

# Eye on the World

## Dec. 21, 2019

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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 Andy Wells titled "'Stop Brexit' Man Finally Admits Defeat After Campaigning for 847 Days" was posted at yahoo.com on Dec. 18, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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After 847 days rallying against Britain leaving the EU, Britain's staunchest Remainer has finally admitted defeat and is hanging up his megaphone for good.

Steve Bray, whose bellows of "stop Brexit" have been part of the soundscape at Westminster over the past three years, has now accepted that Britain will leave, following the Tory general election landslide.

The 50-year-old, who wore a grey top hat and cape at Parliament as MPs returned to Westminster, claimed there was "still hope" of staying in the EU despite Boris Johnson's victory.

He said: "The majority of people, 53%, voted for Remain parties including Labour, Lib Dems, Greens and the Scottish National Party. That's 1.2 million more people who wanted to remain than leave."

Mr. Bray, who sold a chunk of his coin collection to fund his marathon protest, vowed to carry on campaigning and said that the focus will be on how to get back into the EU once the "proverbial sh\*t kicks in."

The activist, who heckled the prime minister on Tuesday, booming ‘B\*\*\*\*\*s to Boris,’ added: “We haven’t left yet. There’s a tiny chance of staying in, so as long as we haven’t left, there’s still hope . . .

“Our future campaigning will be about holding government to account. Looking forward, to when the proverbial sh\*t kicks in, we will look into how we can get back into the EU.”

Speaking to Leavers, he said: “I don’t blame those people that voted to leave after being promised the earth . . . Every single think-tank including the government said that we are going to be worse off with any form of Brexit.

“We may have a high level of employment, but they are not quality jobs. They are zero-hours jobs.

“The financial sector is the crown jewel in terms of tax revenue. Now the bankers are moving to Germany and France. Our standing in the world is gone.”

Bray conceded the election result was “devastating” and said the focus now needed to be on how to “pick up the pieces.”



A Reuters article by Kylie MacLellan and Joanna Taylor titled “Ex-PM Blair Tells Britain’s Labour: Change or You Will Disappear” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 18, 2019. Following is the article.

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Former British prime minister Tony Blair, Labour’s most successful leader, on Wednesday urged the party to rebuild from electoral humiliation by rejecting the “protest movement with cult trimmings” created by outgoing leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Thursday’s defeat was Labour’s worst since 1935, and a battle for control is now under way between moderates and Corbyn’s hard-left allies.

Blair won three elections for Labour by hauling it toward a business-friendly centrist platform, and was premier from 1997 to 2007. But he lost favor in part by sending British forces to back U.S. president George W. Bush’s invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Corbyn’s supporters say Blair both betrayed the working classes and undermined faith in politicians, and “Blairism” remains badly tarnished, both inside and outside Labour.

After Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s party swept up long-standing Labour constituencies in working-class areas of northern and central England, including Blair’s old seat, the ex-premier said few would now bet against another decade of Conservative rule.

“The takeover of the Labour Party by the far left turned it into a glorified protest movement with cult trimmings, utterly incapable of being a credible government,” Blair said. “The result has brought shame on us.”

Labour won just 203 seats, down 59, and saw its vote fall by 7.8 percentage points to 32.2%, while the Conservatives won 365 seats, up 47, on 43.6% of the vote.

Corbyn is standing down in the new year and prominent Labour lawmakers including Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer are considering running to replace him as leader.

Blair said Labour must now “renew itself as the serious, progressive, non-Conservative competitor for power in British politics, or retreat from such an ambition, in which case over time it will be replaced.”

He said Corbyn had personified “an idea, a brand, of quasi-revolutionary socialism, mixing far-left economic policy with deep hostility to Western foreign policy,” and that voters had found his “combination of misguided ideology and terminal ineptitude” insulting.

“To win power we need self-discipline, not self-indulgence,” he said.

Corbyn had promised a radical socialist program of higher public spending, sweeping nationalization and taxes on the wealthy.

Blair said this “wish list” would have caused chaos if implemented.

“Any fool can promise everything for free but the people weren’t fooled,” he said. “They know life isn’t like that.”

Blair also said that Corbyn’s complicated and equivocal stance on leaving the EU—while Johnson endlessly promised to “Get Brexit done”—had displeased both opponents and advocates of Brexit. Always ambiguous on EU membership, Corbyn promised voters a second EU referendum, in which he would remain neutral.

“We pursued a path of almost comic indecision, alienated both sides of the debate,” Blair said.

“The absence of leadership on what was obviously the biggest question facing the country then reinforced all the other doubts about Jeremy Corbyn.”



An article by Tom Porter titled “Joe Biden and His Allies Are Seizing on the Left’s Crushing Defeat in the UK As Proof That Only a Centrist Can Beat Trump” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Dec. 13, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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- Centrist Democrats are poised to argue that the routing of the Labour Party in Thursday’s UK general election shows only someone like Joe Biden or Pete Buttigieg can beat President Donald Trump in 2020.
  - “Look what happens when the Labour Party moves so, so far to the left,” Biden said on Thursday as the British election results became clear.
  - Backers of progressive candidates like Sens. Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren, however, can point to distinct local factors that shaped the election result in the UK, most significantly Brexit.

■ Despite her winning popular vote by a big margin, progressives have also argued that Hillary Clinton's lackluster performance in 2016 in traditional Democratic states means they need something more radical.

As news came in of the crushing defeat Thursday [Dec. 12] of Jeremy Corbyn's hard-left Labour Party in the UK general election, the US Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden sought to draw a lesson for his own party in its quest to beat President Donald Trump in 2020.

"Boris Johnson is winning in a walk," he told journalists at a California fundraiser, according to a pool report, as results showed the British prime minister cruising to a historic victory.

He predicted that pundits would say: "Look what happens when the Labour Party moves so, so far to the left. It comes up with ideas that are not able to be contained in a rational basis quickly."

He also drew comparisons between Johnson—an outspoken former media star embraced by the populist righthh—and Trump.

US President Donald Trump and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson at a working breakfast in Biarritz, France, on August 25 on the second day of the annual G7 Summit.

"You're also going to see people saying, my God, Boris Johnson, who is kind of a physical and emotional clone of the president, is able to win," Biden said.

As the 2020 election campaign gears up, debate is still heated between Democrats who want to pit Trump against a centrist such as the former vice president or Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, and those who want a left-winger.

At the same time, the progressive wing is convinced that Democrats needs to learn from the 2016 defeat of Hillary Clinton and choose a candidate like Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren who can pledge radical reform.

Centrists will argue that, like the Labour Party in the UK, the policies of the left wing appeal mainly to young progressives and fail to persuade many of the party's traditional supporters or the swing voters necessary to claim victory.

Democrats like Biden and Clinton have traditionally found their closest UK allies in the Labour Party of former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair was Labour's most successful postwar leader, but his successors, including Corbyn and his allies, accused him of selling out core Labour. They went on to demand a pivot to the left in a party civil war that mirrors that which the Democrats are now experiencing.

Trump and Republicans are seeking to frame the Democrats as extreme socialists in a relentless series of attacks via social-media ads and the president's Twitter feed.

And there are indications that the strategy is resonating with voters in some of the swing states that abandoned the Democrats to vote Trump into the White House.

Any further move to the left is ammunition for Republicans, centrists say, and risks the Democrats in 2020 being consigned to the same fate as Corbyn's Labour.



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- An article by Will Taylor titled "Jeremy Corbyn Actually Lost a Large Number of Young Voters in the Election" was posted at yahoo.com on Dec. 14, 2019.
  - An article by Faycal Benhassain titled "China, Egypt and Saudi Arabia the Biggest Jailers of Reporters, Watchdog Report Finds" was posted at cnsnews.com on Dec. 18, 2019.
  - An article titled "Gulf Leaders Meet in Saudi Arabia Under Looming Iran Threat" was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 10, 2019.
  - A Reuters article titled "Saudi Arabia, Pakistan Snub Malaysia's Muslim Summit" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 17, 2019.
  - An article titled "Ex-Dictator Is First Pakistan Army General to Get Death Penalty" was posted at bloomberg.com on Dec. 17, 2019.
  - A Reuters article titled "Turkey Ready to Give Any Military Support Libya Needs: Erdogan" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 15, 2019.
  - An article titled "Turkey Deploys Surveillance Drone in Northern Cyprus" was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 16, 2019.
  - An article by Raf Sanchez titled "Exclusive: Hamas Plots Attacks on Israel From Turkey As Erdogan Turns Blind Eye" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Dec. 17, 2019.
  - An article titled "Russia's Economy Is Signaling An Oil Price Rally" was posted at yahoo.com on Dec. 12, 2019.
  - A Reuters article by Scott DiSavino titled "Oil Nears Three-Month High As Trade Hopes, UK Election Boost Sentiment" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
  - An article by Olivia Konotey-Ahulu titled "Oil Slump to \$50 Seen Triggering Rapid Decline in U.K. North Sea" was posted at bloomberg.com on Dec. 17, 2019.
  - An article by Mariette Le Roux and Joseph Schmid titled "France Braces for Holiday Misery As Pension Strike Persists" was posted at afp.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
  - An article by Emma Gatten titled "Greta Thunberg Wins Time Person of the Year 2019" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Dec. 11, 2019.
  - Looking back to 1939, an article titled "Adolf Hitler: Man of the Year, 1938" was posted at time.com on Jan. 2, 1939.

- An article titled "Time Named Joseph Stalin Man of the Year in 1939 and 1942" was posted at time.com.
- Looking back to 2016, an article titled "Donald Trump Is Time Magazine's Person of the Year" was posted at time.com on Dec. 7, 2016.
- An article titled "Japan PM Postpones Trip to India's Violence-Hit Northeast" was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 12, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled "Pirates Release Three [Greek] Oil Tanker Crew Kidnapped Off [Western African Country of] Togo" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
- An article titled "El Salvador Court Gives Hefty Sentences in Mass Gang Trial [Sentenced 373 Convicted Members Up to 74 Years]" was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Helen Reid titled "South Africa Mines Grind to Halt As Floods Deepen Power Crisis" was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 10, 2019.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Corrupting Our Social Norms" was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Dec. 18, 2019. Following is the article.

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Here are several questions for biologists and medical professionals.

- If a person is found to have XY chromosomes (heterogametic sex), does a designation as female on his birth certificate, driver's license or Social Security card override the chromosomal evidence?
- Similarly, if a person is found to have XX chromosomes (homogametic) does a designation as male on her birth certificate, driver's license or Social Security card override the chromosomal evidence?
- If you were a medical professional, would you consider it malpractice for an obstetrics/gynecology medical specialist, not to order routine Pap smears to screen for cervical cancer for a patient who identifies as a female but has XY chromosomes?
- If you were a judge, would you sentence a criminal, who identifies as a female but has XY chromosomes, to a women's prison?

A judge just might do so. Judge William Pryor of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit focused on a Florida school district ruling that a transgender "boy," a person with XX chromosomes, could not be barred from the boys' restroom. Pryor suggested students shouldn't be separated by gender at all.

Fear may explain why biologists in academia do not speak out to say that one's sex is not optional.



Since the LGBTQ community is a political force on many college campuses, biologists probably fear retaliation from diversity-blinded administrators. It's not just academics and judges who now see sex as optional.

Federal, state and local governments are ignoring biology and permitting people to make their sex optional on one's birth certificate, passport, Social Security card and driver's license.

In New York City, intentional or repeated refusal to use an individual's preferred name, pronoun or title is a violation of the New York City Human Rights Law. If I said that my preferred title was "Your Majesty," I wonder whether the New York City Commission on Human Rights would prosecute people who repeatedly refused to use my preferred title.

One transgender LGBTQ activist filed a total of 16 complaints against female estheticians, with the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal after they refused to wax his male genitals. He sought financial restitution totaling at least \$32,500. One woman was forced to close her shop.

Fortunately, the LGBTQ activist's case was thrown out by the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal, and he was instructed to pay \$2,000 each to three of the women he attacked.

The LGBTQ activist is not giving up. He is now threatening to sue gynecologists who will not accept him as a patient.

In 2012, an evangelical Christian baker in Colorado was threatened with jail time for refusing to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex marriage ceremony. When Christian bakery owner Jack Phillips won a landmark (7-2 decision) U.S. Supreme Court case in June 2018 over his refusal to make a wedding cake for a gay couple based on his religious convictions, he thought his legal battles with the state of Colorado were over.

But now Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, Colorado, 24 days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in his favor, faces a new court fight. This fight involves a lawyer who asked him to bake a cake to celebrate the anniversary of her gender transition. There are probably many bakery shops in and around Lakewood, Colorado, that would be happy to bake a cake for homosexuals; they are simply targeting Phillips.

For those in the LGBTQ community, and elsewhere, who support such attacks, we might ask them whether they would seek prosecution of the owner of a Jewish delicatessen who refused to provide catering services for a neo-Nazi affair.

- Should a black catering company be forced to cater a Ku Klux Klan affair?
- Should the NAACP be forced to open its membership to racist skinheads and neo-Nazis?
- Should the Congressional Black Caucus be forced to open its membership to white members of Congress?

If you're a liberty-minded American, your answers should be no.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Why I Generalize, Generally" was posted at patriotpost.us on Dec. 14, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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As all of you must have realized a long time ago, I do a large amount of generalizing. I am constantly attacking large swaths of the population, be they urban blacks, Muslims, illegal aliens or Democrats.

I am often called on it, people insisting they know some perfectly fine urban blacks, Muslims, illegals and, yes, even Democrats. Even I know a few exceptions in three of the four groups. But am I expected to say each time I write about them that with the exception of two guys named Frank and a woman named Dodie, such and such is true?

■ Trump voters often don't reveal

There is, after all, a reason we generalize. It's for the same reason that polling generally works even though they don't question 330 million people. They know that, statistically speaking, if they poll a certain number of blue collar workers, suburban housewives, grade school teachers, white collar professionals, etc., they will have a pretty good idea of what 330 million people are thinking. Except, it seems, if you ask them if they intend to vote for Donald J. Trump. Then they tend to lie, lest the pollster calls them a racist, a fascist or a homophobe.

■ About Catholic priests

When I generalize about Catholic priests, for instance, blaming the Church for covering up for pedophiles, I don't limit my criticism to the bishops and cardinals or the Pope; I blame all the students at the seminary who knew the truth about the sexual deviants among them, but refused to call them out.

■ About Washington agencies

When I generalize about the various agencies in Washington, I don't limit my contempt to the top echelon guys like James Comey, John Brennan, Michael Hayden, James Clapper, Andrew McCabe, Peter Strzok, Bruce Ohr and Lisa Page, I also blame their subordinates who merely stood by and allowed the Deep Staters to destroy the reputation of the FBI, the CIA, the NSA and all those other outfits that are supposed to protect this nation from enemies, foreign and domestic.

■ About Muslims

When I generalize about Muslims, it's because in the aftermath of 9/11, I didn't hear them joining the rest of us in mourning the victims and condemning those who, in the name of their religion, murdered 3,000 Americans, and who continued wiring money to the terrorists in the Middle East until the FBI put a stop to it.



### ■ About urban blacks

When I generalize about urban blacks, it's because I often see them demonstrating on behalf of black thugs who are shot in the commission of a crime, but never on behalf of the black, white and Latino cops, who are killed by black gangbangers.

### ■ About my fellow Jews

At least I play fair. I also generalize about my fellow Jews who make it a practice to vote for whichever candidates in an election are the furthest to the Left, even though I happen to know a number of Jewish Conservatives. But as the Conservatives constitute only 20-25% of Jewish voters and only two of the 34 Jews in Congress, I will continue to generalize about the schmucks who are doing their best to turn America into another Socialist hellhole.

### ■ About certain Republicans

I also take pot shots at certain Republicans, especially those like Lisa Murkowski, Susan Collins and Mitt Romney, who often vote as if they wish Barack Obama was back in the White House.

### ■ About student agitators

I was recently chastised after condemning the students who form mobs on college campuses in order to prevent Republicans from speaking or for trying to have Conservative professors kicked off the faculty. I was told that the rioters represent only a small percentage of the student body. But that is always the case. Whether it's Communist party members in the Soviet Union, Nazis in Germany or student agitators at Columbia, Berkeley, Kent State, most people just stand around gawking, while the nihilists break windows, burn things down and attack innocent people.

Of course, college students, whose brains haven't yet formed, making them such easy targets for Communist professors, aren't always rioting over political matters. In fact, they're more likely to start tipping over cars and setting fires because their football or basketball teams either won or lost a game to a major rival. That's because for a certain number of years, which just happen to coincide with their college tenure, they revert to their childhood tantrums when they'd break their toys and scream a lot if they didn't get ice cream.

So long as people allow the true barbarians to hijack their colleges, their religion, their political party or their government, maintaining their silence in order to avoid confrontation, I will continue to label them moral cowards.

### ■ Will reluctantly vote for impeachment

I acknowledged the Democrats were stuck between the proverbial rock and a very hard place. If they don't impeach, it will be the second straight time, following the Mueller witch hunt, that they'd failed to deliver the goods. "I personally think they have to move forward, hoping that the media will be able to spin it so that when the GOP-controlled Senate fails to vote for impeachment, it will be blamed on Republican partisanship. After all, it's hap-

pened so many times before, there's no reason to think the media will let down their comrades in their time of need."

### ■ "Lion's Game"

John Sarantos shared something he'd come across in Nelson DeMille's "The Lion's Game" he thought I'd find amusing. He was right.

It seems the Attorney General is eager to find out which law enforcement group in America is the most effective. So he gathers representatives from the FBI, the CIA and the NYPD.

He first sends in the agents from the FBI into the woods to capture a rabbit. Two hours later, they emerge without a rabbit, but they call a press conference where they report: "We lab-tested every twig and leaf in the forest and concluded the rabbit broke no federal law, so we released him."

The A.G. concludes: "Baloney! You never found the rabbit."

He next sends in the CIA guys. An hour later, they come out of the woods without the rabbit, reporting that they had found the rabbit and it confessed to a conspiracy. "But we debriefed the rabbit and turned him around. He is now a double agent working for us."

"Bulls\*\*\*!" the A.G. says. "You never found the rabbit." He finally sends in the New York cops.

Fifteen minutes later, a bear comes stumbling out of the woods, bleeding and with its nose broken. The bear throws its arms up in the air and yells out: "All right already! I confess! I'm a [darn] rabbit!"



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled "Prof. Jiminy Cricket" was posted at patriotpost.us on Dec. 16, 2019. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Just about the only thing good you can say about the Deep Staters who have come out of the shadows to wage war on Donald Trump is that far more Americans are suddenly aware of the power that federal bureaucrats wield sitting in their cubicles far from the prying eyes of we who delude ourselves thinking that when we vote for presidents and senators we're electing our actual leaders.

### ■ The bureaucrats are forever

At best, we're electing figureheads who will be allowed to make certain decisions for a few years. But whether the "most powerful leader of the free world" is Barack Obama or Donald Trump, he will have to deal with a House, a Senate and a Supreme Court, that may very likely be out of sync with his agenda. But the bureaucrats are forever. The Civil Service laws guarantee it.

## ■ Partisan machinations

Those laws were intended to protect the bureaucrats from being fired just because a different group of political partisans were taking over the reins of government. Now, with the unveiling of the Deep State, we've discovered that it's the rest of us who need to be protected from their partisan machinations.

## ■ Can't completely drain the swamp

It can best be compared to a house. The house can be sold, but the new owners will be plagued with the same termite and rodent problem. And even if the new mortgage holder moves in with every intention of fumigating the place—or draining the swamp, as some would call it—it's a plan doomed to failure.

As the pests see it, they're the only thing holding up the structure. The machinery of government would grind to a standstill without all those egotistical bean counters and know-it-all paper pushers counting and pushing.

There is a way to eliminate them, but at this late date it would call for burning down the house.

## ■ Federal Reserve to tailor policies?

As bad an idea as the Federal Reserve was, it has only gotten worse over the century it has existed. As pointed out by C. Mitchell Shaw in a New American essay, former New York Federal Reserve President Bill Dudley called for the Fed to tailor its policies to hurt President Trump's re-election bid.

In the piece printed by Bloomberg News (no surprise there), Dudley insisted that "President Trump's trade war with China keeps undermining the confidence of businesses and consumers, worsening the economic outlook and the Fed should refuse to play along."

He went on: "Refuse to adjust interest rates and set an economic policy trap that will spring on Trump, to make it abundantly clear that Trump will own the consequences of his actions, including the risk of losing the next election."

Talk about burning down the house. This schmuck wants to see the U.S. economy destroyed just so the blame can be laid at the President's feet.

I don't see how people like Mr. Dudley can look at themselves in the mirror. Or, for that matter, having seen Mr. Dudley, why they'd care to. But how does a person urge the Fed to destroy the economy and then claim that Trump will "own the consequences of his actions"?

## ■ Stock market set records

On top of all that, everyone but money expert Dudley seems to be unaware of the fact that in spite of a trade war with China, along with sanctions on Turkey and Russia, the Stock Market has set all-time records.

Can you even imagine what his enemies would be saying about the President if the Stock Market, unemployment and wages, were still at the level they were when Obama turned off the lights and left the key under the mat?

## ■ Media libel and slander him

By now, I would think that any Democrat who doesn't have a rock for a heart would have begun feeling sorry for Trump. No matter what he says, no matter what he does, he knows that 99% of newspapers and TV networks are going to devote their undivided attention to libeling and slandering him.

When he's abrasive towards the media, Joe Biden, Adam Schiff and Nancy Pelosi—even though they started it—he's called undignified, unpresidential and a boorish oaf. But then, when he goes into his diplomatic mode by saying nice things about his geo-political foes—Vladimir Putin, Kim Jong-un and Xi Jinping—they accuse him of cozying up to dictators, even if a few insincere compliments just might help keep us out of war for a change.

So, no matter if he speaks softly or loudly, whether he carries a large stick or a bunch of carrots, the man just can't win.

Except, thank God, when it comes to elections.

## ■ Losses in Kentucky and Louisiana

Being such a fan of President Trump, I was hoping that his rally in Kentucky would be enough to put Matt Bevin over the top. But in an election in which 1.4 million votes were cast, Andy Beshear won by 5,136. I then hoped Trump's rally would carry Eddie Rispone over John Bel Edwards in Louisiana, but again the Republican came up slightly short.

## ■ Coattails as short as Obama's?

It had me thinking that perhaps Trump's coattails were as short as Batman's nemesis the Penguin or even Barack Obama's.

But it occurred to me that these were local elections. It's just possible that Beshear and Bel Edwards ran stronger races or had more attractive personalities. I still would have preferred to see the Republicans win in states where they certainly had a shot. But 2019 isn't 2020, when Trump himself will be on the ballot.

In 2020, the people will not only have the chance to send a message by re-electing Trump, but senators and House candidates who are either with him or against him. That's when we'll be able to see what sort of coattails he has. Let's hope for the best.

## ■ Stuck with bureaucrats

The real misfortune is that when we re-elect Donald Trump, we won't be able to un-elect the bureaucrats who will continue gnawing away at the foundation of this Republic.

## ■ Will these words apply?

I came across a few words written by Louisa May Alcott 150 years ago that might well be assigned to the President: "If I can do no more, let my name stand among those who are willing to bear ridicule and reproach for the truth's sake, and so earn some right to rejoice when the victory is won."



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### **Deficit**

- An article by John Stossell titled “The Forgotten Debt [of \$23 Trillion]” was posted at townhall.com on Dec. 11, 2019.
- An article by David Horowitz titled “Republicans Agree to Massive Spending Bill, Despite Record Deficits” was posted at conservativereview.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
- An article by Matt Fuller titled “House Passes \$1.37 Trillion Spending Deal to Avert Shutdown” was posted at huffpost.com on Dec. 17, 2019.

### **Finances**

- An article titled “Samsung Has Sold 1 Million Galaxy Fold Smartphones” was posted at techcrunch.com on Dec. 12, 2019.

### **Trade war**

- A Reuters article by Brenda Goh titled “China Suspends Planned Tariffs Scheduled for December 15 on Some U.S. Goods” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 14, 2019.
- A Reuters article titled “Kudlow: U.S.-China Deal ‘Absolutely’ Done, U.S. Exports to China Will Double” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 16, 2019.

### **Green New Deal**

- An article titled “The \$20 Trillion Threat That Could Trigger the Next Financial Meltdown [Is Climate Change]” was posted at oilprice.com on Dec. 10, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Joseph White titled “Cadillac Vehicles Shifting to Electric From Gas by 2030—Executive Says” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 12, 2019.
- An article titled “Obama Says Paris Climate Deal Is Still the Way Forward” was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
- An article titled “Macron Says No Climate Aid for Poland Unless It Backs CO<sub>2</sub> Target” was posted at bloomberg.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
- A Reuters article by Timothy Gardner titled “Bloomberg Climate Plan Would Halve U.S. Carbon Emissions in 10 Years” was posted at reuters.com on Dec. 13, 2019.
- An article titled “Bloomberg Calls for Closing All Coal-Fired Power Plants to Combat Climate Change” was posted at foxnews.com on Dec. 14, 2019.

## **Illegal immigration**

- An article by John Binder titled "Study: Foreign Workers, Tourists Deliver 72K Anchor Babies a Year in U.S." was posted at [breitbart.com](http://breitbart.com) on Dec. 12, 2019.
- An article by Cedar Attanasio and Philip Marcelo titled "Brazilians Arrive in Waves at the U.S-Mexico Border" was posted at [apnews.com](http://apnews.com) on Dec. 13, 2019.
- An article by John Binder titled "American Taxpayers Continue Funding Border Walls—in the Middle East" was posted at [breitbart.com](http://breitbart.com) on Dec. 17, 2019.

## **Comments about weapons**

- Looking back to 2017, an article by Bre Payton titled "Biden: Man Who Stopped Texas Church Shooter [Steve Willeford] Was Wrong to Have a Gun [AR-15]" was posted at [thefederalist.com](http://thefederalist.com) on Nov. 15, 2017.
- An article by Lee Moran titled "Michael Bloomberg Lists Every Trump Era School Shooting in Viral Ad" was posted at [huffpost.com](http://huffpost.com) on Dec. 17, 2019.

## **Comments about Trump support**

- An article by Betsy McCaughey titled "Dems Frame Trump" was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on Dec. 11, 2019.
- An article by Glenn Greenwald titled "The Inspector General's Report on 2016 FBI Spying Reveals a Scandal of Historic Magnitude: Not Only for the FBI but Also the U.S. Media" was posted at [theintercept.com](http://theintercept.com) on Dec. 12, 2019.
- An article by Mairead McArdle titled "Nunes Urges Schiff to Accept the IG's Findings on FBI FISA Abuses: 'You Are in Need of Rehabilitation' " was posted at [nationalreview.com](http://nationalreview.com) on Dec. 16, 2019.
- An article by Kristine Philipps and Kevin Johnson titled "Judge Says the FBI Misled FISA Court When Seeking Permission to Wiretap Former Trump Campaign Aide [Carter Page]" was posted at [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com) on Dec. 17, 2019.
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***Isaiah 55:6-11***—“Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”