Eye on the World July 12, 2025

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Luke 21:34-36–"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with selfindulgence, 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).

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An article by Jamie E. Galvan titled "Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer Saved 165 Children" was posted at khou.com on July 7, 2025. Following is the article.

On his very first mission, a young Coast Guard rescue swimmer became a symbol of bravery and compassion during the catastrophic Fourth of July flooding in Central Texas.

Scott Ruskan, a rescue swimmer with the U.S. Coast Guard, helped save 165 children and staff from rapidly rising floodwaters that surrounded Camp Mystic, a century-old girls' summer camp on the banks of the Guadalupe River. The mission was part of a massive emergency-response effort that has seen more than 850 high-water rescues across the Texas Hill Country.

The Department of Homeland Security called Ruskan an "American hero," but, in an interview with CNN, he downplayed the titled.

"I'm just a guy . . . anyone can do this if they raise their right hand," Ruskan said in an interview with CNN.

Called into the storm

Ruskan told CNN that on the morning of July 4, his crew was launched from Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi following an urgent request from Task Force One, a Texas-based search-and-rescue unit.

"We were flying through the same storm that was causing all the flooding," he said – "some of

the worst weather I've ever flown through."

It took four separate flight attempts before they could reach Kerrville, finally breaking through with the help of the Air National Guard.

Camp Mystic: A desperate rescue

The crew's mission was clear: Reach Camp Mystic, where around 200 campers were trapped. Ruskan said bridges and roads had been washed out, and boat rescues weren't possible.

Once on the ground, the crew made a bold decision – leave Ruskan behind so the aircraft could carry more children to safety. As helicopters came and went, Ruskan became the only triage coordinator on site.

"There was no communication for about three hours," he said. "My job was just to comfort the kids and keep them calm until help could get to them."

Many campers had no shoes, and counselors were seen carrying children bare-foot over rocks to helicopters. Ruskan said one counselor told him they were "throwing kids out the door" to get them away from floodwaters.

Rising toll and ongoing danger

The flooding has left at least 102 people dead, including 27 from Camp Mystic, according to Kerr County Sheriff Larry Leitha. Eleven remain missing, including 10 girls and one counselor.

"Texans always come together in tragedy" said Senator Ted Cruz, who praised Ruskan and others. "Stories of heroism include Eagle Scouts saving others and a counselor holding up two mattresses with campers on top."

Governor Greg Abbott has warned that the danger isn't over. With more rain in the forecast and the ground already saturated, the threat of additional flash flooding remains high through Tuesday.

"I'm just a dude"

Though hailed as a national hero, Ruskan told CNN that what matters most is the example set by everyone – from military responders to civilian survivors.

"Anyone can do this," he said. "You just have to be willing to help."

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An article by Zoe Hussain titled "Brave Teen Girl, 17, Died Saving Her Entire Family From

Raging Texas Flood Waters" was posted at nypost.com on July 11, 2025. Following is the article.

A teenage girl was swept to her death in the historic Texas flooding after saving the rest of her family.

Malaya Hammond, 17, was traveling to a Christian summer camp with her family at 5 a.m. Saturday when they drove off a bridge covered by flooding – sweeping their van into Marble Falls, according to a Facebook post from a family friend, Mikki Willis.

The brave teen managed to open the door of the van, saving her parents (Liz and Matthew) and her younger siblings (Khalil, 16, and Surya, 14) – who would otherwise have been trapped under water.

"In total darkness, they fought to stay above water," Willis wrote – but "Malaya was swept away by the fierce current."

Her family searched "day and night – by land, air, and water," Willis said, but the teen's body was found two days later, on Monday.

"The family is going through the unthinkable right now," Willis wrote of their overwhelming grief.

The family friend said: "As the eldest, Malaya set the standard. Ask anyone who knows her, and they'll tell you: Malaya is one of the most gentle compassionate young women they've ever met."



Central Texas flood

• A post by The Texas Military Department's rescue operations reported the following: "The rescue operations have resulted in the successful recovery of 520 individuals. These efforts included 361 air evacuations conducted with UH-60 Black Hawks and 159 ground rescues employing various vehicles and assets" was posted at x.com on July 6, 2025.

• An article by Christina Shaw titled "New Jersey Coast Guard Swimmer [Petty Officer Scott Ruskan] Rescues Nearly 200 People [Reportedly 165 people] in Deadly Texas Flash Floods" was posted at foxnews.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Stephanie Weaver titled "Coast Guard Member [Rescue Swimmer Scott Ruskan] Saves 165 Flood Victims: 'I Was Just Doing My Job'" was posted at fox7austin.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Alex Oliveira titled "Texas' Early Deployment of Choppers, Boats May Have Saved Hundreds of Lives During Devastating Flooding" was posted at nypost.com on July 8, 2025.

• An article by J.D. Miles titled "Drone Pilot Navigates Chaos to Aid Rescue Teams in Central Texas Flood Aftermath" was posted at cbsnews.com on July 10, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Texas Flash Floods Hit Residents and Campers in a Deluge 'Nobody Saw' Coming" was posted at cbsnews.com on July 10, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Death Toll at 121 as Search Continues for the Missing" was posted at abcnews.com on July 11, 2025.

• An article by Zoe Hussain titled "Brave Teen Girl, 17, Died Saving Her Entire Family From Raging Texas Flood Waters [After the Family Drove Off a Bridge, Malaya Opened the Door of the Van That Enabled Her Parents and Two Younger Siblings to Avoid Being Trapped Under Water – Before She Was Swept Away]" was posted at nypost.com on July 11, 2025.

Some Democrats – use flooding tragedy as political weapon

• An article by John Zambeinini titled "[Houston] Democrat [Sade Perkins] Mocks 'Drowned White Christian' Kids, Blames Cancel Culture, Cries Sour Grapes After Being Fired' was posted at thepopulisttimes.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Robert McGreevy titled "Democrats' Anti-Trump Flood Narrative Quickly Debunked by Meteorologists" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 7, 2025.

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"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.

Israel and Iran

• An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled "In 'Direct Message' to Khamenei, Katz Warns Iran of Israel's 'Destructive Power'" was posted at jpost.com on July 10, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "You've Been Warned: Gallant Threatens to Attack Iran 'Again and Again' If Nuclear Program Resumes" was posted at jpost.com on July 11, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Israel's Midnight Strategist: How IDF Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir Rewired the Doctrine on Iran" was posted at jpost.com on July 11, 2025.

U.S. and Iran

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Helen Raleigh titled "3 Takeaways From the U.S. Bombing of Iran's Nuclear Sites" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 24, 2025.

- 1. Talk of America's decline is merely wishful thinking.
- 2. Leadership matters.
- 3. It was a powerful deterrent.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Krystina Skurk titled "As I Slept in Jerusalem's Bomb Shelters, I Realized Trump's Attack on Iran Was Putting America First" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 25, 2025.

Remembering October 7

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Katherine Donlevy titled "Hamas Leader and October 7 Mastermind Hakham Muhammad Issa Al-Issa Killed in Airstrike – IDF Says" was posted at nypost.com on June 28, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Surgeons Remove Bullet Lodged in Ex-Hostage Daniella Gilboa's Ankle Since October 7" was posted at jpost.com on July 11, 2025.

Relationship – between Israel and U.S.

• An article by Amichai Stein titled " 'They Destroyed Beacons of Hope': Netanyahu Attends Memorial for Two Israelis Killed in DC Attack" was posted at jpost.com on July 10, 2025.

• An article by Herb Keinon titled "Strategy Over Spectacle: The Message Behind Netanyahu's Low-Key, High-Stakes U.S. Visit" was posted at jpost.com on July 11, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Trump Not Opposed to Another Israeli Attack on Islamic Republic If Nuclear Program Restored" was posted at jpost.com on July 12, 2025.

Hostage and cease-fire deal?

• An article by Tal Shalev titled "Ben-Gvir Claims Gaza Cease-Fire Negotiations Encourage Hamas to Continue Kidnapping Israelis" was posted at jpost.com on July 10, 2025. **Russia-Ukraine war – general news**

• An article by Matthew Luxmoore titled "Putin's Strategy of Paying Lip Service to Peace Falters as Trump Loses Patience" was posted at wsj.com on July 9, 2025.

• A Reuters article by Guy Faulconbridge titled "Russia Seizes \$50 Billion in Assets as Economy Shifts During War in Ukraine; Research Shows" was posted at reuters.com on July 10,

2025.

NATO

• An article by Oliver JJ Lane titled "F-16s Scrambled to Protect NATO Airspace as Russia Launches Record-Size Drone and Missile Assault on Ukraine" was posted at breitbart.com on July 9, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "U.S. Is Selling Weapons to NATO Allies to Give to Ukraine; Trump Says" was posted at apnews.com on July 11, 2025.

Comments about China – general

• An article by Shawn Fleetwood titled "3 Ways Trump Can Put the Screws to Communist China" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 27, 2025. Following are excerpts from the article.

- 1. Rescind Chinese student visas.
- 2. Enforce the TikTok Ban.
- 3. Ban Chinese purchases of critical U.S. land.

Comments about China and Taiwan

• An article by Alex Winston titled "Taiwan Reshapes War Manual on Chinese Treats, Based on Israel's Successes in Iran" was posted at jpost.com on July 11, 2025.

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"Eye on the World" comment: The following headlines are about articles that involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Trump versus D.C. warmongers

• An article by Rachel Bovard titled "How Trump Rebuffed D.C. Warmongers With One Surgical Strike Against Iran" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 30, 2025.

After Trump's budget bill passed – what's next?

• An article by Mariane Angela titled "After Last Week's Big [Budget] Win, Gingrich Shares What Trump Does Next [Move Towards a Balanced Budget]" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 7, 2025.

Illegal immigration - too many criminals

• An article by Joe Marino titled "Hundreds of Accused Murderers, Thieves and Sex Offenders (Including Illegal Migrants) Nabbed in Sweeping Federal Operation" was posted at nypost.com on July 5, 2025.

• An article by Warner Todd Huston titled "Study: Sanctuary States Released More Than 25,000 Criminal Illegals Without Alerting ICE" was posted at breitbart.com on July 9, 2025.

Illegal immigration – general comments

• An article by Martin Tribe titled "MSNBC Journalist Fears Illegal Aliens Might Get Hurt Escaping Alligator Alcatraz" was posted at thepopulisttimes.com on July 6, 2025.

• An article by Bob Price titled "Department of Homeland Security: San Antonio City Council Candidate [Matthew Gauna] Calls for Shooting ICE Agents" was posted at breitbart.com on July 8, 2025.

• An article by Windsor Armstrong titled "Oops! The New York Times Admits Immigration Hikes Rents and Living Costs" was posted at thepopulisttimes.com on July 8, 2025.

• An article by Dale Wilcox titled "Demonization of ICE Agents Is a Recipe for Violence" was posted at breitbart.com on July 9, 2025.

• An article by Paul Bois titled "U.S. Magistrate Says Case Can Proceed Against Wisconsin Judge Accused of Aiding Illegal Migrant" was posted at breitbart.com on July 9, 2025.

• An article by Randy Clark titled "Four Anti-ICE Activists Arrested for Planting Tire Spikes Near Federal Police Units in Los Angeles" was posted at breitbart.com on July 9, 2025.

Illegal immigration – Democrat Senator John Fetterman

• Looking back to December 2023, an article by Sahil Kapur titled "'I'm Not a Progressive': Fetterman Breaks With the Left [on Support for Israel and Support for Curtailing Migration], Showing a Maverick Side" was posted at nbcnews.com on Dec. 15, 2023.

• Looking back to May 2024, a video titled "John Fetterman: We Need to Have a Secure Border" was posted at youtube.com on May 7, 2024.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Josh Marcus titled "[John] Fetterman Blasts Democrats for Biden 'Chaos' at the Border' was posted at the-independent.com on June 2, 2025.

Masked protests

• An editorial by Editorial Board titled "Mayor Adams Is Right: New York Absolutely Should Ban Masked 'Protests'" was posted at nypost.com on July 10, 2025.

Supreme Court chatter

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Samuel Kimzey titled "Conservatives Lose Even When SCOTUS Grants Them Wins" was posted at americanmind.org on June 24, 2025.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by John Binder titled "Amy Coney Barrett Scorches Ketanji Brown Jackson's Dissenting Opinion For 'Embracing an Imperial Judiciary'" was posted at breitbart.com on June 27, 2025.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Staff titled "Worst SCOTUS Justice [Ketanji Brown Jackson] Ramps Up Theater Kid Antics" was posted at dailycaller.com on June 27, 2025.

• An article by Shawn Fleetwood titled "Ketanji Brown Jackson Was Appointed to Be a Political Activist, Not a Judge" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 2, 2025.

• An article by Katherine Hamilton titled "Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson: Conservative Majority's Recent Rulings Pose 'Existential Threat to Rule of Law'" was posted at breitbart.com on July 8, 2025.

SCOTUS rules for Trump – did ruling against universal injunctions go far enough?

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Ryan King titled "Trump Scores Major Win in Birthright Citizenship Case as Supreme Court Curbs Nationwide Injunctions" was posted at nypost.com on June 27, 2025.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Ryan King titled "John Roberts Slams 'Dangerous' Rhetoric Against Courts After SCOTUS Handed Trump a Major Win" was posted at nypost.com on June 29, 2025.

• An article by Brianna Lyman titled "Judge Blocks Another Trump Order, Proving Alito Was Right About Loopholes in SCOTUS Injunction Ruling" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 3, 2025.

• An article by Ben Weingarten titled "SCOTUS Ruling Against Universal Injunctions Didn't Go Far Enough" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Steve McCann titled "By Halting the Federal Judiciary's Left Turn, Trump Has Saved America" was posted at americanthinker.com on July 9, 2025.

SCOTUS rules for Trump – allowing Trump to fires workers

• An article by Mark Sherman titled "Supreme Court Lets Trump Proceed With Federal Workforce Cuts" was posted at thenationaldesk.com on July 8, 2025.

Tulsi Gabbard – and the deep state

• An article by Reagan Reese titled "Fired Deep Staters Go Full Bond Villain in Effort to Sabotage Trump" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Emily Kopp titled "Inside Tulsi Gabbard's Plan to Rein in the Deep State" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 7, 2025.

Next Democratic resistance – may be the biggest fight

• An article by Mariane Angela titled "'Last Remnant of Democratic Resistance': Charlie Kirk Warns 'Biggest Fight' of Trump's Presidency Awaits [Lawsuits Didn't Work; Injunctions Didn't Work; Next Comes Bureaucratic Resistance]" was posted at dailycaller.com on June 27, 2025.

Remember – accusations about Russia collusion

• An article by Victor Nava titled "FBI Launches Criminal Investigations of John Brennan, James Comey Over Trump-Russia Probe: Report" was posted at nypost.com on July 8, 2025.

Democratic media – fabricating the riot narrative

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Mark Hemingway titled "How the L.A. Riots Demonstrate Democrat-Media Complex's Loss of Narrative Control" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 13, 2025.

Confusion - about whether there either is or was an Epstein client list

• Looking back to February 2025, an article by Michael Ruiz titled "Jeffrey Epstein Files: Trump's Election Could Expose Names on 'Black Book' List" was posted at foxnews.com on Feb. 2, 2025.

• Looking back to February 2025, an article by Haley Chi-Sing titled "Bondi Says Epstrein Client List 'Sitting on My Desk Right Now' – and Is Reviewing JFK, MLK Files" was posted at foxnews.com on February 21, 2025.

• Looking back to February 27, 2025, a press release titled "Attorney General Pamela Bondi Releases First Phase of Declassified Epstein Files" was posted at justice.gov on Feb. 27, 2025.

• A video titled "Jeffrey Epstein Did Not Have Client List, FBI and DOJ Concludes; Contradicting Bondi's Claims" was posted at youtube.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Lauren Irwin titled "DOJ Says There Is No Jeffrey Epstein 'Client List' – Bondi Comes Under Fire" was posted at yahoo.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Trump Comes to Bondi's Defense Amid Uproar From His Base Over Jeffrey Epstein Files Flop" was posted at apnews.com on July 8, 2025.

Reminder – Kash Patel and Dan Bongino both said Epstein committed suicide

• Looking back to May 2025, a video titled "'Was Jeffrey Epstein Killed?' Senator [John] Kennedy Presses Kash Patel on Releasing Details on Epstein Case [Kennedy Asked: 'Did Jeffrey Epstein Hang Himself or Did Somebody Kill Him?' – 'Senator, I Believe He Hung Himself in a Cell in the Metropolitan Detention Center']" was posted at youtube.com on May 9, 2025.

• Looking back to May 2025, an article by David Spector titled "FBI Bosses [Kash Patel and Dan Bongino] Insist Jeffrey Epstein Killed Himself After Reviewing His File" was posted at foxnews.com on May 18, 2025.

• Looking back to May 2025, an article by Patrick Reilly titled "Jeffrey Epstein's Brother Slams FBI Director for Saying Pedophile Died by Suicide: He Has 'No Idea What the [Expletive] He's Talking About' " was posted at nypost.com on May 20, 2025.

Pro-life

• Looking back to May 2023, an article by Mansur Shaheen titled "[Massachusetts] Doctors Perform World-First Brain Surgery on Baby With Deadly Genetic Disorder While It Is Still Inside Its Mom's Uterus" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on May 4, 2023.

• Looking back to May 2025, an article by Danielle Greyman-Kennard titled "Brain-Dead Woman [Declared Brain Dead on February 19, When She Was Two Months Pregnant] Forced to Continue Life Support, Pregnancy Over Georgia's Abortion Laws – [The 30-Year-Old Woman Will Remain on Life Support Until the Fetus Can Be Delivered]" was posted at jpost.com on May 19, 2025.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Staff titled "Family Says Baby Delivered Through C-Section From Georgia Mom Who Was Declared Brain Dead" was posted at 11alive.com on June 16, 2025.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Jordan Boyd titled "Survival of Adriana Smith's Baby Upsets Democrats, Media More Than Her Death" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 19, 2025.

• An article by Jordan Boyd titled "VP Vance's Tiebreaker Vote Helps Senate Pass Bill Defunding Planned Parenthood for One Year" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 1, 2025.

Transgender – general

• A press release titled "U.S. Department of Education Announces the University of Pennsylvania Has Entered Into a Resolution Agreement to Resolve Its Title IX Violations" was

posted at ed.gov. On July 1, 2025.

• An article by Breccan F. Thies titled "The Department of Health and Human Services Ends Funding for Curriculums Asking Teens to Fantasize About Using Condoms" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 3, 2025.

33-year-old socialist Zohran Mamdani

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Hailey Gomez titled " 'Capital Is Mobile':

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Hewitt Names Which City [Miami] Would Get All of NYC's Banking and Finance If Mamdani Wins" was posted at dailycaller.com on June 28, 2025.

• Looking back to June 2025, an article by Staff titled "Electing Zohran Mamdani NYC Mayor Would Spur Huge Cop Exodus, Rising Crime Straight Out of 'Gotham City': Cops" was posted at nypost.com on June 28, 2025.

• An article by Tina Moore titled "NYC Cops Would Flee the Job in Historic Numbers If Zohran Mamdani Wins; Union Leaders Predict" was posted at nypost.com on July 5, 2025.

• An article by Eddie Scarry titled "Zohran Mamdani Is Anti-American, but He's an Attractive Minority So The Media Love Him" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 1, 2025.

• An article by Gabrielle Fahmy titled "Former AOC Backer [Lucy Biggers] Has Stark Warning for Young Mamdani Fans: 'They're Selling a Fantasy That Doesn't Work'" was posted at nypost.com on July 5, 2025.

• An article by Carl Campanile titled "Manhattan Democratic Party Endorses Nominee Zohran Mamdani for Mayor" was posted at nypost.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Hailey Gomez titled "'He Pretends to Be Oppressed in Order to Oppress': Gutfeld Rips Mamdani as 'Poster Boy' for Woke Victimhood" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Martin Gurri titled "Zohran Mamdani's 'Radical Ingratitude' to the City and Nation That Gave Him Everything" was posted at nypost.com on July 7, 2025.

• An article by Staff titled "Zohran Mamdani's College Application Debacle Is Just One More Example of Privileged Kids Acting Oppressed" was posted at nypost.com on July 8, 2025.

• An editorial by Editorial Board titled "The Horrible Reasons the Teachers Union Just Endorsed Zohran Mamdani [Including He Wants to End Mayoral Control of the Public Schools, Which Translates to Putting the City's Teachers' Union in Charge]" was posted at nypost.com on July 10, 2025.

Kamala Harris

• An article by Rebeka Zeljko titled "Bombshell Internal Documents Reveal the Extent of Team Biden's Political Miscalculations" was posted at theblaze.com on July 7, 2025.

• An editorial by Editorial Board titled "Fresh Proof That America Dodged a Kamala Bullet Despite Her Kid-Gloves Treatment From the Media [As Kareem Rahma, Who Is the Host of the TikTok Phenomenon 'Subway Takes,' Told Forbes That They Had to Scrap a 2024 Summer Interview With Harris Because It Got So 'Confusing and Weird']" was posted at nypost.com on July 10, 2025.

Jasmine Crockett

• An article by Paul Bois titled "Democrat Star Jasmine Crockett Falsely Claims 'All Violence Coming From MAGA" was posted at breitbart.com on July 10, 2025.

Corporate media

• An article by Michael Dorstewitz titled "Media Blasts Trump, but Misses Real Story of Texas Flood" was posted at newsmax.com on July 7, 2025.

General interest

• An article by Mike Schneider titled "Once Known as 'Dirty Myrtle,' Myrtle Beach Is Now Fastest-Growing U.S. Metro for Seniors" was posted at wpde.com on July 3, 2025.

• An article by Victor Davis Hanson titled "The Decline and Fall of Our So-Called Degreed

Experts" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 4, 2025.

• An article by Samantha Olander titled "Startling 97% of Gen Z Students Are Using A.I. to Write Essays, Do Homework – and Even Get Into College" was posted at nypost.com on July 5, 2025.

• An article by Lowell Cauffiel titled "Surgeon Who Saved Ronald Reagan's Life [Dr. Joseph Giordano] Is Remembered Following His Passing" was posted at breitbart.com on July 6, 2025.

• A video and an article by Staff titled "Watch: U.S Bureaucratic Gloves Are Off: Hegseth Says He Has Rescinded All Drone Production Red Tape" were posted at jpost.com on July 11, 2025.

• An article by Grace Gilson titled "Larry David Teams Up With the Obamas to Create New TV Comedy Series About U.S. History" was posted at jpost.com on July 11, 2025.

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An article by Anthony Zurcher titled "'Trump Was Right' – [Former U.S. Secretary of State] John Kerry Says Democrats Allowed Migrant 'Siege' of U.S. Border" was posted at bbc.com on July 10, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has told the BBC his fellow Democrats allowed the US-Mexico border to be "under siege" during Joe Biden's presidency.

In sometimes sharp words, Kerry (who was the Democratic presidential nominee in 2004 and a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts) said he told Biden the party had 'missed' on the issue of immigration for years.

He said this had allowed Republicans like Donald Trump to gain political advantage.

The comments, made during an interview with BBC special correspondent James Naughtie, underscore an ongoing debate within his party over whether their pro-immigration policies cost them in recent elections.

Democrats have also wrestled with how they should handle Trump's recent nationwide attempts to detain and deport undocumented migrants.

Kerry said: "The first thing any president should say – or anybody in public life – is without a border protected, you don't have a nation. I wish President Biden had been heard more often saying, I'm going to enforce the law."

Such words have been a familiar refrain for Trump during his time in national politics and were included in the 2024 Republican Party policy platform.

But Democrats (many of whom advocate more relaxed immigration laws and a pathway to citizenship for undocumented migrants) attempted to portray Trump's position as harsh and discriminatory.

According to Kerry, that was a mistake.

"Trump was right," Kerry said. "The problem is we all should have been right."

[For the record: In the remainder of the article, the writer quoted individuals criticizing the Trump administration for focusing on identification, detention and deportation.]

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An article by Hailey Gomez titled "Tom Homan Hasn't Held Back – Here Are Five Times He Torched Democrats as Border Czar" was posted at dailycaller.com on July 4, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

- 1. Homan gives hilarious comeback to Haitian migrant.
- 2. Homan obliterates AOC and her attempt to push back on ICE.
- 3. Homan finds joy living 'rent free' in Democrats' minds.
- 4. Homan takes Jasmine Crockett to the mat over her false claim.
- 5. Homan takes down CNN.

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An article by Andrea Widburg titled "Ketanji Jackson Says the Quiet Part Out Loud: What Matters Are Her Feelings, Not the Law" was posted at americanthinker.com on July 11, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

Open any Supreme Court decision and you'll see that after a few pages of "Syllabus" (i.e., summary), you get to the meat, where the justices issue their ruling. And that ruling is invariably preceded by language identifying the justice who wrote the decision, followed by the words – "delivered the opinion of the Court."

The Supreme Court website helpfully explains at its "Opinions" page that the "most well-known opinions are those released or announced in cases in which the Court has heard oral argument."

In other words, those are the ones that analyze the Constitution, congressional statutes, preexisting cases (precedent), and bureaucratic regulations.

Other lesser-known "opinions" are a few types of quick orders. Judges may also issue concurrences or dissents in which they state their understanding of American law.

Stunningly, though, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson has added a new type of opinion to this list: her own. That is, her personal, emotional reactions to the matters before the Court.

She said: "I just feel that I have a wonderful opportunity to tell people in my opinions how I feel about the issues, and that's what I try to do."

Thus saith the wannabe theater kid, who brings her personal values and emotionalism to her performance as a judge. But honestly, Jackson has done nothing more than speak the quiet part out loud.

Before becoming a political writer and editor, I spent 30 years working in litigation in the San Francisco Bay Area. At a guesstimate, the judges on the cases with which I was involved were

probably 80% leftist.

These leftist judges felt exactly as Jackson did: The cases weren't about the law; they were about a judge's opinions and feelings concerning the matter before them.

Most of those judges weren't as blunt as Jackson, but it was the little things they said. And of course, sometimes, the judges were quite open about their disdain for the law.

• I swear that my journey from Democrat to conservative started when I had conclusively proven to the judge that California law completely foreclosed the plaintiff's lawsuit against my client.

• The judge, however, hemmed and hawed. He then ruled against my client, saying: "I know what the law is, but I still think there's something there."

• Feelings. Opinions.

• In fact, there was nothing there - and, 1.2 million in fees and costs later, we had a huge victory at trial, which included an award for fees and costs.

• That same judge later ended up on the California Court of Appeals.

There's an old saying that you first hear when you enter law school: "The law is what the judge had for breakfast."

In other words, it's a myth that judges are objective. Instead, they know what outcome they want and then garb themselves in whatever cases, statutes, and regulations will lead to those outcomes.

However, I'd say that conservative judges come in with a bias about how the law must be understood in the first instance. At the top of the heap is the Constitution. First, you look at the explicit language. If that answers the legal question, you stop there. If there's any ambiguity, you look at the drafters' intention. The same analysis applies to statutes. Finally, with case authority, if you have an outcome in mind, you hope there are existing cases supporting that outcome. That's the breakfast.

Leftists, however, are different. Their starting point is the preferred outcome, and they work backward from that, finding tiny particles of meaning in whatever source they can – whether it's the Constitution, statutes, regulations, case authority, throw-away lines in political speeches, or other countries' constitutions, laws and values.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's cases are often a sprawling mess of tiny disparate threads of facts, law and minutiae – all intended to create an illusion of sound judicial reasoning.

Even Ginsburg never had the temerity to state outright that a pivotal part of any decision she

reached – not by all the legal authority she could scrape up, but by her personal feelings and opinions.

In the last five months, we've all seen exactly how leftist judges operate. It just that Jackson has admitted it out loud.

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An article by Victor Davis Hanson titled "The Roots of Leftist Rage" was posted at townhall.com on July 11, 2025. Following is the article.

Across the political left, from orthodox Democrats to Antifa in the streets, the opposition to President Donald Trump has lost its collective mind.

• The House minority leader and now self-styled touch guy (New York Rep. Hakeem Jeffries) poses with a baseball bat to show how dangerous he is in opposing Trump's budget bill.

• Jeffries harangued Congress for 8 hours; New Jersey Senator Cory Booker went on for 25 – both to no effect.

• Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez hit the rally trail in private jets to rail about oligarchs – omitting that the ultra-rich are not only mostly leftists but also the funders of the Democratic Party.

Sometimes the Democrats in Congress make bizarre videos, featuring profanity like f••• or s•••. On other occasions, they scream and interrupt Congress.

Some representatives now confess that they're being pressured by their constituents to take a bullet for the cause.

The racist Texas Rep. Jasmine Crockett (sometimes playing the prep-school prima donna, sometimes modulating her accent to pass as the authentic inner-city activist) gains headlines for monotonously ranting about old white men.

On left-wing social media, the assassin Luigi Mangione remains a heartthrob for murdering a health-care executive, replacing the Tsarnaev brothers as the hot new left-wing killer. He, too, might soon end up with a cover photo on Rolling Stone.

The left-wing internet mob grotesquely claims that children lost to the recent flash flood in Texas deserved their fate. They even advance three sick reasons for their ghoulishness.

- Texas Christians supported the MAGA agenda and thus met a just fate.
- As red-state Texans, they were deservedly collateral damage to DOGE's bureaucratic

reductions.

• As climate denialists would say: The flash flood took righteous revenge on children for their supposed ignorance.

Add it all up, and there is a sizable leftist "base" that is completely amoral.

Then there are the college campuses, where left-wing anti-Semitism, pro-Hamas terrorism, and DEI-funded racism risk costing elite universities their multibillion-dollar subsidies which fund the indoctrination of young leftists.

In panic, cash-strapped universities can no longer hide that they were gouging the federal government with outrageous surcharges on grants. They were systematically denying the Supreme Court by their race-based admissions and hiring. They institutionalized segregartionist dorms, segregated graduations and anti-Semitism.

Finally, there is the so-called "left-wing Resistance" and the street mobs' descent into violence and terrorism.

Sometimes, they firebomb Tesla dealerships.

Sometimes, they attack federal building, shut down freeways, and pelt patrol cars with concrete.

They continue with impunity because they know the Democratic Party cannot and will not censure them.

As in the months-long rioting of 2020, leftist politicos assume their street bandits will cause so much mayhem, violence, and chaos that Trump will either be forced to call out the troops (and thus "prove" he's Hitler) or be too scared to – only to be blamed for the unrest, which could cost him the midterms.

But who or what drives the insane rages of those various armies of the left?

• One – The Democratic Party is obviously bleeding.

Despite gushing about its new DEI, illegal alien, trans, and Middle Eastern constituents, it has no political power. It's issues are mostly 30-70 losers. It has little power in the House or Senate beyond fake-filibusters, performative outrage, or profanity-laced rants. It lost the White House. The Supreme Court eventually nullified the illegality of left-wing district judges. It does not trust the people, so plebiscites and ballot measures are mostly out.

• Two – Unlike his first term, Trump is addressing the causes, not just the symptoms of the progressive project – whether on the border, crime, cultural issues, or foreign policy.

This time around, here are no John Boltons, no Rex Tillersons, no Alexander Vindmans and no

Anonymouses from the inside to thwart the Trump agenda. The administration is loyalist and committed to addressing the root causes of the left-wing influence – not just its manifestations.

So, Trump has focused on leftist sacred cows (like NPR, PBS, the elite campuses, USAID, and the administrative state) – all the inculcators and laboratories of leftist ideology.

Finally, the left is outraged that so far, the Trump counter-revolution is working.

- The economy is solid.
- The border is closed.
- Military recruitment had radically recovered.
- The budget has passed.
- The Iranian nuclear threat has lessened.
- NATO is strengthening.
- The Middle East has a chance for calm.
- Tariffs did not cause inflation.
- Deportations created more (not fewer) American jobs.
- Biological men will likely no longer be winning women's athletic contests.

Add it all up, and the impotent left in all its orthodox and street manifestations has become unhinged.

And why not when it rightly fears that not just its power, but the very sources of its power, are in mortal danger?

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An article by Beth Brelje titled "After UPenn, These Nine Schools Should Apologize for Trans Policies or Lose Funding" was posted at thefederalist.com on July 3, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

- 1. University of Montana in Missoula, Montana
- 2. Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, New Hampshire
- 3. Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah, New Jersey
- 4. San Jose State in San Jose, California
- 5. Mission College in Santa Clara, California
- 6. Cromwell High School in Cromwell, Connecticut
- 7. Jurupa Valley High School in Jurupa Valley, California
- 8. Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District in Truckee, California
- 9. Martin Luther King High School Riverside, California

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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 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."