

# Eye on the World

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



An article by Khaled Abu Toameh and Tovah Lazaroff titled "Israel Warns Against Religious War on Temple Mount" was posted at jpost.com on March 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Israel accused the Palestinian Authority of inciting a religious war on the Temple Mount after a Palestinian Molotov cocktail attack on an Israeli police station on the holy site sparked an afternoon riot.

Police closed the al-Aqsa compound for the remainder of the day but are expected to fully reopen it Wednesday.

"Abu Mazen [PA President Mahmoud Abbas] continued to lie and incite violence together with the terror organizations of Murabitoun and Hamas, in an attempt to ignite a fire and cause a religious war on the Temple Mount," Public Safety Minister Gilad Erdan said.

"We will not allow this to happen," Erdan said. "We will continue to act to restore calm on the [Temple Mount]. Police will respond with strength and determination to any act of violence or attempt to harm Israeli sovereignty on the Temple Mount."

Tuesday's incidents began at about 1 p.m., when Palestinians threw a Molotov cocktail at the police post, which then caused a fire and damaged the building. One police officer was lightly injured from smoke inhalation.

Police so far have arrested two minors, suspected of involvement in the incident. They will be brought to court on Wednesday.

Some Palestinians, however, rejected the police account that the post was torched by a firebomb. At least two eyewitnesses claimed that the fire was caused by children who were playing with fireworks.

Dozens of policemen rushed to the Temple Mount following the attack, sparking scuffles with Palestinian women and Wakf guards. Three Palestinians were immediately arrested in connection with the firebomb attack on the police post.

The police closed the entrances to the compound after Palestinian activists and groups began calling on Palestinians to head to al-Aqsa Mosque to "defend it against the assault by the police and Jewish extremists."

The police also temporarily closed the Old City's Damascus Gate and Lions' Gate. Hamas called on Palestinians to head to the Temple Mount to "break the closure."

United Nations Special Coordinator to the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov called for Israelis and Palestinians to show restraint.

"Places of worship are for prayer, not for provocations and violence. Restraint must be shown to avoid inflaming an already tense situation. The status quo must be fully respected by all," he tweeted.

The Palestinian Authority called for international intervention to "halt Israeli assaults on al-Aqsa Mosque" and warned that Israel's actions would have "grave repercussions." Abbas was in contact with relevant parties, specifically Jordan, to pressure Israel to "stop this dangerous escalation," said a statement issued by Abbas's office in Ramallah.

PA government spokesman Yusef al-Mahmoud accused Israel of seeking "to carry out its schemes to control al-Aqsa Mosque and obliterate the Arab features of Jerusalem."

PLO Executive Committee member Ahmed Majdalani urged Arab and Islamic states to take quick measures "to stop Israel from igniting fires in Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Palestine."

He and other senior Palestinian officials also claimed that Israel was working toward dividing the Temple Mount compound between Jews and Muslims.

"Al-Aqsa Mosque is a redline," cautioned Osama Qawassmeh, a spokesman for Abbas's ruling Fatah faction in the West Bank. "Tampering with holy sites, especially al-Aqsa Mosque, is a direct call for violence. Fatah won't allow Israel to carry out its schemes, regardless of the price."

Tuesday's tensions came as Israel and Jordan, which controls the Wakf Department in east Jerusalem, continued to search for ways to solve the cri-

sis surrounding the Bab a-Rahma (Golden Gate) site on the Temple Mount. It is a situation that has also threatened to cause a violent outbreak on the Temple Mount, known to Palestinians as Al-Haram Al-Sharif.

Israel has accused the Wakf of attempting to open a new mosque on the Temple Mount, by transforming a building that had been used as office space into a place of worship.

"An additional mosque will not be built on the Temple Mount," Erdan said. "We will do everything necessary to maintain the status quo."

Police Interim Commissioner Motti Cohen visited the Temple Mount in the afternoon to receive a briefing from Jerusalem district commander Maj.-Gen. Doron Yedid.

This was not the first attack of its kind against the police post, which Palestinians see as a symbol of Israeli sovereignty over the Temple Mount. In 1990, Palestinian rioters tried to attack a number of policemen who had barricaded themselves inside the post. The policemen managed to flee the scene and the rioters torched the post and damaged police equipment.

In 2014, Palestinian rioters again torched the post after policemen who were stationed there were ordered by their commanders to leave out of fear for their lives.



An article by Sumit Ganguly and Rajan Menon titled "What the India-Pakistan Crisis Taught China" was posted at [nationalinterest.org](http://nationalinterest.org) on March 7, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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China's brass has carefully watched the latest India's military performance. The important question is whether, in light of Pakistan's downing of the MiG, Beijing's perception of India's military strength has been influenced in ways that could embolden China's leaders down the line.

If it has indeed had that effect, deterrence, while it held recently on the India-Pakistan border, may have been weakened along the India-China border. For India that's no small matter: China, not Pakistan, remains its most formidable foe.

The Pulwama crisis demonstrated that India needs to improve its intelligence, surveillance, and other defense capabilities if it is to successfully implement a strategy of "deterrence by denial" along the Line of Control.

Without appropriate investments in fencing, sensors, and drones India will face similar attacks from Pakistan-based terrorist organizations. And alongside these military measures, India must find ways to reduce the political discontent among the Kashmiris it governs: it won't do attribute the turbulence in Kashmir to "cross-border terrorism," real though it is.

India needs to do all this for reasons that go beyond Pakistan. Because military clashes between India and Pakistan offer free lessons to China's leaders,

India's national security planners have every interest in ensuring that the lessons Beijing learns are, from the standpoint of Indian security, the right ones.

The wrong ones could lay the groundwork for another, more dangerous, crisis—and not along the Line of Control in Kashmir.



An article by David Harsanyi titled "To Understand the American Left's Anti-Semitism, Look to Europe" was posted at [thefederalist.com](http://thefederalist.com) on March 14, 2019. Following is the article.

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In Germany this week, a regional court ruled that the 2014 firebombing of Bergisch Synagogue in Wuppertal, while a criminal act of arson, was not an anti-Semitic incident.

The judge had upheld a lower court ruling deemed that the three Palestinian immigrants who had thrown Molotov cocktails at the synagogue were merely calling "attention to the Gaza conflict." Because nothing shows concern for the Middle East peace process like trying to burn down a Jewish house of worship with homemade incendiary devices.

The three men, who had admitted to the authorities that they were motivated by hatred of Israel, were ultimately given suspended sentences, since "no anti-Semitic motivation could be identified."

Now, it's doubtful that many, or any, of the congregants at the Bergisch Synagogue were Israelis. It's unlikely the would-be arsonists took a poll of the congregants' views on the Jewish state. It is unknown whether the bomb-throwers were merely critics of Likud's policies, or whether they subscribed to Hamas' view that "Jews"—not, "Israelis"—should be chased entirely from the ancestral homeland.

We can be certain, however, that the men targeted this particular house of worship because Israel is the homeland of Jews. We know animosity towards Jews is rampant throughout the Islamic world, and that the same hatred is gaining a foothold in the West under the guise of "anti-Zionism."

The fact that German officials are rationalizing political violence in a city that was home to one of the first concentration camps is just an added reminder of its nefarious nature—not to mention the importance of the existence of a nation where Jews can protect themselves rather than having to beg German officials do it for them.

This week in Norway, the state attorney dismissed a case against a rapper named Kaveh Kholardi. Last summer, Kholardi was hired by the city of Oslo to perform at a family festival to celebrate "diversity and inclusion."

During his performance, Kholardi asked if there were any Jews in the audience, before going on a rant about the "f\*\*\*ing Jews." A few days earlier, the rapper had tweeted that the "f\*\*\*ing Jews are so corrupt."

There are only 789 Jews left in Norway.

The court found that Kholardi's "remarks were demeaning, untruthful and offensive, but they are not breaching the law." A fine outcome if you, like me, believe that hate speech laws undermine an inherent right to free expression.

In Norway, however, they do not. It is still illegal to "deliberately or grossly negligently publicly present a discriminatory or hateful expression shall be punished by fines or imprisonment for up to 3 years."

When this fact was brought up to Tor Aksel Busch, Norway's director of public prosecutions, he explained that while the comments by the Muslim rapper "seems to be targeting Jews" they can also be looked at as a way to "express dissatisfaction with the policies of the State of Israel."

If these excuses sound familiar to you, it's because American progressives have increasingly adopted them in their own efforts to protect—and in some cases, normalize—anti-Semitism.

In the United States this week, leading presidential candidate Bernie Sanders' national deputy press secretary, Belén Sisa, in the midst of defending Rep. Ilhan Omar's smears against American Jewry, asked: "Do you not think that the American government and American Jewish community has a dual allegiance to the State of Israel?"

Although at this point it's unsurprising that Marxists are making dual loyalty smears, it is perhaps somewhat peculiar that the person doing it is an illegal immigrant.

Just like Omar and Rashida Tlaib, the Congressional Black Caucus who pow-wow with the Nation of Islam cult, and all their advocates across the Democratic Party, Sisa was attacking American Jews, not Israeli policy.

Yet one of the most repeated falsehoods surrounding these incidents—endlessly regurgitated in the media—is that we are debating the limits of how "critical" one can be about Israeli policy. Sisa aimed her comment at Americans.

But it's clear that "anti-Zionist" antagonism is fueled by Jew hatred, not the reverse. Israel, of course, is the epitome of Jewish power, so it makes sense. Many liberal Jews (which is to say most Jews) like to pretend Israel has nothing to do with them. The haters emphatically disagree.

Even secular Jews who drift away from the tradition and faith, and those who have replaced their Jewish values with the Democratic Party platform, or those progressives who blame Benjamin Netanyahu or scapegoat Republicans, or simply don't care, will still be blamed whenever Jews in Israel defend themselves. Count on it.

It's worth remembering that "anti-Zionist" terrorism—whether perpetrated by Palestinians, Iranians, or the Baader-Meinhof Group—have always targeted Jews, not merely Israelis.

It was so long before Netanyahu was prime minister, long before Likud ever won a national election in Israel, and even before there were ever “occupied territories.” (Unless, of course, you, like many progressives, believe all of Israel is an occupied territory.)

The most charitable reading of the Democratic Party’s recent actions is that, in this age of identity politics, they believe Muslims in Congress deserve special dispensation regarding bigotry. The less charitable reading is that a large faction of their constituents agree with the bigots. Maybe it’s both.

By passing that pathetic, diluted resolution against bigotry, they rewarded Omar for her attack on American Jews, and normalized similar rhetoric. For example, despite the fact that nearly every media outlet reported that Sisa had apologized for her comments, she did not.

“In a conversation on Facebook, I used some language that I see now was insensitive. Issues of allegiance and loyalty to one’s country come with painful history,” she said. “At a time when so many communities in our country feel under attack by the president and his allies, I absolutely recognize that we need to address these issues with greater care and sensitivity to their historical resonance, and I’m committed to doing that in the future.”

This vapid leftist word salad diligently avoids addressing her initial claim of Jewish mendacity. Pushing the vacuous notion that the problem here is hurt feelings, rather than an odious set of ideas, is bad enough. But nowhere in her “apology” does she concede that her initial comments were substantively wrong.

That’s probably okay, though. Like the officials in Germany and Norway, these days the Democratic Party—including many of its major presidential candidates—can excuse a little Jew hatred if it’s framed just right.



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

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■ An article by Hugo Gye, Natasha Clark and Matt Dathan titled “Theresa May’s Brexit Deal Crushed by MPs Again Meaning We’re No Nearer to Quitting EU After 993 Days” was posted at [thesun.co.uk](http://thesun.co.uk) on March 13, 2019.

■ An article titled “Italy Bans Unvaccinated Children From School” was posted at [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) on March 12, 2019.

■ An article by Marlo Safi titled “Jehovah’s Witnesses Are Being Persecuted in Russia” was posted at [nationalreview.com](http://nationalreview.com) on March 11, 2019.

■ An article by Rachel Lerman and Ava Batrawy titled “Saudi App Criticized for Feature to Control Women’s Travel” was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on March 8, 2019.

- An article by Anuj Chopra titled "Saudi Women Activists on Trial After a Year in Detention" was posted at yahoo.com on March 13, 2019.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Iran Wins Leadership Post at UN 'Gender Equality' Body, After Sentencing Women's Right Advocate to Prison, Lashing" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 14, 2019.
- An article by Scott Smith, Fabiola Sanchez and Christopher Torchia titled "Venezuela Buckles Under Massive Power, Communications Outage" was posted at apnews.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Nick Wadhams titled "U.S. to Pull All Personnel From Venezuela Embassy, Pompeo Says" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 11, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Venezuelans Swarm Sewage Drains in Desperate Search of Water" was posted at reuters.com on March 12, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "India Says Pakistan Hiding Information by Blocking Access to Bombing Site" was posted at reuters.com on March 9, 2019.
- An article by Ashok Sharma titled "India Returns Key Diplomat to Pakistan As Tensions Ease" was posted at yahoo.com on March 9, 2019.
- An article titled "Iran Demands Pakistan Acts 'Decisively Against Terrorists' " was posted at yahoo.com on March 10, 2019.



An article by Frank Hawkins titled "Meet Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Rasputin" was posted at americanthinker.com on March 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Meet Saikat Chakrabarti, the Rasputin of the 14th Congressional District and arguably the real brains behind the bright new shiny Democrat bauble of Congress now famously branded by the media as AOC.

In the space of just a few short months, Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, with fewer than 16,000 votes in a primary election, went from the role of obscure bartender to perhaps the most famous and powerful freshman member of Congress ever.

- She instantly became a media darling who drives ratings and Internet clicks.
- Senior Democrats such as Sen. Ed Markey gush over her and edge in to get their picture taken with her as they appear to hang on her every word.
- Ocasio-Cortez was given a plum seat on the House Financial Services Committee. Her placement on the exclusive House Banking Committee, as well as the appointments of other newbie progressives to top committees was part of a larger deal to re-secure the speakership for Nancy Pelosi ahead of the midterms. Pelosi agreed to 40 percent progressive representation on the five top House committees.

How could this have happened?

Look behind the curtain. You'll find her mysterious chief of staff, Saikat Chakrabarti.

Chakrabarti is a well-funded radical left wing activist who, with other veterans of the 2016 Sanders campaign, including "Young Turks" host Cenk Uygur (later purged over past allegedly sexist, racist, pro-rape statements), established a web of campaign organizations and LLC's, including Justice Democrats and Brand New Congress.

As many as 16 groups were housed in the same office space in Knoxville, TN, with no apparent legally-required "walls of separation."

The larger plot was and remains to recruit attractive people to run for Congress. The longer-term strategy seems to be to gain control of the Democrat Party, Congress and ultimately the United States government itself.

Their stated goal "was to run hundreds of Democratic candidates" who do "not take corporate money and serve the voters rather than the donors," as well as "capture a significant amount of Congress with strong progressives" and "overpower the corporate Democrats."

In the 2018 elections, 26 of the 79 candidates endorsed by Justice Democrats won their respective primary elections.

Along with AOC, six other of these progressive minority candidates won in the general election.

- Raúl Grijalva
- Ro Khanna
- Ayanna Pressley
- Rashida Tlaib
- Ilhan Omar
- Pramila Jayapal

The districts where they won were all solidly Democrat. This suggests why the far left wing newbies were not only given key committee assignments and but quickly found senior Democrats fawning over them.

When Rep. Ilhan Omar was accused of anti-Semitic remarks, Democrats could not find the will to directly condemn her. Instead they passed a watered down meaningless resolution against hate.

Pelosi and other establishment Democrats are understandably afraid of who will be targeted by the Justice Democrats in 2020 and they don't want to antagonize them.

In her primary, Ocasio-Cortez received 57.13% of the vote (15,897) to Joe Crowley's 42.5% (11,761) to defeat the 10-term incumbent. Ocasio-Cortez



won the general election with 78% of the vote (110,318) to Pappas's 14% (17,762). The Democrats all got the message.

With the win, Chakrabarti became AOC's chief of staff. He and his left-wing associates, including her communications chief Corbin Trent, co-founder of Brand New Congress, and Sanders campaign veteran Zack Exley (an open borders advocate) had scripted and produced AOC's campaign video and organized her entire grass roots campaign effort, including fund raising and social media.

They turned her into a brand to take control of the House seat from Crowley. There is evidence that most all of Ocasio-Cortez's communications are created by these men who appear to tell her what to say.

Watch the video below as it shows Trent talking about 40% of Americans, or 160 million people making less than \$20,000 a year and then five days later, obviously reading from a script, Ocasio-Cortez makes the identical claim.

With Chakrabarti as Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff, Ocasio-Cortez released the highly controversial far-left policy initiative known as the Green New Deal. It is designed to totally and fundamentally make over the American economy and the American political system.

Ocasio-Cortez's office, led by Chakrabarti, released an "FAQ" which it withdrew after criticism for its extremist positions, including appearing to demand the elimination of animal agriculture, replacing commercial aviation with "high-speed rail," and providing "economic security for all who are . . . unwilling to work."

Chakrabarti was forced to admit the office's authorship of the FAQ after Green New Deal supporters retweeted Rep. Ocasio-Cortez asserted quotes from the document about "unwilling to work" were fabricated.

The Green New Deal was drafted over a single December weekend by Ocasio-Cortez's staff and representatives of like-minded progressive groups including the Sunrise Movement, a grassroots climate organization; the Justice Democrats and a freshly organized policy shop called the New Consensus.

Chakrabarti was quoted as saying, "We spent the weekend learning how to put laws together. We looked up how to write resolutions." It's unclear whether AOC was even present.

A complaint was filed with the Federal Election Commission alleging that two political action committees founded by Chakrabarti funneled over \$1 million in political donations into two of his own private companies.

The cash transfers from the PACs that he manages make a mockery of her pledges to increase transparency and reduce the influence of "dark money" in politics. His companies appear to have been set-up for the sole purpose of obscuring how the political donations were used.

How all this will shake out is uncertain. It's unlikely, however, that this will deter the main focus and effort of Chakrabarti, who wears his ideology on his

shirt. He has been seen on video wearing a T-shirt with the image of Subhas Chandra Bose, an Indian anti-colonial nationalist.

During World War II, Bose tried to overthrow British colonial rule of India with the help of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. Bose was personally helped by Hitler who he met with before going to the Dutch East Indies on a Nazi submarine and setting up an Indian composed army to support Imperial Japan. He proclaimed his ideology as a synthesis between Nazism and Communism.

Listen as AOC describes a marriage between the government and corporations in order to regulate what people can and can't do with their private property/business/investments.

So, you can hardly be shocked when you find Chakrabarti praising freshman congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez for organizing a sit-in at Nancy Pelosi's as well as helping to chase the intended new Amazon headquarters out of New York. It's all about disruption.

And the Democrats already have the message. Stand with us or we'll take you out. As her tendency toward demagoguery inevitably grows, the situation will likely become more and more dangerous.

This is who Chakrabarti is and therefore ultimately who AOC is.

It easier now to understand why mainstream Democrats are being sucked into the whirlpool of the Left. Some of it is ideology.

But much of it is fear. They fear Chakrabarti and his friends will turn the ideological blowtorch and campaign challenges on them. This does not bode well for either moderate Democrats or America.



An article by Liz Wolfe titled "Beto O'Rourke, the Ultimate Limousine Liberal Gen Xer, Announces for Prez" was posted at [thefederalist.com](http://thefederalist.com) on March 14, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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He's the farthest thing from self-made, but that can't stop *Vanity Fair* from fawning all over him. With the obsessed media on his side, he's entering the crowded field.

Late last night [March 13], failed Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke confirmed to El Paso's KTSM that he's seeking the Democratic presidential nomination. This morning, he added a video to the mix, and Twitter exploded with furry jokes and fanfare (the way politics should be?).

This is all on the coattails of an obnoxiously fawning *Vanity Fair* profile that basically portrayed O'Rourke as the dream Gen Xer, heaping praise on his "floor-to-ceiling bookshelf [that] contains a section for rock memoirs (Bob Dylan's *Chronicles*, a favorite) and a stack of LPs (the Clash, Nina Simone)"

before showing off his intellectual side: a “sizable collection of presidential biographies, including Robert Caro’s work on Lyndon B. Johnson.”

If the Dylan-LBJ mix wasn’t enough for you, *Vanity Fair* also waxed poetic about O’Rourke’s age: “Whereas Obama is from the tail end of the baby boom, Beto O’Rourke is quintessentially Generation X, weaned on Star Wars and punk rock and priding himself on authenticity over showmanship and a healthy skepticism of the mainstream.”

In other words, 2020 contender Beto is getting a heavy lift from the media.

Expect this to continue throughout the election, unfortunately. Of course, perhaps his candor and coolness is a double-edged sword—a selling point that makes profiles of him oh-so-colorful that media ilk just can’t resist churning them out, and a cringey furtherance of limousine liberal stereotypes that make him far too mockable on Twitter.

Somehow, Beto manages to psych up hipsters in New York as well as soccer moms in strip mall-dotted Texas. That’s a good thing for fundraising, I’m sure, but perhaps part of the reason he has decently large appeal is because people use him as a massive Rorschach test, projecting their own beliefs onto him, given that he’s sometimes light on substance.

They just want a nice guy who is more palatable and woke than the current certifiable Bad Guy, and the sweet Gen Xer dad from El Paso surely fits the bill. And don’t even get me started on the dozen or so signs in my East Austin neighborhood that still express their Senate campaign Beto-doting (which can now apparently just stay up).

Beto is also beginning to receive the ire of your friendly neighborhood feminists for his presumably joking comments about how he “sometimes” helps his wife raise their three kids. How dare he?

It will be interesting to see how the decently moderate Rorschach ink blob fares in a field of presidential contenders who seemingly keep pushing left (as their base, or at least a vocal fraction of it, demands).

On actual substance, there are some red flags and some glimmers of hope.

- He has a troubled past with eminent domain that reeks of familial privilege and doling out political favors, as Matt Welch noted at Reason.
- Also, if we’re speaking in liberal terms, he’s about as privileged as they come despite his humble El Paso ZIP code.

Welch notes: “He clearly wants to tap into the Obama vein of American politics without, as a white man who married into wealth, having endured or accomplished as much. He supported as El Paso city councilman an eminent domain deal that would have (but never did) bulldoze the homes of barrio Latinos to the benefit of his own father-in-law.”

Now, Beto doesn’t have half-bad policy ideas on a few issues. But don’t expect us to focus on any of those real issues.

The media will be too busy writing profiles of him doing very normal things as if they're exceptional. Speeding and empanadas, although lovely on their own merits, don't make me vote for someone. They shouldn't make you vote for someone either.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Is Income Inequality Fair?" was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](http://jewishworldreview.com) on March 13, 2019. Following is the article.

Some Americans have much higher income and wealth than others.

- Former President Barack Obama explained, "I do think at a certain point you've made enough money."
- An adviser to Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez who has a Twitter account called "Every Billionaire Is A Policy Failure" tweeted, "My goal for this year is to get a moderator to ask 'Is it morally appropriate for anyone to be a billionaire?'"
- Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Elizabeth Warren, in calling for a wealth tax, complained, "The rich and powerful are taking so much for themselves and leaving so little for everyone else."

These people would have an argument if there were piles of money on the ground called income, with billionaires and millionaires surreptitiously getting to those piles first and taking their unfair shares.

In that case, corrective public policy would require a redistribution of the income, wherein the ill-gotten gains of the few would be taken and returned to their rightful owners.

The same could be said if there were a dealer of dollars who—because of his being a racist, sexist, multinationalist and maybe a Republican—didn't deal the dollars fairly. If he dealt millions to some and mere crumbs to others, decent public policy would demand a re-dealing of the dollars, or what some call income redistribution.

You say, "Williams, that's lunacy." You're right. In a free society, people earn income by serving their fellow man. Here's an example: I mow your lawn, and you pay me \$40. Then I go to my grocer and demand two six-packs of beer and 3 pounds of steak. In effect, the grocer says, "Williams, you are asking your fellow man to serve you by giving you beer and steak. What did you do to serve your fellow man?"

My response is, "I mowed his lawn." The grocer says, "Prove it." That's when I produce the \$40. We can think of the, say, two \$20 bills as certificates of performance—proof that I served my fellow man.

A system that requires that one serve his fellow man to have a claim on what he produces is far more moral than a system without such a requirement.

For example, Congress can tell me, "Williams, you don't have to get out in that hot sun to mow a lawn to have a claim on what your fellow man pro-

duces. Just vote for me, and through the tax code, I will take some of what your fellow man produces and give it to you.”

Let’s look at a few multibillionaires to see whether they have served their fellow man well.

Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft, with a net worth over \$90 billion, is the second-richest person in the world. He didn’t acquire that wealth through violence. Millions of people around the world voluntarily plunked down money to buy Microsoft products. That explains the great wealth of people such as Gates. They discovered what their fellow man wanted and didn’t have, and they found out ways to effectively produce it.

Their fellow man voluntarily gave them dollars. If Gates and others had followed President Obama’s advice that “at a certain point” they’d “made enough money” and shut down their companies when they had earned their first billion or two, mankind wouldn’t have most of the technological development we enjoy today.

Take a look at the website Billionaire Mailing List’s list of current billionaires (<http://tinyurl.com/yd6mme37>). On it, you will find people who have made great contributions to society.

Way down on the list is Gordon Earle Moore—co-founder of Intel. He has a net worth of \$6 billion. In 1968, Moore developed and marketed the integrated circuit, or microchip, which is responsible for thousands of today’s innovations, such as MRIs, advances in satellite technology and your desktop computer. Though Moore has benefited immensely from his development and marketing of the microchip, his benefit pales in comparison with how our nation and the world have benefited in terms of lives improved and saved by the host of technological innovations made possible by the microchip.

The only people who benefit from class warfare are politicians and the elite; they get our money and control our lives.

Plus, we just might ask ourselves: Where is a society headed that holds its most productive members up to ridicule and scorn and makes mascots out of its least productive and most parasitic members?



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “A Dud Masquerading As a Bombshell” was posted at [patriotpost.us](http://patriotpost.us) on March 9, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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For weeks, the Leftists in Congress and on cable TV could barely contain their excitement. They were like a bunch of little kids waiting for Santa Claus to land on their roof.

But this particular gift-bearer wasn’t a jolly roly-poly guy in a red suit and a white beard. Instead, he was a sleazy-looking character wearing a \$2,000

blue suit, a creep you wouldn't let your kid get within a hundred miles of for fear he'd be corrupted by osmosis.

I'm referring to Michael Cohen, the man who used to be Donald Trump's personal attorney, as well as his one-time campaign manager. He was better known as Trump's fixer, which meant he was in charge of paying off Trump's one-night stands and probably acted as his bagman every time Trump the Builder had to pay off New York union bosses in order to get a project off the ground.

During his opening monologue before a congressional committee, Cohen got the mouths of people like Chairman Elijah Cummings and political hack Adam Schiff watering as he said "I am ashamed because I know what Donald Trump is. He is a racist, he is a con man and he is a cheat."

Red meat for the Democrats or so it would seem. But I noticed that, like all the other condemnations of the President, Cohen's lacked details.

What did Trump do or say to suggest he was a racist?

Was it simply that he wanted to close the border to illegal aliens and that he didn't think it was a great idea to allow millions of Muslims to enter the country when Islam is the sworn enemy of western civilization in general and the United States in particular?

#### ■ Not what they hoped for

By the time that Cohen stopped answering questions, the Democrats must have wished they'd just sent him straight to jail, and no \$200 for passing Go.

For one thing, he denied that Trump had done any colluding with Russia. What's more, he testified that Trump had never asked him to lie to Congress.

It was almost as if Trump had choreographed it. The Democrats had to feel as if they'd been set-up in a sting operation.

How was it possible that a man who had called Trump all those bad names couldn't bring himself to close the deal by providing Schumer and Pelosi with the necessary weapons with which to impeach their existential nemesis?

#### ■ Hired questionable people

For the President, the worst thing that came out of Cohen's performance is the fact that he had hired this sleazeball to be his lawyer. But, let's face it, surrounding himself with the best people is clearly not one of Donald Trump's many strengths.

Otherwise, he would have never let the likes of Jeff Sessions, Rex Tillerson, Omarosa Manigault-Newman, Ryan Zinke, David Shulkin, H.R. McMaster, Sally Yates, Tom Price, Reince Priebus or Rod Rosenstein, within a thousand miles of his administration.

#### ■ Notice who calls the label

I personally find Cohen's labeling Trump a racist particularly obnoxious. It is an insult that's been tossed around willy-nilly for far too long, and nearly always by people like Barack Obama, Al Sharpton, Maxine Waters, Cory Booker, Kamala Harris, Elijah Cummings, Hank Johnson, Ocasio-Cortez, Sheila Jackson Lee and Louis Farrakhan, who actually fit the description.

#### ■ Nullifying predecessor's legacy

So far as I can see, the most racist acts that anyone can accuse Trump of having committed is doing everything in his power to nullify all of his predecessor's abominable legacy items.

In other words, the very things that cause some of us to regard Trump as a literal godsend.

#### ■ Fox allows the other side

Although I wish that Fox didn't waste so much airtime providing platforms for Democrats to parrot their talking points, I suppose that's their idea of being fair and balanced. But making the viewers put up with mindless filibusters is bad enough when it's an officeholder. When it's someone who has no say in passing legislation and is merely a paid propagandist, someone identified as a Democratic strategist, I think they owe it to their loyal viewers not to have to put up with voices that grate like fingernails on a blackboard. I'm referring specifically to the adenoid kids, Marie Harf and Jessica Tarlov.

Every time I hear either of them, I find myself wondering what I could have possibly done in a former life to deserve this torment.

#### ■ Questionable intellect

Someone sent me a photo of A O-C with the caption: "Great news! My IQ tests came back negative."

Speaking of which, it struck me that the three blocs that constitute the cheerleaders for Socialism in America are the very rich, the very poor and the very stupid.

#### ■ False witness

After I recently suggested that people who are found to have given false testimony should serve the same prison term as the one their innocent victim would have received if he or she had been found guilty, I was called out for it.

My prosecutor wrote: "This would mean that anyone who testified 'against' someone in a trial, who was then acquitted could then be prosecuted for 'lying,' since their testimony was obviously not believed by the jury, hence was 'lies.'"

People should know by now that it's not as easy as it may look to make me say, "Uncle!" In my own defense, I wrote: "If they were honestly mistaken, it would not be a crime, no matter what the jury decided. But if the witness knowingly

lied, as Professor/Political Operative Christine Blasey Ford did, when she testified that Brett Kavanaugh raped her, I would have her serving time for rape.

“The fact that she testified that she had been so severely traumatized by the event that she had never again been able to board a plane was proven to be a giant whopper with fries; she had actually spent more time airborne than Charles Lindbergh and Buz Aldrin put together. She even flew from California to Washington to testify. That, alone, should have nullified her entire testimony, but for the liberal members of the Senate committee, nullifying Kavanaugh was more important than the truth.

“What I could never figure out is why Mrs. Ford had gone to the trouble of coming up with such a weird, easily disproven lie. I mean, what does a rape have to do with flying unless the crime took place at 35,000 feet?”



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Funny, He Doesn’t Look Jewish” was posted at patriotpost.us on March 11, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Although I’d gotten to know Jussie Smollett a lot better over the past few weeks than I would ever have wanted to, something I had been unaware of until I looked him up this morning is that he is half-black, half Caucasian . . . and that half is Jewish.

That led me to wonder how many other notable Americans are half and half. I already knew about Barack Obama and Derek Jeter, both of whom had white mothers.

But it’s a fairly long list that includes actors, actresses, singers and even a basketball player. Just a partial list includes Dwayne Johnson, Mariah Carey, Alicia Keys, Bob Marley, Eartha Kitt, Rashida Jones, Lenny Kravitz, Lisa Bonet, Mario Van Peebles, Jennifer Beal, Smokey Robinson, Maya Rudolph, Vin Diesel, Ben Harper. Grant Hill and Carol Channing. CAROL CHANNING?!

That’s right, although she was only a fourth-mixed. Her mother was Caucasian, her father was half and half.

A bigger surprise was how many of their white parents were, like Jussie Smollett, Jewish. With parentage that is a combination of black and Jewish, they could no more help being liberals than I can help being cute as a button. Albeit, a short, bald button.

What’s fascinating is how dominant the black DNA is, no matter which parent is white and which is black. With the possible exceptions of Maya Rudolph, Jennifer Beal, Dwayne Johnson and, of course, CAROL CHANNING, one would assume the others were black. And, left-wing propaganda aside, it didn’t seem to prevent any of them from achieving success in this allegedly racist society.



## ■ Liberal bias is old news

I find it odd that Jill Abramson, who was fired by the New York Times from her editorship, and Lara Logan, who recently split from CBS and "60 Minutes," have received a lot of attention for merely stating the obvious, which is that the American media is liberally biased.

I mean, talk about old news. After all, it was way back in 2001 that Bernie Goldberg published the blockbuster best-seller, "Bias," that put him on the map. To some of us, it seemed blatantly obvious even then. But in the age of Trump, for two women to garner so much attention for repeating what Goldberg wrote 18 years ago seems almost as far-fetched as creating a stir by pointing out how suspicious it was that the weather hoaxers went overnight from warning us about something as specific as "global warming" to something as amorphous as "climate change."

## ■ Losing a loved one

Which brings me to my present situation. I have seen hundreds of movies and TV shows and read even more hundreds of books that dealt with the death of a loved one, be it a parent, a spouse or a sibling, and not once have I been told how labor-intensive it is.

They certainly don't skimp when it comes to relating the grief, the loneliness, sometimes even the guilt and unresolved issues, but, at least in my experience, they never bother letting you know how exhausting it is to deal with the details.

It begins with funeral arrangements and deciding on a guest list, and whether there should be a post-funeral gathering and where it should be. The cost alone will come as a shock if you've never been through it before.

But, then, even before you can take a break and sift quietly through the memories accumulated over 33 years, you're tossed into a whirlpool that includes, but is not limited, to dealing with lawyers, banks, credit card companies, Social Security and attempting to sell a car that hadn't yet been paid off. I even found myself trying to explain to our dog just what the heck was going on.

Part of the shock was that because I knew that women on average live five years longer than men, I assumed I would go first. Yet another of God's little jests.



An article by Sean Bryant titled "Costco vs. Sam's Club: What's the Difference?" was posted at investopedia.com on March 12, 2019. Following is the article.

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Both warehouse retailers compete for bulk shoppers, but they are very different.

In the world of retail, the consumer has a lot of choices, so for a store to pop up and be successful, it often needs to have a unique pull.

Big retailers like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. (WMT) and Target Corp. (TGT) use low prices to draw in customers, but this is not a model that works for everyone.

Other retailers must find different ways to drive consumers to their businesses. We see those that focus on healthy foods, locally grown or made products, specialty niche stores, those that only carry high-end brands, those that only carry low-end brands, and in the case of Costco Wholesale Corp. (COST) and Sam's Club, those that only sell in bulk.

How do these last two compare? Here's a look.

#### ■ Costco

Costco is considered the original bulk retailer. It has been selling bulk goods through its warehouse-style stores for more than 30 years and has had that area of the market cornered for quite a while in most states.

The idea is simple: Costco builds a warehouse that is very minimal; it only sells in bulk; and it keeps frills to a minimum. Pair this with a membership fee (\$60 per year, as of 2019), and you get access to what is usually the best deal around. The caveat is that you either need a large family to eat all of the food that you buy, or a method to preserve it (canning or freezing). Throughout the years the store has expanded and started to offer a number of other items, including large electronics, vehicles, and vacation packages.

Costco is a publicly traded company under the ticker symbol (COST). It has a market value of over \$100 billion as of March 11, 2019. It has several smaller subsidiaries, such as Costco Travel and Kirkland brand, but aside from that, the company has not branched out into a multitude of other brands and stores.

Costco membership has a certain cachet that membership to Sam's Club does not have. Although it costs less than \$5 per month, the membership comes with the idea that you are now a part of an elite club. Not everyone has a Costco membership, but once you sign up, you get to be a part of the special few that are members. Does it matter? Not really; it is all psychological.

When you hold a Costco membership, and you do not use it for a few months, you begin to wonder why you have it. Because the price is slightly higher than Sam's Club, the membership actually drives more people to shop at the store. It is similar to paying for a gym membership: it's a financial incentive to work out. Costco could afford to offer their products to the general public without the membership dues; they are a small percentage of the stores' revenues. But they keep them because people will shop at their store simply because they do not want to "waste" their membership.

#### ■ Sam's Club

Sam's Club is actually just as old as Costco. Both were founded in 1983 and have similar business models—sell memberships to a store where customers

buy bulk items. The difference is that Sam's Club did not expand to the same areas and product categories as Costco.

Sam's Club made headlines in January of 2018 when they announced the closing of 63 stores, laying off thousands of workers. Sam's Club didn't give an explanation other than the following statement: "After a thorough review of our existing portfolio, we have decided to close a series of clubs and better align our locations with our strategy. Closing clubs is never easy and we are committed to working with impacted members and associates through this transition."

Costco is an independent, publicly traded retailer. Sam's Club is a subsidiary of Walmart.

A membership to Sam's Club is slightly cheaper than at Costco (\$45 per year, as of 2019). Costco offers a wider range of products than Sam's Club, and has many more locations. As of 2018, there were 762 Costco locations worldwide with 527 in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The company generated \$138 billion in FY2018. Sam's Club, which is a division on Walmart, generated \$59 billion in FY 2018.

### ■ Key Takeaways

Costco and Sam's Club have very similar business models.

They charge essentially the same prices for their memberships and the same prices for their goods. Yet Costco generally fares better.

The reason is that Sam's Club may be shooting themselves in the foot with their counterpart Walmart.

Many of their potential customers simply shop at Walmart for many of the same deals, but without the hassle of membership.

Two companies, both founded the same year, both with similar business models, both attracting the same customers, and both highly successful.



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

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### **Deficit**

■ An article by Andrew Taylor titled "As Budget Deficit Balloons, Few in Washington Seem to Care" was posted at apnews.com on March 10, 2019.

■ An article by Lisa Mascaro titled "Trump Proposes Record Spending, Trillion-Dollar Deficit" was posted at apnews.com on March 11, 2019.

■ An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Trump's Budget Would Increase Deficit Over Next 2 Years; WH Says It Will Balance in 2034" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 13, 2019.

## **Finances**

■ An article by Matt Egan titled "America Is Set to Surpass Saudi Arabia in a 'Remarkable' Oil Milestone" was posted at cnn.com on March 8, 2019.

■ An article by Alexandre Tanzi titled "The U.S. Now Has More Millionaires Than Sweden Has People" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 14, 2019.

## **Green New Deal**

■ An article by Daniel Chaitin titled "AOC to Critics of Green New Deal: 'I'm the Boss' Until You Try" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Feb. 24, 2019.

■ An article by Brittany De Lea titled "New Anti-AOC Billboard Slams Democrat Over Green New Deal 'Boss' Comments" was posted at foxbusiness.com on March 5, 2019.

■ An article by Emily Goodin titled "Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Uses Her SXSW Talk to Label FDR's New Deal 'Racist' Compared to Her 'Green New Deal' and Protests Minorities Being Treated Like 'Garbage'—As She Draws a Bigger Audience Than Any Democrat 2020 Hopeful" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on March 9, 2019.

■ An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Ocasio-Cortez: State of America Is 'Garbage,' Reagan Pitted Whites Against Minorities" was posted at dailywire.com on March 9, 2019.

■ An article by Susan Warren titled "Ocasio-Cortez Blasts Capitalism As An 'Irredeemable' System" was posted at bloomberg.com on March 9, 2019.

■ An article by Jessica Chasmar titled "AFL-CIO Shreds Green New Deal: AOC's Plan Could Cause 'Immediate Harm to Millions' " was posted at washingtontimes.com on March 13, 2019.

## **Illegal immigration**

■ An article by Mary Kay Linge titled "EU Will Soon Require US Visitors to Apply for Visa-Like Travel Pass" was posted at nypost.com on March 9, 2019.

■ An article by Stephen Dinan titled "House Votes in Favor of Illegal Immigrant Voting [in Local Elections]" was posted at washingtontimes.com on March 8, 2019.

■ An article by Alfredo Corchado titled "Trump's Border Emergency Becomes More Real by the Day As Migrants Stack Up Along the Rio Grande" was posted at dallasnews.com on March 8, 2019.

■ An article by Spencer Ackerman titled "ICE Is Detaining 50,000 People, An All-Time High" was posted at thedailybeast.com on March 8, 2019.

■ An article by Kerry Sanders, Ezra Kaplan and Daniella Silva titled "Illegal Border Crossings From Canada Quietly Rising, Data Shows" was posted at nbcnews.com on March 9, 2019.

### **Comments about weapons**

■ An article titled "Coast Guard Officer Accused of Wanting to Kill Democrats and Journalists Indicted on Gun, Drug Charges" was posted at cnn.com on Feb. 27, 2019.

■ An article by Daniel Roberts titled "Dick's [Sporting Goods] Will Remove Hunting Rifles From 125 Stores" was posted at yahoo.com on March 12, 2019.

■ An article by Megan Sheets titled "Gambino Boss Frank Cali, 53, Is Assassinated As He Has Six Bullets Pumped Into His Body and Is Run Over by a Truck Outside His Staten Island Home in First Hit on a NYC Mafia Don in More Than 30 Years" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on March 13, 2019.

■ An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Ky Gov Signs Law Allowing Concealed Carry of Guns Without Permit" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 13, 2019.

### **Comments about Trump support**

■ An article by Matt Vespa titled "Everyone Freaked Out That Trump Signed Bibles; Reagan, Bush, Obama and FDR Did the Same" was posted at town-hall.com on March 12, 2019.

### **Comments about Trump opposition**

■ An article by Michael Brice-Saddler and Reis Thebault titled "Manafort Penalty Sparks Outrage Among Legal Experts: '4-Year Sentence Far Below the Recommended 20 Years' " was posted at independent.co.uk on March 8, 2019.

■ An article by Ric Tucker and Chad Day titled "Manafort Given More Than 3.5 Years of Extra Prison Time" was posted at apnews.com on March 13, 2019.

■ An article by Barbara McQuade titled "Can Manhattan D.A. Cy Vance Flip Manafort After Mueller Failed?" was posted at thedailybeast.com on March 14, 2019.

■ An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "House Democrats Refuse to Allow Vote Against Infanticide—for 17th Time" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 13, 2019.

■ An article by Kerry Picket titled "Pelosi Says She Personally Supports Lowering the Voting Age to 16" was posted at dailycaller.com on March 14, 2019.

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■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy: The 'Democrat Socialist Wing of the Party Overtook Their Own Leadership' " was posted at cnsnews.com on March 8, 2019.

- An article by Stephanie Dube Dwilson titled "Bernie Sanders' Iowa City Rally Turnout Was So Large, He Gave a Second Speech to an Overflow Room" was posted at heavy.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Jonathan Martin and Sydney Ember titled "Bernie-Sanders-Style Politics Are Defining 2020 Race, Unnerving Moderates" was posted at nytimes.com on March 9, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Debate Over Anti-Semitism Charges Exposes Divide in U.S. Democratic Party" was posted at reuters.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Rep. Liz Cheney to AOC: 'Your Party Put a Sham Resolution on the Floor Designed to Protect' Rep. Ilhan Omar's 'Bigotry' " was posted at cnsnews.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by ntk.com staff titled "Ocasio-Cortez Sends Out Fundraising Email Calling for End to U.S.-Israel Special Relationship" was posted at ntknetwork.com on March 7, 2019.
- An article titled "Rep. Ilhan Omar Says 'Hope and Change' Offered by Barack Obama Was a Mirage" was posted at foxnews.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Bob Fredericks titled "Ilhan Omar: Obama's a 'Pretty Face' Who Got 'Away With Murder' " was posted at nypost.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by David Martosko titled "Rep. Ilhan Omar Tries to Blame the Reporter Who Quoted Her Saying Obama Got 'Away With Murder' on Drone Strikes for 'Distorting' Her Words, But Then Bizarrely Releases Audio That Proves the Journalist Was Right" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Guy Benson titled "Fact Check: [Kamala] Harris Repeats False AOC Spin, Misleadingly Downplays Strong Unemployment Rate" was posted at townhall.com on March 11, 2019.
- An article by David Smith titled "Elizabeth Warren Vows to Break Up Amazon, Facebook and Google If Elected President" was posted at theguardian.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Lisa Page: Yeah, Obama's DOJ Killed the Prosecution of Hillary Clinton" was posted at townhall.com on March 13, 2019.

### **Irishman Robert Francis (Beto) O'Rourke**

- An article by John DeFore titled " 'Running With Beto': Film Review SXSW 2019" was posted at hollywoodreporter.com on March 9, 2019.
- An article by Joe Hagan titled "Beto O'Rourke: 'I'm Just Born to Do This' " was posted at vanityfair.com on March 13, 2019.
- An article by Geoffrey Dickens titled "Journalists Go Bonkers for Beto!" was posted at newsbusters.org on March 14, 2019.

- An article by Susan Jones titled "Beto: 'If Immigration Is a Problem, It's the Best Possible Problem for This Country to Have'" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 14, 2019.
- An article by Matt Viser titled "O'Rourke and Biden, Signaling Presidential Bids, Would Infuse Centrism Into a Left-Leaning Democratic Field" was posted at washingtonpost.com on March 12, 2019.
- An article by Christina Wilkie titled "Beto O'Rourke Is Running for President; Like Obama, He Has Sought the Middle Ground on Policy—While His Democratic Rivals Veer to the Left" was posted at cnbc.com on March 14, 2019.

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- An article by Bruce Haring titled "President Trump Hits Back Hard at TV Pundit Ann Coulter: 'Wacky Nut Job'" was posted at deadline.com on March 9, 2019.
- An article by Liam Quinn titled "CNN to Be Sued for More Than \$250M Over 'Vicious' and 'Direct Attacks' on Covington Catholic Student: Lawyer" was posted at foxnews.com on March 9, 2019.
- An article by Kevin Fagan titled "SF Libraries As Sanctuaries for the Homeless—Hollywood Movie [The Public] Captures Realities" was posted at sfchronicle.com on March 9, 2019.
- An article by Joe Concha titled "Leno Laments Today's Late-Night Shows: 'Everyone Has to Know Your Politics'" was posted at thehill.com on March 12, 2019.
- An article by Alexandra Steigrad titled "CBS Staffers in a Panic Over Call for \$100M in Cuts" was posted at nypost.com on March 12, 2019.
- An article by Guy Benson titled "Mary Katharine Ham Breaks With CNN Drumbeat: Tucker Is Right Not to Cave to the Outrage Mob" was posted at townhall.com on March 13, 2019.

### **General interest**

- An article by John Wojcik titled "After Dragging It's Feet, Trump FAA Finally Grounds Troubled Boeing Planes" was posted at peoplesworld.org on March 14, 2019.
- An article by Brianna Heldt titled "University Dean [Cynthia Newman] Resigns After School [Rider University in New Jersey] Ban's Chick-Fil-A" was posted at townhall.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Michael W. Chapman titled "Sen. Paul on Mandatory Vaccines: Federal Govt. Has Paid Over \$4 Billion to Vaccine Victims" was posted at cnsnews.com on March 7, 2019.
- An article by Elise Sole titled "Mississippi High School [Tremont] Bans Students From Bringing Same-Sex Dates to Prom" was posted at yahoo.com on March 8, 2019.

- An article by Timothy Meads titled "Jussie Smollett Indicted on 16 Felony Counts by Grand Jury" was posted at townhall.com on March 8, 2019.
- An article by Fred Barbash titled "Flipping Off Cop Is Free Speech, Court Says [in Taylor, Michigan]" was posted at washingtonpost.com on March 13, 2019.



***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."