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The Left’s Dishonest War on America’s Police

Editor’s Note: The following is from Tucker Carlson and is worth quoting word for word. It concerns the cynical and false claims from liberal Democrats that the murder of George Floyd by a small group of rogue policemen represents but one example of a “systemic” problem of police brutality in this country that is, indeed, endemic and “genocidal” in its magnitude.

There’s nothing worse than “genocide.” [Black Lives Matter claims this as do others such as Ben Crump, a civil rights attorney, and founder of the law firm Ben Crump Law, based in Tallahassee, Florida.] But is it happening? If it’s true we should find out. Facts matter. What exactly are the numbers? We found the numbers and we are going to go through them with you in some detail because it’s worth it.

Since 2015 the *Washington Post* has maintained a comprehensive data base of the police shootings in this country. Last year the *Post* logged a total of 1004 killings. Of the 802 shootings of which the race of the police officer and the suspect was noted, 371 of those killed were white and 236 were black. The vast majority of those killed were not in fact unarmed. The vast majority were armed, and African-

American suspects were significantly more likely to have a deadly weapon than white suspects. Yet more white suspects were killed. Overall, there were precisely ten cases in the United States last year, according to the *Washington Post*, in which African-Americans were fatally shot by the police, nine men and one woman.

Now as we said, a lot is at stake. The country is at stake. So now we want to take the time to go through these case by case into the specifics. The first was a man called Chinara Feat. He was killed by a Knoxville police officer named Dillon Williams. According to Williams, Feat attacked him, choked him, and used a taser on him before the officer shot him. Five eyewitnesses corroborated the officer’s claim and the officer was not charged.

The second case concerns a man named Marcus McVay, who was by any description a career criminal from San Angelo, Texas. He’d been convicted of aggravated assault, assault on a public servant, and organized criminal activity. At the time he was killed he was wanted on drug-dealing charges when a Texas State Trooper pulled him over and

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A man reacts at a memorial for George Floyd following a day of demonstration in a call for justice for George Floyd, who died while in custody of the Minneapolis police, on June 5, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (AFP)

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then he fled on foot into the woods. There he fought with the trooper and was shot and killed. The officer was not charged in that case.

Marsua Scott assaulted a shop employee. When a female police officer arrived and ordered the suspect toward her car, he instead charged her and knocked her to the ground. At that point she shot and killed him. The entire incident was caught on body camera and the officer was not charged.

Brian Twiman was being approached by two LA County police officers when he backed into one of them with his vehicle and one of the deputies was caught in his car door. He and his partner opened fire and the deputies were not charged in that case. [Incident caught on surveillance footage.]

Melvin Watkins of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was shot by a deputy when he allegedly drove his car toward the deputy at high speed. The deputy was not charged.

Isaah Lewis, meanwhile, wasn't just unarmed. He was completely naked. Williams broke into a house and then attacked a police officer. The police tased Williams, but he kept coming at them and attacking and the officer shot him. They were not charged.

Attianna Johnson was shot by a Fort Worth deputy called Aaron Dean. A neighbor had seen Johnson's door being open and called police, thinking something might be wrong. Johnson saw them approach through a window and was holding a gun at the time. According to body camera footage the officer shot Johnson within seconds. That officer has been charged with homicide.

Christopher Whitfield was shot and killed in a place called Ethel, Louisiana. He'd robbed a gas station. Deputy Glen Simms said his gun discharged accidentally while grappling with Whitfield. Simms, who is black himself, was not charged in that killing.

Kevin Mason was shot by police during a multi-hour standoff. While Mason turned out not to have a gun, Mason claimed to have a gun, claimed to be armed, and vowed to kill police with it, and they believed him. Mason had been in a shootout with police years before.

And finally the tenth case concerns Gregory Griffin. He was shot during a car chase. An officer named Givanni

Cresco claims he saw someone pointing a gun at him. Later a gun was in fact found inside the vehicle and officer Cresco was charged anyway with aggravated manslaughter.

Those are the facts. That is the entire list from 2019, last year. Ten deaths. In five deaths an officer was attacked just before the shooting occurred. That is not disputed. One was allegedly an accident. That leaves a total of four deaths during a pursuit or a standoff. So out of four, in two of those cases, in fully half, the officer was criminally charged. Is it possible that more of these officers should have been charged? Of course, it's possible. Justice is not always served, that's for sure. But either way, this is a very small number in a country of 325 million people.

This is not "genocide." It is not even close to "genocide." It is laughable to suggest it is. In fact, the number of police killings has been dropping. In 2015 during Barak Obama's presidency, 38 unarmed black Americans and 32 whites were slain by police. Overall totals have fallen since then, and they have fallen far more dramatically for African-American men. Last year was the safest year for unarmed suspects since the *Washington Post* began tracking police shootings. It was the safest year for both black and white suspects.

At the same time, this country remains a dangerous place for police officers. Forty-eight of them were murdered in 2019, according to FBI data. That's more than the number of unarmed suspects killed of all races.

One final number for you, because it matters. In 2018 7,407 African-Americans were murdered in the United States. In 2019 it continues on a similar trajectory and we hope it doesn't, but if it does, that would mean that for every unarmed African-American shot to death in the United States by police, more than 700 were murdered by someone else, usually by someone they know.

Again, those are the facts. They are not in dispute. Are African-Americans being hunted, as Joy Reed recklessly claimed on MSNBC recently, or is something else happening? Is our nation being ripped apart by a total and complete lie—a provable lie, a lie used by cynical media manipulators and unscrupulous politicians who understand that racial strife, race hatred is their path to power even if it destroys the country?

—Tom Mullings

Getting Ready for the November Election

MAY 30—Even with the troubles happening around the country, work at home must continue! We wrapped up a productive candidates meeting this morning with our Palm Beach County Republicans running for State House and State Senate, discussion led by Rep. Mike Caruso and Tracy Caruso.

Brian Norton, State Senate District 29
 Sayd Hussain, State House District 91
 Susan Marie Kufdak, State House District 86
 Rep. Mike Caruso, State House District 89
 Danielle Madsen, State House District 88
 Silmo Moura, State House District 81



Memorial Day Tribute from Cong. Brian Mast: Memorial Day and My Fallen Friends Show Us How to Thrive after Coronavirus

The coronavirus pandemic has confronted our nation with many unique challenges. For the first time in our storied history, Americans were asked to not go to work, to not hustle and to not exhaust ourselves.

Now, we are presented with an equal number of questions about how to move forward and re-open. How does America recover? How do we press forward? And how do we move on from the collapse of the routine that has always driven us on?

I believe that Memorial Day can help provide the answer to these questions.

Memorial Day gives us answers because we can reflect and seek spiritual guidance from the most selfless our country has ever known. We look to their grit. We ask ourselves what they would tell us to do and how would they ask us to reverse the freedom they gave their last breath to provide.

While they are no longer here to share what they learned in person, their stories leave us with lessons that are especially important in times where our country is challenged with adversity.

Each week when I fly into Washington, D.C., I see the beautiful white crosses and Stars of David of Arlington National Cemetery from above. When my young boys, Magnum and Maverick, are with me we tour the seemingly endless Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the larger-than-life steel statues of the Korean War Memorial, or the expansive World War II Memorial. In my opinion, there are none from whom we can learn more than these heroes who gave it all so that we may live free.

Gracing the walls of the building that houses my office are the names of each fallen brother and sister from my war. Each day, as I pass through the entrance, I see the faces of those I knew, and each time my eye catches a heading for all lost in a given month and year my mind replays conversations had with so many fallen friends.

The etching of their names reminds us of their commitment to the fight and the way nothing would ever stop them.

Every time, I wonder if we are worthy of their sacrifice. Just as each soldier strives to prove themselves each day of service, I believe my fallen friends would want each civilian to strive to prove themselves each day of free life. In that, I believe, lies the answer to how our country recovers from this crisis.

So, this Memorial Day, I am reflecting on the sacrifice of my friends—that I served with, took fire with, climbed mountains in Afghanistan with, disarmed bombs with and took it to America's enemies with the lessons we can learn from them:

Americans are never victims. If we wake up under the flag they charged into battle with then we wake up getting to decide that today will be a better day than yesterday and that this week will be better than last week.

I believe Staff Sgt. Eric Trueblood (KIA 03/10/2011) would remind us that we are not measured by what we do when something is a walk in the park. Rather, we get measured when we face something that seems impossible.



I believe Staff Sgt.

David Day (KIA 04/24/2011) would tell us that the tougher the times, the tougher the people get built.

Sgt. Justin Allen (KIA 07/18/2010) was never one to feel sorry for himself, so I believe he would take on the challenge with everything he's got—not once complaining.

Sgt. Anibal Santiago (KIA 07/18/2010) would probably challenge everybody—in language that isn't fit to print—to have the courage to get out and live their lives.

I believe Senior Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Craig Vickers (KIA 08/06/2011) would remind us—in excruciating detail—that, no matter what we do, every minute still has 60 seconds, each hour still has 60 minutes and each day is still going to take 24 of those. We shouldn't let time pass us by trying to evade life's challenges.

I believe Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Second Class Petty Officer Tyler Trahan (KIA 04/01/2009) would keep it simple: keep going no matter what, he might say.

I believe Capt. Kyle Comfort (KIA 05/08/2010) would remind us that even knowing every possible detail about the coronavirus that there is to know, there is still going to be risk.

I believe Doc Jonathan Peney (KIA 06/01/2010) would tell us that not even training to be safe is safe.

I believe Sgt. Tanner Higgins (KIA 04/14/2012) would tell us not to waste a moment of this precious life that we have the privilege to live.

I believe Sgt. Andrew Nicol (KIA 08/08/2010) would probably say that he didn't live in tents, cargo ship containers, mud huts and swamps so the people he fought for can curl up and hide.

Finally, I believe Sgt. 1st Class Lance Vogeler (KIA 10/01/2010)—one of my closest friends and who I would undoubtedly turn to for advice if he were still here—would share with me a couple lessons. Seek the positive in the negative, he would say. Commitment to life is not about the quantity of minutes we get but about the way we spend the minutes we have and how we effect those in our path.

A massive quantity of his minutes were spent in combat fighting for us. He was killed during his 12th deployment,

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just days after I was taken off the battlefield by an improvised explosive device.

Each Memorial Day I am given a renewed commitment to honor his sacrifice and the sacrifice of all those who were laid to rest beneath our beautiful flag of 50 stars and 13 red and white stripes. This Memorial Day, they all remind me that we are not made of glass and we don't just break when we fall.

I hope our nation can learn from them. We have been challenged by COVID-19, but Americans are never victims. If we wake up under the flag they charged into battle with then we wake up getting to decide that today will be a better day than yesterday and that this week will be better than

last week. If we do not actively work to make it that way then we squander the life and freedom they gave everything to defend.

So, for those honored by the slow hum of Taps, I pray that this Memorial Day the crack of their 21-gun salute can be so jarring that it wakes up the world.

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In Memoriam—Florence Teisch

We regret to announce that our friend Florence Teisch passed away on May 14 after a long fight with pancreatic cancer. We all loved Florence, and she gave so much to the Party and to Trump in her many roles, whether voter registration, Lincoln Day, Lobsterfest, and Women for Trump. She was also an amazing singer. She also worked tirelessly in the greater community, serving the less fortunate through Boca Helping Hands. Florence will be very much missed. Our condolences and prayers go out to her family. Funeral services were held in Long Island, New York.

Michael A. Barnett, Chairman, Republican Party of Palm Beach County



Joe Biden Just Isn't Up to the Task

By Michael Barnett
 Chair, Republican Party of Palm Beach County

After a never-ending Democratic primary that seemed like little more than a competition for the title of “most socialist,” the 2020 candidates are finally set.

President Donald Trump will be facing presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden, a career politician who looks to have lost a step after many decades in Washington, D.C. I believe that Donald Trump, the true outsider who took on the establishment and won in 2016, has earned four more years in the White House.

It is often said that a person’s true character is revealed in a time of crisis. This maxim has held true for both Trump and Biden throughout the coronavirus outbreak.

As soon as the scale of the coronavirus threat became clear, President Trump acted swiftly to safeguard the health of the American people. He quickly instituted travel bans on China and Europe—which have been credited by medical experts with saving American lives—ensured free testing for coronavirus, and worked with the private sector to waive copays for coronavirus treatment.

Trump also worked with Republican congressional leaders to secure the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, providing trillions of dollars in crucial relief money for businesses, hospitals, and the American people. This legislation included the Paycheck Protection Program, which as of late April, had given over \$17.8 billion in loans to Florida’s small businesses.

Trump also facilitated a robust nationwide testing infrastructure as well as delivering Florida ample personal protective equipment.

What was Joe Biden doing during the Trump administration’s unprecedented, whole-of-government mobilization? First, he disappeared to set up Skype in his basement. When he did emerge, reading from his notes word-for-word, he mostly just lied about Trump’s coronavirus response.

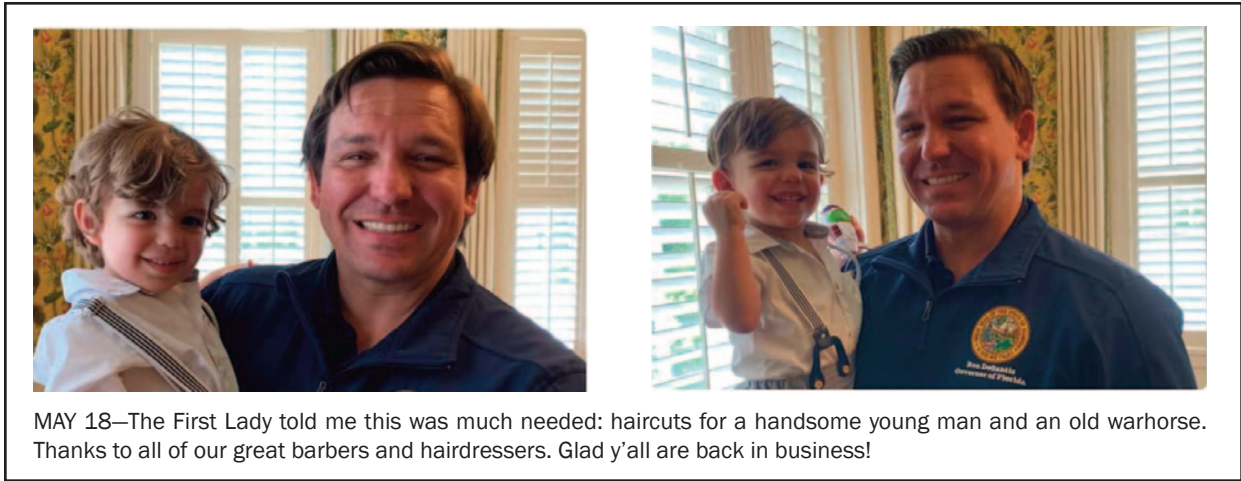
Biden has lied about coronavirus testing, lied about CDC budget cuts, lied about Trump securing coronavirus testing kits, and got four Pinocchios from the *Washington Post* for his lie that Trump “silenced” CDC experts. When he’s not lying, he’s just not up-to-speed—how about when he exhorted Trump to use the Defense Production Act, days after the president already had?

Before this crisis—which no nation fully anticipated due to China’s malicious dishonesty—Florida was booming thanks to Trump’s recordbreaking economy. We reached a record-low unemployment rate of 3% and saw thousands of new jobs as our economy was reinvigorated following years of Obama-Biden stagnation.

Trump’s economic success is part of why we’re able to provide such comprehensive coronavirus relief to the American people. This success was achieved even as taxes were cut—meanwhile, Biden’s tax plan would raise our taxes by over \$4 trillion over the coming decade.

Leading through crisis, economic strength and an unforgiving stance on socialism: Trump has kept his promises and delivered bold, presidential leadership. Biden is not up to the task, and Floridians understand that.

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MAY 18—The First Lady told me this was much needed: haircuts for a handsome young man and an old warhorse. Thanks to all of our great barbers and hairdressers. Glad y’all are back in business!

#Obamagate

By Sid Dinerstein
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#Obamagate. I love this hashtag. It doesn't skirt the issue. It gets right to the heart of our national political divide. #Obamagate is the equivalent of using the words Wuhan Flu. It's reality, anti-Orwellian. So when the White House press corps asked what #Obamagate meant, Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany, our latest and greatest Princess Warrior, said it included this: "The Steele Dossier funded by the DNC . . . used to obtain FISA warrants . . . The unmasking of the identity of Michael Flynn . . . The FBI notes . . . A criminal leak to the press . . . Andy McCabe leaking to the *Wall Street Journal* . . . James Clapper lying before Congress . . . John Brennan saying the Steele Dossier played no role in the Russian probe." God, I love that woman. When I talk about #Obamagate, I use a simpler explanation: "Lying and Spying." That says it all. We've seen lots of pieces and we know more are coming. The political landscape will be upended. Stars will rise and stars will fall.

The first fallen star? Michelle Obama. Michelle Obama? What does she have to do with #Obamagate? Let's connect some dots. Once upon a time Michelle Obama was the dream of the Dems and the nightmare of the Republicans. Had Michelle announced a presidential run in 2019 all thirty of the Dem candidates would have folded their tents. The Dems would have a totally unified party against President Trump. Turnout would be expected to go through the roof and the early polling would have Michelle with a landslide lead over President Trump (without the fudge factor). What happened? First, we have to give credit where credit is due. Michelle Obama has never indicated a desire to run for national office. She is definitely not Hillary. Furthermore, the Obamas came to the White House with a net worth close to zero. A few months after they left (in January, 2017), they were worth \$140 million. (Thank you, Netflix.) She also has her oceanfront mansion on Martha's Vineyard (now that the seas stopped rising). Who needs the aggravation of a presidential run plus eight years of all pressure all the time?

But more importantly, once the Mueller Report went public, the Obamas knew that the future was one of diminished respect. She could still have the nomination, but not the presidency. Why? Because the Obamas knew. They knew, just as I knew, that the Trump Administration would find its legs, that #Obamagate was inevitable, that there would be a Barr, a Grinell, a Nunes, a Graham, plus John Solomon, Sara A. Carter, Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham—an entire infrastructure devoted to getting the truth out. The Obamas knew about the January 5, 2017 meeting in the Oval Office, and they knew that one day everyone would know. And they know more that we don't know yet.

But they know it's coming. So, no, Michelle Obama knew she could not have the presidency (even if she wanted it) and Barack Obama knew he would have to fight just to maintain a smidgen of respect for himself. As for Joe Biden's Vice President nominee, it won't be Michelle Obama. Lucky her.

What happens next? Shakespeare tells us that "what is past is prologue." You bet it is. Remember Russia, Russia, Russia? The Steele Dossier? Adam Schiff? Jerry Nadler? Rachel Maddow? James Comey? Jim Acosta? The Ukraine Ambassador? Hunter Biden? Impeachment? Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. As we (former) Brooklynites like to say: "Fuhgeddaboutit! You ain't seen nothing yet." As we emerge from our awful Corona Spring, we head right into our #Obamagate Summer. Our entire country thinks that the November election will be a referendum on President Trump's handling of the pandemic. The entire country is wrong. Get ready for the "Guns of August," the "War of the Worlds," the "Clash of the Titans" and the "Gunfight at the OK Corral." This August, Attorney General William Barr and Chief Prosecutor John Durham will release the #Obamagate Reports, complete with indictments. The memory of the trickle of Watergate will fade before the Niagara Falls of #Obamagate. Politics will never be the same. Laws will be passed. Accusations will be hurled. Hearings will be held. It will be the ultimate clash between the permanent Deep State and the Trump insurgency. This epic battle will start on the day the report is released and will end on November 3, 2020. On November 4th we will know the winner.



Sid Dinerstein served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County from 2002 to 2012. A leader with a passion for Republican politics, Sid leads by example, motivating teams and uniting diverse groups to achieve a common goal. With a passion for promoting charter schools, Sid was honored by Inlet Grove Community Charter High School earlier this year as "Charter School Advocate." He authored Adults Only: For Those Who Love Their Country More Than Their Party in 2007, a book that was a finalist for the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Sid has been married to Esther since 1967, and they have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two granddaughters.

“The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman
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THE TROJAN HORSE—A LESSON FOR TODAY

JUNE 2—The Trojan Horse is a story from the Trojan War about the subterfuge that the Greeks used to enter the independent city of Troy and win the war.

After a fruitless 10-year siege, the Greeks constructed a huge wooden horse and hid a select force of men inside. The Greeks pretended to sail away. The Trojans, thinking that the giant horse was a gift and not a threat, pulled the horse into their city as a victory trophy. That night the Greek force crept out of the horse and opened the gates for the rest of the Greek army, which had sailed back under cover of night. The Greeks entered and destroyed the city of Troy.

Metaphorically, a “Trojan horse” has come to mean any trick or stratagem that causes a target to invite a foe into a securely protected bastion or place. A malicious computer program that tricks users into willingly running it is also called a “Trojan Horse.”

Using the valid demonstrations over the death of George Floyd as a Trojan Horse, antifa and other anarchists have spilled out and are running amuck, while mostly Democrat city leaders lack the moral courage to take them on.

What once was viewed as a valid exercise of first amendment rights has morphed into a clear and present danger to this nation.

Every day the trojan horse appears and what spills out is bent on destruction.

It is time to have the moral courage to take decisive action.

Our future depends on it.

JUNE 1—I have been struggling with what to post about the madness that is sweeping big cities around the country.

Last night I watched St. John's Church, located just across from the White House, partially burn. I got sick to me stomach. . . .

Then it dawned on me . . . you have heard me, and seen me write, we are engaged in a struggle, and have been since 2016, for the heart and soul of these United States.

If you believe like I do, that America was settled and founded as a new Jerusalem, a light to the world, a city on a hill, then you know that this is as much a spiritual battle as it is a political battle.

And so it dawned on me . . . we must pray as much as we are also politically active.

This anointed Republic is under attack by forces that no one saw coming.

We know that the rioters and anarchists are not the same people who rightfully protest over the senseless murder on Mr. Floyd.

Rather, the forces arrayed against us are taking advantage of the event and—here is the worst part—there are so many

mayors who do not have the moral clarity to see the difference.

They want to be so sensitive to the legitimate protesters that they are blind to the evil that rises up in the name of protest. And the result? The Minneapolis Mayor and others tell the police force to stand down!

My God! Death, destruction and mayhem is not legitimate protest!

And we see that lack of moral clarity repeated in city after city.

We know the answer. . . .

In this political cycle, we must work like it is up to us. . . . And pray like it is up to God.

America is, and has been, a light to the world.

We must not let that light grow dim on our watch!



THE BACKHOE CHINESE COVID CHRONICLES

MAY 30—The President abandons the WHO. . . .

Joe Biden reacts, “Why would he do that? They were a great band.”

Seriously though, while the nation was repulsed by the violence in Minneapolis, sanctioned by its Mayor, and while it watched in horror as other cities around the country erupted with copycat demonstrations, President Donald Trump quietly announced yesterday that the United States was formally severing its relationship with the World Health Organization.

“China has total control over the World Health Organization despite only paying \$40 million per year compared to what the United States has been paying, which is approximately \$450 million a year,” Trump said Friday during a news conference. “The world needs answers from China on the virus. We must have transparency. Why is it that China shut off infected people from Wuhan to all other parts of China?”

WHO Director General Tedros Ghebreyesus, despite clear evidence that China suppressed the severity of COVID-19 early on, credited China with transparency in dealing with the outbreak.

The WHO has been criticized for allowing China to influence its response to COVID-19. One example of that is the exclusion of Taiwan from its response. A WHO official blatantly refused to even acknowledge a reporter's questions about Taiwan's WHO membership during an interview.

In mid-January, the WHO issued a statement saying there was no clear evidence of human-to-human COVID-19

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transmission, even though a Chinese doctor had come to the opposite conclusion in late December!!!!

During that same time, China was reporting no new cases of the virus during a 12-day period. Now, it's clear the virus was quickly spreading throughout the city of Wuhan.

President Trump is making the right move.

THE WHO—WE WON'T GET FOOLED AGAIN (1971)

We'll be fighting in the streets
 With our children at our feet
 And the morals
 That they worship will be gone
 And the men who spurred us on
 And the judgment was all wrong
 Decide and let the shotgun
 Sing the song, woo
 Yeah, I'll tip my hat
 To the new constitution
 Take a bow for the new revolution
 Smile and grin and change all around
 I pick up my guitar and play
 Just like yesterday
 Then I'll get on my knees and pray
 We don't get fooled again, oh no.....
 Then I'll get on my knees and pray
 Hey, we don't get fooled again, no, no..
 Don't get fooled again, no.....
 Thank you President Trump...
 We won't get fooled again.

MAY 28—From the “Are you kidding me?” Department.

Dr. Anthony Fauci now says that a second wave of COVID-19 may not even happen and that wearing a mask is largely symbolic at this point. Are you kidding me?

In an interview yesterday with CNN's “Newsroom,” Fauci said that a second COVID-19 wave is not necessarily inevitable. “We often talk about the the possibility of a second wave, or of an outbreak when you’re reopening,” Fauci explained. “We don't have to accept that as an inevitability.”

“Particularly,” he continued, “when people start thinking about the fall. I want people to really appreciate that, it could happen, but it is not inevitable.”

Fauci admitted that he is beginning to feel more and more optimistic as days go by. . . . Are you kidding me? This from the original doctor of gloom and doom.

In April, however, Fauci insisted that second wave of coronavirus was inevitable!!!

During an interview with MSNBC, he said, “It’s inevitable that the coronavirus will return next season. When it does, how we handle it, will determine our fate.”

And what about the masks?

Fauci also said that Americans should wear face masks in public to protect themselves—but also to get into good practices. “I want to protect myself and protect others [by mask-wearing], and also because I want to make it be a symbol for people to see that that's the kind of thing you should be doing,” he added.

A symbol? A symbol for what, exactly?

During the interview, the so-called infectious disease expert also admitted that wearing a mask is not 100% effective, but says that it is a gesture that shows “respect” for other people.

Are you kidding me?

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News from District 89

MAY 29, 2020—The end of the school year is upon us. Our students, teachers and faculty were faced with challenges that could never have been predicted. Yet as they reach the end of this academic year, they have new skills acquired through virtual learning, and knowledge that they can tackle something successfully in the most uncertain of circumstances.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! Persevering during this most unusual year will certainly be one for your memory books, if not the memories you were expecting. The celebrations may look smaller, but the achievements are just as large. Be proud of yourself for reaching this milestone because your graduation is a direct result of the way you strive for excellence. I know you will have a future full of many great achievements. Keep up the great work, and remember, there will be many more memories to be made in the future.

In honor of the Class of 2020, I want to highlight the Valedictorians that attend some of our Palm Beach County Schools right here in District 89:

Dashna Corneille, Village Academy, Delray Beach
 Renkeycia Davis, Riviera Beach Preparatory & Achievement Academy, Riviera Beach
 Jon Lopez, South Tech Academy, Boynton Beach
 Sharmeka Louis, Inlet Grove High School, Riviera Beach
 Angela Yan, Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, West Palm Beach
 Claire Hagan, Boca Raton Community High School, Boca Raton
 Helena He, Atlantic Community High School, Delray Beach
 Riley Schwartz, Boynton Beach Community High School, Boynton Beach
 Daisy Campos, Lake Worth Community High School, Lake Worth Beach
 Talia Gad, Spanish River Community High School, Boca Raton
 Talia Fiallo, Forest Hill Community High School, West Palm Beach
 Sophia Graff, West Boca Raton Community High School, Boca Raton
 Subhash Kantamneni, Suncoast High School, Riviera Beach
 Maxwell Wyatt, Olympic Heights Community High School, Boca Raton

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our parents and guardians who took on the roles of educators and education supervisors during this time, and who I'm certain appreciate our teachers now more than ever.

Mike in Our Community

I was driving along District 89 where I noticed the intense flooding that residents have been facing in the unincorporated part of Palm Beach County by Briny Breezes. CBS12 was also on the scene where I was interviewed about pushing for action for our neighbors.

If you are having any difficulties navigating government resources, always feel free to reach out to me.

My office is constantly aiding constituents with questions regarding County and Federal aid as well as helping guide them through the unemployment process.

Along with the end of the school year comes our annual hurricane season which starts on June 1 and runs until November 30. I like to suggest that people buy a little bit at a time when they go shopping each week so that they are prepared should a hurricane come. However, this weekend is the 2020 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday which begins today and runs until Thursday, June 4th. The Florida Legislature passed this to make it easier and more affordable for Floridians to stock up on supplies you need to be prepared for hurricane season. For more information, visit the Department of Revenue.

In addition, I will be working with our local and state Emergency Operations Team to figure out how hurricane preparation will look different in the age of Covid-19. It is important that our community have the best information available so we are ready when a storm hits, because evacuation plans will no longer look the same if you live in an evacuation zone, which many of District 89 constituents do.

As always, it is my honor to serve you in the Florida House of Representatives. If ever I may be of service please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is Mike.Caruso@myfloridahouse.gov and my phone number is (561)750-2396.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Caruso'.

Who is Best GOP Challenger Against Lois Frankel?

By George Blumel

We know the odds against challengers to entrenched incumbents—95% of incumbents get reelected. One of the reasons is that they rarely have qualified candidates running against them. But in the 21st district there are qualified candidates running against Rep. Lois Frankel and we need to pick one to support with everything we've got between Aug. 18 and Nov. 3.

Go to their websites for details and donate to your choice to show your support. We'll all have to contribute to the primary winner and work to elect that person. Any one of them is far more qualified and would support our president in his continuing efforts to MAGA.

Look at Rep. Frankel's **record** following the regulate, tax and spend policies of her party. She's with Reps. Wasserman-Schultz, Alcee Hastings, Ted Deutch and all the other Democrats whose votes are weakening our free republic and undermining our prosperity.

Aaron Scanlan www.ElectScanlan.com

I have real-life experience in the areas needed to make a difference in our district. I have a clear and concise written and implementable plan on how to defeat Lois Frankel. I have dedicated my life to serving the public and will continue to serve the people and not self-interests. I am the only candidate with nearly 30 years of dedicated public service where I put my life on the line every day to ensure our nation and community was secure. I have successfully negotiated with murderers, gang members and the mentally ill. I am the only one with the actual experience in this critical area. It is all about negotiations to get bills to pass. I have proven myself to lead selflessly and to focus on the greater good.

Christian Acosta www.voteacosta.com

The last few months have shown the whole country that leadership is critical. Lois Frankel and the Democrat Party have allowed fear and chaos to run rampant for political gain. Instead, as your Congressman, I would be focused on protecting our elder care facilities, supporting small business payrolls, making sure the unemployment system runs smoothly, and keeping critical home supplies stocked on the shelves. Right now, I would be calling on all elected officials in Palm Beach County to begin planning for phase 2 reopening so that we can get back to work. My pledge to every voter is that I will use my skills as an engineer and professor to do what is right for our district and never put publicity or politics ahead of results for you.

Michael Vilardi www.vilardi2020.com

What makes Mike Vilardi different than the other candidates is two-fold. One is my tax expertise. As an IRS

Enrolled Agent I protect the taxpayer from the IRS, and in that capacity I have been very successful (www.winningtaxsolutions.com), which explains why my platform items are tax related. I support tax-free social security, tax-exempt Unemployment compensation and quicker loss recapture on stock market losses (\$10,000 a year instead of \$3,000).



Also, my ability to work with others, even my opponent in this race. Elizabeth Felton and I have come together to support Cindy Falco DiCorrado, Linda Ortiz and Cristina Gomez when they were arrested for protesting and refusing to wear a mask in a store. When Cristina was arrested, Liz offered to help and came to the jail where we did a Facebook video together. After Cindy got arrested, and Cristina and Linda for a second time for a bogus trespass charge, Liz was there to support us in court. Liz brought the case to the state attorney for dismissal. Liz and I will stand with those unlawfully arrested or prosecuted. This kind of cooperation is necessary today if we are going to accomplish anything in Congress. It's critical that we keep self-serving, power hungry people out of office and vote in people that can work together to serve the people. Liz Felton and I have demonstrated that we can do that. Go to our websites and help support the cause.

Liz Felton electlizabettefelton.com

When I offered to help Mike with his team who were recently arrested, he welcomed the "all hands on deck" approach and put politics aside. I found the same of Reba Sherrill and Christian Acosta who never said no when I've asked directly for help or group participation. We have time for all of you to get to know each of us better. We are all fighting to turn this seat red. We know how important it is to our district and our country. No matter which of us is elected, our platforms will be heard in DC. If elected my door will always be open to you.

No response from **Laura Loomer** www.lauraloomerforcongress.com and **Reba Sherrill** www.rebaforcongress.com.

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So, there 'tis: Trump's Economy Trumps Democrat Negativism

By *Larry P. Horist*
June 9, 2020

The recent jobs report was not just good news. It was not an incremental improvement over the past pandemic-driven decline. More than 2.5 million jobs were created—a record for a single month. The unemployment rate dropped from 14.4 to 13.4 at a time the Democrat media economists were predicting a significant rise to more than 20 percent in the coming months.

It was shocking because the naysayers on the left have been predicting a loooooong sloooooow recovery. Actually, they were hoping for it—working for it. Some of the folks on MSNBC looked as stunned, flabbergasted disappointed as they did when Trump won the 2016 election.

Proving again that the left does not understand the American people, the employers and workers of America had demonstrated the resiliency and determination that more than justified President Trump's confidence and optimism. Steve Rattner, the in-house left-wing economic panelist on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" said that he had never . . . never . . . seen the economic prognosticators be so wrong. His comment was especially true of those on the left who were attempting to jawbone America into a deep recession for political reasons.

It showed what a little easing of the restrictions can do. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio has announced that construction projects in the Big Apple can resume in a week. That will put thousands of construction workers back on the payroll.

The partisan pessimists have predicted a long U-shaped recovery—with America languishing at high levels of unemployment for years. (Please recall that these are the same folks who produced the longest and slowest recession recovery in American history—and predicted that it would not improve significantly for years to come.)

Trump and many free-market economists have suggested a V-shaped—more expeditious—recovery. To be perfectly honest, there seems to be excessive exuberance among the V-shaped crowd, but it is likely that they will be much more accurate than the Draconian doomsayers on the left.

While the stock market is only one indicator of economic health and vitality, it is outpacing the jobs numbers in suggesting a robust recovery. We must remember that at the time COVID-19 created a panicked response, the American economy was as strong as virtually any time in the nation's history.

The stock market was breaking records on a regular basis as the Bulls of Wall Street extended their record run. The market reached a record high of 28,995. The abrupt shutdown of the American Economy plunged the Dow Jones to a low of 18,917. It has rebounded ever since. In recent days, it blew past the 27,000 mark—getting very close to its record highs.

Trump's claims about the pre-COVID-19 pandemic may have been a bit hyperbolic, but essentially true. We were at an incredibly low 3.5 percent—which professional economists consider essentially "full employment." I mean, zero unemployment is not even possible. The good news was especially true for blacks and Hispanics who were experi-

encing the lowest un-employment in American history.

A breakdown of some of the major employment categories is also aggressive private sector growth. Construction produced 464,000 new jobs, retail, 368,000, healthcare 312,000, manufacturing, 225,000 new jobs.

The public sector did not fare as well. The massive job gain was DESPITE a 585,000 loss of gov-

ernment jobs. From a conservative viewpoint, that is not entirely bad news. Yes, we must address the issue of finding private sector employment for those individuals—but when you consider the overstaffed government, some trimming is a good thing. Government jobs absorb wealth, they do not produce it. They are a faux wealth that consumes the wealth of others in the form of taxes.

The major problem is for state and municipal workers since states must operate on balanced budgets. They cannot borrow as does the federal government—and they cannot regulate the money supply. Even before the pandemic, exorbitant and reckless spending by cities and states has created major economic crises.

What we have seen in this jobs report and the stock market is confirmation of the Republican strategy of examining the impact of the past stimulus and relief expenditure before adding another \$3 trillion to the National Debt. If we see improvement again in next month's report, we can certainly re-evaluate the need for such a huge expenditure—which we cannot really afford.

As can be expected, Democrats and those left-wing political reporters and analysts are stretching credibility to the limits in trying to find something negative to report—even if they have to make it up. The worst thing that can happen to Biden and the Democrats is to have a vigorous economic rebound without the dire Democrat predictions of a Covid-19 redux in the Fall.

So, there 'tis.



So, there 'tis...

The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist

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The President Leads the Troops

By William J. Skinner

When President Donald Trump walked from a fenced-in White House lawn to St. John's Church on Lafayette Square in early June 2020, this act caused us to now have a grotesquely yellow painted 16th Street in Washington, D.C. bearing the words "Black Lives Matter." Mr. Trump had nothing to do with the painting, he only used the occasion to hold up a Bible in front of the church. The fake news media used the same occasion as did several Democrat politicians to question who is in charge of the military and to accuse the White House of using tear gas to remove protesters to hold a photo opportunity. These kinds of questions have not been raised for a long time until now.

Something akin to this 2020 event happened under President George Washington in 1791. Here is a fair summary from Wikipedia.

The **Whiskey Rebellion** (also known as the **Whiskey Insurrection**) was a **tax protest** in the United States beginning in 1791 and ending in 1794 during the **presidency of George Washington**, ultimately under the command of **American Revolutionary war** veteran Major James McFarlane. The so-called "whiskey tax" was the first tax imposed on a domestic product by the newly formed federal government. Beer was difficult to transport and spoiled more easily than rum and whiskey. Rum distillation in the United States had been disrupted during the **American War of Independence**, and, for factors described below, whiskey distribution and consumption increased after the Revolutionary War (aggregate production had not surpassed rum by 1791). The "whiskey tax" became law in 1791, and was intended to generate revenue for the war debt incurred during the Revolutionary War. The tax applied to all distilled spirits, but consumption of **American whiskey** was rapidly expanding in the late 18th century, so the excise became widely known as a "whiskey tax."^[3] Farmers of the western frontier were accustomed to distilling their surplus rye, barley, wheat, corn, or fermented **grain mixtures** to make whiskey. These farmers resisted the tax. In these regions, whiskey often served as a medium of exchange. Many of the resisters were war veterans who believed that they were fighting for the principles of the **American Revolution**, in particular against **taxation without local representation**, while the federal government maintained that the taxes were the legal expression of Congressional taxation powers.

Throughout Western Pennsylvania counties, protesters used violence and intimidation to prevent federal officials from collecting the tax. Resistance came to a climax in July 1794, when a U.S. marshal arrived in western Pennsylvania to serve writs to distillers who had not paid the excise. The alarm was raised, and more than 500 armed men attacked the fortified home of tax inspector **General John Neville**. Washington responded by sending peace commissioners to western Pennsylvania to negotiate with the rebels, while at

the same time calling on governors to send a militia force to enforce the tax. Washington himself rode at the head of an army to suppress the insurgency, with 13,000 militiamen provided by the governors of Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The rebels all went home before the arrival of the army, and there was no confrontation. About 20 men were arrested, but all were later acquitted or pardoned. Most distillers in nearby Kentucky were found to be all but impossible to tax—in the next six years, over 175 distillers from Kentucky were convicted of violating the tax law.^[4] Numerous examples of resistance are recorded in court documents and newspaper accounts.^[5]



The Whiskey Rebellion demonstrated that the new national government had the will and ability to suppress violent resistance to its laws, though the whiskey excise remained difficult to collect. The events contributed to the formation of political parties in the United States, a process already under way. The whiskey tax was repealed in the early 1800s during the **Jefferson administration**. Historian **Carol Birkin** argues that the episode in the long run strengthened American nationalism because the people appreciated how well Washington handled the rebels without resorting to tyranny.^[6]

<https://www.google.com/search?q=grotesquely+definition-&oq=grotesqually&aqs=chrome.2.69i57j0l7.15055j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8> or go to tiny URL at <https://tinyurl.com/y95b3zxx>.

Your attention is drawn to these choice words: "Washington himself rode at the head of an army to suppress the insurgency, with 13,000 militiamen provided by the governors of Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The rebels all went home before the arrival of the army, and there was no confrontation."

All President Trump did was to act like George Washington did in 1791. Trump caused no confrontation. He did not call as many troops as Washington did. Fortunately, the newspapers in 1791 did not manufacture the news. They only reported it. So far there are scant reports of negotiations between the White House and the D.C. local government. The D.C. local government is still under Congressional controls of sorts, but that is a much longer story.

Skinner practiced law in D.C. and Maryland more than 30 years. Back in 1970, D.C. statutes covered about four volumes. Today the D.C. laws under the Home Rule Act are under constant congressional review for changes and they are available in digital formats.

A Tribute to “Old Glory”

By Colonel Arthur DeRuve (U.S. Army, Ret.)

“Old Glory,” the affectionate name by which we refer to our glorious American flag, was born on June 14, 1777 by proclamation of the Continental Congress. It was declared to be composed of 13 stripes, alternately red and white; the red noting hardiness and readiness; the white noting purity and innocence. It also was to contain a field of blue (noting vigilance, perseverance and justice) surrounding 13 stars of white, one for each of the founding colonies. This panel was to reflect this fledgling nation as a new constellation in human history. How prophetic as we see retrospectively how it has so proven itself.

Our original flag was designed by (snowbirds take note) Congressman Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey. The first flag was produced by the better known Betsy Ross. Among the first to display this flag personally was William Driver of Massachusetts, whose ten feet by seventeen feet copy he flew proudly on his ship, and affectionately nicknamed “Old Glory.” Until the earlier infamous attack on Fort Sumter, our new banner had been displayed only on official government buildings. Thereafter, individuals, like Captain Driver, took our new flag to heart.

As Henry Ward Beecher, clergyman and social reformer, has since proclaimed, “When the thoughtful mind sees a nation’s flag it sees not the flag but the nation which it represents.” Needless to say, the Nazi swastika and the ISIS banner are examples which are most obvious on the negative side; our beautiful stars and stripes being the most positive.

Is it not true that when we view Old Glory we see favorable images of Fort Sumter (which gave birth to the “Star Spangled Banner”); San Juan Hill; the trenches of World War I (where we saved the world); Bataan, Iwo Jima and Normandy (where we again saved the world); the Chosin Reservoir (Korea); the rice paddies of Vietnam; the collapse of the USSR; and our current saving-the-world efforts against Jihadism in the Middle East. That is, most of us do!

Unfortunately, there is an element in our country that sees otherwise. Amassed from the Democrat (en route to fascism) Party to the furthest left wing of political extremes, are those who despise Old Glory. They hate it to the point of burning our flag when opportunities present themselves. They will light their matches pretending to be opposing racism, sexism, nepotism, xenophobia etc, etc. Most of these charges most honestly describe their actions rather than those whom they attack—but that is beside the point. When they burn our flag they burn the ideals upon which our nation was founded. They burn the justice, liberty and freedom that no other country offers. They burn the hope for all that is good in this world. They aid and abet, and give comfort to all that is evil.



Yes, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that burning the American flag is a right under the First Amendment. Nevertheless, had the Court ruled negatively it would have mattered little. Had it done, so those who burn the flag would have continued to do so despite the decision. In addition, they would also have burned replicas of the Statue of Liberty, George Washington, and all other entities and individuals whom we hold dear. They, in fact, would burn pictures of our mothers and their mothers. Their level of decency is nonexistent.

From a veteran’s perspective, we who have put on the uniform see such disgraces as intolerable. When wearing the uniform our emotion was “Where I stand, so stands the American flag, and where stands the American flag so stands a haven of freedom for all who seek its protection.” We veterans served under this great banner yesterday; we salute it today; and we’ll have our coffins covered by it tomorrow. Yet, we must stand by and watch the ignorant burn that flag!

So fellow Americans, with regard to Old Glory we ask that you hold it high, wave it proudly and protect it forever. The reason being that AS GOES OLD GLORY SO GOES WESTERN CIVILIZATION!!!

Col. Arthur DeRuve was commissioned a second lieutenant through the college ROTC program, and after serving with the 2nd Armored Division as a Cold War soldier in Germany, he remained an additional 28 years in the Army’s active reserve, including 11 years as a military liaison officer for West Point. He is a graduate of the Army’s Artillery and Guided Missile School, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College and holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Fordham University and a master’s degree in public administration from New York University. He and his wife Dorothy have been married more than 60 years, and after being “snowbirds” for many years, now reside in Wellington.

My President Stands 4 God

By Gene Robinson

As a history major in college, and knowing the subject well, in the current political climate in America . . . **I am on the wrong side of our current history.**

As a Person of Color, in the current political climate in America . . . **I am on the wrong side of Black people.**

But, as a person with a Strong Belief in My Faith . . . **I am on the right side of God.**

I have said all of the above as my way of taking you into my thoughts for this message, but first I must address something that occurred recently involving the President of the United States. Last Sunday, during the rioting, bedlam, and lunacy in this country, an incident took place in Washington, D.C., at a place of worship near the White House. St. John Episcopal Church had been set on fire during the rioting, the facade had been boarded up, and the building closed off to the public. During the years when I was an urban affair consultant, frequenting the Nation's Capital often, I had the pleasure of attending a Sunday service at the iconic church, so it hurt me to see what an angry mob had done to The LORD's House.

Donald Trump, escorted by a few National Guard soldiers, walked to the front of the burned church last Sunday, turned, and held up a Bible. To me, he was saying by that act that the rioters had gone too far, and there would be consequences to pay in the future. In addition, that very act of holding a Bible up in front of St. John, let me know that . . . **my President stands for God!!**

Now, let's see what the Democrats on the Left said about the President holding up that Bible:

1) Al Sharpton, during the funeral service for George Floyd in Minneapolis, a few days after Trump's Bible stance, said that the act was a photo op and a publicity stunt, adding, "I have never seen anyone hold a Bible like that." Let me stop here to say something about Sharpton, who is known by many as Reverend Sharpton, but I refuse to give him that title. Why? Because, three decades ago he helped carry out a hoax in New York State about a woman named Tawana Brawley, who supposedly had been raped, had racial slurs etched in her body by several white men, and left in a wooded area. It turns out the story was false, but it made Sharpton famous. To me, after an elaborate hoax like that, which was a lie, Al Sharpton cannot continue to be thought of as a man of the cloth, and called Reverend. As for his statement at the Floyd funeral, that he had never seen anyone hold a Bible like that, I offer the next paragraph.

2) An old friend of mine, and longtime Conservative Patriot, Dottie Easley, sent out a photo that you will see below, at the end of this entire message. The Easley photo is that of a smiling former President Bill Clinton, holding a Bible the same way that Sharpton said he had never seen done before. And, this is the same Bill Clinton who had oral

sex performed on him in the Oval Office by young intern Monica Lewinsky, then lied to a congressional committee when asked if the incident had occurred. So, Clinton committed adultery and lied, and Sharpton committed fraud and foisted a lie upon the public about a rape that never happened. And . . . **this is the Democrat Left that enjoys seeing riotous mobs burn fires across the country, including torching an iconic church . . . a Left that will support anything devilishly perverse to get back in power.**

I will end this message by saying that this country was founded on Judeo/Christian principles, and in spite of many "bumps along the way" in our history, to the present day . . . **the United States of America, in spite of what is currently going on in many places throughout the country, will never fall . . . because its protection comes from above!**

So, if you believe that Donald Trump is the only person who can lead us out of a health pandemic and a riotous insurgency . . . **then work harder than you ever have in your life, to make sure that forty-five is returned to the White House.**

GOD Bless.



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A Teachable Moment

By *CS Bennett*

There are few times in life we are given such an extraordinary opportunity to enlighten our youth about the perils, dangers, and restrictive policies of socialism, than now. Thanks to our current situation with COVID-19, life as we know it has been totally turned upside down, and if we are honest about it, it doesn't feel good, not at all. It has been intrusive, restrictive, and detrimental to our economy and our freedoms. But there is a social silver lining in all of this, if we care to see it. You see, young people, of all, love to roam about and gather together, something they are not allowed to do, at this time. They have no memories of the Cold War, or the Cuban Missile Crisis, or what such regimes as China, the former Soviet Union, and Cuba, are like, so, let's connect the dots here for them.

Most Americans, by nature, are not wired to be ordered into confinement or be restricted in our movements. It is just not in our DNA. Yet, our government, and other governments around the world, have placed restrictions on the liberties of their citizens on account of this unknown illness. I say most Americans, because some have no problems adhering to the demands of the government, even without knowing all the facts or placing it in context with other known viruses that have killed a lot more people. We are a nation who loves our free-spirited culture. We love and cherish our civil liberties. And now, they are being scaled back.

I've always been told that when government shows up at your door saying "we are here to help you," beware! In this present crisis, we have seen left-leaning mayors and governors make a power grab for our guns and our ability to gather together, of course, under the premise that they are looking out for our welfare. It is this scenario that lends itself to showing our children what living in a socialist society is like. Your freedoms are curtailed, your ability to gather in public is restricted, even denied, and, in the case of China, and even some municipalities here in the U.S., they can fine you, even arrest you and place you in jail for leaving your home.

Weddings have been postponed, senior proms and graduations have been canceled, schools placed on lockdown, businesses forced to close their doors, empty shelves at the grocery stores, hospital appointments at the VA hospitals



curtailed, and funerals are now held graveside and for close family members and friends only. Churches have been asked to avoid having services, playgrounds closed, many beaches shut down, presidential primaries rescheduled, airlines and train services have been impacted, concerts canceled, libraries closed, civic clubs, VFWs and American Legion Posts closed, and travel restrictions have been put into place.

If the government decided to declare this virus a true national emergency, and take this to the next level, they could declare martial law, whereby the military would get involved in enforcing the will of the government on us. Is that a possibility here in the U.S.? With a presidential election coming up, and the left looking as desperate as ever, and looking for a way out, I would not put anything to chance. This crisis is something they would love to make the most of. The question is, will we let them. Now that we have this rare opportunity to let our children see how life can be should we venture down the path of socialism, let's not allow this crisis to go to waste. Use this time as a teachable moment and enlighten your children. To those on the left, yes, we can play the same game, too, and just as well as you. . . .

Note: I wonder if this stay-at-home order is preventing the loss of unborn life at Plan Parenthood centers around America. I hope and pray so. . . .

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Letters

War By Other Means

Scare people with a virus. Place them in quarantine. Count the number of dead every second of every day in every news headline. Close all businesses. 40,000,000 people out of jobs. Peak unemployment. Remove entertainment: parks, beaches, gyms, bars, restaurants, sports. No dating. No touching. Masks and gloves on people. Dehumanize them. Close temples and churches. Let depression, anxiety and desperation set in. Create a vacuum. Empty the prisons because of the “virus” and fill the streets with criminals. Undermine the law. Then . . . ignite hatred and civil unrest. Have the far Left ignite a racial war to fuel the fire, and tell local government to order a stand-down. Send in Antifa and BLM to vandalize property as if they are freedom fighters. Loot. Burn.

We are all being baited by adversarial governments who want to destroy America: China, Iran, Russia. Do all of the above in an election year, and let Democrats falsely blame all of it on the current President to discredit his re-election.

This is what modern warfare looks like, my friends, and you and I are suffering for it. For this, you can thank a Democrat or two . . . or a few thousand.

Carlos Gavidia
Jupiter, Florida

If the Dems Get the White House and Congress, This Will Be Us

Yesterday, May 13, New Zealand passed a bill giving police sweeping new powers to enter homes WITHOUT a warrant.

Because of “COVID-19.”

This is what happens when you operate from fear; you hand the government your civil liberties.

New Zealand is the new China.

Ed Primoff
Loxahatchee, Florida

DISMAYED? No, More Like Totally Disgusted with Republican Leadership!

Dear Fellow Ardent American Patriots, and President Trump Supporters,

What a total letdown. I really feel that Tucker Carlson, right now, has been proven 100% correct, when a few weeks ago he requested that A.G. Barr step down from office. When last evening it was announced on Fox News by Lou Dobbs that A.G. Barr had determined that both his and U.S. Attorney Durham’s investigations would not target either

former President Barack Obama, or presidential candidate Joe Biden, after weeks of hearing that these investigations were turning up much newly-discovered evidence in connection with the unlawful attempted coup of a legally-elected President, Donald Trump, this proved to me that the fix was in, and that as President Donald Trump stated, “The deep state is much deeper than originally imagined.”

Of course, the excuse for not calling both Obama and Biden as witnesses in these “Obama-Gate” investigations is that it would not appear proper in an election year! Was it proper to initiate all these phony investigations into President Trump during these past 3.5 years, and then culminating with a phony impeachment prosecution by the Democrat House? This is an utter disgrace. Where is the “hue and cry” from our so-called staunch, elected Republican politicians? Of course, I can name the most vocal and well meaning, but where is the support for this group of true American and President Trump supporters, from the many other Republicans who have been in elected office for years?

The entire situation in government today stinks from the high heavens. As an example, I remember as a young police officer in the NYPD in 1972, when the numerous allegations against the New York City Police Department resulted in the “Whitman Knapp Commission.” At that time, the atmosphere stated that all police officers were corrupt and took money and gratuities besides their regular pay. In some cases, this was true, due to the meager salaries in those days. As a result of this commission, many good decent men were targeted for having a free cup of coffee and a donut from a luncheonette owner on their post, or receiving a bottle of liquor at Christmas time as a gift from a store owner who appreciated his service all year long. During this investigation, many police officers and detectives were brought up on charges, many families were embarrassed as their bread winners were dismissed or demoted in their jobs.

So now I ask, when is the last time we saw realistic government oversight with true, meaningful investigations into our elected officials? Talk about a joke, we have had people with nefarious backgrounds running for office in both parties, who actually are members, or voted for communist party members, and were then elected; one served as head of our Central Intelligence Agency. Isn’t this unbelievable? Yes, it’s true, and we have never censured or punished these anti-American and anti-religious behaviors from any of our so-called elected officials. Again, I ask, what is the purpose of any elected official of either party, Democrat or Republican, taking an oath? According to the American Heritage dictionary, the word “OATH” means a solemn, formal declaration or promise to fulfill a pledge, often calling upon God or God as a witness. Here again is another dis-

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grace, now with not only allowing the elected official to place his or her hand on the Bible, but also on the Koran. Let me remind you that the Koran states in many instances “to kill your enemies.” Is this the type of book we should use at our swearing-in ceremonies? But due to Political Correctness, it is now allowed, another disgrace!

Now, in closing, after spending over 28 years of my lifetime in the New York City Police Department, and the United States Army Reserve, it is not easy watching the smorals and injustices committed against the American taxpayer today, by a cadre of professional politicians of both parties, who are so-called elitists, and have been in the U.S. government over the past 35 years, without any major contributions to anyone, but themselves!

God Bless America and President Donald Trump and his family!

Respectfully,
William Petraglia Sr.
A Lifelong Conservative Republican Patriot

A Letter to Mitt Romney

May 13, 2020

Honorable Mitt Romney
124 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Romney,

I reside in Florida and although I am not one of your constituents, I feel compelled to write to you as a long-time member and supporter of our Republican Party.

I am asking you to put aside your personal animus for our President Donald Trump and, as a loyal Republican, to support our party, our party’s principles, and our party’s candidate for President. We, as a nation, cannot suffer another four or eight years of the Democrat agenda.

I vividly recall your interview with Scott Pelley of CBS News during your campaign for President of the United States. Mr. Pelley was hostile, demeaning, disdainful of you

and the values of the Republican Party. Call it the liberal media, fake news or whatever, it most certainly is biased in favor of liberals and their causes.

It is an understatement to say that President Donald Trump is not your usual politician. He is an outsider and is brash, a brawler, and no holds barred adversary. He shows no mercy for his opponents of either party. My point is that unfortunately this is what is required at this time in our history to prevail against The Scott Pelleys and all the others of similar ilk.

Again, I am asking you first as an American, second as a Republican to support our President.

Respectfully,
Lewis J. Weinstein
Atlantis, Florida 33462

Editor’s Note: Lewis J. Weinstein is a retired judge from New Jersey.

Justice for George Floyd: A Tragedy in Minnesota

There’s an old expression: “Don’t cut off your nose to spite your face,” which could be directed at the misguided people of Minneapolis as they destroy their city.

The unfortunate death of a black man by a stupid, out-of-control cop supposedly triggered this burning down and pillaging of stores and buildings in the community. What should be a mourning, peaceful protest turned into a self-defeating riot.

What a shame, as it will take years to rebuild the community that bore the brunt of this “peaceful” protest that turned violent, overshadowing the death of an innocent man.

The leaders of Minneapolis bear some of the responsibility for this chaos, as they couldn’t enforce the laws. Shame on them.

Chuck Lehmann
Delray Beach, Fla.

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Book Review

***Beyond the Founding Fathers' Vision (A Study for Future Generations)*, by CS Bennett. Softcover, 2012, 224 pp. ISBN No. 9781493623334.**

It is my pleasure to review another book by Curtis Bennett, one of our more prolific writers in this publication and a true patriotic son of America. Curtis hails from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is a decorated war veteran (Desert Shield/Desert Storm), who served on board the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Nimitz and the conventional carrier USS Saratoga. The author has degrees in social science from the University of North Florida and political science/public administration from the University of North Florida, from which he graduated Magna Cum Laude.

In *Beyond the Founding Fathers' Vision* Curtis offers a study for future generations of Americans aimed at opening their eyes to America's true past on race relations and party politics. It's about the author's personal coming of age politically, a Black man, with Latin roots, growing up in a tumultuous time in America's history.

Regardless of your political leanings, you are guaranteed to learn something you've never known before, after reading this informative book. Inside of these pages lies a treasure trove of this nation's past history and the things that made this country great and exceptional. It is time to learn the truth.

As a boy growing up in Philadelphia, Curtis had little exposure to politics. He was told that "Democrats were for the poor and Republicans were for the rich." End of political lesson, and that is the way he remained until he began to question things later, after he had joined the service. In short, he became a student of national and international affairs, diving into this country's past, its history and founding, and what he learned changed his perspective on things.

His research taught him that earlier Americans based their economic policies on the four laws of economic freedom put forth by a renowned Scottish college professor named Adam Smith, which were fundamentally: the freedom to try, the freedom to buy, the freedom to sell, and the freedom to fail. That concept, capitalism, worked so well that by 1905 the United States had become the richest industrial nation in the world.

Most importantly he learned that our governing system emphasized the rights of the individual and placed expressed limits on governmental power. As George Washington, the first president of the United States said:

The power under the Constitution will always be in the people. It is entrusted for certain defined purposes, and

for certain limited period, to representatives of their own choosing; and whenever it is executed contrary to their interest, or not agreeable to their wishes, their servants can, and undoubtedly will, be recalled.

I particularly like a phrase that Curtis may have coined himself about our Constitution when he said that it was the Praetorian Guard that was meant to keep government from tinkering and interfering with this experiment.

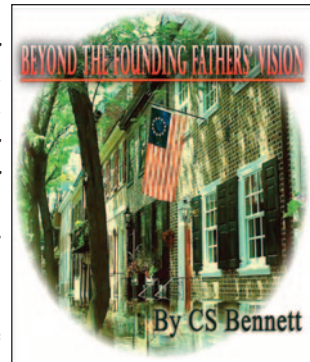
Curtis's review of history is spot-on and I can assure you that you won't find it in Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*, a particularly dishonest bit of Marxist propaganda that, most American students have been schooled on for many years. (See following review *Debunking Howard Zinn*.) But it does segue nicely into Curtis's views on race and the Big Lie being told to Blacks that is particularly timely with what is going on in America at the moment. As a part of political and educational awakening, he studied the differences between two dominant political parties and what he found was that Blacks have remained disenfranchised, although not in the way we normally think of this term. Sadly, most African-Americans regard conservatism and the Republican Party with disdain and distrust, despite the fact that their traditions have remained deeply rooted in the conservative mindset and traditions. This struggling ethnic community [struggling even more these days because of another Big Lie about their police forces] has remained enslaved by the very party that has claimed to care the most about them.

I would strongly urge all read Curtis's book, *Beyond the Founding Fathers' Vision*. If you do you'll get a bit of a history lesson and personal journey of discovery on the part of a patriot who grew up in the tough streets of Philly. You'll also detect something else on the wind today, a legendary ghost perhaps calling from the past that is particularly apropos with today's protests:

I've freed a thousand slaves and would have freed a thousand more, if only they knew that they were slaves.

—Harriet Tubman

—Tom Mullings



Book Review

***Debunking Howard Zinn: Exposing the Fake History That Turned a Generation against America*, by Mary Grabar. Washington, DC: Regnery History, 2019. Hardcover, 327 pp. ISBN No. 978-1-62157-773-7.**

Debunking Howard Zinn was published in 2019 and its author, Mary Grabar, is a resident fellow at the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization and the founder of the Dissident Prof Education Project. She was a college professor for twenty years and her work has been published by the Federalist, Townhall, Front Page Magazine, *City Journal*, American Greatness, and *Academic Questions*.

Her book lays bare Howard Zinn's bag of dishonest rhetorical tricks: his slavish reliance on partisan history, explicit rejection of historical balance, and selective quotation of sources to make them say the exact opposite of what their authors intended when he wrote *A People's History of the United States*, a popular book read by millions of America's high school and college students. In it, Zinn, an unrepentant Marxist, falsely teaches our kids that American history is nothing more than a litany of oppression, slavery, and exploitation.

Other historians have written American history from a liberal, leftist, and even Marxist perspective, but their names have been forgotten, while Zinn's stature continues to grow. In April 2019, *A People's History* was the sacred object on which newly-elected Oklahoma City council member JoBeth Hamon chose to place her hand for her oath of office.

In the movie *Good Will Hunting*, actor Matt Damon plays an emotionally scarred twenty-year-old working-class genius who, upon looking over the books in the office of his therapist, comments, "If you want to read a real history book, read Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*. That book will knock you on your ass."

In real life, Damon and his brother were neighbors of Zinn. They lived with their divorced mother, an education professor who "raised her boys with a deep social consciousness," according to Zinn. When Damon was ten, he took the family copy of the newly published *People's History* to school and read from it to his class for Columbus Day.

Michael Kazin, a left-wing Georgetown College history professor charged that "Zinn's conception of American elites" such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson,

James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton "is akin to the medieval church's image of the Devil." Zinn's "failure," he said, was "grounded in a premise better suited to a conspiracy-monger's Web site than to a work of scholarship." Kazin deemed *A People's History* "polemic disguised as history."

In 2003, Daniel Flynn, then the executive director of Accuracy in Academia, called Zinn an "unreconstructed, Anti-American Marxist" and his book a "cartoon anti-history."

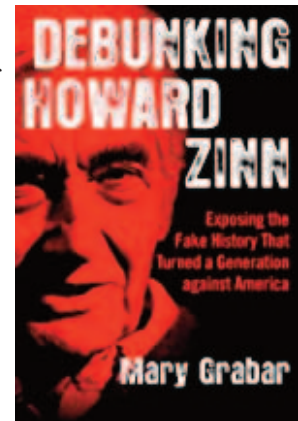
Howard Zinn's death in 2010 pushed his book to the number four position on the *New York Times* paperback nonfiction list and inspired tributes from celebrities and rock bands on *Saturday Night Live* and MTV, former students Alice Walker and Marian Wright Edelman; from Mumia Abu Jamal, Bill Moyers, Jane Fonda; from the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *The Daily Show*, the NAACP, NPR, and the *Nation*; and several socialist publications, including *Socialist Review*. In the press, Zinn's book is routinely portrayed in just the way he promoted it—as a corrective "ground-up approach to history."

Zinn's real purpose in *A People's History* is to promote Marxist class warfare, and Rush Limbaugh blames it for all the "mushbrains" in college these days.

In his retelling of World War II, Zinn reshuffles the good guys and the bad guys, fought by the "Greatest Generation," as a string of Allied atrocities matching those of our Nazi enemies and insinuates that the "enemy of unspeakable evil, Hitler's Germany," was no worse than the United States and her allies[!]

Zinn's presentation of American history follows the old Marxist line, designed to destroy American patriotism and promote Communist revolution, and author Grabar does a marvelous job revealing this in *Debunking Howard Zinn*, and I would highly recommend it. On the other hand, while I'm not in favor of burning books, I would suggest that anyone who has a copy of *A People's History of the United States* on their book shelf should do themselves a favor and toss it in the trash.

—Tom Mullings



Book Review

***BULLY OF ASIA: Why China's Dream Is the New Threat to World Order*, by Steven W. Moser, Regnery Publishing, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-621157-696-9**

The book contains a page of praise with comments from Bill Gertz, author of *The China Threat* and other books; from Larry Arnn, president of Hillsdale College, who says America will wake up about China if they read the book; from Danny Toma, a retired foreign service officer; and from Paul Kengor, professor at Grove City College and author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Communism*.

The contents are set forth in 10 chapters, acknowledgments, notes and an index totaling 380 pages. Chapter 1 is titled "Disease of the Heart" (pp. 1-32). Chapter 2 is "Hegemon: The Invention of the Totalitarian State" (pp. 33-66). Chapter 3 is titled, "The Hegemon Awakens From Its Slumbers" (pp. 67-98). Chapter 4 is "The Diminutive Hegemon: Deng Xiaoping" (pp. 99-118). Chapter 5 is "Hegemony Under Jiang Zemin, General Secretary of the Chinese Communists Party, 1989-2002" (pp. 119-148). Chapter 6 has the title, "Move Over Great Helmsman, 'Big Daddy' Xi is Here" (pp. 149-176). Chapter 7 is "Great Han Chauvinism. The New Religion of Narcissists?" (pp. 177-214). Chapter 8 is "The Sum of All China's Fears" (pp. 215-245). Chapter 9 is titled, "As China Advances, America Must Not Retreat" (pp. 235-261). And finally, Chapter 10, "What America Can Do?" (pp. 261-291).

Readers will get a fairly detailed history of Chinese rulers from the B.C. years until the present. They all had proclivities and sensitivities. These leaders wanted to out think their enemies and not make trouble unless their success was assured. The Chinese Communist Party is not the same as the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, but there are some similarities. The People's Republic of China is controlled by the CCP that undid Chiang Kai-shek. The *ba* is a political order invented by ancient Chinese strategists more than 2800 years ago that is based on power.

I have highlighted a few of the revelations that I thought might give some idea of what present Chinese leaders are thinking about. Leaders have "an excruciating sensitivity to slights, real and imagined. When Secretary of State Warren Christopher visited China in 1994, Chinese officials were personally offended that he had brought his dog. Why? Because it brought back memories of a sign that had purportedly hung at the entrance to a park in Shanghai's foreign concession a century ago which read, 'No dogs or Chinese allowed'" (p. 21).

"The chief Confucian value that rulers were to exemplify and teach their people was *ren*, which has been translated into English variously as benevolence, humaneness, virtue, compassion, tolerance, forbearance, and goodness. Confucius himself defined *ren* as 'love of mankind,' 'humility, tolerance, good faith, diligence and kindness, and as the pre-

cept 'do not do unto others what you do not want others to do unto you'" (p. 48, footnotes omitted).

"The truth is that it was never necessary for China to develop a highly elaborated grand strategy of conquest and dominion, for the simple reason that the strategy if the hegemon is self-evident to any Great Han chauvinist. As the imperial mandarinates down through history instinctively understood, the Manifest Destiny of the Chinese is *to rule the world*. This is still the unstated goal of the Communist mandarinates today, as it rationally and relentlessly seeks hegemony as the only sure guarantee of security" (p. 54).

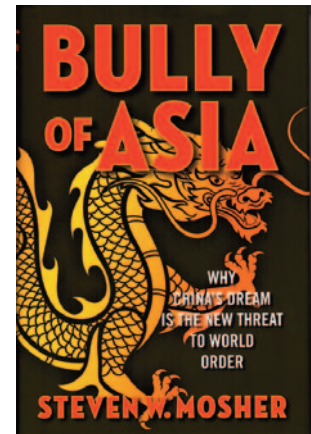
"*The Art of War* is a tactical manual for generals, not a diplomatic primer for effete mandarins. Sunzi sets out ways to vanquish one's opponent on (and off) the field of battle while minimizing one's own casualties, which is a quite different thing from advocating the avoidance of conflict at all costs" (p. 56).

Most people over 50 years of age probably know that Mao Zedong was the first emperor of the Mao Dynasty. "Xi's formal title may still be General Secretary of the Chinese Communist party, but Big Daddy Xi, as he is known, is for all practical purposes already a Red Emperor in the Maoist mold" (p. 73).

Mao negotiated with Russia's Khrushchev in 1957 to obtain Russian help in making nuclear bombs. Mao was saber rattling with Taiwan and Khrushchev advised Mao to use caution in invading Quemoy and Matsu. Mao was deeply offended when Khrushchev reminded Mao the U.S. had nuclear weapons. "So what if we lose 300 million people," Mao told a stunned Khrushchev. "Our women can make it up in a generation" (p. 84). By June 1959 Khrushchev unilaterally broke the treaty with Mao refusing to give him nuclear weapons. China began the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) and Russia and China began several years of skirmishes on the Wusuli River border between the two countries.

Mao was a failure as hegemon. The Soviet Union had taken large parts of what was considered Chinese territory. Each new premier imposed his own new programs. Deng Xiaoping started four modernizations and with Zhou Enlai he developed agriculture, industry, national defense and science.

Deng began negotiations with Margaret Thatcher in 1982 over the status of Hong Kong. China was driven into



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a *reproachment* with the United States. Deng told Henry Kissinger in 1974 that “China fears nothing under heaven or on earth. . . . We rely on millet plus rifles to deal with all problems internationally and locally, including problems in the East” (p. 116).

When the Soviet Union collapsed at the time of Reagan and Gorbachov, Deng Xiaoping dissolved his alliance with the U.S. and declared in September 1991 that a new Cold War would resume against the U.S.

This book is now three years into print and many of its suggestions have been variously implemented by President Trump since 2017 with the help of Peter Narrvaro as a trade advisor. Moser says China has not been good for America.

To better understand what needs to be done, we need more China hands, Moser writes. China is an open book, but we need people capable of reading it. You could be one of these.

Moser says if we want to stop North Korea, we have to punish China. Further, he says the United States should become closer to Taiwan if we can. The conflict between China and the United States “is ultimately about whether America and its allies, or China alone, will dominate the world in the future” (p. 290).

Reviewed by William J. Skinner who is a retired pharmacist and attorney who has lived in Florida since 2003. Thank you for reading this.



The President holding up Bible in front of St. John's Church, damaged by rioters the day before. This was widely criticized by the media, who condemned it as a political photo op. What he, in fact, was really doing was obviously showing his solidarity and support for this historic and holy place and its parishioners, who were mindlessly attacked by so-called protesters venting their anger at the killing of George Floyd.

Editor's Postscript

The “Woke Child Mob” at the Old Gray Lady (*N.Y. Times*)!

By Tom Mullings

“DEFUND THE POLICE” is the rallying cry of the protesters on the streets these days, many, if not most of whom, by the looks of them, aren't old enough to drink legally yet. While they're at it, and in keeping with the sound logic of their novel, inspiring, brainstorm-of-a-proposal for policy makers, perhaps they should “NUKE THE WHALES” too.

To put things in perspective, in the Democrat-controlled environs of the country the kids have taken over, and their leaders are bowing and pandering to their superior wisdom, at least apparently, perhaps to placate them. All I've got to say is these rocket scientists deserve each other. The leadership of Dems in our country has unleashed a deceptive political storm of their own creation, and at this point at least, it's hard to see how they won't reap the whirlwind of public disapproval at the polls in the upcoming November elections.

Enter Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton, permitted, or so it seemed at first, to provide a little sanity to the insanity swirling all around us in of all places, “The Old Gray Lady” (*New York Times*). Now, for those of you ignorant of his use of the word “woke,” it is no wonder. It was only added to the dictionary in September of 2017. Here it is:

Update: This word was added in September 2017.

If you frequent social media, you may well have seen posts or tweets about current events that are tagged #staywoke. *Woke* is a slang term that is easing into the mainstream from some varieties of a dialect called African American Vernacular English (sometimes called AAVE). In AAVE, *awake* is often rendered as *woke*, as in “I was sleeping, but now I'm woke.”

‘Woke’ is increasingly used as a byword for social awareness.

Anyway, to get back to the one-night love affair between Sen. Cotton and the Old Gray Lady, let's tune in to Fox News's Maria Bartiromo's interview with him on her “Sunday Morning Futures” show:

Maria: Controversy erupts over Sen. Cotton's “Send in the troops” op-ed in the *New York Times*, which called for an overwhelming show of force, sparked an online revolt at the *Times*. The *Times* issued a statement after it had published it: “We've examined the piece and the process leading up to its publication. This review made clear that a rushed editorial process led to the publication of an op-ed that did not meet our standards.”

So, Senator what happened to the *Times* op-ed, was it rushed?

Sen. Cotton: Ha Ha. Hardly, Maria. I will say that my op-ed didn't meet the *Times* standards, it far exceeded their standards, which is usually sophomoric, left-wing drivel. But here's what happened behind the scenes. Last weekend we saw rioting, looting and insurrection on our streets. In D.C. a famous church was desecrated, stores were torched and looted, and I said last Monday that if the local police are overwhelmed by the number of these insurrectionists, if they need support from the National Guard, or, if necessary as a last resort, federal troops under the Insurrection Act, then that's exactly what has to happen. Now fortunately that's what happened in most places over the course of last



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week. Now what we saw yesterday was people exercising their first Amendment rights to demonstrate and to protest.

But in the meantime, we published that exact argument in the *N.Y. Times* and the *N.Y. Times* editorial page editor and owner defended it in public statements. But then they totally surrendered to a “woke” child mob from their own newsroom that apparently gets triggered if they’re presented with any opinion contrary to their own, as opposed to telling the woke children in their newsroom this is the workplace and not the social justice seminar on campus. They still haven’t identified any facts that are wrong in the op-ed or what was so rushed about this process. They’ve only prostrated themselves in front of their young children who are acting like children.

Maria: The *Times* published an op-ed by the Taliban earlier this year, and in the past has published pieces by Putin and Hitler.

Sen. Cotton: It just goes to show you the moral rot inside some of our media and academic institutions. They don’t get outraged about the Taliban, but they do get outraged about conservative opinion.

And one other point that should be made here. Did you notice that when the protesters congregated shoulder to

shoulder in their thousands, suddenly the drive-by media was no longer interested in social distancing? As Sen. Cotton said, “It cannot be the case that thousands of Americans can exercise their First Amendment rights on the streets while dozens of Americans cannot exercise their First Amendment rights in churches. It cannot be the case that you can be arrested for opening a business but not for looting one.”

The country has been turned upside down by these crackpots, and as a result the Dems have got a tiger by the tail as they head for the finish line in the November elections. Their challenge is to provide these idiots with a fig leaf of change that tries to appease them, while not really doing away with the police in the country’s most dangerous places. But anything is possible for people of a mindset that ranks right up with the brain-power of those who want to “Nuke the whales!”

Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.

Mort's Meanderings . . .

Veterans Day celebrations will soon be coming up.

A couple years ago, I gathered the bits & pieces left from my short stint in the U. S. Navy and put them together as a small display panel. I was in training from as a Navy Ordnanceman / Combat Air Crewman (top turret gunner) from Dec 1944 until the end of the WWII in August 1945. After the two A-bombs were dropped on Japan and they finally surrendered, the Navy cut off the AirCrew training program and I was put on make-work details until I received my Honorable Discharge on May 11, 1945 (just 74 years ago). I never saw combat overseas but, did witness several extremely horrendous bar fights in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I viewed these from beneath combat tables; I wasn't trained for that kind of combat.



On Dec 5, 1999, I met Col. Paul Tibbets (pilot of the B-29 that dropped the Hiroshima bomb) and Tom Ferrebee (the bombardier on that plane who actually triggered the bomb) at a stamp show in Boca Raton. They signed a book for me and thanked me for my service—can you just imagine that?

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Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and/or walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
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Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman _____ Committeewoman _____

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**Republican Party of Florida
Party Loyalty Oath**

I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

**(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;
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Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

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(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

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Precinct/District Number _____ (Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),

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COUNTY OF _____

Signature of Notary Public
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