

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Michael Brown titled "What Christian Conservatives Can Learn From the Islamic Revolution in Iran" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

In 1979, Ayatollah Khomeini became the Supreme Leader of Iran, riding in on a tremendous ground swell of public support. The Shah had been forced to flee for his life, Khomeini was welcomed back from exile in France as a national hero, and the Islamic Republic of Iran was born. Today, however, a new poll finds that "only 32% of the population consider themselves Shia Muslims."

The poll was conducted by the Group for Analyzing and Measuring Attitudes in Iran (GAMAAN), described as "a non-profit institute in the Netherlands, asked Iranians about their attitude toward religion." The poll involved 50,000 Iranians.

According to the results, "78% of Iranians believe in God, but only 26% of them believe in 'the coming of the Messiah (Imam Mahdi)'" which is a major doctrine in Shia Islam.

Remarkably, "Half of the population used to believe but does not anymore and 6% have converted to a new religion."

"Out of 61% of the people born into religious families, 60% do not say their daily prayers. 68% of the participants believe that religion must not be the basis of leg-

isolation, 71% believe that religious institutions must be self-funded, and 42% believe that promoting any kind of religion must be banned from the public sphere.”

In short, the people are rejecting a strict Islamic theocracy, which has driven people away from the faith rather than consolidated them in their faith.

What makes this polling data so interesting is that the Iranian Revolution came from the bottom up, meaning, it was the people, led by the Muslim clergy, which toppled the iron-handed, very-secular Shah.

While Khomeini was still in exile in France, his weekly teachings were recorded, duplicated on cassette tapes, and smuggled into Iran, where the clergy preached these same messages in the mosques on Fridays. And the people, revolting against the growing worldliness and anti-religious sentiments in their nation, toppled the regime, welcoming back the austere Khomeini.

As for Khomeini himself, Hamid Algar wrote in 1981 that, “Given the current fame of Imam Khomeini as a revolutionary leader who has achieved a rare degree of success in the purely political sphere, it may appear surprising that he first gained fame as a writer and teacher concerned with devotional and even mystical matters.”

So, Khomeini began his career as a popular, spiritual teacher. But in his mind, the spiritual intersected with the secular and the political.

As Algar explained, “For Imam Khomeini, however, spirituality and mysticism have never implied social withdrawal or political quietism, but rather the building up of a fund of energy that finds its natural expression on the socio-political plane. The life of Imam Khomeini is a clear indication that the Revolution wrought by Islam necessarily begins in the moral and spiritual realm.”

What, then, can Christian conservatives in America learn from the state of affairs in Iran?

■ First, changing government leaders and changing laws is important, but changing hearts is much more important.

Otherwise, if change is primarily enforced from the outside rather than produced on the inside, there will be a massive backlash. The end will be worse than the beginning.

That’s why I have emphasized repeatedly that we must put spiritual activity before political activity. As I tweeted on May 12, “If only we were as passionate about prayer as we are about politics! The nation would be rocked almost overnight and our own lives would be transformed.”

This is not a matter of either-or. It is a matter of emphasis, of putting first things first. By all means, we should work to change the laws where those laws are unjust or destructive. But we should work much harder to change hearts.

■ Second, every generation of believers must have a fresh encounter with God.

We learn this from the history of Israel, where the book of Joshua tells us that, “Israel served the LORD during the lifetime of Joshua and the lifetime of the

elders who lived on after Joshua, and who had experienced all the deeds that the LORD had wrought for Israel" (Joshua 24:31). The next generation, which did not experience the Lord's power and grace for itself, quickly fell away.

It is the same with the Church. Grandpa's stories and Mother's testimonies will only have relevance for the younger generation when those young people experience the reality of their parents' and grandparents' God. Traditions can be passed down. Living faith must be experienced.

Here too, if we do not get this right, there will be a revolt against God and the Christian faith. After all, how many people want strict morals and high standards of living without a personal encounter with the Lord?

■ Third, contrary to the theocratic worldview of Islam, in which the Muslim faith takes over and rules, enforcing and even coercing adherence, the New Testament method is very different.

We are to preach the gospel, declaring God's love in the power of the Spirit, and as people are born-again and transformed, they begin to lead different lives.

Their values change. Their perspectives change. Their goals change. Their standards change. As a result, the world around them changes.

Within the Church, as Christians start living like Christians, taking seriously the call of Jesus, they begin to shine their light more brightly. And that, in turn, touches the surrounding world in a positive way, drawing more non-believers to the faith while also confronting the social ills of the day.

This is how we fight our battles. And this is what I refer to as gospel-based, moral and cultural, Jesus revolution.

So, while we should stay involved politically, especially during this critical election season, we must put our priorities in the right place. Otherwise, while making temporary political gains, we will further alienate the next generation.

For some years now, dating back well before the rise of Donald Trump, young people have been turning away from God. And yet these same young people are hurting deeply today.

Let us bring to them the message of life, the message of hope, and the message of transformation—all of it found in Jesus. Politics cannot do this, nor can other religions, like Islam.

It is the gospel truth that sets people free.



An article by Carina Benton titled "How Voting for Socialism Caused Czechoslovakia 40 Years of Misery" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 9, 2020. Following is the article.

Democrats are now stooping to seduce voters with neo-Marxist promises to end “systemic racism,” “reimagine” policing, guarantee “free” health care, and “pay” for higher education. The lure of a socialist utopia in which the individual finds ultimate fulfillment in the state has deceived countless people throughout the 20th century. Yet in the end, that promise has delivered nothing but unprecedented atrocities and abuses of freedom.

In 1946, Czechoslovakia became the only European nation to bring communism to power through a legitimate democratic process. Czechoslovakia boasted a successful interwar democracy between 1918 and 1939. But after six years of Nazi occupation, a disillusioned, war-weary, and idealistic people fell prey to the false messianic promises of the communists.

Popular aspirations for a better, fairer society became conflated with the Communist Party mantra, and individual freedom and dignity were substituted for the oppressive power of the State.

Making the same mistakes

Today, Americans are witnessing a forecast of such horrors, as Democrats leverage Antifa terror tactics to threaten opponents and foist the radical left’s ideology on a bewildered population. As one Black Lives Matter insurgent recently proclaimed, “It’s time for revolution.”

Don’t expect Democrats to change tactics once in office. Vice-Presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) threatened as much, insisting the rioters weren’t going to stop. “Everyone beware,” she proclaimed, “they’re not going to stop until election day and they’re not going to stop after election day . . . They’re not going to let up. Nor should they. And nor should we.”

The social justice quest of today’s Democratic Party is a barely disguised power grab. Unfortunately, the disastrous course they’re charting won’t be easily redirected. Instead, Americans should heed the lessons of Czechoslovakia, a democracy that voted for a socialist ideal and would have to wait more than 40 years before they won their freedom back.

Socialism, the fool’s gold of political systems, assumes that the world’s moral well-being can be guaranteed through structural change.

This is what radicals like Rep. Ilhan Omar mean by “dismantling the whole system of oppression” or when Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez advocates “reimagined systems of immigration and foreign policy” and “deep systemic solutions to our crises of eviction and unemployment.”

The socialist promise is intoxicating. It has been craftily adapted by cunning and power-hungry politicians throughout history, to varying conditions and diverse peoples: only through the state can the individual become a happier person, living a better life in a fairer world.

The Democrat crusade for the progress of humanity may sound enticing. But there is nothing progressive about using Marxist hate groups to impose radical left groupthink and destroy competing ideologies and viewpoints. Demo-

crats are exploiting class and race antagonisms while lecturing Americans on the inherent evil of their country.

The lessons of Czechoslovakia

When the people of Czechoslovakia voted the Communist Party into office in 1946, they too believed they were building on the ruins of a failed system.

Czechoslovakia had functioned as a successful democracy from its founding in 1918 until it was occupied by Adolf Hitler's Third Reich. It emerged from the war with a thirst for freedom but a loss of faith in the old order.

Communist Party propaganda convinced people that the free-market economy and the democratic political system had caused the economic crisis of the 1930s, the rise of Nazism, the Second World War, the deportation, imprisonment, and mass murder of Jews, and the defeat and destruction of Czechoslovakia.

Marxism was heralded as the only solution for and safeguard against injustice, racism, violence, and war. The Communist Party urged a transformation of the system and a change within the individual if they were to progress toward fairer, better humanity.

The people willingly embraced a culture of martyrdom, sacrificing individual freedoms for the collective good and personal redemption.

The Party fostered a pseudo-religious zeal in which people purged themselves of their shameful middle-class values and capitalist mentality and devoted themselves to the New Order.

This time It will be different

People were aware of the Bolshevik terror that had been unleashed in Russia but naïvely believed that their bespoke, national road to socialism would be different.

Although ethnically diverse, Czechoslovakia was relatively unified and had experienced stable democracy. It was industrially and culturally advanced with an educated population. The idea that a communist dictatorship would ever be imposed was unthinkable.

In 1946, the Communists won a decisive victory, promising a progressive, moderate, and inclusive sort of socialism. In 1948 they staged a coup and established total control. Elections would not be held again until 1990.

Democratic traditions were swept aside as political opponents were ousted, basic freedoms relinquished, and rule of law eroded. Arrests, beatings, interrogations, "reeducation" camps, and "disappearances" became a matter of course. Businesses were privatized and farms were nationalized. A planned economy run by a corrupt and inept state led to shortages in housing and basic materials.

But the Party was beyond reproach. It concocted its facts, reality, and set of behavioral norms. Faith in the system became more important than truth.

Václav Havel, a writer, dissident, and first president of post-communist Czechoslovakia, explained that because the main pillar of the system was living a lie, the truth had to be suppressed more severely than anything else.

Political disobedience, real or perceived, was punished by persecution, torture, and death. It wasn't just ordinary people who suffered. During the Slansky show trials of the 1950s, 14 senior party officials were arrested on fabricated charges of conspiring against the Party. They were interrogated, tortured, and all save one were executed.

Some found it easier to doubt themselves rather than accept the truth that the socialist system they had devoted their lives to building was corrupt to the core.

Before he was hanged, the last words of Rudolph Slansky, former general secretary of the Communist Party, were: "Thank you. I'm getting what I deserved."

One of the other men executed was Rudolph Margolius, former cabinet chief in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, whose wife Heda Margolius Kovály details the experience in her haunting memoir "Under a Cruel Star."

The story is a must-read for anyone deluded enough to believe that socialist regimes are concerned with improving conditions for the average person. They're interested in consolidating power for themselves. As Margolius Kovály observes, vast power reinforced by the fear of losing it is a deadly combination.

A long night of tyranny

Czechoslovakia's experiment in pursuing a socialist utopia entailed 41 years of one-party rule. Only after the collapse of the Soviet Union and a peaceful revolution was democracy restored.

The fear, lies, envy, persecution, and oppression that characterized the regime followed the same pattern as every society that has suffered at the hands of socialists.

What distinguishes Czechoslovakia's experience is that a people who had thrived under a superior form of government, and should have known better, unwittingly voted this evil into power.

Today, the Biden campaign is dangling its brand of socialist candy in front of voters, as politicians like Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders offer straight-faced lectures about the mission to "preserve" democracy and decency.

But the chaos and violence in our cities paint a more accurate picture of what we can expect under a Biden administration. It bodes very poorly, indeed.

From Democrat Rep. Ayana Pressley calling for "unrest in the streets" to Marxist mobs chanting "death to America," nothing about the left's platform evokes the safeguarding of democratic principles.

It is about reengineering the country at the expense of anyone who rejects this radical movement.

As Kamala Harris warned, this isn't going away. With God's grace, it will. But four decades would be a long time to wait.



An article by Edith Szanto titled "The Largest Contemporary Muslim Pilgrimage Isn't the Hajj to Mecca; It's the Shiite Pilgrimage to Karbala in Iraq" was posted at theconversation.com on Sept. 9, 2020. Following is the article.

Every year, Shiite Muslims mark the death of Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussain with a mourning period that lasts a total of 50 days.

Ashura, the tenth day of the Islamic month of Muharram, commemorates the day Hussain died.

For millions of Shiites, this mourning period culminates in a pilgrimage to Karbala in Iraq. This pilgrimage has, in recent years, become the largest gathering of people in the world for a religious reason. This year Ashura was observed on Aug. 30 and the pilgrimage, 40 days later, will end on Oct. 9, 2020.

My research focuses on Shiite shrines and Muharram mourning practices. The city of Karbala, which I visited twice in 2013, is located 60 miles southwest of Baghdad and 45 miles north of Najaf, the other important Shiite shrine city in Iraq.

The pilgrimage and the city of Karbala have been through many changes over a more than 1000-year-old history. This year, the pilgrimage and the holy city are faced with a new challenge: covid-19.

The historic battle at Karbala

Karbala is the place where Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussain was killed during what is known as the Battle of Karbala in A.D. 680. According to Shiites, Hussain and his men were martyred in this battle on the day of Ashura.

Following the death of Prophet Muhammad in A.D. 632, there was a dispute over who would be his rightful heir. Sunnis, who make up the majority of Muslims, believe that Abu Bakr, Muhammad's friend and father-in-law, rightly succeeded Muhammad in A.D. 632. Shiites believe that Ali, Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law, should have been Muhammad's successor.

After years of civil war, as well as wars of expansion, the Arab Umayyad dynasty established its rule over the region, from the Middle East to North Africa from A.D. 661 to 750. But there were those who decried Umayyad rule.

Hussain had been invited by the inhabitants of Kufa, which was a garrison town near Najaf, to come and lead them in a revolt against the Umayyad caliph in Damascus. Umayyad forces first put down the unrest in Kufa and then met and killed Hussain and his men on the desert plains of Karbala.

For Shiite Muslims, Hussain was their third imam, a worldly and spiritual leader whose direct relationship to Muhammad gave him special status and authority.

After Hussain's death, a tomb was soon built which attracted devotees and benefactors. Najaf is where Hussain's father, Ali, lies buried.

The pilgrimage throughout history

Over the years, Hussain's shrine was destroyed, rebuilt, remodeled and expanded.

Muharram mourning rituals, whether in Karbala or elsewhere, have been used for political ends. Sometimes, Muharram practices were sponsored by rulers who sought to gain popular support. At other times, the rituals turned into anti-government protests. Fearing civil unrest, some rulers prohibited or limited pilgrimage to Karbala.

For example, Mutawakkil, a caliph of the Abbasid dynasty, which ruled over a vast Islamic empire from the eighth to the 13th century, feared that the rituals inflamed anti-regime fervor. He destroyed the tomb in A.D. 850 and banned the pilgrimage to Karbala.

Karbala and Najaf grew in importance in the 16th century with the founding of a Shiite state in Persia, today's Iran, under Shah Ismail I. From then on, the Iraqi shrine cities attracted increasing numbers of pilgrims.

Many pilgrims brought bodies of deceased relatives because of a belief that being buried close to Ali or Hussain ensures that when the deceased stands in front of God on Judgment Day, Ali or Hussain will appeal to God's mercy to allow the person's soul to enter heaven.

This has led to "Wadi al-Salam," Arabic for "Valley of Peace," in Najaf becoming one of the world's largest cemeteries, holding up to 5 million corpses.

The transport and burial of corpses provided employment for a wide strata of the population in Najaf and Karbala. Higher fees were charged from those wanting to be closer to Ali or Hussain in the burial site.

Blaming the corpse traffic as one of the reasons for several outbreaks of cholera in 19th-century Persia and Ottoman Iraq, the Ottoman government, which ruled over Iraq from the 16th to the beginning of the 20th century, sought to restrict and control the number of corpses that were brought in.

Yet even under these restrictions, around 20,000 dead bodies were brought to Najaf each year at the start of the 20th century. Today, roughly 100,000 are brought for burial in Najaf annually.

From decline to rebirth

Under the authoritarian Iraqi Baath regime, from the early 1970s to 2003, Shiite pilgrimage was closely monitored and limited.

Like many previous rulers, Saddam Hussain feared that the rituals would be used in order to incite rebellion against his regime, that the pilgrimage would turn into a protest. But once Saddam was overthrown by U.S.-led forces in 2003, the pilgrimage flourished again.

In 2004, more than 2 million pilgrims walked to Karbala, and the most common route was from Najaf to Karbala. Since then, the pilgrimage to Karbala has even eclipsed the hajj, which annually draws between 2 and 3 million. In 2014, 17 million people reportedly completed the walk to Karbala. By 2016, the number of pilgrims increased to 22 million.

This year, fear of the spread of covid-19 has greatly restricted many pilgrimages, including the hajj. Only a limited number of Muslims already inside Saudi Arabia was allowed to attend.

As a precautionary measure, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, a top Iraqi Shiite leader, encouraged his followers to mourn at home, rather than visit Karbala.

For Ashura this year, Shiites gathered in Najaf and Karbala, but on a much smaller scale. There was social distancing, but not everywhere. Not all pilgrims wore masks. In the absence of stringent measures, the number of infections in Iraq has already spiked. Whether the government will respond with stricter policies for the pilgrimage at the beginning of October remains to be seen.



An article by John Stossel titled "China's Dark Turn" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 9, 2020. Following is the article.

"I'm more anti-China than you!"

That's a new theme of this election.

Joe Biden says, "We will never again be at the mercy of China!" Donald Trump replies, "China would own our country if Joe Biden got elected!"

It's strange to hear competition, because just a few administrations ago, presidents were eager to celebrate China. "A future of greater trade and growth and human dignity is possible!" said George W. Bush. Bill Clinton praised China's "positive change" and "great progress."

What changed? That's the subject of my new video.

Presidents Clinton and Bush were excited about China because its dictators had finally opened up China's economy. They got rid of price controls, broke up collective farms, allowed foreign investment and privatized state-run business. China, suddenly, prospered.

"People were so happy to finally see China being set on this path," says Melissa Chen, who reports on China for the Spectator. The reforms "lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty for the very first time."

Then, three years ago, Xi Jinping got himself named president for life.

He cracked down on speech, even jokes. After someone noted his resemblance to Winnie the Pooh, all mentions of the character were deleted from China's internet.

I had thought the internet couldn't be censored. Bill Clinton said it would be like "trying to nail Jell-O to the wall."

"The Chinese figured out how to nail Jell-O to the wall," says Chen. "They built an almost perfectly walled-in internet."

China does this by employing a million censors. They block Google, Facebook, Twitter and most Western news media. A few computer-savvy Chinese citizens use forbidden apps to get around the censorship, but most don't get to see the same internet that we see.

People caught accessing banned sites are punished. Police may barge into your home, threaten your family or just restrict your choices.

"You can't make doctor's appointments," explains Chen. "You can't travel . . . they'll block you from buying a train ticket or a plane ticket."

Life is far worse for religious minorities such as the Muslim Uighurs. The government is waging cultural genocide against them.

About a million Uighurs are locked up in "reeducation" camps, "sometimes for years," says Chen. "Their family never hears back from them."

China won't allow reporters near the camps, but drone footage shows rows of blindfolded people with their heads shaved and their hands tied behind their backs.

Radio Free Asia adds that China's "reeducation" methods even include having Chinese men replace the Uighur men in families. They "come in and live with a family (and) sleep in the same bed as the wife," says Chen.

In short, today's China is, once again, a vicious communist dictatorship.

So, I'm amazed to watch American protesters and hear them say, "America is the world's biggest problem."

Even a recent New York Times editorial board member wrote that it was difficult to know whether the United States is "better, worse, or the same" as China.

That equivalence is "bonkers," replies Chen. "There should be no doubt about the moral equivalence between the two countries."

For one thing, we Americans are free to criticize our government.

"You can hold up a sign at a protest, saying, 'Screw Donald Trump; the United States sucks!'" explains Chen. "You cannot do anything remotely similar in China."

People in Hong Kong tried. Millions attended protests, often waving American flags. Chen says it shows they "have a hankering for American values. They crave this freedom that we take for granted."

Now they, too, have been silenced by China's government.

The American protesters who carry "democratic socialism" banners and wave Communist flags (Soviet Communists used to call people like them "useful idiots") should know what people in Hong Kong know: Socialism leads to real government oppression.

“Why would Americans want this?” asks Chen. “Why would they be waving these Communist flags, wanting socialism?”



“Eye on the World” comment: The following list of articles consists of headlines of extra articles, which are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

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- An article by Tracy Wilkinson titled “Despite Pressure From Trump, Arab Nations Resist Normalizing Ties With Israel” was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 3, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Kim Coghill titled “Trump Welcomes Opening of Saudi Airspace to Israel-UAE Flights” was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 4, 2020.
 - An article by Patrick Goodenough titled “Palestinians Fail to Get Arab League to Condemn Israel-UAE Accord” was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 10, 2020.
 - An article by Kevin Liptak and Betsy Klein titled “Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain to Establish ‘Full Diplomatic Relations,’ Trump Says” was posted at cnn.com on Sept. 11, 2020.
 - An article titled “ Hamas Leader Says Group Has Missiles That Can Hit Tel Aviv” was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 6, 2020.
 - An article by George Baghdadi titled “Russia Vows to Help Syria ‘Break Through’ Crippling U.S. Sanctions” was posted at cbsnews.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
 - An article by Marcus Parekh titled “South Korea Develops Test That Can Tell the Difference Between Coronavirus and Seasonal Flu” was posted at telegraph.co.uk on Sept. 7, 2020.
 - An article titled “Premier [Soccer] League Ends Deal With Chinese Broadcast Partner [Which Was Originally Signed for \$718 Million]” was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 3, 2020.
 - An article by Chao Deng and Rachel Pannett titled “Australian Reporters Flee China After Late-Night Visits From State Security” was posted at wsj.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
 - An article by Ana P. Santos titled “Philippine Fishermen Stranded at Sea by Pandemic; ‘We Think About Jumping Overboard’ ” was posted at latimes.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
 - A Reuters article by Guy Faulconbridge, Elizabeth Piper and William James titled “Brexit Back in Crisis: EU Warns UK Over Divorce Pact” was posted at reuters.com on Sept. 7, 2020.
 - An article by Naman Ramachandran titled “ ‘Britain’s Got Talent’ Draws Over 10,000 Complaints Around Black Lives Matter-Inspired Act” was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 10, 2020.
 - An article by Chris Smith titled “Scientists Can’t Explain Puzzling Lack of Coronavirus Outbreaks in Africa” was posted at nypost.com on Sept. 4, 2020.



An article by Loyd Pettegrew titled "The Rhetorical Sophistry of Marxist Organizations in America" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 8, 2020. Following is the article.

In his treatise, *Rhetoric*, Aristotle (335–322 BCE) held that rhetoric is the use of all the available means of persuasion. Aristotle's omniscience led to the development of rhetorical theory, an academic progenitor to the field of communication.

Since the Obama years we have seen neo-Marxist causes engaged in a full tilt boogie to persuade Americans and societies around the world that their cause is just and worth supporting. It is becoming a socio-economic version of Joseph Schumpeter's principle of creative destruction.

Joe Biden increasingly uses sophistry rather than legitimate rhetorical arguments to make his case for the presidency. The mainstream media fawn over his ineloquence and are oblivious to his failings.

The original Sophists were ancient Greek teachers of rhetoric and philosophy in the 5th century B.C. Philosophers like Plato described them as liars, out for personal reward and willing to say anything to win. Little has changed.

In Biden's meeting with Black community leaders in Kenosha, Wis., he lied for personal gain, saying, "People fear that which is different. We've got to, for example, why in God's name don't we teach history in history classes? A Black man invented the light bulb [presumably Lewis Howard Latimer], not a white guy named Edison."

The easily researched truth is Thomas Edison was indeed the first inventor of the light bulb and secured patents in 1879 and 1880. Latimer developed an improved version of Edison's invention two years later in 1881. This inconvenient truth wouldn't have allowed Biden to curry the audience's favor, so he lied.

The two most prominent neo-Marxist organizations in America today are Black Lives Matter (BLM) and Antifa [Anti-fascists]. Through the clever naming of their organizations, they have demonstrated great skill at sophistry.

Who except the most craven, would not believe that black lives matter?

Who among us would be against an anti-fascist group?

But their Marxist underpinning is real, if under appreciated by the mainstream media and most Democrats.

Pascal Buckner wrote in CitiJournal that in addition to BLM and Antifa, "The neo-Marxists saw covid-19 as confirmation of their theories about the end of capitalism."

BLM was founded by three skilled Marxist black community organizers, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tomato. They formed the movement on July 13, 2013, following the not guilty verdict of George Zimmerman for the shooting death of black teenager Trayvon Martin.

Antifa

The Gatestone Institute reveals strong evidence showing Antifa as a highly networked, well-funded global presence with a flat organizational structure and possibly hundreds of local groups, like the one that has covered Portland for 13 years.

Antifa's aims in America and abroad, to establish a communist world order, ironically through fascism, despite its moniker. Antifa's immediate purpose in America is terminating the Trump administration, presumably for having the political cojones to stand up against them.

Their favored tactic is to employ extreme violence and destruction of public and private property to goad police into reacting, and "proving" Antifa's claim that the government is "fascist."

This is a fascinating and effective sophistic strategy that our leftist MSM and the Democrat party swallow. As the riots across America have shown, Antifa's rhetorical strategies work expertly, especially among America's Gen Z-ers who have gone stir-crazy and just plain crazy, after months in the covid lockdown.

Black Lives Matter

BLM gained world-wide notice in August 2014, when Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson killed Michael Brown and the incident became front page headlines in every newspaper in America.

After the incident President Obama offered what BLM took as a limp-wristed response, denouncing the violence.

Frequent White House guest Reverend Al Sharpton, visited Ferguson and gave the BLM movement instant notoriety and credibility, stirring the embers of racial hatred.

This exhibition was followed by San Francisco quarterback, Colin Kaepernick taking a knee during the playing of the national anthem supporting racial justice and BLM.

As Anne Wortham explains in *Individualism Versus Racism*, no rational, self-responsible individual relies upon the claim of racism for sinecure.

"He does not beg for patronage, sympathy, and smiles. Instead of asking that others grant him a living, he knows he has been born with an inalienable right to whatever life he is capable of earning, according to his own purpose, his own virtues, which others cannot give to him and cannot take away"—news to Kaepernick's and Nike's rationality and self-responsibility.

Social media have played a leading role in BLM's growth.

■ "Twitter, Facebook and social media platforms are really ground zero for focusing attention [on BLM]," said Charlton McIlwain, a New York University professor and co-author of the study "Beyond the Hashtags: #Ferguson, #BlackLivesMatter and the Online Struggle for Offline Justice," Twitter alone registered 21.6 million tweets about BLM after Ferguson.

■ As Terrence Corcoran writes about these sophistic movements in *The Financial Times*, "Individualism is dead. In its place is a new political environment in which all people are supposedly driven by and classified according to their membership in one of dozens of collective categories that determine each person's world view and behavior that is controlled by ingrained collective bias and beliefs."

BLM and Antifa are just such instrumental identity groups.

Heather Mac Donald recounts in her book, *Diversity Delusion*, an incident she faced at Claremont McKenna College, when asked to present a lecture about her book, *The War on Cops*.

BLM had received word of her lecture and took to social media to gin up protesters to shut down her lecture, referring to her as a "notorious white supremacist fascist."

Her real crime to the Marxists was presenting compelling data.

- Police don't victimize law-abiding black people.
- The biggest victimizers of black people are themselves.
- She concludes, "While Black Lives Matter protesters have ignored such mayhem, the people who have concerned themselves are the police."

In once peaceful Rochester and other cities around the nation, BLM is harassing diners in restaurants, accosting passersby on the street, receiving millions of dollars from corporations hoping to stay in BLM's good graces.

By early June, 2020, corporate America had donated an astonishing \$1.68 billion dollars to BLM and this number continues to increase as I have pointed out elsewhere.

The corporate largess comes with typical apologist rhetoric like the statement by Levi Strauss' V.P. of Sales and Executive Sponsor of Levis' Black Employee Resource Group: "Levi Strauss is in mourning. We mourn how the Black community has suffered a disproportionate number of deaths related to covid-19. And we mourn the heartbreaking perpetual violence against Black Americans simply for being black. It's time for us to be seen and heard."

This amounts to rhetorical welfare for the Black community and as black scholars like Thomas Sowell, Walter Williams Shelby Steele and John McWhorter have pointed out, simply giving away free things only makes recipients dependent on others and not self-sustaining.

Sophistry and largess is far less helpful than changing social values and mores honestly as I have argued elsewhere.



An article by Beth Baumann titled "Democratic Operative Goes Into Detail About How He Rigged Elections" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 30, 2020. Following is the article.

With the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic still raging on, most states are looking at some sort of mail-in voting for the November General Election. In fact, some states won't even offer in-person voting. It will be entirely conducted by mail. President Donald Trump has repeatedly called into question just how secure mail-in voting really is and the potential for fraud.

In fact, a reporter in Pennsylvania conducted an mock election to see how many ballots would be returned once they were mailed from different parts of Philadelphia. The USPS lost three percent of the ballots. Back in May the Department of Justice pressed charges on a mail carrier for altering mail-in ballot request forms.

And who could forget: the primary elections in New York's 12th and 15th Congressional Districts took more than six weeks to count because election officials were unprepared for a massive increase in absentee ballots.

Despite what we know, there's still a debate over whether or not vote fraud is an issue . . . until now.

A Democratic political operative in New Jersey admitted to the New York Post that for decades he changed votes in a number of local legislative, mayoral and congressional races across the state. In particular, the operative noted that he changed votes in elections in Paterson, Atlantic City, Camden, Newark, Hoboken and Hudson County.

"An election that is swayed by 500 votes, 1,000 votes—it can make a difference," the operative told the Post. "It could be enough to flip states."

Not only did this man change votes himself but he led teams of people who did the same thing. He even trained 20 operatives in New York and New Jersey as well as one of 2020's major swing states, Pennsylvania.

"There is no race in New Jersey—from City Council to United States Senate—that we haven't worked on," the operative explained. "I worked on a fire commissioner's race in Burlington County. The smaller the race the easier it is to do."

The fraudster said in some elections he made phony ballots because there were no watermarks or stamps used for security.

"I just put [the ballot] through the copy machine and it comes out the same way," he explained.

The envelopes were the security feature and there was no way to duplicate them. His team would go to voters and offer to return their ballots. When voters would agree, the team would take those ballots back, use boiling water to loosen the glue, pop open the envelope, pull out the real ballot, replace with the fraudulent ballot and reseal the envelope. Each ballot took less than five minutes to change.

In order to keep from getting caught, the operative would mail the ballots throughout the city to keep people from being suspicious. It was that sloppiness, he said, that raised flags in the Paterson, New Jersey city council race earlier this year.

But mail carriers are also in on this.

"You have a postman who is a rabid anti-Trump guy and he's working in Bedminster or some Republican stronghold ... He can take those [filled-out] ballots, and knowing 95% are going to a Republican, he can just throw those in the garbage," he explained.

Some carriers would even grab ballots and hand them over to the operative so they could be used fraudulently.

Nursing home facilities were another area where the operative cashed in on votes.

"There are nursing homes where the nurse is actually a paid operative. And they go room by room by room to these old people who still want to feel like they're relevant," he told the Post "[They] literally fill it out for them."

And then there were times when members of the operative's crew would show up to polling locations in states like New Jersey and New York, where ID is not required to vote. They crew member would be given the name of a registered voter who routinely missed presidential and municipal elections, information that is available to the public. The crew member would then vote as that person.

"You fill out these index cards with that person's name and district and you go around the city and say, 'You're going to be him, you're going to be him,'" he recalled.

All the fraudster had to do was fake the signature as best as he or she could.

Even the local board of election offices are rigged. While both parties argue over which ballots should be thrown out because of irregularities, the fraudster's team had an upper hand. If they saw a bent corner on an envelope, they would let the ballot go through, knowing it was done by the operative and his team.

"It doesn't stay bent, but you can tell it's been bent. Until the [certificate] is approved, the ballot doesn't matter. They don't get to see the ballot unless they approve the [certificate]," he explained. "I invented bending corners."

When a ballot makes it past that point, the rest is history.

"Once a ballot is opened, it's an anonymous ballot," he explained.

There's your proof, folks. Right from the horse's mouth. But the mainstream media will still tell us we're wearing our tinfoil hats and being paranoid.



An article by Ben Shapiro titled "The Democrats Pick the Criminal" was posted at creators.com on Sept. 9, 2020. Following is the article.

On Aug. 23, 29-year-old Jacob Blake, a black man, was shot seven times in the back by a white police officer. The original video, which only included the

last moments of the incident, gave no context for the incident. But further video and police reports made clear what happened.

According to the police association, the police were called to the scene by a black woman who had dialed 911 to report that Blake was attempting to steal the keys to her car.

There was an open warrant on Blake for third-degree felony sexual assault; the alleged victim is the woman who dialed 911, and she apparently had a restraining order against Blake. Back in May, she alleged that Blake entered a room where she was sleeping near one of her children, thrust his finger into her vagina, pulled it out, smelled it and said, "Smells like you've been with other men."

The alleged victim also said that Blake sexually assaults her approximately twice per year.

Upon arriving at the scene, the police attempted to effectuate an arrest. Blake resisted. He apparently got one of the officers in a headlock and resisted two separate uses of a stun gun. He then disobeyed officer commands, walked around to the driver's side of an SUV and reached inside. A knife was found on the driver's side floorboards.

This is the definition of a justified shoot, by all available evidence.

Yet Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and vice presidential candidate Kamala Harris have chosen to side with an alleged rapist and against police officers attempting to do their job.

On Sept. 2, Biden said he thought that the officers in Blake's shootings should be charged, adding, "Let's make sure justice is done." Harris—whose judgment on these matters ought to be doubted, given her conviction that Michael Brown was murdered and Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh was a probable rapist—agreed that the officer "should be charged."

But Biden and Harris didn't stop there.

Biden traveled to Kenosha and met with Blake's family. Biden got on the phone with Blake—who was handcuffed to his hospital bed, since he is currently under arrest—and quoted the book of Psalms, adding that "nothing is going to defeat" Blake.

Harris went further, telling Blake she was "proud" of him and saying that the Blake family is "incredible"—an amazing description of a family wherein the son is an alleged rapist and the father is an open anti-Semite, according to his public social media posts.

The New York Times provided cover for this insulting insanity in a long puff piece about Blake, describing him as a hero who "survived and has begun to tell his own story." That piece left any description of his crimes to paragraph 17 and never mentioned that he resisted arrest and had a knife in the vehicle.

On a raw level, none of this makes sense.

Blake is, by all available evidence, a villain. The police officer was, by all available evidence, acting within the scope of his duty. But in the context of a broad-

er Democratic narrative that police are systemically racist, and that all criminals of minority ethnicity are victims of that system, it all makes perfect sense.

If you think that American racism is responsible for a black man allegedly raping a black woman, this is a story in which there are only victims and there is no perpetrator but the system itself—in this case, a system represented by the white police officer.

If we wish to live together in a society, this perspective cannot win. By lionizing Jacob Blake while decrying the police who tried to arrest him, Democrats justify and incentivize criminality.

This must stop. Individuals are responsible for their crimes; police are necessary to stop those crimes. Those who disagree cannot be allowed to gain power.



An article by Walter Williams titled “Today and Yesterday” was posted at jewishworldreview.com on Sept. 9, 2020. Following is the article.

In matters of race and other social phenomena, there is a tendency to believe that what is seen today has always been. For black people, the socioeconomic progress achieved during my lifetime, which started in 1936, exceeded anyone’s wildest dreams.

In 1936, most black people lived in gross material poverty and racial discrimination. Such poverty and discrimination is all but nonexistent today.

Government data, assembled by Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation, shows that “the average American family . . . identified as poor by the Census Bureau, lives in an air-conditioned, centrally heated house or apartment . . . They have a car or truck. (Indeed, 43% of poor families own two or more cars.)”

The household “has at least one widescreen TV connected to cable, satellite, or a streaming service, a computer or tablet with internet connection, and a smartphone. (Some 82% of poor families have one or more smartphones.”

On top of this, blacks today have the same constitutional guarantees as everyone else, which is not to say that every vestige of racial discrimination has been eliminated.

The poverty we have today is spiritual poverty. Spiritual poverty is an absence of what traditionally has been known as various human virtues. Much of that spiritual poverty is a result of public and private policy that rewards inferiority and irresponsibility.

Chief among the policies that reward inferiority and irresponsibility is the welfare state. When some people know they can have children out of wedlock, drop out of school and refuse employment and suffer little consequence and social sanction, one should not be surprised to see the growth of such behavior.

■ Today's out-of-wedlock births among blacks is over 70%, but in the 1930s, it was 11%.

■ During the same period, out-of-wedlock births among whites was 3%; today, it is over 30%.

It is fashionable and politically correct to blame today's 21% black poverty on racial discrimination. That is nonsense. Why? The poverty rate among black husband-and-wife families has been in the single digits for more than two decades.

Can anyone produce evidence that racists discriminate against black female-headed families but not black husband-and-wife families?

For most people, education is one of the steppingstones out of poverty, and it has been a steppingstone for many black people.

Today, decent education is just about impossible at many big-city public schools where violence, disorder, disrespect and assaults on teachers are routine. The kind of disrespectful and violent behavior observed in many predominantly black schools is entirely new.

Some have suggested that such disorder is part of black culture, but that is an insulting lie.

Black people can be thankful that double standards, and public and private policies rewarding inferiority and irresponsibility, were not broadly accepted during the 1920s, '30s, '40s and '50s. There would not have been the kind of intellectual excellence and spiritual courage that created the world's most successful civil rights movement.

Many whites are ashamed, saddened and guilt-ridden by our history of slavery, Jim Crow and gross racial discrimination. They see that justice and compensation for that ugly history is to hold their fellow black Americans accountable to the kind of standards and conduct they would never accept from whites.

That behavior and conduct is relatively new. Meet with black people in their 70s or older, even liberal politicians such as Charles Rangel (age 90), and Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson (85), Alcee Hastings (83) and Maxine Waters (82). Ask them whether their parents would have tolerated their assaulting and cursing of teachers or any other adult.

I bet you the rent money their parents and other parents of that era would not have accepted the grossly disrespectful behavior seen today among many black youngsters who use foul language and racial epithets at one another.

These older blacks will tell you that, had they behaved that way, they would have felt serious pain in their hind parts.

If blacks of yesteryear would not accept such self-destructive behavior, why should today's blacks accept it?

Black people have made tremendous gains over the years that came as a result of hard work, sacrifice and a no-nonsense approach to life. Recovering those virtues can provide solutions to many of today's problems.



An article by Armstrong Williams titled "Who Is the BLM Global Network Foundation?" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 10, 2020. Following is the article.

With protesters taking to the streets all over the United States to protest police brutality after the killings of unarmed Black men, the phrase "Black Lives Matter" has become synonymous with the movement.

Media reporting violence

Regardless of where you find yourself on the ideological spectrum, a significant percentage of those protesting have done so peacefully, but it's the violent protesters and antifa thugs that continue to get most of the attention.

The media would have it no other way; after all, who wants to watch continuous news about protesters marching peacefully. That's boring. For a news media that's become all about ratings and being first, they only care about what suits that agenda.

Majority support protests

What do I mean in the paragraphs above, you might ask?

- Well, did you know that a recent Gallup poll "found that 65 percent of U.S. adults support the protests?"
- Additionally, 53 percent said the protests 'will help' public support for equality and racial justice."

This reveals that Americans are more on the same page than it would appear based on the 24/7 cable news cycle.

Peaceful protests have been drowned by looters, rioters and antifa thugs, feeding into a media narrative of downright divisiveness.

Much money to the organization

However, the focus of this column isn't on that, but rather on something that gets very little attention, and that is the main Black Lives Matter organization, which was started by Alicia Garza, Opal Tometi and Patrisse Cullors.

Did you know there was a BLM organization? Well, there is, and it's named Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation.

Now, you might think the organization is synonymous with the movement, but that's not the case, so I want to be clear about separating the movement from the organization.

- There's a movement of people who are protesting police brutality with the intent of articulating that Black lives should matter equally to all other lives.

- Then there's the BLM organization, and the two aren't synonymous.

No one knows what the BLM organization does or how it spends its money, but one thing we do know is that it gets a lot of money and from Fortune 500 companies such as Amazon, Microsoft, Nabisco, Gatorade, Airbnb and Warner record labels, a music record company.

- Microsoft donated \$250,000.
- Airbnb gave \$500,000.
- Nabisco gave \$500,000.
- In total, millions of dollars were given to this group.

Are funds going towards salaries?

Are funds going towards civic engagement or social community programs for needy families?

The reality is no one knows because there's no transparency. However, there should be, and let me tell you why.

Learn what they teach

The creators of Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation believe, maintain and teach values that are undemocratic and antithetical to America's beliefs and ideals.

They teach against the idea of a nuclear family with a father and mother in the household and instead espouse the benefits of what they refer to as a "village." I have no idea what that means. Still, the idea that we shouldn't continue to reinforce the importance of a two-parent household is absurd. It goes against statistical data on children's success.

In a 2015 video, BLM Global Network Foundation co-founder Patrisse Cullors said that she and her fellow co-founders were "trained Marxists."

Marxism formed the basis for communism; it's what Lenin based his ideology on in Russia. If that's not anti-American and anti-democratic, then I'm not sure what is.

And \$1 million in donations to an organization that isn't required to be transparent with their expenditures is problematic, particularly because of the values they espouse and their mission of spreading those extremist views to America's youth.

Destroy core principles

Their objective is to slowly destroy our core principles as a nation and replace them with pseudo-Marxism.

They're doing so by painting America as a racist country with no likelihood to improve.

This is despite our history proving that the United States has made considerable progress and that a great majority of Americans today, unlike any time in our nation's history, would like to continue to progress forward.

Should be an investigation

All corporations in the United States should immediately stop giving to BLM Global Network Foundation and, Congress should start an investigation into the organization to see where donations are going and how they're being spent.

They should also be investigated for Marxism and attempting to run a coup through ideological dissemination of values not consistent with our own.

Be wary of this organization and their goal because as one of their co-founders states, they're "trained Marxists" who are interested in spreading a Marxist ideology.



An article by Jack Cashill titled "President Trump Makes One Sorry Fascist" was posted at americanthinker.com on Sept. 7, 2020. Following is the article.

"Of course we'll have fascism," legendary Huey Long was reported to have said. "We'll have it under the guise of anti-fascism."

Today, of course, we see the confirmation of Long's prediction on America's streets in the self-parodying Antifa movement.

At the executive level, for all the mindless chatter about President Trump as Hitler or worse, it is not he who deserves the label "fascist."

By American standards, that honor goes to President Obama and his fierce little toady, Joe Biden.

To gauge the fascistic impulses of Trump and Obama respectively, Merriam-Webster offers a useful measuring stick, a definition of "fascism" untainted by the politics of the moment: "A political philosophy, movement, or regime (such as that of the Fascisti) that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader, severe economic and social regimentation, and forcible suppression of opposition."

On every fascist metric, Obama beats Trump by a giant goose step.

- One could argue that Trump "exalts nation" more than Obama, and that is true, but not "above the individual."

- For Obama, like all socialists, national socialists included, the individual was expected to subordinate his interests to those of the state.

"I think that when you spread the wealth around," Obama told plumber Joe Wurzelbacher in a carelessly honest moment in October 2008, "it's good for everybody."

Like England's Henry II, who reportedly said of Thomas Becket, "Will no one rid me of this turbulent priest," Obama typically let his henchmen and women do the dirty work. In this case, they did not disappoint.

Within days, the *New York Times* struck a flurry of shockingly low blows against "Joe the Plumber." Arguing that the defenseless Wurzelbacher deserved "celebrity-level scrutiny" for daring to question Obama, reporter Larry Rohter revealed that Joe did not currently have a plumbing license or belong to the plumber's union. In the lowest blow, Rohter reported that Wurzelbacher owed back taxes. He even documented the outstanding liens against him.

As to which president best fits the mold of "dictatorial leader" of a "centralized autocratic government," there can be no serious argument.

- Although Trump mans the bully pulpit more forcefully than Obama did, he has aggressively decentralized the government, never more obviously than during the covid mania.

- On the "social regimentation" scale, Obama and Biden are off the charts. They have been criticizing Trump for not issuing a nationwide three-month mandate that would force all Americans to wear face masks outdoors.

- Said Trump in response, "Americans must have their freedoms, and I trust the American people and their governors very much." What a sorry[donkey] fascist Trump makes.

With the media looking the other way, Obama gradually assumed dictatorial powers well beyond anything Trump has imagined.

In speaking about the so-called "Dreamers" in 2011, Obama admitted, "With respect to the notion that I can just suspend deportations through executive order, that's just not the case, because there are laws on the books that Congress has passed."

A year later, with the election at stake, Obama ignored those laws. With a stroke of the pen, he overrode Congress and gave as many as a million people relief from deportation proceedings. Said constitutional law professor Jonathan Turley, "In many ways, President Obama has fulfilled the dream of an imperial presidency that Richard Nixon strived for."

It is on "the forcible suppression of opposition" metric that Obama and cronies showed their real strength.

Texas Tea Party organizer Catherine Engelbrecht can vouch for that. At the outset, Engelbrecht had been told it would take four or five months for her organizations to be approved for 501(c)(3) status. Two years later, with approval still pending, two years during which she had endured twenty-three distinct audits or inquiries, Engelbrecht finally sued the IRS.

Although the harassment of Engelbrecht was extreme, the targeting was not exceptional. The IRS stalled or rejected the applicants of hundreds, if not thousands, of comparable groups.

James Rosen, then chief Washington correspondent for Fox News, would also give Obama his due on the subject of suppression.

For three years beginning in 2010, the Department of Justice had used a search warrant to probe Rosen's personal and professional communications.

"Search warrants like these have a severe chilling effect on the free flow of important information to the public," First Amendment lawyer Charles Tobin told the *Washington Post*, "That's a very dangerous road to go down."

Challenging the White House narrative on any subject came with risks.

As Sharyl Attkisson continued to report the truth about Benghazi, some agent somewhere in the deep state launched a frighteningly invasive campaign of electronic harassment against her. An analyst hired by her then employer, CBS News, confirmed the harassment.

A WikiLeaks document claimed that Obama's all-purpose fixer John Brennan was "behind the witch hunts of investigative journalists learning information from inside the beltway sources." Brennan was just warming up.

Then there was "Nakoula Basseley Nakoula." Obama's DoJ spirited the filmmaker off to prison for a year after the White House falsely blamed his film, "Innocence of Muslims," for inciting the attack on the Benghazi consulate.

Ken Timmerman, who wrote a book on the subject, called the imprisonment "disgraceful, un-American, illegal, and a clear violation of Nakoula's constitutional rights." He was not exaggerating.

In 2015, pro-life activists David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt recorded a series of undercover videos at Planned Parenthood clinics so powerful that even Hillary Clinton found them "disturbing."

To get out of the jam, Planned Parenthood execs hired Fusion GPS to discredit the videos. They then turned to their friends in Texas and California to prosecute the pair on bogus charges.

One of those friends was Kamala Harris, then California attorney general. With an eye on his legacy, Obama leaned on Biden to pick Harris as his running mate. Daleiden thought the choice perversely apt, citing Harris's "radical disrespect and contempt for the First Amendment and for First Amendment civil liberties."

Those first seven Obama years, in fact, were just a warmup for him and his pals in the media and the deep state.

In 2016, Brennan would step up to the plate. So would Biden, Fusion GPS, and the *New York Times* among others. They had a candidacy to subvert and then a presidency to sabotage.

Were there a Nobel Prize for fascism Obama would have won it for ObamaGate alone, this time deservedly.



An article by Jordan Davidson titled "50+ Questions No Reporter Dares Ask Joe Biden and His Campaign" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 4, 2020. Following is the article.

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden doesn't face the same scrutiny the media applies to President Trump. Whether it is due to gaffes, his inability to complete some sentences, or lack of knowledge on a subject, Biden has proven that interviews are not for him and the media has covered accordingly.

When Biden actually agrees to an interview or offers to take questions, most reporters simply ask leading, softball questions or merely state something for Biden to nod in agreement with. Many times, Biden refuses to take questions altogether.

If Biden ever decides to take questions from the press again, here's a list of questions reporters wouldn't dare ask him and his campaign for fear of risking their esteemed reputations as some of the loudest voices for Democrats.

On covid

How do you plan on enforcing a national mask mandate if you are elected?

Should states that abide by your national mask mandate use police to enforce it?

Won't that necessarily create more interactions with cops at a time of tension?

Given its outsized role in the numbers of virus deaths in America, should there be a federal investigation into why New York patients were forced into nursing homes by Gov. Andrew Cuomo's policy directive?

On media

Why do you perpetually fail to take questions from reporters at your minimal number of press conferences?

Does your administration have any plans to address the censorship by big tech companies of conservative media and voices?

On Kamala Harris

VP pick Kamala Harris said she believed the women who accused you of sexual assault, but Biden denied their allegations.

Has Harris changed her position on supporting potential victims of sexual assault?

Why is Harris bailing out rioters, including those who are suspected of shooting at police, murdering a friend, and a convicted sex offender?

On rioting and violence

Will you ever directly condemn Antifa and the Black Lives Matter rioters as the cause for the violence ripping through the nation's cities?

Would you allow the National Guard into cities like Portland that have seen 100 days of violence, rioting, and even death?

What, if anything, can be done to stop the epidemic of violence in Chicago and other cities?

Have their Democrat leaders failed the citizens there?

On foreign policy

You have repeatedly claimed that you moved into opposition against the Iraq War, which you championed as chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, soon after it began. Yet in 2003 and 2004 you didn't utter a word of criticism of the war—it took until 2005 for you to change your stance. In July 2003 you called your vote the right vote then, and the right vote today.

Why are you lying about your record on Iraq?

How do you justify previously supporting and enabling the Iraq War?

What effect will that have on your foreign policy agenda if you are elected president?

How can we trust you will not lead us into another similar war in the future?

If elected, how do you plan on addressing the rising threat of China concerning intellectual property theft as well as their human rights violations?

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates was recently asked whether he would reconsider his remark that you have been wrong about nearly every major foreign policy and national security decision of the past 40 years. He declined. You can't both be right.

Why is he wrong?

You have publicly supported China's one-child policy. According to numerous eyewitness reports and documentaries, this policy has forced women to be held down against their will, screaming, while their children were yanked from their wombs and ripped apart.

Please explain how you can support this policy, as well as its American counterpart in abortion on demand, while still saying it is Donald Trump who is a morally unfit leader.

On guns

In 2013 you suggested that people, especially women, acquire a shotgun for self-defense over an AR-15 because ARs are "harder to aim, harder to use."

Have you ever shot an AR?

You have expressed interest in banning the AR-15, but would you be in favor of banning all semiautomatic rifles? If not, why not?

How would such bans be enforced given the popularity of such guns? Who would compel American citizens to hand them over—the police?

On sports

Should college sports come back this fall?

If a vaccine is in place, how long would we need to wait to see if college sports can resume?

You recently praised NBA players for “moral leadership” and “using their platform for good” but have not acknowledged that they violated their contracts to protest the shooting of a man with an outstanding warrant accused of sexually and physically assaulting his ex-girlfriend.

What are your thoughts on the morality of physical and sexual assault?

On education

Data shows childhood development is dramatically harmed by online learning, but children have very little likelihood of harm from the coronavirus.

Why would you force them to learn online?

Democrats claim they want more women in the workforce and more women advancing into high-level positions.

How does forcing women to stay home to homeschool their children accomplish this goal?

On women

The current data shows that working women have been disproportionately hurt in their careers and incomes by coronavirus shutdowns.

How can you support such shutdowns and say you are pro-woman?

On Nancy Pelosi

The speaker of the House was recently seen violating local covid-19 mandates to get her hair done without a mask at a San Francisco salon. Other Democratic leaders have also violated covid-19 regulations to keep their comfort.

What are your thoughts on leaders who don't follow the rules that they create, encourage, and condemn others for not following?

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she doesn't believe you should participate in debates with President Trump, accusing him of trying to “undermine the elections” and disrespecting “the democratic process.”

Do you believe that participating in debates where you can each share your opinions free of regulation or limitation violates these concepts?

On the economy and taxes

Would your plan to increase taxes hurt the economy's recovery after the covid-19 crisis?

You promised on the campaign trail in 2008 that the Obama-Biden administration would never raise taxes on anyone making under \$250,000 a year. Virtually every fact-checker including the left-leaning PolitiFact says you broke that promise.

Why should we believe you when you now promise that no household making under 400,000 a year will get a tax hike?

The trustees for the nation's entitlement programs say they are insolvent and will begin lacking the funds to pay out their obligations within just a few years.

How do you propose to fix this problem?

Your answers to many problems are raising taxes "on the wealthy." The nation's top 10 percent reported a cumulative income of nearly \$5 trillion in 2016. That's every penny they earned in that year. It is enough to fund the federal government for one year currently, with a bit of change.

How is it mathematically possible to pay for additional tens of trillions of dollars in federal spending without either literally enslaving the rich or raising taxes dramatically on everyone—especially when we already have more than \$100 trillion in unfunded liabilities for existing programs?

On abortion

You reversed your long-held position to say you're now in favor of taxpayer funding for abortions.

What changed your mind about funding abortions?

How do you reconcile your Catholic faith and teachings with your pro-abortion stance?

Democrats in states like New York have passed laws effectively allowing abortions up until birth.

Should taxpayers fund such abortions, particularly for poor women who can't afford them?

Campaigning in South Carolina, you suggested that it would be a good thing for the United States to help fund abortions for women in poor countries to discourage overpopulation.

Do you plan to use taxpayer dollars in this effort, and if so, what countries do you plan to target?

On the environment

You have previously said you want to ban fracking but then claimed that Trump was lying about your position.

Why is it a lie to say you want to ban fracking, when you said repeatedly you would ban or get rid of it?

You have publicly stated that climate change is a national and global emergency.

Does its urgency outpace the coronavirus?

If so, would shutting down the entire nation indefinitely be justified to also address climate change?

You and your campaign website have repeatedly warned of "increasingly intense hurricanes" and natural disasters due to climate change. According to

NYT bestselling author and climate activist Michael Shellenberger, "hurricanes aren't increasing in frequency," and data shows that "deaths from natural disasters are at their lowest point in 120 years."

Why is your campaign making inaccurate claims about climate, and do you plan to correct them?

On Donald Trump

What if anything did you say to encourage the surveillance of Donald Trump's campaign and associates before you departed the White House in 2009?

What is your plan to prosecute the corruption found inside the FBI, CIA, and Department of Justice's top leadership to frame a Republican presidential candidate for treason?

On Democratic leadership

Is Bill De Blasio a good mayor?

Is Ted Wheeler a good mayor?

Is Lori Lightfoot a good mayor?

Is Andrew Cuomo a good governor?

On racism

Please explain to me how it is non-racist to tell black people they're not black if they don't vote Democrat.

Is the United States a fundamentally racist nation?

Is it institutionally racist?

Do you regret saying that Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan intended to put black people "back in chains" in 2012?

On the Obama administration

What did you know, and when did you know it, about the Obama administration's weaponization of secret spy powers to undermine an election and illegally surveil Democrats' political enemies?

On immigration

Do you believe American taxpayers should pay the expenses of foreign citizens who illegally enter the United States, such as for food, health care, and education?

Since the entire world has a lower standard of living than Americans do, why will that not encourage everyone who can to get inside our borders?

Should there be any criteria applied to those who seek U.S. citizenship? If so, what?

On America

What would you say are the top problems America faces today?

In the next decade?

In the next 50 years?



An article by Michael Brown titled "Hope Motivates Better Than Pessimism" was posted at townhall.com on Aug. 26, 2020. Following in the article.

The November elections may come down to one main question: whose base is more motivated? The answer to that question may come down to another important question: whose base has more hope?

The Bible teaches that, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life." (Proverbs 13:12) It also states that, "The human spirit can endure a sick body, but who can bear a crushed spirit?" (Proverbs 18:14)

There is plenty of physical sickness in our country today, led by the covid-19 pandemic. And there is plenty of heart sickness as well, with a plague of fear, hopeless, depression, and suicide.

An August 5 article on Roll Call stated that, "The nation's suicide rate reached historic highs prior to the covid-19 pandemic, with rates at the highest levels since World War II. Economic and social pressures this year have heightened the risks, worrying experts, health officials and lawmakers."

Things were bad enough before the virus. They have gotten much worse since.

On August 13, POLITICO reported that, "One in four young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 say they've considered suicide in the past month because of the pandemic, according to new CDC data that paints a bleak picture of the nation's mental health during the crisis."

It is difficult to live without hope. Difficult to live while believing that the world is crumbling around you. Difficult to live without something positive to look forward to.

Young people have been raised with constant fears of an impending world apocalypse, if not from climate change then from some other crisis, be it an alien invasion or an asteroid collision. And a slew of movies have underscored that fear.

(An April 1, 2020 article on Town & Country carried the headline, "The Best Movies About the End of the World, to Watch at the End of the World. It's bleak out there. So are these films").

That is why Americans today so desperately need hope. Real hope. Tangible hope. Hope they can sink their teeth into. More bad news will only depress.

Surely, there is not much joy in the midst of the riots and violent protests. Surely, there is not much joy in the midst of critical, hateful words.

Focusing only on what is wrong (or, allegedly wrong) will solve nothing. Neither will it motivate in the long term. There must be a clear vision of light at the end of the tunnel. There must be a positive breakthrough in sight.

That's why, when you read the biblical prophets, they concluded their messages of severe judgment with promises of hope. "You have sinned, and God will judge you, but if you repent, He will restore!"

Even in the Book of Revelation, where Jesus brought strong messages to 5 of 7 churches in Asia Minor, He ended each message with a promise to the ones who overcame (see Revelation 2-3). Yes, the situation is dire and calls for radical change. But there is hope for a better future.

The Republican National Convention is just getting started, but we can expect a stark contrast with the Democratic National Convention. The latter majored on what's wrong with America, giving viewers little to cheer about, even after candidate Biden's convention-ending speech, which struck a better tone.

That's why a right-wing website spoke of "Doomsday Democrats," offering, "10 Gloomy Moments from the Democratic National Convention."

The same website criticized former President Obama's convention speech, stating, "Former President Barack Obama on Wednesday abandoned his signature message of hope and change in his Democrat convention speech, choosing instead to deliver a dark warning to Americans led by President Donald Trump."

Trump himself followed in this line of criticism, stating, "Last week the Democrats held the darkest, angriest and gloomiest convention in American history. They spent four straight days attacking America as racist and a horrible country that must be redeemed."

Although the Republican National Convention is just getting started, you can expect a very different tone, one that instills hope and vision, one that makes Americans feel good about themselves. This difference in tone could be the deciding factor in the November elections.

Hatred is a powerful, motivating force (in the DNC's case, hatred of Trump). But hatred, without hope, will only motivate so far.

Which party and which leader will do the better job of instilling hope and giving vision?

That could be the deciding factor a little over 70 days from now.



"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 Haeseong Shin titled “Low Interest Rates Do Not Excuse Reckless Deficit Spending” was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

Federal reserve

■ An article titled “The Fed Now Owns Nearly One Third of All U.S. Mortgages” was posted at thestreet.com on Sept. 1, 2020.

News about the media

■ An article by David Ng titled “Film Critics Praise Netflix’s Tween-Twerking ‘Cuties’—Condemn ‘Right-Wing Campaign’ [Condemning the Sexualized Depiction of Underage Girls]” was posted at Breitbart.com on Sept. 10, 2020.

■ An article by Leah Barkoukis titled “Netflix’s ‘Cuties’ Is So Bad Many Are Calling for Executives to Be Jailed” was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 10, 2020.

■ An article by Madeline Osburn titled “Cancel Netflix’ Trends After Release of ‘Cuties’ Film Starring Sexualized Young Girls’ ” was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 10, 2020.

■ Looking back to August, an article by Rich Noyes titled “Study: 150 Times More Negative News on Trump Than Biden” was posted at newsbusters.org on Aug. 17, 2020.

■ Looking back to August, an article by Rich Noyes titled “MSNBC Heckled GOP Convention With 200 Minutes of Interruptions” was posted at newsbusters.org on Aug. 31, 2020.

■ Looking back to August, an article by Bernard Goldberg titled “It’s No Surprise That Americans Don’t Trust a Biased New Media” was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 31, 2020.

■ An article by Katie Pavlich titled “Reporter Asks Why It’s Okay for Trump to Hold Rallies; McEnany Explains a Glaring Double Standard [Reporters Not Asking About Crowds at Protests and Riots]” was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

■ An article by Janett Stepman titled “Liberal Media Alternate Between Denying and Excusing Rioters and Looters” was posted at dailysignal.com on Sept. 1, 2020.

■ An article by Marc A. Thiessen (from the Washington Post) titled “Biden Can’t Blame Trump for the Anarchy in Democrat-Run Cities” was posted at washingtonpost.com on Sept. 1, 2020.

■ An article by Lee Moran titled “Washington Post Editorial [by Editorial Board] Predicts ‘Catastrophic’ Consequence of Donald Trump 2020 Win” was posted at huffpost.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

- An article by Jeffrey Goldberg titled "Trump: Americans Who Died in War Are 'Losers' and 'Suckers' " was posted at theatlantic.com on Sept. 3, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "Trump-Hater John Bolton Debunks Anonymous Atlantic Hit Piece on Trump's Veterans Record" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 4, 2020.
- An article by Margot Cleveland titled "How the Atlantic's Helicopter Hit Job on Trump Follows the Left's Propaganda Playbook" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 7, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Atlantic Editor [Jeffrey Goldberg] Concedes [on CNN That] Central Claim of Trump Hit Piece Could Be Wrong" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 7, 2020.
- An article by Daniel Chaitin titled "'Make It 21': On-the-Record Denials Pile Up Against Atlantic Report Claiming Trump Insulted Soldiers" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Dan Rather's Remarks on Atlantic's Shoddy Anti-Trump Hit Piece Shows Why He's the King of Fake News" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Christopher Bedford titled "3 Crucial Breakdowns in Journalistic Standards [Sourcing, Confirmation Bias and the Echo Chamber] That Explains the Atlantic's Trump Political Hit Piece" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "Liberal Reporter [Michael Tracey] Shreds Credibility of Atlantic Editor Peddling Fake News About Trump Denigrating War Dead" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Lee Moran titled "Fox News Reporter [Jennifer Griffin] Nails the Hypocrisy of Trump's Attacks on Anonymous Sources" was posted at huffpost.com on Sept. 11, 2020.
- An article titled "Bob Woodward to Appear on 60 Minutes in First Interview About New Trump Book" was posted at cbsnews.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Dave Goldiner titled "'Didn't He Have An Obligation to Do So?': Trump Asks Why Woodward Didn't Reveal Covid Comments Sooner" was posted at nydailynews.com on Sept. 10, 2020.
- An article by Joseph A. Wulfson titled "Woodward Dismisses Claims He Could Have Saved Lives by Publishing Trump's Coronavirus Remarks Sooner" was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Matthew Choi titled "Fauci Denies Hearing Trump Distort Facts on Coronavirus" was posted at politico.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Libby Emmons titled "Woodward 'Bombshell' Falls Flat As Fauci Defends Trump" was posted at thepostmillennial.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

- An article by Lindsey Ellefson titled "Trump Calls Upon MSNBC to Fire Joy Reid After She Compares His Supporters to 'Muslims' " was posted at thewrap.com on Sept. 2, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "ABC Reporter [Jonathan Karl] Claims Saying Biden Has Mental Problems Is Russian Propaganda" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 2, 2020.
- A video and an article titled "Watch: Trump Slams Reporters for Treating Biden Like a Child" were posted at townhall.com on Sept. 4, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "If You Want to See the Democrat-Media Complex in Action, Just Look at This Question That Was Lobbed at Biden [When You Hear These Comments, What Does It Tell You About His Soul?]" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 4, 2020.
- An article by Kyle Drennen titled "Shameless NBC Tries to Sell Books for Trump-Trashing Felon [Michael Cohen]" was posted at newsbusters.org on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Kristine Marsh titled " 'View' Spews Lies: Trump's 'Encouraging Violence'; We'll Be 'Safer' With Biden in Charge" was posted at newsbusters.org on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "They're Panicking: 'The View' Co-Host [Joy Behar] Wants Electoral College Change Because Trump Might Pull Off a Win" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Joseph Vazquez titled "Thomas Piketty on CBS: 'Pandemics Are Sometimes Necessary' to Bring 'Change' " was posted at newsbusters.org on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Candace Owens and Cardi B Feud Over Politics and Race on Social Media" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Tristan Justice titled "CNN's Chris Cuomo Coached Michael Cohen Ahead of 2018 Interview [by Giving Him Lines to Rehearse]" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 10, 2020.
- An article titled "CNN Cuts Away From White House Press Briefing, Says Kayleigh McEnany Is 'Lying' " was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 10, 2020.
- An article titled "Trailer for New Christian Documentary Removed Several Times From Google and YouTube" was posted at foxnews.com on Sept. 6, 2020.
- An article by Patrick Goodenough titled "Disney's 'Mulan' Faces Boycott Calls for Filming in Xinjiang and Thanking CCP" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Deborah Franklin titled "Q Names Pedophile Politicians Vulnerable to Blackmail" was posted at americanthinker.com on Sept. 7, 2020.

Hidden tragedies of lock-down

- An article by Terrence P. Jeffrey titled "21st Straight Year: More Than One Million High School Boys Played Football in 2019" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

■ An article by Alan W. Dowd titled "Lockdowns Are Now a Political Issue for Every Official on November's Ballot" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

Finances

■ An article by Terence P. Jeffrey titled "U.S. Added 29,000 Manufacturing Jobs in August; Still Down 720,000 Since Start of Pandemic" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "August Marks 4th Straight Month of Employment Gains: +3,756,000" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Craig Bannister titled "Hispanic Unemployment Rate Records 4th Straight Monthly Decline in August As One Million More Find Jobs" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Rachel Sharp titled "Jeff Bezos' Ex-Wife MacKenzie Scott Becomes the World's Richest Woman After Amazon Shares Surged During Coronavirus Lockdowns" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on Sept. 2, 2020.

■ An article by Leslie Josephs titled "Labor Day Weekend Air Travel [While Down 76% From 2019] Hits Nearly 6-Month High, But Holiday Caps Dismal Summer Season" was posted at cnbc.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

■ An article by Mura Dominko titled "9 Restaurant Chains That Closed Hundreds of Locations This Summer [Pizza Hut, Burger King, Tim Horton's, Blue Star Donuts, Dunkin, California Pizza Kitchen, Potbelly, McDonald's and Pret a Manger]" was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

■ An article by Mura Dominko titled "Two Beloved Chains From Your Childhood [Luby's Cafeteria and Fuddrucker's] Are Going Out of Business" was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

Stimulus checks

■ An article by Christal Hayes titled "Senate Democrats Block \$300 Billion Coronavirus Stimulus Package, Leaving Little Hope for Relief Before November" was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 10, 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.

■ An article by Craig Bannister titled "Pelosi: 'Resilient' Is Now Code for 'Green' Because 'Green' Is Scary to Some People" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 10, 2020.

Coronavirus and civil liberties

■ An article by Ellie Bufkin titled "NYC Restaurants File \$2 Billion Suit Against Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bill De Blasio" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

- An article by Tim Levin titled "A Brooklyn Couple Was Pulled Off a New York City Ferry in Handcuffs After They Refused to Wear Masks" was posted at [businessinsider.com](https://www.businessinsider.com) on Sept. 6, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Northeastern University Suspends Students for Not Social Distancing, Won't Refund \$36,500 Tuition" was posted at [thefederalist.com](https://www.thefederalist.com) on Sept. 6, 2020.
- An article by Ally Mauch titled "Kerri Walsh Jennings [Olympic Beach Volleyball Gold Medalist] Apologizes for Anti-Mask Comments, Says 'Freedoms' Have 'Been Taken From Us' " was posted at [people.com](https://www.people.com) on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Robert Kraychik titled "Jim Caviezel: Freedoms Are Not Taken Away by Communists, But Given Away by Our Surrender" was posted at [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) on Sept. 10, 2020.

Coronavirus and religion

- An article by Alejandra Molina titled "Judge Grants Injunction Barring John MacArthur, Grace Community Church [in California] From Meeting Indoors" was posted at [religionnews.com](https://www.religionnews.com) on Sept. 10, 2020.

Coronavirus and sports

- Looking back to August, an article titled "North Dakota State Football Will Play One Game This Fall in Fargo [on October 3 to Showcase Their Quarterback Trey Lance]" was posted at [startribune.com](https://www.startribune.com) on Aug. 25, 2020.
- An article titled "[University of] Michigan Football Players, Coaches, Fans March in Protest at Big House [About Canceled Season]" was posted at [yahoosports.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Sept. 5, 2020.

Protests and sports

- An article by Lydia Saad titled "Sports Tumble in U.S. Industry Ratings" was posted at [gallup.com](https://www.gallup.com) on Sept. 8, 2020. (Sports went from a rating of Plus-20 score including 45% positive and 25% negative to a rating of Negative-10 score including 30% positive and 40% negative.)
- An article by Ryan Young titled "[NBA Boston] Celtics to Donate \$25 Million to Racial Justice Initiatives in Boston Area" was posted at [yahoosports.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Dan Wetzel titled "As Cowboys' Jerry Jones Struggles With Social Justice Protests, NFL's Younger Coaches Are Leading Way" was posted at [yahoosports.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Todd Brock titled "Cowboys Losing Fans to Player Protests Is 'Huge Issue,' Admits Jerry Jones" was posted at [yahoosports.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Jay Maxson titled "ESPN, CBS Sports Go Heavy on White Guilt During Weekend Programming" was posted at [newsbusters.org](https://www.newsbusters.org) on Sept. 8, 2020.

Comments about police "misconduct"

- An article titled "NY Attorney General to Form Grand Jury to Investigate Suffocation Death of Daniel Prude [of Rochester, N.Y.]" was posted at [huffpost.com](https://www.huffpost.com) on Sept. 5, 2020.

- An article by Ivan Pereira titled "Rochester Police Chief, Deputies Step Down Suddenly Following Protests Over Death of Daniel Prude" was posted at abcnews.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article titled "Bond Denied for Georgia Trooper Charged in Fatal Shooting of Black Motorist [on August 7]" was posted at yahoo.com on Sept. 6, 2020.
- An article by Meredith Deliso titled "4 Houston Police Officers Fired After Shooting Man on the Ground 21 Times During Alleged Mental Health Crisis [on April 21]" was posted at abcnews.com on Sept. 10, 2020.
- An article by Carla Herreria Russo titled "Breonna Taylor's Boyfriend Sues Police Over Charges Filed After Botched Raid" was posted at huffpost.com on Sept. 1, 2020.
- An article titled "Black Woman to Lead Police Force [in Louisville, Kentucky] Reeling From Breonna Taylor" was posted at apnews.com on Sept. 7, 2020.
- An article by Dan Hinkel titled "Could Kyle Rittenhouse Show He Was Acting in Self-Defense in Kenosha Shooting? Lawyers Say Question of Provocation, Other Evidence Could Sway Case" was posted at chicagotribune.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- Looking back to August, an article by Andrew Paquette titled "Larry Elder Calls Out LeBron James for Defending An Alleged Rapist [Jacob Blake] and Slamming Law Enforcement" was posted at lawenforcementtoday.com on Aug. 29, 2020.
- Looking back to August, an article by Tiana Lowe titled "For Every Jacob Blake, There Are Millions of Jacob Blake's Victims" was posted at washingtonexaminer.com on Aug. 31, 2020.
- An article by Eric Litke titled "Fact Check: Jacob Blake Is Accused of Sexually Assaulting a Woman, Not a Child" was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 3, 2020.
- An article by Zack Budryk titled "Megyn Kelly Slams Kamala Harris for Saying She's 'Proud' of Jacob Blake" was posted at thehill.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

Illegal immigration

- An article by Craig Bannister titled "Anti-Border Fence Michigan Governor Whitmer Building 8-Foot High, Electrified Fence Around Governor's Residence" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

Comments about weapons

- An article by Segann March titled "'You Shoot at the Police, Expect Us to Shoot Back': Ohio Sheriff Responds to Protest 'Lawlessness'" was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 3, 2020.
- An article by Steve Sherman titled "Rioters Burn Cities and Gun Sales Skyrocket" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 8, 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 washing-

tonpost.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.

■ An article by Quinn Scanlaw titled "Georgia Secretary of State Alleges Up to 1,000 Cases of 'Double Voting' in Primary, Runoff Elections" was posted at abcnews.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

■ An article by J.B. Shurk titled "How Democrats' Attacks on the 2020 Election's Legitimacy Set the Stage for Revolution" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

Comments about Trump support

■ An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Governor DeSantis [of Florida] Chokes Up As He Announces Families Can Once Again Visit Loved Ones in Nursing Homes" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Cortney O'Brien titled "Governor Kristi Noem [of South Dakota] Extends Offer to Salon Owner Smeared by Pelosi" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Ilya Shapiro titled "Democrats Are Fighting Trump's Judges Like Never Before, But Trump's Still Winning [Their Confirmations]" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 5, 2020.

■ An article by Terry Paulson titled "Trump Helping Minorities Leave the Democratic Plantation and Claim Their American Dream" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 7, 2020.

■ An article by Kathryn Krawczyk titled "Biden Loses His Florida Lead As Latino Voters Shift to Trump" was posted at theweek.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

■ An article by Dartunorro Clark and Halie Jackson titled "Trump Campaign Paying to Repair Damage to White House Grounds From RNC Events" was posted at nbcnews.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

■ An article by Lisa Donovan titled "Chicago Police Union Endorses President Trump's Reelection Bid" was posted at chicagotribune.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

■ An article by David Marcus titled "Trump Nominated for Nobel Peace Prize for Actually Doing Something" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 9, 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 on Aug. 11, 2020.

■ An article by Reagan McCarthy titled "Vice President Pence Hits Kamala Harris for Voting Against USMCA [United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement]"

Which Replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement Called NAFTA]" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 7, 2020.

■ An article by CNSNews.com Staff titled "Kamala Harris: 'It's Critically Important' That Protests Continue" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 10, 2020.

Comments about Trump opposition

■ An article by Max Greenwood titled "Biden Opens Up 10-Point Lead Over Trump in New Quinnipiac Poll" was posted at thehill.com on Sept. 2, 2020.

■ An article by Riley Beggin titled "Biden Maintains a Strong Lead Over Trump in New National Polls" was posted at vox.com on Sept. 6, 2020.

■ An article by Harry Enten titled "Biden's Lead Over Trump Is the Steadiest on Record" was posted at cnn.com on Sept. 7, 2020.

■ An article by Lee Moran titled "Rank-And-File Republicans Reel Off Very Long List of Reasons [113 Reasons] They Can't Vote for Trump" was posted at huffpost.com on Sept. 11, 2020.

■ An article by CNSNews Staff titled "Pelosi: 'The Three Most Important Issues Facing Our Country and Congress; Our Children, Our Children, Our Children' [Says a Democratic Leader Who Supports Abortion]" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 3, 2020.

■ An article by Nathanael Blake titled "The Left Doesn't Really Want to Abolish the Police; They Want to Be the Police" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled "Elites Only Care About the Politics of Riots, Not the Lives and Property Lost" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 8, 2020.

■ An article by Joy Pullman titled "The Left: The United States Is a Racist Hellhole Where Many More Black and Brown People Should Live" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

■ An article by Tristan Justice titled "Pelosi [Said on MSNBC]: Republicans Are 'Domestic Enemies'—'Trying to Interfere in Our Election'" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 25, 2020.

■ An article by CNSNews Staff titled "Biden: 'Drug Abuse Doesn't Cause Mental Health Problems' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 3, 2020.

■ An article by Melanie Arter titled "Biden: Prisoners Are Entitled to Pell Grants, Food Stamps, Housing Subsidies" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Bronson Stocking titled "Pandemic Unemployment About the Same As When Joe Biden Was Vice President" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 4, 2020.

■ An article by Susan Jones titled "[California Republican Kevin] McCarthy: 'Once the Election Passes, Science Will Say Covid Goes Away'" was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 11, 2020.

- An article by Susan Jones titled "Biden: 'A Black Man [Lewis Latimer] Invented the Light Bulb, Not a White Guy Named Edison' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 4, 2020.
- An article by Matt Vespa titled "During Kenosha Pit Stop, Biden Rewrote History Regarding the Light Bulb to Pander to Black Voters" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 7, 2020.
- An article by Seena Saideian titled "Biden's Promise to Restore the Iran Deal Would Be a Disaster in Waiting" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 7, 2020.
- An article by Chris Talgo titled "Black Lives Matter Wants to Brainwash America's Student" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Michael J. Stern titled "To Save Black Lives, Stop BLM Protests; They Could Backfire by Giving Trump a Second Term" was posted at usatoday.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Joe Biden Tries to Claim It's Trump Who Is Actually Calling to Defund the Police" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by CNSNews Staff titled "Biden: 'Yes, Donald Trump and I Have a Pretty Different Philosophy When It Comes to Giving Our Word' " was posted at cnsnews.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Rebecca Klar titled "[Karen] Bass [of California]: Trump's 'Only' Purpose Is to 'Agitate' Violence" was posted at thehill.com on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "This Virginia University [Washington and Lee University] Offers Course on 'How to Overthrow the State' and Write Your Own Manifesto" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 4, 2020.
- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "New Study [by Princeton University] Shows Hundreds of BLM 'Protests' Turned Violent" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Rioting Continues in Democrat-Run U.S. Cities Over Labor Day Weekend" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Labor Day Weekend Shootings Continue Upward Trend in Urban Crime and Violence" was posted at thefederalist.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Julio Rosas titled "Seattle Rioters Attacked Police Officers With Molotov Cocktails and Projectiles During Labor Day Unrest" was posted at townhall.com on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Jonathan Choe titled "After Violent Seattle Protesters Are Arrested, Most Are Quickly Released" was posted at komonews.com on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Reg Chapman titled "Some South Minneapolis Residents Concerned by Understaffing at 5th Police Precinct" was posted at cbsminnesota.com on Sept. 9, 2020.

- An article by Melissa Quinn titled “[Homeland Security Chad] Wolf Faults Portland Leaders for ‘Lawlessness and Chaos’ After Violent Clashes” was posted at [cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com) on Aug. 30, 2020.
- An article by CNSNews Staff titled “Portland Police: ‘Fire Bombs, Mortars, Rocks . . . Thrown at Law Enforcement During a Riot Saturday Night’ ” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Sept. 6, 2020.
- An article by Alex Nester titled “Portland Police Arrest Democrat Staffer [of Politician in Oregon’s House of Representatives] During Riot” was posted at [freebeacon.com](https://www.freebeacon.com) on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Dom Calicchio titled “Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler Viewed Negatively by Two-Thirds of City’s Voters” was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on Sept. 9, 2020.
- An article by Melanie Arter titled “McEnany: Cuomo Described in ‘Vivid Detail How He’s Lost Control of His State’ [When He Said that Donald Trump Can Not Walk Down the Streets of New York City Without An Army]” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Sept. 3, 2020.
- An article by Louis Casiano titled “Bill De Blasio Touts ‘Peaceful’ Weekend As NYPD Hits 25-Year High in Gun Arrests, Top Cop Says” was posted at [foxnews.com](https://www.foxnews.com) on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Caitlin O’Kane titled “Texas Police Group Puts Up Billboard Warning ‘Enter at Your Own Risk,’ Saying Austin Defunded Police” was posted at [cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com) on Sept. 10, 2020.
- An article by Craig Bannister titled “Another Democrat Mayor [Lyda Krwe-son of St. Louis] Relocates Home Due to Protests” was posted at [cnsnews.com](https://www.cnsnews.com) on Sept. 4, 2020.
- An article by Matt Mathers titled “Police Probe BLM Protesters Who Confronted Pittsburgh Diners As Trump Brands Them ‘Thugs’ ” was posted at [independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk) on Sept. 8, 2020.
- An article by Ran Fahey titled “Anti-Capitalists Who Started the Occupy Wall Street Protests in 2011 Have Vowed to ‘Draw Wind’ From BLM Protests Tearing Through the Country and ‘Lay Siege to the White House’ for 50 Days” was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on Sept. 3, 2020.
- An article titled “Oregon Rejects GOP Voter Statement, Says It Was Submitted 29 Seconds Late” was posted at [yahoo.com](https://www.yahoo.com) on Sept. 6, 2020.
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General interest

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Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."