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Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. — 1 Corinthians 16:13

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The Real Evil Empire May Surprise You

Serving In (or Thinking About) the U.S. Military for 40 Years
By William J. Astore

Forty years ago this month, I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. I would be part of America's all-volunteer force (AVF) for 20 years, hitting my marks and retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 2005. In my two decades of service, I met a lot of fine and dedicated officers, enlisted members, and civilians. I worked with the Army, Navy, and



Marine Corps as well, and met officers and cadets from countries like Great Britain, Germany, Pakistan, Poland, and Saudi Arabia. I managed not to get shot at or kill anyone. Strangely enough, in other words, my military service was peaceful.

Don't get me wrong: I was a card-carrying member of America's military-industrial complex. I'm under no illusions about what a military exists for, nor should you be. As an historian, having read military history for 50 years of my life and having taught it as well at the Air Force Academy and the Naval Postgraduate School, I know something of what war is all about, even if I haven't experienced the chaos, the mayhem, the violence, or the atrocity of war directly.

Military service is about being prepared to kill. I was neither a trigger-puller nor a bomb-dropper. Nonetheless, I was part of a service that paradoxically preaches peace through superior firepower. The U.S. military and, of course, our government leaders, have had a misplaced — indeed, irrational — faith in the power of bullets and bombs to solve or resolve the most intractable of problems. Vietnam is going communist in 1965? Bomb it to hell and back. Afghanistan supports terrorism in 2001? Bomb it wildly. Iraq has weapons of mass destruction in 2003? Bomb it, too (even though it had no WMD). The Houthis in Yemen have the temerity to protest and strike out in relation to Israel's atrocities in Gaza in 2025? Bomb them to hell and back.

Sadly, "bomb it" is this country's go-to option, the one that's always on the table, the one our leaders often reach

for first. America's "best and brightest," whether in the Vietnam era or now, have a powerful yen for destruction or, as the saying went in that long-gone era, "It became necessary to destroy the town to save it." Judging them by their acts, our leaders indeed have long appeared to believe that all too many villages, towns, cities, and countries needed to be destroyed in order to save them.

My own Orwellian turn of phrase for such mania is: destruction is construction. In this country, an all-too-offensive military is sold as a defensive one, hence, of course, the rebranding of the Department of War as the Department of Defense. An imperial military is sold as so many freedom-fighters and -bringers. We have the megaweapons and the urge to dominate of Darth Vader and yet, miraculously enough, we continue to believe that we're Luke Skywalker.

This is just one of the many paradoxes and contradictions contained within the U.S. military and indeed my own life. Perhaps they're worth teasing out and exploring, as I reminisce about being commissioned at the ripe old age of 22 in 1985 — a long time ago in a country far, far away.

The Evil Empire

When I went on active duty in 1985, the country that constituted the Evil Empire on this planet wasn't in doubt. As President Ronald Reagan said then, it was the Soviet Union — authoritarian, militaristic, domineering, and decidedly untrustworthy. Forty years later, who, exactly, is the evil empire? Is it Vladimir Putin's Russia with its invasion of Ukraine three years ago? The Biden administration surely thought so; the Trump administration isn't so sure. Speaking of Trump (and how can I not?), isn't it correct to say that the U.S. is increasingly authoritarian, domineering, militaristic, and decidedly untrustworthy? Which country has roughly 800 military bases globally? Which country's leader openly boasts of trillion-dollar war budgets and dreams of the annexation of Canada and Greenland? It's not Russia, of course, nor is it China.

Back when I first put on a uniform, there was thankfully no Department of Homeland Security, even as the Reagan administration began to trust (but verify!) the Soviets in negotiations to reduce our mutual nuclear stockpiles. Interestingly, 1985 witnessed an aging Republican president, Reagan, working with his Soviet peer, even as he dreamed of creating a "space shield" (SDI, the strategic defense initiative) to protect America from nuclear attack. In 2025, we have an aging Republican president, Donald Trump, negotiating with Putin even as he floats the idea of a "Golden Dome" to shield America from nukes. (Republicans in Congress already seek \$27 billion for that "dome," so that "golden" moniker is weirdly appropriate and, given the history of cost overruns on American weaponry, you know that would be just the starting point of its soaring projected cost.)

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, fears of a third world war that would lead to a nuclear exchange (as caught in books of the time like Tom Clancy's popular novel *Red Storm Rising*) abated. And for a brief shining moment, the U.S. military reigned supreme globally, pulverizing the junior varsity mirror image of the Soviet military in Iraq with Desert Storm in 1991. We had kicked the Vietnam Syndrome once and for all, President George H.W. Bush exulted. It was high time for some genuine peace dividends, or so it seemed.

The real problem was that that seemingly instantaneous success against Saddam Hussein's much-overrated Iraqi military reignited the real Vietnam Syndrome, which was Washington's overconfidence in military force as the way to secure dominance, while allegedly strengthening democracy not just here in America but globally. Hubris led to the expansion of NATO to Russia's borders; hubris led to unipolar dreams of total dominance everywhere; hubris meant that America could somehow have the most moral as well as lethal military in the world; hubris meant that one need never concern oneself about potential blowback from allying with Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan or the risk of provoking Russian aggression as NATO floated Ukraine and Georgia as future members of an alliance designed to keep Russia down.

It was the end of history (so it was said) and Americanstyle democracy had prevailed.

Even so, militarily, this country did anything but demobilize. Under President Bill Clinton in the 1990s, there was some budgetary trimming, but military Keynesianism remained a thing, as did the military-industrial-congressional complex. Clinton managed a rare balanced budget due to domestic spending cuts and welfare reform; his cuts to military spending, however, were modest indeed. Tragically, under him, America would not become "a normal country in normal times," as former U.N. Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick once

dreamed. It would remain an empire — and an increasingly hungry one at that.

In that vein, senior civilians like Secretary of State Madeleine Albright began to wonder why this country had such a superb military if we weren't prepared to use it to boss others around. Never mind concerns about the constitutionality of employing U.S. troops in conflicts without a congressional declaration of war. (How unnecessary! How old-fashioned!) It was time to unapologetically rule the world.

The calamitous events of 9/11 changed nothing except the impetus to punish those who'd challenged our illusions. Those same events also changed everything as America's leaders decided it was then the moment to double down on empire, to become even more authoritarian (the Patriot Act, torture, and the like), to go openly to "the dark side," to lash out in the only way they knew how — more bombing (Afghanistan, Iraq), followed by invasions and "surges" — then, wash, rinse, repeat.

So, had we really beaten the Vietnam Syndrome in the triumphant year of 1991? Of course not. A decade later, after 9/11, we met the enemy, and once again it was our unrepresentative government spoiling for war, no matter how ill-conceived and ill-advised — because war pays, because war is "presidential," because America's leaders believe that the true "power of its example" is example after example of its power, especially bombs bursting in air.

The "All-Volunteer" Force Isn't What It Seems

Speaking as a veteran and a military historian, I believe America's all-volunteer force has lost its way. Today's military members — unlike those of the "greatest generation" of World War II fame — are no longer citizen-soldiers. Today's "volunteers" have surrendered to the rhetoric of being "warriors" and "warfighters." They take their identity from fighting wars or preparing for the same, putting aside their oath to support and defend the Constitution. They forget (or were never taught) that they must be citizens first, soldiers second. They have, in truth, come to embrace a warrior mystique that is far more consistent with authoritarian regimes. They've come to think of themselves — proudly so — as a breed apart.

Far too often in this America, an affinitive patriotism has been replaced by a rabid nationalism. Consider that Christocentric "America First" ideals are now openly promoted by the civilian commander-in-chief, no matter that they remain antithetical to the Constitution and corrosive to democracy. The new "affirmative action" openly affirms faith in Christ and trust in Trump (leavened with lots of bombs and missiles against nonbelievers).

Citizen-soldiers of my father's generation, by way of contrast, thought for themselves. They chafed against military authority, confronting it when it seemed foolish, wasteful, or unlawful. They largely demobilized themselves in the aftermath of World War II. But warriors don't think. They follow orders. They drop bombs on target. They make the war machine run on time.

Americans, when they're not overwhelmed by their efforts to simply make ends meet, have largely washed their hands of whatever that warrior-military does in their name. They know little about wars fought supposedly to protect them and care even less. Why should they care? They're not asked to weigh in. They're not even asked to sacrifice (other than to pay taxes and keep their mouths shut).

Too many people in America, it seems to me, are now playing a perilous game of make-believe. We make-believe that America's wars are authorized when they clearly are not. For example, who, other than Donald Trump (and Joe Biden before him), gave the U.S. military the right to bomb Yemen?

We make-believe all our troops are volunteers. We make-believe we care about those "volunteers." Sometimes, some of us even make-believe we care about those wars being waged in places and countries most Americans would be hard-pressed to find on a map. How confident are you that all too many Americans could even point to the right hemisphere to find Syria or Yemen or past war zones like Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq?

War isn't even that good at teaching Americans geography anymore!

What Is To Be Done?

If you accept that there's a kernel of truth to what I've written so far, and that there's definitely something wrong that should be fixed, the question remains: What is to be done?

Some concrete actions immediately demand our attention.

*Any ongoing wars, including "overseas contingency operations" and the like, must be stopped immediately unless Congress formally issues a declaration of war as required by the Constitution. No more nonsense about MOOTW, or "military operations other than war." There is war or there is peace. Period. Want to bomb Yemen? First, declare war on Yemen through Congress.

*Wars, assuming they are supported by Congressional declarations, must be paid for with taxes raised above all from those Americans who benefit most handsomely from fighting them. There shall be no deficit spending for war.

*Americans are used to "sin" taxes for purchases like tobacco and alcohol. So, isn't it time for a new "sin" tax related to profiteering from war, especially by the corporations that make the distinctly overpriced weaponry without which such wars couldn't be waged?

To end wars and weaken militarism in America, we must render it unprofitable. As long as powerful forces continue to profit so handsomely from going to war — even as "volunteer" troops are told to aspire to be "warriors," born and trained to kill — this violent madness in America will persist, if not expand.

Look, the 22-year-old version of me thought he knew who the evil empire was. He thought he was one of the good guys. He thought his country and his military stood for something worthy, even for "greatness" of a sort. Sure, he was naïve. Perhaps he was just another wet-behind-theears factotum of empire. But he took his oath to the Constitution seriously and looked to a brighter day when that military would serve only as a deterrent in a world largely at peace.

The soon-to-be-62-year-old me is no longer so naïve and, these days, none too sure who's evil and who isn't. He knows his country is on the wrong path, that the bloody path of bullets and bombs (and profiting from the same) is always perilous for any freedom-loving people to travel on.

Somehow, America needs to be put back on the freedom trail that inspires and empowers citizens rather than wannabe warriors brandishing weapons galore. Somehow, we need to aspire again to be a nation of laws. (Can we agree that due process is better than no process?) Somehow, we need to dream of being a nation where right makes might, one that knows that destruction is not construction, one that exchanges bullets and bombs for ballots and beauty.

How else are we to become America the Beautiful?

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Don't serve the evil empire in its military, and mamas don't let your babies grow up to be imperial stormtroopers. This is a thought-provoking article, well-worthy of consideration.

What Is the Definition of a Church?

By Dan Nelson

Catholicism is working on getting a new Pope for what they call the church. What is the church, and why has its definition been changed? Please Read:

Historical Reasons for the False Replacement of the New Testament Church



Modern-day Christianity strongly emphasizes the "Universal Church" as opposed to the local assembly of baptized believers joined together in the faith of the gospel. Many evangelical circles emphasize this so-called church that they say is invisible and universal for certain reasons:

- 1-Catholicism has perverted the usage of the church, making its group a universal entity with its head in Rome. In the following centuries, the emphasis didn't change. It led to the control and persecution of those who spoke out against its corrupt practices. Protestants never modified their view of the Catholic belief in the universal church. It was easier to enter the group by infant baptism and hard to get out by using the term of the church as local.
- 2-Protestant churches never cleared up the false view of the church as universal in the Reformation or afterward. They did not seek to correct this view and found it easy to persecute groups like the Anabaptists through a hierarchy aligned with the state rulers and churches. Their adamant view of salvation and the doctrines of grace did not go further in looking at the true biblical view of the church. Every mainline Protestant church has some trace of Catholicism that they have not removed with infant baptism, hierarchical church leadership, formal worship, church structure, or other practices.
- 3-State churches in Europe and colonies in America have made it easy to bring everyone under the control of the civil ruler. Their submission to the hierarchy of one group enforces conformity to a hierarchical rule instead of local autonomy, not allowing people to choose the church in which they want to be a member.
- 4-Certain movements in the last few decades have found it easy to believe in a universal church to advance their agenda or practices. Groups like the modern charismatic movement, Promise-keepers, youth groups like Young Life, and many other parachurch movements bypassed local congregations. Liberal circles in the ecumenical movement and the World Council of Churches make it easy to promote and gain more power than local congregations. Someone said, "They believe in the

universal church but always come to local churches for support."

5-Escatalogical views of Christians raptured, buoyed by the statement, "Jesus is coming to rapture His church,h" is familiar. I do not discount the rapture and Jesus' return, but the church is not universal in being raptured. It talks about believers raptured but not a universal church. The Plymouth Brethren and Darby have popularized this view. The Schofield Bible also postulates this view. In his writings, Schofield calls all believers the true church. Does this make the local one the false church? This definition is not to say the Schofield Bible is all wrong but just in error in this viewpoint.

6-The hierarchy of main-line Protestant groups refers to the denomination as the church and to them making decisions mandated to local bodies. This leads one to believe in these groups as the real church. The bishops or elevated leaders make decisions and tell their denominations how the bodies will believe or practice.

7-Those believers not in any local body, making it a contest between the two groups. Those in New Testament churches will be more fruitful, productive, and disciplined in their Christian life. The basic reason is that Jesus promised to bless His church, realized in a local sense, and those who are a part of it.

8-Those who choose not to be in a local body of believers say they don't want to be accountable to anyone or a group. At best, I know people mean well; at worst, they find it easier to be in their invisible church. They have no pastor, building to come to, address, or group of people to commit to, and no method of identifying with public ordinances like baptism or the Lord's Supper. There is no zip code, website, responsibility, or accountability to a universal church. You can't practice church discipline in a universal church, and many people like it that way.

9-The desire for unity and many venues lead many to say, "We are just one big church anyway." They refer to all Christians in a town as the church. The location is a part of this universal church: It would be impossible to get along with everyone, minimizing those things that should be emphasized and maximizing those things that may be false or underserving of so much attention. Questions like how the church will be structured, the ordinances, the emphasis on spiritual gifts, and the final authority for practice are unanswered. Ripping the name off Baptist churches will not make everyone think alike on these matters.

10-The failure to teach properly about the church and wanting to drop distinctions has led to a misunderstanding

of what the church is. We must make primary again what everyone used to take for granted as Baptists: There are not two churches on earth: Universal and local. The church will always be an assembled group of baptized believers who are joined together and preach the gospel of Christ. May the Lord's churches never waver on this truth.

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FREEDOM!! - "I don't think that word means what you think it means"

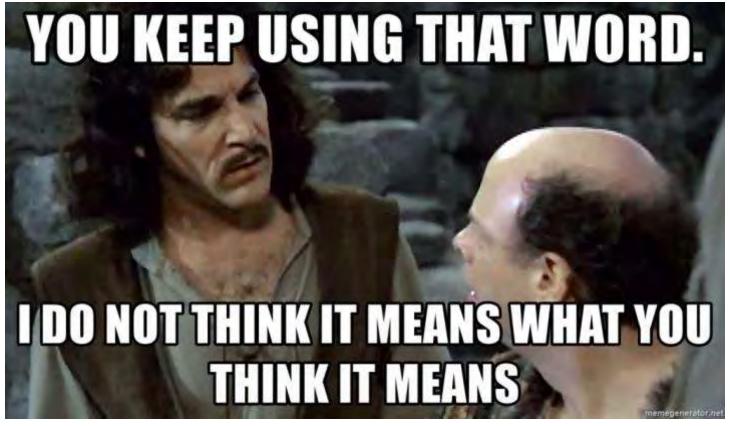
"Today's Americans feel free because they live under a welfare state, a national-security state, a foreign military empire, a government-managed economy, a paper-money system directed by a central bank, an income tax, a drug war, and an immigration police state. . . . Today's Americans have simply deluded themselves into thinking they are free. . . . Given that American conservatives love right-wing tyranny for foreigners, it is not beyond the realm of reasonable possibility that that, deep down, American right-wingers would love to impose the same system here at home — under



the guise of establishing 'law and order,' restoring 'patriotism,' and, of course, 'making America great again.'"

~ Jacob G. Hornberger

FREEDOM!



The West Eats Itself

By J.B. Shurk

The same Western leaders who speak endlessly about "protecting Democracy" continue to rig elections, outlaw political parties, and prosecute candidates. Germany has declared Alternative for Germany — now the country's most popular party — an "extremist group" on par with domestic terror organizations. The European Union helped Marxist globalists in Romania invalidate a presidential election and ban the winner from office. France and Brazil have followed the U.S. example of bringing ludicrous criminal charges against popular anti-Establishment politicians, and while President Trump overcame the sham prosecutions targeting him, Marine Le Pen and Jair Bolsonaro are fighting just to survive.

Let's not forget either that the Ukraine-Russia War drags on today only because U.S. and European forces helped overthrow the legitimately elected Ukrainian president, Viktor Yanukovych, back in 2014. His transgression? Yanukovych's government was pushing back against the EU's efforts to absorb Ukraine into its continental empire. The same NATO and EU talking-heads who denounce Russia's conquest of its neighbor are mostly mad because they hoped to conquer Ukraine first.

It's a disorienting time for Westerners who once respected their civic institutions. The Cold War mentality of the twentieth century created clear distinctions between closed, communist systems and rights-based, free societies. In the West, people could freely practice the religious tenets of their respective faiths; in communist societies, people were expected to obey the quasi-divine strictures of the State. In the West, people could own property and freely exchange goods and services; in communist societies, people owned nothing and received only what the State gave them. In the West, people could speak their minds and publicly debate new ideas; in communist societies, people adhered to politically correct ideology under the constant threat of arrest, torture, and even death. The West was supposed to err on the side of individual freedoms, even when those freedoms permitted awful people to say awful things.

Western societies did not always live up to the principles that distinguished them from totalitarian regimes, but respect for personal freedom did serve as an effective guardrail that kept Western governments from careening toward totalitarianism, too.

What's going on today is entirely different.

Western governments treat religious faith as a disease that must be cured. The faithful (particularly Christians and Jews) are quarantined from the rest of society and expected to hide their beliefs in public spaces. Law enforcement agencies in the U.S., U.K., and continental Europe arrest Christians praying silently outside of abortion facilities. When churches and synagogues are vandalized or burned down, those crimes are often excused and rarely solved. In Canada, arsonists have largely been given a free pass due to the government's borderline hatred for the Catholic Church. During purported Catholic Joe Biden's presidency, the FBI spied on Americans who celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass. Politicians casually blame Jews for genocide (a slander that is sickeningly ironic) and speak of Christians as "nationalists," "fundamentalists," "far-right extremists," "fascists," and "Nazis."

The combined effect of these government-sanctioned attacks against people of faith is threefold: (1) religious freedom is undermined; (2) the State's worldview is elevated over all others; and (3) religions not explicitly partnering with the State are deemed national security threats. These characteristics aptly describe the former Soviet Union's hostility toward religion. They aptly describe the Chinese Communist Party's hostility toward religion. And they aptly describe the West's hostility toward religion today.

What about property and free markets? Most Westerners are in debt. They rent apartments or live in bank-owned homes. They make just enough to pay for their expenses each month and have no real savings. A substantial portion of their income is confiscated indirectly through government regulations or directly through a panoply of government taxes. Most Westerners receive some kind of government welfare in the form of subsidies, entitlements, healthcare, or retirement income. An ever-increasing share of the Western population depends almost entirely upon the State.

Even those with assets are kept under the government's thumb. Fiat money (government-issued currency not backed by a physical commodity such as gold) and central banks are antithetical to truly free markets. By threat of violence, governments force citizens to buy and sell goods and services using innately worthless paper bills (or digital ones and zeroes) as a medium of exchange. Those currencies retain value only so long as a government's threat of force maintains the State's monopoly over legal tender. Gold doesn't require a government agent with a gun to establish its value. When central banks manipulate the money supply, they effectively distort all markets. They create economic "winners" and "losers" by decree. That's a hallmark of a State-controlled economy, not a free market. By increasing the money supply over time, central banks decrease the value of State-enforced

currencies. Conversely, they artificially raise the currencydenominated valuation of homes, stocks, and other real assets.

What is the end result? Personal savings rates decrease because fiat currencies kept under a mattress depreciate over time. Instead, consumers spend their money or invest it in assets that are artificially juiced. People with retirement investments become dependent upon the government's money-printing because without such blatant market manipulation, the artificially-created value of their homes and investment portfolios would disappear. Western governments have effectively enslaved citizens to central banks and set in motion a financial doom loop that requires new government spending, cyclical bank and industry bailouts, and regular intervention in consumer markets. There's nothing "free" about that.

Whereas the majority of Americans in 1900 lived in rural areas and small towns, the twentieth-century push toward urbanization has forced most people into ever-smaller spaces. Rising property and inheritance taxes and costly government regulations have crushed most small farms. Those family farms still struggling to survive must constantly fend off attacks from agricultural conglomerates, domestic and foreign saboteurs, Chinese shell companies, and land baron billionaires such as Bill Gates. Similarly, the European Union's ridiculous "netzero" carbon regulations and destructive obsession with "climate change" socialism are bankrupting private farmers on the other side of the Atlantic. Western governments don't want private citizens to own land. They don't want private citizens to grow food or to be self-sufficient. They have been actively cultivating a future in which government bureaucrats and a small number of multinational corporations will control every acre. That kind of world embraces collectivism. Nothing about it encourages citizens to be free.

What about free speech? It turns out that Western governments' commitments to free speech were only as strong as their relative control over the principal sources of the public's information. When a small number of national publications, radio stations, and television news studios maintained undue influence over public opinion, governments could indirectly shape society by discreetly

controlling the content of mass communication. They did this by regulating broadcasts over the "public's airwaves," pressuring news publications to self-censor, intervening in matters involving "national security," and outright funding the very news institutions that falsely portray themselves as independent guardians of the free press.

As this institutional monopoly has come crashing down with the advent of the Internet and the rise of social media, Western governments have become openly hostile to forms of mass communication that empower the broader public. Since the '90s, we have seen the steady criminalization of speech. "Hate speech" laws have proliferated. Government agencies dedicated to fighting so-called "disinformation" have taken form. Police forces in the U.K., Germany, and elsewhere arrest citizens for expressing unapproved opinions online. Effectively, Western governments are targeting any information that threatens their monopoly over official "narratives." The most effective way to do so is to intimidate and silence prospective speakers. No country that criminalizes thoughts and words is a friend to free speech.

In the West, the masks have come off.



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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Much food for thought. Prepare yourself!

"If we're really going to heal people, if we're healers, we can't just be making our life about billing new procedures."

~ Robert Kennedy, Jr.



McFarland to Newsmax: Navy Crashes Tied to 'Woke' DEI Focus

By Jim Thomas



The military prioritized "woke" agendas over operational readiness, KT McFarland told Newsmax on Friday, as the former adviser to President Donald Trump discussed a study that she said found naval accidents some five years ago stemmed from a shift toward diversity, equity, and inclusion policies.

Appearing on "Carl Higbie FRONTLINE," McFarland responded to a question about the presence of DEI-related activities in the armed forces, including what host Higbie referred to as "rainbow cakes on aircraft carriers and drag queens."

"Well, those people were doing it because that's why they got promoted, and that's how they got promoted. If they were championing the woke agenda about five years ago, there were a number of naval accidents, you know, where Navy ships were running into other ships," she said.

McFarland referenced a study conducted at the time that investigated the root causes of these incidents beyond high-level military leadership.

"This was a study that was done across the ranks, so it was the most lowest enlisted guy on a ship. It was maybe the captain of the ship," she said. "And there were hundreds of people — sailors — asked what's wrong? And they all came back to say, 'We spend so much time filling out forms, DEI forms, these classes on, you know, sexual aggression, blah, blah, blah, blah, name your woke agenda thing. We don't have any time left.

"There are only so many hours a day. We don't have any time left to learn about navigation skills or targeting or all the military missions they're supposed to have," McFarland said.

Her comments come as the Navy continues to investigate recent operational mishaps. In April, a U.S. Navy carrier strike group lost a F/A-18E Super Hornet and an associated towing tractor when both went overboard during an onboard movement operation.

"All personnel are accounted for, with one sailor sustaining a minor injury," the Navy said in a statement. "The F/A-18E was actively under tow in the hangar bay when the move crew lost control of the aircraft. The aircraft and tow tractor were lost overboard."

The incident occurred aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, which was operating near Bahrain with a strike group that included three destroyers and one cruiser.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: DEI forever!! What's a few multi-million dollar fighter jets? When amerika becomes involved in a real war it will lose!

"Nature designed breast milk to be the healthiest possible food for a developing infant. In contrast, processed infant formula cannot provide that nourishment and creates chronic illness in our children. . . . Breastfeeding is linked to lower rates of infections, gastrointestinal issues, allergies, SIDS, cancers, and developmental disorders, along with improved cognitive abilities and IQ. It also provides many critical benefits to the mother. . . . A classic strategy in business is to replace something freely available with a patentable commodity everyone is then forced to purchase. Beyond this being highly exploitative, in many cases, the synthetic substitute is a poor imitation of what nature created and hence creates a myriad of problems for humanity."

~ A Midwestern Doctor

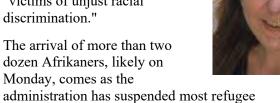
Trump to bring white Afrikaners to US as refugees from South Africa, in wake of expropriation legislation

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By Brie Stimson

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resettlement programs.



"What's happening in South Africa fits the textbook definition of why the refugee program was created," Stephen Miller told reporters on Friday. "This is persecution based on a protected characteristic — in this case, race. This is race-based persecution."

The South African government has approved legislation which, under some circumstances, allows for expropriation of land without compensation.

He said the first wave of refugees would be part of a "much larger-scale relocation effort."



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The Afrikaners are expected to be met by a government delegation, including the deputy Secretary of State and officials from the Department of Health and Human Services, according to documents obtained by the Associated Press.

Amid his immigration crackdown, Trump said in January the U.S. will only admit refugees who "can fully and appropriately assimilate."

The State Department said: "The U.S. Embassy in Pretoria has been conducting interviews and processing pursuant to President Trump's Executive Order on Addressing Egregious Actions of the Republic of South Africa. The Department of State is prioritizing consideration for U.S. refugee resettlement of Afrikaners in South Africa who are victims of unjust racial discrimination."

Afrikaners are mainly descended from early Dutch settlers in South Africa.

South Africa's government has criticized the Trump administration's effort, saying it doesn't recognize the country's history of colonialism and apartheid.

The refugees will be sent to states like Minnesota, Idaho and Alabama.



Demonstrators attend a protest in support of U.S. President Donald Trump's stance against what he calls racist laws, land expropriation, and farm attacks in February.

In March, Secretary of State Marco Rubio expelled the South African ambassador in the U.S., calling him a "racebaiting" politician who hates America and President Donald Trump after he said the commander-in-chief is leading a global white supremacist movement.

Rubio also boycotted a G20 foreign ministers meeting in Johannesburg in March.



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South Africa's foreign ministry has said the accusations of racial discrimination against Afrikaners are "unfounded."

"It is most regrettable that it appears that the resettlement of South Africans to the United States under the guise of being 'refugees' is entirely politically motivated and designed to question South Africa's constitutional democracy; a country which has in fact suffered true persecution under apartheid rule and has worked tirelessly to prevent such levels of discrimination from ever occurring again," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

The South African government said it wouldn't block anyone from leaving the country, but questioned their status as refugees.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: These folks are GENUINE refugees fleeing persecution and are of a common stock with those who established America, unlike most current "refugees" that are net drain upon the country.

Safety Trumps Liberty in amerika!

"Would modern-day Americans do that? Would they give up liberty to purchase a little temporary safety? . . . There is no question about it. They already have. . . . We live under a government that has the omnipotent power to assassinate, torture, and indefinitely incarcerate without trial any American citizen. . . . Anyone who lives under a regime that wields that type of total power cannot possibly be considered to be a free person. . . . It wasn't always that way. . . . So, what happened? The American people in the 20th century became afraid, very afraid. . . . Thus, to purchase a little temporary



safety, Americans acceded to the conversion of the federal government, with its limited powers, to a national-security state, with its omnipotent, totalitarian-like powers of assassination, torture, and indefinite detention. . . . For modern-day Americans, the trade was worth it because it purchased a little temporary safety. . . . They purchased a little temporary safety by converting America to a welfare state, one based on the concept of mandatory 'charity.' . . . The loss of liberty has become permanent because the American people have remained afraid, very afraid. Another big problem is that Americans have convinced themselves that they still live in a free country even though they have clearly traded away their liberty in the hope of gaining a little temporary safety. A third problem is that in trading away liberty, Americans failed to secure safety from the biggest threat of all — their very own government."

~ Jacob Hornberger

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Not only is amerika NOT free, most amerikans do not want true freedom. Freedom carries too much personal accountability for them.

Wilkie: US Ready to Cripple Russian Economy If Needed for Peace

By Jim Thomas



Former VA Secretary Robert Wilkie

Former VA Secretary Robert Wilkie signaled on Newsmax Saturday that the Trump administration prefers peace in Ukraine but emphasized devastate Russia's economy and bolster Ukraine's defense should diplomacy fail.



Wilkie, chairman of the Center for National Security at the America Fi

National Security at the America First Policy Institute, expressed support for President Trump's tough stance against Russia during an interview on "Wake Up America Weekend."

Wilkie's remarks follow Vice President JD Vance's recent comments in Munich, suggesting a desire for a more permanent resolution than the current 30-day ceasefire proposal in Ukraine.

"We all hope for something more permanent," Wilkie said. "Putin has taken his country into a conflict where he's lost, killed, or wounded 900,000 people. Put that in perspective—we lost 56,000 in 10 years of Vietnam."

"With the demonstration Putin had in Moscow yesterday, I don't think he is about ready to stop," Wilkie said, noting President Trump's recent statements placing full responsibility for the ongoing conflict squarely on Putin.

"We have the tools, if the president so desires to use them, to cripple the Russian economy and to provide the Ukrainians with what they need to fight back," Wilkie emphasized. He confirmed that arms shipments resumed last Wednesday, a move intended to support Ukraine's resistance.

When asked if sanctions alone are sufficient to restrain Russia, Wilkie highlighted President Trump's past

strategies: "President Trump removed Russia from the international banking system and put clamps on their ability to sell oil globally. Trump's use of America's energy power had lowered the cost of oil so far that Russia was actually losing money trying to sell oil."

Commenting on Putin's latest "Victory Day" military demonstration, Wilkie noted Russia's increasing isolation. "He was surrounded by the pariah nations of the planet — Iran and North Korea," Wilkie observed, indicating Putin's growing reliance on rogue states. "Parading North Korean and Iranian weapons shows just how far Putin has come in terms of descending into not complete desperation, but he really has gotten himself into a bind that's going to be hard to extract himself from."

Addressing continued U.S. military support, Wilkie noted Trump's strategic decision to alleviate Ukraine's financial obligations. "The president restarted [weapon shipments] last Wednesday. He wiped out Ukraine's debt to the United States, amounting to \$120 billion in American munitions," Wilkie explained. He also highlighted the mineral exchange deal, allowing Ukraine to use mineral revenues to purchase more weapons.

Wilkie added, "If Europeans keep their promises to rebuild their defenses and send weapons to Ukraine, there's not much Putin can do."

Concluding on broader geopolitical implications, Wilkie identified China as a key factor. "At the bottom of all this, certainly in Ukraine, is China. They're propping up the two great pariah states — the Russians and Iranians. President Trump seems to be the only person capable of dealing with them and telling the world the truth about Chinese ambitions."

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: This has to be about the most STUPID strategy I've ever heard of. We are going to bring peace by actively destroying another powerful nation's economy? See how that works out, you morons!!!! But what most assured WOULD bring domestic tranquility is for the amerikan empire to BUTT OUT of situations that should be NONE of its business!!!! But alas, that's NOT what empires do!!!

Hiding Neurological Vaccine Injuries

"One of the most frequent complications of vaccination is neurological injury, and ever since the smallpox vaccine hit the market over two centuries ago, severe and unusual injuries have been reported throughout the medical literature. Rather than disclose these injuries to the public, the medical profession chose to conceal them under the erroneous belief that the public good of vaccination justified hiding anything which would create vaccine hesitancy a cruel mentality that is still used to push unsafe and ineffective vaccines. . . . It is very difficult to make safe vaccines due to both how they work and how they are produced. . . . The vast body of literature (which was well known in the 1980s) showing vaccines cause neurological damage became 'forgotten.' . . . Dogma was instilled that vaccines are so safe and effective that it's 'unethical' to conduct a placebo-controlled vaccine trial (as this would deny children a 'lifesaving' vaccine) Lack of accountability has led to more and more brazen attempts to push these profitable products on the marketplace. . . . This led to more and more toxic products being unleashed. . . . More and more aggressive censorship measures were needed to preserve their illusion of safety. . . . Deaths from vaccination and re-vaccination are hushed up. . . . Had a basic accountability level been implemented, the COVID vaccine disaster likely would have never happened. . . . In response to the deluge of injuries from the vaccine and public protest against these injuries, the FDA simply said 'safe and effective."

~ A Midwestern Doctor

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: The medical/pharmaceutical industry is far more corrupt than the mafia ever was. And far more DEADLY!

"I said a colleague and I would provide a positive scenario of AI. Here I withdraw my intent, as I am convinced that there is no acceptable human outcome from the digital revolution. It will destroy us as certainly as world nuclear war. Humanity has no greater enemy than the digital revolution, a horror beyond horrors. . . . The combination of volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA) with Artificial Intelligence has given us an existence 'that no longer rewards insight, only compliance.' . . .



~ Paul Craig Roberts

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: The positives of AI? I'm not certain there are any. Regardless, it is and will be a net NEGATIVE!

'Activities no child should ever see': Parents fight to protect their children from 'obscene' sexualized performance

'The scenes are revolting and totally inappropriate'
By Bob Unruh

A fight to protect children in Florida from an "obscene LGBTQ performance" in a public location that is only feet away from a children's playground is ramping up.

Liberty Counsel earlier filed a friendof-the-court brief in the case Naples

Pride V. City of Naples, in which the LGBT organization demanded the right to impose its ideology on children in a public park.

Now Liberty Counsel says the city has neglected to raise a legitimate defense to the attack by the LGBT organization, and it wants to join the case.

It is representing concerned Collier County parents against the planned "sexually explicit drag show" at the children's play area.

The legal team has addressed the court, explaining the city did not raise the defense that Florida's "Protection of Children Act" of 2023 expressly outlaws

public drag shows held in view of minors. "Allowing a drag performance in open air and in full view of a busy children's playground would violate Florida law," Liberty Counsel reported.

A federal judge narrowly blocked that law for a single Florida agency, but that's under appeal and does not erase the law itself.

"The state of Florida recognizes that children – and their parents, by extension – have a legally protectible interest in the material they are exposed to as well as having safe parks and playgrounds," the legal team explained.

Naples Pride calls its drag show "family friendly," but photographic evidence of similar events confirm that the show involves "male performers in obscene drag performing lewd poses and simulating sexual acts that are unsuitable for minors. The drag performers also invited children to place money in their waist bands like strippers in a bar as the men shook their over-stuffed brazier tops and 'twerked' their fish net covered hind ends mimicking sexual activities no child should ever see."

Liberty Counsel said, "The scenes are revolting and totally inappropriate for children."

"The city of Naples has demonstrated an aversion to broaching the issue of obscenity, lewdness, or harm to minors posed by the proposed drag performance in view of children altogether," wrote Liberty Counsel. "For some inexplicable reason, the city has refused to even suggest, much less forcefully defend itself on the constitutional grounds that [Naples Pride's] grossly inappropriate sexualized performances are only afforded limited (if any) protection under the First Amendment, and whatever protection may exist is eviscerated when considered in the context of exposure to children."



Even though it filed a brief in the case earlier, Liberty Counsel now is seeking to be granted "party status" in the fight.

The city council earlier ordered that the event be held indoors and away from children, but the LGBT crowd demanded that it be allowed to put on its display near the children's park.

The city previously argued the park is subject to location and age restrictions for events.

Liberty Counsel chief Mat Staver explained, "Liberty Counsel is intervening in this case to give parents who wish to protect their children from obscene drag performances a fuller defense on the legal and constitutional issues left unspoken by the city of Naples. The First Amendment does not protect an obscene drag performance in full view of a children's playground, and Florida law outright bans it. Restricting speech for children that is otherwise protected for adults passes constitutional muster in the interest of protecting their well-being. Citizens do not have to tolerate obscene drag shows in view of their children."

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: What is wrong with people? TOTAL HERIDITARY DEPRAVITY!!! These perverts should be removed from the face of the earth! We MUST protect our children!!!

They Want a Tower of Babel

"We should also learn something from all the foreign names of Democrat politicians and judges. . . . The Democrats have made it clear that they intend to rule us in behalf of the millions of immigrant-invaders the Democrats have intentionally brought into our country. . . . They don't want America. They want a Tower of Babel."



~ Paul Craig Roberts

"One baseline truth in current American life is that our bodily well-being gets worse as the so-called health care industry gets ever-larger... Trump... has avoided engagement with the whole Covid fiasco that unspooled in the last year of his first term... The awful subject of the Covid mRNA vaccines, and all the monkey business around their development and deployment, remains taboo... The evidence has mounted steadily that the shots were ineffective and deeply harmful to many of the people who took them, especially those who got multiple boosters.... Eventually he must come to terms with it."



<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: In my view, Mr. Trump remains one of the chief Covid scamdemic culprits! Take heed!! He is NOT to be trusted! Don't forget that he is the "Father of Operation Warp Speed" and has NEVER apologized, but still brags about it.

"Polls prove just one thing; the effectiveness of propaganda...

Approve/disapprove 'statistics' only determine how many dumbasses
bought the story.... I just have to laugh!... How many young men
sacrificed their lives "to do their patriotic duty" believing 9/11 was legit?.

The power of media is not to be underestimated!... Lies Live On....

The thing is; once these lies are disseminated, people cop a position and
refuse to ever admit they were fooled. Whether from any lack of self



refuse to ever admit they were fooled.... Whether from envy, lack of self esteem, IQ or originality, most folks succumb to peer pressure and follow the crowd...errr fake narratives imposed by media tricksters.... Network tradecraft relies on generating fear, shame, envy and a primal sense of being left-out if one does not join an imaginary bandwagon.... At this point it is probably too late to awaken the masses to the sly perpetrators of endless wars, corporate scams and their abject serfdom."

~ Capt. Randall

Planet of the Fat Black Statues

Persons of historical color
By Donald Jeffries

Recently, there has been a veritable epidemic of statues suddenly popping up all over the globe, depicting overweight Black females. This is decidedly odd, as the figures don't represent a particular person of historical significance, but rather a modern "Woke" phenomenon of a *brand* of human being; the loud and proud Black woman.





One of these statues, incredibly enough, was erected in Italy. If anyone can tell me what significance any Black woman has had on Italian history, I'm willing to listen. Maybe the Italians covered up how the Black females in their society- cleverly hidden away from the eyes of the world- have manipulated things behind the scenes for eons. Kind of like an Illuminati of Color. I'm sure Michelangelo and Da Vinci would be proud. Maybe a fat Black woman invented spaghetti. Pizza. Lasagna. Why not? Any African American Studies course worth its salt will tell you how suppressed Black inventors came up with everything from the toaster to the stop light. Lemonade. And most cleverly of all, one magnificent genius invented the comb in the late 1800s. Or centuries after they were depicted in paintings from all over the world. I remember seeing Pocahantas's comb at the Smithsonian. What a racist to be using a Black man's invention without giving him credit. Somebody call Elizabeth Warren.

The Italian statue depicts the unknown Person of Color staring down at her cell phone. Surely, this was considered a unique, historical posture. Apparently, there were no available native born Italian girls- overweight or not- who stare robotically down at their cell phones. Not to be left out, the Netherlands put up a statue of a different, but just as insignificant overweight Black woman a few years back in Rotterdam. I guess it's taken those of us still paying attention a few years to notice. Again, what exactly has any Black woman done to deserve a statue in the

Netherlands? Sure, plenty of nonwhites have raped native born residents of the Netherlands, but they were all male and mostly Muslim migrants. They probably have a disproportionate number of Blacks on the Netherlands World Cup soccer team, but I'm not sure what Black women specifically have ever contributed to their society.

In New York City, there is now a twelve foot statue of an obese Black woman-sporting the distinctive hands on hip stance that has made them so beloved in America 2.0. The statue is nonsensically called "Grounded in the Stars." As someone once said, if you want to gauge the health of a nation, look at its art. The statue provides a startling dose of "diversity," in contrast to the statues of boring dead White guys Father Francis Duffy and songwriter George M. Cohan. This is the same New York City, of course, who over the past few years took down statues of Teddy Roosevelt and Thomas Jefferson. The message is; an anonymous Black woman is more culturally and historically significant to this country than the most brilliant of our Founding Fathers, who wrote the Declaration of Independence. If that isn't a slap in the face to the millions who are still asleep, I don't know what would be.

The first question that should be asked is; why this curious campaign to install statues of fictional Black women? Who started it? Who is behind it? I seriously doubt that leaders in Italy and the Netherlands abruptly determined, independent of each other, that homage should be paid to a demographic group that has zero historical ties to either country. Now, the motivation is obvious. To further promote Black people. Well, any Black people who aren't questioning the disproportionate power of a certain ethnic/religious group, that is. And to further diminish the historical greatness of formerly hallowed White leaders. And what about the White women? Why doesn't Pakistan erect a statue of a fictional girl in a bikini? You could have her staring at her cell phone if you want. Nonwhite countries need cultural "diversity," too, don't they? Where are the statues of antiwar icon Jeanette Rankin, our greatest historical figure who identified as female?



It's hard to tell how many Black female statues there are. A few years back, there were reports of them springing up in Roanoke, Virginia, and South Boston. There were already at least six statues of Harriet Tubman scattered across this country. I doubt that there are six statues of White women collectively in America. The most featured female on U.S. statues is the Indian squaw (yeah, I knowthat's probably "hate speech") Sacagawea, who has an impressive sixteen of them. I guess statues are kind of like presidential candidates; only nonwhite women need apply. And yet White women can't stop applauding. They may well like fat Black statues even more than transgender athletes. Roanoke, Virginia, which featured Virginia Dare, the first child born in America, vanished without a trace. The city still exists, and despite being on the edge of nearly all-White Appalachia, its only two statues are of Black figures.

The statue of Robert E. Lee that stood in the U.S. Capitol was scheduled to be replaced by a 2021 decree, in favor of a sixteen year old girl named Barbara Johns, who led a student walkout in Prince Edward County in 1951. It was something to do with racism, which they tell us was all the rage back then. One thing you know for sure is that Johns was Black. Virginia has a statue of Mary Todd Lincoln's Black dressmaker Elizabeth Keckly, but not of Honest Abe's overly emotional wife. So this explosion of Black female statues is not really new. They were already overrepresented. As one typically absurd "Woke" spokesperson put it, this is an effort to "confront preconceived notions of identity and representation." It's inevitable that one or more statues of Black women with suitably fat asses will pop up somewhere, to memorialize the fine art of twerking. We would not want future generations to forget that.

This well organized campaign comes on the heels of laughable propaganda that "Black women built this country." What? I can't think of any group that had less to do with building this country. Well, maybe Hispanics. After all, they weren't here then. The very term had yet to be invented. Or Muslims. No, it was almost exclusively White males who built this country, backed by hearty and supportive frontier wives, mothers, and daughters. But it's "racist" to even say that. And on top of that, there is the even more head shaking "Shut up! A Black woman is speaking!" This ridiculous expression is parroted most enthusiastically by self-loathing White women. This kind of insidious programming goes well beyond conventional Stockholm Syndrome. White women are not literally being held captive by Black women. This is just one of the reasons why I maintain at least 1/3 of White women today are clinically insane.

If they expand their horizons, there are plenty of worthy flesh and blood candidates to consider. Queen Latifah is certainly fat enough, and at least has displayed her lack of acting skills in a good number of IMDB credits. Stacy Abrams? She lost an election and is still complaining about it. And I don't have to tell you that they don't come any obesier in the Black community than her. Oprah? Imagine how excited the White women would be! Their "girlfriend," who manipulated them to high ratings, and then dropped their racial and sexual comrade Hillary like a hot potato when Barack Obama declared for the presidency. It would take some skill to get the majesty and scope of Oprah's giant behind just right, kind of like the Venus de Milo from a dark universe. And if you want to be inclusive of non-obese Black women, there's Kamala. Perhaps Jasmine Crockett. And Michelle Obama can represent....well, you know.



If this isn't some kind of fractured, black humor (no pun intended), then what is it? No one can seriously suggest that we should be putting up statues of random unknown figures, who have accomplished nothing to be remembered for. I don't want statues of hot naked fictional women showing up everywhere, either, with or without cell phones. This is Identity Politics writ large, on the world stage. Black men are promoted incessantly by the same usual suspects, but it is the Black woman who reigns supreme in America 2.0. Who gets to rake in millions with little or no qualifications, while skewering the English language? I'm not sure which is worse; not being recognized for great accomplishments, or being credited undeservedly for imaginary achievements. Obviously, too many Black women fall into the latter category. I can hear them screaming "Excuse me!" as they read this.

Why not honor a strong Black woman who has done noteworthy things? I'm talking about my friend, excongresswoman Cynthia McKinney. She wrote blurbs for me, and honored me by asking me to write a blurb for her provocatively titled book *How the US Creates Sh*thole Countries*. McKinney had the courage no one else in Congress did, grilling Donald Rumsfeld about the \$2.3 trillion missing from the Pentagon. Oh well, DOGE will probably find that and much more. They are still planning to audit the Pentagon, right? McKinney also stated that

members of Congress are asked to sign an oath of loyalty to Israel, which she refused to do. McKinney suddenly started looking a lot less Black, and was quickly ousted from Congress. She's a truly open minded, insightful individual, my favorite politician. Imagine being relegated from serving in Congress to communicating with the likes of Thought Criminals like me.

It's odd that these dubious new statues come in the wake of all those which were torn down a few years ago by angry Black Lives Matter protesters. Sort of gives new meaning to the term "Great Replacement." The "Woke" authoritarians are dancing a politically correct line between censoring any references to certain historical figures, and perpetually blasting them as racist. As I have said for years, at some point history itself will be declared racist. Maybe it already has been, and I missed it. And why not? Math is, as well as proper English. I've been lectured about how free speech is racist. Perhaps in the ultimate irony, freedom itself is racist. The slavery that entraps some 40 million people around the world today apparently isn't racist enough to attract much condemnation. Brown people enslaving other Brown people can't be virtue signaled. Apparently, all slave lives don't matter.

Statues used to be exclusively for dead historical figures. Those obese Black women aren't dead. To be fair, being fictitious, they aren't really alive, either. A few years ago, the mayor of New Orleans unleashed a new statue, in honor of the ridiculous "Woke" holiday Juneteenth. It consisted of a giant Afro hair pick, with an upraised "Black Power" fist. I don't know, but if I was Black, I think I'd be really offended by that. I mean, not that many Blacks even have Afros now, and that's how you choose to honor them? For having kinky hair? I wouldn't object to that memorial being called racist. This was New Orleans; how about a statue of Louis Armstrong? Do Black people see themselves as giant Afro picks? If that's the case, maybe having some unreasonably proud fat Black women look appropriately combative makes sense. If only AI could get that neck bobbing thing down, then they'd really have some statues.

This is really a logical extension of promoting ugly art and declaring it beautiful. We now know that the CIA was financing putrid "artists" like Jackson Pollock, and convinced the always malleable public that glorified finger painting was "modern art." What do you see in that square? Just a completely devious agenda to destroy a culture. And they succeeded. Where are the real artists today? The ones that can do better than giant Afro picks and fat Black women? If we were to judge our civilization by its present art, we'd have to say we are no longer civilized. The same goes for architecture; aesthetically

unpleasing, ugly eyesores littering the landscape. How could they have built far more beautiful buildings centuries ago? Why are we devolving in every aspect of our culture? When you don't believe in God, there is no spiritual element in your art. The divine spark is what makes it special.

It's not enjoyable to take these kinds of stances, which are instantaneously condemned as "racist." But someone has to. Thankfully, these fat Black statues are fully dressed, but in a figurative sense, they aren't wearing any clothes. I'm like the little boy in the fairy tale who points that out to the clueless and/or frightened crowd. Just how brainwashed do you have to be to want to excessively celebrate the contributions of the loudest, most arrogant, and least educated members of your society? What next- a memorial to them destroying a Popeye's because they ran out of hot sauce? My observations are all based on reality, not propaganda. I don't want Black women treated unfairly. I just don't want them to be irrationally adored. Let's laud the guy working two jobs to make ends meet. The mother struggling to raise six kids on a shoestring budget. Not an arrogant narcissist in love with herself.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: I don't recognize this country anymore. We are building monuments to those who destroyed it and tearing down monuments to those who built it! I really have no desire to associate with these people any longer! And I came across this one – the most realistic of all (I understand that it is probably AI, but it makes the point and is all too true):



What Will Trump Find in the Middle East This Week?

By Ron Paul, MD

President Trump's return to the Middle East this week, the first since his first-term 2017 visit, will take place amidst great turmoil. It is a region that bears little resemblance to the Middle East of 2017 and it appears, at least from media reporting this past week, that the



Trump Administration has some understanding of this reality.

Syria has been over-run and is now controlled by the same al-Qaeda that the US government supposedly spent 20 years fighting in the "war on terror." Violence against religious and ethnic minorities has, predictably, exploded under the "rule" of a self-proclaimed Syrian president who until very recently was on the US "most wanted" terrorist list.

After the October 7, 2023, Hamas raid, Gaza has been reduced to rubble and turned into a humanitarian catastrophe. Tens of thousands of civilians have been killed and perhaps another million face starvation. US bombs and financial aid have facilitated the utter destruction of Gaza.

Iran has made peace with Saudi Arabia thanks to Chinese mediation and is deepening its ties with the Kingdom. Thus, the US has little leverage in talks with the two former enemies.

Israel is conducting military operations against several countries in the region simultaneously as the world increasingly condemns its aggression against its neighbors.

After tearing up the JCPOA nuclear deal with Iran in his first term, President Trump is pushing for a new deal with Iran while threatening to attack if negotiations do not produce the results he demands.

Massively increased US military action against the Houthis in Yemen starting in March did not result in their capitulation to US demands. Despite attempting to put the best spin on things, it is clear that the US retreated from the region in the face of a series of successful Yemeni actions in defense of their homeland.

Biden and then Trump launched attacks against Yemen on behalf of Israel, but in the end the US president wisely removed US military assets from the area and called off the bombing.

In short, President Trump will be wading into a minefield this week, but it is a peril that the US government has largely brought upon itself. Decades of US interventionism, from at least the 2003 Iraq war, have not produced the peaceful transformation of the region, as promised by the neocons and their mentor, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

From the unnecessary Iraq war – based on lies – to the destruction of Libya and Syria and countless other interventions, the Middle East is a basket case. And it turns out none of it actually helped Israel at all!

Having ignited the tinder box of the region with US backing, Israel has now found itself friendless in a region increasingly hostile to its policies and even its very existence. Now there are indications that the Trump Administration is tiring of this entangling alliance as the MAGA base looks more warily on foreign interventionism.

The lesson that President Trump should take with him is that to a large degree it has been US interventionism in the Middle East that has produced these poisoned fruits. His wise military disengagement from the Houthis in Yemen should serve as a US model for the region. Ties forged by trade and friendship produce peace and prosperity and are far preferable to endless neocon war cries.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Donald Trump is NOT a man of his word. He is not to be trusted. We should have ALREADY known this. The first several months of his current term in office has further established this. Don't hold your breath waiting for resolution, or even improvement.



Reflections on the Vietnam War

By Laurence M. Vance

On April 30, 1975, the city of Saigon fell to the North Vietnamese communists. A big military parade in front of hundreds of thousands of flagwaving Vietnamese was held last month in what is now called Ho Chi Minh City to mark the fall of Saigon 50 years ago. Many conservatives have been reflecting on this event. I don't



agree with what some of them are saying because they are apologists for the immoral, unnecessary, undeclared, senseless, criminal Vietnam War.

The Vietnam War officially ended in January of 1973 after the signing of the Paris Peace Accords. The agreement resulted in the withdrawal of all remaining military forces from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The civil war between North and South Vietnam quickly resumed, the North conquered the South, and the two countries were reunited on July 2, 1976.

The United States spent about \$140 billion (said to be \$1 trillion today) and lost over 58,200 men. Like U.S. military personnel who died in Iraq and Afghanistan, they all died in vain and for a lie. They died to get their name on a wall, so Vietnam could join the World Trade Organization and become a U.S. trading partner, so Vietnam could receive millions of dollars in U.S. foreign aid, so the United States could sell military supplies and weapons to Vietnam, and so hundreds of thousands of Americans could visit Vietnam every year as tourists.

The death toll of Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians is in the millions, many of them civilians. This is something we never hear about from conservative apologists for the Vietnam War. Instead, it is all about the hundreds of American POWs and MIAs who are unaccounted for.

I have written three articles in which I have expressed my opinion of the Vietnam War. The first is a review of John Marciano, *The American War in Vietnam: Crime or Commemoration?* (Monthly Review Press, 2016). The second is a review of Nick Turse, *Kill Anything That Moves: The Real American War in Vietnam* (Metropolitan Books, 2013). The third is an article titled "Should We Honor Vietnam Veterans?"

Here are some things that I said:

The Vietnam War was not a mistake, a blunder, a noble cause, or a painful chapter in American history; it was a crime that will forever be a blight on the United States.

The "daily fact of life throughout the years of the American presence in Vietnam" was murder; beatings; torture, including waterboarding and electric shock; rape, including gang rape; sodomy; forced displacement; home burnings; specious arrests; planting of weapons on dead civilians: imprisonment without due process; corpse mutilation; killing and raping of children; point-blank executions; mass killings; dehumanization and humiliation of civilians; repeated aerial bombing and artillery fire on rural populations; aerial spraying of defoliants that wiped out crops; slaughter of animals; using people for target practice; running down civilians with jeeps and trucks, including deliberately crushing people with armored vehicles; destruction of food supplies; sexual exploitation, abuse, violence, and slavery; forced drownings; prisoner abuse and executions; defecating in houses; taking body parts as trophies and souvenirs; mounting Vietnamese heads on poles; lashing corpses to U.S. vehicles; dropping corpses from helicopters.

I for one will never forget what Vietnam Veterans did – they traveled half way around the world to fight an unjust, immoral, and unnecessary war against people they didn't know who were no threat to them, their families, or the United States. The Vietnam War was a monstrous evil in every respect.

In reflecting on the Vietnam War, some conservatives are saying that the real problem with the war is that we lost, that we were not permitted to win, or that we could have won the war quickly and left.

So, even though the United States foolishly took sides in a civil war; unnecessarily sent its troops halfway around the world; wasted billions of dollars; senselessly sacrificed 58,000 of its young men; and killed millions of people, many of whom were civilians; the U.S. military should have dropped *more* bombs, shot *more* bullets, thrown *more* grenades, dropped *more* napalm, employed *more* attack helicopters, destroyed *more* buildings, and killed *more* people in a country that was no threat to us so that America could win a noble patriotic cause and have peace with honor.

Here is my reflection: Because the Vietnam War was from the very beginning immoral, unnecessary, undeclared, senseless, and criminal, every day that the United States was involved in the war was one day too many. The only honorable thing to do was to immediately stop fighting and get out—not after we "won" or developed some plan or met some objective.

Muhammad Ali may have been wrong about religion; he may have had several failed marriages, affairs, and

illegitimate children; and he may have underestimated Joe Frazier; but he was certainly right when he said: "I ain't got no quarrel with them Viet Cong." And neither did the United States.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: All too true reflections on amerika's immoral war in Vietnam.

Since its inception in 1913, [the Federal Reserve] has given us one Great Depression, a bunch of recessions and a currency worth maybe 1/20th of its 1913 value. The Fed is an inflation factory, stumbling and fumbling from one self-inflicted crisis after another.

Lawrence W. Reed



Only, I don't think they are "stumbling and fumbling". It is very deliberate and cynical. These are wicked people.

~ Pastor Wilson

Episcopal church ends partnership with feds to resettle refugees because now some are white

Organization refuses to be 'guided' by 'political vagaries'
By Bob Unruh

The Episcopal Migration Ministries, which took in \$53 million in tax funding to resettle 3,600 people in 2023 alone, is abandoning the next round of refugees, refusing to resettle them.



They are white.

The refugee branch of the church organization has worked for decades, on taxpayer funding, to settle refugees from various sources around the world.

But in a letter obtained by the *Gateway Pundit*, officials announced they are quitting.

"Just over two weeks ago, the federal government informed Episcopal Migration Ministries that under the terms of our federal grant, we are expected to resettle white Afrikaners from South Africa whom the U.S. government has classified as refugees," the organization informed the government.

"In light of our church's steadfast commitment to racial justice and reconciliation and our historic ties with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, we are not able to take this step. Accordingly, we have determined that, by the end of the federal fiscal year, we will conclude our refugee resettlement grant agreements with the U.S. federal government," it said.

The church group claimed, "As Christians, we must be guided not by political vagaries, but by the sure and certain knowledge that the kingdom of God is revealed to us in the struggles of those on the margins. Jesus tells us to care for the poor and vulnerable as we would care for him, and we must follow that command.

"Right now, what that means is ending our participation in the federal government's refugee resettlement program and investing our resources in serving migrants in other ways."

That means the organization will refuse further federal money, and refuse to assist the refugees who are white.

In an announcement posted online, Sean, W. Rowe, the church's presiding bishop, claimed that it was "painful" to see " one group of refugees, selected in a highly unusual manner, receive preferential treatment over many others who have been waiting in refugee camps or dangerous conditions."

The letter said for nearly 40 years the EMM "has put hands and feet to our church's commitment to seek and serve Christ in migrants and refugees."

Its past sources of refugees have included Ukraine, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Myanmar.

And the letter sought replacement cash for the "more than \$50 million" it has been getting annually in federal tax money.

"This is not a loss that can be bridged with donor funds or proceeds from investments. However, we will raise funds for new and expanded migration ministries across the church and for our partners in this ministry."

The Gateway Pundit report said the decision to end a program helping refugees was "all because the Trump administration dared to classify white South African Afrikaners as refugees in need of protection."

"The same Episcopal Church that prided itself on aiding persecuted people from war-torn regions is now walking away from its commitments simply because the next wave of refugees are white Christian farmers — victims of violent racial targeting in post-apartheid South Africa," the report said.

Helping this group, the church announced, would violate its "moral line."

Afrikaner families for years have faced deadly violence, arbitrary land seizures, a weaponized government and military, brutal attacks on them and their farms, and race-based discrimination.

The violence in South Africa is so bad, in fact, the crimes have prompted human rights organizations to raise an alarm.

It's not the first deep dive into politics for the church. The report explained it was Mariann Budde, of the Episcopal hierarchy, who famously criticized Trump during a politicized inaugural prayer service in Washington.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Well now, doesn't that make all you Episcopalians proud???? -- "Whites need not apply!" – What is wrong with you??????

How legacy media for years worked to suppress the fact Christians are being martyred

'They will use the acceptable buzzwords ... anything to obscure the religion of perpetrator and victim' By Bob Unruh



Only weeks ago, Fox News reported that as the genocide by Muslims against Christians in Nigeria was continuing, there was concern the nation's Christians "are being wiped out."



The report said the Islamists are intent "on creating a Muslim caliphate" and have been killing Christians wantonly for years already.

"Nigeria's Christians are being wiped out; we need to call it what it is — genocide," explained Jeff King of International Christian Concern.

In one slaughter just weeks ago, a Muslim attack on Christians in the Plateau State's Bokkos County left more than 60 Christians dead.

And 383 homes belonging to Christians were torched.

King said, "Families were burned alive, and kids were left homeless. It's gut-wrenching. The worst thing is that there's nothing truly 'special' about this attack. This has gone on for 20 years and has only expanded."

Then it was Christian News that confirmed that Muslim Fulani herdsmen still are killing Christians, with two deaths over the weekend and 10 other victims in recent weeks.

Among the most recent victims of the Muslim extremists was Tony Adejoh, village head of predominantly Christian Odugbeho community, and Jerry John.

"Both were working on their farms in the Otobi-Akpa when they were ambushed and killed by armed herdsmen," explained Marvis Ejeh, a member of the Agatu Local Government Council. Nigeria, in fact, remains among the most dangerous places on earth for Christians, according to Open Doors' 2025 World Watch List of the countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. Of the 4,476 Christians killed for their faith worldwide during the reporting period, 3,100 (69 percent) were in Nigeria, according to the WWL.

Why is the outrage level no higher for the indiscriminate slaughter of men, women and children who are Christian?

International Christian Concern suggests part of the reason is that media outlets have suppressed the identities of the perpetrators and victims of the atrocities.

"You would think it's hard to overlook the religious motivation of a massacre when the victims are all Christian and the massacre takes place on Christmas, Palm Sunday, or Easter," the organization reported. "But many people who work in media have proven themselves almost uncannily adept at avoiding the religious motivation behind such violence."

For example, the report said, "When more than 50 Nigerian Christians were murdered in one attack on Palm Sunday, April 13. France's leading newspaper, Le Monde, soon after ran an article mentioning that the attack took place on a Sunday, but neglected to mention that it was Palm Sunday. This factual detail would show a clear religious motivation. Is that why it was omitted?"

Then there was the attack on Christmas Day 2024.

Dozens of Nigerian Christians were slaughtered, as a follow up to Christmas 2023, when hundreds were killed and maimed.

"CNN ran an article on the subject, but did not mention Christmas or the religion of the victims," the report said.

Deutsche Welle, a German media conglomerate, noted the deaths of Christmas 2023, but "also failed to mention anything about Christmas or how the victims were Christians."

"The Guardian, a major U.K.-based media company, also ran an article on Dec. 25 but neglected to mention Christmas or the religion of the victims. Instead, the article mentioned 'competition for natural resources' aggravated by 'climate pressures' — also known as climate change or global warming."

And following a 2022 massacre in a church, "the local Catholic bishop remarked, '40 of my people were not killed because of global warming, but because they were Christians."

NPR covered the real issue by calling it a "pastoral conflict."

The report explained, "It might be worth pointing out that if basically all the violence is perpetrated by one side, then it's not so much a 'conflict' as it is an ongoing violation."

Frustrated by the media's deceptions, one Nigerian priest charged, "It's not a clash, it is a slow genocide."

And the BBC talked about the deaths, but blamed only "armed groups," without identifying the Muslim marauders or Christian victims.

The report noted, "Nigeria's current president, Bola Tinubu, is a Muslim, as is the current vice president, Kashim Shettima. The previous president, Muhammadu Buhari, is the son of a Fulani chieftain. This made him a rather unlikely candidate to crack down on persistent

Fulani violence that has reportedly become the most severe threat to Nigerian Christians.

For decades now, wealthy Fulanis have supplied their fellow militant tribesmen with AK-47 assault rifles and other weaponry. Many Nigerian Christians view this continued endeavor as part of an overall effort to expand Islamist rule across Nigeria."

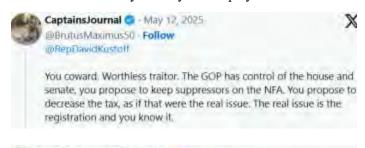
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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Slaughter of those who claim to be Christians is basically justified by the media. Arm yourself and be prepared to FIGHT BACK!

Representative David Kustoff is a Traitor and Gun Controller

By Herschel Smith

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Suppressors are hearing protection. They're as important as safety glasses or hard hats. But you want us to tell the FedGov about our firearms by registering suppressors. I cannot find words to express how repulsed I am at you.

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Herschel Smith writes The Captain's Journal and hails from Charlotte, N.C.

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Don't be stupid! Republicans are NOT your friends. They are not the friends of liberty. Including D.J. Trump. ESPECIALLY D.J. Trump!!!!!



Poll: 'No matter how much you hate the media, it's not enough!'

Results confirm Americans believe news bias is 'GETTING WORSE' By Bob Unruh

At a time in an age when legacy media corporations are uniformly pro-liberal, pro-abortion, pro-LGBT, pro-Democrat, it just got worse.

But this time, Americans are noticing.



The results of a new Rasmussen polling confirm that a plurality of voters, 44%, agree with the idea that it's not possible to hate the media "enough."

It is the Washington Examiner that was given the poll results.

It explained, "Forty-nine percent believe news bias is getting worse, while, by a margin of 44% to 29%, likely voters agree with the statement: 'No matter how much you hate the media, it's not enough."

"Younger voters, older people, Hispanics, Republicans, independents, and even Democrats cited pro-Democratic bias in agreeing that they just can't hate the media enough," the Examiner reported.

Actually, the report confirmed, "Bias in the media has been around forever, and political bias has exploded since President Donald Trump hit the presidential stage. Recent presidents have tried to fight it, but with little luck. Former President Barack Obama, for example, tried to skip over the media and use social media as his direct outreach to voters. Trump's team, which often criticizes the legacy liberal media, has moved to add center-right outlets to the White House press pool for balance."

Even so, consumers still believe, by large numbers, that the media still favors Democrats.

Democrats, by a 43% to 24% margin, agreed that media organizations favor their party over Republicans.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Just ignore them, hopefully they will go away.



Separate Yourself from the Madness

"Whether the discussion is over the debts of nations, the likelihood of war, or the increase in the loss of rights, the governments of much of the world are heading in a similar direction. . . . And that direction is not a positive one. . . . We should sit very far back from the rhetoric and ask ourselves, 'Is a solution even possible at this point, or have the powers-that—be gone past the point of no return?' . . . A country cannot reach solvency through increased debt. . . . Very soon, the façade of 'economic recovery' will come tumbling down, and they have no intention of allowing the populace to have



the basic freedom of removing them from power, once the veil has been removed from the lie that a solution is in the works. . . . Political leaders, whose hold over power is in danger, will always do whatever is necessary to retain that power. . . . Throughout history, political leaders have often used warfare as a distraction when a government has reached the tipping point economically. . . . A state of war is the single most effective tool in silencing dissent in any country. . . . If we are faced with the fact that much of the world is, once again, passing through the classic cycle of economic decline / removal of rights / distraction of war, we can either shut our eyes to that fact and hope for the best, or we can open our eyes and recognise that the one choice left to us is to try to step aside of coming events."

~ Jeff Thomas

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Do the best you can to separate yourself from the madness. Under no circumstances should you participate in it. Expect tyranny from the powers that be in a futile effort to maintain their rule. RESIST. DO NOT CONSENT!

"Most cops are overly aggressive and paranoid idiots. . . . This is also why I don't like cops touching another man's gun. The gun might be striker fired. It might be hammer fired. It might have a safety. It might not. It might be in half-cocked position. It might not be. It might have a round in the chamber. It might not. It might have a modified (light) trigger. It might not. It might have other modifications of which the cop is unaware. . . . Only a stupid department run by imbeciles would have a procedure where a cop touches and pulls another man's gun off of him for reasons of 'officer safety.' I cannot imagine something more unsafe."

~ Herschel Smith

"The Donald, of course, has promised a new Golden Age of Prosperity. But based on what the Trumpified GOP is now cooking up we are more likely to get a Fiscal Armageddon like never before."



~ David Stockman

State tries to make Christian camp coerce kids into anti-Christ faith

'The government can't force Americans to say things they don't believe'
By Bob Unruh



Twice already officials in the state of Colorado have gone to the Supreme Court in their misplaced campaign to control the thoughts, beliefs, and religious expression of individuals in the state.

Twice they've lost, getting scolded for exhibiting "hostility" to Christianity.

And a third case yet is pending before the high court.

Colorado taxpayers already have been stung for millions of dollars in the failed ideology imposed on them by leftist leaders – a Democrat governor, Democrat majorities in the state House and Senate and an all-Democrat state Supreme Court that at one point wildly tried, and failed, to grab control of the entire 2024 presidential election by barring President Donald Trump from the ballot.

But that's not enough damage, those state officials have decided.

It is the Colorado Department of Early Childhood that now has changed policies so that a longtime Christian youth camp is being ordered to promote the anti-Christ mindset of transgenderism.

In direct violation to its religious beliefs and constitutionally protected religious rights.

"The government has no place telling religious summer camps that it's 'lights out' for upholding their religious beliefs about human sexuality," said ADF lawyer Andrea Dill. "Camp IdRaHaJe exists to present the truth of the Gospel to children who are building character and lifelong memories. But the Colorado government is putting its dangerous agenda—that is losing popularity across the globe—ahead of its kids. We are urging the court to allow IdRaHaJe to operate as it has for over 75 years: as a

Christian summer camp that accepts all campers without fear of being punished for its beliefs."

The ADF announcement confirmed it has filed a lawsuit in federal court in Colorado on behalf of IdRaHaJe, which takes its name from the hymn, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

The state policy change would, in fact, force all licensed resident camps in the state to believe and teach the fiction that boys can be girls and girls can be boys.

Such transgender ideologies exploded under the promotions adopted by Joe Biden when he was in the White House.



The Biden White House hosted a Pride celebration

President Donald Trump simply decided that the position of the U.S. government is that there are two sexes, male and female, and they don't change back and forth.

For those who follow the science, such ideology in fact is a myth, as being male or female is embedded in the human body down to the DNA level.

The camp has operated in the Bailey, Colorado, area, southwest of Denver, since 1948.

It has maintained a resident camp license since 1995.

But leftists inside the power structure in the state recently amended their rules, "requiring children's camps to allow campers to access bathing, dressing, and sleeping facilities designated to the opposite sex."

Camp officials asked for an exemption and were refused.

They serve children ages six to 17 and offer off-site backpacking and camping trips, as well as activities at the camp itself. Each year some 2,500 to 3,000 students attend the camp, whose mission is to "win souls to Jesus Christ through the spreading of the Gospel."

The camp is open to all, and parents are asked to agree to camp policies when they register their children.

The state's most recent catastrophe at the U.S. Supreme Court involved web designer Lorie Smith of 303 Creative.

She designs wedding websites, and had been ordered by the state to promote same-sex duos in her work, in violation of her deeply held Christian faith.

The Supreme Court scolded the state for its agenda to violate the First Amendment in the case.

And a statement from ADF explained in that case, "The government can't force Americans to say things they don't believe, and Colorado officials have paid and will continue to pay a high price when they violate this foundational freedom.

"For the past 12 years, Colorado has targeted people of faith and forced them to express messages that violate their conscience and that advance the government's preferred ideology. First Amendment protections are nonnegotiable. Billions of people around the world believe that marriage is the union of one man and one woman and that men and women are biologically distinct. No

government has the right to silence individuals for expressing these ideas or to punish those who decline to express different views."

The state earlier was handed a Supreme Court scolding over its "hostility" to Christians when the justices decided the fight in favor of baker Jack Phillips, who also had been ordered by the state to promote same-sex weddings and such.

He, too, had declined to participate in the state's leftist beliefs and ideology because doing so would violate his Christian faith.

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: If this is what Colorado wants, then fine, but we must separate ourselves from them in any political union. ONLY SECESSION WORKS!!! Goodbye, Colorado! Goodbye U.S.A.! We will make our own way -- thank you very much!!! I'm beyond caring what these depraved idiots do. I just refuse to hold hands with them. Let us shake the dust off our feet.

Do You Believe the Media, or Do You Believe Trump? You Better NOT Believe Either!

"There is no indication that China is going to resume trade with the US unless Trump caves in and removes the tariffs. So, what Trump must do now is throw in the towel to China and then claim 'victory' for creating the invaluable "trade consultation mechanism". He must snooker his backers into believing that his capitulation is actually a solid 'win' for Team USA.... The irony of these developments is that the Communists are acting like Capitalists while the Capitalists (Trump and Co) are acting like goofballs.... China is still trading, thriving and growing while US ports on the West Coast have turned into Ghost-towns and retail merchants are planning for a dismal future of higher prices and empty shelves. Isn't it time to make an honest accounting and try to stop the bleeding before the patient dies?... China holds the cards over Trump.... Trump's claims of 'great progress' and a 'total reset' with China are going to be exposed as 'wishful thinking' at best and a deliberate fabrication at worst. The days when the United States could beat China in a trade war are over, and the sooner we get used to it, the better."

~ Mike Whitney

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Never believe the media. You better not believe Donald J. Trump either. Unfortunately, his faithful disciples will blindly and obediently follow him into the very pit of hell.

The new high school superstars

'There is such a shortage in the skilled trades that employers are recruiting kids who haven't even graduated' By Patrice Lewis

If you could graduate from high school and – right off the bat – get a job that was guaranteed to pay anywhere from \$70,000 to \$100,000 per year, would you skip college?

This is not hyperbole. This is the question many young people are asking themselves as they approach the end of their compulsory education and contemplate their future.

In the culture of high school, certain groups of students have always shone as superstars. It might be the athletes. It might be the cheerleaders. It might be the computer nerds. It might be the science brains.

But in the last few years, one group of previously overlooked students has stepped into the limelight. In fact, despite achieving what some might view as academic mediocrity, these students have become the new high-school superstars, courted by numerous employers jostling for the privilege of hiring them at jaw-dropping wages.

I refer to kids who are learning skilled trades such as welding, carpentry, construction, roofing, plumbing, electrical wiring and other specialties. Suddenly, these students are in extraordinarily high demand.

Consider 17-year-old Elijah Rios, a high-school junior from an inner-city neighborhood in Philadelphia rife with homelessness and drug addiction. He's been taking welding classes at his high school and now, a full year before graduation, he's been offered a future position as a fabricator at a local equipment maker for nuclear, recycling and other sectors with a starting salary of \$70,000. "Sometimes it's a little overwhelming – like, this company wants you, that company wants you," he says. "It honestly feels like I'm an athlete getting all this attention from all these pro teams."

There is such a shortage in the skilled trades that employers are recruiting kids who haven't even graduated yet, making tempting offers of solid work and – especially for teens – astounding salaries.

For decades, even generations, high schoolers were prompted to go to college no matter what. A college degree was supposed to be the golden key to success, the ultimate status symbol, and the path to financial freedom. For many students – notably those studying STEM subjects – this prediction came true. Meanwhile the trades were looked down upon, derided, even mocked as lowly and unworthy. As a result, a massive imbalance opened up between the demand for the skilled trades and the number of young people entering those fields.

But more and more college students – particularly those studying anything in the liberal arts – have discovered their degrees did little but put them in massive student loan debt and few job prospects beyond the proverbial Starbucks barista. Their crippling debt prevents them from achieving the normal milestones of adulthood, including marriage and raising children.



"For years, would-be higher-education reformers have warned that America's higher education crisis – soaring tuition, crippling student debt, and weak learning – was rooted ina dangerous myth: Every high school graduate should go to college," notes this article. "In 2025, the proof is glaring. Public confidencein colleges has crashed to 36%, down from 57% in 2015. The college-for-all dream,

though well-intentioned, has inflated costs, buried millions in debt, and watered down education. Built on sand, its reputation is collapsing before us. ... Adding academic insult to financial injury, too many universities have abandoned the quest for wisdom, focusing instead on political activism."

Even left-leaning Forbes acknowledges the issue: "One major catalyst for the labor shortage in this sector is the perception that in order to be successful in America, you must pursue a college degree. This has led to a deemphasis on vocational trade education and a lack of respect for blue-collar jobs. ... 59% of skilled tradespeople felt influenced to attend a four-year college, due to family or societal pressure, while 89% of the survey respondents believe that kids are wrongfully taught that receiving a bachelor's or master's degree is the only path to success."

We still hear all the talking points about how those with college degrees will (eventually) out-earn their skilled-trade peers, but how long will that take? Five years after graduating high school, Elijah Rios will have earned about \$350,000 and developed a certain level of seniority. Five years after graduating high school, many college grads

(particularly those NOT majoring STEM subjects) will OWE about that much and are starting at the beginning of their career trajectories. Tell me which is the better route for lifelong success? (As an added benefit, Mr. Rios is highly unlikely to fall into drugs or crime, as so many in his neighborhood have done.)

Buyer's remorse is high among college grads. "New research from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York finds college 'may not be worth it' for about a quarter of college graduates," notes this article. Additionally, about 51% of Gen Z views their college degrees as a waste of money. That is a staggering statistic.

In addition to on-the-job training, trade schools are doing a brisk business training both men and women on the finer points of roofing, wiring, welding, plumbing, masonry, general construction and other critical skills. Often the cost of these schools is subsidized by employers desperate to hire the graduates.

Additionally, many skilled tradespeople have better negotiating powers. "Everybody needs welders, so if a company isn't treating me how I feel like I should be treated, whether that be pay or anything, I can leave," says one young man. "Whereas some of my buddies with engineering degrees, they don't necessarily have that power."

Nor is there much "buyer's remorse" for those entering the skilled trades. A survey reveals a staggering 94% of respondents indicated that they would encourage their children or family members to enter the skilled trades, and shows similarly high levels of job satisfaction, financial security, career growth opportunities, earning potential, and upskilling and technological advancement.

"It's going to be quite a shock to the system if the virtues of honest blue-collar labor are once again celebrated instead of reviled and mocked," notes Beege Welborn in a piece called "Getting Your Hands Dirty Getting Attractive for Gen Z." "Rebalancing that would be a pretty neat thing."

Personally, I find it highly exciting that younger generations - raised with high-tech gadgets and encouraged to study white-collar subjects – are discovering the joys of working with their hands. The Wall Street Journal has christened Gen Z the "Tool Belt Generation." How cool is that?

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Pastor Wilson's Comment: College is a huge scam. I finished it only because I would be commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps upon completion (another huge scam); and after resigning my commission, eight years later, I eventually received a Master of Divinity from a cemetery - I mean seminary (yet another huge scam). I guess I wasn't real smart in past years, but I do hope that I've learned a little bit - virtually NONE of it from "formal" education. Educate yourself! Educate your own children!! Learn a trade!!!

India and Pakistan: Between Lies, War, and Dysfunction

"None of the citizens of these wretched, godforsaken countries will realize that their true enemy is not the other side, but their own governments and security forces. Despite being Islamic and supposedly non-idolatrous, Pakistan has, in the past, deified its army—or, more recently, figures like Imran Khan. Now, they are returning to worshiping their army once again. The Indian subcontinent will continue to simmer with hatred, destruction, a lack of trust, growing tyranny, emergency laws, heightened border tensions, and increased hostility towards minorities, gradually but inexorably pushing them toward

their chaotic pre-British past."

~ Jayant Bhandari

Pastor Wilson's Comment: amerika should maintain its distance from the conflict between India and Pakistan. There are no "good guys." We have no friends. BUT empires always rush in where angels fear to tread! Thanks, Donald!!!

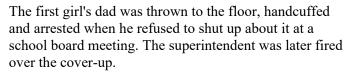
Democrats can't seem to give up the transgender madness

'Loudoun County officials once again have indulged their inner fascist'
By Robert Knight



You may have heard by now that school officials in Loudoun County, Virginia, are at it again.

In May 2021, they covered up a girl's rape in a high school restroom by a boy wearing a skirt, and sent him to another high school, where he assaulted another girl.



Unfazed, the Democrat-dominated school board weeks later enacted a policy allowing students to use the restroom matching their claimed gender identity.

Loudoun school officials also suspended an elementary school teacher in May 2021 for refusing to use misleading pronouns. He sued and was reinstated after the state Supreme Court upheld a lower court injunction and a settlement.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which some call the devil's law firm, had filed a brief urging that the teacher, a Christian, be drawn and quartered. Well, OK, suspended.

This stuff helped launch a burgeoning parents' rights movement that is still picking up steam.

However, Loudoun officials once again have indulged their inner fascist.

The school system launched a Title IX probe of three boys who had merely asked what a female was doing in their high school locker room. The girl used her phone to record the incident and reported it, triggering the investigation – not of her, but of the boys.

The parents naturally are outraged and worried that even if their boys are exonerated, they'll have a disciplinary record for no good reason that could follow them.

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, a Republican, and Attorney General Jason Miyares, also a Republican, have launched an inquiry into the school system's actions. "The victims of this violation are the ones being investigated – this is beyond belief," Mr. Youngkin said.

Meanwhile, former state Rep. Elizabeth Guzman, a Northern Virginia Democrat, is trying to flip the only GOP state House seat in Prince William County. Why does this matter?

Because Ms. Guzman is a charter member of the kidnapping lobby. In 2020, she introduced a bill that would have expanded the state's definition of child abuse and neglect to include parents who won't affirm their child's gender identity or sexual orientation.

This would have given the state the power to remove children from any household that refused to support a child's decision to identify as transgender or gay.

Even King George III, whose heavy-handed ways triggered the American Revolution, never dreamed of going this far.

The bill died in committee, and another version went nowhere in 2022, as her fellow Democrats backed away.

If the GOP in Prince William County, which has a sizable, family-friendly Hispanic population, does not exploit Ms. Guzman's zeal to take away their kids, the party should be charged with political malpractice.

Parents losing their children by refusing to go along with gender dysphoria is not merely theoretical.

In 2022, a Prince Georges County, Maryland, couple lost custody of their 16-year-old autistic son after refusing to affirm him as a transgender girl during a stay at Children's National Hospital.

The couple, who are black and Christian, tell their story in the Daily Caller's new documentary, "Separated: When The State Takes Your Kids." The series also highlights two other couples who "paid an awful price for refusing to participate in left-wing gender madness."

Meanwhile, in once-sane Colorado, state lawmakers this past week approved a Democratic-sponsored bill advancing "transgender children's rights" in public and charter schools.

One provision allows judges to take away custody if parents refuse to affirm a child's sexual identity. Another section orders school officials to use a child's chosen name and to allow "any of the options provided in the dress code." In other words, it's pretend time, or else.

It's not just Colorado. In jurisdictions all over America run by Democrats, the madness persists.

But hold on kids, the cavalry is coming.

The United Kingdom, Finland, Sweden, Hungary and other European countries have put the brakes on the push to turn kids into the opposite sex. And the U.K.'s highest court just ruled that the words "woman" and "sex" refer to a biological woman and biological sex.

On May 1, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a 409-page report, "Treatment for Pediatric Gender Dysphoria: Review of Evidence and Best Practices," which shows that so-called "gender-affirming care" is not supported by the science.

It highlights multiple risks from "irreversible endocrine [puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones] and surgical interventions on minors with no physical pathology," and notes that "even modern medicine is vulnerable to serious error."

It also examines the "re-emergence of psychotherapy [talk counseling] as the primary treatment for this patient population in Europe."

In addition, U.S. Education Secretary Linda McMahon has made it clear that if states ignore President Trump's executive orders barring males from female facilities and sports, it could cost school districts millions of federal grant dollars.

A federal statutory remedy is also needed since a future Democratic administration could easily reverse the Trump administration's common-sense policies. In fact, that's a given, especially if someone like fanatically pro-LGBTQ billionaire Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker gets elected.

The current Republican-run Congress, at the least, needs to enact legislation that creates federal criminal penalties for quacks who remove healthy body parts of minors.

After all, kidnapping is a federal crime. This is arguably worse.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: BEWARE!! We are still surrounded by sodomites, perverts, deprayed, and the mentally ill. Take appropriate measures – BUT begin by getting your kids out of the government's schools!!!!!!

Is Trump's Budget Just Another Big Gov't Blueprint? --

"For all its fiery declarations, the budget fails to truly confront the drivers of our fiscal crisis. . . . In some respects, the budget enshrines Biden-era spending. . . . If 'peace through strength' means blank checks for defense contractors and redundant weapons systems, we need to rethink our definition of strength. . . . The administration promises a more complete plan later to show where the savings would be found, but we've heard that



before... The math is straightforward. Without serious entitlement reform, no discretionary spending cuts can avert a debt crisis... The bipartisan failure to govern responsibly isn't just a policy lapse; it's a moral one... At best, it maintains a flawed status quo... We don't need more of the same; we need evidence of a serious turnaround. Until that happens, we have little choice but to assume that Trump's budget is another big-government blueprint in small-government clothing."

~ Veronique de Rugy

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: As always, the budget being debated in Congress is nothing more than smoke and mirrors, and offers no real change or relief. Don't be fooled, these politicians are NOT serious! I actually believe that things are actually much worse than depicted in this article.

Trump's Legacy

"Through his routine disregard for due process, free speech, separation of powers, and the rule of law, President Trump has become a walking civics lesson. . . . Ironically, this might be Trump's greatest legacy: forcing Americans to learn what the Constitution actually says—by violating it. . . . Unfortunately, Trump himself remains constitutionally illiterate. . . . When asked if he needs to uphold the Constitution of the United States as



president, Trump replied, 'I don't know.'... To be clear, Donald Trump is not the first president to stretch, sidestep, or outright violate constitutional limits—Democrats and Republicans alike have done so. But Trump is singular in the sheer scope, frequency, and brazenness with which he has stress-tested every clause, amendment, and founding principle of the U.S. Constitution... His presidency has become a full-frontal assault on the rule of law."

~ John Whitehead

<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: I think that Ape Lincoln is still surpassed Trump in his disregard for the Constitution, but Trump still has over three years left in this term, may God have mercy upon us!

The 'Indispensable Nation'

"Over the years, there has been a continuous chorus from the leading elites supporting the false narrative that the United States is doing good around the world—the myth of the 'indispensable nation'. . . . Americans are now beginning to grasp the fact that most of what we have been told about American foreign policy is materially not true, and that this policy is not benevolent. . . . How is this generosity? Where is the benevolence? The beneficiaries are special interest groups and military contractors. Certainly not the suffering citizens of the debilitated countries, nor the average Americans saddled with trillions of dollars of ever-increasing war debt.



None of these countries are functioning democracies as promised. None of the interventions turned out as promised. As usual, the result is death and destruction. . . . Our leaders talk about credibility and honor. The rest of the world sees a heartless bully that breaks its agreements and spreads devastation and suffering. We as a nation have allowed ourselves to be fooled. . . . This is not what our country should be. It is not what our founders intended. It is not what we should support."

~ George D. O'Neill Jr.

Democracy Is the Problem

Americans have forgotten what their government is supposed to do
- and it isn't to enforce any "will of the people"

By Tom Mullen

A Wisconsin judge has been arrested for allegedly helping an illegal alien evade immigration authorities. The case has added gasoline to the fire blazing in the wake of several recent court rulings against the Trump administration's use of the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 to deport illegal aliens more expeditiously than customary due process procedures would allow.



The administration argues the judiciary is deliberately obstructing its attempt to execute the clear will of the people, expressed in the last election, to reverse the trend of mass illegal immigration into the United States. Its opponents argue the administration is violating established law and basic constitutional protections of individual rights, especially the Fifth Amendment guarantee that no one shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

Both sides accuse the other of being "a threat to our democracy." This has been a mantra repeated about political opponents for many years now, by everyone from Nancy Pelosi to Tucker Carlson. Carlson railed against suppression of free speech as incompatible with "a democracy." Democrats wailed that we must "save our democracy" from their Hitler-cartoon version of President Trump, even after he'd left office.

But to paraphrase a popular 20th century president, democracy is not the solution to our problems. Democracy *is* the problem.

If Americans should have learned one thing, it is to be suspicious of anything the media repeat over and over, through every medium. And what they've heard night and day for the past decade, from conservative and liberal media alike, is some form of the message "democracy is in danger." They've heard it so much that they've forgotten what it is they should be desperate to protect. And it isn't democracy.

Before the progressive era, the American political system was generally referred to as "republican" rather than "democratic." This may seem purely semantic and to some extent it would be if the Constitution merely described a simple republic. In that case, representatives would be elected by popular vote and would generally be expected to do what those who elected them want them to do.

But the Constitution isn't even that democratic. Once elected, the representatives are not permitted to do anything the people who elected them want. They are limited to a short list of powers they are authorized to exercise, regardless of the supposed "will of the people."

To make doubly sure they do not go astray, the first ten amendments to the Constitution specify certain rights the government is especially prohibited from violating, again whether a majority of Americans seems to want it to or not.

The enumerated powers, the separation of powers among branches of the federal government and between the federal and state governments, the bicameral legislature, the Bill of Rights – they are all there to thwart the power of the majority, in other words, *to protect us from democracy*.

Thus, it seems odd that every politician, every media pundit, and even most citizens refer to the government the Constitution describes as "a democracy." Certainly, it has democratic elements, particularly the election of legislators (originally only the House was elected democratically by the people). But most of the Constitution is dedicated to restraining the will of the majority.

This is more than an academic point. It speaks to a fundamental question that most Americans would answer incorrectly: what is the purpose of the government?

Those who have internalized the idea the American political system is "a democracy" would probably say its purpose was to do "the will of the people" or some such rot. And who can blame them? That's all any American has heard for most of his or her life. But that's incorrect.

Both of our founding documents say explicitly what the purpose of the government is and it's not to do any supposed will of the people. Jefferson was more succinct in the Declaration of Independence. "To secure these rights governments are instituted among men," the rights being those inalienable rights previously referred to, which include but are not limited to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

These rights belong to individuals, not the people as a whole. Jefferson was in this passage "channeling" John Locke, whom he often referred to as one of the three greatest men who ever lived and whose Second Treatise of Government Jefferson specifically cited as essential to

understanding "the general principles of liberty and the rights of man in nature and in society."

Based upon this clear statement of purpose, all of the antidemocratic elements in the Constitution make much more sense. Majority vote generally determines *who* will run the government but not *what* the government does. The latter is set in stone and only alterable by a deliberately cumbersome amendment process. What the government is intended to do is secure the rights of each individual it governs.

And as the essay Jefferson cites makes clear, all of these rights are ultimately property rights. They derive from the foundational right of self ownership and as Locke put it, the purpose of the government is "the mutual preservation of their lives, liberties and estates, which I call by the general name, property. The great and chief end, therefore, of men's uniting into commonwealths, and putting themselves under government, is the preservation of their property."

Much ensuing confusion could have been avoided had the founders stuck with this elegant concept of property rather than breaking it up into myriad, mostly unenumerated rights. There would be no question of any "right to healthcare" if Americans understood they have a right to what they own and nothing more.

One might argue that James Madison expanded the purpose of the government in his preamble to the Constitution, perhaps because he was a Federalist frustrated by the results of the constitutional convention. However, an examination of the preamble indicates it describes the same purpose for government as the Declaration.

"To form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity" are all simply the means securing of individual rights.

Many proponents of an expanded role for government point to the words "general welfare" as containing this expansion. But they don't.

We know this because the man who wrote them said they don't. "General welfare" is merely the state in which the rights of every individual are protected equally. It certainly can't describe a state in which the welfare of some people, including a majority of the people, is improved at the expense of others. In that case the welfare would no longer be "general."

Former President Barack Obama famously said, "elections have consequences," sentiment conservatives generally agree with even if they don't agree with Obama on much

else. But they're wrong. Elections aren't supposed to have consequences, at least not the kind both Obama and Trump voters believe they should have.

Again, elections aren't supposed to determine *what* the government does. They only determine *who* does them. What the government is supposed to do is secure the rights of each individual. Period.

This misunderstanding has been reinforced by all sorts of false dichotomies presented to the American public over the past century. During the Cold War, the national security state mobilized against communism and did its best to regiment the public likewise. Now, communism is an economic system and it's antithesis would be capitalism, or whatever alternative word one prefers for a laissez faire free market.

But that's not the dichotomy Americans were presented with. The national security state presented it as a conflict between communism and democracy. Why? Because most of the cold warriors were socialists themselves and weren't interested in free markets, laissez faire or otherwise. So they presented the conflict as between authoritarianism and majority rule. But that doesn't really work.

There is no fundamental conflict between democracy and communism or democracy and authoritarianism. The Constitution recognizes the capacity for democratic rule to be authoritarian, which is the whole reason for the "checks and balances" and Bill of Rights. And the only economic system compatible with the Constitution, in its purpose and limits on power, is a laissez faire free market.

More recently, during the Biden administration, when critics of Covid mandates or other government overreach were being censored, conservative pundits like Carlson constantly repeated words to the effect "you can't have a democracy without free speech."

Again, this is a false dichotomy. Free speech is not an element of democracy. The First Amendment explicitly says free speech shall be protected *from the democratically elected Congress*. It recognizes democracy is a direct threat to free speech. Free speech, like all the rights in the first ten amendments, is an individual right the Constitution seeks to protect, regardless of the will of the majority.

The latest false dichotomy is between Trump and democracy. The political and media narrative is that Trump is a dictator who poses a threat to "our democracy," which can only survive if his authoritarian impulses are successfully resisted. His verbal attacks on the judiciary and alleged flouting of due process rights is presented as examples of the threat to democracy he represents.

But the judiciary has nothing to do with democracy. The judicial branch was designed with judges *appointed* for life as a check on democracy. The Fifth Amendment was similarly written to ensure the democratically elected president does not violate the individual rights of accused people, regardless of the wishes of the mob.

In fact, if any "will of the majority" can ever truly be gleaned from an election, it is that a clear majority wants Trump to curtail illegal immigration. He is arguing from that position, using all the spurious arguments of the past century, including that the president is the only official of the government "elected by the whole people," a concept Teddy Roosevelt popularized, on the premise that the purpose of the government was to do the will of the majority, rather than protect the rights of individuals.

The progressives are hoisted on their own petard in some respects on this point. But to make matters even more confusing, curbing illegal immigration under current conditions, in which taxpayers are forced to subsidize them in the short term and live under whatever government they create with their or their descendants' votes in the future, does protect the rights of individuals.

Had the original American system been left intact, its purpose to protect individual rights and its powers limit thusly, it wouldn't really matter who chose to enter the country or whom they may vote for. But the systematic destruction of those limits on government power, all of which was done in the name of the government more effectively "doing the will of the people" rather than protecting the rights of individuals, had led to a situation where every new person who enters the country for more than a brief visit, legally or illegally, represents a threat to our rights.

Democracy is the problem.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: Democracy is a wolf in sheep's clothing. The framers were leery of such a thing. You should be as well. BEWARE DEMOCRACY – it is a thief and a tyrant! Let us strive instead for LIBERTY!



US House Approves MEGOBARI Act to Pursue in Georgia More Ukraine-style Intervention and Conflict with Russia

By Adam Dick

We have seen this play out before, the United States government relentlessly acting to control the government in a former Soviet Union republic bordering Russia and then proceeding to support that government in war against Russia. That course of action has led to devastation in Ukraine.



including the deaths of hundreds of thousands of individuals, in a US proxy war against Russia. Through Monday approval in the United States House of Representatives of the Mobilizing and Enhancing Georgia's Options for Building Accountability, Resilience, and Independence Act (MEGOBARI Act) by a vote of 349 to 42, the House took a big step toward a replay of this disaster in Georgia.

The MEGOBARI Act (HR 36) is overflowing with repetition of the type of justifications that were brought out in support of the US government's disastrous intervention in Ukraine. "[T]he consolidation of democracy in Georgia is critical for regional stability and United States national interests," proclaims the bill before declaring it is "the policy of the United States" to "support the constitutionally stated aspirations of Georgia to become a member of the European Union and NATO," to "continue supporting the capacity of the Government of Georgia to protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity from further Russian aggression or encroachment within its internationally recognized borders," and to ensure several other listed developments occur in Georgia that would increase the nation's connection to the US and European Union (EU) while creating antagonism between Georgia and Russia. US policy is also listed as including "to combat Russian aggression, including through sanctions on trade with Russia and the implementation and enforcement of worldwide sanctions on Russia." Even included, as happened before with Ukraine, is a demand for reduced trade ties between Georgia and Russia.

The statement of US policy in the bill further includes a recounting of USAID-style manipulation of a foreign government, depicted as democracy promotion, that has been well exposed in the last few months through the efforts of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). For example, the MEGOBARI Act declares it is US policy "to continue supporting the ongoing development of democratic values in Georgia, including free and fair elections, freedom of association, an independent and accountable judiciary, an independent

media, public-sector transparency and accountability, the rule of law, countering malign influence, and anti-corruption efforts and to impose swift consequences on individuals who are directly responsible for leading or have directly and knowingly engaged in leading actions of policies that significantly undermine those standards." That may sound nice — though seriously buttinski — out of context (as is its propaganda intent). But, this is standard US regime changer language for "the US has decided to run the show in your country."

Right after declaring it is US policy for the US to impose its will on Georgia and harm Russia, the bill moves on to mandating the delivery to congressional committees of a specially prepared classified report "examining the penetration of Russian intelligence elements and their assets in Georgia, that includes an annex examining Chinese influence and the potential intersection of Russian-Chinese cooperation in Georgia." Got to keep track of the competition. But, really, the main purpose is probably to help the politicians and their media supporters justify the continuing ramping up of intervention in Georgia and antagonism toward Russia and China. The classified information, it will be asserted, shows the "bad guys" are doing such dastardly things in Georgia that would really shock the American people if the details didn't just have to be kept secret. This will support intervention in Georgia and the fearmongering behind the US government's resurrected cold war.

Beyond stating US policy supporting exercise of control over Georgia, opposition to Russia and China, and, potentially, war, the MEGOBARI Act calls for the creation of a five-year plan by that old regime change pro USAID — still alive and well — in coordination with other unnamed US government departments. That plan would be purposed to turn into action the stated interventionist US policy.

The bill also calls on President Trump to start slinging the go-to interventionist weapon of sanctions against Georgians from Parliament members to government and political party officials who Trump determines "knowingly engaged in significant acts of corruption, or acts of violence or intimidation in relation to the blocking of Euro-Atlantic integration in Georgia." Their family members can also be sanctioned. You can ignore the fluff about "corruption" and "violence or intimidation." That is not what the US is interested in stopping. Otherwise, the remainder of the sentence describing who should be sanctioned would not have been included. The US via these sanctions will be acting to advance "Euro-Atlantic

integration." Oppose that in Georgia and the "corruption" or "violence or intimidation" determination regarding you can be expected to be tagged on as justification for sanctions. This fits right in with the US routinely failing to condemn terrorism and human rights abuses by people, organizations, and governments acting in line with US foreign policy.

The MEGOBARI Act also gives the president an additional broad sanctions direction that he "determine whether there are foreign persons who, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, have engaged in significant corruption in Georgia or acts that are intended to undermine the peace, security, stability, sovereignty, or territorial integrity of Georgia for the purposes of potential imposition of sanctions pursuant to powers granted to the President under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)." Rest assured, though, efforts to "undermine the peace, security, stability, sovereignty, or territorial integrity of Georgia" will be judged A-OK as long as those efforts are US supported.

Near the end of the bill comes the language that gives away what is seen as a likely outcome of the intervention the bill puts in place: war with Russia. The president, the bill states, "in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, should maintain, and as appropriate, expand military cooperation with Georgia, including by providing further security and defense equipment ideally suited for territorial defense against Russian aggression and related training, maintenance, and operations support elements."

House members who voted for the MEGOBARI Act are setting up expanded intervention in Georgia that follows the Ukraine model. Even preparation for another proxy war against Russia is included in the process the bill sets up.

The MEGOBARI Act is not the beginning of US intervention in Georgia. That has been ongoing for many years. But, the bill is a significant step forward. The timing of the bill's approval is also important. Even as President Donald Trump talks of ending the Ukraine War and removing sanctions on Russia as part of a peace deal, the MEGOBARI Act signals that the US is preparing for a replay of the entire catastrophic policy of intervention in another former Soviet republic on Russia's border.

A Monday press release issued by MEGOBARI Act megasupporters Reps. Steve Cohen (D-TN), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Richard Hudson (R-NC) and Marc Veasey (D-TX) upon House approval of the bill, states the MEGOBARI Act "is fully negotiated between House and Senate, Democrat and Republican leaders and is expected to move quickly." Those Republican and Democratic leaders make a fuss about their disagreements on some things. But, when it comes to major interventions abroad, they tend to be fully supportive.

The press release goes on to note in its next sentence that "MEGOBARI means 'friend' in Georgian." People in Georgia would do well to look at how the Ukraine and US governments being "friends" has worked out for Ukrainians.

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: One thing we learn from amerika's disastrous foreign adventurism is that amerika NEVER learns!! Yankees simply CANNOT mind their own business! And we will all pay for it!!! The amerikan empire is alive and well and continuing its evil endeavors.

"Since World War II, U.S. foreign policy has increasingly neglected diplomacy and instead relied on U.S. aircraft carrier power projection—that is, 'Do what we tell you to do or we'll bomb you.'... During the presidency of George W. Bush, this policy was intensified to 'Do what we tell you to do or we will bomb you and then overthrow your regime and replace you with an American-compliant regime.'... That U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East for the last twenty-two years has achieved nothing but death, destruction, instability, and mass migration to Europe I



nothing but death, destruction, instability, and mass migration to Europe has not dissuaded Washington's foreign policy establishment to change tack."

~ John Leake

Teacher quits profession after viral rant on how AI is 'ruining' education

After three years teaching, former teacher claims students lack motivation when AI tools can do the work for them

By Kristine Parks

A former high school English teacher went viral this week after posting a candid video on social media announcing she was quitting the teaching profession because of how technology was "ruining" education.

In her video, which reached over 1 million views on TikTok, Hannah explained how AI tools have made teaching more difficult because students rely on technology to do the work for them and are unmotivated to put in effort themselves.

She said that kids do not know how to read because of read-aloud tools, and have short attention spans because of the "high stimulation" of social media.

"They want to use [technology] for entertainment. They don't want to use it for education," she said in a TikTok video which reached over 1 million views.



Hannah, a teacher who announced she was quitting teaching after this week, spoke to Fox & Friends

Hannah told "Fox & Friends" on Wednesday that she recently left the teaching profession after three years because of her frustrations with students' learning being stalled because of their dependence on technology.

"I think AI can be in a classroom in a very effective way if we teach children in the older grades how to use it properly. But if we're allowing them this unlimited access in the classroom to use AI, they're not going to do the work themselves," she told "Fox & Friends."

She explained how students would turn in essays written by ChatGPT and when she confronted them about it, they would tell her they'd rather get a failing grade on the assignment rather than write an essay on their own.

Hannah emphasized that she had plenty of "very motivated and bright students" and she doesn't put the blame on the kids for these problems. But she thinks this technology is doing more harm than good when not used properly.

She is advocating for radical changes in order to help students be better prepared to succeed.

"I think we need to cut off technology from these kids probably until they go to college. Call me old-fashioned, but I just want you to look at the test scores. Look at the literacy rates. Look at the statistics. From when students didn't use technology... to now," she said in her original TikTok, which she has since made private.

At least eight states have enacted measures banning or restricting students' use of cellphones in schools over the past two years, the Associated Press reported in January, with several others currently considering restrictions.

Both Republican and Democratic governors have signed cell phone bans into law, including Alabama and Missouri's governors this week.

"Smart phones have beneficial roles when used in proper settings. However, these often-disruptive devices have no place in our classrooms during the school day except for educational purposes or during an emergency," Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said while signing the ban on Wednesday. "The FOCUS Act will enable students to 'focus' on learning while in school rather than on their phones."

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<u>Pastor Wilson's Comment</u>: I don't think we can put this genie back in the bottle. amerikan government education was always dangerous, now it is doomed!!! Get your kids out – NOW!!!

Michael Snyder asks: "Who Is Going To Use Nuclear Weapons First?" - BUT amerika ALREADY holds that distinction, does it not? Folks tend to overlook the bombs that Truman dropped on two civilian population centers -- Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. The real question is, who will be next?:

"Yes, it is entirely possible that a nuclear war could erupt between India and Pakistan. But will someone else use nuclear weapons first? . . . Once one nation breaks the taboo on using nuclear weapons, it will be much easier for other nations to follow suit."

~ Michael Snyder

"The only parts of American, German, British, French, and Italian industry that are booming right now, are their armaments manufacturers — the companies that sell far more to governments than to consumers, and that therefore boom while the economy busts. . . . While America's billionaires are intent upon increasing their armaments-profits from a war-buildup against China, Europe's billionaires are intent upon increasing their armamentsprofits from a war-buildup against China. And on both sides of the Atlantic, the poor will suffer the most, and only the billionaires will profit the most, from the neoliberal-neoconservative (or libertarian and imperialistic) policies of these 'democracies' that actually aren't. They are so corrupt, they are aristocracies. All electoral democracies ultimately degenerate into such dictatorships. And now it is accelerating."

~ Eric Zuesse

Amerika Just Need to Mind Its Own Business!

Trump is about to be placed into this dilemma due to his unwillingness or inability to coerce Ukraine into Russia's demanded concessions. It would be better for him to make a clean break from this conflict in that case than to escalate US involvement, but the minerals deal and subsequent weapons packages suggest that he's more likely to double down. He'd then ruin his desired legacy as a peacemaker, however, and undermine his planned 'Pivot (back) to Asia' for more muscularly containing China.



~ Andrew Korybko

Pastor Wilson's Comment: Make no mistake, empires do what empires do – and amerika is an empire, if there ever was one. One other thing about empires, they inevitably fall and amerika is on the precipice. The Donald will probably push it over.

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-- Numbers 6:24-26