

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 Mari Yamaguchi titled “Urgency to Bear Witness Grows for Last Hiroshima Atom Bomb Victims” was posted at japantimes.co.jp on Aug. 5, 2020. Following is the article.

HIROSHIMA—For nearly 70 years, until he turned 85, Lee Jong-keun hid his past as an atomic bomb survivor, fearful of the widespread discrimination against blast victims that has long persisted in Japan.

But Lee, 92, is now part of a fast-dwindling group of survivors, known as hibakusha, that feels a growing urgency—desperation even—to tell their stories. These last witnesses to what happened 75 years ago Thursday [August 6] want to reach a younger generation that they feel is losing sight of the horror.

The knowledge of their dwindling time—the average age of the survivors is more than 83 and many suffer from the long-lasting effects of radiation—is coupled with deep frustration over stalled progress in global efforts to ban nuclear weapons.

According to a recent Asahi newspaper survey of 768 survivors, nearly two-thirds said their wish for a nuclear-free world is not widely shared by the rest of humanity, and more than 70 percent called on a reluctant Japanese government to ratify a nuclear weapons ban treaty.

“I can’t live for another 50 years,” said Koko Kondo, 75, who was an 8-month-old baby in her mother’s arms when their house collapsed from the blast

around a kilometer (half a mile) away. "I want each child to live a full life, and that means we have to abolish nuclear weapons right now."

Even after so many years, too many nuclear weapons remain, Kondo said, adding, "We are not screaming loud enough for the whole world to hear."

The first U.S. atomic bombing killed 140,000 people in the city of Hiroshima. A second atomic attack on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945, killed another 70,000. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, bringing an end to a conflict that began with its attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 during its attempt to conquer Asia.

Some 20,000 ethnic Korean residents of Hiroshima are believed to have died in the nuclear attack. The city, a wartime military hub, had a large number of Korean workers, including those forced to work without pay at mines and factories under Japan's colonization of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

On the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, 16-year-old Lee, a second-generation Korean born in Japan, was on his way to work at Japan's national railway authority in Hiroshima when the uranium bomb nicknamed Little Boy exploded. The whole sky turned yellowish orange, knocking him face first to the ground. Lee suffered severe burns on his neck that took four months to heal.

Back at work, co-workers wouldn't go near him, saying he had "A-bomb disease." Little was known about the effects of the bomb, and some believed radiation was similar to an infectious disease. Prospective marriage partners also worried about genetic damage that could be passed to children.

Lee had been bullied at school because of his Korean background, his classmates ridiculing the smell of kimchi in his lunchbox. Revealing that he was also an A-bomb victim would have meant more trouble. So Lee lived under a Japanese name, Masaichi Egawa, until eight years ago, when he first publicly revealed his identity during a cruise where atomic bomb survivors shared their stories.

"Being Korean and also being hibakusha means double discrimination," Lee said.

Japanese bomb survivors had no government support until 1957, when their yearslong efforts won official medical support. But a strict screening system has left out many who are still seeking compensation. Assistance for survivors outside Japan was delayed until the 1980s.

The atomic bombings set off a nuclear arms race in the Cold War. The United States justified the bombings as a way to save untold lives by preventing a bloody invasion of mainland Japan to end the war, a view long accepted by many Americans.

But Gar Alperovitz, author of "Atomic Diplomacy: Hiroshima and Potsdam and The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb," said at a recent online event that documentary records show wartime American leaders knew of Japan's imminent surrender and the bombings were not necessary militarily.

Koko Kondo, who survived the blast as a baby, is the daughter of the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, one of six atomic bomb survivors featured in John Hersey's book "Hiroshima." She struggled for decades until she reached middle age to overcome the pain she experienced in her teens and the rejection by her fiancée.

She was almost 40 when she decided to follow her father's path and become a peace activist. She was inspired by his last sermon, in which he spoke about devoting his life to Hiroshima's recovery.

This year, the frustration of survivors is greater because peace events leading up to the Aug. 6 memorial have been largely canceled or scaled back amid the coronavirus pandemic.

For the first time in over a decade, Keiko Ogura won't provide English translation for a guided tour of Hiroshima's Peace Park.

Ogura was 8 when she saw the searing bright flash outside her house, about 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) from ground zero. Smashed to the ground, she was woken by her little brother's wails. The rubble of their house was burning.

Crowds of people with severe burns, their hair charred into curls, headed to a shrine near her home, grunting and asking for water. Two people dropped dead after receiving water from her, a scene that haunted her for years. She blamed herself for surviving when so many others died.

Ogura's relatives and friends told her to hide her status as a hibakusha or nobody would marry her. She kept her past to herself for decades, until her husband, a peace activist, died and she decided to continue his efforts. She set up a group of interpreters for peace.

Her relatives don't want her to mention them in her speeches. "Why? Because people are still suffering," Ogura, 83, said in a recent online briefing. "The impact of radiation, the fear of it and the suffering were not just felt during the moment of the blast—we still live with it today."

Survivors are frustrated by their inability to see a nuclear-free world in their lifetime, and by Japan's refusal to sign or ratify a nuclear weapons ban treaty enacted in 2017.

"But no matter how small, we must pursue our efforts," said Ogura. "I will keep talking as long as I live."

More than 300,000 hibakusha have died since the attacks, including 9,254 in the past fiscal year, according to the health ministry.

"For me, the war is not over yet," said Michiko Kodama, 82, who survived the bombing but has lost most of her relatives to cancer. Years after the atomic bombing, a receptionist at a clinic noted Kodama's "hibakusha" medical certificate in a loud voice, and a patient sitting next to her moved away.

The fear of death, prejudice and discrimination continues, and nuclear weapons still exist.

"We don't have much time left . . . I want to tell our story to the younger generations when I still can," Kodama said. "If someone wants to hear my story, I will go anywhere and talk."



An article by Iaignee Barron titled “How Beijing’s National Security Crackdown Transformed Hong Kong in a Single Month” was posted at time.com on Aug. 4, 2020. Following is the article.

After Beijing enacted a sweeping national security law for Hong Kong, the city’s leader tried to allay fears of a broad crackdown on dissent by promising the measure would affect only a very small minority of people.

But throughout July, the first full month under the new legislation, the measure featured prominently in a sustained effort to quell political upheaval in the enclave, while also ushering in a transformative climate of fear and uncertainty.

The law’s provisions—which punish crimes related to secession, subversion, terrorism and collusion with foreign forces—have been used as grounds for disqualifying political candidates, arresting students over social media posts and banning common protest slogans.

The blows to the city’s democracy movement over the past few weeks have extended beyond the far-reaching law itself. Academics who are key figures in the protests were fired from their posts, police raided the office of an opinion pollster and some vocal members of the political opposition have fled.

The drama-packed month was capped off in its final hours with the year-long postponement of the Sept. 6 elections. While authorities cited the spiraling coronavirus outbreak for the move, opposition candidates saw it as an attempt to thwart their efforts to capitalize on the months-long protest movement and simmering public discontent with success at the ballot box.

For much of last year, demonstrations shattered the city’s reputation as a stable financial hub. Sparked by fears over Beijing’s encroachment on the semi-autonomous city’s freedoms and judicial independence, the protests morphed into an increasingly bold and often violent challenge of the Chinese Communist Party’s authority, prompting Beijing to reassert control.

The new security legislation, which was drafted behind closed doors and imposed without public consultation, encompasses crimes committed abroad and stipulates sentences of up to life in prison. It allows China’s state security agents to operate openly in the city for the first time, and permits extradition to the mainland for trial in Communist Party-controlled courts.

Shrugging off international criticism and sanctions, Beijing and its allies say they will take all necessary steps to safeguard sovereignty and restore stability in Hong Kong. They also insist the city’s freedoms remain intact, even as activists warn of an aggressive attack on their long-cherished civil liberties.

Here is a timeline of the major events over the last month:

July 1

Less than 24 hours after the national security law was enacted, police make the first arrests during an annual protest marking the anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China. Ten people, including a 15-year-old girl and a 23-year-old motorcyclist with a Hong Kong liberation flag who drove into police, are detained, their DNA samples collected and homes searched.

Chief Executive Carrie Lam says at press conference that "Hong Kong should be able to continue to enjoy the freedom of speech, freedom of press, of publications, protest, assembly and so on."

China's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian says the national security law is necessary to "plug loopholes" in Hong Kong's legal framework. "Every sovereign state has the inherent right to legislate in the interest of its national security," he says.

July 2

The government bans the protest slogan "Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our times," due to the perceived connotation of separatism and subversion of state power, an interpretation protesters deny, saying it draws on China's history and aims for political freedom. Legal experts have questioned the validity of the ban.

Police warn that so-called "Lennon Walls" made of Post-it notes with pro-protest messages may violate the national security law.

Prominent activist Nathan Law reveals he has left Hong Kong over concerns that his lobbying of foreign governments to impose sanctions on the city falls foul of the new law.

July 3

The Education Bureau instructs all schools to teach students about the national security law with a "positive approach" to help foster a "correct" understanding of the relationship between "our country and Hong Kong."

U.K. foreign secretary Dominic Raab announces that anyone with British National Overseas (BNO) status—and their dependents—can come to the United Kingdom and potentially receive citizenship, an offer that extends to an estimated three million Hongkongers.

July 4

Several books written by pro-democracy activists, including Joshua Wong, are reportedly removed from circulation at the public libraries pending an investigation into whether they violate the national security law.

July 6

Law enforcement agencies are given expansive new powers to enforce the national security legislation, including the ability to conduct warrant-less

searches, carry out online surveillance, intercept communications and require internet service providers to remove information.

Facebook, Google and Twitter say they are suspending the processing of any government requests for user data in Hong Kong, while TikTok announces it will quit operating in the city.

July 8

Beijing inaugurates its new headquarters for the Office for Safeguarding National Security in Hong Kong at the 33-story Metropark Hotel.

Education Minister Kevin Yeung bans students from singing, broadcasting or playing the protest anthem "Glory to Hong Kong" in schools because it contains political messages.

July 9

Hong Kong's constitutional affairs minister warns that the pro-democracy camp's election primaries may breach the new national security law, which outlaws obstruction of government duties. Several of the pro-democracy candidates had vowed to veto the government's budget and force democratic reforms demanded by protesters if they secured a majority of seats in the lawmaking body.

July 10

Police stage an overnight raid on the offices of the Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute, an independent pollster helping the pro-democracy opposition conduct a primary election. Police said they were responding to a citizen's report that the pollster's computers had been hacked, prompting a suspected data leak of personal information.

July 14

The New York Times announces that it is relocating its Hong Kong-based digital news operation to Seoul after challenges securing work permits and amid concerns over "new era under tightened Chinese rule."

President Donald Trump signs a law to sanction individuals and banks deemed to have aided the erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy and approves an executive order ending the preferential economic treatment that Hong Kong has enjoyed. China's foreign ministry says Beijing will impose retaliatory sanctions.

July 21

While clearing out a demonstration in a mall that violated coronavirus restrictions, police arrest District Councilor Rayman Chow on suspicion of breaching the national security legislation. He reportedly held a banner featuring banned protest slogans, including "Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our times."

July 25

At least 10 candidates from the democracy camp, including activist Joshua Wong, receive questions from electoral officers reviewing their eligibility. The

candidates are asked to clarify their stances on issues like the national security law and sanctions.

July 28

Long-time pro-democracy campaigner Benny Tai is fired from his post as associate law professor at the University of Hong Kong, sparking fears for academic freedom. In a statement about the dismissal, the university did not name Tai and only cited termination for "good cause." The firing overruled the university's senate, which found Tai had committed misconduct that did not warrant firing. Tai is currently appealing a 16-month jail sentence related to the Occupy Central with Love and Peace campaign he co-founded in 2014.

July 29

Police arrest four people aged 16-21 on suspicion of inciting secession in what appears to be the first such arrests outside of street demonstrations. At a press conference, a senior superintendent of the newly established national security department says the students are suspected of involvement in an online group supporting Hong Kong independence.

July 30

A dozen opposition candidates are disqualified from seeking election, including four incumbent lawmakers widely considered to be moderates. The grounds given include advocating for Hong Kong's independence, soliciting foreign interference, expressing objection in principle to the national security law and vowing to indiscriminately vote down government proposals.

July 31

Lau Siu-kai, vice-president of a Beijing-aligned think tank, tells Hong Kong's public broadcaster RTHK that Beijing was behind the banning of the 12 election candidates in order "to prevent hostile forces from taking over" the city's legislature.

Director of public prosecutions David Leung resigns from his post and reportedly reveals in an email to colleagues that he was sidelined from decisions related to the national security law.

All four students arrested under the national security law are granted bail and ordered by police to remove messages from a Facebook group allegedly pledging support for a "Republic of Hong Kong."

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam postpones the city's Sept. 6 elections for one year citing the severity of the resurgent coronavirus outbreak. At a press conference, she announces that she asked the Central Government in Beijing to determine what will happen to the Legislative Council in the gap before the poll can be called. Critics call the delay a "naked election manipulation" and accuse the government of using the public health crisis as an excuse to avoid a repeat of the district council polls last year when the opposition won 86% of seats up for grabs.

Chinese state media reports that Hong Kong police have ordered arrest warrants for six “troublemakers” overseas on suspicion of violating the national security law, including Nathan Law and U.S. citizen Samuel Chu.



An article by Krystina Skurk titled “4 French Revolution Trends That Have Started in the United States” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 31, 2020. Following is the article.

Many recently celebrated Bastille Day, the day French radical revolutionaries stormed a prison, released its prisoners, and brutally murdered the warden. That fateful day, now more than 200 years ago, set in motion a revolution that led to bloodshed and a devastating loss of liberty in France. It also set the precedent for many future revolutions that took an unbelievable toll on human life.

Contemporary British politician Edmund Burke lamented that French Revolutionaries could have repaired the walls of their government and society instead of tearing them down. In an attempt to found an egalitarian utopia, the French Revolutionaries tore down almost everything that was traditionally French. An eerily similar purge is taking place in America.

To found their society anew, the French Revolutionaries created a new education system, a new calendar, a new system of measurement, and a series of new public symbols and festivals. Most forebodingly, they did their best to cleanse France of religion in all of its forms, opting instead to pay homage to the god of Reason.

1. Taking Control of the Calendar and Holidays

The new “French Calendar” the Revolutionaries used in place of old the Gregorian calendar deliberately left out the Sabbath as well as religious holidays. In a preview of the self-centered nature of modern radical leftists, the French Calendar reset French history to the start of the Revolution—essentially labeling it “Year One.”

Today, *The New York Times’s* 1619 Project attempts to do the same historical trick in rebooting America’s “true founding” to the date the first black slaves arrived in Virginia.

Now, there are calls to cancel Independence Day, change the name of Thanksgiving to “Thanks-taking,” and eliminate Columbus Day. Presidents Day, which is George Washington’s birthday, may also be on life-support, considering the Berkeley Unified School District announced that it will rename schools named after George Washington and Thomas Jefferson because the two former presidents owned slaves.

But don’t worry, new holidays such as “Non-Binary Day” are being ginned up, and Google Calendar now warns us when Black History Month and Women’s History Month begin.

Leftist cancellations haven’t stopped at renaming institutions and holidays, but have also aimed at brand names, theme park rides, classic movies, television

shows, and even innocuous titles like “master bedroom.” Recently there was a boycott against Goya foods because its CEO praised President Trump.

2. Tearing Down Statues

All across the country statues of American historical figures have lost their heads. In Boston, a statue of Christopher Columbus was beheaded, as were four Confederate statues in Portsmouth Virginia. A George Washington statue in Washington Park was vandalized and a white hood was placed on his head. Another George Washington statue in Portland, Oregon was toppled with a burning American flag draped over it.

Statue toppling is only the most visible sign of the cultural genocide that has been taking place for decades. Since the 1960s more Americans have rejected our founding principles and replaced them with radical utopian abstractions.

Instead of celebrating a nation built on equality, freedom, self-government, and a limited constitutional government, those on the left have taught an alternative history. In their telling, America has been racist from the start. The insinuation is that since racism is in America’s very DNA, there is no cure. Thus, the need for a new founding based on enigmatic utopian ideals.

3. Seizing Language and Education

It’s a dark omen when language itself starts to be canceled. Classic children’s books are being banned because some on the left don’t like their language. The North American Scrabble Players Association has recently announced it is canceling certain offensive words from the game.

People may not be burning books, but the National Public Radio station has exhorted Americans to “decolonize” their bookshelves. Truly, the current neo-Marxist movement enveloping the nation has done more to attack and stifle freedom of speech than Joseph McCarthy ever did in the height of the Red Scare of the 1950s.

More and more, our public schools are ceasing to be places of genuine learning but are quickly becoming boot camps in activism. Instead of being taught civics, children are learning about “antiracism,” “white privilege,” and political agitation.

Likewise, French Revolutionaries took control of schooling and replaced it with their own.

Recently, New York City schools sent out a letter affirming the existence of systemic racism and assuring parents the school district will work to “dismantle institutional racism.”

The email goes on to recommend resources that teach children police are targeting nonwhite people and that there is systemic racial bias in education, media, employment government, and the criminal justice system.

A large school district in North Carolina created a website that provides “racial equity” resources for teachers and parents. The site instructs those wishing to be racially affirming allies to first do so by recognizing privilege and how to utilize social capital to promote equity and social justice.

Finally, and most disturbingly, material for the 1619 Project is being taught in at least 3,500 schools nationwide, teaching children America's founding ideals were a lie when they were written and the United States has never recovered from slavery and racism.

4. Violent Hostility Towards Religion

To say the French Revolution was hostile towards religion is an understatement. Church property was nationalized, tithing was outlawed, church authorities were made employees of the state, and 30,000 priests were exiled.

To confuse Christians so they wouldn't be able to figure out which day was Sunday, a new ten-day week was implemented. In what became known as the September Massacres, three bishops and more than 200 priests were murdered by mobs.

Traditional religion in the United States has also come under attack by the modern radical left. And, while things haven't yet got to the level of the French Revolution, the current anti-Christian climate does not bode well for the future.

During the first weeks of the riots, for example, St. John's Church, a historic house of worship near the White House, was set on fire. The media erupted in anger when police cleared the streets in front of the church so President Trump could pose in front of it holding a Bible.

In response, the D.C. mayor renamed the area "Black Lives Matter Plaza" and painted the slogan over the road. The area has become a hub for Black Lives Matter activists.

There also have been repeated attempts to establish a "Black House Autonomous Zone" in the area. The area has developed its own religious feel, with multiple murals and tributes to George Floyd and others considered martyrs by the group.

Suffering the same fate as many of America's founders and heroes, religious statues have been torn down as well.

Black Lives Matter commentator Shaun King has stated depicting Jesus Christ as a white man is evidence of white supremacy.

Churches have been vandalized, a Florida man drove his vehicle into a church, a statue of the Virgin Mary was torched in Boston, and at a Tennessee parish, a statue of Mary was beheaded.

Because their pastor spoke out against the rioting in the streets, churchgoers in Troy, New York were verbally harassed by Black Lives Matter protesters as they entered Grace Baptist Church.

We're Not Down the Drain Yet

In the meantime, despite facing the threat of physical violence, some brave Americans continue to stand up against this neo-Marxist cultural revolution.

In Washington D.C., when protesters wanted to tear down the Emancipation Statue, elder black activists showed up to protect it. They stood against the

screaming hordes, representing a former generation, one ruled by reason and wisdom instead of rage.

In Ventura, California, a small group of brave Catholics stood against a mob to protect a statue of Saint Junipero Serra. As the small band surrounded the statue, they were surrounded by more than 200 protesters intent on tearing the statue down. The protectors stood strong, prayed the rosary amid taunts, threats, and even acts of violence. When one protester riled the crowd into a frenzy and led a rush on the statue, Serra's defenders closed ranks around the pedestal and defended it.

In another instance of bravery, when every player from the Giants and Dodgers knelt before the National Anthem to show solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement before playing their first game of the season, one player decided to stand. San Francisco Giants pitcher Sam Coonrod refused to kneel because of his faith and because he knows what the Black Lives Matter movement truly represents.

This one player who decided to stand is the one we should focus on, and is the sort of citizen we should praise. His courage and strength show that remnants of an old American spirit still exist, and that hope remains for our great republic.

Americans recklessly wishing to continue following in the footsteps of France should remember Burke's caution that the abolition of all history and tradition is a recipe for disaster. Future generations will understand what our nation eventually decides to honor by what statues replace the many that have been torn down.



"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 Bassem Mroue and Zeina Karam titled "Massive Beirut Blast Kills More Than 70, Injures Thousands" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 4, 2020.
 - An article by Campbell MacDonald titled "Beirut Explosions: Blast Detonated 2,750 Tons of Chemicals" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 4, 2020.
 - An article by Bassem Mroue, Zeina Karam and Sarah El Deer titled "Negligence Probed in Deadly Beirut Blast Amid Public Anger" was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 5, 2020.
 - An article by Adela Suliman, Yuliya, Charlene Gubash, Tim Stelloh, Mustafa Kassem, Courtney Kube and Mosheh Gains titled "'Catastrophe' in Beirut: Death Toll Rises, 200,000 Homeless As Blast Leaves City in Disarray" was posted at nbcnews.com on Aug. 5, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Andrea Shalal titled "Trump Security Adviser [Robert O'Brien] Warns Against Foreign Military Involvement in Libya" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 4, 2020.

- An article by James Pasley titled "Russia Is Aiming for An Approved COVID-19 Vaccine in the Next Fortnight to Portray Itself As a Global Science Leader, But There Are Major Concerns Over a Lack of Data and Testing" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on July 31, 2020.
- An article by Tyler Dawson titled "Saudi: 'Tiger Squad' Assassins Tried to Enter Canada to Kill Dissident Saad Aljabri: U.S. Lawsuit" was posted at [nationalpost.com](https://www.nationalpost.com) on Aug. 6, 2020.
- An article by Warren P. Strobel, Michael R. Gordon and Felicia Schwartz titled "Saudi Arabia, With China's Help, Expands Its Nuclear Program" was posted at [wsj.com](https://www.wsj.com) on Aug. 4, 2020.
- An article by Clifford Lo, Kanis Leung and Stewart Lau titled "National Security Law: Hong Kong Police Seek Activist Nathan Law and 5 Others for Inciting Secession and Collusion, Insiders Say" was posted at [scmp.com](https://www.scmp.com) on Aug. 1, 2020.
- An article titled "China Suspends HK Extradition Treaty With New Zealand" was posted at [afp.com](https://www.afp.com) on Aug. 3, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Yanni Chow and Jessie Pang titled "Joshua Wong and Other Hong Kong Activists Charged Over Banned June 4 Vigil" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Aug. 6, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Panu Wongcha-Um titled "Mekong Nations [China, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam] Pressed to Share Data As Water Level Falls to New Low [Due to Reduced Rainfall and the Operation of 13 Mekong Hydropower Dams—11 in China and 2 in Laos]" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Aug. 6, 2020.
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- An article by Sophia Ankel titled "Australia's Second-Biggest City [Melbourne] Has Implemented a Curfew and Barred People From Going More Than 3 Miles Away From Home After a Spike in Coronavirus Infections" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 2, 2020.
- An article by Shawn Langlois titled "One of the World's 'Most Livable' Cities [Melbourne, Australia] Just Went Into Full Lockdown Mode As Coronavirus Cases Spike" was posted at [marketwatch.com](https://www.marketwatch.com) on Aug. 3, 2020.
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- A Reuters article titled "Singapore to Make Travelers Wear Electronic Tags to Enforce Quarantine" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Aug. 3, 2020.
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- A Reuters article titled “In U-Turn, Finland to Recommend Remote Working After COVID-19 Surge” was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 5, 2020.
- An article by Foreign Staff titled “Mexican Army Arrests Drug Lord in Losing Battle Against Increasingly Violent Cartels” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 2, 2020.
- An article by Patrick J. McDonnell titled “A Cartel War Has Transformed Once-Tranquil Guanajuato Into One of Mexico’s Deadliest States” was posted at latimes.com on Aug. 2, 2020.
- An article by Khrysgiana Pineda titled “Miner Who Discovered the Largest Tanzanite Gems Ever Has Now Found a Third—And It’s Worth Millions” was posted at usatoday.com on Aug. 4, 2020.



An article by Margot Cleveland titled “8 Democrat Myths William Barr Debunked Between Deliberate Interruptions” was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 3, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

When Attorney General William Barr testified before the House Judiciary Committee last Tuesday [July 28], Democrats’ rhetorical questions reinforced eight falsehoods previously peddled by left-wing media.

Notwithstanding these attempts to prevent Barr from setting the record straight, the attorney general dismantled much of the fake news that has made headlines over the last two months.

- Myth 1: Barr overruled prosecutors’ sentencing recommendation for Roger Stone because of a Donald Trump tweet.
- Myth 2: Barr dropped the case against Flynn because he was Trump’s friend.
- Myth 3: Barr fired an acting U.S. attorney for investigating Trump associates.
- Myth 4: Barr punished Michael Cohen but rewarded Paul Manafort.
- Myths 5, 6: Barr used tear gas to clear out peaceful protesters for a photo op for Trump.
- Myth 7: Portland is just a bunch of peaceful protesters.
- Myth 8: The DOJ is sending federal agents to cities to bolster Trump’s reelection bid.

While Democrats on the committee hit Barr with a scattershot of other criticisms, none of those complaints hit their target either. Instead, Barr batted away falsehood after falsehood, and all within a fraction of the speaking time the Democrats controlled via their “reclaim my time” ploy.



An article by Bernard Goldberg titled "Afraid to Speak Your Mind? Maybe We're Not As 'Free As We Think'" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 5, 2020. Following is the article.

It is accepted wisdom that we live in a free country. Every kid in grade school learns that.

We have a free, if flawed, press. Even with the virus, we're pretty much free to assemble; peaceful protest is legal. We can worship if we want, or we don't have to if we don't want. And, of course, we have the right to vote.

So why would anyone even seriously question whether we live in a free country? Because, in reality, we're not nearly as free as we'd like to think.

Afraid to voice opinions

Just because we still have free-speech rights doesn't mean we feel free to exercise those rights, to say what's on our minds. What if we're afraid to voice our opinions? Are we still free then?

Which brings us to a new study by the Cato Institute.

Let's start with this—about how a majority of Americans are so afraid of what could happen to them if they express an unpopular opinion. Nearly two out of every three Americans (62 percent) say the political climate these days prevents them from saying things they believe—because they're worried that others might find their opinions offensive.

Right from the moment we won the revolution and sent the British packing, we've liked to think of ourselves as a courageous, tough people. Fear was not part of who we were.

Across party lines

Yet now, two out of three of us are afraid to say what's on our minds, not because a dictator might lock us up but because someone's feelings might be hurt. Welcome to America 2020.

Cato says this fear crosses party lines.

- It is reported that 52 percent of Democrats have opinions they're afraid to share.
- It is reported that 59 percent of independents feel that way.
- It is reported that a staggering 77 percent of Republicans feel that way.

Losing livelihood

And what might happen, they fear, is that if they say the "wrong" thing, they might get fired and lose their livelihoods—Cato found that one in three Amer-

icans (32 percent) who work say they're worried about missing out on career opportunities, or losing their jobs, if their political opinions became known.

Given the political climate these days, Americans may have good reason to be afraid. But whatever this is, it's not tough and it's not courageous; it's not who we like to think we are.

Okay to fire

Here are some other numbers that should worry all of us.

■ It is reported that 36 percent of Americans who identify as "strong conservatives" think it's okay to fire an executive for donating his or her own money to Joe Biden's presidential campaign. Self-described "strong conservatives"—the very people railing against the cancel culture—think it's okay to fire an executive simply for donating personal money to Biden's campaign.

If you think that's bad—and it is—consider this the following.

■ It is reported that 50 percent of those who identify as "strong liberals" say it's okay to fire executives who personally donate money to President Trump's reelection campaign.

Self-censor

"Taking these results together indicates that a significant majority of Americans with diverse political views and backgrounds self-censor their political opinions," according to Cato.

"This large number from across demographic groups suggests withheld opinions may not simply be radical or fringe perspectives in the process of being socially marginalized. Instead, many of these opinions may be shared by a large number of people. Opinions so widely shared are likely shaping how people think about salient policy issues and ultimately impacting how they vote. But if people feel they cannot discuss these important policy matters, such views will not have an opportunity to be scrutinized, understood, or reformed."

This is the America we live in.

Not yet like Marxist countries

As a correspondent for CBS News for many years, I traveled to many countries, including authoritarian countries such as China and the old Soviet Union.

As a general rule, people in places like that aren't likely to share their opinions. There are consequences for holding the "wrong" opinions; you can get into serious trouble if you have "unacceptable" ideas.

No, I'm not suggesting that the United States is like China or the old Soviet Union, where having an unpopular opinion might get you a train ride to a "re-education" camp or a jail cell in the gulag.

Curtailing own speech

But I am suggesting the obvious—People in a free country shouldn't be afraid to say what's on their minds.

But it looks like a majority of us are.

The government hasn't taken steps to curtail free speech. Not yet, anyway. And there may not be a need to do so—A majority of Americans are censoring themselves.



An article by Craig Bannister titled "Candace Owens: 'Coronavirus Is the Greatest Rigging of An American Election That Has Ever Taken Place' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 5, 2020. Following is the article.

"We are all unwitting participants" in "the greatest rigging of an election" ever, conservative commentator Candace Owens said Tuesday.

"Coronavirus is the greatest rigging of an American election that has ever taken place—and we are all unwitting participants," Owens declared in a tweet of video from her interview with The Daily Caller.

Owens argued that the Left is using the pandemic to hide both their true policies and presidential candidate while preventing President Donald Trump from holding campaign events to tout his policies.

In addition, the Left is using the coronavirus to push for mail-in voting, "which allows for tons of rigging," Owens said the following.

- "This is the greatest rigging of an American election that we are all playing a part in right now."

- "We don't see the candidates, right. The candidates are not allowed to travel. They can't talk about their policies. Who knows? They're already saying now at The New York Times that there might not be a debate."

"The Left is completely hiding their campaign. That is their strategy: 'We're going to hide Joe Biden so you never have to meet him. And, at the same time, we're going to tell the current president that he can't travel—but, if he does any events, if he has a room full of people, that it's all dangerous and against safety measures and it's not right!'"

- "Then, you have them talking about mail-in voting, which we know is corrupt. We know it's corruptible. We know that it allows for tons of rigging."

Another way the Left is seeking to rig the election is by shutting down the U.S. economy, thus making Americans dependent on Socialist policies, Owens said.

- "Now, they've crashed the economy and forced a ton of people that maybe would have considered some conservative voting, if they had a job, their lives were together."

- “Well, now they’re relying of the Left’s Socialist system. They’re relying on stimulus checks. And, that means they’re going to be more inclined to vote for someone who has more Socialist perspective.”
- “They’re not allowed to work, right? So that naturally puts them out of the category of voting that they maybe would’ve been in if things had been normal, right?”
- “So, we see all this stuff happening and we’re supposed to think that November is not being impacted by all of this. Of course it is.”



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled “Charles Barkley Channels John Lewis, Defies NBA’s Good\$ Trouble” was posted at outkick.com on July 30, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

On the night of the NBA’s return, Charles Barkley delivered the most defiant and courageous gesture.

Shortly after members of the Pelicans and Jazz uniformly kneeled during the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner, Barkley opined:

“The thing is, the national anthem means different things to different people. I’m glad these guys are all unified, but if people don’t kneel, they’re not a bad person. I want to make that perfectly clear. I’m glad they had unity, but if we have a guy that doesn’t want to kneel or the anthem means something to him, he should not be vilified.”

Barkley’s utterance took far more courage than the donning of Black Lives Matter T-shirts, the equality slogans stitched on the back of jerseys and the orchestrated knee bending in deference to Black Lives Marxist.

- BLM does not scare or defy the establishment. BLM is the establishment.
- It’s corporate-mandated civil obedience.
- It’s commercial goods trouble. As in the global sellers of commercial goods—Nike, for instance—promote BLM trouble as a way to resist President Trump’s isolationist, America First agenda.

Good\$ trouble is the bastard child of Civil Rights icon John Lewis’ good trouble, the 1960s-style civil disobedience that fought America’s discriminatory laws.

In an effort to protect global expansion and global revenue streams, corporate America and Big Tech have mandated allegiance to Black Lives Matter. LeBron James, Adam Silver, Roger Goodell, the NFL and Major League Baseball have embraced BLM because their corporate sponsors have demanded it.

There’s no risk or courage involved in taking a knee in 2020. The disobedience and rebellion will be shown by the athlete, coach, executive or media member willing to defy his/her corporate overlord.

On the set of Inside the NBA last night, Charles Barkley flirted with civil disobedience.

Corporate America wants anyone who fails to obey its BLM mandate framed as a racist or a sellout. Thursday night Big Tech's social media apps accused Barkley of tap dancing for The Man.

Who's The Man? Nike's Phil Knight? Twitter's Jack Dorsey? Amazon's Jeff Bezos? Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg? Oh, that's right. President Trump is The Man.

The understanding of the world's problems have been simplified to the point that anything that opposes Trump is classified as good\$ trouble.

Only an unabashed Trump supporter would question the righteousness of the fraudulent Black Lives Matter movement.

What about those of us who have legitimate concerns about BLM's ties to Marxism, stated agenda to disrupt the nuclear family and its singular focus on the very rare instances of black lives lost to white police misconduct?

- There are some good people who have sincere religious faith who recognize Marxism is hostile to religion and religious freedom.
- There are some good people who believe strong nuclear families are the best weapon against the negative impact of racism.
- There are some good people who believe preventing the pervasive gang violence that takes innocent black lives on a daily basis should be a higher priority than preventing the police brutality that occasionally harms a resisting suspect.
- There are good people who believe it's unwise to turn the national anthem into the national polarization.
- There are good people concerned that a lack of national pride will eventually undo all the good accomplished and racial progress made in this country.

Good people love America and want to preserve the anthem as a moment of unity.

- Some good people are not obsessed with Donald Trump. They believe America's founding principles—the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution—limit any president's ability to permanently damage the United States of America.

And you know what?

- Some good people think President Trump's America First agenda is exactly what this country needs at this moment. They believe our culture has too much foreign influence and that American corporations with global aspirations could not care less about the average American citizen.
- Some good people see BLM for what it is—a beard masking major corporations' pursuit of foreign dollars.

Corporate-approved slogans and gestures don't end racism. They serve the interests of corporate deception.

Decades ago, Big Tobacco baked cigarette smoking into American culture the way Big Tech is melding BLM into sports, movies and academia.

That's why I call LeBron James the new Marlboro Man and national kneeling Good\$ Trouble.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled "Jonathan Isaac [22-Year-Old Black NBA Player] Stands for God While His BLM Critics Burn Bibles and Feign Confusion" was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 1, 2020. Following is the article.

Jonathan Isaac nor his critics are difficult to understand.

The 22-year-old Orlando Magic big man refuses to separate his religious faith from his actions or his interpretation of the Black Lives Matter movement. Isaac believes the blood of Jesus Christ shed at His crucifixion absolves sin and acceptance and practice of His Gospel is the most effective way for humans to combat sin, including racism.

That's why Isaac stood for the national anthem Friday [July 31] night before the Magic played the Nets. That's why Isaac shunned wearing a BLM T-shirt during pregame festivities.

Jonathan Isaac believes in the power of the Gospel.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

- Casual supporters of BLM do not believe in the goal of doing all things through Christ.
- Ardent supporters of BLM do not believe in Christ.
- The casual and ardent supporters of BLM agree that God, Jesus Christ and the Gospel have nothing to do with the current social justice movement.

Bleacher Report's Taylor Rooks asked Isaac to explain the connection between kneeling in protest of racism and religious faith. The American media is so awash in secular values that Isaac's desire to funnel his behavior through the lens of "What Would Jesus Want Me To Do?" is baffling.

Isaac sounded like an alien to Rooks. His explanation struck many of his athletic peers the same way.

Longtime NBA player and Lakers reserve Jared Dudley summarized the position of many athletes, tweeting [on July 31]: "Every person is entitled to their own opinions but I disagree with him, especially as a Christian man myself. This movement has very little to do with religion, but more to do with equality, police brutality and social injustice for Black people. Together unified we are at our strongest!"

According to Dudley, BLM has very little to do with religion.

- The truth is, BLM has NOTHING to do with religion.
- Its founders are trained Marxist, a political theory hostile to all religions.
- Friday night in Portland, BLM supporters burned Bibles outside a federal courthouse.

Jonathan Isaac believes the path to justice runs through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Supporters of BLM believe justice can be achieved through social media outrage, slogans on T-shirts, kneeling during the national anthem and the prioritization of a specific skin-color-related sin above all else.

Supporters of BLM think Jesus and principles consistent with religious faith are optional in the pursuit of fairness. Actually they argue that religion is a hindrance to the justice they seek. That's why they torched Bibles in Portland. You can't fully embrace Karl Marx's political theory and submit to a Higher Power. Socialism, communism and the government are the higher power.

I am a sinner. The best version of myself is only achieved when I lean into my Christian faith. When I don't lean into my relationship with God, you'll find me engaging in lustful activities that have very little to do with religion.

My way or Jonathan Isaac's way of combating sin does not have to be everyone's way. But let's not pretend that what Isaac professed is complex.

"My life has been supported through the Gospel," Isaac explained following Friday's game. "Everyone is made in God's image and we all fall short of God's glory. Each and everyone of us do things every day that we shouldn't do. We say things we shouldn't do. We shouldn't hate or dislike. Sometimes it gets to a point where we point fingers whose evil is worse. Sometimes it comes down to whose evil is most visible. I felt like I wanted to take a stand on, 'We all make mistakes,' but the Gospel says there is Grace for us.

"If we all come to an understanding of that and God wants to have a relationship with us, we can get past all the things that are messed up and jacked up. When you look around, racism isn't the only thing that plagues our society, that plagues our nation and plagues our world. I feel like coming together that we want to get past not only racism but everything that plagues our society is the Gospel."

Isaac's message is simple: Submission to God's will is the solution to our problems, including racism. Black Lives Matter is not a suitable replacement for Christian faith. What BLM advocates is inconsistent with the word of God.

Supporters of BLM know this. They will feign confusion over Isaac's message and/or pretend that Christianity empowers racial injustice.

Think it through. Jonathan Isaac stood and bowed his head in prayer during the national anthem hoping to glorify Jesus Christ. LeBron James said he took a knee and wore a BLM T-shirt hoping to make Colin Kaepernick proud.

Jesus or Kap. Even for non-believers, it should be an easy choice.



An article by CNSnews Staff titled "Herschel Walker: 'Don't Change Us Into' Russia, China or North Korea" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Aug. 4, 2020. Following is the article.

College Football Hall of Fame running back Herschel Walker sent out a tweet on July 22 remarking on the difference between Russia, China and North Korea and the United States of America.

"If you go to Russia, China, or North Korea, and decided you wanted to change their flag, anthem, and way of life...You'd probably be locked up and never seen again," said Walker.

"But you can come to the USA & have your freedom of speech, so don't change us into them," he said.



An article by Walter Williams titled "Tyranny's First Battlefield" was posted at [jewishworldreview.com](https://www.jewishworldreview.com) on Aug. 5, 2020. Following is the article.

There is very little new under the sun.

The monument and statue destruction that we are witnessing has been witnessed in other times and other places. A tyrant's first battlefield is to rewrite history.

Most notable were the political purges of Joseph Stalin.

The Soviet government erased figures from Soviet history by renaming cities—such as the Imperial capital of St. Petersburg to Petrograd and Lenin-grad and Stalingrad—and eradicating memories of czarist rule.

Stalin's historical revisions also included changing photographs and history books, thereby distorting children's learning within educational establishments.

Leaders of ISIS and the Taliban have called the recent U.S. trend of angry mobs destroying statues "inspiring but a bit amateur," and agreed to send advisers to Antifa and other far-left groups on how to erase historical artifacts.

"Destroying all art, culture and history from previous eras is obviously constructive," said ISIS leader Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi. "But they've got to do it in a more dramatic way. We beheaded statues with a sword. The Taliban blew up ancient Buddhas with dynamite. Tying a statue to a truck and dragging it down just doesn't have the same dramatic effect."

Most of the effort to rewrite American history has its roots among the intellectual elite on our college campuses whose message has been sold to predominantly white college students who have little understanding of how they

are being used. Much of their current focus is on tearing down statues and changing names that they deem offensive.

They have denounced George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. Without much understanding of history, they have demanded that Princeton University remove the name of Woodrow Wilson, who was a progressive, from its public policy school and residential college. Some are urging Yale University to change its name because its benefactor Elihu Yale was a slave trader.

To purge our society of names associated with evil is going to be quite a task.

I suggest that we set up a formal commission to deal with this formidable challenge. Maybe we can name it the Commission to Eliminate Bad Memories. There are some challenging issues.

What should be done about our nation's capital, Washington and District of Columbia? After all, George Washington owned slaves, and Columbia is the feminine form of Columbus.

Speaking of Washington, its football team, the Washington Redskins, has finally agreed to temporarily call themselves Washington Football Team until they can find a snazzier name.

Renaming things is a big job. Our military has several fighting aircraft named with what today's tyrants might consider racial slights, such as the Apache, Iroquois, Kiowa, Lakota and Mescalero.

Perhaps offensive to PETA, we also have military hardware named after animals, such as the Eagle, Falcon, Raptor, Cobra and Dolphin.

Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune wrote, "Now that Washington's NFL team has announced its 'retirement' of the racial slur that has been its brand name since 1933, I am tempted to gloat a little."

In response to Page's article, there is an email making the internet rounds that raises naming issues. What about the Kansas City Chiefs, the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians?

The New York Yankees might offend Southerners because there is no team named for the Confederacy. Some people, particularly Catholics, might be offended by or deem it sacrilegious to have sports teams named the New Orleans Saints, the Los Angeles Angels or the San Diego Padres.

Then what about team names that glorify savage barbarians and criminals who raped and pillaged such as Oakland Raiders, Minnesota Vikings, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Pittsburgh Pirates?

The New York Giants and the San Francisco Giants might be promoting obesity and the Milwaukee Brewers promoting alcoholism.

There is another naming issue that needs resolution. I have been working 40 years at George Mason University. Despite his monumental contributions,

such as our Bill of Rights, George Mason was a slave owner. Therefore, in keeping with the times, George Mason University is due for a name change.

How about Al Sharpton University, Jesse Jackson University or Black Lives Matter University? Does objection to these names make one a racist?



An article by Michael Brown titled "Then They Burned the Bibles" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 5, 2020. Following is the article.

It's no surprise that rioters in Portland burned Bibles this past weekend. As we've said for weeks now, the spirit behind the riots is the spirit of lawlessness. It is anti-God and anti-Christ, and that's why synagogues and churches have also been targets.

When it comes to the Bible, for some, it is the ultimate symbol of oppression. Of religious tyranny. Of abusive authority.

It is the evil book on which America was founded, and it should be burned, along with the American flag. It is racist, homophobic, and misogynist. It supports genocide and apartheid, and it the divinely-sanctioned manual for slave owners. To the flames!

Such is the mentality of the radical left, as reflected in groups like Antifa and BLM (speaking, again, of the organization, in distinction from the truth that black lives matter).

The words of Ian Miles Cheong, managing editor of Human Events, have been widely quoted since the Bible burning incident. He tweeted the following.

■ "I don't know what burning the Bible has to do with protesting against police brutality."

■ "Do not be under the illusion that these protests and riots are anything but an attempt to dismantle all of Western Civilization and upend centuries of tradition and freedom of religion."

Yes, it is beyond ludicrous to suggest that the burning of Bibles has any connection at all to the death of George Floyd, himself a professing Christian. And it is ridiculous to think there is any real connection between the Bible and police brutality.

There is something else that is animating these rioters and, as we have argued before, it is not from above but from below.

And, just as an ideological line can be traced from Saul Alinsky to the leadership of BLM, an ideological line can be traced from Alinsky to Satan.

In Alinsky's own words (in the acknowledgment section of his Rules for Radicals): "Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who

is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins—or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom—Lucifer.”

Even if this was done entirely tongue in cheek, it is noteworthy that the one Alinsky chose to praise as the first rebel is Lucifer, while God is characterized as “the establishment.” Could he have made himself any clearer? (Interestingly, Alinsky was raised as an Orthodox Jew but left Judaism entirely rather than become a rabbi.)

What we are seeing, then, in these riots, is ultimately an attempt to cast off the rulership of God. In the words of the rebellious kings in Psalms 2 (speaking against the Lord and the Davidic monarch who ruled over them): “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles” (Psalm 2:3). We will not have God rule over us!

That’s why Bibles are being burned. It is an open expression of hostility to the Judeo-Christian God and Judeo-Christian values. It is the thumbing of the nose to divine authority. It is overt rebellion.

A July 31 article in *The Federalist* by Krystina Skurk, was titled “4 French Revolution Trends That Have Started In The United States.” Trend #4 was, “Violent Hostility Towards Religion.”

She wrote, “To say the French Revolution was hostile towards religion is an understatement. Church property was nationalized, tithing was outlawed, church authorities were made employees of the state, and 30,000 priests were exiled . . .

“Traditional religion in the United States has also come under attack by the modern radical left. And, while things haven’t yet got to the level of the French Revolution, the current anti-Christian climate does not bode well for the future.”

To be sure, there was much in the traditional religion of France that needed reform. It is also true that the Bible has often been misused by religious leaders for their own fleshly purposes.

But the Bible itself has had made an incredibly positive impact on the world.

(See, for example, “Vishal Mangalwadi’s *This Book Changed Everything: The Bible’s Amazing Impact on Our World*.”)

And when rightly applied, the Bible’s principles have liberated women, slaves, and other oppressed groups.

(See, for example, Rodney Stark’s “The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force in the Western World in a Few Centuries”).

And it is easy to respond to the charges raised against the ethics of the Bible. (See, for example, Amy Orr Ewing, *Is the Bible Intolerant? Sexist? Oppressive? Homophobic? Outdated? Irrelevant?*)

The fact is that the same spirit that animates violence and vandalism is the same spirit that animates setting church buildings and Bibles on fire.

That's why I tweeted on August 1, "First they burned the federal buildings, then they burned the churches, now they're burning Bibles. Rather than asking 'What is next?' we should ask, 'Who is next?'"

Let the reader be warned.



An article by Victor Garcia titled "Karl Rove Slams Clyburn, Media Over 'Ridiculous' Suggestion Trump Won't Leave Office After [Potential] Election Loss" was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 6, 2020. Following is an excerpt from the article.

The suggestion that President Trump will "barricade himself in the West Wing" if he loses his bid for reelection is "ridiculous" and "absurd," Fox News contributor Karl Rove said Wednesday on "Hannity."

"These people ought to be ashamed of themselves," Rove said. "I mean, talk about stirring up emotion and fearmongering."

The former deputy White House chief of staff under George W. Bush was commenting on a montage of commentators raising the possibility that Trump would have to be forcibly removed from office should he be defeated in November.



Looking back to July, an article by Mollie Hemingway titled "It Is Resistance, Not Trump, That Needs to Learn to Accept Election Results" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 28, 2020. Following is the article.

The media and Democrats have returned to their pre-2016 election talking point that Donald Trump won't accept election results. But after nearly four years of refusing to accept their defeat in the last presidential election, it is they and other members of the Resistance who must commit to accepting election results that don't go their way.

Syria and abortion

The final 2016 debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump gave voters much to think about. That was the night Clinton admitted that she was willing to engage in a proxy war with Russia in Syria.

For his part, Trump highlighted Clinton's radical support of abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, a charge she could not deny.

Election hypothetical

But media coverage in the days that followed focused almost exclusively on Trump's response to a question posed by moderator Chris Wallace, a Fox News host.

Asked if he would “absolutely accept the result of this election,” Trump said—and you may want to sit down for this one—“I will look at it at the time.”

For context, Trump had been talking about election-rigging for months, made easier by the confirmation that Democrats had rigged their primary election against Bernie Sanders for Clinton. During the GOP primary, Trump tended to complain about rigging in contests he lost.

In his debate answer, Trump expressed concern about how the media corruption might make the results unfair and about the lack of voter roll integrity. In the days prior to the debate, Clinton operatives had been caught favorably discussing vote fraud and instigating violence to shut down political events.

Media obsession

Seeking an anti-Trump narrative, the media agreed to make this the headline for the crucial next 72 hours of the closing days of the 2016 campaign.

It absolutely dominated print and TV news for the next three days.

- “Trump’s Shocking Answer On Respecting Election Results Is The Only Debate Moment That Matters,” *the Huffington Post’s* Jonathan Cohn dutifully wrote.
- *The Washington Post’s* Dana Milbank wrote that with his answer, “the crater blew off, leaving a gaping caldera where Trump’s presidential campaign once stood.”
- *The New York Times’* Gail Collins said of Trump’s response that it was “The Debate in One Scary Answer.”
- *The Washington Post’s* E.J. Dionne’s piece was headlined, “Unable to Control Himself, Trump Confirms Everyone’s Worst Fears.”
- *The Washington Post’s* Eugene Robinson said Trump “disqualified himself as a candidate for the nation’s highest office.”
- *The Atlantic’s* Peter Beinart wrote, “Trump’s Worst Answer Will Also Be His Downfall.”
- Michael Cohen of the *Boston Globe* said that Trump “undermines the legitimacy of our democracy.”
- Doyle McManus of the *Los Angeles Times* wrote, “If Trump continues to tell his followers that the election system is ‘rigged’ and accuses Hillary Clinton of stealing the White House on Nov. 8, the result could be months of chaos and years of bitterness.”

Everyone expecting Clinton win

Nate Silver said polls confirmed that Trump’s answer meant Clinton would “probably” win by an even bigger margin than she was already going to win by (she had a lead of about 7 percentage points over Trump going into the debate).

Cable news could talk about little other than Trump’s answer. It also got critical comments there. Charles Krauthammer said, “This was political suicide,” adding, “You don’t challenge the legitimacy of an election.”

Hillary Clinton was not asked whether she would accept a loss, an oversight that would soon prove significant.

Would accept “fair” results

Trump’s actual answers on the topic were more nuanced than his critics suggested. He said he would accept fair results but that he reserved the right to dispute any results he thought were unfair.

For whatever it’s worth, the now-deranged “Morning Joe” program ran a montage of prominent Democrats and journalists routinely talking about election theft regarding prior elections, which made the media hysteria over the comments seem even more unhinged.

Wallace pushback

The lengthier debate discussion was also full of interesting tidbits. After Trump’s initial response, Wallace pushed back.

WALLACE: But, sir, there is a tradition in this country—in fact, one of the prides of this country—is the peaceful transition of power and that no matter how hard-fought a campaign is, that at the end of the campaign that the loser concedes to the winner. Not saying that you’re necessarily going to be the loser or the winner, but that the loser concedes to the winner and that the country comes together in part for the good of the country. Are you saying you’re not prepared now to commit to that principle?

He was absolutely correct. No matter how hard-fought a contest, the losing side had been expected to accept defeat, set aside hard feelings, and give the victor time to put together a functioning government. After that was in place, the fights resumed.

Resistance initial reaction

Following Trump’s surprise victory, the Resistance obliterated that norm and tradition immediately.

Instead of a peaceful transition of power, the country endured horrific riots, efforts to tamper with the Electoral College, the beginning of a high-level coup attempt based on fraudulent Clinton campaign claims about Trump’s supposed collusion with Russia, and a refusal of nearly 70 Democratic lawmakers to witness the inauguration.

Collusion theory and impeachment plot

Following the inauguration, the Resistance continued to ruthlessly fight Trump’s administration of government and to perpetuate the false and damaging Russia collusion conspiracy theory, leading to a sprawling special counsel investigation.

When that ended in humiliating fashion for the Resistance with no evidence of collusion, they attempted to argue that Trump complaining about falsely being accused of being a traitor meant he had obstructed justice.

It went nowhere, particularly after the Special Counsel Robert Mueller revealed he had very little handle over the investigation he ostensibly led.

The resistance immediately launched an impeachment plot over something most people can't explain involving, perhaps, a phone call to Ukraine.

Media supported Clinton complaint

Whereas Trump was lambasted by the media in October 2016 for refusing to pre-emptively accept the integrity of results for an election that hadn't yet occurred, the media in no way held Democrats accountable for slaughtering this tradition that Wallace accurately called "one of the prides of this country."

That was almost certainly related to most of the media joining the Resistance in their years-long temper tantrum.

Clinton herself said that claims of election rigging are "horrifying," adding:

CLINTON: So that is not the way our democracy works. We've been around for 240 years. We've had free and fair elections. We've accepted the outcomes when we may not have liked them. And that is what must be expected of anyone standing on a debate stage during a general election.

Beginning immediately with her loss and for the next several years, Clinton would routinely claim the election had been "stolen" from her.

Wallace did an excellent job moderating the 2016 debate, but he later admitted he should have asked Clinton the same question he asked Trump.

Return to election-acceptance hysteria

Even after years of Clinton and other prominent Democrats falsely claiming that the 2016 election was stolen and otherwise refusing to accept the election results, the media are back to their old talking point.

This is all happening while prominent leftist voices are claiming that Trump is rigging the 2020 election.

■ *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman tweeted out an elaborate conspiracy theory that Trump could not win legitimately but might try to, well, steal the election.

■ MSNBC's John Heilemann said Trump is engaged in "a genuine attempt potentially through force to try to steal this election."

It would be funny if it weren't so infuriating. Actually, it's still funny, as the satirical news site *The Babylon Bee* showed with their article, "'Trump Might Not Accept The Results Of The 2020 Election,' Says Movement That Still Hasn't Accepted Results Of 2016 Election."

Given what they've put the country through since November 2016, the groups that need to be asked if they will accept an election loss in November 2020 are the media, Democrat politicians, and other Resistance activists.



“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.

Deficit

- An article by Frank Konkel titled “Annual Government Spending Approaches Historic Territory [Projected at \$600 Billion in Fiscal 2020]” was posted at nextgov.com on Aug. 5, 2020.
- An article by Rashaan Ayesh titled “Rand Paul: Republicans Should Apologize to Obama for Complaining About Spending” was posted at axios.com on Aug. 5, 2020.

Federal reserve

- An article by Rebecca Klar titled “Top Federal Reserve Official [Neel Kashkari, President of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank] Says U.S. Needs Another Lockdown to Save Economy” was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 3, 2020.

Finances

- A Reuters article by Lucia Mutikani titled “Motor Vehicles Power U.S. Factory Orders in June” was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 4, 2020.
- An article by Rachel Siegel titled “For the Unemployed, Rising Grocery Prices Stretch Budgets Even More” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Aug. 4, 2020.
- An article by Ed Komenda titled “Four Station Casinos Properties in Las Vegas May Never Reopen After Pandemic Closure” was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 5, 2020.
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- An article by Steve Milloy titled "Joe Biden's Green Dreams Are About Controlling You, Not the Climate" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Aug. 3, 2020.
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- An article by Matt Vespa titled "DC Mayor Calls on Businesses to Narc on Customers Not Following Mask Edict" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on July 31, 2020.
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- An article by Elizabeth Rosner titled "Hundreds Gather for Secret Rave Under NYC's Kosciuszko Bridge [in Brooklyn As Bars and Clubs Remained on Lockdown]" was posted at [nypost.com](https://www.nypost.com) on Aug. 3, 2020.
- An article by Jeremy Blum titled "250,000 Bikers to Attend South Dakota's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Despite COVID-19" was posted at [huffpost.com](https://www.huffpost.com) on Aug. 4, 2020.
- An article by Tom Tapp titled "[Los Angeles] Mayor Eric Garcetti Says DWP Will Shut Off Water and Power at Homes That Throw Large Parties" was posted at [deadline.com](https://www.deadline.com) on Aug. 5, 2020.
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Coronavirus and religion

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- An article titled "Growing Number of Faith Practitioners Vow Civil Disobedience to Hold Services During COVID Restrictions" was posted at foxnews.com on July 31, 2020.
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- An article by Christopher Bedford titled "[Washington] Post Ridicules Priest for Refusing to Abandon His Flock in a Pandemic, Then Getting Coronavirus" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 4, 2020.
- An article by James Crump titled "Priest Who Blasted 'Lukewarm' Congregants [in Washington, D.C.] for Not Coming to Mass Over Coronavirus Fears Gets Covid-19" was posted at independent.co.uk on Aug. 5, 2020.

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- An article by Christina Carrega titled "Washington D.C., Releases Video of 3 Deadly Police-Involved Incidents in Response to New Reform Bill" was posted at abcnews.com on Aug. 1, 2020.
- An article by Ryan Grenoble titled "Aurora [Colorado] Police Mistakenly Handcuff Black Family at Gunpoint for Suspected Car Theft" was posted at huffpost.com on Aug. 4, 2020.

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- An article by Edward-Isaac Dovey titled “The Chaos in New York [State Election] Is a Warning” was posted at theatlantic.com on July 24, 2020.
- An article by Tim Graham titled “Will Democracy Get Lost in the Mail?” was posted at cnsnews.com on July 31, 2020.
- An article by Jeanine Santucci titled “Obama Condemns Voter Suppression in John Lewis Eulogy, As Trump Attacks Mail-In Voting” was posted at usatoday.com on July 31, 2020.
- An article by James DeHaven titled “Nevada Legislature OKs Election Bill Expanding Mail-In Voting, Ballot Collection Procedure [Allowing Elderly and Disabled to Request Someone Else to Fill Out Their Ballot]” was posted at rgj.com (Reno, Nevada) on Aug. 2, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled “Trump and Pence Endorse Absentee Ballots, But Warn Universal Mail-In Ballots Are a ‘Disaster’ ” was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 4, 2020.

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- An article by Andrew Solender titled “Obama Compares Trump to Segregationist George Wallace During Eulogy for John Lewis” was posted at forbes.com on July 30, 2020.

- An article by Heather Mallick titled "Barack Obama's Eulogy for John Lewis Was a Balm for the Soul" was posted at thestar.com on Aug. 1, 2020.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "[At John Lewis Funeral] Obama Graces Us With His Cynicism" was posted at townhall.com on July 31, 2020.
- An article by [Black Conservative] Larry Elder titled "Barack Obama and His Race Card" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 6, 2020.

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- An article by Sophie Ankel titled "More Than Three-Quarters of Americans Blame China for the Spread of the Coronavirus Around the World, Survey Finds" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 1, 2020.
- An article by Bailey Duran titled "Students for Life Activists Arrested for Chalking 'Black Pre-Born Lives Matter' Outside of D.C. Planned Parenthood" was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 3, 2020.
- An article by Taylor Ardrey titled "A Black Lives Matter Mural Is Set to Be Removed in Tulsa After the City Received Request for a Pro-Police Painting" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 1, 2020.
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- An article by Charles Fain Lehman titled "Four in Five Black Americans Want Same or More Cop Presence in Neighborhood" was posted at freebeacon.com on Aug. 5, 2020.
- An article by Vic Mercado titled "A Nuclear Sea-Launched Cruise Missile Will Help Deter Nuclear Aggression" was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 5, 2020.

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- An article by Lee Moran titled "Alexander Vindman Takes Parting Shot at Donald Trump in Military Retirement Op-Ed" was posted at huffpost.com on Aug. 1, 2020.

- An article by Anne Gearan, Amy Goldstein and Seung Min Kim titled "Trump Keeps Promising An Overhaul of the Nation's Health-Care System That Never Arrives" was posted at [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com) on Aug. 2, 2020.
- An article by Guardian Staff titled "Deutsche Bank Gave Donald Trump Financial Records to New York Prosecutors" was posted at [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com) on Aug. 6, 2020.
- An article by David Crary titled "'See You in Court': ACLU Files Nearly 400 Cases Versus Trump" was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on Aug. 6, 2020.
- An article by Tim Graham titled "Biden Backers Terrified of Debates" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Aug. 5, 2020.
- An article by Benjamin Fearnow titled "Joe Biden Will Debate Trump As Scheduled, Jill Biden Says; Dismisses Democrats Urging Him Not To" was posted at [newsweek.com](https://www.newsweek.com) on Aug. 4, 2020.
- A video and an article by Bronson Stocking titled "Watch: Biden Attempts to Clarify His Racist Comments About All Blacks Being the Same" were posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Aug. 6, 2020.
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- An article by Carol S. Greenwald titled "The Democrats' 2020 Platform Resurrects Obama's Hostility to Israel and Appeasement of Iran" was posted at [americanthinker.com](https://www.americanthinker.com) on Aug. 2, 2020.
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- An article by Christopher Wilson titled "Austin, Texas Joins Growing Number of U.S. Cities in Declaring Racism a 'Public Health Crisis' " was posted at yahoo.com on July 30, 2020.
- An article titled "Convicted Killer Released From California Prison Due to COVID-19 Concerns" was posted at foxnews.com on July 31, 2020.
- An article by Mairead McArdle titled "Area Where George Floyd Died Becomes 'Police Free Zone' Plagued by 'Constant' Gunfire" was posted at nation-alreview.com on July 30, 2020.
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- An article by Josie Ensor titled “Governor Cuomo Begs Wealthy New Yorkers to Come Home to Save Ailing City” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 4, 2020.
- An article by Julia Marsh titled “De Blasio Admits City Skipped Permit Process to Paint Black Lives Matter Murals” was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 3, 2020.
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- An article by Leah Barkoukis titled “Mayor [of Somerville, Massachusetts] Demands Fire Department Remove Show of Support for Police Department” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 4, 2020.
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- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Producer: Pro-Life Documentary Removed From Amazon Prime Without Warning" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 5, 2020.

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- An article by Steve Harris titled "DHS Had Access to Messages From Portland Protesters, Document Shows" was posted at washingtonpost.com on July 31, 2020.
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- An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Charles Barkley Just Ticked Off the Left With This Very Mild Political Statement [A Player Who Doesn't Kneel Is 'Not a Bad Person']" was posted at townhall.com on July 30, 2020.
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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.”