

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).



“Eye on the World” comment: Due to a trip out of state, this edition was completed on Sept. 2—and hence it does not have the latest news.



An article by titled “Israel and UAE in Historic Direct Flight Following Peace Deal” was posted at [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-55811111) on Aug. 31, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The first official flight from Israel to the United Arab Emirates has landed, a major step in normalizing relations after the announcement of a peace deal.

The El Al airliner made the three-hour trip, carrying a delegation of Israeli and US officials.

The flight was allowed to cross Saudi Arabian airspace, normally blocked to Israeli air traffic.

The UAE has become only the third Arab country in the Middle East to recognize Israel since its founding in 1948.

On Saturday, the UAE repealed a law boycotting Israel which had been in place since 1972, and earlier this month the two countries opened direct telephone services for the first time.

The agreement to normalize relations—brokered by the US—was made public in a surprise announcement on 13 August.

Flight LY971—numbered to represent the UAE’s international dialing code—carried delegates including Donald Trump’s son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner and Israel’s National Security Adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat.

Mr. Kushner led secret talks which resulted in the agreement between Israel and the UAE, a federation of seven Arab monarchies in the Gulf, including Dubai.

Speaking to the media after landing in the UAE capital Abu Dhabi, Mr. Kushner described the deal between the countries as a “historic breakthrough” and said it was a “tremendous honor” to have joined the flight.

“What happened here was three great leaders came together and they started writing a new script for the Middle East. They said the future doesn’t have to be predetermined by the past,” he said.

The joint teams will meet Emirati representatives to develop areas of cooperation between Israel and the UAE. The return flight will be numbered LY972, after Israel’s international dialing code.

Monday’s three-hour flight has taken more than 70 years to make, and it marks a new turning point in relations between Israel and the Arab world.

There are big prizes for all three players.

- Israel’s historic need to boost regional recognition of the Jewish state (Could Saudi Arabia one day do so too?)
- The Emiratis’ glittering finance hubs can benefit from open links with the region’s security and cyber superpower.
- While a US president under pressure at home gets to tout his role as peacemaker in the Middle East.

These are truly significant achievements and further shift the dynamics in a deeply polarized region. But the deal is striking for another reason—it leaves the Palestinians feeling as sidelined as ever.

They believe it breaks years of Arab solidarity—and leverage—against Israel’s occupation of land they want for a future state; while ordinary Palestinians feel more and more hemmed in as Israeli settler numbers grow.

They see not only betrayal, but a blind eye being turned by the Emiratis to their reality on the ground.

In a tweet in Hebrew, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed the advent of the flight as an example of “peace for peace”—alluding to his long-held disbelief in the notion that only trading occupied land will bring peace between Israel and Arab countries.

While it was welcomed by much of the international community, the UAE’s recognition of Israel without the precondition of the creation of a Palestinian state was denounced by the Palestinians as a betrayal of their cause.

In return for official relations with the UAE, Mr. Netanyahu agreed to suspend controversial plans to annex parts of the occupied West Bank—land claimed by the Palestinians for a future state of their own.

Mr. Kushner on Monday said his message to Palestinians was “one of hope.”

“We’ve put an offer to their leadership on the table that will enable them to have a state and self-determination and an economic plan that could revitalize their economy, but we can’t want peace more than they want peace and so when they are ready the whole region is very excited to help lift them up and move them forward but they can’t be stuck in the past,” he said.

“Peace will be ready for them and opportunity will be ready for them as soon as they’re ready to embrace it.”

Palestinian officials have condemned the deal, saying it undermines their struggle for an independent state.

“Peace is not an empty word used to normalize crimes and oppression,” Saeb Erekat, a leading figure in the Palestine Liberation Organization, said on Monday.

“Peace is the outcome of justice. Peace is not made by denying Palestine’s right to exist,” he added.

A US peace proposal unveiled in January holds out the prospect of a Palestinian state, as well as a \$50 billion (£37.5 billion) investment plan for the Palestinians, though the Palestinians have rejected the proposal as heavily biased towards Israel.

Before the UAE, Egypt and Jordan were the only other Arab countries in the Middle East to officially recognize Israel, after signing peace treaties in 1978 and 1994 respectively.

Mauritania, a member of the Arab League in north-west Africa, established diplomatic relations with Israel in 1999 but severed ties in 2010.



An article by Anuj Chopra titled “Spurned by Allies, Saudi Rethinks Checkbook Diplomacy” was posted at [afp.com](https://www.afp.com) on Sept. 1, 2020. Following is the article.

From Pakistan to Lebanon, Saudi Arabia is scaling back its famed checkbook diplomacy, a longstanding policy of splashing petro-dollars in exchange for influence, which observers say has yielded few tangible gains.

For decades, the wealthy kingdom funneled billions in aid to its allies—and to its enemies’ enemies—in a bid to bolster its position as an Arab powerhouse and leader of the Muslim world.

But as plummeting demand has sapped its oil revenues, the kingdom is rethinking old alliances that Saudi observers say have swallowed their cash while offering little in return, at a time when its quest for regional supremacy is increasingly challenged by rivals Iran, Turkey and Qatar.

A swathe of regional countries, from Jordan and Lebanon to Egypt, Palestine and Pakistan, have been the top recipients of Saudi aid over the past decade, said Middle East expert Yasmine Farouk.

"The dual economic impact of the coronavirus and low oil prices, however, may lead Saudi Arabia to restructure and rationalize its aid," said Farouk, from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"The country is already seeking to end the perception of being 'an ATM.'"

The kingdom has contributed billions to Lebanon's post-civil war reconstruction, but it has voiced frustration over its failure to rein in Hezbollah, a powerful group backed by its arch-enemy Iran.

"Saudi Arabia will not continue to pay Hezbollah's bills, and the Lebanese have to shoulder their responsibilities towards their country," Saudi columnist Khalid al-Sulaiman wrote recently for the pro-government Okaz newspaper.

"It is no longer possible for Saudi Arabia to continue paying billions to Lebanon in the morning and receive insults at night.

"This situation is no longer compatible with the new Saudi foreign policy, as Saudi money does not fall from the sky or grow in the desert."

Party is over

Saudi Arabia also appears frustrated with Pakistan after the longstanding ally pushed Riyadh to take a firm stand on the disputed region of Kashmir and threatened to take the issue to other Muslim forums.

Such a threat is particularly disconcerting for Saudi Arabia, which is home to Islam's holiest sites and views itself as the leader of the Muslim world.

The kingdom recently recalled \$1 billion of a \$3 billion loan from cash-strapped Pakistan, and an expired multi-billion dollar oil credit facility to Islamabad has not been renewed, a diplomatic source told AFP.

"Pakistani elites have a bad habit of taking Saudi support for granted, given what Saudi has done for Pakistan over the decades," tweeted Ali Shihabi, a Saudi author and analyst.

"Well the party is over, and Pakistan needs to deliver value to this relationship. It's no longer a free lunch or a one-way street."

Riyadh's ties with Pakistan have historically been "very warm" but the relationship has been lopsided, said Saudi prince Talal bin Mohammad al-Faisal.

"It (has) only benefited one side in 'real world' terms," he tweeted.

"That side is Pakistan."

Take their money

Pakistan and Egypt, another ally which has received billions in aid, rebuffed calls for ground troops to support the Saudi-led military campaign in Yemen against Iran-linked Huthi rebels.

Further stirring consternation in Riyadh, a leaked 2015 audio recording showed Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi allegedly mocking Gulf powers including Saudi Arabia, saying they were rolling in money "like rice."

That sentiment was echoed in 2018 by US President Donald Trump when he hosted Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the Oval Office and held up a chart listing military hardware sales worth billions to Riyadh.

"Take their money," Trump told NBC News the following year, justifying backing the kingdom's rulers after journalist Jamal Khashoggi's murder sparked global uproar.

With so many of its relationships rendered transactional, Riyadh is struggling to win respect and its once-leading role in the Muslim world is increasingly challenged by its rivals, observers say.

The Saudis are increasingly resentful of "ungrateful" allies, said Farouk.

States that have traditionally benefited from Saudi largesse, including Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine, have "already seen instances in which aid was frozen, decreased or cut off," she added.



An article by Mari Yamaguchi titled "5 Things to Know About Japan's World War II Surrender" was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 1, 2020. Following is the article.

World War II ended 75 years ago, but not all countries commemorate it on the same day. Wednesday is the anniversary of the formal Sept. 2, 1945, surrender of Japan to the United States, when documents were signed officially ending years of bloody fighting in a ceremony aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. It's known as V-J Day in some countries. But some nations mark Aug. 15 as the war's end, the day Japan's emperor made a speech announcing the surrender.

Five questions and answers about Japan's surrender:

Q: What is V-J Day?

A: An abbreviation for Victory over Japan Day, marked by the United States and its allies in the war and by the Asian victims of Japan who won their liberation from years of atrocities and oppression. Some countries, including Britain, Australia, the Netherlands and the Koreas, mark Japan's surrender on Aug. 15. Others, including the United States, mark the day on Sept. 2, while the Philippines, China and Russia observe Sept. 3. Japan mourns for its war dead on Aug. 15 in a solemn ceremony attended by the emperor, political leaders and veterans' families.

Q: Why are there different dates?

A: The countries that observe Aug. 15 mark Japan's public announcement of its surrender. Others commemorate Sept. 2, when Japan formally signed its surrender, ending a conflict that lasted, in various degrees, nearly half a century in parts of Asia. Then-U.S. President Harry Truman said that the V-J Day proclamation had to wait until Japan officially signed the surrender terms.

Countries also mark different dates for political and historical reasons. In 2014, China set Sept. 3 as a newly formalized historical day to annually mark the Victory Day of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression. The country celebrates with a military march. The Philippines also observes Sept. 3, the day in 1945 when Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita surrendered in that country. Russia, which declared war against Japan on Aug. 9, took military action against Japan until early September.

Q: What happened on Aug. 15, 1945?

A: At noon on Aug. 15, days after the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and Nagasaki on Aug. 9, Japanese Emperor Hirohito broadcast a surrender message to his people on the radio. The broadcast came one day after Japan told the United States and its allies that it was surrendering, and Hirohito and Japanese ministers signed the Imperial Rescript of Surrender.

The emperor's radio statement was prerecorded on Aug. 14 in secrecy. Palace officials protected the records from army officials who stormed the palace to steal them. The emperor's voice, which most Japanese were hearing for the time, was muffled and nearly inaudible because of poor sound quality.

Q: What happened on Sept. 2, 1945?

A: A formal signing of Japan's surrender was held aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, where in 1854 Navy Commodore Matthew Perry had signed a treaty with Japan to open up the feudal nation for trade with the United States. Aboard the USS Missouri, Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and Gen. Yoshijiro Umezumi signed the Instrument of Surrender. The two men were later convicted of war crimes.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, also Supreme Commander of Allied Forces, signed for the United Nations, with Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz signing for the U.S. Delegates from other allied nations, including Britain, France, Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand, China and the Soviet Union, witnessed the half-hour ceremony.

Q: What happened afterward?

A: The official signing of Japan's surrender ordered that the country must cease all military actions, liberate prisoners of war and others in captivity and follow other terms. It also launched a seven-year U.S. occupation that lasted until the San Francisco Peace Treaty took effect in April 1952, allowing Japan's return to the international community. Japan has since become a major U.S. ally in defense and other areas.

Since 1954, Japan has spent tens of billions of dollars in development aid, initially meant as war compensation, for the region. But it took more than two decades for Japan to normalize diplomatic ties with some of its wartime Asian foes. It restored ties with South Korea in 1965, and with China in 1972, though disputes over wartime history continue to affect Japan's ties with its neighbors. Japan has yet to sign a peace treaty with Russia because of territorial disputes and has not established diplomatic ties with North Korea.



An article by Zacks Equity Research titled “[Royal Dutch] Shell to Explore Xochicalco Field, Ups Investment to \$345.8 Million” was posted at zacks.com on Aug. 31, 2020. Following is the article.

A recently secured permission from Mexico’s National Hydrocarbons Commission to perform all activities in its exploration plan for the ultra-deepwater Xochicalco oil field in the Gulf of Mexico.

Xochicalco field is located 123 miles offshore the city of Tampico in the northern province of Tamaulipas. Per the plan, Shell will initiate drilling of an extra well and a sidetrack.

The field is situated in the Perdido fold belt, an area with no significant history of exploration activity nor any remote connection to any existing infrastructure, which make it technically challenging.

Shell will drill a well at depths of five miles and reach Wilcox formation with prospective reserves of as much as 562 million barrels of oil equivalent. Further, to better understand the reservoir, the company plans to drill more wells, thereby improving its investment in the play from \$104 million in the original exploration plan, which was first approved last June, to \$345.8 million.

About the company

Headquartered in Netherlands, Shell is one of the largest integrated energy companies and is engaged in production, refining, distribution and marketing of oil and natural gas.

The company has been an offshore pioneer in the Gulf of Mexico for more than 40 years and made some remarkable technological achievements in the design, construction and operation of world-class oil and gas producing assets.

At present, the company operates nine deep water production hubs, several subsea production systems and one of the largest contracted drilling rig fleets in the gulf region.

Zacks rank

Shell currently carries a Zacks Rank #3 (Hold).

Some better-ranked players in the same space are Murphy USA Inc. MUSA, CNOOC Limited CEO and SilverBow Resources Inc. SBOW, each presently sporting a Zacks Rank #1 (Strong Buy).



“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.

- An article titled "Iranian Man Sentenced to Nine Years in Prison for Beheading Daughter While She Slept in 'Honor-Killing' " was posted at [afp.com](https://www.afp.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Ben Kew titled "Venezuela Ships Minerals to Iran After Tehran Supplies Local Supermarket" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Ahead of First Israel-UAE Flight, Netanyahu Says Palestinians No Longer Have 'Veto' on Peace" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Julian Kossoff titled "An Israeli Plan From 1969 to Resettle 60,000 Gazans in Paraguay Has Been Uncovered in a Declassified State Archive" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article titled "Israel Responds to Explosive Balloons With Tank Fire on Gaza" was posted at [apnews.com](https://www.apnews.com) on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by John Hayward titled "Leader of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood [Mahmoud Ezzat] Arrested in Cairo for Terrorism" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Zecharias Zelalem titled "The US Is Considering Cutting Foreign Assistance to Ethiopia Over Dam Dispute With Egypt" was posted at [qz.com](https://www.qz.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Adam Kredo titled "Looming Middle East Arms Race Sparks Fear of Unprecedented Regional War" was posted at [freebeacon.com](https://www.freebeacon.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Nick Squires titled "Turkey and Greece Starting Into 'the Abyss' As Tensions in Mediterranean Risk Spiraling Into Conflict" was posted at [telegraph.co.uk](https://www.telegraph.co.uk) on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article titled "Kastellorizo, Idyllic Island at Heart of Greece-Turkey Row" was posted at [france24.com](https://www.france24.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article titled "Turkey Stages New Military Exercises in Eastern Mediterranean" was posted at [france24.com](https://www.france24.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Turkey's President Warns Greece, France As Tensions Mount Over Mediterranean Dispute" was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Joe Wallen titled "India Captures Chinese Camp in Disputed Ladakh As Violence Erupts Again Between Superpowers" was posted at [telegraph.co.uk](https://www.telegraph.co.uk) on Aug. 31, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Kiyoshi Takenaka and Antoni Slodkowski titled "Japan, U.S. Defense Chiefs Oppose Bid to Alter Status of Asian Waters" was posted at [reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Anthony Wallace titled "China Arrests 12 Fleeing Hong Kong by Speedboat: City Police" was posted at [afp.com](https://www.afp.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by John Grady titled "Pentagon Report: China Now Has World's Largest Navy As Beijing Expands Military Influence" was posted at [usni.org](https://www.usni.org) on Sept. 1, 2020.

- An article by Patrick Reeve titled “Belarus Bans Most Foreign Media From Working, As Pressure Grows on Protesters” was posted at abcnews.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article titled “Germany Coronavirus: Hundreds Arrested in German ‘Anti-Corona’ Protests” was posted at bbc.com on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article titled “Hungary to Shut Its Borders Again Over Virus Fears” was posted at barrons.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article titled “Riots in Sweden After Quran Burning by Far-Right Activists” was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Richard Orange titled “Finnish Town [Lahti] to Give Residents Free Cake and Bus Travel If They Do Not Exceed Weekly Carbon Quota” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Joseph Trevithick titled “Drug Cartel Now Assassinates Its Enemies With Bomb-Toting Drones” was posted at thedrive.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Gonzalo Solano titled “Ecuador Couple Certified As Oldest Married Pair, Nearly 215 [He Is 110, She is 104]” was posted at apnews.com on Aug. 28, 2020.



“Eye on the World” comment: Talk about bad luck for Nancy Pelosi. On August 20, she told her fellow Democrats that the 2020 Presidential race was riding on Wisconsin. (Whether that opinion is true or not, Ms. Pelosi said it publicly.) After Jacob Blake was shot in Kenosha on August 23, damaging riots occurred. For many months, the corporate media hesitated to report about the riots (sometimes calling them peaceful protests) and Democratic politicians refused to criticize the riots (sometimes calling them peaceful protests). Since the internal polls are revealing that the riots are hurting the Democrats, the media and candidates have changed their course of action—beginning to talk about the riots and persisting to blame President Trump for the riots.

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- An article by Scott Bauer titled “Pelosi Tells Fellow Democrats ‘It’s All Riding on Wisconsin’ [She Said Before the Shooting of Jacob Blake on Sunday, Aug. 23 and the Subsequent Rioting in Kenosha]” was posted at cbs58.com on Aug. 20, 2020.
 - An article titled “Joe Biden Finally Condemns ‘Needless Violence’ After Violence Turns Deadly in Kenosha, Wisconsin” was posted at foxnews.com on Aug. 26, 2020.
 - An article by Sabrina Tavernise and Ellen Aimer Durston titled “How Chaos in Kenosha Is Already Swaying Some Voters in Wisconsin [Away From Democrats]” was posted at nytimes.com on Aug. 26, 2020.
 - An article by Caitlin Dickson titled “Ann Dorn, Whose Husband Was Killed in St. Louis Riots, Backs Trump to ‘Shake This Country From the Nightmare We Are Witnessing in Our Cities’ ” was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 27, 2020.
 - An article by Beth Baumann titled “Rioters [in Kenosha] Left Behind a ‘War Zone’ That Residents Now Have to Clean Up” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 29, 2020.

- An article by Mike Gonzalez titled "After Decades of Dividing America on Race, Left Insists the Right Is Really to Blame" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Willie Brown [Shrewd Black California Politician] to Democrats and Media: Stop Calling Riots 'Demonstrations' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by James S. Robbins titled "Rioting Is Beginning to Turn People Off to BLM and Protests While Biden Has No Solution" was posted at usatoday.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Michael Goodwin titled "Biden Tries to Blame Trump for Democrat-Run Cities' Unrest" was posted at nypost.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "National Co-Chair of Biden Campaign [Cedric Richmond]: Police Reform, Not Violence, 'Should Be the Subject We're Talking About' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Reagan McCarthy titled "Adam Schiff Says That President Trump Is 'Fanning the Flames of Violence' As Democrats Ignore Riots" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled "[Press Secretary Kayleigh] McEnany: Dems Blaming Trump for Violence Like Arsonist Blaming the Firefighter" was posted at cnsnews.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Geraldo: Portland Mayor and Oregon Governor 'Are Part of the Problem'—But, 'Here Comes Donald Trump' [to Offer Help]" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 1, 2020.



"Eye on the World" comment: The public threats against Rand and Kelley Paul in Washington D.C. Reveal How the Rioters Have Forgotten the Apparent Connection With Racial Justice.

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- Videos and an article by Rebecca Mansour titled "19 Videos of Left-Wing Protesters Harassing People After the Republican National Convention" were posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
 - An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Rand Paul Survives His Third Attack From the Violent Left" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
 - Looking back to June, an article titled "Sen. Rand Paul Introduces the 'Justice for Breonna Taylor' Act" was posted at paul.senate.gov on June 11, 2020.
 - An article by Tristan Justice titled "Rand Paul Calls Out Democrat Silence on Political Violence After Surviving Attack From Hostile Crowd: 'This Mob Is Their Voters' " was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 28, 2020.

■ An article by Jeff Poor titled “Rand Paul Wife Kelley on ‘Bloodthirsty’ DC Mob: ‘I Really Felt That We Were Going to Lose Our Lives—I’m Furious That Biden and Kamala Harris Are Not Denouncing This’ ” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.

■ An article by Ian Hanchett titled “[New York Republican Lee] Zeldin: Rand Paul DC Mob Incident ‘What Ends Up Happening’ When Members of Congress Call for Unrest and Confrontation” was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.



An article by Evita Duffy titled “Corporate Media Didn’t Report What It’s Really Like in Kenosha, Wisconsin; So I Will” was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Aug. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

Kenosha, Wis., is situated in the southern part of the state, about an hour and a half from Chicago, and has a population of approximately 100,000. Republican Rep. Bryan Steil, who represents Kenosha in Wisconsin’s First Congressional district, told The Federalist the city “is like a lot of cities in Wisconsin.” Steil says Kenosha is “family-centered” and “hard-working.”

Kenosha became a very different place after police shot Jacob Blake in the back seven times. Subsequent video footage showed that Blake was armed with a knife and had been wrestling with officers, threw off a Taser, and was disregarding police commands to stop after they were called to address a domestic violence complaint.

Following the shooting that left Blake paralyzed, rioting erupted in the city. Although the first night was relatively peaceful, after the second night, things were “spiraling out of control,” said Steil. Fire and looting consumed uptown and downtown Kenosha, and Steil said the city was no longer the “Kenosha we know.”

In uptown Kenosha, on Tuesday night, a woman, who said she has lived in Kenosha for more than 40 years, broke down in tears, saying her city felt like a “war zone” and she was “terrified.”

Indeed, the scene on Tuesday night was something I had only seen in photos of war-torn countries. Men and women stood with baseball bats, hand-guns, semi-automatic rifles, and shotguns in front of their businesses and homes.

Many Kenoshans explained to me that law enforcement lacked the necessary numbers of officers to control the situation, forcing them to focus on defending public buildings, such as the courthouse, leaving citizens to fend for themselves.

Chuck, who owns an uptown tire shop, said he has been spending every night on his roof guarding his shop “with guns.” Chuck, who said he is “for Trump all the way,” was exhausted from several sleepless nights and fed up with his livelihood and life being terrorized by Black Lives Matter rioters. Chuck glared into my iPhone camera and said to the rioters, “Come to my shop and I’ll blow your heads off.” “I’ll even tell you where I’m at,” he said, adding, “C’mon, boys, I got something for your —sses.”

Not everyone was as prepared as Chuck. People who did not take their defense into their own hands met a sad fate. Sam, an Indian immigrant who owns a family-run car dealership in downtown Kenosha, lost "every dime" he has, and the 20 people Sam employed have all lost their jobs "for nothing."

Sam said his family has been "in tears" for the last few days. BLM rioters burned his lot two nights in a row, destroying all the cars and looting his office before burning that as well.

Overwhelmed law enforcement protected the courthouse, but Sam's business and many others were left at the mercy of the mob. "I'm a taxpayer," said Sam, clearly distraught that law enforcement did nothing to protect his business. "This is not the America I came into," the shattered man said. "What did we do to deserve all this?" he asked. "I'm a minority too. I'm a brown person. I have nothing to do with this." Sam and his family set up a Go Fund Me page, which at this moment, has raised a little over \$10,000, nowhere close to the over \$2 million raised for Blake.

After it was clear that law enforcement did not have the resources to protect people like Sam, Steil "got to work." On Tuesday morning he said he was able to get through to President Trump within "8 minutes." Steil told the president that Kenosha was in desperate need of resources and reinforcements. President Trump then reached out to Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, extending him an offer for aid, which Evers refused.

For three nights, Kenosha experienced dangerous rioting. It wasn't until three individuals were shot and two died that Evers accepted help from President Trump. "It's pretty darn clear who demonstrated leadership and who did not," said Steil. Since federal agents and national guardsmen were sent to Kenosha, there has been relative peace in the city.

The overwhelming consensus among Kenoshans is that violent rioters did not come from their city. "Kenosha locals did not do this to their town, man!" said Jason, who came to Kenosha to check on his family.

One woman, who was working in uptown Kenosha on Wednesday morning, confirmed, "Out of town-ers came in and rioted in our city . . . if you don't live here you shouldn't be here right now." She refused to make further comments on the rioters, explaining, "I don't want people mad at me." She is not alone. Many people that I asked to speak with denied an interview out of fear of being targeted by Black Lives Matter.

Alvin was with his young daughter, Kaya, on Wednesday morning after visiting and shedding "some tears" with the son of a shop owner whose business was destroyed. "All this destruction did not come from Kenosha," he said, "People came in here and did this."

Another indication that the rioting did not come from Kenosha is the widespread community effort, called "Love is the Answer," to get rid of any political and divisive BLM graffiti that has been splattered all over the city, replacing it with positive unifying statements and murals.

One woman, who is part of the "Love is the Answer" movement, explained, "A lot of people knew a lot of the business owners . . . I really don't believe that anyone that's been from Kenosha would be willing to watch their city be torn up that way."

On Thursday afternoon, I came across a group of young people carrying signs and water out of several vehicles with blacked-out license plates near the county courthouse. Among the vehicles was a large black van with the words "BLM," "ACAB," and "The Revolution" written on it.

I approached the BLM organizers and asked where they were from, but they refused to answer. I also asked if they knew Kenoshans didn't want outsiders coming into the city. One of the organizers responded, "Oh, yeah." He followed up saying, "This is the earth, it belongs to everybody."

I tried asking more questions of the individuals who were with him, but they refused to engage because I wasn't wearing a mask, even though we were six feet apart and outdoors, perhaps another indication that the individuals were not native Kenoshans, or even Wisconsinites.

Not one Kenoshan I interviewed was wearing a mask. Outside of big liberal cities, where virus counts are extremely low, large numbers of Wisconsin citizens have been unreceptive to Evers' mask mandate. In fact, many county sheriffs have refused to enforce it.

On Wednesday evening, local and federal law enforcement officials stopped an out-of-state caravan of vehicles filled with fuel cans and illegal fireworks. Police reported, "the vehicles contained various items, including helmets, gas masks, protective vests, illegal fireworks, and suspected controlled substances."

Nine people were arrested for disorderly conduct and are awaiting charging decisions by the Kenosha County district attorney.

Wisconsinites have seen the violence in America's major cities, but never imagined it would come to one of theirs. The destruction and violence that outside agitators brought to Kenosha has scared many people who once believed the state, which is 97 percent rural and home to long vowels, rhubarb pie, and friendly folks, was a "safe place," as Sam said.

This could be very bad politically for Democrats in Wisconsin, a crucial swing state in the 2020 presidential election. Many Wisconsinites blame Democrat Evers for allowing a historic industrial Wisconsin city to go up in flames.

For better or worse, Democrats have tied themselves politically to the Marxist Black Lives Matter organization. Joe Biden, who has not been to Wisconsin in 670 days, finally but weakly denounced violent rioting, although he refused to explicitly condemn Antifa or BLM.

CNN anchors Don Lemon and Chris Cuomo also condemned the violence in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Tuesday because recent polling shows rioting is not being well received by voters.

Even though the corporate media is beginning to denounce violent rioting, they still do not seem to care much for the victims of BLM, like Sam, by refusing to report their stories. Polling in the upcoming coming weeks will show whether Biden's response was too little and too late, and if support of BLM by the Democrat Party and corporate media is out of step with average Americans.

Unequivocal support may prove to be a politically untenable position for Democrats if riots begin to erode support from key demographics such as suburban moms, blue-collar workers, and black inner-city voters, who live in the areas most devastated by BLM riots and lack of police protection.

Watching Kenosha burn at the hands of out-of-state BLM rioters may have a significant impact on Wisconsin voters, who may now be adding safety and security to their list of top election issues.



"Eye on the World" comment: NFL coach Bruce Arians told his players that protests are not effective. What many people may not know is that Mr. Arians has a history of hiring minorities. He does what is important—hiring people because of their competence.

■ An article by Michael David Smith titled "Bruce Arians Tells Players to Take Action, 'Protesting Doesn't Do Crap' " was posted at profootballtalk.com on Aug. 27, 2020.

■ Looking back to 2019, an article by Kimberley A. Martin titled "Female? Minority? Bucs' Bruce Arians Doesn't Care Who You Are As Long As You Can Coach" was posted at yahoosports.com on March 26, 2019.

■ Looking back to 2019, an article by Kimberle A. Martin titled "Here's How Bucs' Bruce Arians Assembled Historic Coaching Staff; 'They Just Happened to Be Black' " was posted at yahoosports.com on Sept. 3, 2019.



"Eye on the World" comment: The following 8 articles were written by Jason Whitlock—a black journalist who views the Black Lives Matter organization as a Marxist organization rather than a civil-rights movement. You will notice that he is hoping that racial justice should be sought—without the interference of a Marxist organization.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled "NBA Players Trapped in BLM Cult Need Your Love, Not a Boycott" was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 17, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

I'm not going to lie. Saturday I watched the Portland Trail Blazers-Memphis Grizzlies play-in game. It was fantastic. The Blazers won a 126-122 shootout, earning the right to face LeBron James and the Lakers in the first round of the playoffs.

I know some of you don't share my enthusiasm. I get it.

The Bubble is a shrine to BLM, the divisive, anti-religion, Marxist-influenced movement tearing apart America. Black Lives Matter is painted on the court. Like brainwashed followers of David Koresh, players and coaches uniformly kneel/salute during the playing of the national anthem and warmup in T-shirts with the words Black Lives Matter across their chests. During the game, a majority of the players wear "social justice" slogans on the back of their jerseys.

You can't escape the condescending preaching and finger-wagging, even during the commercial breaks. Professional athletes have decided they're the enlightened human beings, the chosen ones, called on to end racism with BLM-approved racism.

LeBron James called Black Lives Matter a "lifestyle." BLM is a political cult that functions as a religious cult. Its followers accept its narrative on faith born of anger, insecurity, fear, ignorance and groupthink.

I understand why many of you are reluctant to support the NBA. No sports league works harder to promote BLM than The Association. You hope that a boycott, television ratings decline and subsequent loss of revenue will awaken the league to the error of its ways.

I'm not so sure.

BLM is immune to market forces. The global economy combined with Big Tech to create a concentration of wealth that has curtailed capitalism's ability to punish bad business practices.

The billionaire backers of BLM can offset the financial losses of the institutions hurt by the movement. The NBA is not much different from *the Washington Post*, the legacy media platform funded by the richest man in the world, Jeff Bezos. *The Post* does not need to adhere to long-established industry best practices. The Post is a spoke in the wheel of a much larger machine.

So is the NBA and the NFL.

I'm not telling you to watch the NBA playoffs. I'm warning you that a boycott and a significant dip in ratings may not produce the result you desire. It's going to take more effort.

BLM is a cult. If you want to save sports and save the freedoms we've long taken for granted here in America, you're going to have to do the hard work of deprogramming athletes and others captured by Black Lives Matter. You can't give up on athletes. Anger and hostility will backfire. They've been trained to believe that your anger and frustration are signs of racism or acceptance of systemic racism.

Athletes are people we've loved and admired for decades. Treat them like a family member who is thinking of joining Jim Jones in Guyana, South America.

"Do everything you can to stay in touch," Janja Lalich, a sociology professor who studies cults, told the New York Times in a 2018 story titled *How to Get Someone Out of a Cult*. "If you're trying to persuade someone to leave a cult supply reminders of the world beyond it by calling, emailing, writing letters, sending photographs and maybe visiting."

The most effective thing sports fans can do is to respectfully engage with athletes via social media. Ask them smart, polite questions.

- Are you aware the founders of Black Lives Matter are self-admitted trained Marxists?
- Do you understand Karl Marx's political theory and its hostility toward all religions?
- Do you understand why someone of religious faith would be reluctant to support a movement that appears hostile to religion?
- Given the fact that Breonna Taylor's boyfriend fired his gun first and struck a Louisville police officer, do you believe it would be extremely difficult for a Kentucky prosecutor to win a conviction against the officers who shot Taylor in the subsequent crossfire?
- Violent crime rates are skyrocketing in the cities most demonstrably hostile toward police. Are you concerned that defunding the police will have a negative impact on poor communities?

Don't lace the questions with snark. These athletes are relatively young. They've been incentivized and rewarded for developing their physical abilities more than their intellectual abilities. I've been young and dumb. It's not incurable.

The people funding BLM want to provoke a cancellation war in sports and all walks of life. They want athletes and fans to hate each other. It's tough to love pro athletes right now. They've joined a movement that violates all of sports' traditional tenets.

If you give up on the athletes, you're handing the influence of sports completely over to the Marxists, anarchists, globalists, oligarchs and left-wing bigots. They'll use that power to further divide us, destroy our freedoms and consolidate their power.

I'm not saying you should watch the NBA playoffs. I'm saying don't give up. Engage with athletes. Stay connected to them and their world. I'll watch and tell you what you need to know about The Bubble.



An article by Jason Whitlock titled "Breonna Taylor's Death and BLM Fear-Mongering Wrong Fixations For LeBron, Lakers And Black People" was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 19, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers should learn the story of Viktor Emil Frankl, a famous neurologist, psychiatrist and author.

Frankl died at age 92. He survived Nazi concentration camps. His first wife didn't. Neither did his mother and father. His brother Walter was killed at Auschwitz.

Frankl wrote nearly 40 books. Here's what Frankl wrote about the importance of attitude.

"Everything can be taken from a man or a woman but one thing: the last of human freedoms to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's way."

Your attitude determines your outcome.

I am convinced of is that James has the Lakers channeling the wrong energy and the wrong attitude. The Lakers showed up to Tuesday's game dressed for the Democratic National Convention and a Black Lives Matter afterparty.

They wore red baseball caps that spoofed President Trump's Make America Great Again slogan. The words "Great Again" were replaced by "Arrest The Cops Who Killed Breonna Taylor."

After the game, James launched into his typical social justice warrior stump speech.

"You know, this is something that we continue to put our foot on the gas, continue to pressure," James told the media. "You know, the situation that's going on in Louisville, Kentucky. An innocent woman being killed in Breonna Taylor, a woman who had a bright future and future was taken away from her. And there's been no arrests. There's been no justice. Not only for her, but for her family. And we want to continue to shed light on that situation, because it's just unjust, and that's what it's about."

The purpose of The NBA Bubble is justice for Taylor, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Eric Garner and Tamir Rice?

I don't mean to diminish their lives. I lost a family member, Anton Butler, to what we believe was police misconduct. I know the pain firsthand. I know the agony his mother still suffers eight years later. I helped raise Anton. As kids, he, his brother and cousins stayed with me every summer. I look at his picture every day.

But life purpose? Why I'm here?

I'm here for the living. It's a mistake to immerse yourself in pain and suffering and allow that to define your purpose. Viktor Frankl didn't do it.

Between 1941 and 1945, Hitler's Germany killed more than six million Jews during the Holocaust. Since George Zimmerman, a volunteer neighborhood watchman, shot Trayvon Martin in 2012 and sparked the BLM movement, there have been roughly 40 controversial police-involved killings of black people. I'll be generous and say there's been 100. In eight years.

The mainstream media, political activists and brand-building athletes and celebrities want us to believe we're living through a genocidal Holocaust.

The official platform of the Democratic Party states: "Democrats believe we need to overhaul the criminal justice system from top to bottom. Police brutality is a stain on the soul of our nation. It is unacceptable that millions of people in our country have good reason to fear they may lose their lives in a routine traffic stop, or while standing on a street corner, or while playing with a toy in a public park. It is unacceptable that Black parents must have 'the talk' with their children, to try to protect them from the very police officers who are supposed to be sworn to protect and serve them."

This is fear-mongering. According to a *Washington Post* database, the police kill approximately 1,000 citizens per year. Since 2015, The Post reports police killed 1,312 black people and 2,513 white people. Most of the victims are armed and attacking the police.

If you do not resist the police, the chance of you dying because of police misconduct is minimal. The media, political activists and celebrities are purposefully instilling fear in black people. Fear is a dangerous emotion. It sparks irrational behavior and decision-making. Bullies and criminals use fear to control their victims. Fear blinds you from the truth.

Every parent with a fully functioning brain advises their child to comply with police instructions. The so-called "Talk" isn't a black-or-white thing. It's a parent thing. The government authorizes the police to use deadly force. Everyone should proceed with caution in their interaction with police. It's common sense.

Breonna Taylor's boyfriend admitted he fired at and struck a Louisville police officer before the police opened fire inside her apartment. He claims the police did not identify themselves and he thought intruders were breaking into the apartment. The police claim they identified themselves.

Louisville has a black attorney general, Daniel Cameron. He's smart enough to know given the actions of Taylor's boyfriend it would be impossible to win a conviction of the police officers.

LeBron James is politically grandstanding and social media brand-building. He's trapped the Lakers in a negative emotion that undermines their focus. Worse, he's signaling to the young people who look up to him that they should lose themselves in the anger and fear of the faux black holocaust promoted by Black Lives Matter.

Attitude determines outcomes. Black kids can't compete with their peers if they enter the competition believing they already lost because of the color of their skin. That's the real message of BLM.

It's not an expression of self-love, self-confidence and self-determination. It's a white flag, an admission of insecurity, a sign of mental defeat.

Viktor Frankl would not approve.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled “BLM 101: Together, We Can Educate Pro Athletes About Black Lives Matter” was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 19, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Monday I wrote a column explaining why I believe boycotting the NBA, the NFL and Major League Baseball because of their embrace of Black Lives Matter would be ineffective in changing the behavior of the leagues and the athletes.

BLM, in my opinion, is immune to economic forces. The billionaires and countries bankrolling the nationwide anarchy are committed to offsetting the financial losses caused by BLM.

My alternative to boycotting the leagues is a holistic approach of educating the athletes on what they’re actually supporting. BLM is Marxist, anti-religion, anti-nuclear family and racially divisive.

As best I can, I’m going to write a daily piece highlighting the repugnant actions taking place under the Black Lives Matter umbrella. Via social media, I encourage you to copy the link to this series I’m calling “BLM 101” and send it to professional athletes.

Black Lives Matter is a clever slogan. It’s a tremendous beard for wicked actions. If you care about America and love sports, help me educate the athletes. The truth is liberating. The mainstream media deny Americans the truth. Let’s share it.

Here’s BLM 101, Volume 1:

The New York Post wrote about a white Portland man who was dragged from his car by a BLM mob, beaten and kicked unconscious. Click here for the link to the NY Post story.

Andy Ngo, an editor for *The Post Millennial*, posted video footage of the brutal assault on his Twitter feed.

Defenders of Billionaire Marxist will say one incident and one person can’t be used to discredit an entire movement. Come back tomorrow and I’ll share more.

Please share the link to this story with a professional athlete. Do it politely, free of snark. Let the facts speak for themselves. Our goal isn’t to antagonize. Let’s educate. Keep the faith.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled “BLM 101: Black Lives Matter Brings the Crazy to Small-Town America, Too” was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 20, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Find your seats, boys and girls. It's time for BLM 101, Volume 2, my online class dedicated to educating athletes on the real actions and impact of the Black Lives Matter movement.

For those of you who missed the first day of school, here's a link to some notes you can copy from Volume 1. Today's lesson comes from Hugo, Minnesota, a tiny rural town 25 miles north of Minneapolis.

Saturday, John Thompson, a candidate for the Minnesota House of Representatives, led a Black Lives Matter rally outside the home of Bob Krull, the president of the Minneapolis Police Federation. Thompson is black. Krull is white. Most of the BLM protesters Thompson led were white.

A Minneapolis-based news site Alpha News captured video of Thompson leading a menacing, profanity-laced rally in Krull's suburban neighborhood. Watch the embedded video below. It looks and feels like a race-reversed KKK-style rally.

An ABC news affiliate, KTSP, reported that Thompson beat an effigy of Krull's wife while his fist-in-the-air white BLM followers beat an effigy of Krull. Take a look at the picture of the BLM followers inside the KTSP story. If they opened their fist, it would look like a scene out of 1930s Germany.

This is all taking place in the name of Black Lives Matter, the Marxist-influenced movement that allegedly wants to end racism with racism and fascism.

For some reason, professional athletes and the sports leagues that employ them are ignoring or are unaware of the depraved acts taking place across America in the name of Black Lives Matter.

BLM 101 is dedicated to educating the athletes on what they're truly supporting. They're supporting bigotry and a movement that is hostile to all religions.

Please share this link with your favorite athlete via social media. Be polite when sharing. No snark. No condescending message. Just the facts. They speak for themselves.

OK, time for recess.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled "BLM 101: Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot Embraces Liberal Privilege to Shield Herself From BLM Riots" was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 21, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

OK, quiet down, boys and girls. BLM 101, Volume 3 is now in session. As you know, BLM 101 is a class dedicated to educating professional athletes on the real agenda and impact of the Black Lives Matter movement.

If you missed my earlier classes, please check my archives for Volumes 1 and 2.

Today's lesson is a story from Chicago featuring mayor Lori Lightfoot. The Chicago Tribune reported that Lightfoot, a supporter of BLM, ordered local police to prevent protesters from demonstrating in her neighborhood. On Thursday Lightfoot defended her ban.

"I think that residents of this city," Lightfoot told local reporters, "understand the nature of the threats that we are receiving on a daily basis, on a daily basis, understand I have a right to make sure that my home is secure."

The Tribune wrote: "Lightfoot refused to elaborate on the specific threats, but said she receives them daily against herself, her wife and her home."

Equality? That's the word scrolled on the back of a lot of NBA jerseys. The BLM movement allegedly is about bringing equality to the masses. Does Lori Lightfoot sound equal to the citizens of Chicago? Or has she reserved a special level of treatment for herself and her family?

Are there families in Chicago that don't deserve protection from the violent, peaceful protesters, looters and vandals circulating Chicago?

Black Lives Matter is a clever slogan. On the surface—as long as you don't read the BLM website—the agenda of BLM is admirable. BLM is allegedly dedicated to ending systemic racism and making everyone equal. It's a force as powerful as God.

The reality is BLM imposes inequality and creates racial division. Movements founded in Marxism, socialism and communism always empower a handful of elites and feed the masses hope packaged in slogans.

What we're seeing in the NBA is the true agenda of BLM. Elite millionaire athletes running up and down basketball courts promoting hope with slogans on their jerseys.

Equality!

Meanwhile, Lori Lightfoot, LeBron James and the others in their circle of political influence will use their power, privilege and wealth to keep BLM out of their neighborhoods.

Please share the link to today's lesson with your favorite professional athlete. No snark. No condescending message. Let's try to engage the athletes in a healthy debate about the real impact of BLM.

Have a great weekend.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled "LeBron James Is A Bigot" was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 25, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Time for BLM 101, Volume 4. BLM 101 is dedicated to educating professional athletes about the negative consequences of the Black Lives Matter movement. BLM 101 makes every effort to avoid snark and ridicule. Today that will be difficult.

OK, let's head to the NBA Bubble at Disney World and check in with the NBA Police Review Board headed by internal affairs officer LeBron James. From his Florida hotel, Officer James is leading the investigation into the Kenosha, Wisconsin police-involved shooting of Jacob Blake.

Monday morning, less than 24 hours after Kenosha police shot Blake seven times, James filed his initial report on the incident, tweeting:

"And y'all wonder why we say what we say about the police! Someone please tell me WTF is this?! Exactly another black man being targeted. This [excrement] is so wrong and so sad! Feel so sorry for him, his family and our people! We want justice."

Monday night, after acquiring additional information while moonlighting as a small forward in a playoff game against the Portland Trail Blazers, Officer James held a press conference to discuss the shooting.

"I know people get tired of hearing me say it, but we are scared as black people in America," James said. "Black men, black women, black kids, we are terrified."

James later accused the police of lying.

"If you're sitting here and telling me that there was no way to 'saydue' (subdue) that gentleman or detain him or just before firing guns, then you're sitting here lying to not only me, but you're lying to every African American, every black person in the community," James said.

I'm black. I'm not scared. I'm not terrified. Neither is LeBron James. He's lying. He and the political activists controlling him want black people to immerse themselves in fear. Fear is a tool used to control people. If you comply with police instructions, there is virtually no chance of an American citizen being harmed by police.

"If you watch the video, there were multiple moments where if they wanted to, they could've tackled (Blake)," Officer James said. "They could've grabbed him. You know? They could've done that. And why, why does it always have to get to a point where we see guns firing?"

It's very difficult to investigate police shootings and play NBA playoff games. Officer James is clearly unaware of a second video that shows police on the opposite side of Blake's car wrestling with Blake on the ground. Blake escapes the police, gets to his feet and walks to the driver's side of his vehicle.

I'm sure someone on the NBA Police Review Board will show James the second video at some point Tuesday.

"Quite frankly, it's disgusting to have multiple cops around and not even thinking about (using) a Taser," said Lakers forward Kyle Kuzma, one of James' top police investigators. "And forget about the Taser, just simple combat and taking a man down instead of trying to shoot him."

Again, the Lakers investigative team is clearly unaware of the second video and reports that police initially tried using a Taser on Blake.

James then speculated on the mindset of the police officer(s) who shot Blake.

"You have no idea how that cop that day left the house," James said. "You don't know if he woke up on the wrong side of the bed. You don't know if he had an argument at home with his significant other. You don't know if one of his kids said something to him and he left the house steaming. Or maybe he just left the house saying that, 'Today is going to be the end for one of these black people.' That's what it feels like. That's what it feels like. It just hurts. It hurts."

I'm sure the Kenosha police are saying the exact same thing about Jacob Blake, who had an active arrest warrant for third-degree sexual assault at the time of the shooting. Blake has previously been arrested for pointing a weapon at people, carrying a concealed weapon into a building and domestic violence.

Did Jacob Blake wake up on the wrong side of the bed Sunday morning?

When I watched the initial viral video showing police shooting Blake in the back I was outraged. I waited to calm down. I sent the video to a couple of friends and discussed it with them. We wondered why it was only 20 seconds. Why was it edited? Was it edited and then released to provoke outrage, fear and rioting?

I decided it was best to wait for additional information before making any sort of comment. (I'm still waiting for additional information. This column is not a defense of the police or vilification of Blake.)

LeBron James has more than 40 million followers on Twitter. Doesn't he have a moral responsibility to be informed and measured before commenting on a controversy that could inspire civil unrest? What's the harm in waiting 48 hours, 72 hours or a week?

Is James intentionally being used as an agent of chaos?

His logic is consistent with the logic of white bigots. James uses occasional anecdotes to make sweeping negative generalizations about white police officers.

"And y'all wonder why we say what we say about police!"

James' Twitter feed reads like a transcript from a KKK rally. Can't you hear the Grand Wizard of the Klan shouting to his followers in the aftermath of O.J. Simpson?

"And y'all wonder why we say what we say about black people!"

LeBron James foolishly thinks he's overseeing the police. He's overseeing the black KKK. He's promoting racism. He's demonizing a group of white people based on the behavior of a few.

As a black man that sort of racist tactic should be terrifying. That racist tactic was used to deny us freedom in this country. No one who professes to care about the welfare of black people would adopt the tactics of white bigots.

Bigots, regardless of color, have a common trait. Ignorance. Ignorance fuels their ego. Information is their enemy. They avoid it at all costs. Negative anecdotes frame their worldview.

Bigotry has subdued and detained LeBron James.

Black Lives Matter is a clever Twitter hashtag designed to spread racial division. Twitter baits and rewards racial demagoguery. James is addicted to social media. His bigotry is no surprise.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled "BLM 101: Career Politicians Who Created Systemic Unfairness Are Playing LeBron and His Disciples for Suckers" was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 26, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Today's edition of BLM 101, Volume 5 will focus on the sports world's reaction to the police shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

BLM 101 is dedicated to educating athletes on the true agenda and negative consequences of the Black Lives Matter movement. BLM 101 tries to avoid snark and ridicule. We ask that you share the link of this article with your favorite athlete.

Tuesday the sports world reacted strongly to the shooting of Jacob Blake.

The Detroit Lions canceled football practice, choosing instead to hold a mass press conference to discuss the shooting.

Members of the Toronto Raptors threatened to boycott games inside the NBA Bubble.

Clippers coach Doc Rivers launched a political attack on President Donald Trump.

Denver Nuggets coach Michael Malone expressed frustration that the Disney World Bubble limits what basketball players can do to fight what they believe to be police brutality.

A day after LeBron James declared that black people live in daily fear of police violence and that black men are targeted for death by police, his disciples backed him up en masse.

James is the Al Sharpton of sports, an agent of chaos working closely with politicians who use racial division to rally voter support. Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and black ministers can no longer deliver black voters to polling booths. The task has now been handed to James, Colin Kaepernick and black athletes. It's their job to inflame the emotions of black people and get us to vote for Joe Biden like our lives depended on it.

As you know, I don't vote. I reject the pervasive dishonesty in politics. As it relates to BLM, the man or woman sitting in the White House has absolutely nothing to do with how police engage with a resisting suspect. President Barack Obama was in office when Michael Brown tussled with officer Darren Wilson.

The politicization of Jacob Blake is a byproduct of political dishonesty. The prevailing sentiment propagandized by BLM that police are intentionally targeting black men is a political ploy.

Jacob Blake, George Floyd, Eric Garner and Rayshard Brooks are not examples of “systemic racism.” If anything, they’re examples of “systemic resisting arrest.”

The police, even bigoted police, are not nearly as dumb as BLM supporters would have you believe. LeBron James has foolishly suggested that police officers are intentionally hunting, targeting and killing black men.

When discussing the actions of Kenosha police, James said: “Or maybe he just left the house saying that, ‘Today is going to be the end for one of these black people.’ That’s what it feels like. It just hurts. It hurts.”

Police are not that stupid. Killing a criminal suspect complicates and jeopardizes the life of the police officer, even if he’s not convicted of a crime. You think Darren Wilson is somewhere happy he was involved in the death of Michael Brown?

The goal of a good police officer is to lock up bad guys. The goal of a white racist cop is to lock up black people. Good and bad police officers want to put handcuffs on and politely escort people to jail. That’s the payoff. That’s the goal. They leave their houses hoping to put people in handcuffs and escort them inside the belly of the beast—the criminal justice system created by career politicians such as Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and Bill Clinton.

I’m referencing Democratic politicians because LeBron James and his disciples seem to believe the Democratic Party is going to save black people from the “systemic racism” found within the criminal justice system.

It’s a joke. The architects of the system are using LeBron James and athletes to point black people at the wrong target. The athletes are useful idiots. They’ve been talked into dedicating themselves to ensuring that career criminals are unharmed while resisting arrest and refusing to comply with police instructions.

The Detroit Lions canceled practice so they could speak out on behalf of a man wanted for sexual assault. The city of Kenosha is being burned to the ground on behalf of a man who wrestled with police and wouldn’t comply with instructions at gunpoint.

Across the country, police kill roughly 250 to 300 black people a year. The overwhelming majority of those killed are armed and violently resisting arrest.

Thousands of black people are killed by black people every year. In Detroit alone roughly 250 black people are murdered annually. The majority of the murders go unsolved.

The Detroit Lions do not care.

An unarmed black man is a million times more likely to be killed by another black man than the police. But LeBron is terrified of police?

If all it takes is a handful of high-profile anecdotes to justify living in fear of a group of people, can black, brown and white people say they live in fear of black men?

Can the Detroit Tigers cancel practice the next time a black man kills a Detroit citizen?

Let me return to my main point. Putting people behind bars is the goal of good and bad police. Prisons are hell on earth. The prison industrial complex is the beast. It's the system that crushes the poor and financially exploits all who enter its gates.

If you have had a loved one or family member incarcerated, you know the financial burden placed on the prisoner's family. It's a racket of exploitation that would make Tony Soprano envious. Politicians know exactly what they created.

These same politicians are using athletes and the media to focus all negative attention on \$60,000-a-year cops who occasionally make deadly mistakes during millions of encounters with dangerous criminals.

Black Lives Matter is a smokescreen to divert attention away from the architects of the systemic unfairness in our criminal justice system.

Twitter race-baiter and BLM activist Shaun King is demanding Kenosha police release the name of the police officer who shot Jacob Blake. Another Kenosha officer is in hiding because he's been wrongly identified as the shooter.

King, LeBron, Doc Rivers, Michael Malone, the Toronto Raptors, the Detroit Lions, the NBA, the NFL and the woke sports media have all been incentivized to keep the focus on the lowest-hanging fruit—working-class cops.

This is what passes for speaking truth to power in the age of social media.

Blame the cops. Work to elect the career politicians who created the system.



An article by [Black Journalist] Jason Whitlock titled "BLM 101: Continued Harassment From Protesters Reveals Bigotry and Hate, Not Progress" was posted at outkick.com on Aug. 28, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

It's time for BLM 101, Volume 6. This online class is dedicated to educating professional athletes on the real agenda and impact of the so-called Black Lives Matter movement. Earlier this week, I renamed BLM, calling it Bigots Love Marxism.

BLM 101 makes a good-faith effort to avoid snark and ridicule. We want to engage athletes in a spirit of respect and concern.

OK, let's head to our nation's capital for today's lesson. The Twitter feed of Mr. Andy Ngo shared footage of BLM protesters physically and verbally harassing white people in the streets of D.C. shortly after President Donald Trump closed the Republican National Convention.

Take a look at this middle-aged white man surrounded by BLM protesters, shoved twice by a black woman, screamed at through a megaphone and eventually shoved to the ground.

The white man never responded to the abuse. He simply kept walking down the street.

This is a reverse of the images we saw from the 1950s and '60s Civil Rights Movement. Below is an iconic photo of black student Elizabeth Eckford integrating Little Rock Central High School. She's being followed and harassed by a group of angry, white female students.

This image and others like it helped to expose the immorality and wickedness of white bigots. The 1957 picture of Eckford on her first day of school empowered Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement.

The reverse is happening in 2020. The angry mobs are mixed-race and they're terrorizing mostly white people. The mobs are doing this under the umbrella of Black Lives Matter. The keyword in that sentence is Black. The white kids in Portland and Seattle who are rioting every night are defining themselves as FOB, friends of black people.

The BLM movement is framing black people as racist, immoral and violent. This is the total opposite of the Civil Rights Movement. Black people are losing the public-relations war.

Anderson Cooper, Chris Cuomo, Don Lemon, Rachel Maddow, Joy Reid and the rest of the mainstream liberal media won't inform their viewers that BLM is destroying the reputation of black people.

We (black people) mistakenly believe that shouting "Breonna Taylor" or "I can't breathe" trumps a daily barrage of BLM protesters acting violent and immoral. It doesn't.

We're losing. The people telling us we're winning are lying and shouldn't be trusted. They're either stupid, want us to lose or they're using BLM to advance goals that have nothing to do with black people.

Please share the link of this story with your favorite athlete via social media. Remember to be respectful. The athletes, believe it or not, are well-intentioned. They've been misled. Let's educate them.



An article by Natasha Anderson titled "New CDC Report Shows i of Covid-19 Deaths in US Had Contributing Conditions" was posted at wgntv.com on Aug. 30, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new data last week that depicts how many Americans who have died from COVID-19 also had contributing conditions.

According to the report, only 6% of deaths have COVID-19 as the only cause mentioned—revealing that 94% of patients who died from coronavirus also had other "health conditions and contributing causes."

Following are excerpts from the report.

- “For 6% of the deaths, COVID-19 was the only cause mentioned.”
- “For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were 2.6 additional conditions or causes per death.”

The CDC listed the following as the top underlying medical conditions linked to coronavirus deaths.

- Influenza and pneumonia
- Respiratory failure
- Hypertensive disease
- Diabetes
- Vascular and unspecified dementia
- Cardiac arrest
- Heart failure
- Renal failure
- Intentional and unintentional injury, poisoning and other adverse events
- Other medical conditions



An article by Aria Bendix titled “Your Coronavirus Risk Comes Down to These 6 C’s, According to the CDC’s Infectious-Disease Leader” was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 28, 2020. Following is an excerpt.

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- Crowds
 - Close contact
 - Continuous exposure
 - Coverings
 - Cold
 - Closed spaces



An article by Dennis Prager titled “The Lockdown Has Gone From a Mistake to a Crime” was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Sept. 1, 2020. Following is the article.

Four months ago, I wrote a column titled “The Worldwide Lockdown May Be the Greatest Mistake in History.” I explained that “‘mistake’ and ‘evil’ are not

synonyms. The lockdown is a mistake; the Holocaust, slavery, communism, fascism, etc., were evils. Massive mistakes are made by arrogant fools; massive evils are committed by evil people.”

Regarding the economic catastrophe in America and around the world—especially among the world’s poor who are dependent upon America and other first-world countries for their income through exports and tourism—I wrote, “It is panic and hysteria, not the coronavirus, that created this catastrophe.”

Unfortunately, I was right.

The world should have followed Sweden’s example. That country never locked down and has even kept children under 16 in school the entire time. As Reuters reported on July 15, the number of Swedish children between 1 and 19 years of age who have died of COVID-19 is zero. And the percentage of children who contracted the illness was the exact same in Sweden as it was in Finland, which locked down its schools.

As regards teachers, Sweden’s Public Health Agency reported that “a comparison of the incidence of COVID-19 in different professions suggested no increased risk for teachers.”

Nevertheless, with few exceptions, teachers in Los Angeles and elsewhere refuse to enter a classroom that has students in it. Their disdain for their profession has been superseded only by that of the Los Angeles teachers union, which announced that teachers will not resume teaching until the police are defunded.

People who defend lockdowns and closing schools point out that Sweden has the eighth-highest death rate per million in the Western world. But, needless to say, this has no bearing at all on the issue of whether Sweden was right to keep schools open or whether our country was wrong to close them, let alone keep them closed now.

The overwhelming majority of deaths from COVID-19 in Sweden were among people over 70 years of age, and most of those were people over 80 and with compromised immune systems.

Reuters reported that three separate studies, including one by UNICEF, “showed that Swedish children fared better than children in other countries during the pandemic, both in terms of education and mental health.”

For more than a month, Sweden has had almost no deaths from COVID-19 while the entire society remains open and almost no one wears masks. (In Holland, too, almost no one wears masks.) For all intents and purposes, the virus is over in Sweden.

I live in California, a state governed by that most dangerous of leaders: a fool with unlimited power. Despite the fact that California ranks 28th among the 50 states in deaths per million, Gov. Gavin Newsom has destroyed and continues to destroy tens of thousands of small businesses and untold numbers of livelihoods. His continuing to forbid—a half-year after the onset of the pan-

demic—indoor dining in restaurants is leading to a projected permanent closure of approximately 1 in every 3 restaurants in the state.

The same catastrophic destruction will likely affect retail businesses and services such as hair and nail salons. But all this human tragedy—not to mention increased depression and suicides among the young and increased abuse of children and partners—means nothing to Newsom, to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti or to the Los Angeles Times, whose editors and columnists continue to advocate for the lockdown while they receive their salaries.

Why can people eat with no mask in an airplane—inches, not six feet, from strangers—but cannot eat in a California restaurant, which is so much bigger than the inside of an airplane, while sitting six feet from others?

Because Newsom ordered it, the Los Angeles Times supports it and, like sheep, Californians have accepted it.

According to the California Association of Museums, “Museums are losing over \$22 million a day due to the statewide quarantine. As of August 1, 2020, California museums have lost more than \$2.9 billion in revenue. Museums have a \$6.55 billion financial impact on California’s economy, support 80,722 jobs, and generated \$492 million in tax revenues for the State of California in 2017 and over \$1 billion in federal taxes.”

And the American Alliance of Museums issued results from a survey on July 22, 2020, that warned 1 out of every 3 museums may shutter forever as funding sources and financial reserves run dry.

On Aug. 3, *The Wall Street Journal* wrote, “In March . . . There was broad public support for the prudent goals of preventing hospitals from being overwhelmed and buying scientists time to develop therapies.”

But the left—the media and Democratic governors and mayors—immediately moved the goal posts to “bending the curve” and “saving one life,” enabling them to get away with destroying lives and livelihoods.

I conclude with the words of a Swedish medical doctor, Sebastian Rushworth:

“Covid is over in Sweden. People have gone back to their normal lives and barely anyone is getting infected any more. I am willing to bet that the countries that have shut down completely will see rates spike when they open up. If that is the case, then there won’t have been any point in shutting down in the first place . . . Shutting down completely in order to decrease the total number of deaths only makes sense if you are willing to stay shut down until a vaccine is available. That could take years. No country is willing to wait that long.”

The lockdown is a crime. But even more upsetting is that it is supported by so many Americans.

This country is unrecognizable to those of us who lived through the 1968-1970 pandemic, which killed, according to the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, approximately 100,000 Americans—the 2020 equivalent of 170,000 Americans. Nothing shut down. Not one mask was worn.



“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 Bob Anderson titled “Economic Collapse Is Imminent If We Can’t Stop Our Deficit Spending Spree” was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Kate Davidson titled “U.S. Debt Is Set to Exceed Size of the Economy Next Year, a First Since World War II” was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 2, 2020.

News about the media

- An article by Charlie Spiering titled “Donald Trump: ‘My Biggest Opponent’ Is ‘Corrupt Media,’ Not Joe Biden” was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 17, 2020.
- An article by David Moyer titled “‘Morning Joe’ Host [Joe Scarborough] Gets Personal, Calls Melania Trump ‘Absolutely Shameless’ ” was posted at huffpost.com on Aug. 26, 2020.
- An article by Pam Key titled “MSNBC’s Reid: Trump’s ‘Repugnant’ Castro-Like Speech Displayed ‘Decrepit, Corrupt Monarch’ ” was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 27, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Caplan titled “CNN Doctor: Trump’s RNC Crowd ‘Concerning,’ But March on Washington ‘Very Important’ Because of Racism” was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Allum Bokhari titled “Facebook Threatens to Censor Conservative Hodgetwins on Same Day NYT Laments Their Success” was posted at breitbart.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Stephen Battaglio titled “President Trump’s Acceptance Speech Draws 23.8 Million TV Viewers, Trailing the Audience for Biden [24.6 Million]” was posted at latimes.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Lindsey Ellefson titled “Ann Coulter, Michelle Malkin Under [Corporate Media and Social Media] Fire for Supporting Accused Kenosha Shooter” was posted at thewrap.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Bronson Stocking titled “NPR Promotes New Book That Justifies Looting, Property Damage” was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Lloyd Grove titled “CNN Fact Checker Daniel Dale Is a ‘Firehose’ Dousing Trump’s Incendiary Lies” was posted at thedailybeast.com on Aug. 30, 2020.

- An article by Kylee Zempel titled "New York Times Failure in Kenosha Shows Why Online Media Is Essential" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Kayleigh McEnany Versus the Media: You're Going to Ask Me About a Paintball Video [Used by Trump Supporters] After 90 Days of Antifa Violence?" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Pam Key titled "WaPo's Rubin: Trump's GOP Is the Party of 'White Vigilantism of White Supremacy'" was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Ben Arnold titled "'Star Wars' Star John Boyega Says Disney Used His Race to Market the Movies, Then Sidelined Him" was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 2, 2020.

Hidden tragedies of lock-down

- Looking back to July, an article by Sarah Knapton titled "Specialists Warn of Huge Rise in Child Abuse During Coronavirus Lockdown" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on July 2, 2020.
- An article by Lauren Edmonds titled "Divorce Rates in America Soar by 34 Percent During the COVID-19 Pandemic With Marriages Crumbling Three Weeks Into Quarantine and Newlywed Separations Doubling to 20 Percent" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Aug. 28, 2020.

Finances

- An article by Rich Duprey titled "MGM Resorts Fire 18,000 Workers As Coronavirus Ravages Las Vegas Casinos" was posted at motleyfool.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Charles Passy titled "Even New York City's Michelin-Starred Restaurants Are Struggling to Survive" was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 2, 2020.

Stimulus checks

- An article by Rob Berger titled "Stimulus Deal Getting Closer, But There's More Work to Be Done" was posted at forbes.com on Aug. 31, 2020.

Green New Deal

- Looking back to 2019, 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.
- Looking back to 2019, an article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Sen. Durbin, Like All of Us, Is Confused by Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal" was posted at townhall.com on Feb. 20, 2020.
- An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "President Trump's Entertaining New Take on the Green New Deal" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 1, 2020.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

- An article by Katherine Rodriguez titled "Protesters Gather Outside New Jersey Business After Owner Puts Up 'All Lives Matter' Sign" was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 25, 2020.

- An article titled “College Students, Told to Report Covid Parties, Ask: To Snitch or Not to Snitch?” was posted at dnyuz.com on Sept. 2, 2020.

Coronavirus and religion

- An article by Jordan Davidson titled “Los Angeles County Targets Grace Community Church for Holding Worship Services by Terminating Parking Lot Lease” was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 31, 2020.

Coronavirus and sports

- An article by Orion Sang titled “Without Michigan Football, Athletic Director Says School Could Take a \$100 Million Hit” was posted at yahoosports.com on Sept. 2, 2020.

Protests and sports

- An article by Sam Quinn titled “LeBron James Leads Lakers, Clippers in Exiting NBA Players Meeting After Voting to Cancel Season” was posted at cbssports.com on Aug. 26, 2020.
- An article by Melissa Rohlin titled “Stephen A. Smith Says LeBron James ‘Turned Everybody Off’ During NBA Meetings” was posted at si.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Ben Domenech titled “As Sports Media Cheers on Athlete Boycotts, Fans Will Walk Away” was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 27, 2020.
- An article by Ryan Young titled “[University of] Kentucky Forward Kelon Brooks Joining Push to Get Rupp Arena Name Changed” was posted at yahoosports.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Warner Todd Huston titled “Dallas Stars CEO [Brad Alberts] Admits to Losing Fans Over Black Lives Matter Support” was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by Ryan Phillips titled “Marcus Morris [Black NBA Player] Appeared to Intentionally Step on [White NBA Player] Luka Doncic’s Injured Ankle” was posted at thebiglead.com on Aug. 25, 2020.
- An article by Nick Bromberg titled “Clippers Marcus Morris [Black NBA Player] Ejected in First Quarter of Game 6 Win for Flagrant Foul on Luka Doncic [White NBA Player]” was posted at yahoosports.com on Aug. 30, 2020.

Comments about police “misconduct”

- An article by Shannon Barbour titled “Families of Black People Shot by Police Gave the Most Powerful Speeches at the March on Washington” was posted at yahoo.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Joshua Caplan titled “FBI Chicago: Gangs Formed Pact to Shoot Police Officers Who Draw Weapons on Suspects” was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 31, 2020.

■ An article by Marc Nathanson titled "Protesters Gather After LA Sheriff's Deputies Shoot Black Man During Confrontation" was posted at abcnews.com on Sept. 1, 2020.

Illegal immigration

■ An article by Neil Munro titled "Joe Biden's Immigration Plan to Accelerate Chain Migration Inflow" was posted at Breitbart.com on Sept. 1, 2020.

Comments about weapons

■ An article by Marty Johnson titled "Attorneys for Teen Accused of Killing Two People in Kenosha Claim He Acted in Self-Defense" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 29, 2020.

■ An article by AWR Hawkins titled "Armed Residents Stand Guard to Protect Kenosha Neighborhood" was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 29, 2020.

■ An article by Beth Baumann titled "President Trump: Here's What I Want My Supporters to Do When They Encounter Rioters [Leave It to Law Enforcement]" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 31, 2020.

Comments about Mail-In Ballots

■ Looking back to June, an article by Erica Werner titled "Treasury Sent More Than 1 Million Coronavirus Stimulus Payments to Dead People, Congressional Watchdog [Government Accountability Office] Finds" was posted at WashingtonPost.com on June 25, 2020. [Just as dead people receive government checks, dead people can also receive government mail-in ballots.]

■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Fauci: There's No Reason People Can't Vote Safely in Person" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 14, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article titled "Secretary Ben Carson: President Trump Is One of Us, He Makes Promises and He Keeps Them" was posted at FoxNews.com on Aug. 27, 2020.

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled "Homeland Security Secretary Says Antifa 'Absolutely' Meets Definition of Domestic Terrorist Group" was posted at TheFederalist.com on Aug. 27, 2020.

■ An article titled "Kayla Mueller's Parents: If Trump Had Been President, Kayla Would Still Be With Us" was posted at FoxNews.com on Aug. 28, 2020.

■ An article by Dr. Susan Berry titled "Pro-Life Advocate Paints 'Baby Lives Matter' Mural Outside Charlotte Planned Parenthood" was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 28, 2020.

■ An article by Jordan Davidson titled "C-SPAN Had So Many Democrats Calling in Support for Trump That They Had to Change Their Protocol" was posted at TheFederalist.com on Aug. 28, 2020.

- An article by Michelle Mark titled "US Marshals Found 39 Missing Children in a 2-Week Operation, 15 of Whom They Say Were Sex-Trafficking Victims" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article titled "U.S. Marshals Rescue Dozens of Missing Children in Georgia and Ohio" was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article titled "Kim Klacik [a Black Congressional Candidate in Maryland]: President Trump Is Producing Real Results for the Black Community" was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on Aug. 30, 2020.

Kamala Harris

- An article by Samuel Smith titled "Biden Taps Kamala Harris As Running Mate; 'Most Pro-Abortion Ticket' in US History, SBA [Susan B. Anthony] List Says" was posted at [christianpost.com](https://www.christianpost.com) on Aug. 11, 2020.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "Reminder: Kamala Harris Helped Bail Out Criminals Burning Down American Cities" was posted at [townhall.com](https://www.townhall.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by David Marcus titled "Meet the Rioting Criminals Kamala Harris Helped Bail Out of Jail" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

- An article by Charlie Spiering titled "Donald Trump: 'My Biggest Opponent' Is 'Corrupt Media,' Not Joe Biden" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 17, 2020.
- An article by Zachary Evans titled "Virginia Senate [Which Is Primarily Democrats] Approves Bill [Proposed by Democrat Scott Survell] to Downgrade Penalty for Assaulting a Police Officer" was posted at [nationalreview.com](https://www.nationalreview.com) on Aug. 27, 2020.
- An article by Kristina Wong titled "Protesters Stage Mock Guillotine With Trump Doll in Front of White House" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 27, 2020.
- An article by John Daniel Davidson titled "The Face of the Democratic Party Isn't Joe Biden, It's the Raging Mob" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Joel B. Pollak titled "Extremism at Kenosha 'Justice for Jacob' Rally: 'If You Kill One of Ours, It's Time for Us to Kill One of Yours' " was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Laura Barron-Lopez and Holly Otterbein titled "A Democratic Turf War Is Raging—Even As Progressives Try to Elect Biden" was posted at [politico.com](https://www.politico.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Yelena Dzhanova titled "Biden Trolls Trump and Purchases 'Keep America Great' Web Domain, Using It to Call Out Trump's Failures" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Nikki Schwab titled "Joe Biden Raises at Least \$350 Million in August Smashing Through Previous Records Set by Obama As He Outspends Donald Trump Tenfold on TV Ads" was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Sept. 1, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "Pelosi Blames Wildfires, Hurricanes and COVID on Trump's 'Rejection of Science' " was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Aug. 27, 2020.

- An article by Canela Lopez titled "Marijuana Is Only Legal in 11 States But a House Vote Coming Next Month Could Expand Legalization to the Entire US" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Yelena Dzhanova titled "A Texas School District [Near Dallas] Pulled An Assignment After Complaints That It Compared Police Officers to KKK Members" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by Tanasia Kenney titled "Removal of Confederate Monuments in Georgia Leads to Boycott of Crane Companies" was posted at [miamiherald.com](https://www.miamiherald.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.
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- An article by Adrianna San Marco titled "UNC Professor [Tressie McMillan Cottom]: 'They Have Deputized All White People to Murder Us' " was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.
- A video and an article by Adrianna San Marco titled "Watch: Democratic State Rep. John DeBerry Shames Rioters; 'What Kind of People Have We Become?'" were posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Jeremiah Jacobsen titled "10 More People Charged in Minneapolis Looting" was posted at [kare.com](https://www.kare.com) on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Tammy Mutasa titled "Seattle Rioters Caught on Camera Trying to Trap Police in East Precinct, Set It on Fire" was posted at [komonews.com](https://www.komonews.com) on Aug. 26, 2020.
- An article by Katherine Rodriguez titled "Portland Residents Say Being Near Protests Feels Like 'Living in a War' " was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Aug. 26, 2020.
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- An article titled "New Yorkers Are Fleeing to the Suburbs: 'The Demand Is Insane' " was posted at dnyuz.com on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by Christen A. Johnson titled " 'I've Never Had to Think About My Own Safety in This Way Before': Shaken by Summer Looting in Affluent Neighborhoods, Some Chicagoans Are Moving Away" was posted at chicagotribune.com on Aug. 26, 2020.
- An article by titled "Vandalism, Graffiti Seen After Crowd Marches Through Downtown Sacramento" was posted at kcra.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Ed Pilkington titled "New York's Not Dead, But Pandemic Has Laid Bare Deep-Seated Problems" was posted at theguardian.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- A Reuters article by Nichola Groom titled "More Than 20 States Sue Over Trump Changes to Key Environmental Law" was posted at reuters.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Ben Kew titled "Black Lives Matter Co-Founder Patrisse Cullors Demands Hollywood Strike Over Shooting of Jacob Blake" was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Ed Mazza titled "Comic Jim Gaffigan Lights Up Twitter With Some Tough Talk for Trump Loyalists" was posted at huffpost.com on Aug. 28, 2020.
- An article by Lindsey Ellefson titled "Jim Gaffigan Doesn't Regret 'Harsh' Twitter Rant About Trump: 'Truth Requires Direct Sunlight' " was posted at thewrap.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
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- An article by David Ng titled "Chelsea Handler: 'A Vote for Trump Is a Vote for White Supremacy' " was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by Sophie Ankel titled "President Trump's Sister [Maryanne Trump Barry] Brands Ivanka Trump a 'Mini-Donald' and Calls Eric 'A Moron' in New Secret Tapes" was posted at businessinsider.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- An article by Pam Key titled "[Val] Demings [of Florida]: 'No One Has Violated the Law in 2020 More Than' Trump" was posted at Breitbart.com on Aug. 30, 2020.

General interest

- An article by Mitchell Willetts titled "Carbon Monoxide Kills Family of 5 Hunkered Down for Hurricane, Louisiana Officials Say" was posted at miamiherald.com on Aug. 28, 2020.

- An article by Chacour Koop titled "Hurricane Laura Was So Powerful It Forced a Texas River [Neches River in Beaumont] to Flow Backwards [7,600 Cubic Feet Per Second] for [12] Hours" was posted at miamiherald.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Susan Jones titled "CDC: COVID-Involved Deaths in Mid-August Down 63% From April Peak" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 1, 2020.
- An article by Angela Hart and Samantha Young titled "California May Be the First State to Develop Its Own Generic Drugs" was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 1, 2020.
- An article by Chris Woodyard titled "'Everyone Is Buying Boats' During the Pandemic, and It's Causing a Short Supply" was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 1, 2020.
- An article by Megan Johnson titled "Toni Braxton [Singer] Says She Regrets 'Not Having More Sex' When She Was Younger: 'My Religious Upbringing [Jehovah's Witness and Catholic Before Settling as Methodist] Stopped Me Doing a Lot of Things That I Should Have Done' " was posted at yahooentertainment.com on Aug. 30, 2020.



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."