Eye on the World March 3, 2018

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Yochanan Visser titled "Analysis: Erdogan Drops His Mask After Iran's Move in Syria" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Feb. 25, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Less than a day after the United Nations Security Council tried to establish a 30-day ceasefire in Syria, it has already become clear the fighting will continue unabated, except perhaps for places which already have achieved relative calm.

The most dangerous development over the last week has been a sudden move by the Iranian-Russian backed pro-Assad coalition which intervened in the conflict between Turkey and the Kurds in Afrin, the most northern autonomous enclave in Syrian Kurdistan.

After Erdogan's Sunni Islamist forces slowly advanced in the Kurdish region along the Syrian Turkish border and the West, including the United States, remained passive in light of this open aggression against the Syrian Kurds, Assad's, or should we say Iran's, forces did something almost no one expected.

Local media reported hundreds of Shiite fighters belonging to the Syrian army had entered Afrin to "protect" the borders of Syria.

The entrance of 'Assad's forces' was reportedly the result of a deal between the Kurdish YPG militia in Afrin and the regime in Damascus and could be the beginning of the major escalation in Syria I wrote about less than two weeks ago.

Nouri Mahmoud, a spokesman for the Kurdish YPG militia in Afrin, said Assad's forces will "take up positions on the borders and participate in defending the territorial unity of Syria and its borders."

The man behind the sudden move of the pro-Assad coalition was the commander of the Quds Force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps, Qassem Soleimani, according to the Turkish outlet Yenisafak.

Soleimani reportedly sent a large convoy with Shiite fighters into Afrin last Tuesday while the Turkish air force tried to prevent the force's entry to the city of Afrin by using drone attacks and artillery fire, the commander of the local Sunni Islamist militia Abu Amara told Yenisafak.

"Pro-Assad Shia groups such as Al-Nujabaa, Liwaa al-Quds and Liwaa Mohammad Baqir, are part of the Shiite force in Afrin," according to Muhanna Jafala, the Abu Amara Brigade commander.

The offensive by the Shiite forces in Afrin will most likely pit the Syrian army against NATO member Turkey and must be seen as a reaction to the forming of a new Turkey-backed coalition of Sunni Islamist rebel groups in northern Idlib.

The new-formed Hayat Tahrir Suriyah coalition is the result of a merger of the Sunni Islamist rebel groups Ahrar al-Sham, Nour al-Din Zinki and other Al Qaeda' inspired militias who have fought the Assad regime from the beginning of the civil war in the now ruined country.

Russia reportedly sided with Turkey in its opposition to the deployment of 'Assad's' troops in Afrin and tried to delay the offensive, after which Iran's top commander intervened and sent in a Shiite-only force Reuters reported.

Erdogan reacted furiously to the new development and invoked 'Allah's help' in his vow to " break the arms and wings of the terrorist infrastructure and to destroy it completely."

The hot-headed Turkish leader said he suspected a plot "to sever us from our sisters and brothers by forming a terror corridor along our borders (with Syria), but didn't elaborate.

He was referring to Ankara-backed Sunni Islamists in the northern Syrian province Idlib which borders on Afrin and which has been the scene of fierce fighting between them and Assad's forces recently.

Erdogan later announced he was contemplating mobilizing Turkey's reserves, a remark which caused the collapse of an e-platform of the Turkish Defense Ministry when thousands of Turks tried to discover if they were among those being called-up for reserve duty.

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An article by David Singer titled "Abbas Dumps Trump for the United Nations" was posted at israelnationalnews.com on Feb. 25, 2018. Following is the article.

PLO Chairman Mahmoud Abbas signed his own suicide note after another blistering attack on America in the United Nations Security Council on 20 February.

Abbas told the Security Council: "The United States has contradicted itself and contradicted its own commitments and has violated international law and the relevant resolutions with its decision regarding Jerusalem. So, it has become impossible today for one country or State alone to solve a regional or international conflict without the participation of other international partners. Therefore, to solve the Palestine question, it is essential to establish a multi-lateral international mechanism emanating from an international conference and in line with international law and the relevant resolutions."

Exiting the meeting immediately after this verbal barrage—Abbas did not hear US Ambassador to the UN—Nikki Haley—giving him this serve: "I will decline the advice I was recently given by your top negotiator, Saeb Erekat. I will not shut up. Rather, I will respectfully speak some hard truths. The Palestinian leadership has a choice to make between two different paths.

- There is the path of absolutist demands, hateful rhetoric, and incitement to violence. That path has led, and will continue to lead, to nothing but hardship for the Palestinian people.
- Or, there is the path of negotiation and compromise. History has shown that path to be successful for Egypt and Jordan, including the transfer of territory. That path remains open to the Palestinian leadership, if only it is courageous enough to take it."

Haley was still smarting from Erekat's intemperate "shut up" outburst on 31 January when he also described Haley as "impudent"—whilst Abbas's two hour anti-American diatribe on 14 January and Abbas's refusal to meet American Vice-President Mike Pence also contributed to Abbas's public dressing down.

Abbas is perfectly entitled to choose the United Nations path to pursue his agenda seeking to create a second Arab State in former Palestine—in addition to Jordan which comprises 78% of former Palestine. However he cannot possibly achieve that result facing a certain US veto in the Security Council.

Haley made Abbas's choices and America's intentions crystal-clear—warning Abbas: "You can choose to denounce the United States, reject the U.S. role in peace talks, and pursue punitive measures against Israel in international forums like the UN. I assure you that path will get the Palestinian people exactly nowhere toward the achievement of their aspirations. Or, you can choose to put aside your anger about the location of our embassy, and move forward with us toward a negotiated compromise that holds great potential for improving the lives of the Palestinian people. Putting forward old talking points and entrenched and undeveloped concepts achieves nothing. That approach has been tried many times, and has always failed. After so many decades, we welcome new thinking."

Choosing the United Nations over direct negotiations with Israel will disqualify the PLO from participating in Trump's proposed "ultimate deal" to end the Arab-Jewish conflict—details of which still remain shrouded in secrecy.

President Trump's "new thinking" could see Jordan and Egypt replacing the PLO in future negotiations with Israel to determine the allocation of sovereignty between these three States in Judea and Samaria ('West Bank') and Gaza—the last remaining 5% of the territory of the Mandate for Palestine still claimed by both Arabs and Jews.

Abbas's "new thinking"—egregiously claiming Palestinian Arabs are descended from the long-extinct and pagan Canaanites—grossly insulted the Security Council's intelligence.

Abbas has committed political suicide dumping Trump and embracing the United Nations. Trump's response will be far-reaching and the consequences dire for those whom Abbas purports to represent.



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- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Iran to Hold Festival Dedicated to Eventual Destruction of Israel" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 1, 2018.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Blacklisted Iranian Uses UN Human Rights Platform to Bash the US" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 28, 2018.
- An article by Ben Otto and Anita Rachman titled "Indonesian Christians Flogged in Rare Shariah Punishment for Non-Muslims" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 28, 2018.
- An article by Patrick Tucker titled "Russia Claims It Now Has Lasers to Shoot Satellites" was posted at defenseone.com on Feb. 26, 2018.
- An article by Francis X. Rocca titled "Catholic Church Considers Married Priests to Ease Amazon Clergy Shortage" was posted at wsj.com on Feb. 26, 2018.
- An article by Gil Hoffman titled "Netanyahu's Would-Be Successors Ready to Battle for Israel's Top Job" was posted at jpost.com on Feb. 25, 2018.
- An article by Melissa Eddy titled "German Court Rules Cities Can Ban Vehicles to Tackle Air Pollution" was posted at nytimes.com on Feb. 27, 2018.
- An article by Camille Bas-Wohlert titled "Mandatory Exercise at the Office, Sweden's Latest Craze" was posted at yahoo.com on Feb. 28, 2018.



An article by Gabby Morrongiello titled "CPAC Speaker Mona Charen Stuns With Fiery Rebuke of Trump, Le Pen" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Feb. 24, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

A conservative columnist was escorted out of the Conservative Political Action Conference [CPAC] on Saturday after slamming President Trump and conservatives for behaving like "hypocrites" when it comes to women's issues.

Mona Charen, a National Review writer and senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, was asked during a panel about the Left's treatment of women what has left her most fired up in the Trump era.

"I'm actually going to twist this around a bit and say that I'm disappointed in people on our side for being hypocrites about sexual harassers and abusers of women who are in our party, who are sitting in the White House, who brag about their extramarital affairs, who brag about mistreating women," she said.

Declining to mention Trump by name, Charen said conservatives are guilty of "look[ing] the other way" when it comes to the president and other Republican men who have faced allegations of sexual misconduct.

"This was a party that was ready to . . . endorse Roy Moore for Senate in the state of Alabama even though he was a credibly accused child molester," Charen said.

"You cannot claim that you stand for women, and put up with that," she told the crowd, as several members of the audience shouted, "Not true!"

Charen's comments were met with heavy boos inside the conference hall, and she was later spotted leaving the conference with a three-person security detail.



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An article by Patrick Jakeway titled "The Second Amendment Does Not Give Us the Right to Bear Arms" was posted at americanthinnker.com on Feb. 25, 2018. Following is the article.

In speaking with many fellow gun-owners, I have come to realize that most people don't know that the Second Amendment does not give us the right to bear arms.

- The Second Amendment states that the right to bear arms "shall not be infringed"; it does not confer that right.
- The Second Amendment is an admonition to government that it may not take away your right to bear arms, which is inherent.

What, then, is the origin of the right to bear arms?

While our forefathers had inherited rights and liberties as Englishmen, those rights were curtailed and suppressed, which eventually led to the Revolution. Without the many citizen-soldier militiamen such as the Minutemen, the new United States would not have won the War of Independence.

The Declaration of Independence is thus central to our liberties and our law. The Constitution was implemented to "secure those rights," not to confer them.

Considering the critical involvement of the citizen-soldier in the Revolutionary War, it is clearly evident why the Founding Fathers wrote in the Second Amendment: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The Englishmen in the American colonies had inherited a right to bear arms from the English, subject to the whims of Parliament, but Jefferson and the Founding Fathers transformed the right to use force to protect yourself and your family into a corollary of the unalienable rights to life and liberty set forth in the Declaration of Independence.

These unalienable rights were secured as foundational laws in a new American nation, born of liberty through the midwife of the Revolution.

- The problem I see is that if the right to bear arms is considered given to you by the Second Amendment, then that right is a product of the Constitution.
- If it is a product of the Constitution, then it is subject to interpretation by the "ultimate authority" over the Constitution, the Supreme Court, through the concept of judicial supremacy established by McCullough v. Maryland.
- It does not help, in your author's view, if we continue to propagate the myth that the Constitution confers upon us the right to bear arms.
- It is our inherent, inborn right to protect ourselves and our families, bequeathed to us from our forefathers' blood and sacrifice in the many battles for liberty.
- It may not be legislated or interpreted away. It is not in the purview of the Supreme Court (or Congress, for that matter) to abolish the right to bear arms.

Since 1990, we have had the unconstitutional "Gun Free Schools Act."

If we help the false notion live on that the right to bear arms is a creature of the Second Amendment, we invite and empower the black-robed keepers of the Constitution to put the creature in a cage.

The fact is that the Second Amendment is a cage for the creatures who want to take away the guns given to you by your fathers, their fathers, and their fathers' fathers.

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An article by Joseph Smith titled "Will the 1994 'Assault Weapons Effect' Play in the 2018 Midterms?" was posted at americanthinker.com on March 1, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

Does the specter of the now expired 1994 assault weapons ban haunt the gun-control Democrats?

Former Hillary Clinton campaign strategist Mark Penn raises the question at thehill.com: "Democrats in 1994 believe they paid a heavy price for their votes for an assault rifle ban, and it was not renewed, even under a Democratic president and a Democratic Congress. Even when he had even more than 60 senators, President Obama did not move gun legislation."

■ Following passage of the 1994 gun control law by a Democratic Congress and president, the Democrats lost 54 seats in the House, losing majority control for the first time in 40 years, and also lost nine seats and the majority in the Senate. Coincidentally, the Senate class that was up for election in 1994 is the same class that is up for election in 2018.

While there were other factors in the Democrats' 1994 losses, including Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America," the Democrats have since been wary of going too far with gun control.

As *The New York Times* wrote following the 2016 Orlando, Fla. mass shooting: "Some Democrats believe the passage of the 1994 ban contributed to the Republican takeover of the House that year, and the memory of that political impact has been sobering for gun-control advocates."

Such sobriety has been noticeably absent in the recent attempts to lay the blame for the Parkland, Fla. shooting at the doors of the NRA and, by extension, its gun-owning members.

■ Democrats hoping to win control of the House and Senate in 2018 are now caught between the media campaign to demonize the NRA and the electoral campaign to win the support of red-state gun owners.

Even as 150 House Democrats introduced a bill this week "banning semiautomatic firearms," *The New York Times* highlights the dilemma for Democrats in the 2018 midterms:

"In 2018, Democrats' ability to compete in statewide elections in the Midwest and in the South may depend on candidates' ability to court gun owners, many of whom fiercely oppose new regulations."

But the *Times* counters that the Parkland school shooting has "pushed even red- and purple-state [sic] Democrats to move abruptly" toward gun control advocates, with "moderates" recognizing that "bearing the mark of the NRA [National Rifle Association] could be fatal in their primaries."

The *Times* writers, Jonathan Martin and Alexander Burns, quote several Democratic candidates who are distancing themselves from past support of the NRA, including one who "is now determined 'to get the NRA out of the way."

■ But making the NRA the scapegoat risks backfiring on the Democrats.

Jonathan Tobin at nypost.com contends that the media campaign to villainize the NRA has "contributed to a situation in which the NRA is under siege like never before."

Tobin wrote: "Once liberals start engaging in an all-out culture war in which the NRA and its members are depicted as little better than Nazis, then the half of the country that lives in places where gun ownership is a normal part of life is bound to rally around them."

At least one Democrat in a Trump state recognizes that his election needs the support of gun-owners: "Just last week, Conor Lamb, a Democrat running a tenacious special election campaign in a conservative House district in southwestern Pennsylvania, rebuffed calls for new gun laws after the Parkland shooting."

Tobin says the NRA is "right when it suspects that the ultimate goal of many on the left is to, by one means or another, effectively repeal the Second Amendment."

The intensity of the post-Parkland media and political campaign against the NRA simply reinforces that belief among many gun owners.

Red-state Democrats caught between anti-NRA vitriol and gun-owning voters should be wary of the 1994 effect in the 2018 midterm elections.



A video and an article by Brett Samuels titled "Trump: Take the Guns First, Go Through Due Process Second" were posted at thehill.com on Feb. 28, 2018. Following is the article.

President Trump on Wednesday voiced support for confiscating guns from certain individuals deemed to be dangerous, even if it violates due process rights.

"I like taking the guns early, like in this crazy man's case that just took place in Florida . . . to go to court would have taken a long time," Trump said at a meeting with lawmakers on school safety and gun violence.

"Take the guns first, go through due process second," Trump said.

Trump was responding to comments from Vice President Pence that families and local law enforcement should have more tools to report potentially dangerous individuals with weapons.

"Allow due process so no one's rights are trampled, but the ability to go to court, obtain an order and then collect not only the firearms but any weapons," Pence said.

"Or, Mike, take the firearms first, and then go to court," Trump responded.

Trump met with lawmakers on Wednesday to discuss gun laws and school safety in the aftermath of a Feb. 14 shooting at a high school in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 people dead.

The suspected shooter, Nikolas Cruz, was able to legally purchase the AR-15 reportedly used in the shooting despite numerous calls to law enforcement about his unstable behavior.



An editorial by Walter Williams titled "Another Liberal-Created Failure" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Feb. 28, 2018. Following is the article.

A liberal-created failure that goes entirely ignored is the left's harmful agenda for society's most vulnerable people—the mentally ill.

Eastern State Hospital, built in 1773 in Williamsburg, Virginia, was the first public hospital in America for the care and treatment of the mentally ill. Many more followed.

Much of the motivation to build more mental institutions was to provide a remedy for the maltreatment of mentally ill people in our prisons.

According to professor William Gronfein at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, by 1955 there were nearly 560,000 patients housed in state mental institutions across the nation. By 1977, the population of mental institutions had dropped to about 160,000 patients.

Starting in the 1970s, advocates for closing mental hospitals argued that because of the availability of new psychotropic drugs, people with mental illness could live among the rest of the population in an unrestrained natural setting.

According to a 2013 Wall Street Journal article by Dr. E. Fuller Torrey, founder of the Treatment Advocacy Center, titled "Fifty Years of Failing America's Mentally Ill" (http://tinyurl.com/y9l8ujww), shutting down mental hospitals didn't turn out the way advocates promised.

Several studies summarized by the Treatment Advocacy Center show that untreated mentally ill are responsible for 10 percent of homicides (and a higher percentage of the mass killings). They are 20 percent of jail and prison inmates and more than 30 percent of the homeless.

We often encounter these severely mentally ill individuals camped out in libraries, parks, hospital emergency rooms and train stations and sleeping in cardboard boxes. They annoy passers-by with their sometimes intimidating panhandling.

The disgusting quality of life of many of the mentally ill makes a mockery of the lofty predictions made by the advocates of shutting down mental institutions and transferring their function to community mental health centers, or CMHCs.

Torrey writes: "The evidence is overwhelming that this federal experiment has failed, as seen most recently in the mass shootings by mentally ill individuals in Newtown, Conn., Aurora, Colo., and Tucson, Ariz. It is time for the federal government to get out of this business and return the responsibility, and funds, to the states."

Getting the federal government out of the mental health business may be easier said than done. A 1999 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the case of Olmstead v. L.C. held that under the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with mental disabilities have the right to live in an integrated community setting rather than in institutions.

The U.S. Department of Justice defined an integrated setting as one "that enables individuals with disabilities to interact with non-disabled persons to the fullest extent possible."

Though some mentally ill people may have benefited from this ruling, many others were harmed—not to mention the public, which must put up with the behavior of the mentally ill.

Torrey says it has now become politically correct to claim that this federal program failed because not enough centers were funded and not enough money was spent. But that's not true.

Torrey says: "Altogether, the annual total public funds for the support and treatment of mentally ill individuals is now more than \$140 billion. The equivalent expenditure in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy proposed the CMHC program was \$1 billion, or about \$10 billion in today's dollars. Even allowing for the increase in U.S. population, what we are getting for this 14-fold increase in spending is a disgrace."

The dollar cost of this liberal vision of deinstitutionalization of mentally ill people is a relatively small part of the burden placed on society.

- Many innocent people have been assaulted, robbed and murdered by mentally ill people.
- Businesspeople and their customers have had to cope with the nuisance created by the mentally ill.
- The police response to misbehavior and crime committed by the mentally ill is to arrest them. Thus, they are put in jeopardy of mistreatment by hardened criminals in the nation's jails and prisons.
- Worst of all is the fact that the liberals who engineered the shutting down of mental institutions have never been held accountable for their folly.



A video and an article by Brian Flood titled "'The View' Star Joy Behar Mocks Mike Pence's Christian Faith: 'That's Called Mental Illness' " were posted at foxnews.com on Feb. 13, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

[&]quot;The View" co-host Joy Behar thinks having a dialogue with Jesus is a "mental illness."

The women of ABC News' "The View" took a shot a Vice President Mike Pence's Christian faith on Tuesday [Feb. 13], mocking the former governor of Indiana for talking to Jesus and even calling it a "mental illness."

It all started when they played a clip from "Celebrity Big Brother," in which former White House staffer Omarosa Manigault Newman discussed the vice president.

"As bad as you think Trump is, you would be worried about Pence... everyone that is wishing for impeachment might want to reconsider their life," she said in the clip. "I am Christian, I love Jesus, but he thinks Jesus tells him to say things."

The talk-show panelists pondered what Omarosa's motive was, before Sunny Hostin chimed in, "I think what's interesting is that she said Jesus tells Mike Pence things to say."

Joy Behar then said: "It's one thing to talk to Jesus. It's another thing when Jesus talks to you."



A video and an article by Mary Green titled "Opray Winfrey on the One Thing That Could Make Her Run for President" were posted at people.com on Feb. 28, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

There's only one thing that could make Oprah Winfrey run for president in 2020.

Amid calls for her to consider a run for the White House—from fans as well as her closest friends—"I went into prayer," she tells PEOPLE in the magazine's new cover story.

" 'God, if you think I'm supposed to run, you gotta tell me, and it has to be so clear that not even I can miss it.'

"And I haven't gotten that."



A video and an article by Craig Bannister titled "Does 'The View' Think Pelosi Has 'Mental Illness' Since She Says She Hears Dead People?" were posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 28, 2018. Following are excerpts of the article.

The hosts of ABC's "The View" said that Christians like Vice President Mike Pence have "mental illness" if they think Jesus talks to them—but, do they feel the same way about Rep. Nancy Pelosi's (D-Calif.) repeated claims she's heard dead peoples' voices?

On the Feb. 13, 2018 episode of "The View," the show's hosts mocked Pence's Christian faith, leading host Joy Behar to declare the vice president mentally ill.

As NewsBusters reported at the time:

- While Joy Behar decided to mock Pence instead, suggesting he had a "mental illness."
- "Like I said before, it's one thing to talk to Jesus. It's another thing when Jesus talks to you," she warned.
- "That's called mental illness, if I'm not correct. Hearing voices," Behar quipped.

But, the liberal media looked the other way when video surfaced of Democrat Pelosi describing her encounter with ghosts back in August of 2012.

An Aug. 12, 2012 CNSNews.com story recounts Pelosi's claim she not only heard—(but also felt) dead women sitting in a chair with her.

In the video Pelosi made the following remarks.

- "He's (Bush) saying something to the effect of we're so glad to welcome you here, congratulations and I know you'll probably have some different things to say about what is going on—which is correct. But, as he was saying this, he was fading and this other thing was happening to me."
- "My chair was getting crowded in," said Pelosi. "I swear this happened, never happened before, it never happened since."
- "My chair was getting crowded in and I couldn't figure out what it was, it was like this," she said.
- "And then I realized Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Alice Paul, Sojourner Truth, you name it, they were all in that chair, they were," said Pelosi.
- "More than I named and I could hear them say: 'At last we have a seat at the table.' And then they were gone."

At the time, Pelosi was merely repeating the ghostly claim she had made two months earlier:

"This was not the only time Pelosi has told this story. On June 6 of this year she told it during an event celebrating her 25 years of political service."

Which begs the questions:

- Do Joy Behar and her cohorts think that House Minority Leader Pelosi is insane because she claims to have heard, and touched, dead people?
- And, if she repeated the claim today, would they use their show to mock her?

"The View" hosts have refused to apologize for the insult to the Christian faith of the vice president—and that of all Christians—despite public backlash and calls for apology by Media Research Center President Brent Bozell—and by more than 30,000 Media Research Center (MRC) grassroots supporters who phoned the network.

Since ABC has refused to condemn the comments or even respond to the calls for an apology, MRC Pres. Bozell is calling on all Americans to contact the advertising sponsors of "The View" to let them know that supporting this type of anti-Christian bigotry is unacceptable.



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Government spending

- An article by Annie Nova titled "More Americans Now Support a Universal Basic Income" was posted at cnbc.com on Feb. 26, 2018.
- An article by Scott Shafer titled "California Democrats Decline to Endorse Another Term for Sen. Dianne Feinstein" was posted at npr.com on Feb. 25, 2018.
- An article by Mary Clare Amselem titled "Memo to West Virginia Teachers on Strike: Union Policies to Blame for Lower Pay" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 1, 2018.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Alex Nitzberg titled "David Clarke: America 'Is Under Siege Because of Our Immigration System' " was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 24, 2018.
- An article by Spencer P. Morrison titled "If Immigration Creates Wealth, Why is California America's Poverty Capital?" was posted at americanthinker.com on Feb. 23, 2018.
- An article by cnsnews.com staff titled: "Pelosi Slams ICE for Arresting 'Hard-Working, Law-Abiding, Patriotic' Illegal Aliens" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 28, 2018.

News about the media

- An article by Guy Benson titled "Guns and Abortion: Two Issues on Which the Media's Worst Biases Are Exposed" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 22, 2018.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Nunes: 'We've Been Chasing Around Russian Ghosts," But There's Only One 'Obvious Felony' " was posted at cnsnews.cm on Feb. 26, 2018.
- An article by Paul Bedard titled "Heritage Foundation: 64% of Trump's Agenda Already Done, Faster Than Reagan" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Feb. 27, 2018.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Preventable: The Three Agencies Who Failed to Stop the Florida Shooting" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 23, 2018.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "School Resource Officer Resigns After Video Footage Showed Him Standing and Doing Nothing During Florida Shooting" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 22, 2018.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Enterprise Dumps NRA Discounts, But Donates to Groups That Support Planned Parenthood and Abortion" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 28, 2018.
- An Associated Press article by Damian J. Troise titled "Walmart, Dicks Expand Corporate Rift With Gun Lobby" was posted at apnews.com on March 1, 2018.
- A video and an article by Abigail Ogle titled "Healdton Schools Use Bullet-proof Storm Shelters to Keep Students Safe" were posted at koco.com (Oklahoma) on Feb. 27, 2018.
- An article by Dave Boyer titled "Schools Safer Today Than in 1990's, Study on Shootings Says" was posted at washingtontimes.com on Feb. 27, 2018.

Behind the scenes

- An article by Daniel John Sobieski titled "Mueller Worked With Lerner to Target Tea Party" was posted at americanthinker.com on Feb. 17, 2018.
- An article by Justin Haskins titled "Did Barack Obama 'Obstruct Justice' in Clinton Email Case?" was posted at townhall.com on Jan. 29, 2018.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "WH: 'Senate Has Confirmed the Fewest Nominees' Compared to Four Previous Administrations" was posted at cnsnews.com on Feb. 27, 2018.
- Looking back to 2017, an article by Drew Philip titled " 'The New Obama': Will Abdul El-Sayed be America's First Muslim Governor?" was posted at theguardian.com on Aug. 24, 2017.

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Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."