

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 Staff titled “We’re Protecting You: Full Text of Netanyahu’s Address to Congress” was posted at timesofisrael.com on July 25, 2024.

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson,
 Senator Ben Cardin,
 Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries,
 Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer,
 Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell,

Senators,
 Members of Congress,
 Distinguished guests,

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for giving me the profound honor of addressing this great citadel of democracy for the fourth time.

We meet today at a crossroads of history. Our world is in upheaval. In the Middle East, Iran’s axis of terror confronts America, Israel and our Arab friends. This is not a clash of civilizations. It’s a clash between barbarism and civilization. It’s a clash between those who glorify death and those who sanctify life.

For the forces of civilization to triumph, America and Israel must stand together. Because when we stand together, something very simple happens. We win. They lose. And my friends, I came to assure you today of one thing: we will win.

Ladies and gentlemen,
 Like Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 11, 2001, Oct. 7 is a day that will forever live in infamy.

It was the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah. It began as a perfect day. Not a cloud in the sky.

Thousands of young Israelis were celebrating at an outdoor music festival. And suddenly, at 6:29 a.m., as children were still sleeping soundly in their beds in the towns and kibbutzim next to Gaza, suddenly heaven turned into hell. Three thousand Hamas terrorists stormed into Israel. They butchered 1,200 people from 41 countries, including 39 Americans. Proportionately, compared to our population size, that's like 20 9/11s in one day. And those monsters, they raped women, they beheaded men, they burnt babies alive, they killed parents in front of their children and children in front of their parents. They dragged 255 people, both living and dead, into the dark dungeons of Gaza.

Israel has already brought home 135 of these hostages, including seven who were freed in daring rescue operations. One of those freed hostages, Noa Argamani, is here in the gallery sitting near my wife Sara. On the morning of October 7th, the entire world saw Noa's look of desperation as she was violently abducted to Gaza on the back of a motorcycle. I met Noa's mother Liora a few months ago. She was dying of cancer. She said to me, "Prime Minister, I have one final wish. I wish to hug my daughter Noa one last time before I die."

Two months ago, I authorized a breathtaking commando rescue operation. Our Special Forces, including a heroic officer named Arnon Zmora, who fell in this battle, rescued Noa and three other hostages. I think it's one of the most moving things, when Noa was reunited with her mother, Liora, and her mother's last wish came true. Noa, we're thrilled to have you with us today. Thank you.

Many hostage families are also here with us today, including Eliyahu Bibas. Eliyahu Bibas is the grandfather of those two beautiful red-headed boys, the Bibas boys, toddlers. And they were taken hostage with their mother and Eliyahu's son. The entire family was taken hostage. Two beautiful red-haired children taken hostage. What monsters.

And with us also is Iris Haim, whose son Yotam bravely escaped Hamas captivity with two other Israelis, and tragically they were killed making their way back to our lines.

We have with us also the families of American hostages. They're here.

The pain these families have endured is beyond words. I met with them again yesterday and I promised them this. I will not rest until all their loved ones are home. All of them.

As we speak, we're actively engaged in intensive efforts to secure their release, and I'm confident that these efforts can succeed. Some of them are taking place right now.

I want to thank President Biden for his heartfelt support for Israel after the savage attack on October 7th. He rightly called Hamas "sheer evil." He dispatched two aircraft carriers to the Middle East to deter a wider war. And he came to Israel to stand with us during our darkest hour, a visit that will never be forgotten.

President Biden and I have known each other for over 40 years. I want to thank him for half a century of friendship to Israel and for being, as he says, a proud Zionist. Actually, he says, a

proud Irish American Zionist.

My friends, for more than nine months, Israel's soldiers have shown boundless courage.

With us today is Lieutenant Avichail Reuven. Avichail is an officer in the Israeli paratroopers. His family immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia. In the early hours of October 7th, Avichail heard the news of Hamas' bloody rampage. He put on his uniform, grabbed his rifle, but he didn't have a car. So he ran eight miles to the frontlines of Gaza to defend his people. You heard that right. He ran eight miles, came to the frontlines, killed many terrorists and saved many, many lives. Avichail, we all honor your remarkable heroism.

Another Israeli is with us here today. He's standing right next to Avichail. This is Master Sergeant Ashraf al Bahiri. Ashraf is a Bedouin soldier from the Israeli Muslim community of Rahat.

On October 7th, Ashraf too killed many terrorists. First, he defended his comrades in the military base, and he then rushed to defend the neighboring communities, including the devastated community of Kibbutz Be'eri. Like Ashraf, the Muslim soldiers of the IDF fought alongside their Jewish, Druze, Christian and other comrades in arms with tremendous bravery.

A third hero, Lieutenant Asa Sofer is also here with us. Asa fought as an officer in the tank corps, and he was wounded in battle. He was wounded in battle while protecting his fellow soldiers from a grenade. He lost his right arm and the vision in his left eye. He is recovering, and incredibly, with a short time, Asa will soon return to active duty as a commander of a tank company.

I just learned there's a fourth hero here – Lieutenant Yonatan, Jonathan Ben Hamo who lost a leg in Gaza and continued to fight. My friends, these are the soldiers of Israel – unbowed, undaunted, unafraid. As the Bible says, "they shall rise like lions." They've risen like lions, the lions of Judah, the lions of Israel.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The men and women of the IDF come from every corner of Israeli society, every ethnicity, every color, every creed, left and right, religious and secular. All are imbued with indomitable spirit of the Maccabees, the legendary Jewish warriors of antiquity.

With us today is Yechiel Leiter, the father of one of those Maccabees. Yechiel's father escaped the Holocaust and found refuge in America. As a young man, Yechiel moved to Israel and raised a family of eight children. He named his eldest son Moshe after his late father. Moshe became an exemplary officer in one of our elite commando units. He served with distinction for two decades while raising six beautiful children of his own.

On October 7th, Moshe volunteered to return to combat. Four weeks later, he was killed when a booby-trap mine exploded in a tunnel shaft right next to a Mosque. At his son's funeral Yechiel

said this: “If the State of Israel had not been established after the Holocaust, the image engraved in our collective memory would have been the photograph of that helpless Jewish boy in the Warsaw Ghetto holding his hands up in the air with Nazi rifles pointed at him. But because of the birth of Israel (because of the courage of soldiers like my son Moshe), the Jewish people are no longer helpless in the face of our enemies.”

Yecheiel, please rise so we can honor your son’s sacrifice. And I pledge to you and to all the bereaved families of Israel (some of whom are in this hall today), the sacrifice of your loved ones will not be in vain. It will not be in vain because for Israel, “never again” must never be an empty promise. It must always remain a sacred vow. And after October 7th, “never again” is now.

My friends,

Defeating our brutal enemies requires both courage and clarity. Clarity begins by knowing the difference between good and evil. Yet incredibly many anti-Israel protesters, many choose to stand with evil. They stand with Hamas. They stand with rapists and murderers. They stand with people who came into the kibbutzim, into a home, the parents hid the children, the two babies, in the attic, in secret attic. They murdered the family (the parents), they found the secret latch to the hidden attic and then they murdered the babies. These protesters stand with them. They should be ashamed of themselves.

They refuse to make the simple distinction between those who target terrorists and those who target civilians, between the democratic State of Israel and the terrorist thugs of Hamas. We recently learned from the U.S. Director of National Intelligence, that Iran is funding and promoting anti-Israel protests in America. They want to disrupt America. So these protesters burned American flags even on the 4th of July. And I wish to salute the fraternity brothers at the University of North Carolina who protected the American flag, protected the American flag against these anti-Israel protesters.

For all we know, Iran is funding the anti-Israel protests that are going on right now outside this building (not that many, but they are there) and throughout the city. Well, I have a message for these protesters: When the Tyrants of Tehran (who hang gays from cranes and murder women for not covering their hair) are praising, promoting and funding you, you have officially become Iran’s useful idiots.

It’s amazing, absolutely amazing. Some of these protesters hold up signs proclaiming “Gays for Gaza.” They might as well hold up signs saying “Chickens for KFC.” These protesters chant “From the river to the sea.” But many don’t have a clue what river and what sea they are talking about. They not only get an F in geography, they get an F in history. They call Israel a colonialist state. Don’t they know that the Land of Israel is where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob prayed? Where Isaiah and Jeremiah preached? And where David and Solomon ruled?

For nearly 4,000 years, the land of Israel has been the homeland of the Jewish people. It’s always been our home; it will always be our home.

It's not only the campus protesters who get it wrong. It's also the people who run those campuses. Eighty years after the Holocaust, the presidents of Harvard, Penn, and I'm ashamed to say my alma mater MIT couldn't bring themselves to condemn the calls for the genocide of Jews. Remember what they said? They said, it depends on the context. Well, let me give these befuddled academics a little context.

Anti-Semitism is the world's oldest hatred. For centuries, the massacre of Jews was always preceded by wild accusations. We were accused of everything from poisoning wells to spreading plagues to using blood of slaughtered children to bake Passover matzos. These preposterous anti-Semitic lies led to persecution, mass murder and ultimately to history's worst genocide, the Holocaust.

Now, just as malicious lies were leveled for centuries at the Jewish people, malicious lies are now being leveled at the Jewish state. No, no. Don't applaud. Listen. The outrageous slanders that paint Israel as racist and genocidal are meant to de-legitimize Israel, to demonize the Jewish State and to demonize Jews everywhere. And no wonder, no wonder we have witnessed an appalling rise of anti-Semitism in America and around the world.

My friends,

Whenever and wherever we see the scourge of anti-Semitism, we must unequivocally condemn it and resolutely fight it – without exception.

And don't be fooled when the blood libels against the Jewish State come from people who wear fancy silk robes and speak in lofty tones about law and Justice.

Here's a case in point: The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has shamefully accused Israel of deliberately starving the people of Gaza. This is utter complete nonsense. It's a complete fabrication. Israel has enabled more than 40,000 aid trucks to enter Gaza. That's half a million tons of food, and that's more than 3,000 calories for every man, woman and child in Gaza. If there are Palestinians in Gaza who aren't getting enough food, it's not because Israel is blocking it – it's because Hamas is stealing it.

So much for that lie, but here's another: The ICC prosecutor accuses Israel of deliberately targeting civilians. What in God's green earth is he talking about?

The IDF has dropped millions of flyers, sent millions of text messages, made hundreds of thousands of phone calls to get Palestinian civilians out of harm's way. But at the same time, Hamas does everything in its power to put Palestinian civilians in harm's way. They fire rockets from schools, from hospitals, from mosques. They even shoot their own people when they try to leave the war zone.

A senior Hamas official Fathi Hamad boasted (listen to this) – he boasted that Palestinian women and children excel at being human shields. His words: “excel at being human shields.” What monstrous evil.

For Israel, every civilian death is a tragedy. For Hamas, it's a strategy. They actually want Palestinian civilians to die, so that Israel will be smeared in the international media and be pressured to end the war before it's won.

This would enable Hamas to survive another day, and as they vowed – to carry out October 7th again and again and again. Well, I want to assure you, no matter what pressure is brought to bear, I will never allow that to happen.

The vast majority of Americans have not fallen for this Hamas propaganda. They continue to support Israel, and I want to say: Thank you America, and thank you, senators and house members who continue to support us, continue to support Israel, continue to support the truth and see through the lies.

But as for the minority that may have fallen for Hamas's con job, I suggest you listen to Colonel John Spencer. John Spencer is head of urban warfare studies at West Point. He studied every major urban conflict (I was going to say in modern history, but he corrected me) in history.

Israel, he said, has implemented more precautions to prevent civilian harm than any military in history and beyond what international law requires.

That's why despite all the lies you have heard, the war in Gaza has one of the lowest ratios of combatants to non-combatant casualties in the history of urban warfare. And you want to know where it's lowest in Gaza? It is lowest in Rafah. In Rafah. Remember what so many people said? If Israel goes into Rafah, there will be thousands, maybe even tens of thousands of civilians killed.

Well, last week I went to Rafah. I visited the troops as they finished fighting Hamas' remaining terrorist battalions. I asked the commander there, "How many terrorists did you take out in Rafah?" He gave me an exact number – 1,203. I asked him, "How many civilians were killed?" He said, "Prime Minister, practically none. With the exception of a single incident, where shrapnel from a bomb hit a Hamas weapons depot and unintentionally killed two dozen people, the answer is practically none." You want to know why? Because Israel got the civilians out of harm's way, something people said we could never do, but we did.

These heroes here today, the heroic soldiers of Israel, should not be condemned for how they are conducting the war in Gaza. They should be commended for it.

I want to thank all of you here today who have forcefully opposed the false accusations of the ICC and stood up for the truth. These lies are not only libelous. They are downright dangerous. The ICC is trying to shackle Israel's hands and prevent us from defending ourselves. And if Israel's hands are tied, America is next. I'll tell you what else is next. The ability of all democracies to fight terrorism will be imperiled. That's what is on the line. So let me assure you, the hands of the Jewish state will never be shackled. Israel will always defend itself.

My friends,

In the Middle East, Iran is virtually behind all the terrorism, all the terrorism, all the chaos, all the killing. And that should come as no surprise. When he founded the Islamic Republic, Ayatollah Khomeini pledged: “We will export our revolution to the entire world. We will export the Islamic revolution to the entire world.”

Now, ask yourself, which country ultimately stands in the way of Iran’s maniacal plans to impost radical Islam on the world? And the answer is clear: It’s America, the guardian of Western civilization and the world’s greatest power. That’s why Iran sees America as its greatest enemy.

Last month, I heard a revealing comment, ostensibly about the war in Gaza, but about something else. It came from the foreign minister of Iran’s proxy, Hezbollah, and he said this: “This is not a war with Israel. Israel is merely a tool. The main war (the real war) is with America.”

Iran’s regime has been fighting America from the moment it came to power. In 1979, it stormed the American embassy, it held scores of Americans hostage for 444 days. Since then, Iran’s terrorist proxies have targeted America in the Middle East and beyond. In Beirut, they killed 241 U.S. servicemen. In Africa, they bombed American embassies. In Iraq, they supplied explosives to main and kill thousands of American soldiers. In America, they actually sent death squads. They sent death squads here to murder a former secretary of state and a former national security adviser. And as we recently learned, they even brazenly threatened to assassinate President Trump.

But Iran understands that to truly challenge America, it must first conquer the Middle East. And for this it uses its many proxies – including the Houthis, Hezbollah and Hamas. Yet in the heart of the Middle East (standing in Iran’s way) is one proud pro-American democracy – my country, the State of Israel.

That’s why the mobs in Tehran chant “Death to Israel” before they chant “Death to America.” For Iran Israel is first, America is next. So, when Israel fights Hamas, we are fighting Iran. When we fight Hezbollah, we are fighting Iran. When we fight the Houthis, we are fighting Iran. And when we fight Iran, we are fighting the most radical and murderous enemy of the United States of America.

And one more thing. When Israel acts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons (nuclear weapons that could destroy Israel and threaten every American city, every city that you come from), we are not only protecting ourselves. We are protecting you.

My friends,

If you remember one thing (one thing from this speech), remember this: Our enemies are your enemies, our fight is your fight, and our victory will be your victory.

Ladies and gentlemen,

That victory is in sight. Israel’s defeat of Hamas will be a powerful blow to Iran’s axis of terror.

Another part of that axis (Hezbollah) attacked Israel on October 8th, a day after the Hamas attack. It has launched thousands of missiles and drones against us. 80,000 of our citizens in northern Israel evacuated their homes, becoming effectively refugees in their own land. We are committed to returning them home. We prefer to achieve this diplomatically. But let me be clear: Israel will do whatever it must do to restore security to our northern border and return our people safely to their homes.

Last Friday, a third Iranian proxy (the Houthis) attacked Tel Aviv with a deadly drone. It exploded a few hundred feet from the American consulate, killing one person and injuring nine. On Saturday, I authorized a swift response to that attack. All our enemies should know this. Those who attack Israel will pay a very heavy price. And as we defend ourselves on all fronts, I know that America has our back. And I thank you for it. All sides of the aisle. Thank you.

My friends,

For decades, America has provided Israel with generous military assistance, and a grateful Israel has provided America with critical intelligence that saved many lives. We have jointly developed some of the most sophisticated weapons on Earth, that help protect both our countries. And we also help keep American boots off the ground while protecting our shared interests in the Middle East.

I deeply appreciate America's support, including in this current war. But this is an exceptional moment. Fast tracking U.S. military aid can dramatically expediate an end to the war in Gaza and help prevent a broader war in the Middle East. In World War II, as Britain fought on the front-lines of civilization, Winston Churchill appealed to Americans with these famous words: "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job." Today, as Israel fights on the front-line of civilization, I too appeal to America: "Give us the tools faster, and we will finish the job faster."

My dear friends,

The war in Gaza could end tomorrow if Hamas surrenders, disarms and returns all the hostages. But they don't, Israel will fight until we destroy Hamas' military capabilities and its rule in Gaza and bring all our hostages home. That's what total victory means, and we will settle for nothing less.

The day after we defeat Hamas, a new Gaza can emerge. My vision for that day is of a demilitarized and de-radicalized Gaza. Israel does not seek to resettle Gaza. But for the foreseeable future, we must retain overriding security control there to prevent the resurgence of terror, to ensure that Gaza never again poses a threat to Israel.

Gaza should have a civilian administration run by Palestinians who do not seek to destroy Israel. That's not too much to ask. It's a fundamental thing that we have a right to demand and to receive. A new generation of Palestinians must no longer be taught to hate Jews, but rather to live in peace with us. Those twin words, demilitarization and de-radicalization. Those two concepts were applied to Germany and Japan after World War II, and that led to decades of peace, prosperity and security. Following our victory (with the help of regional partners), the demilitarization and de-radicalization of Gaza can also lead to a future of security, prosperity and peace. That's my vision for Gaza.

Now, here's my vision for the broader Middle East. It's also shaped in part by what we saw in the aftermath of World War II. After that war, America forged a security alliance in Europe to counter the growing Soviet threat. Likewise, America and Israel today can forge a security alliance in the Middle East to counter the growing Iranian threat. All countries that are in peace with Israel and all those countries who will make peace with Israel should be invited to join this alliance. We saw a glimpse of that potential alliance on April 14th. Led by the United States, more than half a dozen nations worked alongside Israel to help neutralize hundreds of missiles and drones launched by Iran against us.

Thank you, President Biden, for bringing that coalition together.

The new alliance I envision would be a natural extension of the groundbreaking Abraham Accords. Those Accords saw peace forged between Israel and four Arab countries, and they were supported by Republican and Democrats alike. I have a name for this new alliance. I think we should call it: The Abraham Alliance.

I want to thank President Trump for his leadership in brokering the historic Abraham Accords. Like Americans, Israelis were relieved that President Trump emerged safe and sound from that dastardly attack on him – dastardly attack on American democracy. There is no room for political violence in democracies.

I also want to thank President Trump for all the things he did for Israel, from recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, to confronting Iran's aggression, to recognizing Jerusalem as our capital and moving the American embassy there. That's Jerusalem, our eternal capital never to be divided again.

My dear friends, Democrats and Republicans,
Despite these times of upheaval, I am hopeful about the future. I am hopeful about Israel because my people (the Jewish people) emerged from the depths of hell, from dispossession and genocide, and (against all odds) we restored our sovereignty in our ancient homeland, we built a powerful and vibrant democracy – a democracy that pushes the boundaries of innovation for the betterment of all humanity.

I am hopeful about America because I am hopeful about Americans. I know how much the people of this country have sacrificed to defend freedom. America will continue to be a force for light and good in a dark and dangerous world. For free people everywhere, America remains the beacon of liberty its extraordinary founders envisioned back in 1776.

Working together, I am confident that our two nations will vanquish the tyrants and terrorists who threaten us both. As Israel's prime minister, I promise you this: No matter how long it takes, no matter how difficult the road ahead, Israel will not relent. Israel will not bend. We will defend our land. We will defend our people. We will fight until we achieve victory. Victory of liberty

over tyranny. Victory of life over death. Victory of good over evil. That's our solemn commitment.

And we will continue to work with the United States and our Arab partners to transform a troubled region – from a backwater of oppression, poverty and war into a thriving oasis of dignity, prosperity and peace. In this noble mission (as in many others), Israel will always remain America's indispensable ally. Through thick and thin, in good times and in bad, Israel will always be your loyal friend and your steadfast partner.

On behalf of the people of Israel, I came here today to say: Thank you, America. Thank you for your support and solidarity. Thank you for you standing with Israel in our hour of need. Together, we shall defend our common civilization. Together, we shall secure a brilliant future for both our nations.

May God bless Israel.

May God bless America.

And may God bless the great alliance between Israel and America forever.



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

Kamala Harris – relationship with Israel

- An article by Walter Russell Mead titled “Tensions Between Bibi Netanyahu and Kamala Harris” was posted at wsj.com on July 23, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled “ ‘I Will Not Be Silent’ on Gaza, Kamala Harris Says After Meeting Netanyahu in Washington” was posted at theguardian.com on July 25, 2024.
- An article by Steven Nelson titled “Kamala Harris Slams Israel for Gaza Deaths Despite Claiming ‘Unwavering’ Support for Jewish State After Netanyahu Meeting” was posted at nypost.com on July 25, 2024.
- An article by Tovah Lazaroff titled “Harris: Israel Will Fully Withdraw From Gaza in Phase Two of Hostage Deal” was posted at jpost.com on July 26, 2024.
- An article by Tovah Lazaroff titled “Harris’s Words Could Harm Hostage Deal Talks; Senior Israeli Official Says” was posted at jpost.com on July 26, 2024.

Reminders – about Hamas violence (including sexual violence) associated with October 7

- An article by Ruth Bashinsky titled “Horrible Details of Sexual Torture Inflicted by Hamas on October 7 Victims Are Revealed in New Sheryl Sandberg Documentary – as Sisters of Missing Hostage Beg for Her Release” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 21, 2024.
- An article by Ronny Reyes titled “First Male Rape Survivor of Hamas’ October 7 Attack Describes Horrors: ‘Humiliate You’” was posted at nypost.com on July 24, 2024.

Hezbollah

- An article by Jake Smith titled “While War With Hamas Rages On, a Far More Deadly Hezbollah Shadows Israel’s Border” was posted at dailycaller.com on July 13, 2024.

Russia-Ukraine war

- An article by Sabrina Penty titled “Russia Warns Europe’s Capital Cities ‘Are the Potential Victims’ If U.S. Deploys Long-Range Missiles on the Continent” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 13, 2024.

Olympics

- An article by Charna Flam titled “Japanese Gymnast Shoko Miyata Sent Home From Paris Olympics for Violating Team Smoking Ban [Smoking Is Illegal for Anyone Under 20 in Japan]” was posted at people.com on July 19, 2024.
- An article by Sylvie Corbet and Barbara Surk titled “1,000 People Suspected of Spying Have Been Blocked From Olympics; French Official Says” was posted at apnews.com on July 23, 2024.
- An article by Will Potter titled “Celine Dion Will Sing at the 2024 Paris Olympics (in French) – as the Eye-Watering Sum She Will Be Paid for the Gig Is Revealed [\$2 Million]” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 25, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled “Iranian Hackers Threaten Israeli Athletes at Paris Olympics in New Cyber Campaign” was posted at jpost.com on July 25, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled “Arsonists Target France’s High-Speed Rail Network as Olympics Get Underway” was posted at jpost.com on July 26, 2024.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Steve Reed titled “Uruguay Players Defend Decision to Enter Crowd to Protect Families Amid Copa America Brawl” was posted at yahoo.com on July 11, 2024.
- An article by Ilan Hulkower titled “School in Nigeria Collapses, Killing 16 Children as

They Were Taking Exams” was posted at dailycaller.com on July 12, 2024.

- An article by Nikki Main titled “Archaeologists Find More Evidence of Bible Story About Moses Leading His People to the Promised Land 3,200 Years Ago” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 12, 2024.



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Kamala Harris – her platform = socialist play book

- An article by Staff titled “Stuart Varney: Kamala Harris’ Platform Reads Like the Socialist Play Book for Bernie Sanders” was posted at foxbusiness.com on July 23, 2024.

Democrats continue violent rhetoric – following assassination attempt

- An article by Logan Washburn titled “Leftists Continue ‘Eliminationist Rhetoric’ Days After Trump Assassination Attempt” was posted at thefederalist.com on July 19, 2024.
- An article by David Ng titled “Barbra Streisand Claims Trump Brought Assassination Attempt on Himself Because He’s Been Branded a Bully” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 19, 2024.
- An article by David Ng titled “Jack Black’s Band-Mate Makes Birthday Wish: ‘Don’t Miss Trump Next Time’ ” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 15, 2024.
- An article by David Ng titled “Jack Black (With Major Movies on the Line) Scrambles to Save Hollywood Career After Band-Mate Wished for Trump’s Assassination” was posted at Breitbart.com on July 20, 2024.
- An article by Eric Utter titled “When Will Democrats Be Held Responsible for Their Trump-Hating Rhetoric?” was posted at AmericanThinker.com on July 20, 2024.

FBI director questions Trump injury

- An article by Diana Glebova and Isabel Keane titled “FBI Director Questions Whether Trump Was Struck by Bullet as Ex-President’s Team Decries ‘Conspiracy Bulls••t’ ” was posted at nyPost.com on July 25, 2024.

Security – not even secret service

- An article by Timothy H.J. Nerozzi titled “Majority of Trump Security Detail Were Not Secret Service, Whistleblowers Tell Senator Hawley” was posted at foxnews.com on July 19, 2024.
- An article by Virginia Kruta titled “ ‘Not Even Secret Service’: Senator Josh Hawley Says Trump Rally Security Was ‘Unprepared and Inexperienced’ DHS Personnel” was posted at dailywire.com on July 19, 2024.

More secret service news

- An article by Martha Williams titled “Secret Service Chiefs Rejected Trump’s Requests for More Agents and Snipers at His Events for Two Years Before Assassination Attempt – as Their Shocking Reasons Are Revealed” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 20, 2024.
- An article by Katherine Donlevy and Joe Marino titled “Secret Service Honchos Denied Trump Additional Security for 2 Years Before Assassination Attempt: Damning Revelation” was posted at nypost.com on July 20, 2024.
- An article by Ryan King titled “Secret Service Repeatedly Turned Down Police Offer of Drone Help Before Trump Assassination Bid: Whistleblower” was posted at nypost.com on July 25, 2024.

Kimberly Cheatle – resigns from Secret Service

- An article by Joe Marino and Chris Nesi titled “Secret Service Head Kimberly Cheatle Resigns After Shocking Failures Led to Trump Assassination Attempt” was posted at nypost.com on July 23, 2024.

Who is running the country?

- An article by Maureen Callahan titled “There’s a Hidden Message in Biden’s Humiliating Withdrawal Letter That Should Terrify Every American – and the Shaming Question: Who on Earth Is Running This Country?” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 21, 2024.
- An article by Miranda Devine titled “Joe Biden Is Too Frail to Run in 2024, but He’s Still Our President?” was posted at nypost.com on July 21, 2024.
- An article by Isabel Keane titled “Trump Says 25th Amendment Should Not Be Invoked Against Biden, Claims ‘Dangerous’ Kamala Harris Is ‘Worse Than He Is’ ” was posted at nypost.com on July 25, 2024.

Obama and Pelosi – were finally able to oust Biden

- An article by Emma Colton titled “Obama Allies, Advisers Helped Lead the Charge Among Democrats Looking to Sink Biden Ahead of Official Announcement” was posted at foxnews.com on July 21, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled “Biden’s Decision to Drop Out Crystallized Sunday, His Staff Knew One Minute Before the Public Did” was posted at apnews.com on July 21, 2024.
- An article by Kirsten Fleming titled “Hailing Biden After They Knifed Him, Democrats Are Treating Americans Like We Are Blind Idiots” was posted at nypost.com on July 22, 2024.

Politicians and media – dumped Biden because he was losing (not because of his health)

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Black Lives Matter organization – objected to the anointing without delegates voting

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- An article by Dominic Yeatman titled “MSNBC Star Joy Reid Says Americans of Color Are ‘Going to Look Real Crazy’ and ‘Weird’ If They Don’t Vote for Kamala Harris in November” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 23, 2024.

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- An article by Andrew Powell titled “The Caitlin Clark Effect Has Produced a Whooping 14 Million-Viewer TV Broadcast for the WNBA This Season” was posted at dailycaller.com on July 19, 2024.
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- An article by Melissa Koenig titled “Huge California Wildfire That’s Engulfed 71,000 Acres Was Triggered by Man’s Strange and Selfish Behavior [Pushing a Burning Car Into a Gully That Tumbled 60 Feet Down an Embankment]” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 25, 2024.



An article by Khaleda Rahman titled “Black Lives Matter Denounces Democrats for ‘Anointing’ Kamala Harris [Without Primary Votes]” was posted at newsweek.com on July 24, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

Black Lives Matter has criticized the Democratic Party for “anointing” Vice President Kamala Harris as the expected Democrat presidential nominee without a public vote.

President Joe Biden announced on Sunday that he was leaving the presidential race and endorsed Harris to replace him at the top of the Democratic ticket to face Donald Trump, the Republican nominee, in November.

Biden had faced pressure to step aside after a disastrous debate performance last month magnified concerns about the 81-year-old’s age and ability to beat Trump and serve a second term.

By Monday evening, Harris has secured the support of enough Democratic delegates to become her party’s nominee, the Associated Press reported.

Responding to the development, Black Lives Matter criticized Democrats for not giving voters a say – and called on the Democratic National Committee to host a virtual snap primary ahead of the party’s convention in August.

Black Lives Matter said in a statement: “Democratic Party elites and billionaire donors are attempting to manipulate Black voters by anointing Kamala Harris and an unknown vice president as the new Democratic ticket without a primary vote by the public. This blatant disregard for democratic principles is unacceptable. While the potential outcome of a Harris presidency may be historic, the process to achieve it must align with true democratic values.”

The organization added: “We do not live in a dictatorship. Delegates are not oligarchs. Any attempt to evade or override the will of voters in our primary system – no matter how historic the candidate – must be condemned. We demand an informal, virtual snap primary now that the incumbent president is no longer in the running . . . Let us be clear: This is about the Democratic Party following a process that protects the legitimacy of any future Democratic president following this unprecedented moment. Installing Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee and an unknown vice president without any public voting process would make the modern Democratic Party a party of hypocrites. It would undermine their credibility on issues related to democracy.”



An article by Brianna Lyman titled “So Much for ‘Democracy’: Democrat Oligarchs Just Overthrew Their Own Voters” was posted at the federalist.com on July 21, 2024. Following is the article.

Democrat oligarchs overthrew the will of 14 million voters on Sunday after President Joe Biden announced he would not seek re-election.

Democrats have spent years breathlessly claiming that “democracy” (in our Constitutional Republic) is at risk if former President Donald Trump wins. But apparently the threshold for risks to “democracy” depends on the likelihood of winning.

When it became clear Biden could not prevail over the consensus that he is unable to carry out the duties of a presidential candidate after his frightening debate performance, Democrats moved to subvert the will of their own voters to better their chances of retaining power.

Rep. Angie Craig, D-Minn., admitted just that when she said she did not believe Biden could “effectively campaign and win against Donald Trump.”

Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., echoed a similar sentiment, telling the New York Times that Democrats “have to win this race” and Biden needs to “get out of the race.”

Their concerns simply rested on whether their party could win.

It's why 17 lawmakers who called for Biden to step down failed to answer when asked by *The Federalist* whether they also think Biden should resign as president.

In simpler terms, Democratic primary voters who cast a ballot for Biden are now being told by a handful of D.C. elites that their votes were simply perfunctory.

As George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley said in a post on X, "Vice President Kamala Harris will not be in the awkward position of leading the ticket to 'defend democracy' after being made the nominee through succession by defenestration."

Biden gave no explanation for his monumental decision to withdraw from the race after profusely disputing reports that he would not remain the nominee. Of course, a verbal "why" is not needed. Biden *showed* the American public why he couldn't remain as nominee when he failed to speak coherently during the presidential debate and struggled to exit the debate stage unassisted. It's why Democrats launched a blitz campaign against the incumbent demanding he step down.

They knew the chance of Biden beating Trump was shrinking, so they had to do what was needed to be done to maintain control of the executive branch.

But for the same reasons that Biden is unable to be the nominee, he is also unable to be the president. No one disagrees that Biden's cognitive decline is a severe impediment to his ability to carry out his enumerated duties. It's why Democrats want him off the ticket.

Removing Biden as the nominee becomes a justifiable usurpation of primary voters' will when Democrats also remove Biden as the president.

But if Democrats aren't willing to invoke the 25th Amendment, or get Biden to step down, then their justification is simply a flex of their political muscle: "We can do whatever we want."

And if Democrats can so easily ice out their own candidate, what else are they capable of?



An article by David Scharfenberg titled "Anointing Kamala Harris Was a Mistake" was posted at [bostonglobe.com](https://www.bostonglobe.com) on July 24, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

It couldn't have been easy. They'd known the man for years. Respected him. But they did what the moment demanded. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer made the trip to President

Biden's home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi placed a call.

Had a difficult conversation. Determined to defeat Donald Trump in the fall, the Democratic Party's top leaders did something extraordinary: They pushed their old friend out of the presidential race.

But then they lost their nerve.

Joined by Biden himself – indeed, Biden had more power to shape what came next than anyone else in the party – they bailed halfway through the most important task of their careers.

Rather than steer the party into a brief and vigorous contest for a replacement – rather than give the Democrats' top talent a chance to audition for the titanicly important job of defeating Trump – they did the easy thing. They anointed Vice President Kamala Harris the new nominee.

That decision may have felt good in the moment.

Democrats were so exhausted by the Biden ordeal, so desperate to feel better about their chances, that there was a palpable relief – even a giddy excitement – in quickly coalescing around a replacement.

In leaning into unity.

But “unity” is what got the Democrats into trouble in the first place. Despite deep reservations about President Biden's age and electability – reservations reflected in poll after poll after poll – no one seriously challenged him for the nomination.

The circumstances are different this time, of course. The schedule is compressed.

But if the aim is to spend the next three and a half months generating excitement about a rejuvenated Democratic Party and raising the alarm about a Trumpist GOP, a spirited fight for the nomination would have been a great place to start.

Imagine if the party had staged a series of candidate forums moderated by Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, with the Democrats' most promising young leaders testing their best anti-Trump attack lines.

Imagine the TikToks. The television interviews. The endless newspaper columns. Imagine the drama of a contested Democratic National Convention.

The electorate would have been riveted. And most important, the party would've gotten a chance to see which candidate shone brightest under the klieg lights.

Would it have been a fractious affair? No doubt.

Perils of identity politics

There are a couple of practical arguments Harris supporters like to make for crowning her without a contest. She had an easier time tapping the funds in the Biden-Harris campaign account, they note, than some other candidate would have. That's true. But there were work-arounds. The Biden campaign could have returned all the money and urged donors to give to the new campaign.

There was also concern about meeting an early deadline to qualify for the Ohio ballot – a deadline that might have been missed if the Democratic nominating contest had dragged out. But that concern was grossly overstated. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed legislation in May resolving the issue. And there is little reason to think Democrats would have had any trouble getting a candidate on the ballot. Even if they had, Ohio is no longer a competitive state. It's Trump Country now.

No, the real hurdle to a contested nomination was this: Party leaders and would-be candidates like governors Gretchen Whitmer or Michigan, Gavin Newsom of California, and J.B. Pritzker of Illinois were loath to be seen challenging a Black woman who was next in line for the presidency.

That was an understandable political calculation. It's also a disappointed one.

If Trump poses the grave threat Democrats say he does – to **democracy**, to abortion rights, to Black women as much as anyone else – then finding the best person to beat him has to be the paramount concern.

Black voters understand this as well as – if not better than – anyone else.

The contest

As soon as Biden dropped out, Harris insisted she would “earn and win” the nomination. What better way to earn and win it than in an actual contest with the best of the Democratic Party?

Harris, to be clear, would have been a formidable candidate in a snap competition. She is the vice president. She is the next in line. She is a Black woman in a party that values diversity. All that matters. But there is good reason to be worried about how she will perform in a general election contest.

The broader electorate doesn't seem to like her very much.

Her favorability rating in Pennsylvania (which is shaping up as perhaps the single most important swing state in the election) stood just at 42 percent. That was lower than Trump's. And surveys show her standing among Black and Latino voters is middling for a Democrat.

Those surveys came before she had a chance to campaign as the presumptive nominee.

But because the vice president is a reasonably well known figure – because opinion about her may be relatively settled at this point – it's not clear that she has much room to grow in the public's estimation.

Harris's shaky standing, to date, owes something to her uneven track record as a national figure. Her 2020 campaign for president was a dismal failure. She ping-ponged between messages and struck many voters as overly cautious or insincere. Ultimately, months before a single state held a caucus or primary, she dropped out of the race.

Harris's vice presidency got off to a rocky start, too, with reports of dysfunction and heavy churn in her office. And Biden didn't make her life any easier, giving her the near-impossible task of addressing the root causes of the border crisis.

The vice president seems to have found her footing in recent months. And she could very well emerge as a great candidate.

But the best way to test her – to see if she was really up to taking on Trump – would have been a high-stakes contest for the nomination.

They knew better

The most maddening thing about the way this has played out is that the party leaders knew better.

Last month, in a closed-door meeting of California Democrats, Pelosi argued that it was important to have a competition for the nomination should Biden step down – if only to avoid the perception of Democratic elites hand-picking a replacement.

One source told Politico: “Nancy was leading that charge that it needed to be an open process.”

Obama seemed to support a contest, too.

After Biden stepped down, Obama said in a statement: “We will be navigating uncharted waters in the days ahead. But I have extraordinary confidence that the leaders of our party will be able to create a process from which an outstanding nominee emerges.”

That nugget came after he lauded President Biden for selflessly exiting the presidential race.

But history will record that Biden resisted the idea of stepping down for as long as he could, forcing the party into agonized indecision for too long.

And if his hand-picked successor loses, that's not the only mistake that he – and the rest of the Democratic leadership – will be remembered for.



A letter to the editor by Art Nennig (of New Berlin, Wisconsin) titled “Who Will Destroy Our Democracy?” was posted at freeman.com on July 20, 2024. Following is the letter.

To the editor: Here we go again! One party is telling us that if Donald Trump is elected, our democracy will be destroyed. At the same time, that party is telling its duly elected candidate he has to drop out of the presidential race because he will lose to Donald Trump. Seems pretty rich coming from the party that claims that Trump will destroy our democracy.

Once Biden stumbled at the debate, the party elites, donors and news media could not longer keep up the charade that Biden’s health and mental acuity were as sharp as ever. They were all shocked and began to call for his removal as their duly elected candidate. The only reason for their shock was that the lies of the last four years were exposed and the voters are able to clearly see the president’s health issues. They could have prevented this had they not lied to us over the last four years.

Furthermore, with the election only 120 days out, the party elites and donors appear to be prepared to name who the candidate should be. That doesn’t sound very democratic as the voters’ candidate gets tossed aside. Sounds like a full destruction of a democratic process – and Donald Trump was not involved.

Given all the brouhaha over this issue, it seems we might be missing something.

- If the health issues are the problem, shouldn’t we be asking him to resign now – forget about the candidacy?
- If he is unfit to run for another four years, how can we allow him to remain in office for another six months with all the problems that exist in the world?
- With all we have seen and heard over the last four years (if you were paying attention), who is running the country? Could it be unelected officials? Has democracy already been destroyed?



An article by Dan McLaughlin titled “The Biden Health Cover-Up Is a Scandal to Match Watergate, While Kamala and Her White House Co-Conspirators Keep Silent” was posted at dailymail.co.uk on July 23, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

Democrats hope they can just turn the page on Joe Biden by closing rank behind Kamala Harris. It's not that easy. The failed coverup of Biden's patently dire condition discredits everyone close to his White House – including the Vice President.

And it's still ongoing.

Biden should resign immediately. Every day he stays in office, Kamala and her West Wing co-conspirators are still complicit. Who do they think they are fooling?

He wasn't even able to face the cameras to declare his withdrawal on Sunday – instead sending in his notice via a letter posted in a Tweet. The guard has now changed without him showing his face. How utterly humiliating.

This has the makings of a Watergate-level scandal, and it's only just begun.

The most pressing question: Who's really in charge, and for how long have they been pulling the strings? Because, for all his gaffing and slurring and mental mishaps, you sure as [heck] can't persuade me it's Joe Biden!

And now, we still don't really know what Joe's "condition" is, but we can justifiably suspect that it's getting worse and prohibits him from running again.

A Parkinson's expert visited the White House eight times in a period spanning from last summer to this spring – including at least once for a meeting with Biden's personal physician.

Nonetheless, hapless Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre has repeatedly insisted that all is well with the president.

Yet, for weeks, the whole country has seen the truth.

Every public appearance he's made since the last month's debate debacle has just made Americans (and our allies) all the more alarmed.

It's also finally brought out once-loyal Democrats to admit what's been going on behind closed doors (though, of course, silent they stayed until it all threatened their own chances of winning.)

Even as war rages in Israel and Ukraine, Biden hasn't held a full Cabinet meeting in nine months.

Biden's die-hard fans say he was selfless in quitting, even though he only did so under intense, weeks-long pressure from donors and party bigwigs (including his sometime pal Barack Obama).

And even when he did quit the race, he put his party first – not the country. He refuses to leave the Oval Office, instead anointing a successor who has never won a single primary vote, and whose approval rating may be even more dismal than his.

Holed up in Delaware the past few days, Team Biden no doubt hope the conversation will move on to Cackling Kamala's campaign.

But even as access to the big guy grows increasingly restricted (even for senior Democrats), there are still a lot of people who know the truth.

Maybe it won't be until after the election, but eventually some of them will talk. And their stories will be explosive.



An article by MaryAnn Martinez titled "The 'Incredibly Safe' Texas City [Celina Is an Hour North of Dallas] Whose Population Has Almost Tripled Making It the Fastest Growing in America" was posted at [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk) on July 25, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

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| 5. Lathrop, California | 10. Forney, Texas |



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 by 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."