- Did the officer know that their actions violated a “clearly established right”?

The next issue is to determine when a right is “clearly established.” Under the current doctrine, a right is clearly established when the Supreme Court or the relevant federal appeals court has already treated the conduct as unconstitutional, or where a public official’s conduct is “obviously unlawful”.

In 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court told lower courts it could skip the first part of the test at its discretion. Many courts now do so.

The result is that judges now look to past court cases to see whether there is a similar set of facts on record that would put the officer on notice that their actions violated the “clearly established” statutory or constitutional rights of another. The result is that the facts of a situation alleging police misconduct are highly relevant to when qualified immunity applies.

Applying Qualified Immunity

The Supreme Court has told lower courts to waive qualified immunity in cases that are very similar. It is not enough to show that a previous case denied an officer qualified immunity for broadly similar circumstances or actions.

Instead, the facts must be “sufficiently clear” that a reasonable officer would understand that they are violating a constitutional or statutory right.

Picking just one example of thousands, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals has distinguished between an officer firing at a dog surrounded by children, hitting and injuring a child, and an officer firing at a truck, instead hitting a passenger. In both cases the officer fired at a target for questionable reasons, resulting in injury to the accidentally hit victim. However, the Eleventh Circuit said the two were dissimilar enough that the officer who shot the child was given qualified immunity, whereas a previous court found that the officer who fired at the truck did not get qualified immunity.

The Benefits of Qualified Immunity

There are several arguments made to continue the doctrine of qualified immunity as it currently exists, including:

- Officers and public officials need qualified immunity to carry out their jobs. Public officials, and particularly police officers, perform vital tasks that may require split-second decisions in stressful circumstances. Taking away qualified immunity could lead to officers being hesitant to act when it is most needed.
- Removing qualified immunity could open up public officials and police to unwarranted lawsuits, in which judges and juries could second-guess split-second decisions and lead to significant costs for cities, police officers, and other public officials.
- Officers do not have absolute immunity, and they can be held liable when they violate a clearly established constitutional right.
- The narrow interpretation of clearly established precedent is appropriate. Officers should not be forced to apply an abstract right under the Constitution to specific circumstances in split-second decisions. Officers cannot be expected to be legal scholars or think through legal arguments when attempting to make an arrest.
- Officers must have room to make mistakes or have moments of bad judgment without worrying about being sued.

The Arguments Against Qualified Immunity

Several arguments against qualified immunity as it currently stands include:

- Liability is necessary to hold officers accountable for excessive force. As it stands officers are free to maliciously violate the Fourth Amendment and other Constitutional rights of citizens without any cost to themselves, provided some obscure court case hasn't already dealt with almost the exact same situation.
- The fear of rampant lawsuits against police are overblown. Many municipalities indemnify their officers, meaning the city would pay for any settlement, not the officers themselves.
- The current doctrine as applied today in courts leads to hairsplitting and it is often impossible for plaintiffs to meet the burden.

■ The doctrine is applied inconsistently and can greatly depend on the judge or judges involved in the case. For example, one judge has argued that “a court can almost always manufacture a factual distinction” when determining whether a previous precedent precludes an officer from getting qualified immunity.

What Will Happen to Qualified Immunity?

There has long been a discussion of ending or significantly amending the qualified immunity doctrine. Congress has introduced legislation to end qualified immunity, and Supreme Court justices of vastly different judicial philosophies have also endorsed revisiting police officers’ liability shield. For now, however, it remains the doctrine of the courts that plaintiffs bringing a §1983 claim must first show that the public official’s actions were very similar to a previous case in which qualified immunity was waived.



Looking back to December 2019, an article by Lara Bazelon titled “Kamala Harris’s Criminal Justice Record Killed Her Presidential Run” was posted at theappeal.org on Dec. 4, 2019. Following is the article.

News broke on Tuesday that Kamala Harris was ending her run for president. While there are a number of reasons her candidacy was not successful, chief among them was her decision to brand herself a “progressive prosecutor.” She was not, at least not by today’s standards.

The Achilles heel for the Harris campaign has been a perceived lack of authenticity. There is no better example of the gap between public presentation and historical record than her mischaracterization of who she was and what she did from 2004-2015, when she was San Francisco’s district attorney and then California’s attorney general. In truth, Harris’s record reveals that she is a centrist on criminal justice. Had she run on that record or reckoned with it—including acknowledging the harm her status-quo policies inflicted—the outcome might have been different.

It is understandable that Harris would want to claim the progressive prosecutor label—it is trending nationally now. It signals to voters that a candidate will break from the failed tough-on-crime policies of the past. In the last five years, reform-minded candidates across the country have run and won top prosecutor posts on a message of ending money bail, refusing to prosecute low level drug crimes, and vows to prosecute police officers who shoot unarmed civilians—who are almost always black and brown men.

Harris positioned herself as the original “progressive prosecutor.” She was first elected as San Francisco’s top prosecutor in 2004. As district attorney, she pledged to never impose the death penalty, defying the city’s police department and Democratic leaders who were clamoring for the execution of a 21-year-old who killed an undercover police officer. She later wrote a book called “Smart on Crime” that urged officials to abandon the “tough on crime” policies of the past and

instead favor rehabilitation over punishment. By the standards of the time, claiming a “smart on crime” mantle was lonely territory for an elected prosecutor.

But Harris fell behind the curve over the past fifteen years, as the nation’s sense of the scope and moral urgency of needed reforms to the criminal legal system—and especially to the role of elected prosecutor—shifted dramatically. The shift revealed that Harris’s brand of “progressive prosecution” was really just “slightly less-awful prosecution”—a politics, and set of policies, that still meant being complicit in securing America’s position as the world’s leading jailer. As attorney general, she weaponized technicalities to keep wrongfully convicted people behind bars rather than allow them new trials with competent counsel and prosecutors willing to play fair. One of them, Kevin Cooper, is on death row. Another, George Gage, will die in prison without intervention from the governor. In both cases, Harris had the power to change the outcome. She could have demanded DNA testing in Cooper’s case. She refused. She could have conceded Gage’s conviction was based on the prosecutor’s decision to suppress evidence that devastated the credibility of the sole witness against him. She didn’t.

Harris also failed to hold police and prosecutors accountable for misconduct. In Orange County, where a sprawling jailhouse informant scandal has robbed countless people of their right to a fair trial, her lack of meaningful oversight has contributed to a crisis of legitimacy that continues to upend the county’s criminal justice system.

In 2015, when called upon by the Legislative Black Caucus to support bills that would have mandated that all police officers wear body worn cameras and that the Attorney General’s office investigate lethal officer-involved shootings, she declined. She championed a law that went after the parents of chronically truant children, laughed when asked if marijuana should be legal, and supported a system that locks up people who are too poor to post exorbitant money bail. These policies were part and parcel of a system of mass incarceration that has deeply harmed poor people and communities of color.

Harris was dogged throughout her campaign by questions about her troubling acts and, perhaps more importantly, failures to act—declining to take bold stances that would have angered law enforcement officials. Rather than admit the obvious, she doubled down, insisting that she had always been a reformer of a broken system. The truth is that Harris embraced progressive criminal justice policies only when it was safe to do so, including from her seat in the U.S. Senate, after they had become popular. Harris is famous for repeating the advice, “Don’t let people tell them who you are. You tell them who you are.”

But voters want more than talk. They want you to show them.



An article by Larry Elder titled “The Case Against Reparations: Part 1” was posted at creators.com on Feb. 25, 2021. Following is the article.

Last week [February 17], I testified before the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties regarding H.R. 40: Examining the Path to Reparative Justice in America. In other words, reparations.

This is the first part of the statement I submitted: "Reparations is the extraction of money from people who were never slave owners to be given to people who were never slaves."

It is also interesting that we are having this hearing at a time when racism as a barrier to success has never been so insignificant.

In 1991, Black Democrat and Harvard sociologist Orlando Patterson said: "The sociological truths are that America, while still flawed in its race relations and its stubborn refusal to institute a rational, universal welfare system, is now the least racist white-majority society in the world; has a better record of legal protection of minorities than any other society, white or Black; offers more opportunities to a greater number of Black persons than any other society, including all those of Africa."

In 1997, Time/CNN did a broad survey of Black and white teens. Asked whether racism is a major problem in America, both said yes. But, when Black teens were asked whether racism was a big problem, small problem or no problem in their *own* daily lives, 89% said small or no problem. In fact, nearly twice as many Black teens, compared to white teens, agreed that "failure to take advantage of available opportunities" was a bigger problem than racism.

During the 2008 race for the presidency, the major contenders were Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton; and Republicans Mitt Romney, a Mormon, and Sen. John McCain, who would have been 72 by the time he entered office, if elected. A 2007 Gallup poll found fewer Americans would refuse to vote for a Black person (5%); than would refuse to vote for a woman (11%); than would refuse to vote for a Mormon (24%); than would refuse to vote for someone who would be 72 upon entering office (42%).

In 2007, the year before he was elected president, Obama spoke at a Black church on the anniversary of Bloody Sunday. He said: "The previous generation, the Moses generation (the generation of Martin Luther King Jr.), pointed the way. They took us 90% of the way there, but we still got that 10% in order to cross over to the other side."

I thought that 10% remaining "to cross over to the other side" was a fair assessment. After all, a 2002 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll found that 8% of Americans believed that Elvis Presley was still alive—or that at least there was "a chance." So, as to Obama's 10% remaining, I'm not sure how much more wiggle room we have left before running into the Elvis factor.

The reparations argument is based, in part, on the belief that but for slavery, America would not have become the prosperous nation it is today.

To the contrary, conservative scholar Michael Medved notes: "It's not true that the U.S. became a wealthy nation through the abuse of slave labor: The most prosperous states in the country were those that first freed their slaves

. . . "At the time of the Constitution, Virginia constituted the most populous and wealthiest state in the Union, but by the time of the War Between the States the Old Dominion had fallen far behind a half-dozen northern states that had outlawed slavery two generations earlier."

About the difference in wealth between the North and the South, Frederick Douglass, after escaping from a plantation in Maryland to freedom in Massachusetts, wrote: "But the most astonishing as well as the most interesting thing to me was the condition of the colored people, a great many of whom, like myself, had escaped thither as a refuge from the hunters of men. I found many, who had not been seven years out of their chains, living in finer houses, and evidently enjoying more of the comforts of life, than the average of slaveholders in Maryland."

To be continued next week.



An article by Larry Elder titled "The Case Against Reparations: Part 2" was posted at creators.com on March 4, 2021. Following is the article.

With reparations, there is the issue of who pays. Do African countries owe reparations to Black Americans? After all, Harvard's director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, Henry Louis Gates, wrote that 90% of those enslaved and shipped to the New World were sold by Africans to European slavers. All whites? Only whites? Nonwhites? Are payments owed before the United States became a country?

Former University of California, Los Angeles, historian Roger McGrath writes: "The reparationists claim that the United States must compensate the descendants of slaves for 400 years of slavery. Since the United States was not established until 1788 (when the required three-fourths majority of the states approved the Constitution), slavery existed for only 77 years before the 13th Amendment abolished it."

McGrath also writes about the number of whites who owned slaves in the January issue of Chronicle Magazine: "While the cotton economy enriched the owners of the large plantations and insured that millions of Blacks would live as slaves, it didn't do much for most Southern whites, who saw the most fertile bottom lands owned by a small number of powerful families. Depending on the era, only 25 percent or so of Southern whites owned slaves or belonged to a family who did."

On former President Barack Obama's maternal side, there were slave owners. Obama's father came from Kenya, a slave-trading area. Does Obama get a check, or does he cut a check? Similarly, Vice President Kamala Harris' Jamaican father has acknowledged slave owners in his family. Does Harris, whose mother is from India, get a check or cut a check?

Slavery, sadly, has been part of human history since the beginning. Muslim slave traders took whites out of the Mediterranean area and enslaved them in

Northern Africa. European slavers took Blacks out of Africa and shipped them to the New World. Europeans enslaved Europeans. Asians enslaved Asians. Africans enslaved Africans. Even Native Americans enslaved other Native Americans.

Again, who pays whom? When and where does the pursuit of reparations stop, if ever?

The Arab slave trade took more Blacks out of Africa and for a longer period of time than did the European slavers. In "Prison & Slavery," John Dewar Gleissner writes: "The Arabs' treatment of Black Africans can aptly be termed an African Holocaust. Arabs killed more Africans in transit, especially when crossing the Sahara Desert, than Europeans and Americans, and over more centuries, both before and after the years of the Atlantic slave trade . . . African slaves transported by Arabs across the Sahara Desert died more often than slaves making the Middle Passage to the New World by ship."

As to the trans-Atlantic slave trade, historian Gates says: "Between 1525 and 1866, in the entire history of the slave trade to the New World, according to the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database, 12.5 *million* Africans were shipped to the New World. 10.7 million survived the dreaded Middle Passage, disembarking in North America, the Caribbean and South America. And how many of these 10.7 million Africans were shipped directly to North America? *Only about 388,000*. That's right: a tiny percentage."

And that tiny percentage has prospered to a far greater degree than did those who went to the Caribbean, Central and South America, and, in some cases, Mexico.

In 1940, 87% of American Blacks lived below the federally defined level of poverty. By 1960, that number had fallen to 47%, the greatest 20-year period of economic expansion for Blacks in American history.

Who receives reparations? How is this determined?

Since slavery ended nearly 156 years ago, determining legal heirs to the stolen slave labor would be impossible.

When assessing the amount of reparations to be paid, is it relevant that the descendants of slaves here have prospered to a far greater degree than have the descendants of slaves shipped to Central and South America? If Black America were a separate country, its gross GDP would make it the 17th wealthiest country in the world. Economist Walter Williams said Blacks have come further ahead from further behind—and over a shorter period of time—than any people in the history of the world.

To be concluded next week.



An article by Timothy Nash titled "Booker T. Washington and the Many He Influenced" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 27, 2021. Following is the article.

As longtime admirers of legendary civil rights pioneer and educational entrepreneur Booker T. Washington, we felt compelled to pay tribute to this profoundly influential American during Black History Month.

Born into slavery on April 18, 1856 in Hale's Ford, Virginia, Washington died a free man 59 years later on November 14, 1915 in Tuskegee, Alabama. From a young age, he understood the power of education. He worked hard and earned degrees from Hampton Normal, an agricultural institute (today Hampton University) and Wayland Seminary. Washington became recognized as a leading educator, author, orator, champion of freedom, mentor and adviser to thousands, including U.S. presidents William Howard Taft and Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. As a prominent leader in the African American community, Washington fought the disenfranchisement of freed slaves during reconstruction as well as discriminatory laws like Jim Crow.

Booker T. Washington also helped found Alabama's renowned Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) nearly 140 years ago. The school's unique mission produced stellar students who appreciated the theoretical *and* practical sides of higher education.

Booker T. Washington's words and influence remain powerfully relevant today. Former U.S. Congressman and U.S. Army Lt. Colonel (Ret) Allen West recently shared the following thoughts on Washington with us.

"When people ask me 'who is my role model? the answer is easy: my dad, Corporal Herman West Sr., U.S. Army World War II veteran was that guiding hand who shaped me to be the man that I am today. And my dad's best friend was a gentleman named William 'Stickey' Jackson. He was also a World War II veteran, my godfather, and a Tuskegee Airman. My dad and godfather were originally from Alabama, but they settled in Georgia, never forgetting their Alabama roots."

"Therefore, when anyone asks who is my ideological mentor, the answer is simple. It is the trailblazer, the man, who founded the institution that is now called Tuskegee University, Booker T. Washington. Why? Simple, because as a Black conservative, Washington is the founding father of Black conservatism. His book *Up From Slavery* is about the indomitable individual spirit to be a victor, not a victim. It provides a roadmap for economic independence, not dependence. Booker T. Washington, in establishing Tuskegee Institute, had a three-point plan—education, based on critical thinking, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance. Education was not just about, as the ol' folks down south say 'book learning.' It was about an industrial education that created skills, talents, and capabilities. It is easy to understand why the famed botanist, George Washington Carver, chose Tuskegee Institute to conduct his research, which became the founding basis for research-based institutions of higher learning, especially agricultural-centered studies. The students at Tuskegee, under Washington's leadership and vision, built the institution by their own hands. They grew their own foods, constructed their own furniture, including beds."

"Booker T. Washington believed the true value of an education was not in what you knew, it was what you could produce and contribute to society through voluntary free exchange. That is where one attains self-esteem. My Mom taught

me, 'self-esteem only comes from doing estimable things.' Government programs cannot endow you with self-esteem, certainly not self-reliance."

In these divided times, we invite everyone to reflect on the unifying words and great wisdom by Booker T. Washington: "there are two ways of exerting one's strength, one is pushing down, the other is pulling up."

Booker T. Washington, through his works and deeds and the sheer power of his inspirational ideas, has pulled millions of people up, including academics like us—for which we are forever grateful. This Black History Month we should all find the time to pay tribute to heroes like Booker T. Washington, Allen West, Herman West Sr., William 'Stickey' Jackson, and the 450 heroic Tuskegee Airmen who were deployed overseas during WWII, helping to save much of the world from despots like Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler. Many of the flyboys from Tuskegee, Alabama paid the ultimate sacrifice and are buried in cemeteries across Europe. While most returned to the United States, the country they proudly fought for, had to overcome much prejudice. In doing so, they helped to build cities from Washington, D.C. to Detroit, Michigan and states from Florida to California, into the world's post-WWII economic powerhouse.

Today, as America's global economic leadership is being questioned, we would be a far better country if all of us took the time to read (or re-read) Booker T. Washington's *Up From Slavery*. In doing so, we should embrace its powerful message of a former slave who overcame great odds to advance economic empowerment through an enlightened vision that education is the key to individual freedom and achievement.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled "When Lies Matter More Than Facts" was posted at creators.com on March 3, 2021. Following is the article.

This week, The New York Times ran a long piece re-reporting a supposed race scandal from Smith College. The scandal, originally reported in midsummer 2018, featured a black student, Oumou Kanoute, who claimed that she was racially profiled while eating in a dormitory lounge. She suggested in a Facebook post that she was confronted by a campus police officer, who might have been carrying a "lethal weapon," and a janitor, adding: "All I did was be Black. It's outrageous that some people question my being at Smith College, and my existence overall as a woman of color."

The janitor was placed on paid leave. The college president issued a campuswide statement explaining, "This painful incident reminds us of the ongoing legacy of racism and bias in which people of color are targeted while simply going about the business of their ordinary lives."

The incident was reported by establishment media outlets far and wide.

There was only one problem: It was a lie.

A full investigation by an outside law firm found no evidence of bias. Kanoute was eating in a closed dormitory, and the janitor was doing his job. The campus police officer had no weapon.

So, did The Times apologize for its original coverage? Of course not. It turned the story into an investigation of supposed structural biases based on race and class. In one of the more astonishing sentences ever written in a major newspaper, The Times reported, "The story highlights the tensions between a student's deeply felt sense of personal truth and facts that are at odds with it."

For those who speak English, this sentence translates thusly: The story highlights the tensions between lies and the truth. But for those who speak the wokeabulary, this sentence actually makes equivalence between lies told on behalf of a self-serving victim narrative and factual truth. The two must be balanced against each other, not one dismissed for its patent falsehood.

This is the society we now inhabit: a society in which a "deeply felt sense of personal truth" must be weighed against "the facts." And typically, our society dismisses "the facts." That's because it has been infused with the spirit of deconstructionism, which sees all facts as merely a manifestation of how our social structures "define" truth based on cultural context. "Facts" are merely a reflection of how your society sees truth. But there's no reason your society's definition of truth must be the only one. In fact, a more tolerant society would make room for the expressive self-definition of "your truth" and redefine truth along individual lines; an accepting, kind society would allow a "deeply felt sense of personal truth" to flourish by requiring others to accept it as *fact*.

What of those harmed by that "deeply felt sense of personal truth"? This is where structural arguments about power come in. We can choose which sense of personal truth ought to triumph with reference to societal structures: Those who are deemed more victimized ought to be given more credibility. Thus, Nikole Hannah-Jones, de facto editor of The New York Times, declared that the janitor put on leave might have been the truly privileged one in the story: After all, "What is the social class of the Black student that this entire piece centers on? What is the actual power dynamic at play here?"

This is how we arrive at the insanity of a transgender agenda that calls for banning books that demonstrate the unchangeability of sex: A "deeply felt sense of personal truth" is at odds with the biological facts, and the biological facts must lose.

In the end, perhaps the deconstructionists were right; perhaps a society's emphasis on facts, data and actual truth reflects the values of that society. Such a society values the individual, since facts are accessible to individuals and aren't the select preserve of a priestly caste. Such a society allows the possibility of consensus by appeal to verifiable facts. If facts don't matter, there can be no common polis—or there can only be a polis as dictated by those in power. And perhaps that's precisely the point.



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

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- An article by Jenny Beth Martin titled “Democrats’s ‘American Rescue’ Bail-out Would Enslave Us to Debt and Lockdowns” was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Congressman Ted Budd titled “Democrats Bring Back the Swamp’s Favorite Tool [Earmarks]” was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2021.

Comments about abortion

- An article by Michael New titled “No, Washington Post, When It Comes to the U.S., Abortion is the Road Less Traveled—Both on TV and in Real Life” was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Katie Yoder titled “Pro-Life Leaders Debunk Lies of ‘Anti-Woman’ Abortion Culture” was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled “Merrick Garland Approved Illegal Alien Teen’s U.S. Abortion” was posted at townhall.com on March 4, 2021.

Rich people are getting richer

- Looking back to January, an article by Yelena Dzhanova titled “Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk Increased Their Wealth by \$217 Billion in 2020; For This Amount, Over 100 Million Americans Could Get \$2,000 Checks” was posted at businessinsider.com on Jan. 2, 2021.
- An article by Christopher Jacobs titled “How Democrats’ Covid Bill Gives Welfare to the Wealthy” was posted at thefederalist.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Congressman Mark Green titled “Speaker Pelosi’s ‘For the People Act’ [H.R. 1] Is Really for the Politicians” was posted at townhall.com on March 2, 2021.

Tragedies of lock-down

- Looking back to November, an article by Brad Polumbo titled “4 Life-Threatening Unintended Consequences of the [Government] Lockdowns” was posted at fee.org on Nov. 25, 2020. (The four consequences are: (1) Massive Spikes in Suicide Rates and Mental Health Crises, (2) Uptick in Drug Overdoses and Substance Abuse, (3) Economic Devastation Leads to Hunger and (4) Surge in Domestic Violence.
- An article by Ethan Kim Lieser titled “Coronavirus-Related Unemployment Will Kill 30,231 in U.S.” was posted at 19fortyfive.com on March 1, 2021.

Comments about teacher unions

- An article by Meg Woolhouse titled “Boston Public Schools Suspend Test for Advanced Learning Classes [in Grades 4-6]; Concerns About Program’s Racial Inequities Linger [70% of Enrolled Students Were White and Asian, While 80% of all Students Were Black and Hispanic]” was posted at wgbh.org on Feb. 26, 2021.

- An article by Hans Bader titled "States Should Follow West Virginia's Lead in Trying to Ban Critical Race Theory From Schools" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article titled "Virginia School District Warns Teachers Away From Dr. Seuss Books on His Birthday" was posted at christiannewsjournal.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Tom Tapp titled "LA Unified Schools Will Likely Be Penalized Under Newsom's School Reopening Deal" was posted at deadline.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Zachary Evans titled "L.A. Teachers Union Condemns School Reopening Deal as 'Propagating Structural Racism' " was posted at national-review.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Noah David Alter titled "3-Month-Old Babies Are Racist, Says Arizona Department of Education's 'Equity' Toolkit" was posted at thepost-millennial.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Joy Pullman titled "If You Liked Common Core, You're Going to Love Joe Biden's Anti-American Civics Project" was posted at thefederalist.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by John Kass titled "Teachers Union Boss in California Caught Taking Daughter to Private School Becomes Poster Boy for School Choice" was posted at townhall.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Evita Duffy titled "Teachers Union Hoards Vaccine From Chicago's South Side but Still Refuses to Teach in Person" was posted at thefederalist.com on March 4, 2021.

Finances

- An article by John Carney titled "Construction Spending Booms: Single-Family Homes Up 24.2%" was posted at Breitbart.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Daniella Genovese titled "Airport Passenger Volume Surpasses 1 Million Every 4 Days in February" was posted at foxbusiness.com on March 1, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Anna Irrera, Iain Withers and Lawrence White titled "Goldman Sachs Restarts Cryptocurrency Desk Amid Bitcoin Boom" was posted at reuters.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Greg Iacurci titled "Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders Propose 3% Wealth Tax on Billionaires" was posted at cnbc.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Oma Seddiq titled "Sen. Elizabeth Warren Introduces Wealth Tax Bill Aimed at People Worth Over \$50 Million" was posted at businessinsider.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Christopher Woody titled "The U.S. Air Force's Plan to Dodge Chinese Missiles Means New Jobs for Airmen Who Keep Fighters Flying" was posted at businessinsider.com on March 1, 2021.

- An article by Courtenay Brown titled "Las Vegas Sands Is Ditching Its Properties on the Strip, a Move That Could Reshape the Gaming Industry" was posted at [axios.com](https://www.axios.com) on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Sarah Whitten titled "Disney Shuttering at Least 20% of Disney Stores as It Shifts Focus to E-Commerce" was posted at [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com) on March 3, 2021.
- An article by James Leggate titled "Utah Leads States With Hottest Housing Markets" was posted at [foxbusiness.com](https://www.foxbusiness.com) on March 3, 2021.

Minimum wage

- An article by Beth Baumann titled "Progressives Believe Kamala Can Resurrect the Fight for 15 [Dollar Minimum Wage]" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Mary Meisenzahl titled "McDonald's Workers in Denmark Are Paid \$22 Per Hour So \$15 Is a 'Compromise'; AOC Says" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on March 3, 2021.

Keystone pipeline

- An article by Talia Kaplan titled "Laid-Off Pipeline Worker: The Biden Administration 'Has Taken My Livelihood From Me' " was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on March 1, 2021.

Stimulus checks

- An article by Reagan McCarthy titled "Republican Governors Slam Covid Relief Bill as 'Reward' for States With Strict Lockdowns" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "[Michigan Republican Peter] Meijer's Alternative Covid Relief Bill Slashes Total Cost, Offers More in Direct Cash Payments" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Feb. 28, 2021.
- An article titled "Brit Hume [of Fox News] Questions Whether Biden Covid Relief Plan Is 'Needed' " was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Susan Jones titled " 'After We Pass This Bill, We Will Then Move Towards Bipartisan Legislating' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Megan Henney titled "Biden Tightens \$1,400 Stimulus Check Income Limits Amid Pressure From Moderate Dems" was posted at [foxbusiness.com](https://www.foxbusiness.com) on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Megan Henney titled "Biden's Covid-19 Relief Bill Includes Billions in Aid for States That Don't Need It" was posted at [foxbusiness.com](https://www.foxbusiness.com) on March 3, 2021.

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](https://www.foxnews.com) on July 12, 2019.

- Looking back to February 2019, an article by Gregg Re titled “Green New Deal Would Cost Up to \$93 Trillion, or \$600,000 Per Household; Study Says” was posted at foxnews.com on Feb. 25, 2019.
- An article by Alexi McCammond titled “Progressives Unify Against Democrat Leaders Who Won’t Fight for Policies Like Green New Deal” was posted at axios.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Drew Allen titled “Climate Change Obsession Is a Cult” was posted at americanthinker.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Brad Polumbo titled “California City [Petaluma] Bans New Gas Stations in Latest Climate Change Effort” was posted at fee.org on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Henry Payne titled “Biden and GM Urge Electric Vehicle Transformation, But Experts Say Climate Case Is Weak” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 28, 2021.

Winter storm in South

- An article by Matthew Daly titled “White House Climate Czar to AP: Texas Storm ‘A Wake-Up Call’ ” was posted at apnews.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Gary McWilliams titled “Texas Power Cooperative [Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.] Files for Bankruptcy, Citing \$1.8 Billion Grid Debt” was posted at reuters.com on March 1, 2021.

News about the media

- Looking back to February, an article by Gabriel Hays titled “After Years of Mocking Trump, SNL Refuses to Touch Already-Rickety Biden Presidency” was posted at newsbusters.org on Feb. 1, 2021.
- An article by Kyle Drennen titled “MediaBuzz Calls Out Unfunny Late-Night Hacks Refusing to Mock Biden [After Regularly Mocking Trump]” was posted at newsbusters.org on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Lucas Nolan titled “Report: Google Attempts to Quell Internal Revolt by AI Researchers” was posted at Breitbart.com on Feb. 25, 2021.
- An article by Cortney O’Brien titled “Ari Fleischer Reflects on How Media Treated Kavanaugh in Light of [Andrew] Cuomo Scandal” was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled “[HBO’s Bill] Maher: We Need ‘A Stand Your Ground Law for Cancel Culture’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Tim Graham titled “CNN Should Shut Up About ‘Misinformation’ ” was posted at creators.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- A video and an article by Nick Arama titled “Welcome to Bizarro Spin-Land: Listen as MSNBC Show [Nicolle Wallace Talking With Obama Appointee, Jeremy Bash] Suggests Biden Tougher on Iran Than Trump” were posted at redstate.com on Feb. 27, 2021.

- An article by Jeff Poor titled "[Tucker] Carlson: 'Public Health Experts Are Scrambling to Avoid Humiliation' of Pandemic-Response Failures" was posted at breitbart.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- An article by Alexa Moutevelis titled "Don't Worry About Lockdowns, WashPost Reassures, Kids Will 'Likely Be Fine!' " was posted at newsbusters.org on Feb. 27, 2021.
- An article by Katie Halper titled "'Useful Idiots': the Democrats Try to Cancel Fox News" was posted at rollingstone.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- An article by Joseph A. Wulfsohn titled "CNN's Brian Stelter Forced to Address Cuomo Sex Scandal After Network Delayed Coverage of First Accuser" was posted at foxnews.com on Feb. 28, 2021.
- An article by Matt Wilstein titled "CNN's Chris Cuomo Awkwardly Acknowledges Allegations Against Brother Andrew Cuomo" was posted at thedailybeast.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "CNN's Chris Cuomo Breaks His Silence on Sexual Harassment Allegations Made Against His Brother" was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Natalie Musumeci titled "Ex-Journalist Lindsay Nielsen Says Harassment Faced by Cuomo Administration Forced Her to Quit Job" was posted at nypost.com on March 1, 2021.
- A video and an article by Alana Mastrangelo titled "Watch: HBO's John Oliver Compares Andrew Cuomo Nursing Home Death Scandal to 'Authoritarian Regime Like North Korea' " were posted at breitbart.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Scott Morefield titled "Naomi Wolf Joins Team Reality, and Leftists Lose Their Minds" was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Kayla Sargent titled "Fed Judge Approves \$650 Million Settlement in Massive Facebook Privacy Case" was posted at newsbusters.org on March 1, 2021.
- An article by David Hookstead titled "The Golden Globes Gets Horrible TV Ratings" was posted at dailycaller.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Kayleigh McEnany Gets New Gig at Fox News As a Contributor" was posted at townhall.com on March 2, 2021.
- A letter to the editor by James Moore (of Los Angeles) titled "Should the L.A. Times Be 'Canceled' for Its Racist Past?" was posted at latimes.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Kyle Drennen titled "CBS Socialist [Tony] Dokoupil 'Very Excited' by 'Guaranteed Basic Income' " was posted at newsbusters.org on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Josh Christenson titled "WarnerMedia CEO [Jason Kilar] Says Coronavirus 'Really Good for Ratings' " was posted at freebeacon.com on March 4, 2021.

Variant coronavirus strain

■ A Reuters article by Nancy Lapid titled "New York Virus Variant Harbors Another Worrisome Mutation; Vaccinating Elderly Adds Most Years of Life" was posted at reuters.com on March 1, 2021.

Coronavirus vaccine

■ An article by Oliver Milman titled " 'There's a Degree of Mistrust': A Third of U.S. Military Personnel Refuse Covid Vaccine" was posted at theguardian.com on Feb. 27, 2021.

■ An article by Pam Key titled "Fauci: Those Vaccinated Must Continue to Wear Masks to Protect Others" was posted at Breitbart.com on Feb. 28, 2021.

■ An article by Mica Soellner titled "Fauci: Children Under 12 Likely to Get Vaccine in Early 2022" was posted at Washington Examiner.com on Feb. 28, 2021.

■ An article by Lucas Manfredi titled "CDC Signs Off on Johnson & Johnson's Single-Dose Covid-19 Vaccine" was posted at Fox Business.com on Feb. 28, 2021.

■ An article by Tim O'Donnell titled "Fauci Urges People to Choose Whichever Covid-19 Vaccine Is Available to Them First" was posted at The Week.com on Feb. 28, 2021.

■ An article titled "U.S. to Distribute 4 Million J & J Covid Vaccines by March 2" was posted at Deccan Herald.com (Karnataka, India) on March 1, 2021.

■ An article by Ben Farmer titled "Johnson & Johnson to Test New One-Shot Covid-19 Vaccine on Babies" was posted at Telegraph.co.uk on March 1, 2021.

■ An article by Sinead Baker titled "Fauci Says the U.S. Won't Change Its Vaccine Strategy to Delay 2nd Doses, Unlike Countries Like the UK" was posted at Business Insider.com on March 2, 2021.

■ An article by Tatian Tenreyro titled "Dolly Parton Has a New Song for You 'Cowards' Who Are Afraid to Get the Covid Vaccine" was posted at Yahoo.com on March 3, 2021.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

■ An article by Natalie Rubino titled "John Hopkins Doctor [Marty Makary] Predicts Americans Could Have Covid-19 Herd Immunity by April" was posted at Fox 5 DC.com on Feb. 19, 2021.

■ An article by Robert Montoya titled "Bills [2097 and 2098] to End Abbott's Mask Mandate Introduced in Texas House [Reaffirming That Mask Decisions Are to Come Via the Legislature]" was posted at Texas Scorecard.com on Feb. 24, 2021.

■ An article by Allie Morris and Sue Ambrose titled "Gov. Greg Abbott Says It Is Now Time to Open Texas 100%, End Statewide Mask Mandate" was posted at Dallas News.com on March 2, 2021.

- An article by Tim Fitzsimons titled "Texas and Mississippi to Lift Mask Mandates and Roll Back Covid Restrictions" was posted at nbcnews.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Charlie Spiering titled "Joe Biden: Texas, Mississippi Lifting Mask Mandates Is 'Neanderthal Thinking'" was posted at Breitbart.com on March 3, 2021.

Coronavirus and religion

- An article by Graham Piro titled "Supreme Court Deals Another Blow to Embattled Newsom [Rejecting Church Restrictions]" was posted at freebeacon.com on March 1, 2021.

Comments about police "misconduct"

- An article by Marielle Mohs titled "Minneapolis to Hire 6 'Influencers' to Spread City-Approved Messaging to Public During Derek Chauvin Trial" was posted at CBSMinnesota.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- An article by Emily Zanotti titled "Minneapolis Reconsiders, Drops Program to Pay Social Media Influencers During Chauvin Trial" was posted at DailyWire.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Ny Magee titled "[Minneapolis] Courthouse Surrounded With Barbed Wire in Preparation for Derek Chauvin Trial [Next Week]" was posted at TheGrio.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Rochelle Olson titled "With Unusual Speed, State Supreme Court Agrees to Hear Appeal of Ex-Minneapolis Officer Noor's Third-Degree Murder Conviction, Which Has Implications on Chauvin Trial" was posted at StarTribune.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Ny Magee titled "Miami Police Shown Punching, Kicking Black Man in Cellphone Video" was posted at TheGrio.com on March 2, 2021.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Post Editorial Board titled "Biden's Getting Exactly the Border Crisis He Asked For" was posted at NYPost.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Laura Italiano titled "Surge of 13,000 Central American Minors to U.S. Border Expected in May" was posted at NYPost.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "United Nations Officials Shepherd Migrants Across Southern Border" was posted at TheFederalist.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Sarah Ferris and Heather Caygle titled "'Not Quite Ready Yet': Democrats Won't Take Up Biden Immigration Plan This Month" was posted at Politico.com on March 4, 2021.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Beth Baumann titled "[One of the Largest Gun-Control Organizations in the U.S.] 'Everytown for Gun Safety' Is Encouraging Supporters to Sign This Anti-Gun Petition" was posted at TownHall.com on Feb. 28, 2021.

- An article by Gavin Evans titled "St. Louis Man Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison for Brandishing Gun to Dissuade Witness From Calling Police" was posted at complex.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "We Now Know the First Gun Control Move Congressional Democrats Are Making ['Enhanced Background Checks']" was posted at townhall.com on March 2, 2021.
- Looking back to February, an article by Editorial Staff titled "Result of More Gun Control? More Guns" was posted at fredericksburg.com (Virginia) on Feb. 25, 2021.

Comments about transgenders

- An article by Blue Telusma titled "Female Track Star on Lawsuit to Stop Trans Athletes From Competing: 'Biological Males Are Taking Our Medals' " was posted at thegrio.com on Feb. 25, 2021.
- A video and an article by Neil Munro titled "Watch: Rand Paul Hammers Biden's Transgender Nominee on Child Surgery, Sterilization" were posted at Breitbart.com on Feb. 25, 2021.
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- An article titled "Mr. Potato Head to Lose 'Mr.' Title in Gender-Neutral Re-brand" was posted at BBC.com on Feb. 25, 2021.
- An article by Jon Jackson titled "Hasbro Says That Potato Head Will Keep 'Mr.' After Outcry Over Gender-Inclusive Line" was posted at Newsweek.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Brianna Lyman titled "Judge Rules Miss USA Can Exclude Transgender Women" was posted at DailyCaller.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Emma Riley titled "Rep. [Greg] Steube [of Florida]: To Claim a Different Gender Is to Reject 'God's Good Design'—Male and Female He Made Them" was posted at CNSNews.com on March 4, 2021.
- An article by Curtis M. Wong titled "Mississippi Governor [Tate Reeves] to Sign Bill to Ban Transgender Athletes From Women's Sports" was posted at HuffPost.com on March 4, 2021.

Comments about reparations

- An article by John L. Dorman titled "'Slavery Ended Over 130 Years Ago': Former NFL Player Herschel Walker Says Black Americans Shouldn't Get Reparations" was posted at BusinessInsider.com on Feb. 21, 2021.
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Biden and Harris supporters and detractors

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- An article by Nick Arama titled "ABC News Outlet Tries to Debunk Biden [Description About] Problematic 'Minorities Getting Online' Comment, [but an] Epic Fail Ensues" was posted at redstate.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Jennifer Dowling titled "Pearl District [in Portland, Oregon] Protests Turn 'Destructive'—2 Arrested" was posted at koin.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- A video and an article by Noah David Alter titled "Watch: Andy Ngo Says Antifa Wants to Strain Police Resources Until They Break" were posted at the postmillennial.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Noah David Alter titled "45 Police Officers Shot in the U.S. (11 Killed) Since the Beginning of 2021." was posted at thepostmillennial.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Democrats Pass Bill Critics Say Defunds Police and Reject Proposal to Condemn Calls to 'Abolish' Police" was posted at dailywire.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Domingo Ramirez, Jr. titled "Vandals Steal and Behead Catholic Statue, Cause Other Damage at Fort Worth Church" was posted at star-telegram.com on March 2, 2021.
- A video and an article by Libby Emmons titled "Watch: Leftist Protestors 'Storm' Georgia State Capitol to Protest Voter ID Laws" were posted at thepostmillennial.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Ayanna Pressley titled "Majority of House Dems Vote in Favor of Amendment to Lower Voting Age [to 16]" was posted at nationalreview.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Steven Nelson titled "White House Denies 'Kids in Cages' Hypocrisy Charge as Detention Centers Reopen" was posted at nypost.com on Feb. 23, 2021.
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- An article by Emily Zanotti titled "Biden Administration Will Not Allow Reporters to Tour Child Migrant Detention Facilities, Cite Covid-19" was posted at dailywire.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by John Daniel Davidson titled "The Border Surge Is Underway, and the Biden Administration Is Unprepared" was posted at thefederalist.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
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- An article by Brittany Bernstein titled "Border Dems Warn Biden Border Policies Will Be 'Catastrophic for Our Party, for Our Country' " was posted at nationalreview.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Neil Munro titled "Joe Biden's Deputies Set 2021 Goal of Welcoming 117,000 Migrant Youths" was posted at Breitbart.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Beth Bailey titled "Biden Opens Borders As Media and Governments Hide Details About Illegal Immigrant Crime" was posted at thefederalist.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Reagan McCarthy titled "De Blasio Blasts [Andrew] Cuomo's Response to 'Disgusting' Harassment Allegations" was posted at townhall.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Pam Key titled "NYT [Maggie] Haberman: [Andrew] Cuomo's Apology Is 'Breathtaking'—He Knows He's in 'Real Trouble' " was posted at Breitbart.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Sam Dorman and Tamara Gitt titled "Hillary Clinton Says Cuomo's Accusers Deserve Answers" was posted at foxnews.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Matthew Miller titled "ABC Calls Out Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand for Not Asking Gov. Cuomo to Resign When She Demanded Sen. Al Franken Resign When Similarly Accused" was posted at thepostmillennial.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Brian Freeman titled "Governor [Andrew] Cuomo Signed Bill [Two Years Ago] Lowering Bar to Prove Sexual Harassment" was posted at newsmax.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Seth Barron titled "It's a High Bar to Impeach [Andrew] Cuomo—But His Political Ambitions Have Been Destroyed" was posted at nypost.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Tom Tapp titled "Newsom Recall Petition Reaches 1.9 Million Signatures With 2 Weeks Left, Say Organizers" was posted at deadline.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Ben Poston titled "Victims-Rights Advocates Launch Recall Effort Against Newly-Elected L.A. District Attorney George Gascon" was posted at latimes.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- An article by James Rainey titled "L.A. Nursing Home 'Dumped' Residents to Bring in Lucrative Covid Patients, Authorities Say" was posted at latimes.com on March 1, 2021.
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Trump supporters and detractors

- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Here's What Ted Cruz Is Doing to Keep Democrats From Packing the Supreme Court" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Dylan Gwinn titled "The Left Melts Down After Trump Blasts Biden's War on Women's Sports" was posted at Breitbart.com on Feb. 28, 2021.
- An article by David Crary titled "United Methodist Conservatives Detail Plans for a Breakaway [Called the Global Methodist Church With a Doctrine That Does Not Recognize Same-Sex Marriage]" was posted at apnews.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Lee Moran titled "Ex-Bush Speechwriter [Michael Gerson] Laments What the GOP Has Become Under Donald Trump" was posted at huffpost.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Paul Bedard titled "Top Pollster [Jim McLaughlin]: Trump's Agenda 'More Popular Than Ever' " was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article titled "[Dr. Henry] Kissinger Says Trump, Nixon Foreign Policies Similar, Warns Biden on Iran" was posted at foxnews.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Rep. [Lauren] Boebert [of Colorado]: 'Covid Relief' Bill and 'Every Single Bill Should Be Read Aloud' So Public Knows What's in It" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 4, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Susan Cornwell and Makini Brice titled "Hours-Long Reading of Legislation [628 Pages took 11 Hours] Delays [Senate] Debate on Biden's \$1.9 Trillion Covid-19 Bill" was posted at reuters.com on March 5, 2021.

Criticism of conservatives

- Looking back to February, an article titled "Ben Shapiro to Fund Gina Carano Film After Her Firing for Holocaust Comments" was posted at timesofisrael.com on Feb. 13, 2021.

- Looking back to February, an article by Christi Carras titled “Gina Carano Unites With Ben Shapiro to Talk More About Her ‘Star Wars’ Ouster” was posted at latimes.com on Feb. 19, 2021.
- An article by Andrew Mark Miller titled “Hyatt Hotels Responds to Calls for Boycotts Over Hosting CPAC: ‘We Take Pride in Operating a Highly Inclusive Environment’ ” was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Feb. 27, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Julia Harte titled “Hyatt Calls Hate Symbols ‘Abhorrent’ After CPAC Stage Compared to Sign Used by Nazis” was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 28, 2021.
- An article by Hannah Bleau titled “Alyssa Milano Floats CPAC Nazi Conspiracy Theory, Calls for Boycott of Hyatt” was posted at Breitbart.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Natalie Winters titled “CPAC’s ‘Nazi Rune’ Stage Designed by a Liberal Company Which Has Worked for Biden, MSNBC” was posted at thenationalpulse.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Daniel Goldblatt titled “Rudy Giuliani’s YouTube Account Suspended for False Claims of Election Fraud” was posted at thewrap.com on March 1, 2021.
- An article by Gabe Laminsky titled “Supreme Court to Hear Challenge to HHS Nominee Xavier Becerra’s Attempt to Sic Mobs on Conservative Donors” was posted at thefederalist.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Ashe Schow titled “Conservatives ‘Guaranteed’ to Face Discrimination on Campus From Academics Who Want Them Censored, Study Finds” was posted at dailywire.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano titled “Silencing Free Speech—When the First Amendment Is Not Enforced, This Can Happen” was posted at foxnews.com on March 4, 2021.

Riot at Capitol on Jan. 6

- An article by Michael Gordon titled “NC Man Posed With the Ike Inside the U.S. Capitol; Then His Family Turned Him Into the Feds” was posted at charlotteobserver.com on March 1, 2021.
- A video and an article by James Anthony titled “Watch: Trump Confirms He Requested 10,000 National Guard Troops Ahead of Jan. 6; [Request] Was Shot Down by Pelosi” were posted at thepostmillennial.com on March 1, 2021.
- Looking back to January, an article by Harper Neidig titled “Police Seized Alarming Number of Weapons on Capitol Rioters, Court Documents Show” was posted at thehill.com on Jan. 16, 2021.
- An article by Monica Showalter titled “So Much for ‘Armed Insurrection’: FBI Official [Jill Sanborn] Says No Guns Confiscated at Jan. 6 Capitol Riot” was posted at americanthinker.com on March 4, 2021.

General interest

- An article by Melissa Yeager titled “Racial Slurs Fly, Fight Breaks Out on American Airlines Flight, Plane Diverts to Phoenix” was posted at azcentral.com on Feb. 26, 2021.
- An article by Charles Davis titled “Republicans and Majority of Democrats Vote to Keep Incarcerated People From Participating in Elections” was posted at businessinsider.com on March 2, 2021.
- An article by Kenneth Garger titled “Michael Brown’s Father, Ferguson Activists Demand \$20 Million From BLM” was posted at nypost.com on March 3, 2021.
- An article by Victoria Bekiempis titled “Wisconsin Hunters Kill 216 Wolves in Less Than 60 Hours, Sparking Uproar” was posted at theguardian.com on March 3, 2021.



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.”