

# 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 Craig Shirley titled "Riots Expose the Jacobin [the Most Radical Element of the French Revolution] Liberals' Reign of Terror" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 4, 2020. Following is the article.

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What turns a protest into a riot?

How do peaceful movements and nonviolent interventions devolve into larceny and looting? How did a seemingly organic series of protests against police brutality descend into an organized nationwide riot that has laid siege to more than 140 cities?

In short: Who lit the fire and why?

Arguably the most disturbing thing about the recent riots (yes, riots) following the murder (yes, murder) of George Floyd is the shocking alacrity and speed at which it devolved from protesting to plundering.

There was contrivance in all this madness: Cops discovering caches of combustible materials hidden in bushes; mask-clad protesters hitting key targets.

Police found a busload of weapons in Ohio. In some cases, a peaceful protest would formally come to an end before curfew and the moment the peaceful leaders stepped away, violent agitators took center stage.

In the personal recordings of local protesters, the divide is quite clear: those working for a better world and those seeking to bury it. There is now a permanent faction in the liberal movement. The Jacobin Liberals have finally revealed themselves.

This is their Reign of Terror.

The Jacobins were the most radical element of the French Revolution, advocating the destruction of all in society, including the monarchy, property, money, contracts, everything, even people—in order to create a new order with the radicals on top of this newfangled civilization.

Indeed, the very phrase “social justice” originated with the French Revolution, and did so as justification to destroy everything to achieve that uprising’s nefarious goals.

In Russia, Lenin also knew that left-wing revolutions were simply about reordering who was on top in the name of justice.

Their artifice of justice is, if someone has a farm, that farm must be taken and the owner punished or killed and the farm given to a member of the so-called oppressed underclass.

Forget the injustice for the original farmer.

He does not deserve justice for the simple reason he owned a farm and must have gotten it through illegitimate means.

Class warfare at the point of a dagger is at the heart of American Jacobinism.

American Jacobins are no different than their French forefathers, except they now have sophisticated technology to use, and they also seek to control the language—a new ruse. Thus, calling or branding someone a “thug” for beating innocent people senseless is denounced.

Calling or branding someone a “rioter” when they smash and destroy businesses is harshly attacked. They shriek when someone uses “politically incorrect” language.

The tactic of destroying or taking over all institutions and controlling language is central to their goal. Hence, the newest targets are small businesses and law enforcement.

As I’ve written previously, American liberalism, at its purest, is the artificial evolution of what is in the service of what could be.

It’s a series of small progressive steps that lead irrevocably towards their greater justice.

By this rationale, the goal of the protests should be reforming American policing practices and expanding economic opportunity.

Simple and understandable enough, right? Not for the American Jacobin.

When the American Jacobin says, “America is fundamentally racist” and “Policing is an inherently racist institution,” they reveal their true hand.

If the entire system is inherently, irredeemably, and fundamentally flawed, bigoted, racist, and biased—then it cannot be saved.

The only solution is destruction. That is, the destruction of Americanism, of capitalism, and the subjugation of individual liberty in the service of “collective good.”

If the foundation of a house is broken, whatever you build on top will collapse.

Therefore the only solution is to “start fresh.” Or, as Barack Obama said, “remake America.”

All collectivists, all those on the political or cultural left are, at heart, deconstructionists.

American conservatives believe in political revolution accomplished along peaceful lines: Intellectualism. American liberals believe in economic and cultural revolution done along lines of violence: Anti-intellectualism.

Einstein often said, “Force attracts men of low morality.”

Curiously, the left will tolerate or accept anybody as long as they are on their side.

The governor of Virginia, Ralph Northam, is an excellent specimen. Caught up in a scandal over a racist photo, he is also so radical on abortion, he actually advocates ending the life of a newborn—after it’s born. He is also hip-deep in the questionable solar trade, doing business with China.

As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “I am not interested in power for power’s sake but instead in power that is moral, that is right and that is good.”

Ralph Northam, like other American Jacobins, is interested in power for the sheer joy of the abuse and control of people. Thankfully, he’s term-limited.

This was the principle that led the original Jacobins to turn a positive populist revolt against the French Monarchy into the Reign of Terror that slaughtered thousands of innocents, all to protect the “greater good.”

The one glimmer of hope I see in today’s protests is how quickly good protesters were trying to stop the malevolent ones.

In video after video, we see liberals, statistically public college-educated and bourgeois, and Antifa members, disrupting peaceful marches with wanton acts of destruction.

In some videos, African American protesters actually cooperate with police to reveal, excise, and arrest the Antifa members.

My personal favorite is one in which a group of white, liberal Antifa members, were handing out bricks to African American men from the comfort of their Mercedes. Their intention was obviously to instigate acts of destruction while hiding in their luxury vehicle.

An African American woman, upon seeing this, took a brick and threw open their car door, shoving it back at the Antifa members. She then blasted them for the childish monsters they are.

In this and all these kinds of videos, the Jacobins protest “we’re on your side . . . we’re allies.” No, they very much are not.

Americanism, as Ronald Reagan put it, was “maximum freedom consistent with law and order.” Reagan, the intellectual, was despised by the anti-intellectuals in some of the Jacobin liberal media, such as *The Washington Post*, but he just brushed them away like he would flies.

I’d argue the legitimate protesters are in the best tradition of America, going back to the American Revolution.

The Antifa brats, well, they deserve a good spanking.



An article by Michael W. Chapman titled “[Dinesh] D’Souza: ‘Antifa Is True Descendant of Mussolini’s Black Shirts, Hitler’s Brown Shirts’; A Paramilitary” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://cnsnews.com) on June 2, 2020. Following is the article.

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While discussing Antifa’s role in the riots and looting in U.S. cities, conservative scholar and best selling author Dinesh D’Souza said the organization is the “true descendant” of radical left socialist paramilitary groups, such as Mussolini’s Black Shirts and Hitler’s Brown Shirts.

He added that Antifa has melded its Marxism with “identity politics,” such as “racial” or “gender” grievance, and this has produced a “kind of identity socialism.”

When asked about Antifa on *The Ingraham Angle* on Monday night, D’Souza said, “I think Antifa is the true descendant of the socialist regimes of 100 years ago—Mussolini’s Black Shirts, Hitler’s Brown Shirts. These are paramilitary that these socialist leaders needed in order to achieve political objectives that couldn’t be achieved any other way.”

“So the purpose of Antifa is to ultimately intimidate, to beat you into submission,” said D’Souza. “And the dirty little secret is that powerful people in Hollywood and academia in the media believe that they need a paramilitary.”

“They need a paramilitary because the socialist ideas that they believe in cannot win on their own merits,” he said. “You have to sort of put the other guy up against the wall. And so it’s very convenient for them that you’ve got this kind of little army.”

“By the way, other socialist regimes around the world, like in Venezuela, they have the same thing, ‘collectivos,’ these former criminals who now ride around on motorcycles, and they carry the same equipment—cement blocks, they carry sticks,” said D’Souza.

“What’s their job?” he added. “To beat up small business owners, to beat up political dissidents. So this is not about fighting fascism. This is about ultimately fighting people who stand in the way of the socialist left.”

Later in the discussion, host Laura Ingraham asked, “Dinesh, there are a lot of white youth in Antifa that I saw last night. I could see them pouring into the city [D.C.]. They were coming in late, right near the curfew point. And

people like Keith Ellison, attorney general of Minnesota, claiming he doesn't really know much about Antifa today. We don't have to play the soundbite, but he is feigning ignorance about Antifa. Do you buy that?"

D'Souza said, "Not at all. I think that what we are seeing here with the George Floyd injustice is the fact that socialism has kind of taken on a new guise. Originally, it was about the working class. Marx focused, for example, on the working man who was working long hours and not getting properly paid."

"But if you look at the left today," he said, "they don't focus much on the working class. In fact, they've kind of lost the working class. A working-class guy is more likely to be spotted at a Trump rally."

"So now they focus on racial grievance," said D'Souza. "This is something that they started doing in the 60s. It represents a kind of mutation in socialism away from merely focusing on class to now focusing on race, on gender, sexual orientation, immigration."

"So we've got this kind of new socialism," he said. "I call it identity socialism because it's a weird and sick marriage between classic socialism and identity politics. And Antifa, the white guys fighting for racial justice, they are an expression of this kind of identity socialism."



An article by Walter Williams titled "If US Poor Were a Nation, It Would Be One of the World's Richest" was posted at [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/02/opinion/williams-us-poor-wealth/) on June 2, 2020. Following is the article.

Imagine that you are an unborn spirit in heaven. God condemns you to a life of poverty but will permit you to choose the country in which you will spend your life.

Which country would you choose? I would choose the United States of America.

A recent study by Just Facts, an excellent source of factual information, shows that after accounting for income, charity, and noncash welfare benefits such as subsidized health care, housing, food stamps, and other assistance programs, "the poorest 20 percent of Americans consume more goods and services than the national averages for all people in the world's most affluent countries."

This includes the majority of countries that are members of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, including its European members. The Just Facts study concludes that if the U.S. "poor" were a nation, then it would be one of the world's richest.

- As early as 2010, 43 percent of all poor households owned their own homes.
- The average home owned by persons classified as poor by the Census Bureau is a three-bedroom house with one-and-a-half baths, a garage, and a porch or patio.
- Eighty percent of poor households have air conditioning.
- The typical poor American has more living space than the average non-poor individual living in Paris, London, Vienna, Athens and other cities throughout Europe.

- Ninety-seven percent of poor households have one or more color televisions—half of which are connected to cable, satellite, or a streaming service.
- Some 82 percent of poor families have one or more smartphones.
- Eighty-nine percent own microwave ovens and more than a third have an automatic dishwasher.
- Most poor families have a car or truck and 43 percent own two or more vehicles.

Most surveys on U.S. poverty are deeply flawed because poor households greatly underreport both their income and noncash benefits such as health care benefits provided by Medicaid, free clinics, and the Children's Health Insurance Program, nourishment provided by food stamps, school lunches, school breakfasts, soup kitchens, food pantries, the Women, Infants & Children Program, and homeless shelters.

We hear and read stories such as "Real Wage Growth Is Actually Falling" and "Since 2000, Wage Growth Has Barely Grown." But we should not believe it.

Ask yourself, "What is the total compensation that I receive from my employer?"

If you included only your money wages, you would be off the mark anywhere between 30 percent and 38 percent.

Total employee compensation includes mandated employer expenses such as Social Security and Medicare. Other employee benefits include retirement and health care benefits as well as life insurance, short-term and long-term disability insurance, vacation leave, tuition reimbursement, and bonuses.

There is incentive for people to want more of their compensation in a non-cash form simply because of the different tax treatment.

The bottom line is that prior to the government shutdown of our economy in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Americans were becoming richer and richer. The question before us now is how to get back on that path.

Speaking of the COVID-19 pandemic, Just Facts has a couple of interesting takes in an article by its co-founder James D. Agresti and Dr. Andrew Glen titled "Anxiety From Reactions to COVID-19 Will Destroy At Least Seven Times More Years of Life Than Can Be Saved by Lockdowns."

Scientific surveys of U.S. residents have found that the mental health of about one-third to one-half of all adults has been substantially compromised by government reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are deaths from non-psychological causes, such as government-mandated and personal decisions to delay medical care, which has postponed tumor removals, cancer screenings, heart surgeries, and treatments for other ailments that could lead to early death if not addressed in a timely manner.

Interestingly and sadly enough, New York state enacted one of the strictest lockdowns in the U.S., but has 22 times the death rate of Florida, which had one of the mildest lockdowns.



As I pointed out in a recent column, intelligent decision-making requires one not only to pay attention to the benefits of an action, but to its costs, as well.



An article titled "Russia's Vladimir Putin Endorses Policy Allowing Nuclear Retaliation Against Conventional Attack" was posted at [scmp.com](http://scmp.com) (South China Morning Post) on June 3, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday endorsed Russia's nuclear deterrent policy, which allows him to use atomic weapons in response to a conventional strike targeting the nation's critical government and military infrastructure.

By including a non-nuclear attack as a possible trigger for Russian nuclear retaliation, the document appears to send a warning signal to the US.

The new expanded wording reflects Russian concerns about the development of prospective weapons that could give Washington the capability to knock out key military assets and government facilities without resorting to atomic weapons.

In line with Russian military doctrine, the new document reaffirms that the country could use nuclear weapons in response to a nuclear attack or an aggression involving conventional weapons that "threatens the very existence of the state".

But the policy document now also offers a detailed description of situations that could trigger the use of nuclear weapons. They include the use of nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction against Russia or its allies and an enemy attack with conventional weapons that threatens the country's existence.

In addition to that, the document now states that Russia could use its nuclear arsenals if it gets "reliable information" about the launch of ballistic missiles targeting its territory or its allies and also in the case of "enemy impact on critically important government or military facilities of the Russian Federation, the incapacitation of which could result in the failure of retaliatory action of nuclear forces".

The reference to a non-nuclear strike as a possible trigger for nuclear retaliation reflects long-time Moscow concern about US military plans.

The build-up of conventional forces near Russia's borders and the deployment of missile defense assets and space-based weapons are among the threats identified by Moscow in the new document.

US-Russia relations are at post-Cold War lows over the Ukrainian crisis, the accusations of Russian meddling in the US 2016 presidential election and other differences.

Amid the tensions, the Kremlin has repeatedly voiced concern about the deployment of US and allied forces in the Baltics and Nato drills near Russia's borders.

Russian officials have cast the US-led missile defense program and its plans to put weapons in orbit as a top threat, arguing that the new capability could tempt Washington to strike Russia with impunity in the hope of fending off a retaliatory strike.

In 2018, Putin revealed an array of new weapons that he said would render US missile defense useless. They include the Avangard hypersonic vehicle capable of flying 27 times faster than the speed of sound and making sharp maneuvers on its way to target to dodge the enemy's missile shield. The first unit armed with the Avangard entered duty in December.

Another doomsday weapon that Putin has mentioned is the nuclear-armed and atomic-powered Poseidon underwater drone capable of causing a devastating tsunami near an enemy coast. Its tests are continuing.

Last year, both Moscow and Washington withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty. The only US-Russia nuclear arms control agreement still standing is the New Start treaty, which was signed in 2010 by then US President Barack Obama and then Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

The pact limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and bombers and envisages sweeping on-site inspections to verify compliance.

Russia has offered to extend the New Start, which expires in February 2021, while the Trump administration has pushed for a new arms control pact that would also include China. Moscow has described that idea as unfeasible, pointing at Beijing's refusal to negotiate any deal that would reduce its much smaller nuclear arsenal.

Russian diplomats said the Avangard could be included in the New Start if it is extended. They also voiced readiness to open talks to discuss the Poseidon and other new weapons along with prospective US strategic assets.

In a call with members of his Security Council over the weekend, Putin warned that the New Start treaty is bound to expire, but "the negotiations on that crucial issue, important not just for us but for the entire world, have failed to start".



An article titled "Russia's Vladimir Putin Sets July 1 for Vote on Constitution to Extend His Rule for Years" was posted at [scmp.com](http://scmp.com) on June 1, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Russia will hold a nationwide vote on constitutional reforms on July 1, President Vladimir Putin said on Monday, setting the stage for a delayed ballot that could extend his rule until 2036.

Putin postponed the original vote, which had been set for April 22, because of the coronavirus outbreak, saying the health and safety of citizens was his top priority as the global coronavirus pandemic worsened.

But he says the situation has now broadly stabilized and the number of coronavirus infections in Moscow has dropped sharply, allowing the capital to start easing some restrictions.

The changes that Russians will vote on, already approved by parliament and Russia's Constitutional Court, would reset Putin's presidential term tally



to zero, allowing him to serve two more back-to-back six-year terms until 2036 if re-elected.

"I really hope the country's citizens will take part actively in the vote on the amendments to the constitution," Putin, whose current term ends in 2024, told a televised government meeting.

Critics have dismissed the vote as a constitutional coup which they fear will be rigged and urged voters to stay away or to reject the proposed changes.



An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled "What Trump Bringing in Russia to Join G-7 Means to Israel: Analysis" was posted at [jpost.com](https://jpost.com) on June 4, 2020. Following is the article.

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US President Donald Trump publicly announcing his intent to invite Russia to join the next G-7 meeting is nothing short of a geopolitical, security and intelligence earthquake.

How will this earthquake impact Israel?

The G-7 is made up of the US, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and England. It is often an opportunity to have close-knit discussions between democratic allies about framing the world order on diplomacy and security issues.

There is also often sensitive intelligence sharing at these meetings. These decisions and the intelligence sharing obviously impact the Middle East and often Israel.

What would throwing Russia into this mix mean?

Moscow challenges US policy in seeking to undermine American democracy and elections, as well as on Iran, on Syria and in other areas (putting aside disputes over Russia's partial annexation of Ukraine.)

Israel has tried to keep good relations with Russia, is not competing with it like the US is, and has cooperated or sought to "deconflict" with Moscow where the countries' policies contradict each other.

But Shin Bet Director Nadav Argaman has warned that Russia at least sought to tamper with aspects of Israel's elections—and when it comes to Iran and Syria, Russia's policies are far more problematic for Israel than the US.

- For America, the main threat posed by Russia is the cyber threat.
- In contrast, for Israel, the main threat is Russia's ability to help Iran form a new front against the Jewish state in Syria and to support Tehran in the nuclear standoff.

If not for Russia's presence in Syria and its sale of the S-300 anti-aircraft system to the Assad regime, Israel would have freer rein to eliminate Iran's presence there (though some say Israel has overcome the S-300 defenses.)

Currently, Israel appears to be pushing back Iranian forces in Syria, but there have been periods where Russia's presence significantly reduced Jerusalem's ability to act.

Russia has also given the S-300 anti-aircraft system to Iran. It has even discussed potentially providing it with the S-400 system. Both moves complicate any Israeli ability to strike Iranian nuclear facilities as a deterrent to the Islamic Republic breaking out to a nuclear weapon.

Moreover, Iran's regime appears to be surviving US "maximum pressure" without having to backtrack on its nuclear program, mostly due to economic support from Russia and China.

Yes, there is a strong and open dialogue between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Russian President Vladimir Putin. It has included some symbolic victories, such as the return of the body of Zechariah Baumel and the release of Naama Issachar.

There are also various economic and social areas where Israel and Russia cooperate and try to assist each other.

But Russia's alliance with Iran and Syria is far more important to it than its interests with Israel—and Jerusalem's closeness with the West is always a fault line between the parties.

What is Trump thinking by wanting to bring Russia to the G-7?

There are at least two possibilities.

- One is that Russia is too powerful to ignore. There could be a hope that bringing it deeper into the conversation with the West and giving it more respect may lead it to take more responsible and cooperative policies globally.
- A more hard-nosed version of that same strategy is simply to avoid misunderstandings and have clear communication about where the lines of conflict are and are not between Russia and the West.
- But there is a more disturbing second alternative. It leans on some hard-to-explain Trump behavior with regard to Putin, like believing him over the CIA that Russia did not interfere with the 2016 US election.

This alternative posits that, for whatever the reason, Trump has a blind spot for Putin and Russia.

This is potentially dangerous for Israel, because it could lead to Russia and its allies Iran and Syria getting new opportunities for leverage against Israel.

It could also lead to the leaking of sensitive Israeli intelligence to Russia, which Trump already did once in 2017.

Israelis might also be frustrated that Trump is trying to cozy up to Moscow at the same time that he is pressing Israel to disengage from China.

Maybe this is part of a broader Trump strategy to peel Russia away from China and further isolate Beijing, but it could also strike Israelis as hypocrisy.

Trump can get closer and rub elbows with Russia as it helps Iran and Syria threaten Israeli security in serious ways. But Jerusalem cannot make economic deals with China because of US global competition with the Chinese that does not impact Israeli security that much.

That is not to say that China's actions during the coronavirus crisis have not given pause to its previous Israeli supporters—they absolutely have given even strong supporters second thoughts.

But unless Trump conditions Putin's joining the elite Western club on Moscow shifting its attitude to Iran and in Syria, the only way to view this new initiative is from the perspective of damage control.



"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 Oren Liebermann, Andrew Carey and Amir Tal titled "Gantz Tells Israeli Army to Step Up Preparations in West Bank Ahead of Possible Annexation" was posted at [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) on June 2, 2020.
  - An article by Oliver Holmes titled "Israeli Settlers Speak Out Against U.S.-Backed Annexation Plan" was posted at [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) on June 4, 2020.
  - An article by Dov Lieber titled "Israel Shuts Some Schools As Coronavirus Cases Jump After Reopening" was posted at [wsj.com](http://wsj.com) on June 3, 2020.
  - An article titled "Globally There Have Been 6.4 Million Infections Since the Outbreak Began and 383,000 Deaths" was posted at [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) on June 3, 2020.
  - An article titled "France Cancels Its Famous Military Parade for Bastille Day on July 14 As a Health Precaution" was posted at [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) on June 3, 2020.
  - An article by Oscar Williams-Grut titled "Wizz Air [Hungarian Low-Cost Airline] Promises 'Ultra Low Fares' As Price War Looms" was posted at [yahoo-finance.com](http://yahoo-finance.com) on June 3, 2020.
  - An article titled "Sweden's Tegnell Admits Too Many Died" was posted at [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) on June 3, 2020.
  - An article by Albertina Lloyd titled "Piers Morgan Faces Backlash for His Feelings [Criticism] About Ikea [Swedish Home Furnishings Store]" was posted at [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) on June 2, 2020.
  - An article by James Vincent titled "Conspiracy Theorists Say 5G Causes Novel Coronavirus, So Now They're Harassing and Attacking UK Telcom Engineers" was posted at [theverge.com](http://theverge.com) on June 3, 2020.
  - An article by Catriona Harvey-Jenner titled "Sex Is Now Illegal in the UK Between People Who Don't Live Together [Because of Coronavirus Regulations]" was posted at [cosmo.com](http://cosmo.com) on June 1, 2020.

- A Reuters article by Sarah Peter and Kate Chappell titled “Sea, Sand and Social Distancing: Caribbean Reopens to Tourists” was posted at reuters.com on June 3, 2020.
- An article by Daniel Gouride Lima titled “As Coronavirus Rages in Brazil, Bolsonaro’s Embrace of Israel Puts Jews at Risk [of anti-Semitism]” was posted at haaretz.com on June 4, 2020.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following list of articles deals with the events following the police killing a black man, the peaceful protests and the subsequent behavior (of criminals, mobs and thugs).

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### **Police killing a black man**

- An article by Brittany Shammass, Timothy Bella, Katie Mettler and Dalton Bennett titled “Four Minneapolis Officers Are Fired After Video Shows One Kneeling on Neck of Black Man Who Later Died” was posted at washingtonpost.com on May 26, 2020.
- An article titled “Minneapolis Police Officer Charged With Murder of Unarmed Black Man George Floyd” was posted at dw.com on May 29, 2020.
- An article by Amy Forliti, Steve Karnowski and Tim Sullivan titled “Prosecutors Charge 3 More Officers in George Floyd’s Death” was posted at apnews.com on June 4, 2020.
- An article by Jenna Amatulli titled “Owner [Mahmoud Abumayyaleh] Whose Store [Clerk] Called 911 on George Floyd: ‘I Wish the Police Were Never Called’ ” was posted at huffpost.com on June 1, 2020.
- An article by Lindsey Ellefson titled “Rush Limbaugh Decries ‘Senselessness’ of George Floyd’s Death on ‘The Breakfast Club’: ‘It Sickens Me’ ” was posted at thewrap.com on June 1, 2020.
- An article by Autumn Schoolman titled “In Aftermath of George Floyd’s Death, San Diego Police Will ‘Immediately’ End Use of Carotid Restraint” was posted at usatoday.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Tyler Lauletta titled “ ‘I’m Going to Walk Her Down the Aisle’: Former NBA Player Stephen Jackson Vows to Take Care of George Floyd’s 6-Year-Old Daughter Gianna” was posted at businessinsider.com on June 3, 2020.

### **Peaceful protests**

- Looking back to 2018, an article by Zeke Miller titled “Why Martin Luther King Jr.’s Lessons About Peaceful Protests Are Still Relevant” was posted at time.com on Jan. 12, 2018.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled “AG Barr Slams Radical Lefties for Hijacking Peaceful Protests” was posted at townhall.com on May 30, 2020.

- A video and an article by Beth Baumann titled "Watch: Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms' Passionate Plea for People to Stop Rioting" were posted at townhall.com on May 30, 2020.
- An article by Beth Baumann titled "'Something Is Wrong With You!': George Floyd Protester Takes Antifa to Task Over Riots" was posted at townhall.com on May 31, 2020.
- An article by Anyssa Bohanan titled "As Protests Turn to Riots Nationwide, Local Groups Rally Peacefully" was posted at centraloregondaily.com on June 1, 2020.
- An article titled "[Black] Activist [Curtis Hayes] Challenges Protesters: 'Come Up With a Better Way' in Fight Against Racial Injustice" was posted at cbsnewsvideo.com on June 1, 2020.

### **Criminals, mobs and thugs**

- An article by Joshua Caplan titled "Ice Cube: How Many Cops Have to Kill Black Americans 'Before We Strike Back?'" was posted at Breitbart.com on May 27, 2020.
- An article by Post Editorial Team titled "Don't Let Rioting Thugs Derail America's Search for Justice" was posted at nyPost.com on May 30, 2020.
- An article by Pat Droney titled "Report: Piles of Bricks Are Being Staged in Cities Around the Country, Indicating Riots Are Planned" was posted at lawenforcementtoday.com on May 31, 2020.
- An article by Rachel Alexander titled "Antifa Hijacks Black Protests, Turns Them Into Violent Riots" was posted at townhall.com on June 1, 2020.
- An article by Aaron Holmes titled "An 'ANTIFA' Twitter Account That Called for Looting 'White Hoods' Was Actually Run by White Nationalist Group *Identity Evropa*" was posted at businessinsider.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Mitchell Willetts titled "Heavily Armed Man Posing As National Guardsman Caught by Real Soldiers; LA Cop Says" was posted at sacbee.com on June 3, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Laura Ingraham: Violence Is 'A Coordinated Effort to Eventually Overthrow the U.S. Government'" was posted at CNSnews.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Man Reportedly Trying to Defend a Local Business Savagely Beaten by Rioters in Dallas" was posted at townhall.com on May 31, 2020.
- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Buffalo Mayor to Rioter Who Destroyed City Hall: 'We Have You on Camera, You Idiot'" was posted at townhall.com on May 31, 2020.
- A video and an article by Matt Vespa titled "Domestic Terrorism? Watch As a Buffalo Rioter Uses An SUV to Run Down Police Officers" were posted at townhall.com on June 1, 2020.

- An article by Austin Williams titled "Video Shows Looters Raiding Amazon Van in Santa Monica, California" was posted at fox5ny.com on June 1, 2020.
- An article by Amie Williams titled "Looters Snag 50+ Cars [From a California Dealership] Including \$100K Hellcats, Chargers, Challengers and Trackhawks" was posted at motorious.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by CBS Staff titled "Police: Man Dies After Attempting to Break Into North Philadelphia ATM With Explosives, Approximately 30 ATMs Damaged Overnight" was posted at cbsphilly.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article titled "Cop Shot in Head in One of Two Police-Involved Shootings at Protests in Vegas" was posted at cbsnews.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Kenneth Garger titled "Video Shows NYPD Cop Being Attacked by Several Men in the Bronx" was posted at nypost.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Joe Marino and Kenneth Garger titled "NYPD Cop Struck by Hit-And-Run Driver in the Bronx" was posted at nypost.com on June 2, 2020.
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- Here is an idea that might help police arrest criminals. Looking back to September, an article by Kristy Needham titled "Hong Kong Police Spray Blue Ink in a Bid to Identify Protesters" was posted at smh.com.au (Sydney Morning Herald) on Sept. 1, 2019.





An article by Rob Shimshock titled "Twitter Censors Michelle Malkin for Advocating Force to Deal With Violent Criminals" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on June 4, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Twitter locked the account of Michelle Malkin on Wednesday, after the conservative author and columnist suggested the use of force on violent criminals.

"In case I wasn't clear: violent criminals should be shot," Malkin said Friday [May 29], amid the nationwide riots during which individuals associated with Black Lives Matter and Antifa burned and looted stores and other buildings, including St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C.

The Big Tech giant said that the commentator's tweet had violated its abuse and harassment policy, specifically telling Malkin that users "may not engage in the targeted harassment of someone, or incite other people to do so. This includes wishing or hoping that someone experiences physical harm."

Malkin's comment is not dissimilar from sentiments expressed by some in law enforcement.

"The people of Polk County like guns, they have guns," Polk County, Fla. Sheriff Grady Judd said, reported Fox 13 Tampa Bay. "If you try to break into their homes to steal, to set fires, I'm highly recommending they blow you back out of the house with their guns."

But Twitter stipulated that in order for the new Newsmax TV host to regain full access to her account, which boasts more than two million followers, she must delete the tweet in question and then wait 12 hours.

A spokesman for the company told CNSNews.com that "the account was temporarily locked out for a Tweet that violates our violent threats policy."

The spokesman also said that the account of an individual urging people to "take out cops," to which Malkin had previously called attention, was also suspended.

In her appeal to Twitter, the author said she is "an advocate for PEACE. There is nothing abusive or harassing about asserting that violent criminal behavior should be punished and deterred."

"Every day, Twitter allows Antifa to doxx and harass journalists and Trump supporters," Malkin told National File. "Every day, Twitter allows BLM agitators to incite escalating violence against cops."

"Twitter makes no moral distinction between armed self-defense against violent criminals and proactive terrorist threats against law enforcement officers doing their jobs," she posted on Telegram.

Indeed, a cursory search of the site reveals other tweets suggesting the use of violence against law enforcement.

Additionally, tweets from individuals urging other criminal activity remain live, including ones reported by Campus Reform from University of Alabama-Birmingham professor Sarah Parcak instructing people on how to tear down “racist monuments,” which have together accrued more than 100,000 “likes.”

Twitter’s move against Malkin, whose columns run Wednesdays on CNSNews.com, comes a week after President Donald Trump issued an executive order aimed at punishing social media platforms that receive federal taxpayer dollars and protection under Section 230(c) of the Communications Decency Act while censoring speech on political lines.

The Big Tech company warned Malkin and others in 2019 about content they had posted that was apparently in violation of Pakistani Sharia law, urging them that they “may wish to consult legal counsel about this matter,” reported Breitbart News.



An article by Michelle Malkin titled “Get Up Off Your Knees” was posted at creators.com on June 3, 2020. Following is the article.

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Dear law-abiding Americans:

You have done nothing wrong.

- Being white is not a crime.
- Being a Trump voter is not a crime.
- Being a police officer sworn to “protect and serve” every day is not a crime.
- Being a non-white police officer proud to uphold and enforce law and order is not a crime.
- Being a black or brown or yellow American who rejects excusing criminal behavior is not a crime.
- Rejecting collective guilt is not a crime.
- Refusing to acknowledge “white privilege” when you were born poor, or in a broken home, or with physical or psychological challenges, is not a crime.
- Embracing the historic American nation, instead of erasing it, is not a crime.
- Enforcing your private property rights is not a crime.
- Teaching your wife and children to use a gun in self-defense is not a crime. Owning an AR-15 or two is not a crime.

Do not let the media, Hollywood, academics or politicians gaslight you. Stop internalizing lies. Who are the criminals? Who are the heroes? Who are the makers and keepers of peace? Who are the sowers and reapers of hate?

The Proud Boys, who have guarded their communities and country for the past three years, were the lone citizen soldiers in the battle against antifa that no one else on the ground wanted to fight.

The group and its leader, Gavin McInnes, have suffered greatly for trying to stop the violence now raging nationwide. McInnes has been deplatformed everywhere and falsely labeled a “white supremacist.”

Scores of Proud Boys of all colors have lost their jobs after being doxxed by antifa vigilantes. Two Proud Boys are in prison, railroaded by New York Democrats, after a Kafkaesque trial in which the cop-hating antifa “victims” who lured the Proud Boys into an October 2018 street brawl refused to press charges or testify.

Their crime? These unapologetic Americans stood on their feet, not on their knees.

Journalists and photographers who documented antifa violence for the past three years, such as Andy Ngo, Chelly Bouferrache and Brandon Brown in Portland, Oregon, have endured physical assaults, death threats and harassment. Many others have gone into hiding and suffer in silence.

Their crime? Exposing antifa anarchy, standing eye to eye against their assailants, on their feet, not on their knees.

Working-class Irish, German and Polish-American men of Fishtown, a northeast Philadelphia suburb, came together this week to prevent their neighborhood from being pillaged and burned in the name of “social justice” like the rest of the City of Brotherly Riots.

They banded together outside the 26th police precinct, armed with bats and golf clubs, and faced down Black Lives Matter protesters who were there to taunt and provoke the cops.

Turn off CNN and tune into the facts on the ground.

At least 25 Philadelphia cops have been hurt during mob violence this week. It’s an all-out war on the thin blue line.

At least 150 cops have been assaulted—four nearly murdered—in New York City as of Tuesday afternoon.

Two Buffalo, New York, law enforcement officers were run over late Monday night. In addition, 51 members of the U.S. Park Police were injured; a Cincinnati cop was grazed by a bullet aimed at his head; four St. Louis officers were shot; one retired St. Louis police captain was killed; a Las Vegas Metro cop was shot; and a federal officer was shot and killed in Oakland—all in the name of peace, tolerance and reparations.

Yet, against this bloody and retributive backdrop, Democratic leaders in Philadelphia who have coddled looters all week condemned the peacekeeping Fishtown Brigade as a “mob” of “vigilantes.”

Their crime? Standing tall on their feet, not on their knees.

Scot Mendelson, a world record-holding powerlifter, protected his Southern California gym on Monday afternoon. “If you’re going to destroy something that somebody worked so hard to build, well, you know what, maybe you should be put down,” he told Fox 11 Los Angeles. “You walk through my door, you threaten my life, I’m aiming for the head.”

Mendelson's crime? Standing muscle-bound and honor-bound on his feet, not on his knees.

Proud and good people hold their chins and guns up in a crisis.

It is how Korean grocers responded when the police abandoned them during the Los Angeles riots in 1992.

It is how armed small-business owners of all colors are now facing an onslaught of crazed, greedy and evil barbarians hell-bent on destroying every enforcement bulwark that protects our civil society—from our borders to our neighborhoods to the White House.

Weakness is not strength. Confessing sins for which you bear no guilt is not noble. It makes me sick to my stomach to see virtue-signaling police chiefs kneeling before barking rioters calling them "pigs." I am nauseated by the sight of sobbing white people groveling for forgiveness before sadistic Black Lives Matter demagogues—as if this will appease the unappeasable. It will not and never will.

America, straighten your spines. Unbow your heads. No home or nation was ever saved by kowtowing to invaders or ransackers. Unless you are praying to God, get up off your knees.



A video and an article titled "Donald Trump Speech Transcript June 1: Trump May Deploy U.S. Military to Cities" were posted at rev.com on June 1, 2020. Following is the article.

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Donald Trump gave a June 1 speech in the Rose Garden amid George Floyd protests. He said he wants mayors and governors to establish "an overwhelming law enforcement presence until the violence has been quelled," and if not he will, "deploy the United States military, and quickly solve the problem for them."

This is would be part of the Insurrection Act of 1807. Read the full transcript here.

### **Donald Trump: (00:00)**

Thank you very much. My fellow Americans, my first and highest duty as president is to defend our great country and the American people. I swore an oath to uphold the laws of our nation and that is exactly what I will do.

All Americans were rightly sickened and revolted by the brutal death of George Floyd. My administration is fully committed that for George and his family, justice will be served. He will not have died in vain, but we cannot allow the righteous cries and peaceful protesters to be drown out by an angry mob.

The biggest victims of the rioting are peace loving citizens in our poorest communities and as their president, I will fight to keep them safe. I will fight to protect you.

I am your president of law and order and an ally of all peaceful protesters. But in recent days, our nation has been gripped by professional anarchists, violent mobs, arsonists, looters, criminals, rioters, Antifa and others.

### **Donald Trump: (01:24)**

A number of state and local governments have failed to take necessary action to safeguard their residents.

Innocent people have been savagely beaten like the young man in Dallas, Texas, who was left dying on the street or the woman in upstate New York, viciously attacked by dangerous thugs.

Small business owners have seen the dreams utterly destroyed. New York's finest have been hit in the face with bricks, brave nurses who have battled the virus are afraid to leave their homes.

A police precinct has been overrun here in the nation's Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II Memorial have been vandalized. One of our most historic churches was set a blaze.

A federal officer in California, an African American enforcement hero was shot and killed.

These are not acts of peaceful protest, these are acts of domestic terror. The destruction of innocent life and the spilling of innocent blood is an offense to humanity and a crime against God.

### **Donald Trump: (02:42)**

America needs creation not destruction, cooperation not contempt, security not anarchy, healing not hatred, justice not chaos. This is our and we will succeed 100% we will succeed. Our country always wins.

That is why I am taking immediate presidential action to stop the violence and restore security and safety in America. I am mobilizing all available, federal resources, civilian and military, to stop the rioting and looting to end the destruction and arson and to protect the rights of law abiding Americans, including your second amendment rights.

Therefore, the following measures are going into effect immediately.

First, we are ending the riots and lawlessness that has spread throughout our country. We will end it now. Today I have strongly recommended to every governor to deploy the national guard in sufficient numbers that we dominate the streets, mayors and governors must establish an overwhelming law enforcement presence until the violence has been quelled.

### **Donald Trump: (04:09)**

If a city or state refuses to take the actions that are necessary to defend the life and property of their residents, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them.

I am also taking swift and decisive action to protect our great Capitol Washington DC. What happened in this city last night was a total disgrace.

As we speak, I am dispatching thousands and thousands of heavily armed soldiers, military personnel, and law enforcement offices to stop the rioting, looting, vandalism assaults and the wanton destruction of property.

We are putting everybody on warning our seven o'clock curfew will be strictly enforced.

Those who threatened innocent life and property will be arrested, detained and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I want the organizers of this terror to be on notice that you will face severe criminal penalties and lengthy sentences in jail.

### **Donald Trump: (05:25)**

This includes Antifa and others who are leading instigators of this violence. One law and order and that is what it is.

One law, we have one beautiful law and once that is restored and fully restored, we will help you, we will help your business and we will help your family.

America is founded upon the rule of law. It is the of our prosperity, our freedom and our very way of life, but where there is no law, there is no opportunity, where there is no justice there is no Liberty, where there is no safety there is no future.

We must never give in to anger or hatred if malice or violence rains, then none of us is free.

I take these actions today with firm resolve and with a true and passionate love for our country by far our greatest days lie ahead.

Thank you very much and now I'm going to pay my respects to a very, very special place. Thank you very much.



"Eye on the World" Comment: What did you think of President Trump's speech? It has always been true that politicians face conflicting reactions to their words and actions. However, this phenomenon seems more pronounced with President Trump.

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### **Eye of the Beholder**

■ After President Trump's June 1 speech, an article by Matt Wilstein titled "CNN's Don Lemon Goes Off on Trump for 'Declaring War on Americans' " was posted at thedailybeast.com on June 1, 2020.

■ After President Trump's June 1 speech, an article by Michael M. Grynbaum titled "Tucker Carlson of Fox News Accuses Trump of Being Too Lenient on Protests" was posted at nytimes.com on June 1, 2020.



- An article by Mario Koran and Helen Sullivan titled “[Episcopal] Bishop [of Washington D.C.] ‘Outraged’ Over Trump’s Church Photo Op During George Floyd Protests” was posted at theguardian.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Matthew Teague titled “‘He Wears the Armor of God’: Evangelicals Hail Trump’s Church Photo Op” was posted at theguardian.com on June 3, 2020.

### **Listening to commanding officer**

- An article titled “Defense Secretary Esper Differs With Trump on Using Troops to Put Down Protests” was posted at cbsnews.com on June 3, 2020.
- An article by Lara Seligman and Meridith McGraw titled “Esper, on Thin Ice With the White House, Reverses Decision on Troop Deployments [Keeping the Troops Ready to Follow Trump’s Direction]” was posted at politico.com on June 3, 2020.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled “The Controlled Burn Rages Out of Control” was posted at cnsnews.com on June 3, 2020. Following is the article.

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In the wake of riots that have spread across America, leaving shattered businesses and wounded communities in their wake, it feels as though our nation is collapsing around us.

That’s bizarre, considering that virtually all Americans agree with the following two propositions.

- First, that it is evil for a police officer to place his knee on the neck of a prone suspect struggling to breathe for eight long minutes.
- Second, that breaking store windows, stealing televisions and shoes, beating business owners, and attacking police officers is wrong.

That seeming unanimity should mean unity in the face of police brutality and rioting and looting.

It doesn’t.

### **Enlightened or benighted?**

It doesn’t because members of our political class have decided that instead of rallying against obvious evil, Americans must be categorized as enlightened or benighted based on their answer to one question.

- Was America and is America rooted in racism and bigotry?
- If you answer in the negative, you are complicit in racism and bigotry, say our media, academic leaders, and high-ranking members of the Democratic Party.
- If you answer in the affirmative, you may be categorized among the woke, the aware, the sensitive, and the decent.

## **Powerful media**

This is a nonsensical and dangerous game. But it's a game pressed forward by the most powerful messaging institutions in our society: our media.

Our media has awarded Pulitzer Prizes to faux history like The 1619 Project, which argues the following.

- Every American institution has been fatally corrupted by America's original sin, slavery.
- Every inequality of today can find its root in inequities of the past.
- Our celebrities proudly proclaim that rights to free speech, property ownership, and due process are merely facades for the continuing and malign maintenance of structural inequalities.
- Too many of our politicians casually attribute every instance of police brutality to deep-seated American racism.

These are lies.

## **American history**

America's history is replete with racism and oppression, but that's because America didn't hold true to her founding ideals.

America's philosophy is good and true, and her flaws are thanks to her failures to follow that philosophy.

It is a lie to attack Americans' fundamental rights as outgrowths of persecution.

And it's a damnable calumny to liken the treatment of black Americans in 2020 to the treatment of black Americans in 1960, let alone 1860.

Yet we are told by our institutional elites that to point out these lies is to refuse responsibility, to provide cover for racism.

## **Destroy the structure**

Declaring America's most fundamental structures corrupt and cancer-ridden is deeply dangerous. Once a structure has been condemned, its foundations declared unstable, it can only be destroyed.

There is no way to argue that fealty to a particular political program inside that supposedly corrupt structure can fix the problem.

Former President Barack Obama, who declares that discrimination exists in "almost every institution of our lives," and that "the legacy of slavery, Jim Crow . . . that's still part of our DNA that's passed on," says that voting for local officials is the solution to police brutality and individual instances of racism.

Somehow, so long as we vote for the same Democratic politicians who have governed nearly every major American city for decades, America's founding sins can be extirpated.

Is anyone expected to believe this?

Our elites cannot set fire to the fundamentals of America and then hope to contain that fire to occasional trips to the voting booth.

### **Left with a choice**

So Americans are left with a choice.

■ We can either think of one another with charity and accuracy, acknowledging the sins of America's past while recognizing that America remains a beacon of freedom and decency.

■ Or we can continue to follow the path of those who would tear us apart.

To follow the latter course isn't sensitive or moral. It places the very existence of our common republic at risk.



An article by Daniel Rapaport titled "Tiger Woods Issues Statement on Death of George Floyd, National Protests" was posted at yahoosports.com on June 2, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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On Monday night, the 15-time major champion posted the following statement on his social media accounts.

"My heart goes out to George Floyd, his loved ones and all of us who are hurting right now. I have always had the utmost respect for our law enforcement. They train so diligently to understand how, when and where to use force. This shocking tragedy clearly crossed that line. I remember the LA riots and learned that education is the best path forward. We can make our points without burning the very neighborhoods that we live in. I hope that through constructive, honest conversations, we can build a safer, unified society."



An article by Eddie Scarry titled "The Lying About Donald Trump Is Now Completely Out of Control" was posted at nypost.com on June 2, 2020. Following is the article.

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Anti-Trump liberals (i.e., Democrats and the media) just have to find something—anything—wrong with the president, even if it means making it up.

### **Darkened photo was an old photo**

The perpetually not-President Hillary Clinton on Monday shared a side-by-side photo of the White House, one lit up in a rainbow spectrum from 2015, when Barack Obama was in office, and the other appearing almost in pitch black with no lighting. "Elections matter," tweeted Clinton.

Former Obama adviser David Axelrod shared the same image of the darkened White House, calling it “perfect symbolism,” because, “if ever the country needed the occupant of the White House to shed light, and not heat, now is the time. Sadly, the lights are out.”

Yet it turns out the photo passed off as a metaphor for Trump’s apathy toward police brutality and racism was actually, like the rainbow White House, from the Obama years.

### **Not hiding in a bunker**

So pervasive was that meme on social media that the Associated Press was moved to fact-check and let liberals know that, sorry, the slam dunk on Trump was actually an embarrassing rebound.

People even started saying Trump was “hiding in his bunker” and the lights went out—until a CNN reporter pointed out the main lights always go out at 11 p.m.

### **Obama’s cages**

It’s not as if this hasn’t happened before. Recall the images of “children in cages” that were all the rage heading into summer 2018, passed off as demonstrable proof that the Trump administration was taking a needlessly callous hard line in locking up illegal immigrants.

Those photos ended up being from 2014, again, when Obama was president.

### **Respectful to Floyd’s memory**

Indeed, based on some of the TV coverage, you’d think Trump had actually spat on the memory of George Floyd, the black man who died in Minneapolis while a white police officer kneeled on his neck.

In reality, Trump has been exceedingly sensitive and respectful to Floyd’s memory, calling his death a “tragedy” that “should have never happened.” He added that the incident “filled Americans all over the country with horror, anger and grief.”

Last week, just two days after Floyd’s death, Trump ordered FBI and Justice Department officials to conduct an expedited investigation into the matter. Yet the press ignores all this, suggesting instead that he’s refused to address the tragic episode at all.

### **Blaming Trump for criminals**

Then the looting, destruction and violence sparked in Minneapolis, Atlanta, Louisville and Washington, DC.

That was apparently Trump’s fault, too.

CNN political analyst David Gergen said Tuesday that Trump’s referrals to himself as “the president of law and order” functioned as “race-baiting” and, in turn, “would deliberately incite violence.”

Liberal *Washington Post* columnist Dana Milbank wrote Monday that the riots and destruction we’re seeing “are the wages of Trump’s hate-filled incumbency.”

The always-hysterical Don Lemon on CNN said late last week that Trump has “contributed” to the “environment” we’re now experiencing.

It never ends, but these aren’t mistakes. This is how the national media are intended to operate in the Trump era. If they can’t find something wrong with him, they make it up.



An article by [Black conservatives] Ken Blackwell and Herman Cain titled “How Long Will Media Ignor Trump’s Unparalleled Support for HBCUs?” was posted at cnsnews.com on May 29, 2020. Following is the article.

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As both of us can attest, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) provide a vital path for young African Americans to reach the true heights of their potential.

Mr. Cain grew up poor in segregated Atlanta, Ga., the son of a chauffeur and a domestic worker. In 1963, he had the opportunity to attend Atlanta’s Morehouse College, an HBCU that imparted not only an education, but a religious and cultural foundation that would later lead to a Master’s degree and a successful business career serving as the CEO of both a major restaurant chain and the National Restaurant Association.

Mr. Blackwell has seen the importance of HBCUs from a slightly different perspective. After serving as mayor of Cincinnati and Ohio’s state treasurer, he had the opportunity to join the board of trustees of Ohio’s Wilberforce University, which in the 1860s became America’s very first black-owned institution of higher learning. That role gave him firsthand insights into the impact that HBCUs such as Wilberforce continue to make in the lives of young black Americans.

We can both further state that there has never been a president in the White House who has been more supportive of HBCUs and their mission than President Donald Trump.

Through both legislation he has championed and executive action he has taken independently, the president has shown time and again that his administration is committed to promoting the survival and relevance of distinctively African American institutions of higher education in this country.

Just after taking office, one of Trump’s very first executive orders established both a White House Initiative and a President’s Board of Advisors on HBCUs, placing them at the very center of this administration’s education policy. He subsequently relaunched the HBCU Capital Finance Board, which has distributed more than \$500 million in student loans.

Cabinet-level federal agencies have also gotten in the game. Attorney General Bill Barr’s Justice Department, for example, issued an opinion that will allow faith-based HBCUs, such as Morehouse and Wilberforce, to enjoy the same access to federal support for capital improvement projects as secular institutions.

■ President Trump is also providing more funding for HBCUs than any other president in history.

The Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act (FUTURE Act) that he signed into law last year included \$255 million in permanent, mandatory funding for HBCUs, and the 2019 Farm Bill included an additional \$100 million for HBCU scholarships, research, and centers of excellence.

■ The scale and duration of President Trump's commitment to HBCUs is a story often ignored in the popular press, but it fits neatly within the framework of his governing philosophy.

■ This administration has the interests of all citizens at heart and is always trying to fund and support solutions that truly empower black Americans.

■ It is no coincidence that African American unemployment and poverty rates both reached all-time lows under President Trump before the coronavirus pandemic struck.

As the country prepares to restart and rebuild from the pandemic, the Trump administration's commitment to HBCUs takes on added importance.

President Trump knows that HBCUs will have a role to play in the coming challenge, which is why he included \$1 billion in relief to HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions as part of federal pandemic relief efforts.

As the entire country strives to return to a new normal over the coming months, HBCUs and the wider African American community can take comfort in the knowledge that they have an unwavering ally in the White House.



A website titled "About Selena Montgomery" discusses the books [romantic novels that some people call soft-porn] written by Stacey Abrams (who lost the election to be governor of Georgia, but is now being considered as the Democratic VP). Following are excerpts from the website ([selenamontgomery.com](http://selenamontgomery.com)).

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Selena Montgomery is the nom de plume of [former] Georgia House Minority Leader Stacey Abrams. As Selena Montgomery, she is an award-winning author of eight romantic suspense novels. Her novels have sold more than 100,000 copies. [The title of her books are as follows.]

- Rules of Engagement
- The Art of Desire
- Power of Persuasion
- Never Tell
- Hidden Sins
- Secrets and Lies
- Reckless
- Deception





An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “The Chinese Menace” was posted at patriotpост.us on May 30, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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It doesn't mystify me that those who are getting rich or, more to the point, richer because of China—people like Bill Gates, Dianne Feinstein and the owners and players in the NBA—are all sucking up to Communist China. What I find puzzling is that they kowtow to China so openly.

■ No consequences

I mean, even in the midst of World War II, there were some Nazi-sympathizers in the U.S. who shared Hitler's contempt for Jews and democracy, but they kept their feelings under wraps. To have advertised their allegiance would possibly have led to prison and would certainly have led to public outrage and humiliation.

But, today, in spite of everything China has done and continues to do, their champions in America promote China's interests and suffer no consequences.

■ Unleashed a pandemic

I'm not merely referring to Xi Jinping keeping the Wuhan virus secret, silencing the Chinese doctors who wished to warn the world, and buying up all the available masks, gloves and hospital gowns before word got out to the world that China had unleashed a pandemic, either accidentally or on purpose.

■ Spying on U.S.

Of course China has spied on us. But everyone else does, including our alleged allies. And we do the same. But, China goes that extra step and, for decades, has been stealing our intellectual property, especially the property dealing with our technological advances.

Generally, we think of that kind of theft taking place in cyberspace. But, over the past year or so, it's involved old-fashioned spy craft. What China can't steal off our computers, they're paying others to steal for them.

■ Professors helping Communists

Among the professors supplying the Communists with scientific research have been Qing Wang of Case Western Reserve University; Simon Saw-Teong Ang of the University of Arkansas; Amning Hu of the University of Tennessee; Xiojiang Li of Emory University; and UCLA's Yi-Chi Shih.

Remember the good old days when our worst enemies were all named Abdul and Mohammad?

There have been other scumbags who have been selling out this country with names easier to spell and pronounce. Among them West Virginia University Professor Patrick Lewis and Harvard's Prof. Charles Lieber.

## ■ Easy money, grants and jobs

Some of these people betrayed the U.S. because they felt their loyalty was to China, others because they couldn't resist what they regarded as easy money. We shouldn't be too shocked that scientists can be that crass. All you have to do is look at how many alleged scientists have signed up for the global warming/climate change hoax, pretending that the likes of Al Gore, Greta Thunberg, Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, have a functioning brain between the four of them, all because they know that grants and jobs require that they forego any pretense of being independent seekers of empirical evidence.

## ■ China and Missouri

China has threatened sanctions against Missouri because its attorney general has dared to file a lawsuit against China, asking damages for the C-19 deaths and economic disaster the state has experienced. It has also threatened Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley because he is introducing legislation demanding compensation on behalf of the entire nation.

## ■ Pelosi calls China a diversion

But that hasn't prevented Nancy Pelosi, the most powerful Democrat in America from saying: "What Trump is saying about China is interesting—an interesting diversion! Let's keep our focus on meeting the needs of our people."

Apparently, Speaker Pelosi thinks that holding China's feet to the fire because of the spying, the theft of security-related information and the murder of 90,000 Americans, is merely a diversion. It's not something really important, such as keeping our borders open, our jails empty, our elections fraudulent, invalidating the 1st and 2nd Amendments and funneling countless billions of dollars to Planned Parenthood.

Which will basically be the platform upon which Joe Biden will be running in November.

## ■ Biden's wild claim

Speaking of the man in the bunker, Biden claims he hasn't watched any of the interviews with Tara Reade, because he hasn't had the opportunity.

He hasn't had five minutes to watch the woman who claims he sexually abused her in 1993? I think I'm a fairly busy guy, but I'm pretty sure I would have tuned in once or twice if I'd been accused of that vile crime.

What the heck is keeping him so busy doing during the shutdown? How many times can you alphabetize your canned goods or rearrange your sock drawer?

## ■ Laughing at the polls

I don't put any stock in polls six months before an election, but I confess when I got a gander at two recent nation-wide polls, I nearly burst out laughing.

In one, Biden led Trump 47% to 42%. In the other, he led Trump 50% to 39%. Those numbers are so absurd that if I owned the polling companies, I would burn those results and tell the folks with the clipboards to start widening the net in order to question Republicans. Even if I didn't support Trump, there's no way to take those numbers seriously. The country is so evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans that any poll that suggests more than a 2-3% difference for either candidate is patently absurd.

#### ■ Abrams as VP?

After garnering the endorsement of the *Washington Post*, Stacey Abrams has become the odds-on favorite to become Biden's running mate. That has me stymied. I know that Abrams has a certain following among female Democrats and especially among black females. Possibly it's because they all look so attractive compared to the hefty lefty from Georgia.

#### ■ Abrams is a soft porn author

When she isn't losing an election (Georgia gubernatorial in 2018) that she was expected to win, especially after the Obamas campaigned for her and isn't attacking President Trump on MSNBC, she writes trashy novels under the pseudonym Selena Montgomery.

Among her soft-porn suspense novels are "Power of Persuasion," "Deception," "Reckless," "Never Tell," "Secrets and Lies," "The Art of Desire" and ooh-la-la, "Hidden Sins."

It's hardly great literature, but it does suggest that she's written more books than Joe Biden has read.

Under her own name, Abrams has turned out such snoozers as "Our Time is Now" and "Lead from the Outside."

I think Biden would be better off selecting Selena Montgomery. She sounds like a real live wire, whereas Stacey Abrams' only claim to fame is that she couldn't win an election in her home state.

#### ■ Mandatory vaccination?

I heard Alan Dershowitz tell Tucker Carlson that he could see it being mandatory for Americans to be vaccinated against Covid-19 if and when a vaccine is developed.

Although I'm in favor of vaccinations, I know that a lot of people will fight such an order. And I think they have the right to refuse.

Unless I'm missing something, if 300 million of us get the vaccination and 30 million don't, wouldn't the only people who could contract the virus be those 30 million? If that's the case, nobody has the right to force the issue.

#### ■ Arbitrary, unreasonable and oppressive

In a bit of good judicial news, Judge Eugene Lucci has ruled that Ohio's Governor Mike de Wine exceeded his authority in locking down 35 gyms. It

was the attorney for the gyms who filed the lawsuit, but the ruling obviously covers all retail businesses.

The judge called the shutdown “arbitrary, unreasonable and oppressive.”

The problem is that all the other left-wing tyrants—a dirty laundry list that includes the governors of New York, California, Pennsylvania, Maine, Washington, Illinois, Maryland and New Jersey and a few others, including mayors Garcetti and Di Blasio—knew it was arbitrary, unreasonable and oppressive. [Heck], that’s what they liked about it.

#### ■ Trying to hurt Trump

The icing on the cake was that in destroying the economy, they figured it would make it difficult for President Trump to be re-elected.



An article by Burt Prelutsky titled “The Foundation Racket” was posted at patriotpost.us on June 1, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

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If there is a foundation that isn’t corrupt, that isn’t just a way for rich people to lower their tax rate by pretending the foundation is a charity and not simply a way to inflate certain people’s political influence, I don’t believe I’ve heard of it.

The most famous of them are the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Clinton Family Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Foundation and, not satisfied with just one, George Soros has number of them under the umbrella of the Open Society Foundations.

#### ■ Globalist society

What each of them has in common is none of their missions is to improve life for Americans; in the case of the Clintons, it’s to enrich themselves. With the others, it’s to destroy the sovereignty of nations, particularly the United States, and to bring about a globalist society.

As rotten an idea is that in general terms, it becomes even worse when you realize that, at least so far as Bill Gates is concerned, that society should be overseen by the Communist Party of China.

#### ■ \$65 Billion

Gates is one of the richest people in the world, thanks to the Capitalist system. How rich is he? Well, it’s always difficult for people that wealthy to really know because in the time it’s taking me to type this sentence, his fortune has probably grown by several million dollars. But it’s estimated to be \$65 billion.

It’s difficult to get one’s brain around a number that huge. Spelled out, it looks like this: 65,000,000,000.

## ■ Gates and China

Gates isn't just a run-of-the-mill capitalist. He's one who was sued successfully by the U.S. Government under the Sherman Antitrust Act for his monopolistic practices. So it turns out he is one of those vile capitalist pigs the Communists are always complaining about, and yet he is best friends with China's President Xi Jinping. Talk about your strange bedfellows. But not really so strange when you realize that both men despise America and one of those men would probably give up his first born if it meant his company, Microsoft, would continue to have access to China's 1.3 billion potential customers. In pursuit of those customers, Gates has already supplied the dictatorship with the latest advances in American technology in order to maintain total surveillance on China's slave population.

## ■ Neutral platforms?

Some people wonder why companies like Microsoft are allowed to maintain their status as politically neutral platforms when they clearly have a left-wing political bias, but unlike, say, the *NY Times* and the *Washington Post*, they cannot be sued for libel or for infringing on people's First Amendment right to free speech.

Wonder no more. Bill Gates is so rich that he could donate \$1 million to the campaign of all 535 candidates running for the House and Senate and he'd still have \$64,465,000,000! And all 535 of them appreciate that fact.

If you need further proof that this guy is a schmuck, his second best friend is George Soros.

## ■ Will he cut off WHO?

A while ago, President Trump indicated he was going to cut off funding to the World Health Organization because he recognized the organization and its director, Tedros Adhamon, were, along with Bill Gates, in the hip pocket of China's despot.

But, suddenly, Trump was considering the continuation of funding, but at a lower level. Previously, we were blowing about \$400 million a year on the organization. The President is talking about donating the same amount as China, which is in the neighborhood of \$40 million. It's an improvement, but it is still an unprincipled action.

One can only wonder who has been whispering in Trump's ear. One certain possibility is Anthony Fauci, who has declared himself a friend and an admirer of Adhamon's.

## ■ Tedros Adhamon, medical bureaucrat

It is worth noting that Adhamon has a record of deceit stretching back to the 1990s, when, for political reasons, he denied there were cholera outbreaks taking place in his native Ethiopia.

It's also a fact that Adhamon is not a physician; he comes by the title of "Doctor" because he received a Bachelor of Science degree, making him little more than a medical bureaucrat.

## ■ Basement doesn't hide dementia

One would have thought that being locked down in his basement would have been a boon for Joe Biden's campaign, because it made it far more difficult for reporters to ask him any probing questions about his son's financial finagling's, about Tara Reade or his flip-flopping over the years on everything from open borders to gun rights to same-sex marriages.

But, Biden is so far along the path to full-scale dementia that he manages to derail his campaign all by himself and even, presumably, while using a Teleprompter.

Last week, while expounding on the C-19 shutdown, he said: "This is not a moment for excuses or deflections or blame games. We're in the middle of a pandemic that's cost us more than 85,000 jobs and the lives of billions of people . . . uh, millions of people, millions of jobs."

## ■ Abrams, really?

That same day, he sucked up to Stacey Abrams, the totally unimpressive black political operative who managed to lose the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial race yet continued to claim for months that she was the state's governor. She would now like Biden to select her as his running mate. And he certainly did nothing to dissuade her of that delusion by describing her as a combination of Joan of Arc, Marie Curie, Clara Barton, Helen Keller and Mother Teresa, and, what's more, she's black.

But even in his current state of non-compos mentis, Biden is probably thinking: "If the slug couldn't carry the state on her own, how the hell can she help me win it? If I'm looking for losers, I'd pick Elizabeth Warren. In the primary, she ran behind both Bernie and me in her home state of Massachusetts. Besides, I've got the black vote tied up. Why wouldn't I pick Amy Klobuchar who might help a little in the Rust Belt?"

Or maybe he's just wondering why "Sesame Street" isn't being re-run all day every day.

## ■ PBS and China

Over on PBS, they've been screening a movie, "Voices from the Front Line," which praises Xi Jinping for making his number one priority the elimination of poverty in China. Perhaps because China's Department of Propaganda financed the film, Xi comes across as a combination of Moses, Christ, Louis Pasteur, Pope John and Albert Schweitzer. But, PBS makes no mention of the Department's involvement.

They also don't question the film's conclusion by pointing out some of Xi's more controversial priorities involve burying America by stealing our industries and our technology; terrorizing China's neighbors by expanding its military influence further and further into the South China Sea; supporting the loony puppet government of North Korea; sending the nation's Muslim population to concentration camps; murdering his political rivals, including the doctors who wanted to warn the world about the C-19 pandemic; and subjugating the people of Hong Kong.



## ■ Next election

Speaking of the pandemic, Rob Schenck wondered why mayors and governors weren't better prepared to deal with the outbreak when they had already experienced SARS, H1N1 and other outbreaks.

I replied: "It's because politicians are never thinking about the next (inevitable) pandemic, but only about the next election."



"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**

- Looking back to April, an article by Brian Riedl titled "Coronavirus Budget Projections: Escalating Deficits and Debt [2020 Budget Deficit in Excess of \$4.2 Trillion]" was posted at manhattan-institute.org on April 29, 2020.
- Looking back to May, an article by Niv Elis titled "U.S. Deficit Nears \$1.5 Trillion in Seven Months" was posted at thehill.com on May 8, 2020.

## **Federal reserve**

- An article by Jeanna Smialek titled "Powell Says Federal Reserve Crossed Red Lines to Help the Economy" was posted at nytimes.com on May 29, 2020.

## **Coronavirus and civil liberties**

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Rep. Gohmert: 'Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and Google Operate Like Radical Liberal Publishers; Not Free Speech Platforms' " was posted at cnsnews.com on May 29, 2020.

## **Coronavirus and religion**

- An article by Josh Gerstein titled "[John] Roberts Joins Court's Liberals to Deny California Church's Lockdown Challenge" was posted at politico.com on May 29, 2020.

## **Stimulus checks**

- An article by Quentin Fottrell titled "Stimulus Checks Are a Mere Band-Aid for Americans—Amid Fears of An Even Bigger Economic Crisis Than the Great Recession [of 2008]" was posted at marketwatch.com on June 2, 2020.

## **Finances**

- An article by Chris Arnold titled "Millions of Americans Skip Payments As Tidal Wave of Defaults and Evictions Looms" was posted at npr.org on June 3, 2020.

- An article by Alexis Morillo titled “Starbucks Is Reportedly Encouraging Workers to Take Unpaid Leave Until September Because of Low Coronavirus Sales” was posted at delish.com on June 2, 2020.

- An article by Katie Canales titled “Online Clothing Retailers *Stitch Fix* Is Laying Off 1,400 California Employees and Instead Hiring in Lower-Cost Cities Like Austin and Minneapolis” was posted at businessinsider.com on June 2, 2020.

- An article titled “Las Vegas Casinos Reopen After 78 Days of Being Dark” was posted at review-journal.com on June 4, 2020.

### **Coronavirus and sports**

- An article by Jenna Fryer titled “NASCAR Is Back and Fans May Be Right Behind” was posted at anews.com on June 1, 2020.

### **Green New Deal**

- Looking back to July, an article by Adam Shaw titled “AOC’s Top Aide Admits Green New Deal About the Economy, Not Climate” was posted at foxnews.com on July 12, 2019.

### **Illegal immigration**

- An article titled “NYC Council Votes to Ban the Term ‘Alien’ and ‘Illegal Immigrant’ on Official Docs” was posted at nbcnewyork.com on May 29, 2020.

### **Comments about weapons**

- An article by Kurt Schlichter sarcastically titled “Give Us Your Guns Because Democrats Will Totally Protect You” was posted at townhall.com on June 1, 2020.

### **Comments about Mail-In Ballots**

- An article by Jeff Webb titled “Reject Universal Mail-In Balloting to Protect the 2020 Election” was posted at townhall.com on May 31, 2020.

### **Comments about Trump support**

- An article titled “Lifelong Democrat [Black] Lawmaker Turned Trump Voter [Georgia State Rep. Vernon Jones] Says He Won’t Let Antifa Ruin His Beloved City of Atlanta” was posted at foxnewsvideo.com on June 1, 2020.

- An article by Chuck Ross titled “Obamagate? Barr Appoints Prosecutor to Review Obama ‘Unmasking’ of Trump Associates” was posted at nationalreview.com on June 1, 2020.

### **Comments about Trump opposition**

- An article by Kevin Freking titled “Ex-Defense Chief Mattis Rips Trump for Dividing Americans” was posted at anews.com on June 3, 2020.

- A Reuters article by Jason Lange and Trevor Hamilton titled “Biden Staff Donate to Group That Pays Bail in Riot-Torn Minneapolis” was posted at reuters.com on May 30, 2020.

- An article by Jordan Moreau titled "Seth Rogen, Steve Carell, Harry Styles, Don Cheadless and More Donate to Minnesota Freedom Fund [to Help Protesters Who Have Been Arrested and Need to Post Bail]" was posted at variety.com on May 30, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Celebrities Help Bail Out Rioters Arrested in Violent Protests" was posted at townhall.com on May 31, 2020.
- An article by Zachary Evans titled "'The NYPD and the Mayor Did Not Do Their Job': Cuomo Slams NYC Response to Riots; Floats 'Displacing' De Blasio" was posted at nationalreview.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Zachary Evans titled "Police Chief: Arrested Looters in NYC Are Immediately Released Because of Bail-Reform Law" was posted at nationalreview.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Madison Gesiotto titled "Twitter Is on the Side of the Rioters" was posted at townhall.com on June 1, 2020.
- An article by Hans Bader titled "Fairfax [Suburbs outside D.C.] Democratic Party Praises Riots" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Emily Goodin titled "Virginia Governor Refused to Send His National Guard to Washington D.C. to Help Restore Order After Request From the White House" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Biden: 'Pure Selfishness' to Object to Higher Taxes" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Henry Olsen titled "Twitter's Double Standard Has Become Painfully Clear" was posted at washingtonpost.com on May 29, 2020.
- An article by Alan Fram titled "Ocasio-Cortez Endorses Challenger [Jamaal Bowman] of House Dem Chairman [73-Year-Old Eliot Engel Is a 30-Year Incumbent]" was posted at apnews.com on June 3, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "BET Founder Bob Johnson Urges \$14 Trillion in Reparations to Atone for Slavery, Promote Economic Equality" was posted at cnsnews.com on June 2, 2020.

### **Kamala Harris**

- An article by Jill Lawrence titled "Biden's Vice Presidential Choice Just Got Simpler; He Needs Kamala Harris or Val Deming" was posted at usatoday.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article titled "Kamala Harris Is Top Pick for Biden's VP, Betting Giant Predicts" was posted at yahoofinance.com on June 2, 2020.
- An article by Zack Friedman titled "Kamala Harris and Andrew Yang Renew Call for \$2,000 a Month Stimulus Check" was posted at forbes.com on June 2, 2020.

## News about the media

- A video and an article by Anthony Leonardi titled “Watch: MSNBC Reporter [Ali Velshi] Says Minneapolis Protests Not Generally ‘Unruly’ As Building Burns Behind Him” were posted at [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com) on May 29, 2020.
- An article by Brad Slager titled “ESPN Reporter [Chris Martin Palmer] Who Cheered Violence Suddenly Upset When His Neighborhood Was Threatened” was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on June 1, 2020.

## General interest

- An article by Bronson Stocking titled “NBA Player [J.R. Smith] Beats Up Rioter Who Vandalized His Vehicle” was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on May 31, 2020.
- An article by Ian Haworth titled “America’s Binary Lens; We Will Never End Racism With Racism” was posted at [townhall.com](http://townhall.com) on June 1, 2020.
- An article by Laura B. Balzer and Brian W. Whitcomb titled “Coronavirus: Why the Death Tolls in New York and San Francisco Are So Different” was posted at [nationalinterest.org](http://nationalinterest.org) on June 3, 2020.
- Looking back to 2018, an article by Shalini Ramachandran titled “How a Weakened ESPN [Losing 16 Million Subscribers Over Seven Years in 2018 Due to Cheaper Cable Options] Became Consumed by Politics” was posted at [wsj.com](http://wsj.com) on May 24, 2018.
- Looking back to 2018, an article by Bruce Haring titled “ESPN Executive Admits Drift Into Politics Hurt the Network, Was Miscalculation” was posted at [deadline.com](http://deadline.com) on Dec. 8, 2018.



***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.”