

# Eye on the World

## April 10, 2021

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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: Because the publisher left on a business trip, this edition was completed on April 6—meaning it does not have the latest news items.



An article by Thomas Williams, Ph.D. titled “Irish Bishops Protest Government Ban on Public Worship” was posted at [breitbart.com](http://breitbart.com) on April 5, 2021. Following is the article.

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The Irish bishops have sharply criticized the government for continuing to ban public worship, insisting that leaders fail to grasp the importance of religion for the people.

Ireland has distinguished itself for the harshest suppression of religious practice in all Europe, with months of lockdown and no Masses. Bishop Denis Brennan of Ferns attributed the harsh restrictions to an “unwillingness or inability in Ireland to appreciate the value of religion or spirituality” during the coronavirus pandemic.

“I share the pain of many in Ireland at present as public worship is still not permitted,” the bishop told Ireland’s *Sunday Independent* on April 4.

While the prelate said he is “very conscious” of the need for measures to curb the spread of the virus, it must not be at the expense of “religion and spirituality.”

“I think this reality is worthy of attention and reflection at this time,” he said.

Ireland is unique in placing public worship below most businesses in order of importance, and worship services will remain banned until the country reaches Level 2, when many non-essential businesses will already have reopened.

In a similar statement, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford and Lismore protested government discrimination against people of faith, saying on March 31 that the spiritual well-being of the Irish was being “eroded” because of ongoing bans on worship.

“I must speak out to represent the voices of a very large cohort of people who are growing increasingly weary of being unable to attend Mass and whose spiritual and mental wellbeing is being eroded,” the bishop said. “Their patience is wearing thin. They are frustrated and feel unrepresented and discriminated against.”

“It is very difficult to explain to people why they are banned from public worship bearing in mind also that Ireland is one of the tiny few countries in Europe where public worship is not allowed,” he added.

On Easter Sunday, Pope Francis lamented such “severe” measures, calling for a lifting of restrictions to public worship.

“Dear brothers and sisters, once again this year, in various places many Christians have celebrated Easter under severe restrictions and, at times, without being able to attend liturgical celebrations,” the pontiff noted during his annual Easter blessing.

“We pray that those restrictions, as well as all restrictions on freedom of worship and religion worldwide, may be lifted and everyone be allowed to pray and praise God freely,” he said.



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

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### **Biden and Harris transition**

- Looking back to March, an article by Howie Carr titled “Biden’s Gaffes Bring His [Mental] Struggles to Light” was posted at [bostonherald.com](http://bostonherald.com) on March 21, 2021.
- An article by Eugene Daniels titled “Biden Handed Harris a Political Grenade [Overseeing Immigration Crisis]; Can She Defuse It?” was posted at [politico.com](http://politico.com) on March 29, 2021.
- An press release titled “[Texas] Governor Abbott Sends Letter to Vice President Kamala Harris Demanding Answers, Action on Humanitarian Border Crisis” was posted at [texas.gov](http://texas.gov) on March 30, 2021.
- An article by Jasmine Wright and Arlette Saenz titled “Kamala Harris Dives Into Migration Diplomacy as GOP Aims to Make Her the Face of the Border Crisis” was posted at [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) on April 1, 2021.

## Comments about Vatican

- An article by Jeannette Muhammad titled "In Easter Message, Pope Francis Urges Broad Access to Vaccines and an End to Conflicts" was posted at npr.org on April 4, 2021.

## Comments about Israel

- An article by Deborah Brand titled "Biden Administration Reverses Trump Stance, Says West Bank Is 'Occupied' by Israel" was posted at Breitbart.com on April 1, 2021.

- An article by Tovah Lazahoff titled "On Eve of Iran Talks, Netanyahu Warns Tehran Against Harming Israel" was posted at jpost.com on April 5, 2021.

- An article by Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman titled "Pfizer Halts Corona Vaccine Shipments to Israel After Country Fails to Pay" was posted at jpost.com on April 5, 2021.

## Comments about Iran

- An article titled "Nuclear Deal Is a 'Great Danger' to the Middle East, Could 'Supercharge' Iran Into a Nuclear Power: John Hannah" was posted at foxnews.com on April 5, 2021.

## Comments about Saudi Arabia

- An article titled "Saudi Arabia to Allow Only 'Immunized' Pilgrims to Mecca" was posted at Aljazeera.com on April 5, 2021.

- An article by Irina Slav titled "Saudi Arabia Angers Asian Buyers As It Hikes Oil Prices" was posted at oilprice.com on April 5, 2021.

## Comments about Myanmar

- A Reuters article by Robert Birsel titled "Myanmar Protesters Defy Crackdown, Five Killed; Junta Hunts Critics" was posted at Reuters.com on April 2, 2021.

- A Reuters article by Martin Petty and Raju Gopalakrishnan titled "Myanmar Protesters Clap to Denounce Junta as Region Focuses on Crisis" was posted at Reuters.com on April 4, 2021.

## Comments about Mozambique

- An article by Gabrielle Reyes titled "Islamic State Celebrates Mozambique Gas Hub Massacre" was posted at Breitbart.com on April 1, 2021.

- An article by Gabrielle Reyes titled "Islamic State Mozambique Invasion Sent Thousands [50,000] Fleeing Country" was posted at Breitbart.com on April 3, 2021.

## Comments about MLB hypocrisy in China

- An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "MLB Expanding Presence in China While Pulling Out of Atlanta" was posted at Breitbart.com on April 5, 2021.

■ An article by Jonathan White titled "MLB Replaces NBA as U.S. Right-Wing's China Battleground" was posted at scmp.com (South China Morning Post) on April 5, 2021.

### **Comments about China**

■ An article by Frances Martel titled "Witnesses: China Imprisoning Christians in Underground 'Brainwashing' Torture Centers" was posted at Breitbart.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Masaki Kondo titled "China's Bonds Only One to Gain Among Biggest Markets in Rout" was posted at Bloomberg.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Gabrielle Reyes titled "Reports: China Building Villages in Indian Himalayas" was posted at Breitbart.com on April 3, 2021.

### **Comments about Russia**

■ A Reuters article by Robin Emmott titled "NATO Says It Is Concerned About Russian Military Build-Up Near Ukraine" was posted at Reuters.com on April 1, 2021.

■ A Reuters article by Dmitry Antonov and Andrew Osborn titled "Kremlin Says Military Movements Near Ukraine Are Defensive, Pose No Threat" was posted at Reuters.com on April 1, 2021.

### **Comments about other international nations**

■ An article by Jeremy Beaman titled "Passenger Train in Taiwan Partially Derails, Killing at Least 48" was posted at WashingtonExaminer.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Mia Jankowicz titled "A Female Suicide Bomber Activated Her Explosive Belt While Holding Her Baby, Killing Both; Tunisian Government Says" was posted at BusinessInsider.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Erin Perse titled "Protests Mount to Get Biological Males Out of Canada's Women's Prisons" was posted at ThePostMillennial.com on April 3, 2021.

■ An article by Alexander C. Kaufman titled "India Demands Rich Nations Like the U.S. Clean Up Their Climate Mess, Signaling a Shift" was posted at HuffPost.com on April 3, 2021.

■ An article by Abbie Cheeseman titled "Egypt's First Female Ship's Captain Says She Was Wrongly Blamed for Suez Blockage" was posted at Telegraph.co.uk on April 4, 2021.

■ An article titled "Northern Ireland Police Appeal for Calm After Violent Unrest" was posted at APNews.com on April 4, 2021.

### **International covid-related topics**

■ An article by Bill Bostock titled "Italy Is Making All Health Workers Take the Covid-19 Vaccine, and Said Anyone Who Refuses Will Be Suspended Without Pay" was posted at BusinessInsider.com on April 1, 2021.

- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled “ ‘Trial Run’ of Domestic Coronavirus Passports in Britain Expected Within Weeks” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 2, 2021.
- An article by Breitbart London titled “Paris Deploys 6,600 Police to Enforce New Coronavirus Rules” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 3, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Guy Faulconbridge titled “Scuffles in London as Thousands Join ‘Kill the Bill’ Rallies Across Britain [Protesting Against a Proposed Law That Would Give Police Extra Powers to Curb Protests]” was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on April 3, 2021.
- An article by Victoria Friedman titled “UK Police Bust Good Friday Church Service, Threaten to Fine Worshippers” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 3, 2021.
- An article by Victoria Friedman titled “Police Show Up at London Church on Easter Sunday, After Shutting Down Good Friday Mass” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 4, 2021.
- A video and an article by Jarryd Jaeger titled “Watch: Canadian Pastor Shuts Down Police’s Attempt to Disrupt Worship Service Over Easter” were posted at [thepostmillennial.com](https://www.thepostmillennial.com) on April 3, 2021.
- An article by Kim Tong-Hyung titled “North Korea Says It Won’t Participate in Tokyo Olympics [Because of Covid]” was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on April 5, 2021.



An article by Phil Shiver titled “Biden’s ‘Infrastructure’ Bill Spends More on Electric Vehicles [\$174 Billion] Than Highways, Bridges and Roads [\$115 Billion]” was posted at [theblaze.com](https://www.theblaze.com) on April 1, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

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- Electric vehicles—\$174 billion
  - Highways, bridges and roads—\$115 billion
  - Affordable and sustainable housing—\$213 billion
  - Climate-based research and development—\$180 billion
  - Public schools and community colleges—\$137 billion



An article by Kyle Becker titled “Charles Barkley Blames Politicians for Stoking Racial Division to ‘Keep Their Grasp of Money and Power’ ” was posted at [beckernews.com](https://www.beckernews.com) on April 4, 2021. Following is the article.

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During the Final Four coverage on Saturday night, Charles Barkley slammed America’s politicians for stoking racial division for political gain. It is important to note that this take is exceptionally rare to hear on corporate television and diverges from the rabid left-wing political messaging that has now become ubiquitous in sports broadcasting.

“Man, I think most white people and black people are great people,” Barkley said. “I really believe that in my heart, but I think our system is set up where our politicians, whether they’re Republicans or Democrats, are designed to make us not like each other so they can keep their grasp of money and power. They divide and conquer.”

“I truly believe in my heart most white people and black people are awesome people, but we’re so stupid for following our politicians, whether they’re Republicans or Democrats, and their only job is, ‘Hey, let’s make these people not like each other. We don’t live in their neighborhoods, we all got money, let’s make the whites and blacks not like each other, let’s make rich people and poor people not like each other, let’s scramble the middle class.’ I truly believe that in my heart.”

Charles Barkley has a history of having some of the most level-headed takes on race relations in America. He has even hosted a six-part series on race relations called “Race in America.” And while most of his sports broadcaster colleagues are unleashing ill-informed, partisan talking points that tow the party line, Barkley has been known to speak his own mind.

In September 2020, for example, Barkley riled up left-wing CNN for questioning the narrative on the Breonna Taylor shooting. Barkley hilariously dismantled the race hoaxer Jussie Smollett for staging an event with “two black guys beating a black guy up,” and added, “If you’re going to break the law, don’t write a check.” He also angered local Baltimore residents by not feeding into the media narrative about the death of Freddie Gray.

“America discriminates against poor people, whether you’re white, black, Hispanic, whatever,” Barkley said. “Poor people are dealt a crappy hand.”



A video and an article by Brianna Lyman titled “Rep. Burgess Owens Lived Through Jim Crow, Says It’s ‘Demeaning’ to Compare Voter ID With Actual Racism” were posted at [dailycaller.com](https://www.dailycaller.com) on March 31, 2021. Following is the article.

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Republican Utah Rep. Burgess Owens ripped Democrats’ response to Georgia’s new election reform laws during an interview with the Daily Caller’s Brianna Lyman.

“We have now a conversation that pretty much says because of the color of your skin you cannot have—you’re so hapless and hopeless—that you can’t get out and get an I.D.,” Owens said, in reference to Georgia’s new law that requires voters present an I.D. to receive and return an absentee ballot. “By the way, an I.D. is needed for anyone to reach the American middle class, to achieve the American dream.”

“We don’t expect anything different from our Asian friends, our Italian friends, our Polish friends . . . only the black community is the left saying that we are so hapless that we can’t do this,” he continued. “It’s extremely racist, it’s demeaning.”

Owens said likening the laws to Jim Crow laws was “offensive.”

"It's demeaning, it is something that my parents' generation would find offensive and disappointing."

President Joe Biden released a statement Friday calling Georgia's election bill and its "rigid restrictions" "Jim Crow in the 21st century."



An article by Larry Elder titled "Fight Left-Wing Lies With Facts" was posted at townhall.com on April 1, 2021. Following is the article.

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A couple of years ago, I gave a speech before a conservative, predominantly white audience. I couldn't help but notice a tall, heavyset Black man, arms folded, standing in the back. From time to time, I would look at him, only to see him frown and shake his head, I assumed disapprovingly, when I made what I considered important points.

After the speech, he came up to me. "I am angry," he said. "Not at you—at myself. I thought I was well informed. I read the news. I watch the news. I now see I've been manipulated by the party that I voted for all my life."

He then ticked off some of the points I made in my speech that he said surprised or even shocked him.

He said he had no idea that (according to a 2004 Thomas B. Fordham Institute study) 44% of Philadelphia public school teachers send their own school-age kids to private school. Yet the Democratic Party adamantly opposes school vouchers, which would give K-12 children of urban parents a chance at a better school.

He did not know that Democrats, including President Barack Obama, tried to end the Washington, D.C., Opportunity Scholarship Program. It is a lottery that allows fortunate parents to opt out of their local public school for a better private school. The program is so popular that there are far more parents who want to participate than there are seats. "What's more important," he asked me, "than making sure are kids are well educated?"

He did not know that, in 1965, 25% of Black kids were born outside of wedlock, versus 70% today, a phenomenon that cannot be attributed to slavery and Jim Crow. He did not know that Barack Obama once said, "Children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison."

He said he was unaware that out of the approximately 390,000 slave owners in 1860, no more than a "handful" were Republican, according to conservative Dinesh D'Souza.

He did not know that more Republicans, as a percentage of their party, voted for the Civil Rights Act of 1964 than did Democrats. Nor did he know that more Republicans, as a percentage of their party, voted for the Voting Rights Act of 1965 than did Democrats. He did not know that Democrats founded the Ku Klux Klan and that one of its goals was to stop the spread of the Republican Party.

He said he was unaware that, before 1938, when the first federal minimum wage law was enacted, a Black teenager was *more* likely to be employed than a white teenager.

He did not know that, according to Harvard economist George Borjas, illegal immigration creates winners and losers. But the big losers are low- and unskilled American workers of color who compete against low- and unskilled illegal immigrant workers—who place downward pressure on the wages of the native-born.

The man did not know that, according to The Washington Post, in recent years, more unarmed whites have been killed by the police than unarmed Blacks. He was unaware of studies, including one by a Black Harvard economist, that found the police more hesitant, more reluctant, to pull the trigger on a Black suspect than on a white suspect. He did not know that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, police killings of Blacks declined almost 80% from the late '60s through the 2010s, while police killings of whites have flatlined.

He did not know that, about racism, then-Sen. Barack Obama said: “The previous generation, the Moses generation, pointed the way. They took us 90% of the way there. We still got that 10% in order to cross over to the other side.” This would be the same Obama who, when he became president, said: “The legacy of slavery, Jim Crow, discrimination in almost every institution of our lives—you know, that casts a long shadow. And that’s still part of our DNA that’s passed on. We’re not cured of it.”

According to MSNBC political analyst Steve Kornacki, 43,000 votes in just three states would have switched the winner from Joe Biden to Donald Trump. This means all Republicans need to do is change the minds of a small percentage of the electorate.

The man at my speech proves this is more than doable.



An article by Morgan Phillips titled “Coca-Cola Required ID in 2020 Shareholder Meeting, but Slams Georgia for Voter ID Law” was posted at foxbusiness.com on April 3, 2021. Following is an excerpt of the article.

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Coca-Cola has released a statement condemning Georgia’s new voting legislation, but the company requires valid ID to be admitted to its annual meeting of shareholders.

“At the entrance to the meeting, we will verify your registration and request to see your admission ticket and a valid form of photo identification, such as a driver’s license or passport,” the company wrote in reference to its 2020 annual meeting of shareholders, held before the coronavirus pandemic.

Georgia’s new voting law requires a drivers’ license or state ID number be listed to submit an absentee ballot to vote, among other new reforms. The

state already required ID to vote in person. It had previously relied on signature matching to verify ballots.



An article by Gabe Kaminsky titled “Delta Airlines Condemns Georgia Voter ID Law, Requires ID to Fly [on Their Plane]” was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://thefederalist.com) on April 6, 2021. Following is an excerpt of the article.

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After being pressured by leftist activists, Delta Airlines CEO Ed Bastian condemned the newly signed Georgia election law that mandates voter identification for absentee ballots, among other provisions.

The law makes voting in Georgia one of the most expansive and permissive regimes in the nation, with opportunities to vote at least four weeks before election day and mail-in balloting for huge portions of the electorate.

While the business executive virtue-signals to bow to the left, Bastian neglects one simple contradiction. To fly with Delta, passengers must show either a passport, driver’s license, military ID, or another government-issued photo ID. As of Oct 1, 2020, “every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or another acceptable form of ID,” according to the Delta website.

Why is Delta passionate about opposing a measure that mandates voters produce ID to vote in a federal election, but mandates its customers show ID to board a plane? Surely, boarding a plane is much more trivial than voting for a politician.

A spokesperson for Delta did not immediately respond to a request for comment by The Federalist.

Delta and other corporations can continue to lament over an uncontroversial election security measure supported by large majorities of Americans of all races, but their superficiality shows through their teeth. If requiring people to show ID is racist, as many have implied, then Delta would be institutionally racist for requiring people to show ID for boarding a plane.



An article by Dylan Gwinn titled “MLB Moves All-Star Game to Colorado, Which Has Voter ID and Fewer Early Voting Days Than Georgia” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://breitbart.com) on April 5, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

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According to a report, Major League Baseball (MLB) is expected to announce that they have decided to relocate the All-Star Game from Atlanta, Georgia, to Denver, Colo.

MLB removed the All-Star Game from Atlanta after Georgia passed a series of voter reforms aimed at safeguarding the integrity of their elections. MLB

and other corporations claimed that the new law acted as a “voter suppression” measure by shortening early voting periods and requiring ID.

Putting the falseness of those claims aside, for a moment, one would think that if MLB were so appalled by those measures, they would move their All-Star game to a place that fewer voting restrictions, not more.

However, that is not the case.

Not only does the state of Colorado require proof of identification when casting a ballot to vote, but it also has fewer early voting days than Georgia.

As for the claims that Georgia’s voting laws represent some attempt at severely restricting people’s ability to vote, even the Washington Post gave President Biden four Pinocchios for saying that the Georgia law changed election day voting hours.

The local *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* issued a correction after claiming the law limited voting hours: ‘A previous version of this story said the new law would limit voting hours. On Election Day in Georgia, polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and if you are in line by 7 p.m., you are allowed to cast your ballot. Nothing in the new law changes those rules.’

The law limits the early voting period before runoff elections, but Georgia’s early voting period is still more generous than that of some other states, including Biden’s home state of Delaware. Georgia allows no-excuse absentee voting, unlike other states—including Delaware and the state of New York, where baseball’s Hall of Fame is located.

Many other provisions of the Georgia law make voting more accessible, not less. For example, it formally allows drop boxes, which were just a temporary measure in the 2020 election.

Many had questioned whether MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred had read Georgia’s voting laws before deciding to pull the All-Star Game from Atlanta. Now, given that he’s decided to play the game in a state with equal or even more restrictive voting requirements, one can fairly ask if he’s read anyone’s laws?



An article by Guy Benson titled “Suppression: MLB Must Remove Headquarters and Hall of Fame From ‘Jim Crow’ New York, Based on Alleged ‘Values’ ” was posted at townhall.com on April 5, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

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The aggressive and hyperbolic lying about Georgia’s new elections law came to a head on Friday when Major League Baseball (MLB) announced it had been bullied into relocating its upcoming All-Star Game and draft out of Atlanta, in accordance with the demands of Democrats and their activist and corporate allies. President Biden, who has lied incessantly about the legislation, endorsed this boycott in an ESPN interview, during which he repeated a falsehood so egregious that the Washington Post fact-checked it as a “Four Pinocchio” lie. The

White House has tripled down on the dishonesty, refusing to correct the record. Pressure came from the very top, in the extraordinary form of a president of the United States who pledged healing and unity encouraging a boycott against an American state—but not of the Olympic Games in Communist China, where ethnic cleansing and genocide are being carried out by the regime.

Put simply, Major League Baseball folded to brass-knuckle purveyors of ignorance and lies. Georgia Democrats belatedly realized that their outrageous and mendacious demagoguery had resulted in tens of millions of dollars worth of economic harm to their state, particularly communities dominated by their voters and constituents. They're frantically expressing opposition to MLB's decision and practically begging other entities not to follow suit. But they can't have it both ways.

Figures like Stacey Abrams can't bellow "Jim Crow" as loudly as possible for weeks on end, impervious to any facts, then try to stuff the woke genie back into the bottle when their outrage mob reacts accordingly. "Oh, we didn't mean it like *that*." The Democratic Party and their co-conspirators in the media are directly responsible for this.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is asking MLB to bring Atlanta's canceled All-Star Game to New York. If Georgia is home to "Jim Crow" voting laws, what does that make the Empire State? That deep blue jurisdiction, in which Schumer has been an elected official since long before I was born, has far more substantial restrictions on voting than Georgia now does—including no permitted "no excuse" absentee balloting, and significantly less early voting. New York also has a legal provision extremely similar to the much-maligned and endlessly-distorted Georgia restriction on providing food and beverages at polling places, with each state allowing specific exceptions.

Beyond New York's "racist suppression" (again, this is based on Schumer's standard), their elections are shambolic. Their voting laws are more restrictive in multiple important ways than Georgia's—and therefore, we're told, racist and suppressive by definition.

- How can Major League Baseball continue to countenance this appalling betrayal of its supposed "values" by maintaining its headquarters and Hall of Fame in such a backward and bigoted state?
- And if Commissioner Manfred and company choose to look the other way and remain in New York, what does that say about their commitment to ostensible "values"?
- And don't forget MLB's attempted accommodations of Communist Cuba, negotiated during the presidency of Barack Obama, who's also endorsed the sport's Georgia boycott (ahem).

Major League Baseball and other corporate cowerers are acting cravenly and disgracefully. Telling the truth and correcting the record no longer seem sufficient as meaningful forms of pushback. If the Left is going to insist upon relentlessly assaulting every corner of American life with infusions of toxic, zero-sum, fact-deficient pol-

itics, conservatives must be prepared to pick battles wisely and respond in kind. If companies and organizations need to be bullied back into neutrality, so be it.



An article by Wendall Husebo titled: "Marco Rubio Asks MLB Commissioner to 'Relinquish' Membership at Augusta [National Golf Course, Which Hosts the Masters]" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 5, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) wrote a letter asking Major League Baseball (MLB) Commissioner Rob Manfred to "relinquish his personal membership at Georgia's Augusta National Golf Club" after MLB's boycott of Georgia over their new voter ID laws.

"I am under no illusion that Major League Baseball will sacrifice business revenue on behalf of its alleged corporate values," Rubio said. "Similarly, I am under no illusion you intend to resign as a member from Augusta National Golf Club. To do so would require a personal sacrifice, as opposed to the woke corporate virtue signaling of moving the All Star Game from Atlanta."

"Taking the All-Star game out of Georgia is an easy way to signal virtues without significant financial fallout. But speaking out against the Chinese Communist Party would involve a significant loss of revenue and being closed out of a lucrative market." Rubio concluded.

The announcement of MLB's relocation came Friday after President Joe Biden "strongly" supported the move during an interview with ESPN aired on Wednesday's *SportsCenter*. Biden also said, "today's professional athletes are acting incredibly responsibly" in relation to leagues such as the NBA.



An article by Ken Blackwell titled "Biden and Corporate Wokesters Assault Election Integrity Laws" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on April 5, 2021. Following is the article.

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Corporate titans tripping over themselves to be "woke" by condemning election integrity laws like Georgia's SB 202 are failing in their duty to focus on running their companies profitably, ironically instead pushing an agenda that other nations show destroys private business under one-party socialist rule.

As a shareholder in the ownership of a major sports franchise and a former partner in a broadcast company, I could do whatever I want with profits once they were in my personal pocket. But I could not treat shareholders' money that way when serving on a board or as a corporate officer because I've also served on a number of boards of directors, both for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Non-profits are dedicated to some sort of mission, whether it's educating the public,

charitable work, or advancing a particular political or policy issue. By contrast, for-profit companies' top objective is to turn a profit for the shareholders.

Directors on for-profit boards know that they have a fiduciary obligation to those who own shares in the company to make money, giving those shareholders a return on their investment. Corporate officers—from the CEO down to vice presidents—must answer to the board to explain how their decisions are in the financial best interests of the company. When officers fail to make decisions based on that objective, or directors fail to hold officers accountable, shareholders can even bring lawsuits against them.

So it's stunning to see companies like Coca-Cola and Delta Airlines have become so woke that they take public stands condemning some of their own customers (and presumably some shareholders as well) in Georgia, and as Major League Baseball moves the All-Star Game to a state that probably has similar or more restrictive election laws.

Many such corporate leaders are simultaneously doing business in China—which truly is an oppressive, freedom-crushing regime that does not allow democratic voting at all—kowtowing to Beijing, often with over-the-top flattery and gushing praises, while denouncing duly elected lawmakers in American states passing laws to protect the voting process.

These corporatist wokesters have been sucked in by Joe Biden's "big lie," that these laws are racist and un-American to the point of being "Jim Crow on steroids." Those of us whose families lived under Jim Crow segregation decades ago, and also who in modern times have the everyday experience of pulling out photo identification for all sorts of common activities like checking into a hotel or getting medicine, find that comparison appalling.

Yet some corporate leaders are tripping over themselves to be President Biden's apologists. Consumers are turning on many of them by pulling back from purchasing products from some of those companies, which will hit their bottom line. These corporate officers who are treating their for-profit corporations like nonprofit political activist groups may yet be held to account.

What are these corporate leaders (and Biden) condemning? Election integrity laws like voter ID.

The reality is this: the least favorable poll for voter ID laws I've seen lately—from the Associated Press—said that 70 percent of Americans support this commonsense measure. Other recent polls say 77 percent. Americans support these laws by overwhelming margins, and black Americans support them by a whopping 38-point margin (64 to 22). Let's be clear: Jim Crow doesn't get that kind of poll numbers in the black community.

As I've written before in a university publication, election integrity is part of your voting rights—your right to have your legal ballot fully counted, not diluted by other people doing something illegal.

Speaking for my home state of Ohio as someone who spent almost three decades in elected office there: Ohio's voting laws focus on election integrity as much as Georgia's new law, with our own voter ID requirements and other safeguards. And we have two baseball teams: the Cleveland Indians and the Cincinnati Reds (the sports franchise in which I have ownership shares).

If they're targeting Georgia today, they can target Ohio tomorrow, and whatever state you call home.

But Biden is not just condemning states' fulfilling their sovereign responsibility to protect their citizens' votes. He's also pushing H.R. 1 (S. 1 in the Senate)—the Corrupt Politicians Act—which would abolish all voter ID in America, mandate nationwide mail-in ballots with no way to confirm the identity of the sender, universally register as a voter everyone who interacts with the government, repeal laws that clean up voter rolls and basically take everything that caused chaos and problems in 2020 and make it the law of the land.

The Corrupt Politicians Act is a hyper-partisan power grab to ensure that America becomes a one-party state, where only Democrats are able to win the White House and both houses of Congress. In just a few short years, that would mean they control the courts as well. Serving as the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, I've seen in other nations what one-party rule gives you: socialism, where companies exist only at the pleasure of an authoritarian government.

By the same reasoning that the corporate wokesters at Coca-Cola, Delta, MLB, and other businesses condemn SB 202, they would also have to endorse and push the Corrupt Politicians Act to be consistent. Such a regime would destroy the very free-market principles they rely upon to run successful businesses.

Laws like SB 202 make it easy to vote, but hard to cheat. The Corrupt Politicians Act does the opposite. It's not good business to take sides against such a principle of American freedom.



An article by Charlie Spiering titled "Biden's Billions: Top 45 Spending Items in Joe Biden's \$2.5 Trillion 'Infrastructure' Bill" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on March 31, 2021. Following is the article.

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The White House released a fact sheet of President Joe Biden's proposed \$2.5 trillion infrastructure bill on Wednesday [March 31], detailing his multi-billion-dollar spending priorities.

Here are some of the top 45 spending proposals:

- \$400 billion toward expanding access to quality, affordable home- or community-based care for aging relatives and people with disabilities.
- \$213 billion to produce, preserve, and retrofit more than two million affordable and sustainable places to live.

- \$174 billion to win the electric vehicle market.
- \$115 billion to modernize the bridges, highways, roads, and main streets that are in most critical need of repair.
- \$111 billion to replace 100 percent of the nation's lead pipes and service lines.
- \$100 billion to upgrade and build new public schools.
- \$100 billion to build high-speed broadband infrastructure to reach 100 percent coverage.
- \$100 billion to build a more resilient electric transmission system.
- \$85 billion to modernize existing transit and help agencies expand their systems to meet rider demand.
- \$80 billion to address Amtrak's repair backlog; modernize the high traffic Northeast Corridor; improve existing corridors and connect new city pairs.
- \$56 billion in grants and low-cost flexible loans to states, Tribes, territories, and disadvantaged communities across the country.
- \$50 billion in dedicated investments to improve infrastructure resilience.
- \$50 billion in the National Science Foundation (NSF), creating a technology directorate that will collaborate with and build on existing programs across the government.
- \$50 billion to create a new office at the Department of Commerce dedicated to monitoring domestic industrial capacity.
- \$50 billion in semiconductor manufacturing and research.
- \$48 billion in American workforce development infrastructure and worker protection.
- \$46 billion investment in federal buying power.
- \$45 billion in the Environmental Protection Agency's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and in Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) grants.
- \$40 billion in upgrading research infrastructure in laboratories across the country.
- \$40 billion investment in a new Dislocated Workers Program and sector-based training.
- \$40 billion to improve the infrastructure of the public housing system in America.
- \$31 billion in programs that give small businesses access to credit, venture capital, and R&D dollars.

- \$30 billion in additional funding for R&D that spurs innovation and job creation, including in rural areas.
- \$30 billion over 4 years to create U.S. jobs and prevent the severe job losses caused by pandemics.
- \$27 billion Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator to mobilize private investment into distributed energy resources; retrofits of residential, commercial and municipal buildings; and clean transportation.
- \$25 billion in airports.
- \$25 billion for a dedicated fund to support ambitious projects that have tangible benefits to the regional or national economy.
- \$25 billion to help upgrade child care facilities and increase the supply of child care.
- \$20 billion in regional innovation hubs and a Community Revitalization Fund.
- \$20 billion worth of Neighborhood Homes Investment Act tax credits over the next five years.
- \$20 billion to improve road safety for all users, including increases to existing safety programs and a new Safe Streets for All program.
- \$20 billion for a program that will reconnect neighborhoods cut off by historic investments and ensure new projects increase opportunity, advance racial equity and environmental justice, and promote affordable access.
- \$18 billion for the modernization of Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics.
- \$16 billion plugging oil and gas wells and restoring and reclaiming abandoned coal, hardrock, and uranium mines.
- \$17 billion in inland waterways, coastal ports, land ports of entry, and ferries.
- \$14 billion in National Institute of Standards and Technology to bring together industry, academia, and government to advance technologies and capabilities critical to future competitiveness.
- \$12 billion investment target funding to ensure new jobs created in clean energy, manufacturing, and infrastructure are open and accessible to women and people of color.
- \$12 billion investment in community college facilities and technology.
- \$10 billion investment in enforcement to ensure employers are providing workers with good jobs—including jobs with fair and equal pay, safe and healthy workplaces, and workplaces free from racial, gender, and other forms of discrimination and harassment.
- \$10 billion in funding to monitor and remediate PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in drinking water and to invest in rural small water systems and household well and wastewater systems, including drainage fields.

- \$10 billion investment for Civilian Climate Corps.
- \$10 billion in the modernization, sustainability, and resilience of federal buildings.
- \$5 billion increase in funding for other climate-focused research.
- \$5 billion for a new Rural Partnership Program to help rural regions, including Tribal Nations.
- \$5 billion over eight years in support of evidence-based community violence prevention programs.



An article by Ken Blackwell titled “Media Cartel Bill Is Bait and Switch to Strangle Conservative Outlets” was posted at townhall.com on March 24, 2021. Following is the article.

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The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JPCA) is a bait-and-switch attempt that claims to help conservative news sources but would instead purge them from the marketplace of ideas, and Congress should reject it for the freedom-killer it is.

JCPA would give media companies—broadcast and print—an exemption from federal antitrust laws, so they can operate in a coordinated fashion to negotiate prices that social media companies like Facebook would have to pay them to carry their content. It would ensure that these tech billionaires would have to direct some of their riches into content providers.

But that’s a Big Boys’ game where the major players could decide who to let into their club. Smaller outlets would be left out in the cold, and the market would suffer.

This is because almost all of the Big Boys are liberal. For print, there’s The New York Times and The Washington Post. For video content providers, you have the networks, CNN, and MSNBC. The twin star performers owned by News Corp—Fox News Channel and the Wall Street Journal—are some of the only ones to the right of the 50-yard line.

The bill’s supporters say it would help small, conservative outlets like the one you’re reading now. No chance. I talk almost daily with friends on Capitol Hill, and I heard from them the names of a couple of hard-charging right-wing outlets who were supposed to be the beneficiaries of this legislation. But then I talked with the CEO of one of those companies and found out that no one had approached him on this bill before it was rolled out. (And for that matter, he opposes it.)

Aside from having done thousands of interviews over the past half-century, I used to be part owner of some radio stations and know how the media industry works. The reality is this: Media companies prefer cartels and monopolies, just like many other businesses.

This provides them a chance to have one without the lean and hungry conservative happy warriors. Offer a bill with the sales pitch that it will protect those citizen journalists, then have the big dogs circle the wagons on terms that the social giants must meet for huge corporations, but then keep those citizen journalists outside the circle.

That's what this is—a classic bait and switch. News Corp would be fine under the JCPA and with it all of that company's conservative voices. But there are as many moderates at Fox News and the Wall Street Journal as there are conservatives and more than a few liberals. Facebook couldn't turn those outlets away, but that company might be the only right-of-center media company at that level. It would effectively give Fox and the Journal a monopoly on news that is not hard-left, which means that "conservative" would be whatever the Murdoch family says it means. People who get all their news from social media—and there's an increasingly high number of those—would never hear voices like the ones who they are accustomed to reading at this outlet.

So JCPA would allow the liberal big media company to have a cartel with only one non-liberal company. All the plucky, intrepid conservative outlets could form their own cartel, but it would make up such a small slice of the media pie that social media could ignore them altogether.

If Facebook has to negotiate on a rate to carry news from outlets that are stridently conservative, they would just let the conservative outlets name a price—any price—agree to that price per piece, then rarely or never take any of their pieces. In theory, everything is okay because they have an agreement, but the big tech titans would just never pick up any content under the agreement.



An article by Justin Haskins titled "How Big Banks Are Planning to Force Americans Into the 'Great Reset' Trap" was posted at townhall.com on March 30, 2021. Following is the article.

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In June 2020, elites from around the world gathered to announce the launch of a plan to "reset" the entire global economy, a proposal they ominously named the "Great Reset."

Among the many world leaders and powerful institutions that pledged their support for the Great Reset at the June meeting were the International Monetary Fund, Prince Charles, the head of the United Nations, CEOs from major international corporations, and the World Economic Forum—one of the key ringleaders of the Great Reset.

"Every country, from the United States to China, must participate [in the Great Reset], and every industry, from oil and gas to tech, must be transformed," wrote Klaus Schwab, the founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, in an article published on WEF's website. "In short, we need a 'Great Reset' of capitalism."

The initial justification for the Great Reset was the covid-19 pandemic, but from the start, supporters of the global economic overhaul repeatedly said that climate change was the long-term justification, the one that would allow a sustained, massive transformation of society. Doing nothing, they argued, would pose an “existential threat” to the human race—a completely ludicrous argument many on the left continuously make without a shred of solid scientific evidence to support the claim.

Among the most important figures in the Great Reset movement are gigantic financial institutions and/or their CEOs, including Bank of America and MasterCard.

Although many Great Reset supporters have called for dramatic expansions of government welfare programs, including job guarantees, government-provided health care, etc., the heart of the Great Reset is something called environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics.

ESG metrics offer public policy leaders, economists, investors, and banks an entirely new way of evaluating businesses. Instead of looking at how profitable a company is, how many employees it has, its business model, and other traditional metrics, ESG adds to those concerns a whole host of left-wing causes, including how “green” a company is, having the “right” ratio of minorities, whether a business is involved in politically disfavored industries (such gun manufacturing and sales), as well as other, similar considerations. Companies are then given a score or rating to determine how well they align with ESG goals.

Hundreds of the world’s largest corporations, including financial institutions, have already created ESG systems and reporting metrics within their companies, and investor groups worth trillions of dollars have pledged to prioritize these companies over those that refuse to participate.

ESG systems, sustainable investment, and forcing the world to adopt “green” energy sources are all essential elements of the Great Reset plan to transform the world. (I put “green” in quotes because there is ample evidence to show wind and solar energy are not even remotely environmentally friendly, as even left-wing documentarian Michael Moore now admits).

Parts of the Great Reset are theoretical and have yet to be put into place, but some components of the plan have already been rolled out or are now being put into place. One of the most important is financial institutions’ commitment to mandate that virtually all businesses in America adopt renewable energy.

In February 2021, Bank of America, citing its “longstanding support for the Paris Climate Agreement,” announced, “the company today outlined initial steps to achieve its goal of net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in its financing activities, operations and supply chain before 2050.”

Note that the “net-zero greenhouse gas emissions” rule will be applied not only to Bank of America’s own operations and supply chain—meaning every company that does business with Bank of America—but also its “financing activities.”

Put more simply, if you want a loan from Bank of America in the future, you better toe the globalist line on climate change.

Of course, Bank of America isn't the only bank with these policies. Wells Fargo CEO Charlie Scharf made a comparable announcement on March 8.

"Climate change is one of the most urgent environmental and social issues of our time," Scharf said, "and Wells Fargo is committed to aligning our activities to support the goals of the Paris Agreement and to helping transition to a net-zero carbon economy."

Citi, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and JPMorgan Chase—which, together with Wells Fargo and Bank of America, make up the six largest banks in the United States—also made similar commitments.

And do not think for a moment that these requirements will only apply to businesses, either. Some financial institutions have already started to give ESG scores to individual investment accounts, as Glenn Beck has repeatedly noted, sending a clear signal that *everyone* will be required to adopt the Great Reset in the coming years.

If banks are allowed to collectively decide to stop financing any group of people they want, based not on financial concerns but ideological considerations, then banks and their Great Reset allies will have, in effect, near-total control over society—especially if they begin to tie lending decisions to a vast ESG system.

Interestingly, in January 2021, the Trump-era Office of the Comptroller of the Currency issued a finalized Fair Access to Financial Services regulation that would have made it illegal for large banks to engage in the sort of discrimination I warned about above. But just one week after entering the White House, President Joe Biden "paused" the rule's implementation, signaling his clear intention to eliminate the rule before it ever has a chance to be published in the Federal Register.

This shouldn't come as a surprise to those of you who have been following the Great Reset closely. The Biden administration's "climate czar," John Kerry, as well as Biden himself, are supporters of the Great Reset.

The time has come for a massive populist revolt against the Great Reset, one that will hopefully have the same success as the grassroots movement against Common Core did under the Obama administration.

The fate of the free world may very well depend on it.



An article by Brian C. Joondeph titled "Biden's War on CO<sub>2</sub>—Starving Planet Earth" was posted at [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com) on April 2, 2021. Following is the article.

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Carbon dioxide is persona non grata in leftist circles. Listening to Democrat blathering over CO<sub>2</sub>, which they exhale copiously with each breath, one would think this gas is poisonous, on par with Sarin or other nerve gases. In reality, CO<sub>2</sub> is plant food, and essential for life on planet Earth.

One of President Biden's first executive orders, signed on January 20, aims to "restore science to tackle the climate crisis." Joe claims, "the policy of my Administration to listen to the science." Really?

His administration can't decide how many masks we should wear, how far apart we should stand next to each other, or why despite millions of Americans getting vaccinated every day, we need to consider more lockdowns. Most of these recommendations did not "listen to the science" and now the arbitrary changes are still not following any science, particularly evidence-based clinical trials, the holy grail for Drs. Fauci, Birx, and the rest of the medical smart set.

In the executive order, Biden emphasizes the "social cost of carbon," whatever that means. Is there a social cost of air and water too? Is the word "social" a convenient excuse to invoke "social justice," "systemic racism," "oppression," "intersectionality," "privilege," and other leftist dog-whistle buzzwords in the grand plan of fundamentally transforming America?

Carbon happens to be the building block of life on Earth. It is also organic, produced by natural processes that cannot be reproduced by man in any meaningful way, specifically the creation of coal, oil, and natural gas. Carbon is non-GMO, free-range, pesticide free, and everything else needed for it to be sold at Whole Foods if it was edible.

Carbon dioxide is one of several greenhouse gases, and certainly not the most prevalent as that distinction belongs to water vapor. Should there be a ban on water?

Carbon and CO<sub>2</sub> are not the same thing, but interrelated. CO<sub>2</sub> feeds plants which ultimately become fossil fuels over long periods of time, and when those fuels are used, CO<sub>2</sub> returns to the atmosphere to feed more plants. The circle of life.

CO<sub>2</sub> is a relatively small percentage of the atmosphere, 0.04% to be exact, a fraction of a percent of the air around us. CO<sub>2</sub> levels can vary significantly, from less than 400 parts per million outdoors to over 1000 inside a crowded room. Crews of submarines can handle CO<sub>2</sub> levels of up to 8000 parts per million without adverse health effects.

More importantly, CO<sub>2</sub> is plant food, necessary for life on Planet Earth. Think back to high school biology and photosynthesis, where water, sunlight, and CO<sub>2</sub> combine to produce oxygen and plant growth, as in fruits, vegetables, grasses, and all form of plant life that members of the animal kingdom, including humans, eat daily.

CO<sub>2</sub> and warm temperatures are necessary for plant growth and life on Earth. Consider CO<sub>2</sub> as plant food or fertilizer. A 100 percent increase in CO<sub>2</sub> levels increases plant growth from 22-41 percent, depending on plant type. Apart from CO<sub>2</sub>, temperature also affects plant growth, warmer temperatures translate to higher growth rates, assuming the other photosynthesis ingredients are in place.

Plants have tiny holes on the underside of their leaves called stomata, through which plants ingest CO<sub>2</sub>. When the CO<sub>2</sub> levels are higher, the stomata don't need to open as wide to get the CO<sub>2</sub> they need. Plants also lose water through these

stomata (think of a plant 'breathing'). Smaller stomata openings mean less water loss, so that with higher CO<sub>2</sub> levels in the air, plants lose less, and therefore need less water to thrive, and can grow in drier, previously inhospitable environments.

Putting science class aside, higher CO<sub>2</sub> levels with slightly warmer temperatures, increases the productivity of most plants. This creates a "greening of the planet," combating the effects of fires, deforestation, pest outbreaks and other attacks on Earth's vegetation. As the planet greens, dry climates become fertile, supporting plant life which in turn feeds both humans and animals.

This "CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization" correlated with an 11 percent increase in foliage cover from 1982-2010 across many arid regions of the world. Think of the resulting benefits, including the reduction of hunger, disease, and poverty in Africa and the Middle East. Why is this not a good thing? Excessively limiting CO<sub>2</sub> starves the plant kingdom and ultimately the animal kingdom which is dependent on plants for food.

Carbon, the basis of life, originates with carbon dioxide, consumed by plants, eventually converted into carbon-based fossil fuels via the sun, making it a form of solar energy, and completely natural. This fact alone should be applauded by the environmental left.

There is a social cost to reducing or eliminating carbon and CO<sub>2</sub>, contrary to the supposed intention of Biden's executive order. Advocating for less atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and cooler temperatures will cause a "browning" of the planet, less food, more starvation, disease, and misery around the world. Is that part of the "fundamental transformation" or "great reset"? Is CO<sub>2</sub> reduction a backhanded means of population control?

One of President Trump's actions was to end funding for a United Nations population control agency. Is the Biden administration, through carbon restrictions, a sneaky way of pushing UN and globalist population control?

Unless this talk of reducing carbon is not actually about the environment but instead about social engineering and control. Much like how the myriad arbitrary covid rules and restrictions are more about money and control than the virus.

The Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, a consultant organization to the UN, gave a press conference in Paris claiming that, "If we are to address the climate crisis we need to challenge the structural causes of the crisis which lies on unequal distribution of wealth, of carbon, and of power."

Note two of the causes—wealth and power. Those should be in the hands of the ruling class, not the hoi polloi. Is that what Biden and the left's climate crusade is really all about?

The Green New Deal for example is not about the environment, but instead top-down government control. AOC's chief of staff Saikat Chakrabarti admitted as much, "The interesting thing about the Green New Deal is it wasn't originally a climate thing at all. We really think of it as a how-do-you-change-the-entire-economy thing."

This is out of the Karl Marx handbook, the struggle against the "unequal distribution of wealth."

If the global do-gooders were truly concerned about the poor, they would embrace concepts, such as CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization, that raise the standard of living of poorer countries. Instead, their goal is to redistribute wealth and resources to the point that everyone is poor, except of course for those in charge. This explains the war on carbon, which is actually a war on prosperity. Welcome to Joe Biden's America.



An article by Nolan Rappaport titled "Why Did Biden Put Harris in Charge of the Border Crisis?" was posted at thehill.com on April 5, 2021. Following is the article.

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In March, the Border Patrol apprehended more than 171,000 migrants who had made illegal crossings into the United States, the highest monthly total since 2006—and it included more than 18,800 children who arrived without their parents. This is an extraordinary increase—up from 78,442 apprehensions in January—and it doesn't include nearly 1,000 "got aways" per day.

"Got aways" are migrants who are observed making an illegal entry but are not caught. DHS has no way of determining how many aliens enter without being observed.

The increase in the number of families making illegal crossings in March was even steeper, soaring to more than 53,000—up from 7,294 in January.

This is a crisis, and Biden isn't taking effective steps to deal with it.

He appointed Vice President Kamala Harris to lead the administration's efforts to persuade Mexico and the Central American countries to address the root causes that push people to flee their homes in the first place. This was one of the objectives in his plan for "securing our values as a nation of immigrants."

This has been tried already with the Central American countries.

Between fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2018, the United States provided \$3.7 billion in aid to Central America, and the Obama-Biden administration promoted economic prosperity, improved security, and strengthened governance in Central America in 2014 with its U.S. Strategy for Engagement in Central America program.

It hasn't worked.

People are still leaving those countries to come here; moreover, there is little—if any—reason to think it ever will. The differences between conditions in Central America and the United States are too great, particularly economic conditions.

The average annual income in El Salvador is \$4,000; in Guatemala it is \$4,610; and in Honduras it is \$2,310.

In the United States it's \$65,850.

In any case, working on such long-term changes isn't going to stop the current surge in illegal border crossings.

## **Why did Biden give an immigration task to Harris?**

Harris doesn't appear to be very knowledgeable about immigration law. Presumably, she wouldn't have made this statement about why migrants come here from Central America if she had known the asylum eligibility requirements:

"We all know most people like being at home. They like being where they grew up . . . So we have to ask, 'Why do people leave that?' And usually they leave because there is a lack of opportunity or it is just not safe. And so my area of focus on the Northern Triangle is to deal with some of those issues."

Asylum isn't given to migrants who come here because there is a lack of opportunity or it just isn't safe in their own countries.

Under U.S. law, asylum is given to migrants who are outside of their own country and unable or unwilling to return because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

## **Does she even want to secure the border?**

Harris doesn't want to enforce our country's immigration laws, so I wouldn't expect her to have much concern about securing the border to keep undocumented aliens out of the country.

When asked on the second night of the 2019 Democratic debates if an undocumented alien should be deported if his only offense is not having documents, her response was, "I will say, no, absolutely not. They should not be deported."

Her immigration plan at the time was focused mainly on using executive authorities to make it possible for undocumented aliens to obtain legal status or deferred action.

This isn't surprising for a California senator. California is a sanctuary state that protects undocumented aliens from ICE. Its sanctuary policies have drawn more than 2 million undocumented aliens to California.

## **Is she an effective negotiator?**

Harris's record as a senator indicates that being able to change the minds of people she disagrees with isn't one of her strong points, and she seems to be aware of this shortcoming. When she was a candidate for the presidency, she admitted that she would not be able to persuade Congress to pass immigration reform legislation. Her plan was to rely instead on executive actions.

Her difficulty persuading others to accept her views may be due to the fact that her views are ultra-liberal. The GovTrack 2019 Report Card ranked her as being the most liberal of the Senate's 100 members.

Moreover, she didn't show much inclination to work with the Republicans when she was a senator. She joined bipartisan bills less frequently than other Democratic senators.

She was one of just three Democrats who voted against a compromise that would have given the Trump administration billions of dollars for a border wall in exchange for a path to citizenship for Dreamers.

So why would Biden choose her to lead his administration's efforts to work with the Central American and Mexican governments to stop the flood of illegal crossings?

Apparently, he doesn't want to secure the border either. He probably just wants to slow down the flood of asylum seekers to a manageable level until he has the resources necessary to process their applications.

In December 2020, Biden told reporters that he would establish a more "humane policy" at the borders but that he would need "probably the next six months" to rebuild a system to process migrants and secure funding for immigration judges.

As of the end of February 2021, the immigration courts had a backlog of nearly 1.3 million cases, and the average wait for a hearing was two and a half years.

Changing Trump's policies immediately, he warned, could lead to having "two million people on our border."

He did it anyway, and the border crisis he feared is occurring.

Moreover, it is occurring during a pandemic that is expected to become more contagious due to the spread of mutations that in some cases are more deadly.



An article by Dennis Prager titled "Mask-Wearing Represents Fear and Blind Obedience, Not Science" was posted at townhall.com on April 6, 2021. Following is the article.

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When I see people walking outside, often alone with no one anywhere near them, wearing a mask, my primary reactions are disappointment and sadness.

I am disappointed because I expected better from my fellow Americans. I never thought most Americans would be governed by irrational fears and unquestioning obedience to authority. I have come to realize that I had a somewhat romanticized view of my countrymen.

Had you told me a year ago that nearly every American in nearly every metropolitan area would cover their faces for over a year because one man, one political party and the media told them to, I would have responded that you underestimate the strength of the American character.

But here we are, over a year later, and where I live (the Los Angeles area), I am usually the only person on the street not wearing a mask. (For the record, I wear a mask in stores and when entering the building in which I work, out of courtesy to those who think a person not wearing a mask poses a lethal threat.)

On the rare occasions I pass people not wearing a mask, I thank and praise them. They are invariably enthused by my reaction.

You do not need medical or scientific expertise to understand the foolishness of outdoor mask-wearing. Common sense, that great unused guide to life, suffices.

If you wear a mask, you do so in the belief that you are protecting yourself (and others) from covid-19. So, then, why do you care if I don't wear a mask? Doesn't your mask protect you? If it does, my not wearing a mask may irritate you because you resent my assertion of freedom, my obvious lack of respect for government and medical authorities, and my alleged selfishness, but there would be no rational medical—that is, "science-based"—reason for your objecting to my not wearing a mask.

And if masks protect us and others, why have people been refused the right to visit a loved one as he or she lay dying alone? Why couldn't a person—wearing the same mask a doctor, nurse or any health care worker wears when entering your parent's room—enter that room? There are two possible answers: One is it's a tacit admission that masks are essentially useless. You were prevented from visiting your dying father because the hospital believes your loved one or others in the hospital might contract the virus from you, even though you were wearing a mask. Which means those running the hospital don't believe masks actually work. The other is that the medical establishment and lay authorities have abandoned elementary human decency in the name of AOC, or "Abundance of Caution." Forcing hundreds of thousands of people to die alone will go down as one of the cruelest policies ever adopted by American medical and political authorities.

The problem is most Americans who went to college learned to unquestioningly obey "experts." This is why common sense, logic and reason mean little to the well-educated—and, increasingly, to everyone else, because everyone is taught by the well-educated. All we need to know is what the "experts" say. That plus a fanatical adherence to the rule of AOC have crushed logic and reason.

The irony, however, is that "the science" doesn't justify the fanatical commitment to mask-wearing. There are plenty of experts with evidence-based views to the contrary. Here are but a few examples:

Dr. Anthony Fauci himself told the truth about the uselessness of mask-wearing on "60 Minutes" on March 8, 2020: "Right now, in the United States, people should not be walking around with masks . . . There's no reason to be walking around with a mask. When you're in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people feel a little bit better, and it might even block a droplet, but it's not providing the perfect protection that people think that it is. And, often, there are unintended consequences: People keep fiddling with the mask, and they keep touching their face."

Dr. Ramin Oskoui, a cardiologist in Washington at a Senate hearing in December 2020, testified under oath: "Masks do not work." (The New York Times, Dec. 8, 2020.)

The Wall Street Journal reported on Nov. 11, 2020: "The projected number of lives saved, and the implied case for a mask mandate, are based on a faulty statistic."

Dr. Paul E. Alexander, a Canadian epidemiologist, wrote: "Surgical and cloth masks, used as they currently are, have absolutely no impact on controlling the

transmission of covid-19 virus, and current evidence implies that face masks can be actually harmful.” (American Institute for Economic Research, Feb. 11, 2021.)

Roger W. Koops, who has a doctorate in chemistry from the University of California, Riverside, wrote: “A ‘mask,’ and that term usually refers to either a SURGICAL mask or N95 mask, has no benefit in the general population and is only useful in controlled clinical settings. Further, it has been considered a greater transmission risk than a benefit in the general population . . . In the open environment, no one should be wearing face coverings.” (American Institute for Economic Research, Oct. 16, 2020.)

Finally, a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine on May 21, 2020, concluded: “We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic.”

Contrary to mainstream media misinformation, the doctors who wrote that report did not later retract anything they wrote.

People say they “follow the science.” They rarely do. They follow the scientists the media tell them to follow.



A Reuters article by Andrew Chung and Lawrence Hurley titled “U.S. Supreme Court Rebuffs Claims of Workplace Religious Bias” was posted at reuters.com on April 5, 2021. Following is the article.

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The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday sidestepped a chance to further expand religious rights, turning away two cases in which employees accused companies of violating federal anti-discrimination law by insufficiently accommodating requests for time off to meet religious obligations.

The justices declined to hear appeals by two men of different Christian denominations—a Jehovah’s Witness from Tennessee and a Seventh-day Adventist from Florida—of lower court rulings that rejected their claims of illegal religious bias. Lower courts found that the accommodations the men sought would have placed too much hardship on the employers.

In a dissent, conservative Justices Neil Gorsuch and Samuel Alito said the court should have taken up the case from Tennessee. The Supreme Court has taken an expansive view of religious liberties in a number of important cases in recent years.

At issue in the cases was the allowances companies must make for employees for religious reasons to comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on religion as well as race, color, sex and national origin.

Gorsuch wrote that religious rights under the employment law are “the odd man out” because they do not receive as much protection as other rights guaranteed under federal law, such as those that apply to the disabled.

“Alone among comparable statutorily protected civil rights, an employer may dispense with it nearly at whim,” Gorsuch wrote.

Under the law, employers must reasonably accommodate workers’ religious observance or practices unless that would cause the company “undue hardship”—which the Supreme Court in a 1977 case determined to be anything more than a minor, or “de minimis,” burden. Critics of the “de minimis” standard have argued that it particularly harms religious minorities.

Last year, in a similar appeal that the court declined to hear that involved a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, three conservative justices—Alito, Gorsuch and Justice Clarence Thomas—indicated that the court should consider overruling the 1977 precedent.

The Tennessee case involved Jason Small, a leader in the Jehovah’s Witnesses congregation in the Memphis suburb of Collierville who worked as a dispatcher at Memphis Light, Gas and Water, a large public utility. Small missed work in 2015 to attend worship on the Good Friday holiday as well for a congregational duty the following Wednesday even though his requests for time off had been denied.

Small was suspended for two days without pay. The company said Small missed work on “multiple occasions.”

The Florida case involved Mitche Dalberiste, a Seventh-day Adventist. GLE Associates, a Florida company that performs work-site safety monitoring, revoked his job offer after he disclosed that he would be unable to work on the Sabbath, which he observed from sundown on Friday to sundown Saturday.

GLE, in a court filing, said Dalberiste lied about his ability to work on weekends and said it regretted being dragged into a “special-interest fueled lawsuit attempting to circumvent Congress.” Dalberiste is represented in part by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a religious rights legal group.

Both men sued in federal court, alleging religious discrimination in violation of Title VII.

In Small’s case, the Cincinnati, Ohio-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that accommodating him would cause more than “de minimis” hardship on the company’s operations and other employees. The Atlanta, Georgia-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a similar ruling against Dalberiste.



An article by Francesca Chambers titled “Anti-Trump Group [Republican Accountability Project] Amps Up Pressure [Spending \$1 Million in Ads] on GOP Lawmakers Who Voted Against Election Results” was posted at star-telegram.com on March 29, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

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- Mo Brooks—Alabama
- Madison Cawthorn—North Carolina
- Matt Gaetz—Florida
- Louie Gohmert—Texas
- Marjorie Taylor Greene—Georgia
- Kevin McCarthy—California



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

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### **Deficit**

- An article by Nicholas Ballasy titled “Bipartisan Worry Grows Over National Debt, Which Now Totals \$85,210 Per Person” was posted at justthenews.com on April 2, 2021.
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- An article by Rebecca Grant titled “Covid Put Remote Abortion to the Test; Supporters Say It Passed” was posted at medscape.com on April 5, 2021.
- A Reuters article by Aakriti Bhalla, Judy Babu and Shubham Kalia titled “Tennessee Asks Top U.S. Court to Reinstate Two-Day Waiting Period for Abortions” was posted at reuters.com on April 6, 2021.

### **Illegal immigration—sending kids**

- An article by Penny Starr titled “Foster Family [Who Had Taken in Troubled Youth for Seven Years] Booted From Home [Owned by ‘Friends of Youth’] to Make Room for Illegal Alien Youth” was posted at Breitbart.com on March 31, 2021.
- An article by Adam Shaw titled “Fox News Obtains Photo of 2 Girls Rescued After Being Dropped Over Border Wall” was posted at foxnews.com on April 2, 2021.
- An article by Hannah Nightingale titled “A Record-Setting 19,000 Unaccompanied Migrant Minors Crossed Into the U.S. in March Amid Biden Border Crisis” was posted at thepostmillennial.com on April 2, 2021.
- An article by Charlotte Pence Bond titled “New Poll: Americans Disapprove of Biden’s Handling of Child Migrant Crisis” was posted at dailywire.com on April 5, 2021.

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- An article by Sean Moran titled "Louie Gohmert: Biden Unveiled Infrastructure Plan to 'Distract' From 'Horrors' of Border Crisis" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 1, 2021.
- An article by Haley Victory Smith titled "March Southern Border Crossings Reach Highest Level Since 2006" was posted at [washingtonexaminer.com](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com) on April 2, 2021.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Texas Gov. Abbott: Texas Law Officers 'Doing Everything [About Illegal Immigration] the Biden Administration Is Supposed to Be Doing' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on April 2, 2021.
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- An article by Joshua Caplan titled "Stacey Abrams: Don't Boycott Georgia Businesses 'Yet' Over Election Law" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 1, 2021.
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- An article by Jacob Bliss titled "Poll: 72% in Favor of Requiring Photo ID to Vote" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 2, 2021.
- An article by Lucas Nolan titled "Apple CEO Tim Cook Joins Corporate Chorus Attacking Georgia Voting Law" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on April 2, 2021.
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### **An orchestrated reset**

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- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Biden's \$2 Trillion 'Infrastructure' Plan Includes \$175 Billion in Subsidies for Electric Cars, Buses" was posted at [cnsnews.com](#) on April 1, 2021.
- An article by John T. Bennett titled "White House Calls Biden's Infrastructure Package 'a Climate Bill in Many Ways' as GOP Howls" was posted at [washingtonexaminer.com](#) on April 2, 2021.
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- An article by Biba Adams titled "7 Texas Officers Fired in the Death of 26-Year-Old Marvin Scott" was posted at thegrio.com on April 2, 2021.

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- An article by Carl Samson titled "Elderly Asian Woman Stabbed to Death in California by Woman Out on 'Emergency Bail' " was posted at nextshark.com on April 5, 2021.

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■ An article by Brad Devereaux titled “Kalamazoo County Seeks Applicants for Reparations Task Force Aimed at Addressing Racial Discrimination” was posted at mlive.com on April 5, 2021.

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### **Comments about Gavin Newsom recall**

■ An article by Maegan Vazquez titled “VP Harris Is the Latest White House Official to Appear With California Gov. Newsom Amid Recall Effort” was posted at cnn.com on April 5, 2021.

### **Comments about Hunter Biden**

■ An article by Natalia Mittelstadt titled “GOP Senator: Biden Family Deals in China Pose ‘Enormous Blackmail’ Threat for President” was posted at justthenews.com on April 3, 2021.

### **Biden and Harris supporters and detractors**

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled “Biden Scolds Americans for Acting Like They Have Freedom” was posted at townhall.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Bill Donahue titled “Democrats See Biden and Harris as Religious” was posted at cnsnews.com on April 1, 2021.

■ An article by Bill Donahue titled “Biden Holding Rosary Beads on Easter Will Not Mollify Catholics’ Concerns” was posted at cnsnews.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Emma Riley titled “Biden (a ‘Devout Catholic’) Delivers Easter Message That Doesn’t Mention Jesus Christ” was posted at cnsnews.com on April 5, 2021.

■ An article by Charlie Spiering titled “Joe Biden Fails to Condemn Farrahan-Follower Capitol Hill Attack in Statement” was posted at Breitbart.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled “Biden Aims to ‘Eliminate’ State and Local Zoning Laws That Exclude Affordable Housing” was posted at cnsnews.com on April 1, 2021.

■ An article by Kyle Olson titled “Michigan LT. Governor Garland Gilchrist Claims Republicans Don’t Want Black People to Vote” was posted at Breitbart.com on April 1, 2021.

■ An article by Amy Furr titled “Virginia Supreme Court Rules Charlottesville Can Take Down Confederate Statues” was posted at Breitbart.com on April 1, 2021.

■ An article by Robert Kraychik titled “[Texas] Rep. Kevin Brady: ‘American Jobs Plan’ Is ‘A Race to the Bottom of Jobs and Growth’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on April 2, 2021.

■ An article by Natalie Fertig titled “Schumer: Senate Will Act on Marijuana Legalization With or Without Biden” was posted at politico.com on April 3, 2021.

- An article titled “Colorado Is Latest to Weigh Ban on Native American Mascots [in Public Schools and Colleges]” was posted at nypost.com on April 2, 2021.
- An article by Penny Starr titled “Girl Scouts Announce \$500,000 Campaign for ‘Anti-Racist’ Programming” was posted at Breitbart.com on April 2, 2021.
- An article by Katie Davenport titled “Portland High School Worries That Evergreen Tree Mascot Is Problematic Because It Could Symbolize ‘Lynching’ ” was posted at thepostmillennial.com on April 5, 2021.
- An article by Madeline Osburn titled “Clown Show: Pete Buttigieg ‘Bikes’ to Work After SUVs Drive Him Part of the Way” was posted at thefederalist.com on April 2, 2021.

### Trump supporters and detractors

- An article by Mike Brest titled “Ex-Trump Aide [Max Miller] Rakes in \$500,000 in First Month of Challenge Against Republican Who Voted for Impeachment” was posted at WashingtonExaminer.com on April 1, 2021.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled “Trump Just Proved the ‘Experts’ Wrong Again on the Vaccine Timeline [When He Predicted That the Vaccine Would Be Available to Anyone Who Wanted It by April 2021]” was posted at townhall.com on April 3, 2021.
- An article by Monica Showalter titled “Democrats Hurl Rotten Tomatoes at Latinos Who Voted for Trump, Calling Them ‘Low-Information Voters’ ” was posted at AmericanThinker.com on April 3, 2021.
- An article by Pete Williams titled “Supreme Court Dismisses Lawsuit Over Trump’s Twitter Account” was posted at NBCNews.com on April 5, 2021.

### Criticism toward conservatives

- An article by Gabe Kaminsky titled “The More the Corrupt Media Declares War on DeSantis, the More Conservatives Embrace Him” was posted at thefederalist.com on April 5, 2021.

### General interest

- An article titled “Deadly Breach Could Delay Decisions About Capitol Fencing” was posted at NewsMax.com on April 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.”