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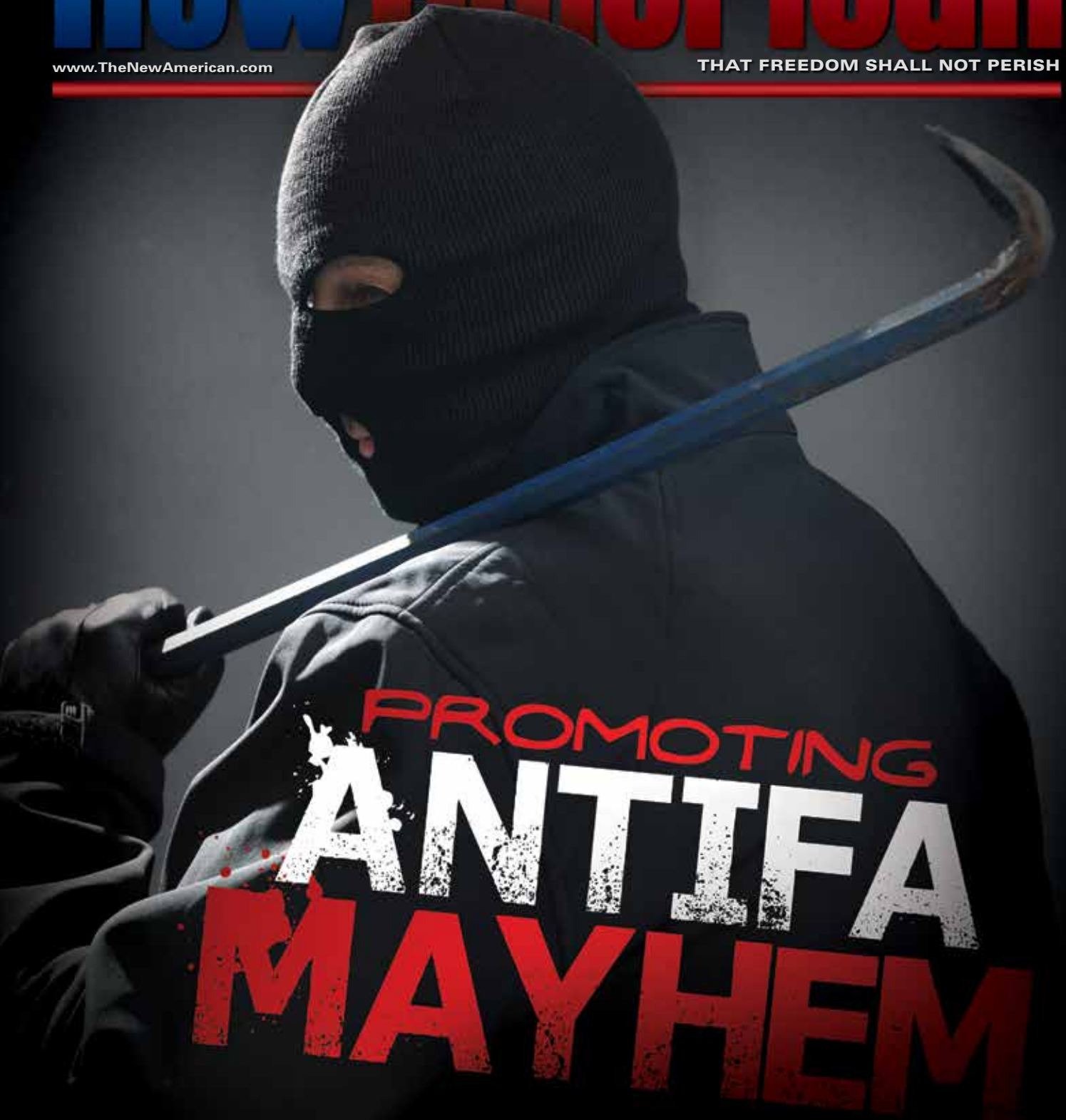
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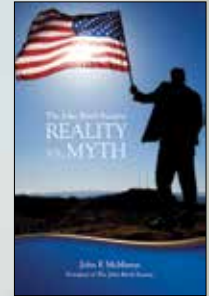
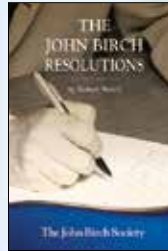
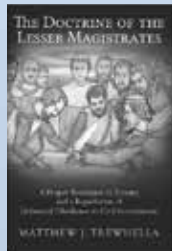
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## Promoting Antifa Mayhem

Antifa, a group that has been destroying property and attacking anyone with whom it disagrees, especially when it deems certain speech to be "hateful," is a Marxist-promoting organization, yet leftists condone its behavior. (October 9, 2017, 48pp) TNA171009

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## Term-limit Troubles

Term limits continue to come up in political discussions and have good points pro and con. But limiting time in political office to force compliance to the Constitution is like taping up your shirt sleeve to stop your arm from bleeding. We would still have the vast government bureaucracies to contend with, which endure long after the elections, as witnessed by the passage of the ACA and the congressional workers exempting themselves from this plan because they had crafted a better one for themselves. They were serving themselves and exploiting the citizens.

Government workers refusing to honor “citizen sovereignty” is the main issue facing our Republic. On July 4, 1776, our Founders declared the citizens of the U.S. as the sovereigns of the country and the government as the servant — a first since the early stages of the Roman Empire. All other nations in this world have government sovereignty and the citizens as subjects, with different levels of socialism all the way up to totalitarianism. This and only this is what makes America politically different. You either have citizen sovereignty or government sovereignty; there are no half measures.

What has a switch to “government sovereignty” in this country meant? The American private sector income has flatlined at about \$56,000 per year for the past 15 years while government workers have enjoyed annual raises and pension increases.

The socialist state of California is the gold standard for citizen exploitation, where state government workers have declared themselves as more equal than their fellow citizens with generous salaries, healthcare, paid days off, and massive lifetime incomes (pensions).

When California passed term limits for the legislature and politicians were termed out before they could vest a legislative pension, they simply legislated themselves into Calpers — the state retirement system — making this underfunded program extremely difficult to repair. A Stanford pension study found this program to be \$1.4 trillion underfunded. Judges also have their pension administered by Calpers, and to change this program would be like taking a side of beef away from a pack of hungry Rottweilers. Good luck with an objective opinion from California courts.

If the people who serve us are forced to

live by the same laws, rules, and regulations they impose on the general public, then and only then will we return to a representative government.

The income and benefits of our public servants should be based on the income and benefits of the people they serve, the private sector. Then we would see a tremendous difference in laws and regulations and the exportation of production and environmental mandates from the EPA, which means Export Productive America.

JIM DAVIS  
Prescott, Arizona

## Different Divisions

In the past our government leaders were divided as Democrats or Republicans. Now the division is globalists or nationalists.

Globalists do not worry about our national debt, as we spend billions on other countries while neglecting our national needs. Globalists worry about limited open immigration, while our middle class lowers its standard of living and more taxes are added to aid the immigrants. Nationalists worry about the future of the United States. Globalists worry about the future of the UN. The public must choose one or the other.

HERMAN KRUEGER  
Valparaiso, Indiana

## Junking Judicial Activism?

There’s only one problem with C. Mitchell Shaw’s proposal that Congress dissolve any court that practices judicial activism (“Junking Judicial Activism,” June 19 issue). The Supreme Court would undoubtedly find it unconstitutional. Then when Congress follows up by restricting the court’s jurisdiction, the Supreme Court would no doubt find that unconstitutional, as well. And so on ad infinitum.

Sadly, we no longer have a federal government of three co-equal branches; we have only one branch: the Supreme Court.

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## Planned Parenthood: One Million Abortions Globally in 2016

According to its annual report published in June of this year, the London-based International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) was responsible for more than one million abortions during 2016. IPPF's annual accounting for 2016 noted that its affiliates killed 612,966 pre-born babies via surgical abortion and 481,713 through chemical abortion — for a total of 1,094,679 killings. This is the first time the organization has conceded to over one million abortions in a one-year time period.

Additionally, IPPF performed over 3.6 million abortion-related activities such as pre- and post-abortion counseling and consultation, and the treatment of incomplete abortions.

The pro-life Population Research Institute (PRI) noted on September 6 that IPPF “pours millions of dollars into its Member

Associations and other like-minded organizations which operate on the country level to provide abortion and/or contraceptive services and to lobby for ever more lenient abortion laws. In 2016, IPPF awarded \$68 million in grants to its Member Associations and other organizations, according to IPPF's Financial Statements 2016.”

In its latest report, IPPF claims to have contributed to over 950 legislative or policy changes concerning abortion and contraception worldwide since 2005. Additionally, noted PRI, IPPF continues to raise up and train an army of young pro-abortion activists whose mission is to “change public opinion on abortion by attempting to alter communities that value life and change them into communities where inhumane abortion procedures such as chemical abortion, vacuum aspiration, and dismemberment abortion are considered culturally acceptable.”

On the positive side, one of Donald Trump's first official actions as president was to re-implement the Mexico City Policy, first initiated by the Reagan administration (before being rescinded by Bill Clinton, re-instituted by George W. Bush, and rescinded again by Barack Obama), that bans U.S. funds from paying for abortions overseas. As we reported earlier this year, on May 15 the Trump administration announced a major expansion of the Mexico City Policy, increasing the ban from roughly \$600 million in family planning money to encompass all U.S. international healthcare, which amounts to nearly \$9 billion.



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## National Debt Surpasses \$20 Trillion

On September 8, the same day that President Trump signed a bill into law that suspended the debt ceiling and enabled unlimited federal borrowing, the national debt reached and exceeded \$20 trillion.

It's not as though it was much better before September 8, however, as the debt ceiling has been sitting comfortably at approximately \$19.8 trillion since March. However, as a result of President Trump's deal with the Democrats that raised the debt ceiling and also provided federal aid to the victims of the recent hurricanes, the Treasury Department was able to begin immediately borrowing money following months of being forced to use “extraordinary measures” to avoid exceeding the debt ceiling.

Under President Trump's deal with the Democrats, the federal government will not have any spending cap until December 8, when a new debt ceiling will be put into effect.

President Trump taunted Republicans following his deal with the Democrats with a tweet in which he ultimately blamed the GOP for forcing his hand and compelling him to reach across the aisle: “Republicans, sorry, but I've been hearing about Repeal & Replace for 7 years, didn't happen! Even worse, the Senate Filibuster Rule will never allow the Republicans to pass even great legislation. 8 Dems control — will rarely get 60 (vs. 51) votes. It is a Repub Death Wish...”

GOP leadership could have refused to bring up his deal for a vote, but the legislation passed quickly in the House and Senate with overwhelming bipartisan support.

President Trump has now vocalized support for getting rid of the debt ceiling altogether. “For many years people have been talking about getting rid of the debt ceiling altogether and there are a lot of good reasons to do that,” Trump said. “So certainly that is something that could be discussed.”

Without being prepared to tackle the government's spending problem, particularly as it relates to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, or cutting spending by reducing the size of the federal government or ending overseas expenditures, there is no way the United States can ever reduce its national debt.



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## Denmark Stops Flow of UN Refugees, Seeks “More Flexible” Quota

Denmark’s minister of immigration and integration, Inger Stojberg, said in a statement on September 9 that the Scandinavian country won’t allow any refugees into the country this year under a UN quota system.

Starting in 1989, Denmark had pledged to take 500 refugees a year selected by the UN for resettlement. The program is separate from and in addition to European Union efforts to distribute migrants among member states. The EU program has sparked strong opposition from member countries, especially Hungary.

“It’s hard to predict how many refugees and migrants will show up at the border to seek asylum, and we know it may be hard to integrate those who arrive here,” Stojberg said in her statement. “Hence, I would like to see a more flexible quota regime, so that we are prepared, but not obliged, to take a certain number of refugees for resettlement every year.”

Stojberg noted that Denmark has received about 56,000 asylum-seekers since 2012 and many of them are expected to try to bring relatives in. She said those already in Denmark should be integrated first.

Stojberg has been a member of the parliament since 2001. She was a leader in enacting a tightening of Denmark’s asylum law that came into effect in September 2015. Among other things, the law limited social services for asylum seekers.

Last year, Stojberg said the reception of refugees through the UNHCR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Refugees) program had been postponed, saying Danish municipalities should have “a little breathing room to better take care of those who have already arrived.”

In 2015, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker asked EU members to accept 160,000 migrants. Juncker noted that since the beginning of 2015, nearly 500,000 refugees have made their way to Europe. The vast majority of them, he stated, were fleeing from war, terrorism, or political oppression in Syria, Libya, or Eritrea.

No date for a vote on the UN refugee program in Denmark’s 179-seat Parliament has been set.



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## Out-of-state Voters May Have Helped Clinton Win New Hampshire

New Hampshire House Speaker Shawn Jasper (R-Hudson) released data on September 7 based on inquiries he made in mid-August to the Department of State, which oversees elections, and the Department of Safety.

Jasper’s figures showed that more than 6,500 people registered to vote on Election Day 2016 using out-of-state driver’s licenses and, as of last week, more than 5,300 of them still had not received New Hampshire licenses.

This indicates that thousands of out-of-state voters who had no intention of permanently moving to New Hampshire voted in the Granite State’s presidential election last year.

Jasper’s inquiries sought information derived from a new sys-

tem that matches voting and driving records for the purpose of “verifying the accuracy of the information contained in the voter database.”

State officials documented that 6,540 individuals registered to vote last November 8 using an out-of-state driver’s license. As of early September, only 1,014 of those had received New Hampshire licenses while 213 of the remaining 5,526 individuals had registered a motor vehicle in the state.

The most disturbing fact is that 5,313 of those who registered to vote on November 8 using an out-of-state driver’s license as an ID had neither obtained a New Hampshire license nor registered a motor vehicle in the state as of early September. State law requires people who move to New Hampshire, and have a motor vehicle, to register that vehicle in the state and obtain a New Hampshire driver’s license within 60 days.

These figures could potentially call into question the validity of the New Hampshire results for last year’s presidential election, when Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton defeated Republican nominee Donald Trump by just 2,736 votes.

In February, White House advisor Stephen Miller told ABC about the voting irregularities in New Hampshire: “Having worked before on a campaign in New Hampshire, I can tell you that this issue of busing voters into New Hampshire is widely known by anyone who’s worked in New Hampshire politics. It’s very real. It’s very serious.” ■



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### Disaster Aid and Rise in Debt Limit Win House Approval

“What you have is two competing things — a compassionate heart that wants to deal with hurricane relief and a number of very principled people who realize we’re bankrupting our country by continuing to raise a debt ceiling and not doing anything about spending.”

*Congressman Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) is the chairman of the 40-member House Freedom Caucus. The House passed the measure to increase the debt ceiling 316 to 90, with all the No votes cast by members of the GOP.*



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### Debt Ceiling Increase Will Lead to More Indebtedness

“The debt ceiling is supposed to be at least a stop sign that gives us pause and gives us a chance to change the way we do our spending. And it’s not a ‘yield’ sign. In fact, this measure is an ‘increase-speed’ sign and that’s wrong.”

*Because the just-approved increase in the debt ceiling will have to be increased again in December, Representative Joe Barton (R-Texas) opposed it as an unconscionable step that will lead the nation to bankruptcy.*



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### The D.C. Swamp Remains Undrained

“We’re grateful that in Texas the floodwaters have receded. But here in the [D.C.] swamp, it looks like they continue to rise.”

*North Carolina Republican Mark Meadows, the leader of the Freedom Caucus, expressed his frustration about a missed opportunity to deal with the nation’s debt.*

### Hillary’s New Book Suggests a Reason for Her Defeat

“Sexism and misogyny played a role in the 2016 presidential election. Exhibit A is that the flagrantly sexist candidate won. You’ve got to hand it to Trump — he’s hateful but it’s hard to look away from him.”

*In her new book What Happened, Hillary Clinton tries to explain why she came in second in a winner-take-all race.*

### Are People Better Off When FEMA Arrives?

“When I served in Congress, I regularly voted against federal disaster aid for my district. After the votes, I would hear from angry constituents, many of whom would tell me that after dealing with FEMA, they agreed that Texas would be better off without federal ‘help.’”

*Pointing to FEMA’s well-known deficiencies, former Congressman Ron Paul did what very few members of Congress would ever do: He said no to federal aid.*

### Congressman Decries GOP Senators for Inability to Succeed

“The Senate can’t get 60 votes to declare what day it is.”

*Asked why he hadn’t sought to undo Obama’s executive order restricting citizen usage in much of Utah’s huge Bears Ears Monument, Representative Rob Bishop (R-Utah) provided a spirited answer.*

### Football Fan Makes Unusual Last Request

“When I die, please have eight Philadelphia Eagles as my pallbearers so the Eagles can let me down one last time.”

*Loyal Eagles fan Jeffrey Riegel died in mid-August, but not before he provided his final wish.*

### No Longer in the White House, He Remains a Strong Trump Ally

“They do not want Donald Trump’s populist, economic nationalist agenda to be implemented. It’s obvious as night follows day.”

*Planning to “take on” senior GOP leaders Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell, former White House aide Stephen Bannon intends to use his post as chairman of Breitbart News to assist in the implementation of the Trump agenda. ■*



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Though Democrat officials deny aiding Antifa violence and making police stand down while Antifa commits violence and property damage, the pattern is obvious.

by William F. Jasper

The deadly melee in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12 was a turning point for “Antifa,” the so-called “antifascist” thugs who have been rampaging and rioting throughout America for the past year. Thanks to the all-too-typical duplicity of the “mainstream” media, the tragedy of Charlottesville was turned into a great victory for the armed and masked Antifa anarchists/communists, while President Donald Trump, conservatives, and defenders of Confederate monuments were falsely presented as indistinguishable from violent neo-Nazis and Klansmen. Antifa were presented as heroes, with Harvard Professor Cornel West, a radical Marxist who has been active in communist causes for decades, claiming that Antifa “saved” him and other “peaceful” demonstrators from the white supremacists. West’s claim, repeated and prominently featured in multiple media reports, along with similar statements by other radical participants, conferred a new valorous glow on the masked hoodlums.

It is crucial to note, however, that the confrontation in Charlottesville turned in the fatal direction precisely when the city’s “progressive” Democrat Party machine ordered the police to stand down and allow the antagonists to fight — and then, going further, directed the police to corral the demonstrators and push them into one another. The results were as deadly as they were predictable.

Charlottesville was not the first time local police had been ordered to stand down and allow armed and masked Antifa terrorists to attack opposing demonstrators. We have seen the same modus operandi at work in one Democrat-controlled city after another: Chicago, San Jose, San Francisco, Berkeley, Seattle, New Orleans, and many other “Deep Blue” towns. The main difference between Charlottesville and the other violent venues is that in Charlottesville the “antifascist” Antifa thugs had some genuine neo-Nazi, white supremacist, fascist goons to mix it up with, while in most of the other cases, the masked Marxist-Maoist ninjas and their non-masked allies have brutally attacked peaceful citizens merely attempting to exercise their rights to attend a Trump rally or listen to a con-

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**Creating a story:** Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer (right) and Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe (center) not only egged on leftist anarchists to remove statues, they did not order police to follow laws to unmask participants, virtually guaranteeing violence. Then they blamed the Right.

servative speaker who has riled the Left with politically incorrect speech.

Another major difference, of course, is that in Charlottesville the havoc concluded with a horrific, deadly incident: a white nationalist ramming his car into another vehicle, which then rammed a third vehicle into a crowd of Antifa demonstrators, killing 32-year-old demonstrator Heather Heyer and severely injuring others. Now, Antifa and their promoters had not only the dramatic images they needed — of “courageous” Antifa activists confronting vile neo-Nazis — but in Heather Heyer they had a “martyr” for the cause.

The violence had been escalating for more than a year, with mayhem recurring in the same cities, as though invited. The mounting evidence shows a pattern of complicity indicating that the violence was indeed invited. The Democrat politicians in charge of these jurisdictions — governors, mayors, city councils, police chiefs, and sheriffs — who have taken solemn oaths and are duty-bound to protect their

citizens and the public peace, have instead aided and abetted the violent Antifa gangs and their demonstrator allies, including communist groups with long histories of violence, and radical lawyers from the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) who provide legal aid to the rioters.

The following list is by no means complete, but it is sufficient to show a pattern of complicity.

**Charlottesville:** Responsibility for the deadly melee in this Virginia city of 50,000 extends from Governor Terry McAuliffe down to Mayor Mike Signer and the Charlottesville City Council. Prior to his election as governor in 2013, McAuliffe, a wealthy, politically connected banker, was a top fundraiser for the Democratic Party and chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). A close pal of Barack Obama and the Clintons, he is credited with raising over a quarter of a billion dollars for Bill and Hillary. He has been a vociferous critic of then-candidate and

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now President Donald Trump. He also has close ties to Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer and Vice Mayor Wes Bellamy, who, likewise, have been notable for their leftist politics and virulent anti-Trump statements. Each of the above politicians played a key role in decisions that guaranteed the lethal violence, such as:

*Refusing to enforce Virginia's anti-mask law.* Enforcing this law could have prevented the confrontation, since the Antifa thugs themselves admit that concealing their identity is essential to their “direct action” criminal activity. Virginia Code 18.2-422 states: “It shall be unlawful for any person over sixteen years of age while wearing any mask, hood or other device whereby a substantial portion of the face is hidden or covered so as to conceal the identity of the wearer, to be or appear in any public place.” Violation of the law is considered a “Class 6 felony.” The law makes exceptions for holiday festivals,

masquerade balls, theatrical productions, protective masks, and other exceptions. Ironically, the Virginia law was passed, as in other states, to protect the public by unmasking the Ku Klux Klan. Incredibly, politicians such as McAuliffe and Signer are getting away with allowing (even encouraging) brutal Antifa terrorists to conceal their identities like the KKK and use violent KKK tactics, while chanting anti-KKK slogans! Thus, the masked Antifa activists became emboldened during the series of confrontations in the months leading up to the fatal August 12 conflict. In addition to failing to enforce the anti-mask law, Virginia’s “progressive” elected officials have failed to prosecute to the full extent of the law imported rioters (on both sides) who crossed state lines to initiate the conflagration.

*Inviting the neo-Nazis.* Mayor Signer and the Charlottesville City Council engaged in an inflammatory campaign to remove

statues of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson from city parks. Many locals who have no sympathies whatsoever with the KKK, neo-Nazis, or “white nationalists,” but who object to the campaign to erase Southern history and culture, peacefully opposed the monument-removal effort. This was not providing the desired intensity of conflict, apparently, so more incendiary theatrics had to be imported. The mayor and council claim they were “forced” to issue a permit for a “Unite the Right” rally due to a lawsuit brought on behalf of rally organizer Jason Kessler by the ACLU. How Kessler, who was until recently a supporter of President Obama and a left-wing activist with the Occupy Wall Street movement, became a leader of the “alt-Right” is something of a mystery. Kessler’s rally brought in mostly out-of-town racists, including prominent leaders who, like himself, have very suspect backgrounds. These provocateurs conveniently provided the precise optics the anti-Trump Democrats and their media allies were waiting to exploit. Vice Mayor Bellamy, who is black, had been forced to resign from the Virginia Board of Education (a McAuliffe appointment) when his racist tweets against white people and his vulgar, sexual tweets about women were revealed. As vice mayor of Charlottesville, he stoked the fires, referring to President Trump as the “leader” of white supremacists.

*Inviting Antifa.* It takes two to tangle, so Mayor Signer and company had to set up the confrontation with an opposing force. Professor Walter Heinecke of the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, an Antifa leader and “direct action” instructor, applied for and received permits for two counterdemonstrations near Kessler’s band of misfits. Naturally, most media reports are sympathetic toward Heinecke and refer to his training program as “nonviolent direct action” — which, somehow, seems invariably to go violent when put into practice. Tyler Magill, who is a 46-year-old employee at the university library, a longtime host on the university radio station, and perpetual local activist, is identified in the local media as “one of Heinecke’s marshals to keep order” at the counterdemonstration. He obviously didn’t succeed, if keeping the Antifa crowd from initiating violence was the true goal. And the following day,



**Progressive push:** The Virginia State police in Charlottesville added to the violence, literally pushing alt-Right protesters up against Antifa thugs, instead of separating the two sides.

celebratory Antifa video footage went viral showing Magill chasing Jason Kessler as police escorted Kessler away from a press conference at the park. When Magill suffered a stroke on August 15, his Antifa comrades immediately tried to invest him with martyr status, claiming the stroke resulted from being hit with a tiki torch wielded by the neo-Nazis. However, Magill's brother-in-law, Loren Mendosa, who was staying with him at the hospital, said there was no evidence he had been hit, and that the Antifa propagandists are engaging in "pure conjecture" in order to whip up a frenzy on social media. They are saying "what they want to hear," Mendosa said, because Magill being hit by a Nazi "made for a better story" than a stroke caused by smoking or lifting heavy objects.

**McAuliffe forcing conflict.** The video evidence, as well as eyewitness accounts from reporters and participants on opposing sides of the demonstrations, indicates that the Virginia State Police knowingly shoved unarmed members of the Unite the Right demonstration directly into the arms (and bats, fists, and other weapons) of the much larger Antifa mob. During the morning of Saturday, August 12, groups of Unite the Right and Antifa sporadically faced off and scuffled at Emancipation Park, while Charlottesville Police and Virginia State Police stood by and watched. Shortly before noon (the scheduled starting time for the Unite the Right rally), Governor McAuliffe declared a state of emergency, and the state police took control of the situation. State police in riot gear then used their shields and batons not to keep the opposing sides separate or to escort the vastly outnumbered white supremacists out the north end of the park, but to drive them directly into the mob of Antifa hecklers on the park's south side. One could hardly ask for a better guarantee of chaos and violence than if it were planned that way. Was it? Charlottesville city officials have appointed Timothy Heaphy, a former U.S. attorney under President Obama, to head an "independent investigation" of the Charlottesville violence. Heaphy, a protégé of Obama Attorney General Eric Holder, is the son-in-law of General Eric Shinseki, Obama's secretary of veteran affairs (and a member of the globalist Council on Foreign Relations). Heaphy's appointment



**Tearing up history:** The statue of Jefferson Davis in New Orleans was taken down because of leftist claims that it celebrated slavery. Since the Democrat Party supported not only slavery, but Jim Crow laws, one wonders why every statue of Democrats doesn't receive the same treatment.

does not inspire confidence that we will see a genuine, thorough investigation.

**San Jose:** Although the "mainstream" media largely played down or ignored it, millions of viewers have seen online videos of the vicious attacks on Trump rally-goers by anti-Trump mobs in San Jose on June 2, 2016. "Law-abiding citizens leaving the Trump rally were victimized by being forced by armed police to walk into a riot in full swing where many were assaulted while police looked on," said attorney Harmeet K. Dhillon, who is representing victims of the mass assault in a suit against the city and the mayor. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, a staunch supporter of Hillary Clinton, and Police Chief Eddie Garcia dismissed as "absurd" the charge that they had ordered police to stand down. However, internal documents obtained by Dhillon in the lawsuit and reviewed by THE NEW AMERICAN support the manifest evidence from videos of the event and support the plaintiffs' claim that the stand-down was an official policy.

**New Orleans:** The Jefferson Davis monument in New Orleans became a target, particularly in May of this year, as Antifa and Black Lives Matter hoodlums physi-

cally attacked citizens (including black citizens) who were defending the statue. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and Deputy Mayor Ryan Berni sided with the monument's masked attackers. Berni, who previously served as chief of staff in Washington, D.C., to Clinton political strategist James Carville, was reported to actually have been "riding shotgun" in a vehicle with the Antifa/BLM activists at the monument while their colleagues were attacking the peacefully assembled statue defenders.

**Berkeley:** Mayor Jesse Arreguin and the Berkeley City Council are being forced to respond to a lawsuit claiming they violated the rights of University of California, Berkeley, students by ordering police to stand down – on multiple occasions. This allowed Antifa mobs to violently attack students, vandalize public and private property, and force speaker events to be canceled, thus preventing students from hearing speakers with viewpoints the Antifa militants object to. ■



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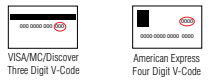


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# ALL ABOUT ANTIFA

Democrat leadership not only refuse to condemn Antifa though it is a violent group that supports outright communism, they have excused its behavior.



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**Black Bloc hoodlums:** Antifa Black Bloc demonstrators, carrying the red and black communist/anarchist Antifa flag, protest a pro-Trump rally in Vancouver, Washington, on April 2. Arrests were made after the protesters tried to break through the rally security fence.

by William F. Jasper

They call themselves “antifascists” (Antifa for short). They are most notable for wearing masks and dressing all in black (known as Black Bloc) when they engage in violent, criminal activity. They claim to be fighting against fascism, racism, sexism, and capitalism. They claim to be fighting against hate — as they scream hateful profanities and beat their targeted opponents to bloody pulps. They have attached themselves to the Democratic Party and to liberal-left activist groups, none of which seem inclined to disassociate themselves from the violent anarchist/communist terrorists masquerading as defenders of the downtrodden. Indeed, the liberal elites in political circles and the establishment media have embraced the Antifa militants, excusing their examples of “excessive” violence as understandable outbursts of youthful idealism and necessary resorts to force when confronting the evil Nazis, fascists, racists — or Republicans.

In the wake of the deadly Antifa-white nationalist confrontation in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12, the Antifa are being heralded as heroes. Professor Cornel West, a radical propagandist for the Revolutionary Communist Party and other extreme-left causes, famously claimed in a statement promoted by much of the national media that in Charlottesville the Antifa anarchists had rescued him and the clergy group he was with and “saved our lives” from the neo-Nazis.

After more than a year of rioting, burning, mass assaults, brutal beatings, and intimidation — aimed primarily at President Donald Trump, Trump supporters, and Republicans in general — Democratic Party leaders have remained inexcusably silent. Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Charles Schumer, Dianne Feinstein, Maxine Waters, Al Gore, Al Franken, and other “progressive” Democrats have failed to utter a word of “unequivocal condemnation” concerning the escalating wave of Antifa hate and violence.

On August 29, House Minority Leader

Nancy Pelosi became the first nationally prominent “progressive” Democrat to issue a statement denouncing the violent, masked Antifa thugs stalking our campuses and city streets. “Our democracy has no room for inciting violence or endangering the public, no matter the ideology of those who commit such acts,” Pelosi said in the press statement. “The violent actions of people calling themselves Antifa in Berkeley this weekend deserve unequivocal condemnation, and the perpetrators should be arrested and prosecuted,” she continued. Pelosi, who represents San Francisco, was responding to political heat she was receiving for helping to incite the Antifa violence that had erupted across the bay in Berkeley two days earlier. Two rallies scheduled in the Bay Area — one in San Francisco, the other in Berkeley — by Patriot Prayer, a multi-ethnic, peaceful group, had been falsely denounced by Pelosi and other Bay Area political leaders as “white supremacist” rallies. Due to the vehement hatred and threats incited against them, Patriot Prayer canceled the San Francisco rally, but tried to carry off the Berkeley event as scheduled. However, it turned into a replay of the mayhem that had marked earlier efforts by students in the months before to bring conservative speakers to the University of California campus in Berkeley.

Numerous videos posted on Internet sites show a large mob of aggressive Antifa activists — many wearing masks and armed with clubs and other weapons — cursing, screaming at, and viciously beating, without provocation, Patriot Prayer leader Joey Gibson and a small group of attendees at the rally. Coming under blistering fire from commentators across the spectrum — from Fox’s Tucker Carlson to NPR’s Mara Liasson — and facing a possible lawsuit for her role in promoting the violent melee, Pelosi opted for the denouncement — as a public relations measure, no doubt. In a guest appearance on Fox News, Mara Liasson said denouncing

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However, there has been no race to the mics, though announced objectives of Antifa activists indicate that they are headed on a trajectory of escalating violence.

#### **Antifa: Who, What, Where, Why, How**

Who are the Antifa? Where did they come from? What do they believe? What do they want? Why do they do what they do? How do they operate? To whom are they connected?

*Secrecy and darkness* — There is much that we don’t know about Antifa for the simple reason that they operate in secrecy and concealment. The movement has both

above-ground and underground elements. The above-ground activists will engage in public demonstrations with their faces uncovered, and some will publicly identify with Antifa and even give interviews. The most notorious aspect of Antifa, apart from its violence, is its Black Bloc side, the underground members who dress in black, cover their faces, and carry out collective “direct action” (often criminal activities) as coordinated units. Some Antifa activists float between the above-ground and underground, alternately masking up with the Black Bloc or marching openly with allied organizations, depending on the event and the day. Antifa groups are now active in most major American cities. Because they operate as autonomous cells or “affinity groups,” with no known centralized leadership and no general open-to-the-public membership, they have

been difficult to penetrate and gather intelligence on. However, the hundreds of arrests of Antifa members over the past year have begun to bear fruit, providing important data on all aspects of their operations.

*“Anti-Fascist” camouflage* — Fascists, neo-Nazis, KKK, and other “white supremacists” are a minuscule, politically irrelevant minority with little sympathy and no credible following in the United States. To the extent that they enjoy any traction among young white males can largely be attributed to a reaction against the forced political correctness and anti-white, anti-male propaganda that breeds and feeds resentment. Membership has also surely grown because of Antifa extremists, acting like Mussolini’s fascist Black Shirts, screaming anti-fascist slogans and beating peaceful Americans. These Antifa actions have done more to swell the ranks of the white supremacists than all the speeches by Richard Spencer, David Duke, and others of their ilk. That is, undoubtedly, the goal of many who are promoting the Antifa agenda; they need a credible neo-Nazi threat to divert attention and channel emotions onto issues they can exploit.

*Communist cadres* — Most of the “mainstream” media appear to be content serving as public relations agents for Antifa, generally referring to the black-robed thugs by their preferred “antifascist” label, and rarely challenging them on their ties to violent communist organizations and support for communist dictatorships. It should be no secret that Antifa actions, not only in the United States, but also in Canada, Europe, and elsewhere, are completely intertwined with well-known, longstanding communist parties and organizations. In the United States, Antifa groups are closely allied with notorious communist organizations such as the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), the Workers World Party (WWP), the Communist Party USA, By Any Means Necessary (BAMN), Anti-Racist Action, RefuseFascism.org, and the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) — all of which have been engaged in violent and revolutionary activities for decades, and which have long, sordid histories of exploiting class, ethnic, racial, and sexual distinctions to foment discord and social turmoil. Weather Underground terrorist Bill Ayers, SDS activist Clark Kissinger (now with the RCP), BAMN’s violent feminists Yvette Felarca



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**Misguided minions:** These Antifa protesters are shown right before they tried to invade a Trump rally. The sign accuses Trump of tyranny, racism, plutocracy, and more. Since they are leftists and want total government, they are actually promoting more of the same.



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**Scripted anarchy:** Antifa anarchists gather in Portland, Oregon, on January 20, 2017, to protest the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump.

and Shanta Driver, and RCP's Carl Dix are but a few of the hardcore Reds actively aiding and participating in Antifa's current "war" against America.

*Communist lawyers* — Whenever and wherever Antifa mobs engage in criminal activity, they know they can rely on lawyers from the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) to defend them should they be arrested. Nearly 100 years old, the NLG was formed in 1925 by the Soviet Comintern (Communist International) as the American branch of International Red Aid. In 1950, the U.S. House Committee on Un-American Activities issued a devastating study entitled *Report on the National Lawyers Guild: Legal Bulwark of the Communist Party*, thoroughly exposing the guild's record as one of the most dangerous communist fronts. That still holds true. Radical NLG attorneys are active at virtually all major Antifa events, acting as "observers" and providing jailhouse legal aid to those arrested for criminal activities. Antifa websites and the websites of their partners — Black Lives Matter (BLM), BAMN, RCP, WWP, etc. — regularly note that NLG lawyers will be on hand to help out should they be arrested. When Antifa mobs disrupted President Trump's inauguration — rioting, setting fires, and attacking inauguration attendees — NLG lawyers were among those arrested. The Antifa event had been billed as DJ-20 (Disrupt January 20) and NLG attorneys

were there to facilitate the disruption and chaos. A San Francisco Bay-area Antifa call to action to demonstrate for Antifa members arrested in Berkeley on August 27, for instance, tells activists: "Also, NLG attorneys will be present for these arraignments. (Thanks NLG!)"

On August 11, 2017, the NLG issued a press release entitled "NLG Mobilizes Legal Support Ahead of 'Unite the Right' Counter-Protests." It stated: "The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) is coordinating legal support in anticipation of counter-protests to the white supremacist 'Unite the Right Free Speech Rally' to take place tomorrow in Charlottesville, VA." By giving rioters a feeling of immunity and a sense that they can escape the legal consequences of their criminal actions, the NLG emboldens the Antifa street fighters and guarantees a continued escalation of the violence.

*Antifa's "self-defense" lie* — Following the Charlottesville chaos, Dartmouth College lecturer Dr. Mark Bray, author of *Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook*, became an immediate media celebrity. In one interview after another, he was allowed to go unchallenged in asserting that Antifa only uses violence in "self-defense" and that its violence is primarily directed at property, not people. But putting aside the question of how attacking property could be equated with self-defense, countless videos taken in dozens of cities indisputably show that Antifa thugs initiate violence and that they

direct it against people (without regard to age, sex, or physical condition) as well as property. In addition, police reports and eyewitness reports by journalists and bystanders confirm what is manifestly evident from abundant video documentation.

*The "no enemies but fascists" lie* — In an interview with Vox, Bray addressed the "slippery slope" concerns that Antifa might promiscuously apply the fascist label — and its violent tactics — against conservatives or others with whom it disagrees. No chance of that, Bray brazenly lied. "I don't know of any empirical examples of anti-fascists successfully stopping a neo-Nazi group and then moving on to other groups that are not racist but merely to the right," Bray claimed. No examples? None? There is no excuse for any real journalist to put up with such blatant lying. It's too easy to prove that his statements are demonstrably, horrendously false. Antifa terrorists have accused not only President Trump but virtually everyone who voted for him and anyone to the right of Bernie Sanders of being "Racist, Fascist, KKK" — and have viciously, physically attacked thousands of people who are not, and never have been, racist, fascist, or KKK. Scott Crow, another Antifa activist/author consulted by the media, has said, "We don't believe that Nazis or fascists of any stripe should have a mouth-piece." The important operative phrase here is "of any stripe," meaning whatever the Antifa militants choose it to mean.

*Progressive Democrats "own" Antifa* — Not only have top Democrats failed epically to denounce and oppose Antifa, they have helped to mainstream its message, attempting to score political advantage by mimicking Antifa's charge that President Trump, his supporters, and his policies are racist and fascist. In March of this year Linwood Michael Kaine was arrested as a riot participant in an Antifa disruption of a rally for President Trump in St. Paul, Minnesota. Who is Linwood Michael Kaine? He is the 24-year-old son of Senator Tim Kaine, who most recently served as Hillary Clinton's vice presidential candidate. In January, Grady Page was one of the masked Antifa activists arrested at the Disrupt J20 Inauguration melee. He is the son of prominent Democrat and Obama pal Clarence Page, newspaper columnist, television pundit, and editorial board member



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**Charlottesville clash:** Antifa counterprotesters (left) clash with white supremacists and others opposed to removal of a Confederate monument at Lee Park in Charlottesville, Virginia, Saturday, August 12, 2017.

of the *Chicago Tribune*. Naturally, if the sons and daughters of prominent Republicans were caught in similar circumstances, it would remain a lead story day after day; as it is, these and other similar examples have been spiked by the Fake News practitioners posing as journalists.

However, the evidence points to top Democrats doing far worse than failing to condemn Antifa. As we point out in our article on page 10, damning evidence (that continues to mount) indicates that leading Democrats have conspired to weaponize Antifa against their Republican opponents, specifically, in city after city ordering police to stand down and allow Antifa thugs to assault and terrorize fellow Americans. This is not merely deplorable, it is criminal.

*The Soros-Antifa rent-a-mob* — Because the Antifa operatives function as a secret, criminal enterprise, it has been difficult to “follow the money” to their funding sources. However, many of the identified Antifa activists have been documented as (or have themselves admitted to being) “community organizers” when not sporting their Zorro outfits for Antifa. In one of its several puff pieces romanticizing the anarchist radicals, the *New York Times* reports: “When not attending what he called ‘big mobilizations’ like the one in Charlottesville, Frank Sabate has done ordinary community organizing, advocating prison reform and distributing anar-

chist literature at punk rock shows. Others say they do the same in Antifa strongholds such as Philadelphia, the Bay Area of California, and the Pacific Northwest.”

Similarly, Bray says that when not combating the “right-wing extremist threat,” Antifa members “return to what they normally do — organizing unions, doing environmental activism, etc.” Just your typical social-justice warriors, no? Is it merely coincidence that the more “conventional” Democrat activists are increasingly adopting more militant tactics? The activists of Indivisible, who have been disrupting the town hall meetings of congressional Republicans this year, are part of the radical anti-Trump apparatus funded by George Soros and his Democracy Alliance billionaire pals. Indivisible has been moving closer to the militant Antifa model, and Antifa militants (acting in their above-ground mode) are active in the Indivisible ranks, as well as other similar “resistance” groups intent on stopping — and toppling — Trump.

However, as we pointed out earlier this year (“Democracy Alliance,” February 6 issue), Soros and Democracy Alliance have become increasingly cagey with regard to “greenwashing” their funds through various entities, with pass-through accounts, such as the Tides Foundation, serving as one of the principal conduits for transferring activist cash to the revolution. The Soros-funded Tides Foundation is one of the

biggest donors to the Alliance for Global Justice, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization that, in turn, funds RefuseFascism.org, the Antifa front group for the Revolutionary Communist Party. RefuseFascism/RCP activists were in the forefront of many of the violent confrontations over the past year. Similarly, BAMN receives funding through its tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, United for Equality and Affirmative Action Legal Defense Fund (UEAALDF). The IRS, under President Obama and IRS Commissioner Lois Lerner, refused to grant tax-exempt status to Tea Party groups and other conservative organizations, but it has allowed violent revolutionary communists to benefit from tax-exempt status. Not only should the IRS be investigated for this travesty, but also to force some transparency upon the operations of the large tax-exempt foundations (of which Soros is currently but the most notorious) that continue to fund subversion year after year, decade upon decade.

*Educators for chaos* — During the 2016 presidential campaign, America’s schools — from elementary schools through college — became a battleground, as teachers, professors, and administrators took militant stands against Donald Trump and organized students to do the same. Many of the most radical of those “educators,” it turns out, are not merely militant Democrats and teacher union stalwarts, but actual Antifa street fighters. The most notorious in that regard is Yvette Felarca, a Berkeley middle-school teacher who has been arrested repeatedly for her BAMN/Antifa activities and has been filmed punching and attacking others in unprovoked assaults. BAMN member Tania Kappner, a teacher at Oakland Technical High School in California, organized a walkout of teachers and students to protest Trump. Detroit teacher Nicole Conaway led a “sickout” that caused six schools to close, affecting nearly 4,000 students. Incredibly, despite BAMN’s record of revolutionary, disruptive, and illegal activities over the past couple decades, both of the nation’s major teacher unions, the National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers, have refused to disavow BAMN and boot BAMN members from their rolls.

Eric Clanton, an ethics and philoso-

phy professor at Diablo Valley College in California, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the Antifa riots over a scheduled speech by Milo Yiannopoulos in Berkeley last April. The masked and hooded Clanton was caught on video brutally clobbering another person with a heavy u-shaped steel bike lock. The video, which went viral, helped police identify and arrest the academic “philosopher.” Drexel University Professor George Ciccariello-Maher, who achieved instant notoriety with his tweet last Christmas, “All I want for Christmas is white genocide,” is an Antifa supporter. So too is retired Harvard Professor Noel Ignatiev, the inventor of the “white privilege” meme that has become dogma for all PC thinkers who toe the Party Line. “If you are a white

male,” according to Ignatiev, a longtime member of the Communist Party USA, “you don’t deserve to live. You are a cancer, you’re a disease, white males have never contributed anything positive to the world! They only murder, exploit and oppress non-whites!” Ignatiev’s hateful screed is reflected in the angry slogans and online rants of the Antifa faithful — mixed in with their less-than-convincing “Love Trumps Hate” chants. As we note in our article on page 10, Professor Walter Heinecke of the University of Virginia is the “direct action” trainer who set up the Antifa counterdemonstration in Charlottesville on August 12 that resulted in the violent confrontation — and the death of Heather Heyer. We have not even scratched the surface. The heavy presence of “educators” among the An-

tifa revolutionaries lends credence to the charge that, by and large, our schools and universities have become “enemy occupied territory.”

“*The action is in the reaction*” — In his famous *Rules for Radicals* (1971), Marxist community organizer Saul Alinsky (spiritual mentor to Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and many other Democrats) gave this as his 10th rule: “The major premise for tactics is the development of operations that will maintain a constant pressure upon the opposition. It is this unceasing pressure that results in the reactions from the opposition that are essential for the success of the campaign. It should be remembered not only that the action is in the reaction but that action is itself the consequence of reaction and of reaction to the reaction, ad infinitum. The pressure produces the reaction, and constant pressure sustains action.”

Moreover, he said, “The enemy properly goaded and guided in his reaction will be your major strength.” According to Alinsky, abstract issues such as racism, capitalism, and injustice must be “personalized.” He advised community organizers to “pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it.... The opposition must be singled out as the target and frozen.” He recounted to readers that “John L. Lewis, the leader of the radical C.I.O. labor organization in the 1930s, was fully aware of this, and as a consequence the C.I.O. never attacked General Motors, they always attacked its president, Alfred ‘Icewater-In-His-Veins’ Sloan; they never attacked the Republic Steel Corporation but always its president, ‘Bloodied Hands’ Tom Girdler, and so with us when we attacked the then-superintendent of the Chicago public school system, Benjamin Willis. Let nothing get you off your target. With this focus comes a polarization.”

*Rules for Radicals* is the same book in which Alinsky paid tribute to Lucifer, whom he praised as “the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom.” Understanding Alinsky’s Luciferian logic and tactics makes the monomaniacal Democrat/Antifa fixation on polarizing and demonizing Trump much more comprehensible. ■



**Hell unleashed:** An Antifa Black Bloc mob carries its “Welcome 2 Hell” banner at a demonstration against the G20 summit in Hamburg, Germany, on July 6, 2017.

# IDENTIFYING THE REAL FASCISTS

Supposedly Antifa is left-wing, anti-fascist, and opposed to right-wing neo-Nazis; however, it is fascist to the core, supporting totalitarianism and violence — just like neo-Nazis.



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**Masked for a reason:** Like the KKK they claim to be opposing, the Antifa terrorists are outlaws who conceal their identities in order to intimidate the public and escape the consequences of their criminal acts.

by William F. Jasper

Propagandists know that labels are all-important. And successfully labeling an adversary requires repetition, along with dramatic visualization. The deadly confrontation in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12, 2017, between the neo-Nazis and the Antifa “Black Bloc” provided the intense optics needed to drill home the repetitious message of the street demonstrators and media commentators for the past year: Republicans, conservatives, Trump supporters (and white people in general) are racist, fascist Nazis, and Donald Trump is the racist, fascist, Nazi-in-chief.

Since Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini are universally regarded as the supreme villains of modern times (if not all of world history), the chief tactic of the

Left — communists, socialists, and “progressive” Democrats — since World War II has been to avoid substantive debate on real issues by accusing their opponents of being racist and/or fascist. Hence, the ongoing propaganda campaign by the Antifa militants and their media supporters to cast the violent street fights as Right vs. Left, fascist vs. anti-fascist conflicts.

Not only is this characterization dishonest, but it is being used in a calculated fashion to invest the Antifa anarcho-communists with heroic stature, while simultaneously smearing all those they target and all who oppose them as racists and fascists.

Dr. Mark Bray, a lecturer at Dartmouth College, is an Antifa supporter and the author of *Antifa: The Anti-Fascist Handbook*. In an interview with the left-wing website Vox, following the Charlottesville

melee, he provides this conveniently potted history to excuse the Antifa thuggery: “Anti-fascism originated in response to early European fascism, and when Mussolini’s Blackshirts and Hitler’s Brownshirts were ascendant in Europe, various socialist, communist, and anarchist parties and groups emerged to confront them.” It is a line he has repeated in other interviews generously lavished on him by the establishment media. Antifa’s Ivy League propagandist knows full well what he is doing. By presenting Antifa as valiant opponents of Hitler’s and Mussolini’s present-day minions, Bray confers an immunity of sorts upon Antifa aggression and delegitimizes those whom they violently attack. Being thus misinformed, even many critics who might find Antifa tactics repellent may be inclined, nevertheless, to be more tolerant of the Antifa violence if it is directed at evil Nazis, especially if, as in Charlottesville, it is directed at a mob of skinhead miscreants who are chanting racist slogans.

Dr. Bray and other so-called experts commenting on the Antifa “phenomenon” are disseminating many dangerous lies about their anarchist comrades, as well as about political systems in general. One of the most egregious lies perpetuated by the Antifa apologists concerns the political spectrum. Specifically, it involves the false — but widely accepted — dichotomy that designates socialists, communists, and anarchists as “left-wing,” while characterizing Nazis and fascists as “right-wing.” And since the “mainstream” media rarely miss an opportunity to affix the “right-wing” label to conservatives — and invariably in the most pejorative sense possible — this current narrative reinforces the longstanding disinformation campaign to delegitimize conservatives and “the Right” by associating them with racism, Nazism, and fascism.

However, among the many inconvenient facts exposing the fallacies of this left-right/communist-fascist canard are these:

- In his early years, Benito Mussolini was a leading member of the Italian Socialist Party, which was composed of socialists and communists. His 1932 manifesto, *The Doctrine of Fascism*, co-authored with Giovanni Gentile, presented a statist, totalitarian philosophy completely compatible with communism: "Everything in the State, nothing against the State, nothing outside the State."

- Although "totalitarian" today carries a negative connotation (as it should), when Mussolini and Gentile coined the term, they viewed it as completely positive. "Fascism, is totalitarian, and the Fascist State . . . interprets, develops, and potentates the whole life of a people." Since both communism and fascism are totalitarian by definition (total government control of everything), it is ludicrous to put them on opposite ends of a political spectrum; they both belong on the left end of the spectrum, while on the right end would be utopian anarchism (no government) and, in-between, limited government.

- The full name of Hitler's Nazi Party, it should be remembered, was National *Socialist* German Workers Party, and like Mussolini, Hitler adopted the *corporate socialist* political-economic model. Hitler notably added a racist component to his model that was not part of Mussolini's fascism.

- Hitler's Nazi "stormtroopers," the street-fighting SA Brownshirts, were composed largely of "Beefsteak Nazis": "Red (communist) on the inside, brown (Nazi) on the outside." Many of these notorious communist thugs switched back and forth (from Communist Party, to Nazi Party, and back to Communist), largely indifferent to the minor ideological differences, serving whoever was in power.

- The claim that the Nazis and communists are opposites simply because they fought each other in Germany is as specious as claiming that Mexico's Sinaloa Cartel and Los Zetas Cartel are opposites because these ultraviolent drug gangs are fighting each other. The same can be said for the competing families of the Italian Mafia, the Russian Mafiya, or similar crime syndicates. Like the communists and Nazis, they are merely competing criminals grasping for power.

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- Under the infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, German fascist dictator Adolf Hitler and Soviet communist dictator Joseph Stalin carried out a joint Nazi-communist operation to carve up and brutally subject Poland. They saw no problem cooperating for mutual advantage, but like typical criminals, they inevitably ended up in a deadly struggle for power.

- Communist anarchists, or anarcho-communists, such as Antifa have been throughout modern history the witting or unwitting agents of totalitarian fascism and communism. Unlike utopian/libertarian anarchists who just want to be left alone and philosophically embrace the idea of no government (a condition that has never existed in human society, except as brief transition periods to authoritarian or totalitarian regimes), the Red anarchists want to bring everything down in violence and chaos.

Historically, the communists and fascists used them to destroy the existing government and usher in the Total State. Then, as we saw in Russia, Spain, Germany, and elsewhere, the communists rounded up the anarchists and executed them.

Following WWII, the Stasi, communist East Germany's secret police, sponsored neo-Nazi groups in the West and repeatedly had its communist agents paint swastikas on synagogues and vandalize Jewish cemeteries. The purpose: create propaganda incidents that stir fears and "discredit from within," giving credence to the Left's claim that Germany was still unreformed and thoroughly permeated with Nazis. These disinformation-propaganda campaigns, which were especially notorious in the 1970s and '80s, were occasionally exposed by defectors, or when perpetrators were caught in the act. However, the



**Antifa's antecedents:** The 28th Brigade of the SA "stormtroopers" (known as the Brownshirts) listen to Nazi Propaganda Minister Dr. Joseph Goebbels in Berlin on August 25, 1934. Like the Antifa thugs, they viciously attacked any who opposed their socialist agenda.

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full extent of these “false flag” operations was not revealed until the Stasi files were opened after German reunification. Similarly, many high-profile “neo-Nazi” incidents in the U.K., Canada, and the United States have been exposed as false flag ops by communists and others on the Left (or by government agencies).

• If fascism has taken hold here in the United States of America to any degree (and it has), we can point not to conservative Republicans, but to that darling of “progressive” Democrats, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as its author. It was FDR’s liberal-left “Brain Trust” and its beloved “New Deal” that initiated Mussolini’s full-tilt, command-and-control central planning in our country, as we explain below.

### Who Are the Real Fascists?

It is a grim measure of how completely dishonest our news media have become, as well as how thoroughly corrupt most of our history books are, that conservative Republicans and not liberal Democrats are most commonly associated with

fascism. As I noted in these pages in an article in January 2013 entitled “The Rise of the Administrative State,” the central planning of Mussolini’s Total State was incorporated into FDR’s administration from day one. Frances Perkins, a progressive feminist and the first woman to serve in an American Cabinet, was FDR’s secretary of labor. Secretary Perkins recounted this very revealing incident:

At the first meeting of the Cabinet after the President took office in 1933, the financier and adviser to Roosevelt, Bernard Baruch, and Baruch’s friend General Hugh Johnson, who was to become the head of the National Recovery Administration, came in with a copy of a book by Gentile, the Italian Fascist theoretician, for each member of the Cabinet, and we all read it with great care.

The central thesis of that book, *The Doctrine of Fascism*, which we quoted from above, please recall, is: “Everything in the

State, nothing against the State, nothing outside the State.”

The Mussolini-Gentile text also declares: “Anti-individualistic, the Fascist conception of life stresses the importance of the State and accepts the individual only in so far as his interests coincide with those of the State, which stands for the conscience and the universal will of man as a historic entity.” In doublespeak verbiage mimicking Orwell’s “War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery,” it proclaims: “Fascism reasserts the rights of the State as expressing the real essence of the individual. And if liberty is to be the attribute of living men and not of abstract dummies invented by individualistic liberalism, then Fascism stands for liberty, and for the only liberty worth having, the liberty of the State and of the individual within the State.”

“The Fascist conception of the State is all embracing; outside of it no human or spiritual values can exist, much less have value,” Mussolini’s manifesto states. “Thus understood, Fascism, is totalitarian, and the Fascist State — a synthesis and a unit inclusive of all values — interprets, develops, and potentates the whole life of a people.”

FDR’s “Brain Trust” was composed of collectivists of various ideologies — fascist, socialist, and communist — who were all afire with zeal to “transform” and “restructure” America. Even Adolf Hitler, who had just been installed as chancellor of Germany a month before Roosevelt’s inauguration, was in vogue with many “liberals” and “progressives.” Harold Ickes, FDR’s secretary of the interior, admitted years later that “what we were doing in this country were some of the things that were being done in Russia and even some of the things that were being done in Germany. But we were doing them in an orderly way.” Roosevelt himself extolled Mussolini as “that admirable Italian gentleman” and told U.S. Ambassador to Italy Breckenridge Long, “I am much interested and deeply impressed by what he has accomplished and by his evidenced honest purpose of restoring Italy.”

“Liberal,” “progressive” Democrats — often aided by Republicans — have been adding to the Roosevelt-Mussolini edifice ever since, with one program, bureau, agency, and regulation after another — all leading toward their fascist idol — the Total State. ■



**“Progressive” fascism:** Prior to World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt (right) praised Italian dictator Mussolini (left) as “that admirable Italian gentleman” and said he was “deeply impressed by what he has accomplished” under his system of fascism.



# Using Truth to Fight Globalist Lies About The **John Birch Society**



The John Birch Society has been enduring rampant smears of late, being called anti-Semitic and a white nationalist group. But the truth is far different – and always has been.

by *Alex Newman*

If you represent any sort of threat against the establishment and its globalist agenda, prepare to be ruthlessly demonized and lied about by that same globalist establishment. Exhibit A is, of course, President Donald Trump. After announcing that he was running on an anti-globalist platform to “drain the swamp,” the billionaire businessman was relentlessly smeared across every propaganda organ the establishment possesses. If the “fake news” media, as Trump correctly calls them, is to be believed, the president is a racist, white supremacist, anti-Semite, white nationalist, lunatic, conspiracy theorist, agent of Vladimir Putin, and another Hitler.

Of course, no actual evidence is ever provided, presumably because none exists. But by endlessly repeating the lies, the establishment is able to dupe gullible media consumers into believing it. Granted, that’s an increasingly shrinking minority — polls show just a tiny and fast-

shrinking segment of the American public believes the media these days — but it is still enough to bring brainwashed and violent leftists into the streets in significant enough numbers to cause real damage. And it’s deeply demoralizing to many Trump supporters who know it is false.

Before Trump, the Tea Party suffered from a similar relentless attack by the media. As Trump has been, the Tea Partiers were endlessly demonized by the establishment’s propaganda machine. Because the Tea Party arose during Obama’s presidency in response to big government and an out-of-control White House, the media constantly hyped the false narrative that the Tea Party was merely a racist backlash against the first black president.

In one especially shocking instance of media dishonesty, MSNBC filmed a man with an AR-15 rifle and a pistol at a Tea Party rally, carefully concealing the man’s identity. As that was playing, MSNBC host Contessa Brewer told viewers, “You have a man of color in the presidency

**Headquarters:** The John Birch Society has been working for almost 60 years to preserve the Constitution and expose those who would subvert it.

and white people showing up with guns strapped to their waists or to their legs.” What Brewer did *not* tell or show viewers was that the Tea Party activist whose scary gun MSNBC had just shown was actually *black*. “Contessa was speaking generally and not about that specific person with the automatic weapon,” an MSNBC spokesperson told *Politico* after social media made the story into a national scandal.

Before the disparaging of the Tea Party and Trump, The John Birch Society suffered similarly dishonest and relentless attacks by the establishment media in the 1960s — before the Internet made it much easier for Americans to find the truth for themselves. (THE NEW AMERICAN is a wholly owned subsidiary of The John Birch Society.) The same tactics were used. The same smears were used. And it was for the same reason: The Birch Society posed a serious threat to the establishment’s globalist agenda. And now, in what is being hailed as a good sign of increasing influence by the group, the attacks against the JBS are back in full swing.

Perhaps the most stunning and high-profile example in recent months happened after violence erupted in Charlottesville, Virginia. Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice employed against the JBS what is known as a “sandwich smear,” associating the constitutionalists who constitute the JBS — who happen to be of all races and creeds — with Nazis (National Socialists) and the Ku Klux Klan. Rice, a member of the globalist-minded establishment swamp known as the Council on Foreign Relations, knows what she did was dishonest, critics said. Black and Jewish Birchers offered especially strong condemnations of the bigoted remarks by the Bush-era official.

Writing on social media after Charlottesville, the former secretary of state attacked The John Birch Society as if it had been involved in the events — despite the fact that the Birch Society played absolutely no role in the protests in Virginia, has always strongly opposed racism, and always urges members *not* to get involved in public demonstrations. Indeed, not one single media report has mentioned the Society in connection with the events in Charlottesville, because there was no link whatsoever. By contrast, the JBS has been publishing articles online showing that the violence in Virginia advances the agendas of leftists and racists.

Similar attacks against the JBS have always been just that: attacks. While Rice's fellow Council on Foreign Relations member William F. Buckley argued for white supremacy in his magazine *National Review* in the late 1950s, the young John Birch Society was busy expelling racists and anti-Semites from the movement and publishing the writings of prominent black Birchers such as George Schuyler. And yet, the globalist swamp is hoping to dupe Americans into believing the opposite.

Ironically, in light of Rice's comments, the JBS has been a powerful force against both the KKK and Nazism. Working with the FBI, a member of the society actually played a key role in bringing down some of the Klan's most violent murderers. Reverend Delmar Dennis was a JBS member who, with permission from JBS headquarters, and at great personal risk to himself, infiltrated the most violent Klan in U.S. history, the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. He played a crucial role in bringing down some of its murderous members. Afterward, he went on a speaking tour for JBS exposing the Klan.

Considering the society's fierce opposition to socialism, communism, and fascism — and its inclusion of Jewish members and

Since the JBS was founded in 1958, and long before opposition to racism and anti-Semitism was as mainstream as it is today, membership in the Society has been closed to racists and anti-Semites.



**Hating a black president?** MSNBC showed this picture of a protester as evidence that Tea Partiers were racists upset about “a man of color in the presidency.” What they did not show: The Tea Partier here was actually black.

leaders over the years, including some who survived the Holocaust — it goes without saying that the JBS has always been a major foe to Nazis and their agenda.

Still, Rice, for reasons that were not made clear in her post, felt the need to smear the JBS by listing it along with racist and collectivist organizations and ideologies that the JBS has always vehemently opposed. “Those of us who lived the horrors of Jim Crow and segregation know how much it hurts to be hated for the color of your skin. The KKK, the John Birch Society, and Nazis belong to that awful past,” Rice said, omitting the fact that the Birch Society had many prominent black members and Jewish members during that era, and still does today. She went on: “And they should stay buried there. They have no place in our country’s politics or in our society. We must condemn them and their actions unequivocally.”

Rice, who played a key role in engineering the illegal wars that led to the on-

going extermination of Christians in the Middle East, claimed she would be praying for those who were injured, and the city of Charlottesville. “And I pray for our country and the healing that we do badly need,” she said. Of course, her smear of the JBS raises serious concerns about her “prayers.” The God of the Bible commands people not to bear false witness, one of the 10 Commandments. And yet, Rice, almost certainly deliberately, bore false witness. In the Bible, Jesus Christ even says that the devil himself is the father of lies, and that liars are his children.

Social media users promptly flooded Rice's Facebook page with comments exposing the dishonesty. Even some of her self-described supporters spoke out, noting that the Birch Society, obviously, did not belong on the list.

In an interview with *THE NEW AMERICAN*, Reverend Steven Louis Craft said about Rice's accusations: “As a Christian, patriot, clergy, who happens to be black by God's Design, I am fully convinced that former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice knows that her lying statement accusing The John Birch Society of racism is wrong and very destructive!” He added, echoing concerns expressed by numerous other members of the Society, “If you research her background, you will discover she is a globalist member of the Council

on Foreign Relations and therefore part of a world-wide agenda to destroy any ideas of Making America Great Again! This is nothing more than a satanic plot to destroy President Donald Trump by accusing him as well as The John Birch Society for the wickedness on both sides of the madness that happened in Charlottesville, Virginia!”

Bob Unger, a New York attorney who happens to be Jewish, also blasted the remarks. “It seems to me that she has an agenda, since The John Birch Society is not in any way involved in the altercations that took place in Charlottesville,” Unger told *THE NEW AMERICAN*. “Obviously she has an agenda to discredit those who are exposing globalists like herself. Otherwise, how would The John Birch Society even come to mind here? If she had just said KKK and Nazis, OK, that was all on video. But certainly I, as a Bircher, would not stand next to Nazis and KKK members.”

“I don’t know who everyone was in that crowd [in Charlottesville],” Unger continued. “I don’t know whether there were innocent, well-meaning people there, either. If I were a reporter, I would investigate. I just don’t know. But certainly to throw a John Birch Society tag on this is actually a positive thing, because why try to discredit preemptively something that is irrelevant to the event other than to try to smear them. It’s funny, globalists call people like me McCarthyites. But isn’t that guilt by lack of association? If I’m a

person who believes Robert E. Lee has a place in U.S. history, and a Nazi says that, does that make me a Nazi? A Nazi might also say today is Friday. If I say today is Friday, am I a Nazi? This is the process of thinking, or non-thinking, that we have in today’s society, which is why we’re currently like the *Titanic* on the iceberg.”

Art Thompson, the CEO of The John Birch Society, pointed out that Rice, like many establishment operatives, rightfully criticized National Socialists and the KKK, but not the violent leftists marauding across the United States terrorizing innocent people. “Note that she made no mention of the communists or those promoting violence in the streets against our local police or shutting down free speech by violent action on our campuses,” Thompson observed, echoing concerns expressed by countless Americans of all races and creeds, including the president of the United States, shocked by the dishonest media coverage.

### **JBS Always Opposed Racism and Anti-Semitism**

Since the JBS was founded in 1958, and long before opposition to racism and anti-Semitism was as mainstream as it is today, membership in the society has been closed to racists and anti-Semites. Robert Welch, the founder of the Society, made that clear at the beginning, making Rice’s statement attempting to link the JBS to anti-Semites

and racists downright ridiculous to anyone who knows the facts. Indeed, one of the founding members of the original JBS National Council was Alfred Kohlberg, a prominent Jewish businessman. Numerous other Jews have also served and continue to serve proudly as members and in the leadership of The John Birch Society.

This writer actually co-wrote a book with a prominent Jewish Bircher, Dr. Sam Blumenfeld, who was involved with the Society for many decades and actually worked for it. So passionate was Dr. Blumenfeld about the work of the JBS that, together with other Jewish Birchers such as Alan Stang and Holocaust survivor Georgia Gabor, he helped create the Jewish Society of Americanists in 1966. In a statement of principles, the founders said the Society’s aim was “to demonstrate to our fellow Americans and coreligionists that the Americanist principles, beliefs and aims of the John Birch Society are based on the very precepts of Judaism.”

Another prominent Jew who served in The John Birch Society’s leadership was David Eisenberg, who went from JBS foe to friend. In the early 1960s, responding to smears of the day, Eisenberg set out on a crusade to expose the Society based on the lies he had heard in some media outlets. Upon learning the truth, however, he quickly joined the JBS in 1964 and forcefully exposed those who leveled false charges of anti-Semitism at the society. He was honored to be selected to serve on the National Council in 1995, where he served faithfully for two decades before passing away in 2015.

In response to smears against the society by establishment operatives, *THE NEW AMERICAN* reached out to Andy Dlinn, one of the Society’s Jewish leaders, who is active in his local synagogue and prominent in his state and community. Dlinn, who went from chapter leader to a member of the JBS National Council, told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that when a person was caught telling racist and anti-Semitic jokes at a meeting, he called headquarters and that person’s membership was immediately terminated. “The JBS follows through on its pledge and will not let this kind of filth neutralize the critical and essential work of the Society,” Dlinn said. “Watch what an organization actually says and does, not what others, without basis tell



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**Reduced to repulsive smears:** Council on Foreign Relations member Condoleezza Rice, who helped lie America into illegal wars under George W. Bush, is the latest establishment globalist to dishonestly smear The John Birch Society.



**Shining lights on liars:** In light of false claims of “anti-Semitism” by globalists seeking to smear the JBS, prominent Jewish leaders of the Society such as National Council member Andy Dlinn have vigorously refuted the charges.

you about it.” There was only one incident with anti-Semitism in over 30 years of involvement, Dlinn added.

Even official investigations going back to the 1960s have exposed the establishment’s lies about the Society. In a published report that is available to anyone, a California Senate Fact-Finding Committee came to the obvious conclusion after its investigation that not only was the Society not racist or anti-Semitic, it specifically opposed racism and anti-Semitism. “Among other unjustified criticisms against the society is the charge that it is anti-Semitic,” the report found. “Our investigation leads us to the opposite conclusion. The organization is open to people of all religions, all races, all political persuasions except those deemed subversive.”

The report continued, “There are many Jews on the Birch committees, many in the society; some members have been asked to resign because they were found to be disruptive with their anti-Semitic attitude,” adding that JBS founder Robert Welch and various JBS coordinators were working with prominent Jewish groups to “squell anti-Semitism.”

In fact, Jews quoted in the official report said they felt more welcome in The John Birch Society than in American society at large. The report quoted a Jewish member of the Society in Southern California, Jerome E. Linz, who explained, “As a member of the John Birch Society and also a member of the American Jewish League Against Communism, I vehemently deny

the allegations of persons or groups claiming that the John Birch Society is a fascist, or any other un-American, collectivist organization. It has been my experience, as a member of a so-called minority group, that I have felt in the society a very great sense of mutual co-operation and respect — a conviction of belonging far above the actual circumstance to be found in daily life outside the society.”

The report goes on to point out, “Welch is unquestionably not anti-Semitic, and wishes his organization to be open to people of all faiths.” The investigators also concluded, as Rice and others who smear the JBS almost certainly know, that Welch “has already acted to oust anti-Semites from the movement.” “At any rate, our investigations have disclosed no evidence of anti-Semitism on the part of anyone connected with the John Birch Society in California, and much evidence to the effect that it opposes racism in all forms,” the report said.

Prominent black Americans such as nationally renowned conservative radio host Jesse Lee Peterson, founder and president of the pro-family group BOND (the Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny), have been involved with JBS for decades. “I have been a member of JBS for 20 years. I have been a speaker on their lecture tour discussing big government’s war on the black family. I know the head of JBS, and I have spent time with some of their members,” Peterson told *THE NEW AMERICAN*. “They are good

and decent people. The JBS is made up of patriots who love America. They want to make America great again. Falsely accusing them of ‘racism’ and associating them with neo-Nazis and the violence that occurred in Charlottesville, VA is unfair and absolutely wrong.”

Still today, The John Birch Society welcomes members and leaders from all races and creeds. In an interview with *THE NEW AMERICAN*, JBS chapter leader, radio co-host, and U.S. military veteran Ken Wood, who happens to be black, blasted Rice’s comments as “absolutely ridiculous.” In an interview earlier this year, Wood discussed his “awesome” experience with belonging to the Birch Society and serving as a volunteer leader in Florida. In investigating claims of JBS racism himself, he has found that whenever the society is smeared, after he researches the charge, it turns out the JBS was correct and telling the truth, and the accuser was being dishonest. “When did research become racism?” wondered Wood.

Speaking of Rice, Wood called her “another neocon career-minded opportunist who worked for the Bushes, a family that bankrolled Hitler,” a reference to Bush patriarch Prescott Bush’s well-documented legal troubles for his role in Union Bank’s financing of the Nazi war machine. (Bush’s bank was eventually seized under the Trading With the Enemy Act.) “Now through her virtue signaling, she is posturing for a promotion within her beloved CFR,” he added. “If these globalists and war criminals would just ride off into the sunset with their ill-gotten gains, it would still be wrong, yet I could live with it. However, like zombies that don’t know they’re dead, they just won’t go away, so now it’s time to prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.”

### Attack on True Conservatives

Despite the overwhelming evidence that the Society opposes and always has opposed racism and collectivism, even when racism was mainstream and official policy in much of the United States, Rice is hardly the only establishment operative to employ the sandwich smear against the Birch Society. Numerous other dishonest pseudo-conservatives, neocons, globalists, establishment shills, and others have employed similar tactics, stretching from the

1960s all the way through today. It shows that the dishonest effort is coordinated.

Among the recent offenders is pseudo-conservative *Washington Post* columnist Marc Thiessen, who served as President George W. Bush's chief speechwriter and is a current member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He used the pages of the *Post* to smear the Birch Society. First, Thiessen claimed William F. Buckley — a man who at one time defended the denial of voting rights for “backward” blacks and the supremacy of whites, whom he termed the “advanced race” — had “excommunicated” the “anti-Semitic John Birch Society” from what he termed the “respectable right.” After the *Post* was made aware of the error and was sent incontrovertible proof that Thiessen's claim was demonstrably false, rather than apologize, Thiessen and his editors changed the smear to read “... the John Birch Society, widely believed then to be anti-Semitic and a proponent of nutty conspiracy theories.”

The pattern was remarkably similar to what happened some months earlier when fellow *Post* columnist and globalist warmonger Jennifer Rubin, who pretends to be conservative while spewing hate against conservatives, smeared the JBS in two editorials. First, she falsely referred to the Society as a “white nationalist” group. After the *Post* was alerted to the obvious error, the false claim suddenly disappeared. Not long after that, though, in another column, Rubin used precisely

the same “sandwich smear” tactic employed by Rice, evidencing a premeditated and dishonest effort to mislead the *Post*'s readers. In a column attacking then-White House strategist Steve Bannon and former Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopolous, Rubin said President Trump should disown the “alt-right,” which he should have seen as the “modern incarnation of the KKK, the John Birch Society and run-of-the-mill racists.”

Before that, another columnist for the “fake news” establishment did the exact same thing. “In pre-Internet days, these people found each other in marginal groups that occasionally reared into prominence: the Klan, the John Birch Society, the American Nazi Party,” wrote *Chicago Sun-Times* propagandist Neil Steinberg, who first attracted national attention after a scheme to promote gun control blew up in his face. His now-infamous plan was to show the world how easy it supposedly was to get a gun. But as a convicted drunk and wife beater, he was unable to pass the required background check, making him an instant celebrity and the subject of nationwide ridicule. He was also widely condemned for what critics blasted as a “racist” tirade against a black woman running for Chicago mayor.

Obviously, there is a pattern emerging here, and there are numerous additional examples to prove the point. The “sandwich smear” carefully allows the writers to avoid legal accountability for libel, be-

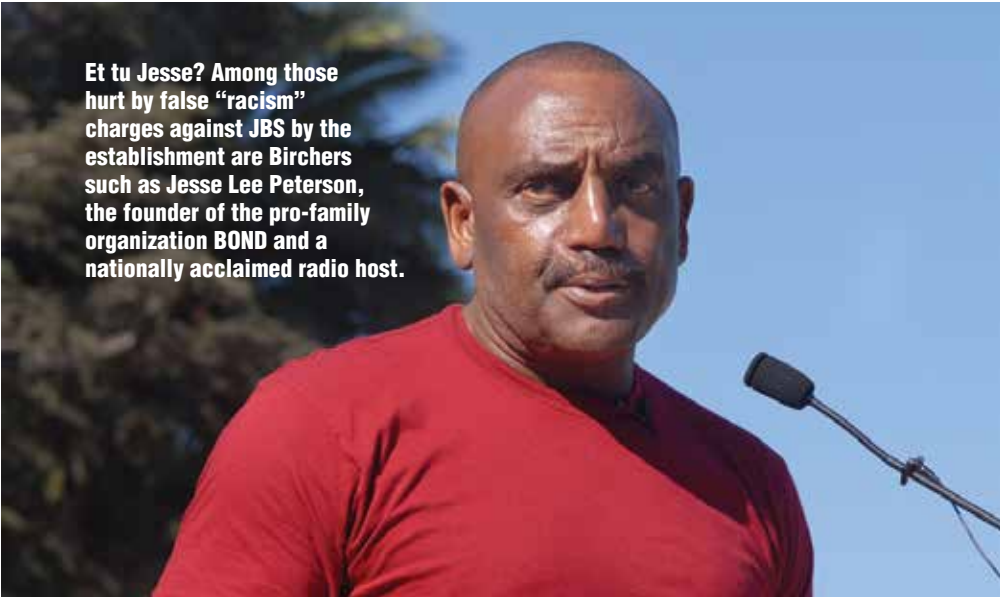
cause, technically, a false statement was never made about the Birch Society. But among uninformed readers who do not know the truth, it creates, often subconsciously, a negative association in the readers' minds. Obviously, the fact that so many establishment operatives have deployed the sandwich smear against The John Birch Society — and not, say, CFR member Buckley, who had openly advocated denial of voting rights for blacks in his magazine — is not a coincidence.

The reason for this well-orchestrated pattern of dishonesty is that The John Birch Society represents the most effective opposition in the world to the globalist agenda of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg network, and their allies and useful idiots. (Rice belongs to the CFR and the Trilateral Commission, and has attended Bilderberg.) That agenda is, to be blunt, to subvert the U.S. Constitution and build what Rice's bosses have often referred to publicly as the “New World Order” — basically, a global government controlled by themselves.

The far-left Southern Poverty Law Center, which often maligns mainstream Christian and conservative organizations as “hate groups” for opposing homosexual “marriage,” has not gone so far as to explicitly lie about the JBS by falsely accusing it of racism or hate. Obviously, that would be absurd. But it does identify the Society as the “chief” organization of the “Patriot” movement. There is a good reason for that, and it explains why the JBS has so often been targeted by the establishment's dishonest propagandists.

### **The JBS Is on the March**

Indeed, despite decades of dishonest attacks against the JBS by establishment operatives, among both pseudo-conservatives and leftists, the JBS is increasingly being recognized on all sides as one of the leading influences behind modern conservatism. “Far from being drummed out of conservatism, it has become the dominant strain,” wrote Jeet Heer, senior editor at *The New Republic*, arguing that the rise of Donald Trump was essentially the culmination of 60 years of JBS educational efforts. “Far from belonging merely to the lunatic fringe, the Birchers were important precursors to what is now



**Et tu Jesse? Among those hurt by false “racism” charges against JBS by the establishment are Birchers such as Jesse Lee Peterson, the founder of the pro-family organization BOND and a nationally acclaimed radio host.**

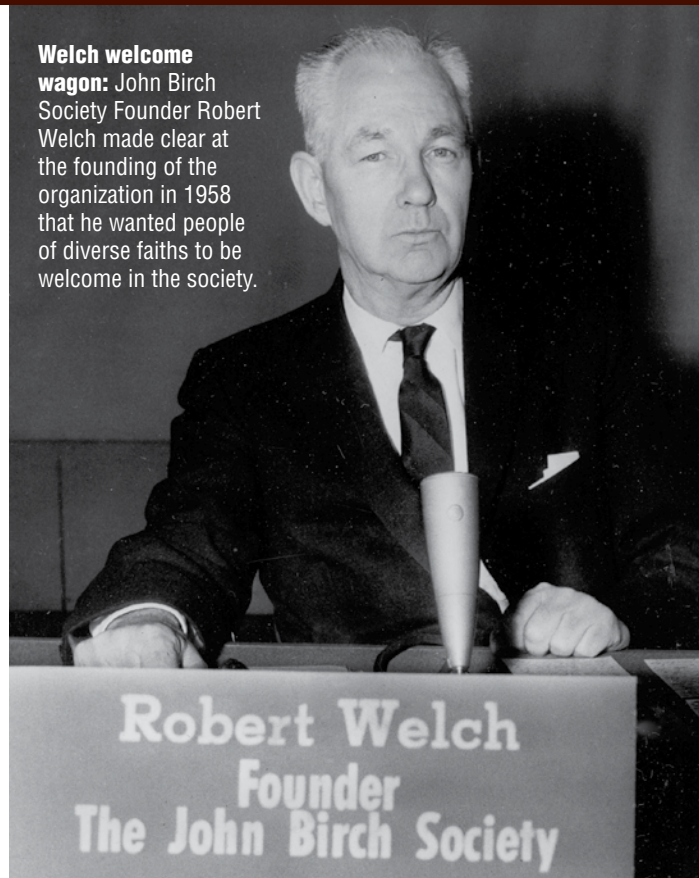
the governing ideology of the Republican Party: Trumpism.... Bircherism is now, with Trump, flourishing in an entirely new way.”

Writing in the far-left establishment organ *Salon*, writer Daniel Denvir also claimed Trump was proof of a JBS takeover of conservatism and the GOP. “These sorts of conspiracies are not limited to immigration: the far right that has taken over the Republican Party incorporates a whole range of extreme theories rooted in the Cold War paranoia of the John Birch Society ... and the rantings of Alex Jones and his Infowars empire,” he wrote. More recently, *Politico*, *Newsmax*, and many other influential media outlets have highlighted the surging influence of the Society, bursting the false myths propagated by establishment insiders.

In the online far-left establishment behemoth Huffington Post, self-styled “historian” Robert McElvaine also claimed Trump was proof that the JBS was winning. “The Trump candidacy is the culmination of the long campaign begun by McCarthyism and the John Birch Society in the 1950s and aimed at discrediting virtually every institution in the United States,” he wrote. In 2011, meanwhile, journalist Andrew Reinbach, also writing in the Huffington Post, made a similar argument. “Most Americans don’t realize that the right wing’s main ideas have been pushed for 50 years by the John Birch Society (JBS), a group Barry Goldwater and William F. Buckley Jr. once thought too extreme, but which has since become the intellectual seed bank of the right,” he said, without noting that Goldwater famously said, “Extremism in defense of freedom is no vice.”

Indeed, even Rice’s cohorts at the CFR have complained about The John Birch Society’s effectiveness in stopping their globalist agenda in its tracks — including while Rice was a senior foreign policy official in the Bush administration. The

**Welch welcome wagon:** John Birch Society Founder Robert Welch made clear at the founding of the organization in 1958 that he wanted people of diverse faiths to be welcome in the society.



late Robert Pastor, for example, who led the CFR’s “North America” schemes to subvert U.S. sovereignty along the lines of the plot used to destroy the independence of European nations, identified the JBS as one of the lead forces in foiling the globalist agenda on the North American continent.

“The John Birch Society” is among the leading groups that “have been the most vocal, active and intense on North American issues, and they were effective in inhibiting the Bush administration and deterring the Obama administration from any grand initiatives,” he wrote in his 2011 book *The North American Idea: A Vision of a Continental Future*. Rice, of course, was at the center of Bush efforts to push this agenda, so it is no wonder that she dislikes the Birch Society enough to dishonestly smear it at the risk of losing even more credibility.

The true agenda of people such as Rice and her cohorts at the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, and Bilderberg is clear. Prominent patriotic Americans have been sounding the alarm about the dangerous organizations for generations. The late U.S. Admiral Ches-

ter Ward, for example, who served as the judge advocate of the U.S. Navy, was a CFR member for 16 years before resigning in disgust. “In the entire CFR lexicon, there is no term of revulsion carrying a meaning so deep as America First,” said Admiral Ward, whose comments on the CFR shed light on why the group would be entirely hostile to any movement or individual that believes in America.

But the reality is even worse than just hating America First policies and advocates. “The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence, and submergence into an all-powerful one-world government,” the admiral warned, adding that “this lust to surrender the sovereignty and independence of the United States is pervasive throughout most of the membership.”

That sinister agenda becomes clear even from reading the CFR’s own mouthpiece, known as *Foreign Affairs*. In April 1974, for example, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Richard Gardner explained how the agenda for world government would be pursued. “In short, the house of world order will have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down,” he wrote. “An end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old fashioned frontal assault.” The magazine also regularly promotes regional government, war, and attacks on national sovereignty.

The establishment swamp infests both major political parties. Globalist former Vice President Dick Cheney, the neocon warmonger who served with Rice, boasted of his dishonesty in a speech at the CFR, when he explained that he never informed voters in Wyoming about his membership and leadership role in the establishment organization. Obama’s Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, meanwhile, who called former KKK leader Robert Byrd her “mentor,” noted on video that the CFR

told her what she should be doing and how she should be thinking.

Bilderberg's subversive agenda to destroy American sovereignty and move toward a global government has also been made clear even by its own members. In 2001, former British chancellor of the exchequer and Bilderberg bigwig Denis Healey even told the U.K. *Guardian* that it was a little "exaggerated, but not wholly unfair" to say that the outfit's overall goal was to impose a global government on humanity. "Those of us in Bilderberg felt we couldn't go on forever fighting one another for nothing and killing people and rendering millions homeless," he claimed. "So we felt that a single community throughout the world would be a good thing." By "community," globalists really mean government — after all, the European Union was a "community" before the full-blown super-state was openly announced. And more than a few Bilderberg leaders have boasted of the network's role in creating the EU and its single currency.

And finally, the Trilateral Commission, which Rice also belongs to, is working toward the same goals. Its founder, the late David Rockefeller, admitted the facts in his 2002 autobiography, *Memoirs*. "Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the

United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will," Rockefeller wrote on page 405. "If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

For some perspective on what Rockefeller's sought-after "one world" political and economic structure might look like, his own words are again revealing. After a visit to Communist China in the early 1970s, where the regime was murdering millions of innocents on an industrial scale while wiping out the culture, Rockefeller returned with glowing reports. "Whatever the price of the Chinese Revolution, it has obviously succeeded, not only in producing more efficient and dedicated administration, but also in fostering a high morale and community purpose," Rockefeller claimed in a 1973 *New York Times* piece about a psychopath's "revolution" that murdered many tens of millions of people in cold blood. "The social experiment in China under Chairman Mao's leadership is one of the most important and successful in human history."

Those are the people whom Rice and others who smear the JBS serve. But with the American people rejecting the estab-

lishment's lackeys and its agenda — not to mention its fake news — globalist operatives are scrambling to derail the movement to preserve the U.S. Constitution and American independence. And with Rice's latest book promoting "democracy" and globalism a giant flop — it has fewer reviews on Amazon than this writer's book on education — it seems Rice is desperate to remain relevant. Whether she worked with others to concoct her latest smear is not clear. But ironically, by attacking the JBS, she has given the Society yet more exposure, and another opportunity to spread the truth.

It is very telling that the enemies of The John Birch Society — really enemies of truth, the Constitution, and the American way — have to resort to lies and deception to demonize the Society and its members. It is also very encouraging to know that the only attacks that can be leveled at the Society to smear it are easily discredited lies. That means the haters of the JBS, its members, and what it stands for can find no truthful accusation to level that might turn mainstream Americans against the Society. By contrast, the JBS merely tells the truth about the establishment and its agenda, and allows the chips to fall where they may. The entire agenda of the JBS can be summarized as: "To bring about less government, more responsibility, and — with God's help — a better world by providing leadership, education, and organized volunteer action in accordance with moral and Constitutional principles."

These latest developments should serve as encouraging news to patriotic Americans who love America, the Constitution, and the Judeo-Christian foundation upon which Western civilization rests. The establishment realizes that the truth, all on its own, will be their downfall. And so they lie, and then lie some more. There is never more flak than when one is over the target. As such, while the establishment destroys the credibility of its minions by spreading lies to shore up its fringe and unpopular globalist positions, Americans should speak the truth ever more boldly. In the end, the truth will stand on its own, and those who oppose it and hate it will ultimately be known for what they are. Every member of the Birch Society should make use of the information above to fight globalist lies with unassailable truths. ■



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**Conspiracy or correct call?** The late David Rockefeller, a leading establishment globalist, boasted of being a "conspirator" working with a "secret cabal" against the interests of his country to create a "one world" political and economic system — just as the JBS said he was.

# NO CONSCIENCE?

GOP Senator Jeff Flake's book intends to convince readers that globalism and liberalism are conservative ideals.

by Alex Newman

*Conscience of a Conservative: A Rejection of Destructive Politics and a Return to Principle*, by Jeff Flake, New York: Random House, 2017, 160 pages, hardcover.

If you were considering buying Senator Jeff Flake's book *Conscience of a Conservative* about the evils of President Donald Trump and the glory of Flake's alleged "conservative principles," don't waste your money. The disjointed, highly repetitive screed reads like a stale list of establishment talking points mixed in with a massive dose of self-glorification, sprinkled liberally with dishonesty and attacks against all who disagree with him — especially Trump. In short, it is worse than a waste of time and money, and it has virtually no redeeming qualities.

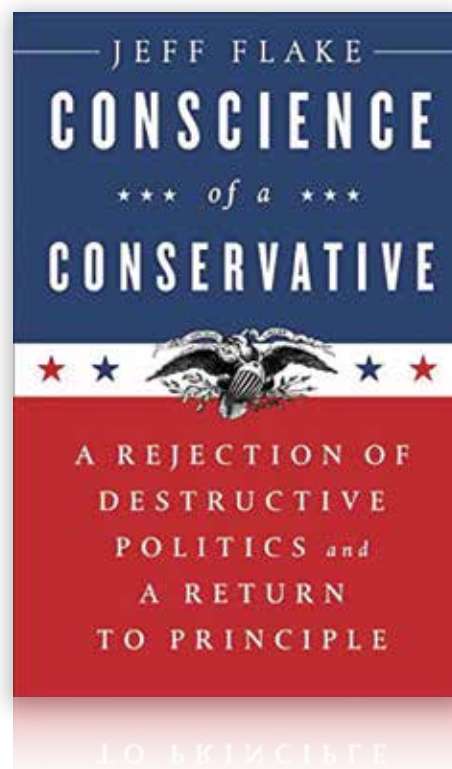
So, you may ask, why is THE NEW AMERICAN reviewing the book? Back in the '60s William F. Buckley used *National Review* to "purge" the conservative movement of the allegedly bad John Birch Society, which publishes this magazine. Now, Senator Flake and his allies in the establishment media are hoping this book will serve a similar role, supposedly rescuing conservatism from the terrible Trump, who, Flake warns, "has brought the values of [JBS founder] Robert Welch into the West Wing." Flake even borrowed the title of Barry Goldwater's famous 1964 book to lend credibility to his efforts.

The books' contents, though, are vastly different. Goldwater used his book to describe principled conservatism. Flake, on the other hand, wrote his book not only to promote neoconservatism and globalism, but also to expel Trump and his supporters from the conservative movement, along the lines of what Buckley tried to do with the JBS. Indeed, as suggested by the subtitle ("A Rejection of Destructive Politics and a Return to Principle"), the main purpose of Flake's book is to attack Trump

and the "populism" he represents. Instead of Trump's "America First" vision, Flake's poorly defined "conservatism" is primarily a call for more globalism, more war, further surrender of national sovereignty via pseudo-"free trade" regimes, and other establishment demands.

Like other globalists and neocons masquerading as conservatives, Flake tries hard throughout the book to make you believe he's genuinely conservative. But he fails miserably. He even calls himself a "constitutionalist" before going on to explain that, despite Barry Goldwater's principled stand in favor of the Constitution, Flake in some cases supports violating the Constitution. He did not say whether he supported the Supreme Court's invention of a "right" to a "homosexual marriage" or a "right" to murder unborn babies, but he does regret not voting to squander (unconstitutionally!) \$700 billion in U.S. tax money to bail out the mega-banks. In other words, Flake is not a constitutionalist in any legitimate sense of the term.

Despite all the talk of "principle," Flake's "principles," assuming he actually possesses some, are hard to identify. Perhaps the most consistent "principle" throughout the book, separating what Flake rejects from what he supports, is the "free trade" agenda — an agenda that, as this magazine has repeatedly documented, has little to do with real free trade and a lot to do with undermining America's independence. To push his narrative, though, Flake is forced to construct an elaborate strawman that bears little resemblance to reality. Throughout the book, Flake never acknowledges the concerns of conservative opponents of globalist "free trade" regimes — the transnational tribunals, the international bureaucracies, and the overriding of the American people's elected officials. In Flake's narrative, opposition to pseudo-free-trade such as NAFTA is really opposition to trade. Of course, that is ludicrous, and countless free-market economists have



pointed out that thousands of pages of international regulations do not amount to free trade, but to government-managed trade. But if Flake were to acknowledge that, his entire argument would collapse.

More immigration, and amnesty for illegal immigrants already in America, is another key plank in Flake's "conservatism." His argument: Every four years the electorate gets two percentage points "less white," so the GOP is "skidding with each passing election toward irrelevance." To remedy this, Republicans must be more like the Democrat Party elite, which wants open borders and amnesty. In short, Flake subscribes to the racist and collectivist views spread by the media that non-whites by definition support "progressive" ideology, open borders, multiculturalism, and the rest of the establishment's false narrative — and that to win them over, the GOP must join in. Incredibly, his pseudo-solution to the alleged problem for the GOP is to pass amnesty and turn millions of left-leaning illegal immigrants into voters — a scheme he boasts of promoting via the "Gang of Eight" bill, and a scheme that would all but ensure a permanent majority for the Democratic Party unless the GOP turns further left.

On one issue, at least, Flake would ap-



pear superficially to be a conservative: lowering taxes. But Flake goes on to admit what principle animates his support for tax cuts — and it isn't limited government, the Constitution, or letting Americans keep more of the fruits of their labor. Instead, Flake says he pushed for “every tax cut we could manage . . . because I believe that lowering taxes usually begets more economic growth, which leads to higher tax revenue.” So there you have it straight from the senator: Flake wants to cut taxes so the government can extract more taxes. He then adds: “I am not averse to revenue increases.”

Flake goes on to cite a string of absurdities as his “conservative principles” — for instance, opening America’s borders to the world’s 1.5 billion potential Muslim immigrants. Indeed, opposition of Americans to Obama’s plans to import massive numbers of Muslims appears to truly upset Flake. He even says “we are provoking civilizational struggle between Islam and the West” by even “appearing” to ban Muslims from America. Supposedly this gives the “jihadis precisely the struggle they want.” In other words, Flake’s “principle” here is that if America does not dismantle its immigration laws and welcome the world’s Muslims, jihadis will be unhappy — like they can’t find other things to be unhappy about, such as the interventionist foreign policy Flake supports.

He even promotes the discredited man-made global-warming theory rejected by most Americans, suggesting that those who disagree are opposed to “science” and give conservatism a bad name.

Flake praises *National Review* and its attacks on the “ardent anticommunists” of The John Birch Society, “probably best known for their elaborate conspiracy theories of communist infiltration.” Flake never gets anywhere close to honesty on this topic. As an example of JBS founder Robert Welch’s supposed sins against true conservatism, Flake says that Welch believed Eisenhower was an agent of the communist movement. He never points out that the only official to serve two terms in Eisenhower’s Cabinet, Ezra Taft

Benson, agreed with Welch and said The John Birch Society was “the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless Communism.” Flake also never points out that while Welch warned that Castro was a communist, the Eisenhower administration was busy helping to put the “freedom fighter” in power, as documented by U.S. Ambassador to Cuba Earl Smith. He never mentions Operation Keelhaul, either, where Eisenhower used U.S. troops to round up millions of Soviet refugees to be sent back to Stalin to be murdered and tortured. Nor does he mention the voluminous evidence compiled by Welch in *The Politician*.

In his attacks on the JBS, Flake also points to Goldwater, who developed the *Conscience of a Conservative* mantra that Flake improperly hijacks, and Goldwater’s disagreements with The John Birch Society. Flake’s evidence: Goldwater once wrote a letter to the editor in which he expressed disagreement with Welch. And yet, Goldwater is quoted as saying in Flake’s book that “every other person in Phoenix is a member of the John Birch Society. . . . I’m not talking about Commie-haunted apple pickers or cactus drunks, I’m talking about the highest caste of men of affairs.” Flake never mentions it, but Goldwater also praised Birchers as the “type of people we need in politics,” and he said JBS members were some of the “finest people”

in his community. Ironically, even Goldwater’s campaign manager, Denison Kitchel, was a JBS member. After being ordered by establishment forces to condemn the “extremist” Birchers, Goldwater famously declared that “extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice.” Flake also never mentions that by 1979, in his memoir *With No Apologies*, Goldwater had come around to expressing the same “conspiracy theories” as JBS, warning of the globalist establishment’s “pursuit of a new world order” and “one-world rule.”

The main target of Flake’s rage, however, is Trump and Trump’s supporters. As part of his proof that Trump is an erratic “madman,” Flake cites Trump’s decision to publicly accept a phone call from the president of the free Chinese on Taiwan. Flake claims it was “risking our relationship with Beijing,” seat of the most murderous dictatorship in history.

Flake’s stunning ignorance, naiveté, or dishonesty is on full display in his book. For instance, he parrots the debunked narrative that communist agent Lech Wałęsa was the “David” who “slew the Goliath of the USSR’s puppet regime in Warsaw.” In reality, Wałęsa was an agent of that very regime, code-named “Bolek” in official documents. Interestingly, Flake recounts how Wałęsa told him that the U.S. government should normalize relations with the mass-murdering Castro regime in Cuba, something Flake strongly supports. Right now, Flake is under fire for condemning Trump’s pardon of Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio while praising Obama’s release of convicted communist Cuban spy Gerardo Hernández, an accessory to the slaughter of innocent U.S. citizens.

While Flake claims to be animated by the vision of the founders, who warned against entangling alliances, it is clear that is not the case. Instead, Flake’s book reads like a half-baked, narcissistic, self-righteous piece of self-glorification. It is likely to have exactly zero influence on the conservative movement. And it may end up destroying what is left of his career. ■



**Copycat?** The titles and cover designs of these two books may be strikingly similar, but the contents are remarkably different.



## THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

### Harvey Heroes

In the face of calamity, there are no people more generous or resilient than the American people, and there is no better proof of this than in Houston and its surrounding areas, which were pummeled by Hurricane Harvey at the end of August.

Hurricane Harvey dropped 40-52 inches of rain in southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana, according to weather.com. It forced more than 35,000 people into shelters as thousands upon thousands of homes became submerged under floodwaters. And worst of all, Harvey claimed the lives of at least 82 people, according to Texas officials. It is easy to look at the utter devastation and loss caused by Hurricane Harvey and feel sadness and hopelessness, but Hurricane Harvey has also revealed beautiful moments of goodness and godliness that no storm can ever destroy. People from all across the country have shown their support for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, with some even heroically risking their lives to save others.

### Life-saving Heroics

The famous Cajun Navy, a group of boat owners known for their rescue efforts during the flooding in southeast Louisiana in August 2016, came all the way from Louisiana to help rescue residents trapped in their homes as a result of Harvey's flooding.

Loads of photos emerged of random strangers with boats rescuing people trapped in their vehicles or in their houses. The boat owners would fill their craft with people they rescued before dropping them off to safety and heading back out to flooded areas to do more. Two such people are Crystal Jaramillo and Trey Jones of Texas City, who managed to rescue more than 20 people with just a kayak, according to Galveston County reporter Marissa Barnett.

An unnamed local pastor was captured on camera walking through floodwaters and checking each submerged vehicle to be sure that there was no one trapped inside.

Four teens — Thomas Edwards, Richard Dickason, Liam Connor, and Declan Connor — were among those who used a personal boat to rescue stranded Texans.

They saved more than 50 people, as well as numerous pets, the Daily Wire reported.

When a boater was stopped by CNN's Ed Lavandera to get his take on the storm, he told the reporter that he was going to use his boat to "try to save some lives."

Video footage of some of the rescues is truly incredible. One man, who did not appear to be a first responder, was seen using a rope to pull people to safety from violent floodwaters. And many volunteers like him, who were captured on camera performing life-threatening rescues, remain unidentified.

### Shelter

A furniture store in Houston called Gallery Furniture kept its doors open during the hurricane and via Twitter invited displaced Houstonians to come to the stores for "shelter and food." At the entrance to the store, towels, shoes, clothing, and toys donated by locals awaited those seeking refuge from the storm. They were told that they could rest and lounge on any of the store's mattresses and couches.

According to CNN, store owner Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale and his team also used the store's delivery trucks to make rescues. "All day on Sunday we went around rescuing people out of high water stranded on overpasses. We brought about 200 people into the store that way," McIngvale says.

McIngvale's kindness knew no bounds. He also paid for portable showers so that evacuees were able to have a hot shower.

### Fundraising Efforts

The American people have also shown their goodness through donations. In just one day, Houston Texans player JJ Watt raised more than \$500,000, Townhall reported. As fundraising efforts continued, that figure quickly surpassed \$1 million. The show of support was so enormous that Watt continually had to raise the goal. Each time, it was reached and surpassed, eventually hitting the \$30 million mark. Among those who donated to Watt's You-Caring campaign were talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres and Tennessee Titans

owner Amy Adams Strunk, both of whom donated \$1 million, and NBA star Chris Paul, who donated \$50,000. Walmart also donated \$1 million to the campaign.

Other celebrities and pop icons showed their support, as well, through significant donations, including singers Drake and Beyonce, actor Leonardo DiCaprio, actress Sandra Bullock, and comedian Kevin Hart. And President Trump pledged a million dollars of his own money.

*Good Morning America* hosted a telethon to raise money for Hurricane Harvey victims. Celebrities including Alex Rodriguez, Ashanti, Andrew Shue, and Rascal Flatts all volunteered to answer phone calls from viewers who called to pledge money. According to the celebrity volunteers, calls poured in all morning from people across the country, from California to New York to Florida. In all, the telethon raised more than \$8 million.

*CNN Money* reported that businesses donated more than \$113 million to Harvey relief efforts.

### Floods of Donations

In states all across the country, locals collected and donated supplies to send to Hurricane Harvey victims.

Venus Rice, owner of GG's House of Beauty and Nail Salon in Dalton, Georgia, rented a U-Haul to collect and haul supplies to Houston. She used her salon as a drop-off location.

Rice explained the motivation behind her endeavor. "Imagine if that was us," she told the *Dalton Daily Citizen*. "Those people will be so appreciative of what we give."

In Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania, 22-year-old Nick Russo and his friends and family collected two truckloads of supplies and took a trip to Houston to distribute the items to Harvey's victims. Items ranged from household items to hygienic supplies to pet products. They also collected gas cards, gas cans, and money.

"People of all sorts are making contributions, from businesses, to old people to young people," Russo said before making the journey to Houston. "Everyone has come together as a community." ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

# Killing Columbus

## Seeking the “Undiscovery” of America



**Condemning culture:** Having tackled the Confederates, the Left is now targeting the men responsible for creating America herself. Currently heading the hit list is Christopher Columbus, whose unpardonable “sin” was spreading Western culture and Christianity.

In the wake of liberal mobs defacing and destroying Confederate statues, the same groups are going after Christopher Columbus, hoping to denigrate his achievements.

*by Selwyn Duke*

**T**hat the victors write the history is also true in the wake of culture wars. Unfortunately, when those winners happen to be losers (intellectually and morally), the history they write may be your civilization’s last chapter.

Our current cultural revolution, which would do China’s

Red Guards proud, has again kicked into high gear, with Confederate statues getting the Taliban treatment. Yet much as how forces winning battles and taking territory move on to the next campaign on Conquest Road, today’s cultural revolutionaries now have in the cross hairs even Founders such as Thomas Jefferson and the father of our nation, George Washington. Yet under withering direct assault currently is a “softer” target, Christopher Columbus.

In my birthplace, Yonkers, New York, a statue of the Italian explorer was recently vandalized; this was followed by similar incidents in the Big Apple borough of Queens and Manhattan’s Central Park. A “community organizer” (no, not Barack Obama) — or, as they used to be called, an agitator — has proposed replacing a Columbus statue in St. Paul, Minnesota, with one of late pop star Prince and one chosen by the “Native Community.” Even more significantly, the city council in our country’s second-largest metropolis, Los Angeles, voted 14-1 on August 30 to replace Columbus Day with “Indigenous People’s Day.” If this keeps up, the rhyme we all learned as children will be changed to, “In 1492, Columbus assailed all that was good and true.”

But is this true? Who was Christopher Columbus? And, more significantly, what did he accomplish?

Christopher Columbus (Italian: Cristoforo Colombo), the son of a wool merchant, was born in the Republic of Genoa, likely in 1451. His life as an adventurer got off to a fitting start, as History.com explains: “When he was still a teenager, he got a job on a merchant ship. He remained at sea until 1470, when French privateers [legalized pirates] attacked his ship as it sailed north along the Portuguese coast. The boat sank, but the young Columbus floated to shore on a scrap of wood and made his way to Lisbon, where he studied mathematics, astronomy, cartography and navigation. He also began to hatch the plan that would change the world forever.”

History.com relates that vision’s origin, writing that at “the end of the 15th century, it was nearly impossible to reach Asia from Europe by land.” Not only was the route long and arduous, but hostile encounters with the Muslims who controlled it were common. (This was one of the issues that sparked the Crusades earlier in history.) “Portuguese explorers solved this problem by taking to the sea: They sailed south along the West African coast and around the Cape of Good Hope,” the site continued. “But Columbus had a different idea: Why not sail west across the Atlantic instead of around the massive African continent?”

Columbus was certainly well-suited for such an endeavor. As geographer and writer Robert Fuson put it, Columbus was probably “one of the best ‘dead-reckoning’ — that’s where you use



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**Statue wars:** The destruction of physical representations of heroes and history, such as that effected by China's Red Guards, means a cultural revolution is afoot. This is precisely what's happening today, with Columbus statues across the country being vandalized.

a compass — ... sailors that ever walked the planet." His math, though, at least in this instance, left something to be desired. Columbus estimated the Earth's circumference to be approximately 2,300 miles. (Yes, he, and all educated Europeans, knew the world was round.) This helps explain why he thought he'd reached the East Indies upon landing in the Bahamas.

On this point contemporary nautical experts generally disagreed, adhering "to the (now known to be accurate) second-century B.C. estimate of the Earth's circumference at 25,000 miles, which made the actual distance between the Canary Islands and Japan about 12,200 statute miles," writes Biography.com. Nonetheless, the site further informs, "Despite their disagreement with Columbus on matters of distance, they concurred that a westward voyage from Europe would be an uninterrupted water route."

One could wonder if Columbus' reckoning of distance was more selling point than savvy analysis, because he certainly needed selling points. As Biography.com also tells us:

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Columbus proposed a three-ship voyage of discovery across the Atlantic first to the Portuguese king, then to Genoa and finally to Venice. He was rejected each time. In 1486, he went to the Spanish monarchy of Isabella of Castille and Ferdinand of Aragon. Their focus was on a war with the Muslims [the *Reconquista* — Muslims had occupied Spain for approximately 700 years], and their nautical experts were skeptical, so they initially rejected Columbus. The idea, however, must have intrigued the monarchs, for they kept Columbus on a retainer.

Columbus continued to lobby the royal court, and soon after the Spanish army captured the last Muslim stronghold in Granada in January of 1492. Shortly after, the monarchs agreed to finance his expedition. In August of 1492, Columbus left Spain with three ships [and 90 men]. He was sailing in the Santa Maria, with the Pinta and the Niña alongside.

On October 12, the ships made landfall on a Bahamian island, which Columbus, again, assumed was the (East) Indies. Columbus and his men then "continued their journey," writes Biography.com, "visiting the islands of Cuba (which he thought was mainland China) and Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which Columbus thought might be Japan)."

Columbus would make three more voyages to the New World, landing in South America but never finding his alternative water route to the Indian Ocean. He died on May 20, 1506, four years after his last expedition. Some say he went to his death believing he'd landed in Asia, plausible given the human tendency to rationalize and a desire Columbus might have had to not see his life's work as a failure. Others say he eventually recognized his discovery, and it has even been alleged that he knew but lied about the matter to protect whatever fortune he had left.

Whatever the case, his missteps and misconceptions are now sometimes used to portray him as an incompetent oaf, a man hardly worthy of honor. Yet this reflects profound ignorance and arrogance. Remember that to 15th-century Europeans, the notion there might be some great, unknown continent west of Europe is a bit like someone today claiming another planet, more magnificent than Earth herself, lies on the other side of the sun. Believable? Columbus was operating based on accepted knowledge of the day about the world. As *Smithsonian* wrote in 2009:

Men, confronted with things they do not recognize, turn to the writings of those who have had a wider experience. And in 1513 it was still assumed that the ancient writers had had a wider experience than those who came after them.

Columbus himself had made that assumption. His discoveries posed for him, as for others, a problem of identification. It seemed to be a question not so much of giving names to new lands as of finding the proper old names, and the same was true of the things that the new lands contained. Cruising through the Caribbean, enchanted by the beauty and variety of what he saw, Columbus assumed that the strange plants and trees were

strange only because he was insufficiently versed in the writings of men who did know them. “I am the saddest man in the world,” he wrote, “because I do not recognize them.”

We need not deride Columbus’ reluctance to give up the world that he knew from books. Only idiots escape entirely from the world that the past bequeaths.

And only the idiotically unwise condemn a dead man’s insight or foresight through the lens of their hindsight.

Of course, it is true that Columbus did not, in a true sense, “discover” the New World. Norse explorer Leif Eriksson is currently credited with having been the first European to do so, supposedly landing in Newfoundland early in the 11th century. According to scientists, American Indians arrived here from Asia more than 15 millennia ago. A theory holds that the Chinese explored the New World 3,300 years back, and the “Solutrean Hypothesis” states that a stone-age European people called the Solutreans were here before anyone, 20,000 years ago. Perhaps all the assailed Columbus monuments could be replaced with the Statue of the Unknown Solutrean.

So if Columbus was wrong about so many things, if he wasn’t the first to discover the New World and didn’t even set foot in North America, why recognize him? Well, the answer lies in what I stated earlier, about how staggering the notion of a New World was: Columbus introduced the New World to the Western one, thus paving the way for the New World to become part of the Western world. This was one of the most momentous events in history.

Columbus literally started it all. As *Live Science* put it in 2011, “News of the success of his first voyage spread like wildfire through Europe, setting the stage for an era of European conquest. One can argue whether the conquest was good or bad for humanity [note: One could, but shouldn’t].... But it is difficult to deny Columbus’ direct role in quickly and radically changing the world.” Biography.com elaborated on this radical change:

In what is known as the Columbian Exchange, Columbus’ expeditions set



**History’s great moments:** Columbus literally introduced the New World to the Western one, sparking a process that changed all of humanity and led to the creation of the world’s greatest nation: the United States.

in motion the widespread transfer of people, plants, animals, diseases, and cultures that greatly affected nearly every society on the planet. The horse from Europe allowed Native American tribes in the Great Plains of North America to shift from a nomadic to a hunting lifestyle. Wheat from the Old World fast became a main food source for people in the Americas. Coffee from Africa and sugar cane from Asia became major cash crops for Latin American countries. And foods from the Americas, such as potatoes, tomatoes and corn, became staples for Europeans and helped increase their populations.

Columbus also appears to be the first European to encounter cocoa beans, brought back to Spain after his fourth voyage. Of course, chocolate’s introduction alone should be enough to warrant celebratory statues of the Italian on every street corner! (And not just in Hershey, Pennsylvania.) In a nutshell, Columbus’ voyages changed waistlines — and the world.

But now cultural revolutionaries are bent on changing his legacy. This new portrayal of Columbus was summed up well in 2006 by Peta Lindsay in *Socialism and Liberation* magazine, expressing sentiments that, lamentably, have been embraced far beyond radical-fringe circles. To wit, “To celebrate Columbus is to celebrate a legacy of genocide, slavery, rape and plunder. It commemorates the violent

and bloody accumulation of capital for the ruling classes of Europe and, later, the U.S.” Of course, were it not for Columbus, the United States might not exist — which, presumably, would suit socialism-and-liberation types just fine.

This conception of Columbus as a cruel, genocidal slave-master and would-be tyrant is prevalent today, but some challenge this politically correct narrative. For example, in a 2015 piece entitled “Why the Left Hates Columbus,” Randall University history Professor Steve Byas (who also writes for *THE NEW AMERICAN*) wrote, “Bartolomé de las Casas, a Spanish priest who advocated for better treatment of the native peoples, is often cited as the source of much of the alleged cruelties of Columbus. The truth is that las Casas was complimentary of Columbus in his *Historia de las Indias*. ‘He [Columbus] was a gentle man of great force and spirit, of lofty thoughts and naturally inclined to undertake worthy deeds and signal enterprises; patient and longsuffering, a forgiver of injustices who wished no more than that those who offended him should recognize their errors, and that the delinquents be reconciled to him.’”

Then there’s political writer and attorney Tommy De Seno. He claims that the current anti-Columbus narrative is the handiwork of a man, Francisco de Bobadilla, who wanted the explorer’s job as governor of Hispaniola. As De Seno put it at Fox News in 2010:

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In 1500 the King and Queen sent him to North America to investigate claims that Columbus wasn’t being fair to the European settlers (which means Columbus was protecting the Indians). So de Bobadilla came here, and in just a few short days did his investigation (with no telephones or motorized vehicles to help him), and promptly arrested Columbus and his brothers for Indian mistreatment and sent them back to Spain, sans a trial. Oh and, he also appointed himself governor.

... The King and Queen [found] out these shenanigans and sent for be [sic] Bobadilla two years later, but he drowned on the trip home. Columbus was reinstated as admiral.

But what we know of Columbian malfeasance comes from a defrocked liar, de Bobadilla.

Nor was Columbus involved in the slave trade, as critics like Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky have asserted. One of his boats crashed in Haiti [Hispaniola]. He had no room for 39 men, so he started a colony there.

Columbus came back a year later to find that the Taino Indians killed all of them and left them where they fell. Columbus went to war with the Tainos and took 500 of them as prisoners of war, *not* slaves. They were released after the war.

(Most of the above appears to come from a report by The Order Sons of Italy in America [OSIA], which credits, as it writes, “Columbus scholars Robert Royal, Ph.D., president of the Faith and Reason Institute; Joseph Scafetta, Jr. and David Curfman, M.D., president of the National Columbus Celebration Association in Washington, D.C.,” with providing the information.)

Making this story even more intriguing is that, rumor has it, Columbus had previously had an affair with de Bobadilla’s niece, Beatriz de Bobadilla. Could this have evoked ill will? Note, too, that a “lost document” rediscovered in 2005 — outlining the Italian’s allegedly cruel behavior as governor and which appears to figure prominently in the case against him — was a report written by de Bobadilla himself.

Of course, it’s hard to know here what is and isn’t, to use Napoleon’s cynical characterization of history, merely “agreed-upon myths.” Are De Seno and the OSIA influenced by ethnic patriotism? Perhaps. Are the leftist Columbus critics motivated by a lack of American patriotism? For sure. But it’s important to be suspicious when a historical figure’s history is entirely rewritten in a way that just so happens to align perfectly with the spirit of the age (today, political correctness). Remember that WWII-era pontiff Pope Pius XII was a hero until approximately five years after his death in 1958.

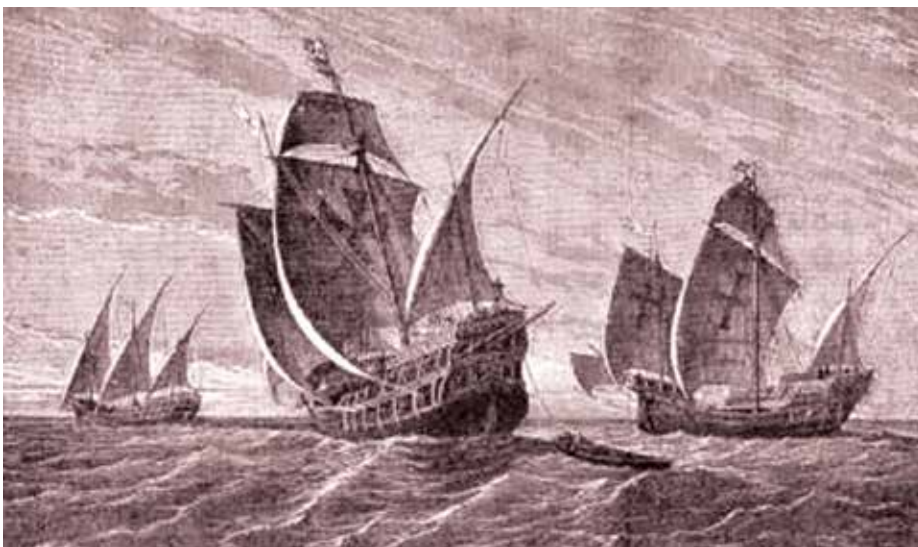
Then he became “Hitler’s Pope,” an accusation everyone just “knew” was true.

That is, until Ion Mihai Pacepa, the highest-ranking communist intelligence officer to ever defect to the West, revealed in 2007 that the notion was a lie, the result of Soviet agitprop designed to discredit the Catholic Church.

Whatever the truth of Columbus’ character — and I don’t place him in the category of, let’s say, George Washington — his critics reveal their character in the dishonesty of their charges. Consider the “genocide” accusation. There certainly were a great number of American Indian deaths after the Europeans’ arrival, but most of these were due to disease, notably smallpox. This often occurs when new populations mix for the first time because one (or more) may not have an immunity to disease carried by another. This phenomenon has killed countless millions throughout history, including Europeans. For example, the Black Death, which wiped out one-third to one-half of Europe’s population during medieval times, came from Asia. Smallpox itself likely originated in Egypt and once killed 30 percent of its victims in the Old World; in fact, it might have hastened the decline of the Roman Empire, even claiming one of its most famous emperors, Marcus Aurelius.

Note, too, that germ theory wasn’t even proposed (let alone proven) until 40 years after Columbus’ death. Thus, he is being condemned for creating a phenomenon that he could not possibly have even understood.

Moving on, one thing Columbus certainly did understand was slavery. But do his critics? For if the explorer did



**Bravery to spare:** Sailing into the unknown aboard small vessels — Columbus’ three ships averaged only about 65 feet long each — required bravery and an adventurous spirit. Yet now the effete spirit of our age, embraced by lesser men, condemns such intrepid souls.



**Bad guess, bad man?** Some now criticize Columbus for mistaking the New World for Asia. But to 15th-century Europeans, the notion of an unknown continent's existence was as incredible as someone telling us that another Earth-like planet exists — on the other side of the Sun.

own slaves, it certainly didn't make him unusual, as slavery has been ubiquitous throughout the world since time immemorial. The ancient Greeks engaged in it. So did the Romans, Africans, Chinese, and many American Indians, and it still exists in parts of the non-Western world today. In fact, it's hard to find prominent pre-Enlightenment historical figures who didn't participate in, defend, or justify slavery. The aforementioned Columbus contemporary, Bartolomé de las Casas, did come to see all forms of slavery as wrong later in his life; Popes Eugene IV and Paul III condemned the practice in the 15th and 16th centuries. But they were outliers, as even the great ancient Greek philosophers Plato and Aristotle justified slavery. And what of Islam's "prophet" Mohammed? Among his sins (the lesser of them, actually) was that he traded in and owned slaves. Yet we don't, and won't, hear calls to purge his name and teachings from the world.

In reality, were we to discard the wisdom of bygone days' slave owners/enablers, we might have precious little wisdom left. And who but a fool throws the baby out with the bathwater? Albert Einstein is rightly viewed as one of history's greatest theoretical physicists. Should his scientific legacy be obscured because he apparently was an unfeeling, insensitive husband and an adulterer who sometimes engaged in lewd

behavior around women? Yet the cultural revolutionaries' actions make sense when you understand what really bothers them — what their goal truly is.

If they really cared about slavery and "racism," they might busy themselves combating the extant slavery and rampant racism in the Third World. If they really cared, they'd also extol the civilization that did more than any other to combat these two evils: Western civilization. For while it likely wasn't the first to practice slavery, it was the first to eliminate it. It wasn't the first to violate human rights, but it was the culture that birthed the whole concept of human rights to begin with.

But, you see, it's not these sins that really bother leftists (they never troubled over the Soviets' use of slave labor). As for Columbus' sins, there's only one leftists truly take exception to, the one they consider the world's greatest sin: spreading Western civilization and its foundational faith, Christianity.

As to this, aside from being an adventurer, Columbus was more interested in evangelization than one might think. As Professor Byas wrote:

The Muslims had conquered Constantinople a few years previously [previous to Columbus's conceiving of his expedition], completing their

multigenerational conquest of the Christian world in the East, including the Byzantine Empire and the lands where Jesus had lived, died, and risen from the dead. Columbus, after a careful study of the Old and New Testaments, along with some readings in the works of the first century Jewish historian Flavius Josephus and the noted early church "father" Augustine, had concluded that the city of Jerusalem must be in Christian hands before Jesus would return.

While certainly the desire to reach the East by sailing west involved economics, Columbus did not set out from Spain to enslave American Indians. Indeed, he was ignorant of their very existence. After reading the travels of the Venetian Marco Polo, Columbus desired to reach the Grand Khan, the Mongol ruler of China. The Chinese monarchs had expressed an interest in the Christian faith. This created the idea within Columbus to convert China, and then with these combined Christian forces, proceed to drive the Muslims from the Holy Land.

What happened instead was, again, something equally momentous: a discovery that would spread history's greatest civilization and lead to the birth of history's greatest nation — the United States. Thus, those who hate and aim to destroy that civilization and nation will hate Columbus. As for his sins, real and imaginary, they're merely a convenient vehicle through which to advance today's anti-American agenda. As an SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) extremist once wrote, "The issue is never the issue. The issue is always the revolution."

As for our anti-Western cultural revolution, the issue is also that too many good people are cowed by callow arguments. Just consider the pseudo-intellectual gripe that labeling Columbus as a discoverer of the New World is just viewing matters from a "Western perspective." Of course, given that this criticism is leveled by the relativistic Left — which purports to believe that all perspectives are equal — we could ask, what's wrong with that? To paraphrase William F. Buckley, however, everything is a matter of perspective.

If we say we're located at 41°24'12.2"N 2°10'26.5"E, well, relative to what? If we say something is bad or good, relative to what? Of course, the only perspective that really matters is God's — for that perspective happens to be the Truth.

So the answer to this criticism is: Of course we view things from a Western perspective. What should our perspective be? We're a Western civilization! If anyone finds this intolerable, I'm quite sure North Korea, Iran, Sudan, and some other non-Western nations are accepting defectors.

Speaking of perspective, a little more is needed here. Good little skulls-of-mush college students are supposed to lament European colonization, believing pre-Columbian America to have been Paradise. But the Noble Savage myth is just that — a myth — and it deserves to be savaged.

First note that many Europeans' distant ancestors once were colonized "Noble Savages" themselves. Having been conquered by the Romans (and perhaps Charlemagne), they no doubt could have issued the same complaints we hear today: Their cultures were being suppressed and "values" were imposed on them (if only they had the ACLU to run to). Looking back, however, it's clear that the spread of Roman culture — superior in many ways

— and, ultimately, of Christianity, brought light into their world.

As for the New World, it was a place in which not just slavery, but cannibalism and human sacrifice (sometimes on a massive scale) were practiced. And just as Christianity had ended the brutality of the Roman arena, tamed the British knights after the Viking invasions, and otherwise civilized Europe, so did the new faith vanquish New World darkness. Thus, as Professor Byas put it, "If Columbus is to be blamed for events which occurred long after his death, then he should be credited with certain achievements resulting from his voyages, as well."

But much nonsense is disgorged when the aim is spreading lies. In the area of firsts and founding, for instance, we'll often hear that the "Indians were the first Americans." Untrue. As Sitting Bull's great-grandson Ernie LaPointe pointed out when responding to Barack Obama's having included the chief as one of 13 American role models in the children's book *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters*, "He never was an American" (Sitting Bull, that is, not Obama — though the latter has been contended, too). "I don't think he should be included in any book about Americans.... He was a Lakota," LaPointe explained. "America" was a

Western creation, named after Florentine explorer Amerigo Vespucci; thus, the first Americans were the Westerners who created the civilization.

As for those creating division and self-loathing, something else can be said. One benefit of knowing the Truth (Christianity, in other words) is that it frees you from being a slave of your age, from merely viewing matters from some transitory "perspective." Barring this, we descend into errors such as foaming at the mouth over unfashionable sins and being unmoved by fashionable ones. As to this, Ambassador Alan Keyes has rightly called prenatal infanticide the "slavery issue of our time." Yet the people seeking to destroy the past are generally passionately for prenatal infanticide, not to mention being lustful, licentious, vulgar, and largely vice-ridden. So who are they to mount a moral high horse and look down their noses at Washington, Jefferson, or even Columbus? Their lack of self-knowledge is striking, truly a result of "eyes blinded by sin." They should take the log out of their own eyes — then they might think a little less like someone with a wooden head.

Once again, Columbus is not the issue — the issue is always the revolution. After all, you can't put your image on a slate before first wiping the slate clean. The French revolutionaries sought to start history over in 1789 with their new calendar, China's Red Guards attempted this with their 1960s "Cultural Revolution," and Cambodia's Khmer Rouge had their "Year Zero." That's how a civilization goes from hero to zero. And if our cultural revolutionaries can convince people that Columbus, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and the rest of the men who birthed America were profoundly rotten trees, the conclusion will be that their fruits can't be any better and should be toppled just like a Confederate statue.

As George Orwell put it, "The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history." We should defend Christopher Columbus because since he's not the issue, countering the revolution must be — to us. Remember that our history is just that: *our* history. And it tells America's story. To erase that history is to erase America. ■



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**Out with Einstein?** Einstein was a morally flawed man, but E still equals  $mc^2$ . There are those who would wipe Columbus' accomplishments from history because of his alleged sins, but would never apply this same standard to other historical figures.



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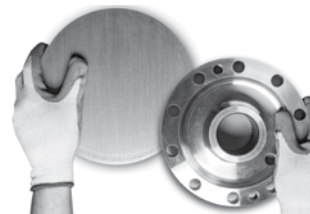
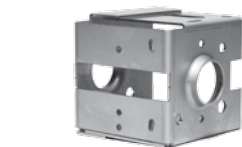


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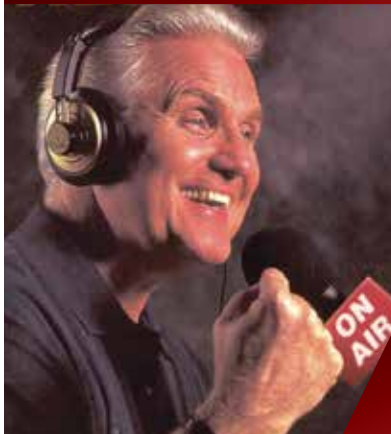
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## Caught in the Act!

KMOV.com reported out of North St. Louis, Missouri, on August 30 about a homeowner who caught an armed burglar stealing from his house. Homeowner Willie Thornton was not home at the time the break-in began, but the security company he hired to monitor his property notified him of what was happening. “The alarm company called me about 10:20 pm saying my alarm was going off,” Thornton told KMOV. He rushed home and discovered an armed man climbing out of one of his windows. Thornton could see the burglar was armed so he grabbed his own firearm and shot at the suspect in self-defense. “I jumped out the car, walked up to the front door, and I hear somebody jumping out of the window.” Thornton also said he saw an accomplice flee from the scene once the shooting began.

Authorities soon arrived on the scene and an EMT treated the wounded suspect before transporting him to a nearby medical facility. The suspect is expected to survive, and police are still looking for the other suspect. Thornton said that the other suspect made off with a few of his possessions and that he plans to beef up his security for the future. “I’m going to try and put some cameras up... Hopefully that’ll work, also get a different alarm.”

## Targeting an Off-duty Cop

CBS reported on August 30 out of Hazel Crest, Illinois, about two robbers who tried to victimize an off-duty Chicago cop. The two suspects claimed to be selling a computer online, and set up a place to meet the officer to make the purchase. The officer, who is trained in self-defense and tactical shooting, had his firearm with him and was prepared for any foul play when he met the suspects. As the officer approached the suspects to further discuss the sale of the computer, one of the men pulled a gun on him and started trying to take his personal belongings. The thugs’ attempted robbery almost immediately turned bad when one of the suspects allegedly began searching the victim’s pockets for his wallet and discovered a police officer’s badge. As the two robbers reacted in surprise, the off-duty cop

used the confusion and disarray to grab his firearm and immediately fire at both robbers. One of the suspects turned to run away, but did not make it far before he collapsed, owing to the severity of his injuries. The other suspect successfully fled the scene and is still being sought by authorities. Arriving authorities found the off-duty cop with his hands in the air, his weapon on the hood of his car, and his badge on the ground. He identified himself as a Chicago police officer and explained what had occurred. The officers checked the vital signs of the injured suspect and called for paramedics, but they were unable to revive the man. The incident is still under investigation.

In a tragic twist to this story, it would later be revealed that the deceased suspect, identified by authorities as 17-year-old Aaron Brandon, was related to three homicide victims who were killed the prior year. Brandon’s father and two younger sisters were all killed in a triple homicide that police believe was related to a drug debt. Authorities never charged anyone in the murder. Sadly, it appears that the cycle of crime and violence that so tragically afflicted his family ultimately ended up taking his life as well.

## Taxing Guns and Ammo

An editorial in Nevada’s *Elko Daily Free Press* on August 14 warned readers about “a dangerous new threat to gun ownership: ‘Gun Violence Taxes.’” The author of the op-ed was Alan Gottlieb, who is the founder and executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation. Gottlieb cited a recent ruling by the Washington State Supreme Court that approved of a “gun violence tax” that was adopted by the City of Seattle in 2015. Gottlieb argued the tax is a trick by anti-gun liberals designed to “slither around the 34-year-old state preemption law that placed exclusive authority for regulating firearms in the hands of the State Legislature.” The tax itself affects both gun owners and gun retailers by placing a \$25 tax on every firearm sold and “two to five cents for each round of ammunition sold.” Gottlieb warns about the incremental nature of these initiatives, and while it may now only be \$25 per gun, there is nothing to stop anti-gun politicians from

steadily increasing it until the overall cost of gun ownership becomes prohibitively high. Gottlieb issued a clarion call to proponents of the Second Amendment to wake up and recognize this dire threat before it’s too late. Gottlieb warned, “Essentially, Washington’s Supreme Court just handed the gun prohibition lobby and its allies in government a new strategy: If they can’t ban or regulate gun ownership out of existence, they will simply tax it into oblivion.”

Gottlieb predicts that this will become the next battlefield: Anti-gun liberals will begin taxing firearms at the municipality level with the explanation that such taxes will be used “for ‘gun violence research or prevention’ programs, but in reality this is to finance gun control.” Citing Daniel Webster’s famous quote, Gottlieb reminded the reader that “the power to tax is the power to destroy.” These current tax laws are only on the books in Seattle and Cook County, Illinois. Gottlieb warns gun owners that this anti-gun strategy could spread across the nation like wildfire.

## Intruder Shoots Dog

WCJB.com reported out of Gainesville, Florida, on August 16 about an intruder who injured a pet dog in the commission of his crime. The suspect broke in to a house in Marion County but was attacked by the homeowner’s dog, a pit bull terrier named Zeus. The intruder fired at the pit bull, seriously injuring the dog. The homeowner locked himself in his bedroom, but the intruder kicked the door in. Fortunately for the homeowner, he was armed with a pistol, and he fired at the suspect, fatally wounding him. Marion County Sheriff’s Deputy Spokeswoman Lauren Lettelier told WCJB that “the suspect was taken to the Summerfield [emergency room] and was pronounced dead there.”

Neighbors supported the homeowner’s actions. “Someone breaking in my house and got a gun, I ain’t waiting for him to shoot first, if I see a gun I will shoot,” Summerfield resident Larry Snyder told WCJB. The investigation into the event is ongoing, but Zeus is expected to make a full recovery. ■

— PATRICK KREY



## Howlingly Wrong About Hurricane History

**ITEM:** While reporting on Hurricane Harvey on August 28, the New York Times politicized the death and destruction caused by the storm. In an opinion piece entitled “Hurricane Harvey Was No Surprise,” the Times wrote that President Trump “shouldn’t have been surprised” by the severity of the storm since “climate science has repeatedly shown that global warming is increasing the odds of extreme precipitation and storm surge flooding.” In an appeal to blind faith in climate-alarmist scientists, the article claims, “There is now so much evidence of increasing extremes that anyone who understands the science — or trusts the scientists in their government doing the research — should expect that records will continue to be broken.”

**ITEM:** Two weeks later, as residents of Florida were dealing with Hurricane Irma, the Times was at it again — this time in an article that pretended not to be an opinion piece. That article — entitled “Hurricane Irma Linked to Climate Change? For Some, a Very ‘Insensitive’ Question” and dated September 11 — took EPA boss Scott Pruitt to task for calling the media out for politicizing Harvey and Irma, saying, “For scientists, drawing links between warming global temperatures and the ferocity of hurricanes is about as controversial as talking about geology after an earthquake. But in Washington, where science is increasingly political, the fact that oceans and atmosphere are warming and that the heat is propelling storms into superstorms has become as sensitive as talking about gun control in the wake of a mass shooting.”

**CORRECTION:** While the New York Times claims that “Hurricane Harvey Was No Surprise” because the country should expect increasingly destructive hurricanes, owing to global warming, what should really come as no surprise is that the Times made such a claim because it typically subordinates facts and research to its political agenda.

The truth is that Hurricanes Irma and Harvey were nothing out of the ordinary — historically.

The reality that hurricanes leave a wide



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**Storm surge, not surging storms:** Storm surges, caused by winds pushing walls of water, can wreak havoc on communities, such as shown here in Everglades City, Florida. But the storm surge from Hurricane Irma only hit about nine feet at its worst, not even close to a record.

trail of death and destruction in their wake is nothing new, but while Harvey and Irma were — in some regards — exceptionally severe storms, it is not as if they were in a class by themselves. In Harvey’s case, though it made landfall as a Category 4 storm, it only caused a storm surge of just over six feet at its highest point, and its power quickly faded. The main reason it caused devastation is because its movement stalled, and it continued to dump rain on the same areas for days. (And it’s not likely any scientists will claim that stalled storm systems are caused by global warming.) Irma also fell off in ferocity quickly. Though those hurricanes were admittedly costly, a look at probably the 10 worst hurricanes in U.S. history shows that Harvey and Irma are not proof that the storm game is changing.

The following list is this writer’s best attempt to order the destructiveness of those 10 hurricanes, measuring both death tolls and destruction. All financial estimates are adjusted for the 2016 value of the dollar.

- *Galveston Hurricane (1900)* — This Category 4 storm is indisputably the deadliest and second-costliest to ever hit the United States. Between 6,000 and 12,000 people lost their lives and Galveston, Texas, was practically destroyed by wind, rain, and storm surge, with damage estimates at \$124 billion.

- *Okeechobee Hurricane (1928)* — As a result of this Category 4 storm, which made landfall in Palm Beach County, Florida, with a storm surge that caused waters to overrun dikes around the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, between 2,500 and 3,000 people lost their lives and \$41.8 billion in damage was done.

- *Hurricane Katrina (2005)* — While not the deadliest storm, Katrina, a Category 3 storm, was the costliest storm to ever hit the United States, with an estimated price tag of \$134.8 billion. Most of New Orleans was flooded as levees broke under the torrential rain and storm surge. One thousand two hundred people lost their lives, and many others were left homeless.

- *Cheniere Caminada Hurricane (1893)* — When this Category 4 storm struck off the coast of Louisiana, it took the lives of nearly 2,000 people, who were either on a nearby island or in boats. Most of the deaths were the result of severe storm surge. The storm also damaged rice crops in the Gulf States, causing long-term financial consequences.

- *Sea Islands Hurricane (1893)* — This Category 3 storm caused as many as 2,000 deaths in Georgia and South Carolina, and had a storm surge calculated at 30 feet high, which was the major contributor to the death and destruction caused by the storm.



## Correction, Please!

- *Georgia-South Carolina Hurricane (1881)* — While only a Category 2 storm, this hurricane still makes the list of the worst U.S. hurricanes since it caused the deaths of an estimated 700 people and caused widespread destruction, including tearing roofs and chimneys from buildings.

- *Atlantic-Gulf Hurricane, also known as “Florida Keys Hurricane” (1919)* — While known mostly for the damage and deaths caused in South Florida, this Category 4 storm also wreaked havoc on South Texas. Most of the damage was the result of a 16-foot storm surge. Communication was cut off for all of Florida south of Miami. Ships were sunk. Official reports are that as many as 900 people lost their lives in the storm. Damages are estimated at more than \$310 million.

- *The Great New England Hurricane (1938)* — This Category 3 hurricane made landfall between Long Island and Connecticut with winds up to 186 mph. It remains not only the most powerful hurricane in New England history, but also the deadliest. Before it was over, more than 57,000 homes were destroyed, and as many as 900 lives were lost. The damages are estimated at \$4.7 billion.

- *Hurricane Audrey (1957)* — When Audrey made landfall along the Texas-Louisiana

border as a Category 4 storm, the damage at the time was unprecedented. Audrey was also deadly, claiming the lives of more than 400 people. While much of the death and destruction was caused by storm surge, two major tornadoes that sprang from Audrey added to the death toll and the damage.

- *Florida Keys Labor Day Hurricane (1935)* — This hurricane, a Category 5 storm, was (at the time) the most intense hurricane to have ever been recorded making landfall in the United States. The damage was catastrophic. A 20-foot storm surge and 185 mph winds destroyed nearly every structure on some of the Keys. By the time the storm moved inland to Georgia and the Carolinas and finally lost most of its strength, it had claimed more than 400 lives.

There are at least three interesting points coming out of that list. First, out of the 10 worst hurricanes to ever hit the United States, only one was a Category 5, which happened in 1935. And though hurricane strength is categorized by wind speed, that is not the usual culprit in death and destruction. Second, of the 10 most deadly, costly, and destructive storms, only two hit the United States after 1953 (the year the United States began naming hurricanes). Third, two of the worst storms to have ever

hit the United States were in 1893 — well before anyone could stretch either logic or the truth far enough to keep a straight face while claiming that the severity of those storms was the result of man-made “climate change.”

In fact, the 1893 hurricane season — before the end of the industrial revolution — was one of the worst ever, with 12 tropical storms forming and 10 becoming hurricanes, three of which were deadly. The 1893 season is only one of two on record (along with the 1998 season) when four Atlantic hurricanes were active on the same day. Finally, the liberal media alarmists don’t acknowledge the fact that — while they claim that man-made “climate change” is responsible for the severity *and frequency* of hurricanes — the last major hurricane to hit the United States before this season was Wilma in 2005.

The shameful tendency of the *Times* and other liberal media outlets to capitalize on the misery of those suffering the effects of a natural disaster is a clear indicator of a lack of human decency, and its propagandizing is a clear indicator of a lack of journalistic integrity.

The *New York Times* doubled-down on its lack of integrity in its reporting on EPA boss Scott Pruitt. After the *Times* and other liberal news outlets began politicizing the hurricanes, Pruitt — in what should have been seen as a move to restore balance to a debate that has for far too long been one-sided — told CNN that now is not the time to talk about climate change, saying, “To have any kind of focus on the cause and effect of the storm; versus helping people, or actually facing the effect of the storm, is misplaced.” The liberal media — hellbent on using these tragedies to push their liberal agenda of “climate change” — then used Pruitt’s reasonable statement to launch a whole new wave of headlines about the “fact” that the storms are the result of global warming.

As in most fake news, there are two elements to the way the liberal media report on this: They exaggerate and twist points they can use to further their agenda and ignore facts that don’t serve that purpose. ■

— C. MITCHELL SHAW



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**Are hurricanes worse?** While Hurricane Katrina in 2005 was the costliest hurricane this country ever experienced, it wasn’t because the hurricane was particularly bad: The government had encouraged building in low-lying areas and then failed to construct proper levees.

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## DACA: Demanding Amnesty for Cultural Annihilation

If the people won't change the government, change the people.

Much like today's United States, the Roman Empire was a polyglot, multicultural realm encompassing disparate peoples. Unlike us, Rome got that way via invasion — not through inviting one. But Rome did enjoy one advantage vis-à-vis preserving the empire: Its restless foreign subjects couldn't vote. How long would Rome have lasted and its government remained "Roman" if they could have?

In our amnesty debates, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) being the latest, a point is often missed. People warn of the fiscal consequences of absorbing poor migrants; libertarians say the solution is nixing the welfare state. People complain about "pressing one" for English and say we must insist newcomers learn English. Then there's illegal-alien crime, which requires a strict law-and-order approach. The problem? Importing waves of socialists and giving them the vote ensures none of these solutions will ever happen.

Since 1965, 85 percent of our immigrants have hailed from the Third World; 70 to 90 percent of them vote for leftist Democrats upon naturalization. The demographic/cultural/electoral changes this causes are a major reason California, once a Reagan red state, is now devolving into a one-party, Democrat dystopia. And it's a reason why the whole country is following suit.

This, not "compassion," is why statists are immigrationists: They're importing voters and using aliens to make Americanism alien to America. The result? As statism-oriented newcomers help empower thinly veiled socialists, fiscal irresponsibility, the welfare state, soft-on-crime approaches, our culture's destruction (e.g., the statue wars), and the rest of the leftist program increasingly become the norm. Demographics is destiny — especially when voting is ensured.

"Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me," it's said. But what about when you're fooled seven times? We've seen seven amnesties; all along were promises to "secure the border." Do you really think the eighth time, a DACA amnesty, will be the charm, that Lucy won't again pull the football away at the last second, Charlie Brown?

DACA wouldn't just be the next phase of voting-bloc importation, but another gift that keeps on giving. As author Mickey Kaus wrote in the *Washington Post*, "We'd be inviting the world... Under 'chain migration' rules established in 1965... new [DACA] citizens can bring in their siblings and adult children, who can



bring in their siblings and in-laws until whole villages have moved to the United States." Additionally, the strengthened leftist voting blocs would lead to even more amnesties in the future.

Most Americans nonetheless support DACA, not surprising given that propaganda abounds. This starts with the terms "Dreamer" itself (we all have dreams; some don't involve America's destruction) and "undocumented immigrant" (read: undocumented Democrat), which is much like calling a rapist an undocumented husband. Let's

examine the pro-DACA arguments.

- "We can't divide families": Illegally migrating is what divides families, and reunification is most easily achieved by deporting illegals. Doesn't sending one illegal home makes more sense than bringing 11 of his relatives here?

- "Children shouldn't be punished because of their parents' acts": When doesn't enforcing the law adversely affect children? Imprison a couple for bank robbery, and their kids end up in foster care. Moreover, does this concern for juvenile collateral damage materialize when the IRS seizes a parent's assets? Should we cease enforcing the law, period, "for the children"? Additionally, repatriating an illegal isn't punishment. If DACA beneficiaries really exhibit achievement, as immigrationists claim, they have then benefited from America's opportunities. Now it's time to return home and enrich their native countries with those acquired skills.

- "These illegals have nowhere to go back home": This is contradictory. If reuniting families is an issue, the illegals must generally have family back home. If this isn't so, why is nixing immigration law's chain-migration provision controversial? Note also, a recently issued Mexican government document stated, among other things, "that Mexico will receive with open arms the young Dreamers who return to our country."

- "We need workers": With 95 million Americans not in the labor force and robots poised to fill many jobs, this argument rings hollow.

Though most DACA illegals are adults, this issue does concern children. For allowing the American Republic's destruction hurts all children in America, those alive today and those yet to be born. Note, too, that as long as the put-America-last, illegals-über-alles mentality prevails, there'll always be more illegals, more amnesty appeals and more attendant propaganda. It wouldn't end until the Republic did. So perhaps our slogan should be: Deport, deport, deport — for the children. ■

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