

# 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).



A Reuters article by Rania El Gamal and Alexander Cornwell titled "Saudi Arabia Flags Plan to Enrich Uranium As U.S. Seeks Nuclear Pact" was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 9, 2019. Following is the article.

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Saudi Arabia wants to enrich uranium for its nuclear power program, its energy minister said on Monday, potentially complicating talks with Washington on an atomic pact and the role of U.S. companies.

Uranium enrichment has been a sticking point with the United States, especially after Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in 2018 that the Sunni Muslim kingdom would develop nuclear arms if regional rival Shi'ite Muslim Iran did.

The world's top oil exporter says it wants to use nuclear power to diversify its energy mix, but enrichment also opens up the possibility of military uses of uranium.

"We are proceeding with it cautiously . . . we are experimenting with two nuclear reactors," Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said, referring to a plan to issue a tender for the Gulf Arab state's first two nuclear power reactors.

Ultimately the kingdom wanted to go ahead with the full cycle of the nuclear program, including the production and enrichment of uranium for atomic fuel, he told an energy conference in Abu Dhabi.

The tender is expected in 2020, with U.S., Russian, South Korean, Chinese and French firms involved in preliminary talks about the multi-billion-dollar project.

Although atomic reactors need uranium enriched to around 5% purity, the same technology can also be used to enrich the heavy metal to higher, weapons-grade levels.

Saudi Arabia has backed President Donald Trump's "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran after he withdrew the United States from a 2015 nuclear pact that curbed Iran's disputed nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief.

In order for U.S. companies to compete for Saudi Arabia's project, Riyadh would normally need to sign an accord on the peaceful use of nuclear technology with Washington.

The United States would like to sign this pact, known as a 123 agreement, a senior U.S. official said at the conference.

"It's important for us, with regards to U.S. technology, we're going to pursue a 123 agreement," Dan Brouillette, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, said.

"We would like to see a 123 agreement accompany any agreement to transfer U.S. technology or use U.S. technology in Saudi or any other place," he added.

Reuters has reported that progress on the discussions has been difficult because Saudi Arabia does not want to sign a deal that would rule out the possibility of enriching uranium or reprocessing spent fuel—both potential paths to a bomb.

International concerns about the dual technology helped lead to the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and global powers. Under the deal Iran can enrich uranium to around the normal level needed for commercial power production.

But in response to U.S. sanctions imposed since Washington withdrew from the deal in May last year, Iran has been breaching the limits it imposed on its atomic activities step by step.



An article by Dennis Ross titled "On Iran, Trump and Netanyahu Finally Disagree" was posted at bloomberg.com on Sept. 5, 2019. Following is the article.

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President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel are usually on the same page, especially on Iran. But over the last few days, their scripts have diverged.

Trump, at the G-7 summit on Aug. 26, emphasized that "Iran is not the same country that it was two and half years ago when I came into office."

It is no longer the No. 1 nation in terms of supporting terrorism, he said, "Because they can't spend like they used to spend." The implication is that

the U.S. “maximum pressure” campaign of sanctions has so severely damaged Iran’s economy that its behavior is changing for the better.

Contrast that with a statement by Netanyahu on the same day.

“Iran is operating on a broad front to carry out murderous terrorist attacks against the State of Israel,” he said. “Israel will continue to defend its security however that may be necessary. I call on the international community to act immediately so that Iran halts these attacks.”

Netanyahu was speaking directly about the steps Israel has taken recently to ensure its security.

- Destroying Iranian rockets at Shiite militia bases in Iraq.
- Reportedly using drones to attack a facility enhancing the precision capability of missiles provided to Hezbollah by Iran.
- Preemptively striking Iranian forces and Hezbollah operatives near Damascus as they prepared a terror attack into Israel.

From Israel’s standpoint, Trump’s comments notwithstanding, Iran is not a different country today posing less of a threat. Indeed, shortly before the Netanyahu statement, Islamic Jihad, a Palestinian group that has always been close to Iran, fired four rockets from Gaza into Israel—clearly to add fuel to the fire.

What is particularly noteworthy here is that Netanyahu called on the “international community” to act in Israel’s defense.

I’ve served in five different U.S. administrations, often as the point person with Israeli leaders, and I know that Israeli prime ministers, when seeking to deter broader threats, always have come to the U.S. first. They counted on America to act or to mobilize others to help counter possible threats and raise the costs to those who might be thinking of carrying them out.

But Netanyahu realizes that the U.S. does not play that role any longer, and so he directly seeks the help of the rest of the world.

Implicitly, at least, Netanyahu seems to recognize that the Trump administration has little “soft power”—the diplomatic and other non-military efforts that draw others to support U.S. objectives.

Similarly, his statement indicates that he has little faith in the U.S. ability to deter Iran; not a huge surprise, as Iran has adopted its own version of maximum pressure on America’s allies and interests in the region after the U.S. ended waivers permitting eight countries to receive Iranian oil.

That decision, which took effect in May, surely squeezed the Iranians. But their answer, in addition to incrementally walking away from the 2016 nuclear agreement, has been to attack oil tankers in the Persian Gulf, have their Houthi surrogates in Yemen escalate attacks against Saudi airfields and oil facilities, and expand their range of threats to Israel.

All of this after John Bolton, the national security advisor, declared on May 5 that any such threats would be met with “unrelenting force.”

No doubt, Bolton meant it—but Trump calls the shots, and he does not want a conflict with Iran.

Moreover, the president seems to believe that Iranian threats to U.S. friends in the region are their own responsibility to deal with, not America’s. Trump, reversing the policy of every president since Jimmy Carter, applies the same logic to the Strait of Hormuz: Since other nations depend on it being open for their oil supplies, they are mainly accountable for safeguarding it.

Taken along with Trump’s decision not to retaliate for the shooting down of an American drone earlier this summer, this gives the Iranians reason to believe that the U.S. will respond only against direct attacks against its own forces that result in fatalities, and that there is little reason to fear a U.S. reaction to Iranian aggression against America’s friends.

Trump may criticize President Barack Obama for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action in terms of its sunset provisions on Iran’s nuclear program ending too soon, but he speaks of an objective of “no nukes”—surely the same objective Obama had—and seemingly downplays Iran’s regional behavior.

Moreover, in acknowledging the point made by French President Emmanuel Macron that the Iranians might need “compensation” to enter talks, he went so far as to say the Iranians might “need some money to get them over a very rough patch,” and “if they do need money, it would be secured by oil, which to me is great security.”

There is nothing wrong with Trump wanting to talk to the Iranians. But the signals he sends now suggest that it is not American maximum pressure that will produce those talks—it is Iranian maximum pressure that is working on the U.S. and the Europeans.

Perhaps this is why Netanyahu reportedly tried to persuade Trump not to meet soon with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif; he clearly fears what might be given away at this point.

Yes, the Iranians are hurting economically and are likely to go for talks eventually. But the demand of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani that the U.S. must first drop the sanctions – something he knows Trump is unlikely do now—suggests they are in no rush. In the meantime, the Iranians will heighten their pressure, believing that will give them more leverage—they seem to be taking a page from Trump: Squeeze harder, and the other side will come to the table.

For now, the Iranian position means there will be no prospect of an early deal between the U.S. and Iran. Yes, that will ease Netanyahu’s concerns of what a deal would look like now.

But the irony is that because the Iranians are trying to increase their leverage, Israel will likely face increasingly aggressive behavior from Tehran’s proxies.

And, while the Trump administration will absolutely support Israel's right of self-defense, it will also leave Israel largely on its own to face the consequences of a new American policy.

This may be a classic case of Israel's prime minister needing to be careful about what he wishes for.



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- An article by Gil Hoffman, Khaled Abu Toameh and Omri Hahmias titled "Netanyahu Vows to Annex All Settlements, Starting With Jordan Valley" was posted at [jpost.com](http://jpost.com) on Sept. 11, 2019.
  - An article by Aron Heller titled "Israeli PM's Former Protégé [Avigdor Lieberman] Could Now Bring His Downfall" was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on Sept. 9, 2019.
  - An article by Ranjeetha Pakiam titled "China Has Added Nearly 100 Tons of Gold to Its Reserves" was posted at [bloomberg.com](http://bloomberg.com) on Sept. 8, 2019.
  - An article titled "[US Secretary of State Mike] Pompeo Presses Europeans After Iran Curbs Nuclear Promises" was posted at [afp.com](http://afp.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.
  - A Reuters article titled "Britain Will Support U.S. in Iran Talks If Deal Can Be Made—UK Defense Minister" was posted at [reuters.com](http://reuters.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.
  - An article by Katie O'Neil titled "Iran Speeds Up Uranium Enrichment in Latest Breach of Nuclear Deal" was posted at [telegraph.co.uk](http://telegraph.co.uk) on Sept. 7, 2019.
  - An article by Brooke Singman titled "Trump Ousts National Security Adviser John Bolton, Says They 'Disagreed Strongly' on Policy" was posted at [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com) on Sept. 10, 2019.
  - An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Iranian Regime Celebrates John Bolton's Exit" was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on Sept. 10, 2019.
  - An article titled "Saudi Crown Prince [Mohammed Bin Salman] Hosts Christian Evangelicals" was posted at [afp.com](http://afp.com) on Sept. 10, 2019.
  - An article titled "Tentative List of the Missing in Bahamas Has 2,500 Names" was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on Sept. 12, 2019.
  - An article by Michael Savage titled "MPs 'Checked With EU Chiefs Over Brexit Delay' Before Passing Bill" was posted at [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) on Sept. 7, 2019.
  - An article by Thomas Lifson titled "Anti-Brexit Brit Parliamentarians Colluded With EU to Sabotage PM Johnson's No-Deal Brexit" was posted at [americanthinker.com](http://americanthinker.com) on Sept. 8, 2019.

- An article by Paul Hannon and Jason Douglas titled “Boris Johnson Vows Oct. 31 Brexit As Law Rules Out No Deal, Election Bid Fails” was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article titled “[Prime Minister Boris] Johnson Suspends UK Parliament After Latest Brexit Defeat” was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 10, 2019.
- An article by Jill Lawless titled “UK Court: Boris Johnson’s Suspension of Parliament Unlawful” was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 11, 2019.
- An article by David Harding titled “Indian Woman, 74, Gives Birth to Twins After IVF Treatment” was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article by Hannah Sampson titled “More People Are Traveling the World Than Ever; But the Number Coming to America Is Dropping” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Sept. 6, 2019.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Academic Stupidity and Brainwashing” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Sept. 11, 2019. Following is the article.

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Just when we thought colleges could not spout loonier ideas, we have a new one from American University. They hired a professor to teach other professors to grade students based on their “labor” rather than their writing ability.

The professor that American University hired to teach that nonsense is Asao B. Inoue, who is a professor at the University of Washington in Tacoma in interdisciplinary arts and sciences. He is also the director of the university’s writing center.

- Inoue believes that a person’s writing ability should not be assessed, in order to promote “anti-racist” objectives.

- Inoue taught American University’s faculty members that their previous practices of grading writing promoted white language supremacy.

- Inoue thinks that students should be graded on the effort they put into a project.

The idea to bring such a professor to American University, where parents and students fork over \$48,459 a year in tuition charges, could not have been something thought up by saner members of its academic community.

Instead, it was probably the result of deep thinking by the university’s diversity and campus life officials.

Inoue’s views are not simply extreme but possibly hostile to the academic mission of most universities. Forgiving and ignoring a students’ writing ability would mostly affect black students. White students’ speaking and writing would be judged against the King’s English, defined as standard, pure or correct English grammar.



Professor Noam Chomsky, called the father of modern linguistics, formulated the generative theory of language.

According to his theory, the most basic form of language is a set of syntactic rules that is universal for all humans and that underlies the grammar of all human languages. We analyze and interpret our environment with words and sentences in a structured language. Oral and written language provides a set of rules that enables us to organize thoughts and construct logical meaning with our thoughts.

Not holding students accountable to proper grammar does a disservice to those students who overall show poor writing abilities. When or if these students graduate from college, they are not going to be evaluated in their careers by Inoue's tailored standards. They will be judged according to their objective abilities, and it probably follows that if they fail to meet those objective standards, the standards themselves will be labeled as racist.

There's another very dangerous bit of academic nonsense happening, this time at the K-12 level of education. One America News Network anchor interviewed Mary Clare Amselem, education specialist at the Heritage Foundation, about the California Department of Education's proposed ethnic studies curriculum. The proposed ethnic studies curriculum would teach children that capitalism and father figures are racist.

The Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum also includes gross anti-Israel bias and teaches about a Palestinian-led anti-Israel initiative called Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions. The curriculum also has students study issues of police brutality and asks teachers to find incidents of bias by police in their own communities.

According to an article by Shelby Talcott in *The Stream*, California's proposed curriculum called for students to study lawmakers such as Democratic Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar and Democratic Michigan Rep. Rashida Tlaib, both of whom have supported the BDS movement and have been accused of anti-Semitic rhetoric.

The proposed ethnic studies proposal has been removed from the California Department of Education website.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said, "While I am relieved that California made the obvious decision to revisit this wholly misguided proposal, we need to know why and how a blatantly anti-Semitic, anti-Israel, factually inaccurate curriculum made its way through the ranks of California's Department of Education."

He added, "This was not simply an oversight—the California Department of Education's attempt to institutionalize anti-Semitism is not only discriminatory and intolerant, it's dangerous."

Brainwashing our youngsters is a serious matter. The people responsible for the California Department of Education's proposal ought to be summarily fired.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “Oliver Twist Goes to Washington” was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 7, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Sometimes, I am absolutely overwhelmed by the amount of email I receive. But at least when it’s from subscribers, even if it’s the same video or meme or cartoon I’ve received a dozen times that week, we more or less know each other. It’s like a wife who has to pretend to laugh at the same joke her husband’s been telling for the past 10 years. It goes with the territory.

But now I am hearing from every Republican running for office anywhere in America, and they all want my money. I guess they must have gotten wind of the fact that so many of you renewed your subscription. I’m getting really sick of them coming up to me with their empty bowls just like the pitiful young orphan, Oliver Twist, begging for a little more gruel.

It’s my fault, of course. Nobody put a gun to my head and told me to give any of these people a dime. I feel particularly stupid since these are the very same shmoes who refuse to accept an email from me if I don’t reside in their state or congressional district.

Be that as it may, I have only contributed to the campaigns of those incumbents who have shown themselves committed to Trump’s agenda and to contenders I believe have a decent chance of prevailing in toss-up elections.

I am not kicking in a plugged nickel to those challenging Nancy Pelosi, Jerry Nadler, A O-C, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, Ted Lieu, Maxine Waters, Adam Schiff or any of those others I’d love to see defeated. Or, better yet, locked up in stocks in the public square, to be mocked and hit with squishy tomatoes. They’re not the problem, though; the nincompoops who keep electing them are and there’s no way I can un-elect them.

#### ■ Inspector General saw correctly

The Inspector General, Michael Horowitz, the only honest man in Washington who’s not named Donald Trump, found that James Comey broke all the rules, but Attorney General William Barr refuses to prosecute him.

I could be hallucinating, but this sure seems, as Yogi Berra allegedly put it, like déjà vu all over again. Wasn’t it James Comey, who told the world that Hillary Clinton was guilty of everything but masterminding the Boston Brinks robbery, but that he found no basis for prosecution?

#### ■ Comey leaked

Comey, in case you tuned out or fainted when you heard that he was going to go unpunished, leaked FBI documents to the media that he had no right to have in his possession in order to embarrass the President. That, in turn, led to FISA warrants, the appointment of Comey’s friend and mentor Robert Mueller as Special Counsel and a two-year witch hunt.



On the other hand, Barr has vowed to prosecute those who enabled Jeffrey Epstein to carry out his sexual assaults of underage girl for the past several decades. I'm offering terrific odds that Barr never gets within a thousand miles of indicting Bill Clinton. Anyone willing to take my bet?

#### ■ Deep Staters protect their own

So, folks like Roger Stone and George Papadopoulos get arrested for telling a couple of inconsequential lies to the FBI, but the head of the FBI lies every time he opens his mouth and plotted a political coup to unseat a duly-elected president and he gets to go on a book tour.

That noise you hear in the background is Lady Justice weeping while the Deep Staters protect their own and give the finger to America.

#### ■ Recurring mistakes

Like a character in a Greek drama, Joe Biden continues to be buffeted by time and circumstance. As a person even older than Biden, I hate to see his mental collapse blamed on his age. Let's face it, the man was always thirty or so cards short of a full deck. People used to smile at his gaffes and say: "That's just Joe being Joe."

Now they're diagnosing Alzheimer's.

Recently, he was delivering a speech. He prefaced it by stating in a voice even more dramatic than the one that George C. Scott used standing before the giant flag in "Patton," insisting "This is the God's truth—my word as a Biden!"

He went on to describe in edge-of-the-seat detail how he had risked death in Afghanistan to present a Silver Star to a soldier when he was the Vice President.

As reported in *the Washington Post*, of all places: "In the space of three minutes, Biden got the time period, the location, the heroic act, the type of medal, the military branch and the rank of the recipient wrong, as well as his own role in the ceremony."

Something even *the Post* neglected to mention was that he was a senator at the time, not yet the vice-president.

"My word as a Biden." I think I may start using that as a catch phrase whenever I don't expect to be taken seriously.

#### ■ Puerto Rico a state

A little remembered event took place on Nov. 1st, 1950. Two Puerto Rican zealots named Oscar Collazo and Grisello Torresola, seeking independence from the U.S., decided to prove their seriousness by assassinating President Harry Truman.

At the time, Harry and First Lady Bess were residing in Blair House while the White House was being renovated.

In the ensuing shoot-out, Torresola was shot and killed, as was White House police officer Leslie Coffelt. Collazo was wounded, stood trial and was sentenced to death. Truman commuted his sentence to life, always a mistake,

and in 1979, Jimmy Carter commuted it once again to time served. Unfortunately, Officer Coffelt wasn't as lucky. He was still dead.

All of that is a prelude to my suggesting that it's time to give Puerto Rico its long overdue independence. I'm sure they long to stand on their own feet and breathe the air of free men. For my part, I'm getting sick and tired of having to waste our tax dollars so that corrupt politicians can pocket the money and then blame whoever happens to be in the White House that they didn't do enough to protect them from the inevitable hurricanes that are going to hit islands that happen to be situated in Hurricane Alley.

It's bad enough that Florida is constantly being victimized by lousy weather, but at least they're an actual state and they say "thank you" when they receive help. Also, they elect a lot of Republicans. Heck, somebody had to say it.

#### ■ Buy American

President Trump is right to be turning the economic screws on China, although I admit it bugs me when he feels compelled to say nice things about Chairman Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin and even Kim Jong-un, but I guess he took to heart Mary Poppins' advice about a little bit of sugar helping the medicine go down.

But we can all do our part by not buying crapola made in China. It's not just that the stuff is cheesy, but it provides the Communists with the American dollars it needs in order to purchase what it requires on the world market because nobody wants their Monopoly currency, which goes by different names. Sometimes it's called the yuan, sometimes reaminbi, sometimes Charmin.

And, yes, you can take my word for that as a Biden.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Going the Way of Red China?" was posted at patriotpost.us on Sept. 9, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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It's bad enough that our economy appears to be tied so tightly to China's that if someone sneezes in Beijing, the U.S. comes down with the Asian flu.

#### ■ Global economy

Maybe this global economy isn't all it's cracked up to be. While it expands the market for our goods, it has just about wiped out our manufacturing capability and padlocked our factories. In exchange, it has flooded the U.S. with shoddy goods from China, Mexico and Indonesia.

Worse yet, it forces us to deal with the thieves in China, who are always looking for new ways to swipe our technology. It also allows the giants in the Silicon Valley to choose between working in the best interests of our government or China's, and nearly always choosing the latter.

It also compels the Europeans to pander to Iran and Russia, while at the same time fearing Russia's expansion plans and remaining allied with Russia's chief ally, Islamic Turkey, in NATO. Even Lewis Carroll, at his madcap best, couldn't have visualized this amount of surrealistic lunacy.

I know that global trade is supposed to be great for our economy, but how great is it when the Stock Market can lose over 800 points in a day over a rumor and when people's nest eggs can disappear overnight if a hostile nation decides it's in its own self-interest to drop us as a trading partner?

#### ■ Millionaires turned into billionaires

Frankly, I've been suspicious of our economy for a long time, going back to the day that rich people stopped being millionaires and turned into billionaires.

Even the likes of Rockefeller, Morgan and Ford, never dreamed of becoming one. Now every schmuck who ever came up with a new social network could buy and sell every financial giant who was born prior to 1970.

#### ■ Replicating Mao's revolution

As if it's not bad enough that Nixon and Henry Kissinger brought China in from the cold, allowing it to lose its pariah status and thus become a financial behemoth, a large segment of our population has decided to replicate Mao's revolution here in America.

As William Jasper pointed out in an opinion piece he wrote for *The New American*: When Mao and his Red Guards undertook their Cultural Revolution, driving out what they referred to as the Four Olds (old customs, old culture, old habits, old ideas), they didn't try to persuade anyone through cogent arguments. Instead, they used force, just the way that every other Communist dictatorship has done.

All they had to do was accuse people of deviating from Communist doctrine in word or deed and it was enough to cause them to lose their homes, their jobs and, it goes without saying, their lives.

#### ■ Increasing violence here

We have seen our own version of this with the way the Left has used violence courtesy of Antifa and Black Lives Matter. We have seen the way that the media has offered its own services in their unrelenting attack on President Trump, Conservatives, Judge Brett Kavanaugh and even teenager Nick Sandmann and his fellow Pro-Life Catholic schoolmates from Covington High School.

To those on the Left, there are no innocent parties. You either toe the party line or you're fair game for the blood-thirsty mob.

#### ■ Inflated reports about white supremacists

The Left also inflates the numbers and influence of what they refer to as White Supremacists, just so they can insist that Trump is their leader. Of course it's a lie. If you rounded up every member of the Klan, the Aryan

Nation and David Duke's fan club, you could, as Fred Allen once said about the amount of sincerity to be found in Hollywood: "Stuff it in a gnat's navel and still have room left over for two caraway seeds and an agent's heart."

### ■ Effects of marijuana

Marijuana has been portrayed as a harmless drug for as many years as I can remember. Back as far as the movie "MASH" and Reverend Jim on TV's "Taxi," stoners have inevitably been depicted as goofy, harmless and lovable.

But as Alex Berenson, author of "Tell Your Children," discovered after years of extensive research, it's not as benign as we've been told by lunkheads like Bill Maher and Woody Harrelson or by politicians looking to increase state coffers with tax revenue. It seems the opposite is true.

It has been found that pot smokers are not only befouling their lungs and exterminating the few brain cells they were born with, the addiction often leads to violent behavior.

That doesn't mean that every pothead living in his parents' basement is a time bomb waiting to explode, but there is indisputable evidence that between a third and 40% of men who murder children regularly smoke the stuff.

### ■ Judgment against Johnson & Johnson

Oklahoma recently saw a judge rule that Johnson & Johnson owed the state half a billion dollars for the role it played in the opioid epidemic. Interestingly enough, there was no mention of the roles played by the FDA, which okayed the drug, or the multitude of doctors who prescribed it.

Clearly, many other states will now be following suit, hoping to add to the amount of revenue it now collects after having legalized the sale of marijuana.

My chief concern is whether this practice of victimizing pharmaceutical companies is going to put at risk those people who are actually suffering from constant pain. Is the pharmaceutical industry going to risk producing the meds so desperately needed if they know that if even a few people misuse them, it's the companies that are going to suffer?

After all, we've seen how the crime rates spike when cops are afraid to do their jobs for fear that gutless politicians will kick them to the curb if some sleazebag gripes that he's been ill-treated.



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## Deficit

- An article by Niv Elis titled "Deficit Surpasses \$1 Trillion: CBO" was posted at thehill.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Jeff Cox titled "Real US Debt Levels Could Be 2,000 % of Economy, a Wall Street Report Suggests" was posted at cnbc.com on Sept. 9, 2019.

## Finances

- An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "Manufacturing Jobs +3,000 in August; +498,000 Under Trump" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Record 157,878,000 Employed in August; Record Low Unemployment Rate for Blacks" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article by Timothy Meads titled "Federal Reserve Predicts No Recession Anytime Soon" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article by Kharen Martinez Mureia titled "Number of Americans on Food Stamps Falls 6.6 Million Since Trump Took Office" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 11, 2019.
- An article by Aisha Al-Muslim titled "Retail Bankruptcies Rise, Store Closures Skyrocket in First Half of 2019" was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 11, 2019.

## Trade war

- An article titled "Trump Bullish on China Tariffs, But Aide [Economic Adviser Larry Kudlow] Warns of Long Haul" was posted at afp.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article titled "China's Xi Jinping Is in a Corner and His Problems Are Getting Worse: Varney" was posted at foxbusiness.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "U.S. Firms Sour on Their Future in China As Trade War Bites" was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 10, 2019.

## Green New Deal

- An article by Susan Jones titled "Andrew Yang Envisions a Buyback of 'Clunker' Gas Guzzling Cars" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 5, 2019.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "Warren Proposes Zero Carbon Footprint on New Houses, Buildings, Cars, Electric Generation" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 5, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Marie-Louise Gumuchian titled "[Roughly 300] Climate Change Activists Storm Red Carpet at Venice Film Festival" was posted at afp.com on Sept. 7, 2019.
- An article by Fiachra Gibbons titled "Mick Jagger Blasts Trump [Supporting Climate Change Activists in Venice] for Bad Manners, Lies, Environment" was posted at afp.com on Sept. 7, 2019.

■ An article by Steve Milloy titled "Green Dreams' Threaten Real US Jobs" was posted at [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com) on Sept. 8, 2019.

### **Illegal immigration**

■ An article by Matt Vespa titled "Pro-Sanctuary Maryland Officials Throw a Tantrum After State Becomes a Den of Illegal Alien Rapes" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.

■ An article titled "'No Illegal Immigrants Allowed to Stay' in India: Govt." was posted at [afp.com](http://afp.com) on Sept. 8, 2019.

■ An article titled "489 Illegal Immigrants With Detainers Released in North Carolina: Report" was posted at [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com) on Sept. 10, 2019.

■ An article by Mark Sherman titled "Supreme Court Allows Broad Enforcement of Trump Asylum Rule [Preventing Most Central American Migrants From Seeking Asylum]" was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on Sept. 12, 2019.

■ An article by Sebastian Smith titled "Trump's Immigration Crackdown Starts to Gain Traction" was posted at [afp.com](http://afp.com) on Sept. 12, 2019.

### **Comments about weapons**

■ An article by Timothy Meads titled "Walgreens and CVS Ban Open Carry" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Sept. 5, 2019.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "Mayor Bill De Blasio: 'We Cannot Have Assault Weapons in Our Society' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.

■ An article by Craig Bannister titled "Calif. Sheriff [Mike Boudreaux of Tulare County] Urges All Concealed Carry Holders to 'Exercise Your Rights' in Defense 'Against Active Shooters' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](http://cnsnews.com) on Sept. 11, 2019.

### **Comments about Trump support**

■ An article by Annie Karni titled "GOP Plans to Drop Presidential Primaries in 4 States [Arizona, Kansas, Nevada and South Carolina] to Impede Trump Challengers" was posted at [msn.com](http://msn.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.

■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Border Patrol Just Released New Illegal Crossing Numbers and It's Clear Trump's Policies Are Working" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Sept. 9, 2019.

■ An article titled "Federal Appeals Court Rules That Religious Businesses Refusing Service to Same-Sex Weddings is a Free Speech Right" was posted at [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com) on Sept. 7, 2019.

■ An article by Alex Swoyer titled "'Historic Milestone': Senate Confirms 150th Trump Judicial Nominee" was posted at [washingtontimes.com](http://washingtontimes.com) on Sept. 11, 2019.

### **Comments about Trump opposition**

■ An article titled "No President Has Ever Deserved Internal Opposition More Than Donald Trump" was posted at [esquire.com](http://esquire.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.



- An article by Jack Crowe titled "Tulsi Gabbard: The Rest of Democratic Primary Field Has Embraced 'Open Borders' " was posted at nationalreview.com on Sept. 10, 2019.
- An article by Guy Benson titled "Tulsi Gabbard's So-Called 'Moderation' Highlights How Radical Her Party Has Become on Abortion" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 11, 2019.
- An article by Gregory Korte and Joe Carroll titled "How a Booming Texas Economy May Help Democrats in 2020 [Due to Liberal Citizens Moving to Texas]" was posted at bloomberg.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Clarice Silber titled "Austin [Texas] to Be First US City to Fund Abortion Support Services [While Texas Has Passed Some of the Nation's Strictest Anti-Abortion Laws, the Austin City Council Voted to Provide \$150,000 of Funding for Local Women Seeking Abortions]" was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 12, 2019.
- An article by Trent Baker titled "Dem. Rep. Clyburn: 'Not Too Sure' the Bill of Rights Would Pass Today" was posted at Breitbart.com on Sept. 8, 2019.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Christine Blasey Ford's Lawyer: Okay Fine, Protecting Abortion Was Part of Why She Accused Kavanaugh" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 4, 2019.
- An article by Alex Roarty titled "Biden Is Labeled a Moderate; But His Agenda Is Far More Liberal Than Hillary Clinton's" was posted at McClatchy-dc.com on Sept. 10, 2019.
- An article by David Siders and Elena Schneider titled " 'It's a Deceptive Lead': Why Biden's Rivals Are Planning Around His Big Collapse" was posted at politico.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Anthony Salvanto, Jennifer De Pinto, Kabir Khanna and Fred Backus titled "Elizabeth Warren Rises As Joe Biden Clings to Delegate Edge" was posted at CBSnews.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article titled "Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren Are Tied at 26 Percent in This New Poll [Before the Democrat Debate in Houston on Sept. 12]" was posted at theweek.com on Sept. 11, 2019.
- An article by Rebecca Traister titled "Elizabeth Warren's Classroom Strategy: A Lifelong Teacher, She's the Most Professorial Presidential Candidate Ever" was posted at thecut.com on Aug. 6, 2019.
- Looking back to June, an article by Colleen Flaherty titled "A Double-Edged Sword [Elizabeth Warren Has Been Criticized and Praised for Sounding Like a Professor—Which She Is]" was posted at insidehighered.com on June 28, 2019.
- An article by Ronn Blitzer titled "Top Biden Supporter [Former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell] Rips Warren for Donor History: 'Can You Spell Hypocrite?' " was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 9, 2019.

- An article by Tommy Christopher titled "Jim Cramer Says Wall Street Execs Are Panicking About Elizabeth Warren Presidency: 'She's Gotta Be Stopped' " was posted at mediaite.com on Sept. 11, 2019.
- An article by Justin Wingerter titled " 'Help Me Transform This Country': Bernie Sanders Rallies Thousands of Supporters in Downtown Denver [on Sept. 9]" was posted at denverpost.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Adam Sabes titled "Bill De Blasio: 'As President, I Would Issue a Robot Tax' " was posted at atr.org on Sept. 6, 2019.

### **Kamala Harris**

- An article by Seema Mehta titled "Kamala Harris Proposes Legalizing Marijuana, Ending Bail, Eliminating Death Penalty" was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Trent Spiner titled "Internal Kamala Harris Document [Accidentally Left in New Hampshire] Acknowledges 'Summer Slump' " was posted at politico.com on Sept. 9, 2019.

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

- An article titled "Beto O'Rourke Defends Repeated F-Bombs" was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article by Connor Mannion titled "Beto O'Rourke Goes Off on Gun Control at Debate: '[Heck] Yes, We're Going to Take Your AR-15, Your AK-47'" was posted at mediaite.com on Sept. 12, 2019.

### **News about the media**

- An article by Julio Rosas titled "CNN's Climate Town Hall Placed Last in Total Viewership for All Seven Hours" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Sept. 5, 2019.
- An article by Michael Morris titled "Mark Levin: Media Are Hysterically and Desperately Pushing Climate Change Ideology" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article titled "Joe Scarborough [of MSNBC]: 'There Are Consequences' to 'Sharpie Gate' and Foreign Leaders Seeing Trump 'This Unstable' " was posted at thewrap.com on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article by Madison Gesiotto titled "Liberals Haunted by Social Media Tactics They Use Against the Right" was posted at thehill.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by J. Clara Chan titled "Right-Wing OAN Network [One America News] Files \$10 Million Defamation Suit Against Rachel Maddow, MSNBC" was posted at thewrap.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Paul Bedard titled "Fishwrap: 33,000 Newsroom Jobs Slashed, Newspapers the Last Choice for News" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Sept. 11, 2019.

- An article by Mark Finkelstein titled “MSNBC’s Donny Deutsch Urges Democrat Debaters: ‘Assault’ Trump the ‘Ogre’ ” was posted at [newsbusters.org](http://newsbusters.org) on Sept. 12, 2019.
- An article by Kyle Drennen titled “[Liberal Media Star] Bill Maher Condemns Far Left As ‘Cancer’ on Democratic Party” was posted at [newsbusters.org](http://newsbusters.org) on Sept. 12, 2019.
- Looking back to 2016, an article by Jeremy Gordon titled “Ann Coulter Was at ‘The Roast of Rob Lowe’ Because She Didn’t Know What a Roast War [And She Was Viciously Attacked by All of the Other Guest Roasters With More Attacks Than Directed at Rob Lowe]” was posted at [spin.com](http://spin.com) on Sept. 6, 2016.

### **General interest**

- An article by Thomas Lifson titled “Chick-Fil-A Opens First International Store [Opening the First of 15 Stores in the Greater Toronto Area] As Eager Customers Step Over Bodies of ‘Die-In’ Protesters” was posted at [american-thinker.com](http://american-thinker.com) on Sept. 7, 2019.
- An article by Hope Schreiber titled “Purdue University Faculty, Students Consider Measure to Prevent Chick-Fil-A From Opening on Campus” was posted at [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) on Sept. 11, 2019.
- An article titled “Roller Coaster [20-Foot Kiddie Coaster] Stolen From Fair [in Marysville, Ohio]” was posted at [fox5ny.com](http://fox5ny.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article titled “US Limits Amount of Money That [Cuban] Americans Can Send to Cuba” was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article by Kate Rogers titled “America’s Aging Population Is Leading to a Doctor Shortage Crisis” was posted at [cnbc.com](http://cnbc.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article titled “Three More Deaths and at Least 450 Illnesses [in 33 States] Linked to Vaping Nationwide” was posted at [cbsnews.com](http://cbsnews.com) on Sept. 6, 2019.
- An article titled “These 3 States [Illinois, Michigan and Vermont] Will Begin Selling Recreational Pot Fairly Soon [Joining 8 States—Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oregon and Washington]” was posted at [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) on Sept. 7, 2019.
- An article by Ben Eisen titled “Workers Are Fleeing Big Cities for Small Ones—and Taking Their Jobs With Them” was posted at [wsj.com](http://wsj.com) on Sept. 7, 2019.
- An article by Derek Thompson titled “Why Are America’s Three Biggest Metros Shrinking? [With Every Day 277 People Leaving New York, 201 People Leaving Los Angeles and 161 People Leaving Chicago]” was posted at [theatlantic.com](http://theatlantic.com) on Sept. 8, 2019.
- An article by Faith Karimi and Artemis Moshtaghian titled “About 1,250 Lightning Strikes Recorded in [Western] Washington [State] Within Three Hours [With 200 Recorded in Seattle Metro Area]” was posted at [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) on Sept. 8, 2019.

- An article titled “The No. 1 University in America [Princeton] Now Comes With a Total Sticker Price of Over \$293,000” was posted at marketwatch.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Andrew Sheeler titled “A New Law Signed by Gavin Newsom Bans Schools From Suspending Disruptive Kids” was posted at sacbee.com on Sept. 9, 2019.
- An article by Samantha Schmidt and Kayla Epstein titled “Lawsuits, Possible Bankruptcy and Declining Numbers; Is There a Future for the Boy Scouts?” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Sept. 11, 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.”