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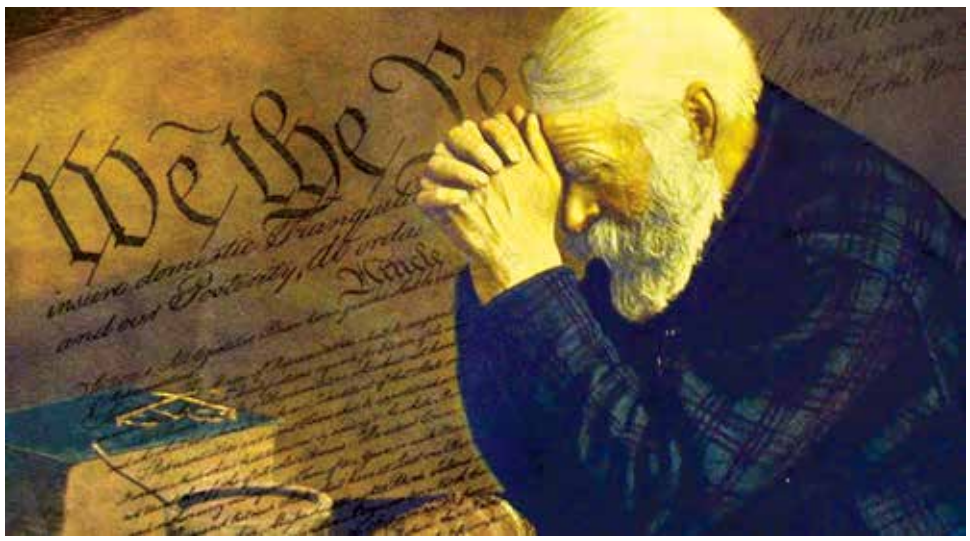
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# Giving Thanks for America's Constitution and Creed

By Veronique De Rugy
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Thanksgiving invites us to pause and consider the gifts we often overlook. This year, at a moment of rising political unease and ideological confusion, I am especially grateful for one extraordinary inheritance: a nation and its creed brought into being by the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Why, in addition to family, friends and a feast, is this on my mind today? In certain circles, especially among "postliberal" thinkers on the right, it's now fashionable to claim that the Constitution has failed. Some argue that the country's founding was overly individualistic or insufficiently moral, that our constitutional structure prevents the pursuit of a unified national purpose, or that what we need instead is a more powerful state headed by a muscular executive and a more cohesive cultural or religious identity enforced from above.

These arguments aren't abstract. Some theorists openly celebrate unchecked executive power or regimes that derive legitimacy from hierarchy rather than the people's consent. Increasingly, they dismiss the founding not as a glorious achievement but as an obstacle to national renewal through centralized authority.

This agenda ignores the extraordinary success of the American constitutional experiment and the astonishing diversity it has held together for nearly two and a half centuries. As famed historian Gordon Wood recently reminded us in The Wall Street Journal, America has always been different. Most countries emerged from a shared language, lineage or ancient heritage. The United States did the opposite: It built a state first and then had to discover what it meant to be a nation.

From the beginning, America was a mixture of peoples. John Adams wrote that it resembled "several distinct nations almost" and pondered whether such a collection could truly cohere. Leaders marveled as the first census revealed an array of languages, religions and origins. Yet over time, Americans did form a common identity — not through blood or inherited culture but through shared ideals. National unity solidified after these ideals were articulated in the Declaration and given lasting institutional form in the Constitution.

This is what makes the United States what Wood calls a "creedal nation." To be an American is not to descend from a particular people but to embrace a set of principles: liberty, equality (of opportunity), self-government and the rule of law. The Constitution brilliantly translated those principles into a durable structure, allowing people who differ in background and belief to live together as citizens. It allows a couple who arrived from Romania in 1980, or from Haiti or Mexico decades later, to stand on equal civic footing with families whose ancestors were here at the founding. That's among our greatest blessings.

The Constitution has been amended and improved over the decades, often through great struggle. The post-Civil War Reconstruction Amendments — especially the Fourteenth — did not break from the founding but fulfilled it. They made national citizenship a reality and gave legal force to the moral principle of equality, tying every American to the generation of 1776. In that process, the Constitution was strengthened, not repudiated.

This reality helps explain why postliberal critiques faulting the Constitution for failing to impose a single moral or cultural vision miss the mark. Constitutional limits exist because the founders feared unchecked power, whether exercised by a ruler or by majorities which have at times been egregiously wrong. The Constitution protects a pluralistic society from the dangers of centralized authority and ideological certitude. In a nation as varied as ours, those protections are not optional.


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## Letter from the Editor

Leesa Bolden, LAc
TPFP Editor in Chief

High oil prices are no match for the snowbird population. Thank God, they keep rolling into our desert. Apparently being warm all winter outweighs the cost of the fuel to get here. We are very excited about that and welcome you with open arms.

As most of you are aware, I, along with Ray Barnett and Melody Chatelier, will be sworn in to the Quartzsite Town Council on November 10th. I am very excited to take on the challenge of this role. It will not be easy, but it will be fun. Anyone who knows me well, knows I love a good challenge and rise to the occasion. I am so proud to be representing and fighting for the people of Quartzsite. May we all thrive.

With all of the uncertainty of the elections and the destruction of the World, it is a chore to remain positive at times. I want to point out that more and more people are questioning the narrative and are becoming enlightened as the truth continues to emerge. Using the words attributed to Saint Augustine, "The truth is like a lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself."




I have prayed for many years for the truth to be shown to all–in every regard–good, bad or indifferent. Currently that is happening. I started this newspaper to do just that. For as we question the narrative we come closer to knowing and accepting the lies we have been told. I certainly don't know that everything in this paper is the absolute truth (even though I research everything as best I can) but it has created the space in many people's minds to question what the mainstream narrative is. For that I am grateful. We must awaken to the truth.

Growing scrutiny of pharmaceutical companies has intensified demands for accountability, including challenges to vaccine manufacturers' liability protections. Senators Rand Paul and Mike Lee and Representative Paul Gosar are backing legislation to remove those protections, while Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has pledged to overhaul the federal vaccine-injury compensation system. These efforts reflect a push to give people with vaccine injuries greater access to legal remedies and compensation. To learn more about the dangers of the mRNA vaccines, please read page 12.

America could learn from Poland's opposition to accepting refugees under the EU relocation scheme. In 2017, a Polish ruling-party spokeswoman said, "We don't want to accept Muslim migrants." Slovakia had taken an explicitly religion-based position in 2015, saying it would accept Christian, but not Muslim, refugees under a proposed resettlement plan. These were specific positions on refugee admission, rather than blanket bans on Muslim immigration. In my view, a nation with a Christian heritage has a right to protect its security and cultural traditions, while distinguishing peaceful religious believers from those who promote hatred or violence.

In Russia under President Vladimir Putin. On July 23, 2025, Russia's Supreme Court designated the so-called "International Satanist Movement" as extremist and banned its activities, following a request from state prosecutors. Authorities accused the movement of promoting religious hatred and violence. The designation exposes people accused of involvement to prison sentences, including up to eight years for recruitment; it is not simply a blanket prison sentence for anyone holding Satanist beliefs.

I sincerely hope you enjoy this issue of the paper. Please keep in mind, I share information first: to make you think critically and second: news that you may be unaware of. Enjoy it and share it with others. With an online subscription you can share via email. It's super easy and only **$24/year** for the digital version and only **$59/year** for digital plus a mailed hard copy. Discounts available for larger quantities and for those who wish to distribute the paper in your area contact us, we are happy to assist your efforts.

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# First Responders Night Brings Exciting Racing and Family Fun to Blythe Speedway!

Submitted by Justin Griffith's
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It was another action-packed Saturday night at Blythe Speedway as drivers, fans, and families gathered for a special evening honoring our local first responders! Along with exciting racing, kids enjoyed Trunk or Treat fun with their favorite drivers, making it a memorable night on and off the track.




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Jayden and Landon Barth put on an exciting show, trading the lead throughout the feature. Unfortunately, engine trouble ended Landon's night. Jayden capitalized, pulled away from the field, and captured the Mini Stock feature victory!




***PONY STOCKS – LITTLE SWEEPS THE NIGHT!***
What a debut for Jonnie Little! After winning his heat, Little led every lap of the feature to complete the sweep! In Victory Lane, he shared how much fun he had and promised to return with friends. That's what we love to hear!

***FACTORY STOCKS – ANDERSON TAKES THE CHECKERED FLAG!***
Andrew Anderson dominated the 25-lap feature, leading every lap to claim the victory! Behind him, Larry and Eric King entertained fans with a great father-and-son battle. Despite early contact with Ashley Garrett, Eric fought back through the field to finish third, right behind his father, Larry, who claimed second. Mark Barth rounded out the top five.

***THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND COMMUNITY!***
A heartfelt THANK YOU to the first responders who joined us: Blythe Police Department, Blythe Fire Department, Riverside County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Ehrenberg Fire Department, and La Paz County Unified Fire & Medical. We appreciate your dedication and sacrifices in keeping our communities safe!




A special thank you to Commander John Hoge of Blythe VFW Post 2987 for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and to Robert Figueroa for always dazzling us with his incredible National Anthem performance!

Thank you to Brotherhood Rogue Motorcycle Group for presenting the U.S. and Arizona flags and helping distribute candy to the kids. Their enthusiasm, generosity, and community spirit make them a wonderful part of our Speedway family!

BIG THANKS to Blythe Mayor Joey DeConink and Vice Mayor Johnny Rodriguez for speaking and showing their support of our entire event. We appreciate your leadership and commitment to our community!

And, as always, a HUGE THANK YOU to City Councilwoman Summer Spraggins for her continued love and support, volunteering as our co-announcer and jumping in wherever needed. Your dedication never goes unnoticed!

Thank you to all the families, trick-or-treaters, drivers, race teams, crews, volunteers, and helpers who made the evening special. Your support keeps grassroots racing alive!

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# The War's The Thing

***I voted for Trump because he promised "no more wars." Holding a man to his most important promise about matters of life and death is what self-respecting grownups do.***

By Lohn Leake, 10/28/2026
www.thefocalpoints.com




Many readers were offended by my post. *Both Sides of TDS*: Trump Derangement Syndrome is the obverse of Trump Dimwit Syndrome. They apparently believe that Trump's decision to break ten years of promises not to start new wars is a minor point. Others apparently believe that Trump always intended to vanquish the Iranian regime, which they believe "has been at war with the US since 1979." They seem to believe that Trump never mentioned this intention because he assumed that prospective voters would understand that attacking Iran did not qualify as a "new war."

I believe I have made it clear in this newsletter that I am opposed to war unless US territory is attacked. As all our Founding Fathers and many philosophers of great intellectual and moral distinction have remarked over the centuries, war is a calamity, and the decision to wage war is the most momentous, dangerous, and usually the most corrupt thing an executive can do.

Because only 0.4% of Americans serve in the military, 99.6% haven't a clue about war and how terrible it is. Without knowing anything about it—and taking for granted that they and their children have little to no risk of being killed or maimed by it—they are "okay" with the US government/military killing foreigners and destroying their lands. They don't worry or lose sleep over young men who are killed by American weapons or the grief of the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and friends of these young men. It doesn't bother them when American bombs destroy cities and civilian infrastructure, disrupting the lives, jobs, food and fuel supplies of millions and wrecking their economies.

For readers who don't understand why I have become so critical of President Trump, I will clearly declare it so that you can decide if you wish to continue reading my newsletter posts, which are delivered from "John Leake From Focal Points."

I do not share the tendency to be "okay" with killing people and dropping bombs on women and children and civilian infrastructure.

I believe that the perfidy and odiousness of the Democrats do not mitigate the gravity of Trump's broken promise.

I believe that war is the most significant, dangerous, risky, and corrupt thing a US president can do, and that his domestic policies are of secondary importance.

In the matter of war—that is, the life, death, and property of millions—I expected President Trump to keep his promises.







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We live in a time when self-appointed saviors on all sides claim to possess the single solution to our problems. The Constitution responds with humility. It demands persuasion, not imposition. It insists on limits. It expects disagreements. It trusts that freedom, not enforced consensus, is the proper foundation for a lasting political community.

The Constitution doesn't guarantee national unity. It guarantees something better: a system that channels conflict without destroying liberty. As Wood notes, democracy can be volatile. The founders knew that well. Their answer is a framework that moderates collective impulses while preserving the rights of individuals and minorities.

This framework has steadied the nation before. It carried us through the early years, and through waves of immigration and rising diversity. It carried us through civil war, economic crises and global conflict. And if we remember what we have, it can carry us through our present troubles.

This Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for the institutions that have preserved our liberty even when they frustrate us. In a country bound not by ancestry but by shared principles, the Constitution is more than a governing document. It is the mechanism through which a diverse people becomes a nation. That's a gift worth defending and giving thanks for.

# Who Is Making Billions from the Iran War?

By Ron Paul, MD, 10/27/2026
The Ron Paul Institute

At a campaign rally over the weekend, President Trump dismissed Americans' concerns over high oil and gas prices, claiming that it's a small price to pay for the hundreds of billions of dollars "we" are making from these higher prices. "We're making a fortune," he said. "Hundreds of billions of dollars. Trillions of dollars." People are paying a little bit more for gas, he explained, but it doesn't matter because "we" are making so much money.

The question is, "Who is 'we'?" We know it is not the American people. They are seeing wage stagnation, inflation, and more pain at the pump. An Economist/YouGov poll earlier this month found that inflation and prices are the top concern among Americans by a wide margin. And in second place were jobs and the economy. The same poll asked Americans how they rate the state of the US economy and in first place – again by a long shot – was "poor." If "we" as in the American people were making hundreds of billions of dollars from the war, you would think these would not be their top two concerns.

But we understand what the President meant by "we." He meant that part of the "private" sector, directly or indirectly in bed with the government war machine. From oil companies to weapons manufacturers and everything in between, war and conflict drive up profits in well-connected corporations at the expense of the rest of us.

That is why we are in a constant state of war. Twenty years in Afghanistan and a similar length in Iraq. Endless bombing in places like Somalia. A twelve-year (and counting) proxy war with Russia in Ukraine. Military bases and covert operations across the globe.

And if we find that the largest military budget in the world does not deliver enough actual weapons to win a war? Well, that's all good too: just double military spending and accuse anyone who objects of not being patriotic!




"Private" companies with enormous political power – many of them revolving doors between government and business – "make so much money" on war, as Trump would say. Whether these wars produce US wins, loses, or stalemates, these corporations that are in bed with the government always win. The money-printing machine makes sure the money cycles into government-favored companies, while campaign contributions are made to the politicians who support the wars. And if you don't support the wars? You get the Thomas Massie treatment.

Endless war produces more corporatism, where the private sector does not exist to provide goods to compete in the free market, but to serve political power and strengthen governmental control over the population. Think of it as welfare for the rich at the expense of the poor. The result is tyranny.

This is the very reason our Founders intended to make it as difficult as possible to wage war. As well-educated students of history, they understood how the concentration of war-making power in the hands of one ruler or an oligarchy would impoverish the masses and lead to a moral and financial bankruptcy. They placed war-making power in the "people's branch" – Congress – hoping that the people would hold their representatives accountable. We have strayed very far from what they intended and if we are to survive, we must reclaim that authority and responsibility.

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# The Doomsday Government: Preparing for the End of the World, Not the End of Power

By John W. And Nisha Whitehead | www.rutherford.org 10/28/2026

This time of year, there is no shortage of monsters to frighten us.

Hollywood has given us vampires, zombies, mad scientists, masked killers and creatures that emerge from the darkness to prey upon the unsuspecting. But perhaps the most frightening monster of all is the government that has become so accustomed to wielding extraordinary power that it cannot imagine a future in which that power is diminished.

***Enter the Doomsday Plan.***

In what sounds like a plot lifted straight out of Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove, the Pentagon has unveiled an initiative designed to keep the war machine running even if a catastrophic war devastates the country's civilian infrastructure.

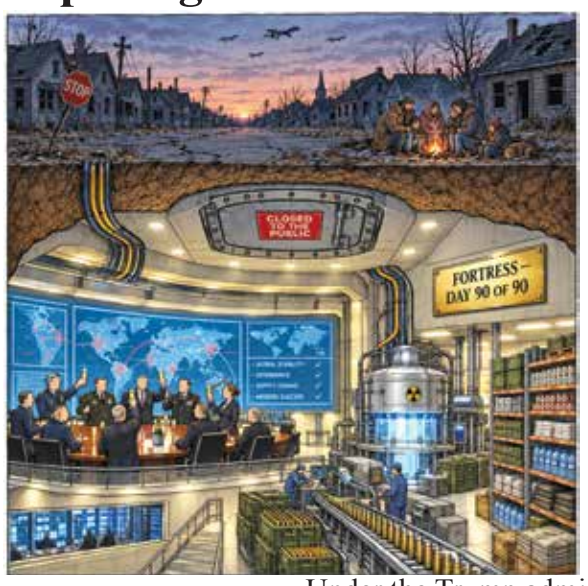
Under an initiative FORTRESS, the military is preparing major installations across the United States to operate independently for at least 90 days in the event of a catastrophic disruption. The plan includes portable nuclear reactors, independent power grids, stockpiles of fuel and ammunition, backup communications systems and arrangements for civilian factories to switch over to wartime production.

The Pentagon calls this preparedness. The rest of us might reasonably wonder: what good is a government that can survive the end of the world if the people it was created to serve cannot?

Of course, governments have a responsibility to prepare for emergencies. But there is a world of difference between preparing to protect the nation and preparing to preserve the power of those who govern it.

That distinction matters, especially when the same government that prepares for catastrophic war also helps create the conditions in which such wars become not only likely but imminent.

The Pentagon has been anticipating a future in which the military can continue fighting, even when the civilian infrastructure that sustains ordinary Americans may no longer function.




Consider the Pentagon's chilling training video, Megacities: Urban Future, the Emerging Complexity, made public in 2016.

The video envisions a world of sprawling urban centers overwhelmed by poverty, disease, unemployment, overcrowding, failing infrastructure, environmental disasters and civil unrest.

It is a bleak portrait of the world as military planners fear it might look by 2030. In this vision of the future, cities become battlegrounds and the citizenry are viewed as the enemy.

As the video warns, there will be a need to "drain the swamps." Only in this dystopian future, "we the people" risk becoming inhabitants of the swamp that military forces are preparing to clear out. That is a dangerous way for any government to view the people it is supposed to protect.

It is particularly dangerous for a nation whose founders explicitly rejected martial law and enacted constitutional bulwarks to guard against the rise of a police state. Yet this is where the country has been heading for years.

We've witnessed the steady militarization of domestic law enforcement, the expansion of surveillance networks, the deployment of military equipment into American communities, and repeated efforts to blur the line between policing and warfare.

Under the Trump administration, those boundaries have been tested even further through domestic military deployments, aggressive immigration enforcement and expansive claims of executive authority in the name of national security.

The message is increasingly unmistakable: the military is increasingly being presented as the solution to every domestic crisis. Yet this is also why the Pentagon's latest Doomsday preparations cannot be considered in isolation from the government's longstanding continuity-of-government plans.

For decades, federal officials have maintained arrangements intended to preserve essential government operations during a catastrophic emergency, including secure facilities, alternate command centers, succession procedures and protected communications systems.

These preparations are hardly limited to military installations. Even Trump's controversial White House ballroom project includes plans for fortified underground facilities, bomb shelters, secure communications and medical facilities, ostensibly to ensure that the presidency can continue functioning during a national emergency.

The government is making elaborate preparations to preserve its leadership and military capabilities in the event of catastrophe. Some of these measures are practical: a functioning government is essential to coordinating rescue operations, maintaining order and rebuilding after a disaster. But continuity-of-government planning also raises a constitutional question that is too often overlooked: what exactly is being preserved?

The Constitution establishes a government of limited, divided powers, accountable to the people and constrained by law.

Preserving that government means more than ensuring that the president can issue orders, military commanders can communicate and federal agencies can continue operating. It means preserving the checks and balances that prevent power from becoming absolute. It means preserving Congress, the courts, due process, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right of the people to challenge government abuses.

It means ensuring that an emergency does not become an excuse to dispense with the very constitutional restraints that distinguish a republic from a dictatorship. Otherwise, continuity of government becomes little more than continuity of power. That is what makes the Pentagon's doomsday planning so unsettling.

The problem is not that the military wants to keep the lights on during a national catastrophe. The problem is what happens when keeping the machinery of war functioning becomes the overriding measure of national survival.

So where does that leave us?

President Trump and his self-serving administration of war hawks have squandered so much of our resources, our goodwill on the world stage,

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# America's Deadly Addiction to War

By Andrew P. Napolitano
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America has a deadly addiction to war. Since 1950, presidents of both political parties have sent American troops into conflicts across the globe, killed countless people, sacrificed the lives and limbs of American servicemen and women, and wasted trillions of dollars. Yet these wars have consistently failed to achieve the objectives proclaimed when the killing began.

Enemies are replaced by new enemies, dictators give way to new dictators, and supposedly decisive victories become endless occupations. The beneficiaries are the military-industrial complex, the intelligence agencies and the politicians who confuse the exercise of power with the achievement of peace.

The American people deserve an answer to a simple question: What have we gained from this perpetual warfare? The answer is NOTHING in national security, and a great deal in lost lives, national debt, diminished liberty and shattered constitutional government.

The pattern is familiar. The government tells the public that a foreign adversary threatens our existence, that diplomacy has failed and that military action will be limited, necessary and successful. Then the bombs fall, the casualties mount and the mission changes. What began as a narrowly defined operation becomes a wider war, regime change, counterinsurgency or an open-ended commitment to demonstrate American domination. Then spying at home and federal borrowing are ratcheted up — all accompanied by the false message of spreading democracy and liberty.

Americans were told that Vietnam was essential to containing communism, that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction, that Afghanistan was a necessary campaign against terrorism, that Iran could "take out" Los Angeles. In each case, the distance between official assurances and eventual reality exposed the dangers of trusting government claims without demanding evidence. We now know these excuses were absurd.

And the constitutional order has been systematically circumvented. The Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war. The framers deliberately withheld from the president the unilateral authority to plunge the nation into war because they understood the danger of concentrating the power to initiate hostilities in one person's hands.




Yet since 1950, American presidents have repeatedly committed American forces to major conflicts without formal declarations of war. Korea, Vietnam, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Ukraine, Iran and numerous other military operations have proceeded under various presidential theories of authority, vague congressional resolutions and claims of inherent executive power.

Some operations have received congressional authorization to use military force. But a vague authorization to use military force is not a blank check for perpetual war. Nor should a president's authority to respond to an attack become a license to initiate hostilities wherever the president chooses.

When does the war end? Who decides that its objectives have been achieved? What event obligates the president to bring the troops home?

Too often, there is no satisfactory answer.

Congress has surrendered much of its constitutional responsibility, preferring to criticize a war when it becomes unpopular rather than accept responsibility for prohibiting it. Presidents enjoy the appearance of exercising decisive power while spreading the costs of their decisions across generations of taxpayers.

The intelligence agencies compound the problem. The CIA has conducted covert operations, fomented coups, participated in foreign interventions and murdered and tortured in ways that escape public scrutiny. Its clandestine capabilities can become instruments of presidential foreign policy operating beyond the ordinary accountability expected of a constitutional republic.

The author Tom Woods has observed, "No matter who you vote for, you get John McCain." The point is not about the late senator's personality. It's about the bipartisan foreign policy and deep state establishment's enduring and triumphant commitment to intervention, military primacy and American dominance of the world — no matter who is president.

The military-industrial complex benefits. Intelligence agencies expand their influence. Defense contractors receive lucrative government contracts. Politicians posture as guardians of national security. Meanwhile, ordinary Americans pay the bills through taxes, inflation, mounting debt and the opportunity costs of spending money on destruction rather than productive activity at home; and our civil liberties are curtailed.

A republic that cannot distinguish national defense from global domination will eventually sacrifice both its resources and its principles.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio's Oct. 7, 2026, address in Greece exemplifies this. He offered a shameful expression of ambition. He called for the unapologetic pursuit of American dominance and warned that the West — a euphemism for the US — must fight to maintain its position at "the head of the world." This was a deeply misguided and utterly ignorant view that somehow American freedom, security and prosperity depend on American military dominance over the whole planet.

Russia and China have legitimate security interests, regional spheres of influence and militaries nearly as powerful as America's. Recognizing that fact does not require endorsing their governments, approving their actions or militarily siding with their adversaries. It requires acknowledging that other major powers will resist what they perceive as hostile military encroachment near their borders.

If we expect Russia and China to respect legitimate American security interests, we must respect theirs. Reciprocity is not appeasement; it is a foundation for peaceful and prosperous coexistence.

Contrary to Rubio, the emerging international order is better understood as tripolar, not unipolar, with the United States, China and Russia exercising different degrees of military, economic and geopolitical influence.

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# Comptroller Report Finds Major Banks Debanked Customers Over Politics, Religion, and Lawful Business

By Rebecca Terrell, 10/29/ 2026
TheNewAmerican.com

On October 14, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) released a 47-page report documenting that the nine largest national banks it supervises maintained policies that denied or restricted financial services based on customers' political or religious beliefs or lawful business activities.

The banks examined were JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Citibank, Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, Capital One, PNC, TD, and BMO. The review, conducted under President Trump's Executive Order 14331, "Guaranteeing Fair Banking for All Americans," covered the period from 2020 through September 2025. OCC staff examined nearly 100,000 complaints and roughly 420,000 pages of bank documents, policies, and individual customer decisions.

Comptroller of the Currency Jonathan V. Gould stated that the findings provide "irrefutable evidence that the nation's largest banks have denied, debanked and discriminated against customers and lawful businesses." The agency concluded that broad "reputation risk" policies, which lacked clear standards and objective, risk-based criteria, allowed political considerations, public opinion, and social pressures to influence banking decisions.

***Reputation Risk; Industry Sectors***

The report identified two primary categories of problematic policies: first, reputation-risk frameworks that disadvantaged individuals or groups because of political, religious, or social views; and second, public and nonpublic restrictions on entire industry sectors engaged in lawful activities. Affected sectors included oil and gas exploration (particularly Arctic projects), coal mining and coal-fired power plants, firearms and ammunition manufacturing or distribution, construction or operation of detention facilities, tobacco and e-cigarette manufacturing or retail, and certain digital-asset activities.

Specific examples cited include a payment processor owned by one bank that closed the account of a merchant selling merchandise promoting President Donald Trump and the "Make America Great Again" brand in February 2021. Another bank declined services to a public education organization in 2023 because its political arm endorsed only Democratic candidates. Capital One declined to serve a gun-rights group and an organization supporting abortion. PNC declined a line of credit to a media company after employees cited the owners' conservative views as contrary to the bank's values




JPMorgan Chase repeatedly declined commercial services to a conservative retailer between 2021 and 2023; internal records were later altered to remove political references.

***Ideological Discrimination***

The findings underscore long-standing concerns that subjective reputation-risk standards can become vehicles for ideological discrimination rather than genuine risk management. Though the answer is not a presidential executive order, there is great reason for concern.

In *Constructing World Culture*, sociologists John Boli and George M. Thomas describe how thousands of international nongovernmental organizations promote a "world culture" of supposedly universal norms (that the NGOs themselves create). The authors are frank that these groups don't simply persuade — they mobilize against governments and companies that refuse to conform. In recent years, that machinery has found powerful allies in global finance. Under Larry Fink, BlackRock used its votes as a top shareholder in nearly every major American corporation, including JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and Citigroup, to press for environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards. The "S" in ESG has become a vehicle for a "woke" social agenda, written by activists and global standard-setters rather than by Congress and enforced through the cost of capital and the threat of reputational ruin.

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***Doomsday Government***

and our role as a champion for liberty and justice. Now having pushed us to the apocalyptic brink of devastation, they're building bunkers to save their own necks while the rest of us are left to fend for ourselves. Enough is enough.

"We the people" should be demanding a government that works to prevent catastrophe, protects civilian life, respects constitutional limits and remembers that its continued existence is not an end in itself. And if they won't march in lockstep with our expectations, throw the whole lot of them out.

Because, as I make clear in my book Battlefield America: The War on the American People and in its fictional counterpart The Erik Blair Diaries, the danger comes when the government forgets that it exists to serve the people, not the other way around.

A government that survives by abandoning the people and the Constitution has not saved the country. It has merely saved itself.

The Constitution was not written to ensure that the government would survive at any cost. It was written to ensure that freedom would survive a tyrannical government.

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# Government Takes the Money, Leaves Innocent People With the Bill: Rutherford Institute Urges SCOTUS to Hold Government Accountable

The Rutherford Institute, 10/22/2026
www.rutherford.org

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The government shouldn't be able to take your property, force you to spend a fortune getting it back, and then walk away without paying the legal bills when its case falls apart.

That's the warning from The Rutherford Institute, which has joined with the Goldwater Institute in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to hold the government financially accountable for civil asset forfeiture abuses. In a joint amicus brief filed in Ross v. United States, the civil liberties groups warn that innocent property owners can be left paying the price for government overreach—even when they get their property back.

The case arose after the federal government seized more than $1.2 million in funds unrelated to a suspected fraud, leaving attorney Richard Ross to spend over $100,000 in legal fees fighting to recover the money—only to have the government drop its case and refuse to reimburse those expenses.

"If government officials know they can overreach without being held financially accountable, what's to stop them from doing it again?" said constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of Battlefield America: The War on the American People. "For innocent property owners, the cost of fighting back can be devastating. Constitutional rights shouldn't depend on



how much money you can afford to spend defending them."

The case involves Richard Ross, an attorney who became the victim of a fraud scheme involving money transferred into his client trust account. Although federal officials suspected some of the money was connected to criminal activity, they seized the entire account, including more than $1.2 million they acknowledged appeared unrelated to the alleged fraud. Ross was never accused of wrongdoing. He spent more than a year and over $100,000 in legal expenses fighting to recover the unrelated funds. Eventually, the government dropped the case and returned the money. But the government refused to reimburse his legal expenses, arguing that because it had dismissed the case before a final judgment, Ross hadn't technically won. The lower courts agreed.

At issue is a provision of the Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act of 2000, a federal law Congress enacted to address abuses in the government's power to seize property. Under civil asset forfeiture, authorities can seize cash, vehicles, homes and other property suspected of being connected to criminal activity without first securing a criminal conviction against the owner. Recovering that property may require lengthy and costly litigation.

Recognizing the burden on innocent property owners, Congress provided that claimants who "substantially prevail" in federal civil forfeiture proceedings can recover reasonable attorneys' fees and certain litigation expenses. The question in Ross's case is whether someone who successfully recovers seized property after the government voluntarily dismisses its case qualifies for those protections.

The Rutherford Institute and the Goldwater Institute argue that the answer should be yes. Otherwise, the government can pursue questionable forfeiture actions, force property owners to incur substantial legal expenses and then potentially escape financial responsibility by dropping the case before an unfavorable court ruling. That interpretation, the groups warn, undermines Congress's attempt to protect property owners and remove incentives for aggressive or unjustified seizures. It also creates a particularly serious burden for people who cannot afford to hire lawyers or spend years trying to recover their money or belongings. The Rutherford Institute and the Goldwater Institute are urging the Supreme Court to grant review and clarify that property owners who successfully defend against forfeiture can qualify for attorneys' fees even when the government voluntarily abandons its case.

Kevin F. King, Sydney Engle, Matthew J. Glover, MaKade C. Claypool, and Noah C. Zimmermann of Covington & Burling LLP advanced the arguments in the brief.

***The Rutherford Institute, a nonprofit civil liberties organization, provides legal assistance at no charge to individuals whose constitutional rights have been threatened or violated, and educates the public on a wide spectrum of issues affecting their freedoms.***

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## America's Addiction to War

Their power is not equal, and their interests often conflict. But pretending that Washington can indefinitely dictate the terms of world affairs is a recipe for perpetual confrontation, not stability.

Is America a constitutional republic or a fading military empire?

A republic defends its people and their lands against genuine threats. An empire seeks to shape the behavior of other nations through force, coercion, colonization and the constant threat of intervention. The former requires vigilance; the latter endless violence.

The most dangerous enemy of American security is not a foreign power. It is our own government's inability to recognize that the power to wage war is not an unlimited license to rule the world.

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# WhistleBlower News ~ The War Over mRNA

By KC Marsh, Columnist
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Definition: "MRNA is messenger RNA or the form of RNA in which genetic information is transcribed from DNA as a sequence of bases is transferred to a ribosome."

Confused? So are most people and, critics contend, much of that might just be intentional.

"Follow the science" was the mantra of those who followed the governmental dictates to the letter and, today, six years later, the 'jury' still hasn't come in. In fact, it would appear that the 20% of Americans who refused to follow those mandates may have been correct in their private determinations — determinations which essentially left them far outside the 'mainstream' societal conformations and, often, ostracized from family and friends.

Today, in fact, the gap between the 'pro vaccination' and 'antivaccination' camps has only continued to widen. To hear pro-vaccine proponents speak, though, one would never guess there is a question — much less a problem.

Health conscious consumers are constantly reminded that with holiday travel considerations already in play, vaccination should be a priority — for the safety of all concerned, of course.

The variants of Covid 19 can be avoided, they say, by getting the latest mRNA vaccine and the grinning couples in their slick ad campaigns leave little doubt that it's the pharmaceutical companies that have a corner on the 'health and vitality' market that virtually everyone seeks to achieve not only for themselves but for their friends and family.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, though, are the hundreds of thousands of individuals from all walks of life who blame these same vaccines for an absolutely incredible array of symptoms, illnesses and devastating diseases they developed in the weeks, months and years since the initial rollout of the mRNA-laden vaccines.

In the beginning, those reluctant to toss caution to the wind were labeled 'anti-vaxxers' and were subjected to a litany of accusations designed to ostracize them from society and lead others in doing the same.

They were mocked, ridiculed, threatened and shamed in an effort to convince them to 'cave' and follow the crowd.

When they refused, they saw their credibility vanish, their careers damaged or altogether dissolved and their relationships deteriorate, virtually overnight.

Some — in the military — were jailed without hearings or trials, losing their incomes and leaving them without the ability to even provide for their families.

Many of them were man-handled, tased, even locked away, isolated for extended periods of time in cells with no means of reaching legal allies or advocates and no idea of when their incarceration might end.

In today's world, such treatment should rightfully be considered incomprehensible — but it happened, repeatedly, as the two factions battled over which rights should prevail: those of the individual or that of public opinion.

The science, after all, was in.
Or was it?

Little by little, evidence of vaccination-related illnesses began to find its way into the mainstream as those claiming to be 'vaccine-injured individuals' began coming forward. Initially, although the cases were few, the evidence was compelling: a woman wracked by violent seizures, another with such terrible ticking she couldn't speak. A nurse that collapsed on camera within moments of her televised vaccination — and one critics contend has never actually been seen since.

In fact, videos of people collapsing at vaccine distribution sites became commonplace, with stories circulating along with graphic footage of people spinning in circles only to 'fall out' and lose consciousness altogether.

The vaccine injured came forward with long lists of illnesses and ailments they'd never previously encountered — many of them young and healthy prior to mRNA exposure.

Many of them report being so ill they can no longer work or care for themselves — some shaking with such violent seizures they're exhausted from the physical strain and dependent on family members for even the most basic of care.

In the years since the vaccine rollout the number of those completely and permanently disabled have only continued to rise.

Vast numbers of them have died.
Many of the voices raised on behalf of these individuals are virtually irrefutable. The list of mRNA vaccine critics contain the names of recognized doctors, nurses, journalists, researchers, medically specialized authors, attorneys and even political figures.

A review of just some of the diverse symptoms related to mRNA illnesses may provide insight. The comprehensive list of the symptomatology is exhaustive. Please see our website for a complete list. TPFPnews.com

Dr. Peter McCullough is one of the world's leading authorities as well as the foremost critic of mRNA vaccines and the damage they have done to the population at large.

He is, by no means, alone in his disparaging views of the overall handling of the 'COVID 19' panic/pandemic and his testimony before both US House and Senate committees contained explosive claims of unnecessary death, chronic disease and permanent disability following Covid 19 vaccination.

McCullough, an internist and cardiologist is a world renowned public health advisor has been researching the damaging effects of what are now a battery of mRNA infused vaccines and he continues to bring the many thousands of cases of injury and death into the public forum.

Known for his well-researched and practical approach to medical safety protocols, his passionate diatribes against the Covid 19 (and related) vaccines are widely available in video format on YouTube and other forums.

In light of the recent disclosures pertaining to vaccinating people while under anesthesia as well as the decision to add mRNA vaccines to the protocols administered to children's vaccine schedules, McCullough's concerns are more critical to public health than ever before.

"These vaccines which began development in 1985 should have been pulled immediately upon learning of the vast health implications they represent," McCullough states.

"Our leader of our public health apparatus, Anthony Fauci, sought and obtained 10 years of clemency for CRIMES related to this issue and he just pled the Fifth Amendment 111 TIMES before the US Senate.

"We have corruption at the very highest levels and none of your public health officials will ever come clean on this — NONE of them will.

"These vaccines such as the adenoviral vaccination by Johnson & Johnson, AstroZeneca and others still have the long tail of spike protein in the bloodstream and we cannot find any natural, human enzyme that breaks it down," he continued.

"The spike protein in the dangerous part and our body's can never get rid of it — it simply can never be shut off.

"To complicate matters further, the shedding issue has proven to be a factor in the continued spread of mRNA throughout the general population and it is wholly unnecessary.

"Healthy children and teenagers have such robust immune systems that they're at zero risk of Covid 19 illness.

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# Europe's Streets Are Burning, and the Bill Is Coming Due

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France spent a recent weekend in open revolt. Hundreds of thousands marched in more than 140 cities, reportedly over the cost of living, failing public services, and overcrowded schools. In many places the marches turned into riots and looting. Authorities reported about 2,400 arrests and nearly 1,000 police injured. Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez offered to resign, but President Emmanuel Macron refused. Similar protests, again reportedly over living costs, have broken out in Portugal, Albania, and Greece.

The protests began weeks ago with high-school students angry about crowded classrooms and teacher shortages. They merged with public-sector strikes against the government's proposed $60 billion austerity package, which includes a fourth straight pay freeze for state workers. France's public debt will reach 119.3 percent of GDP this year, the highest since 1978. Its deficit is forecast at 5.4 percent. The European Union's own rules cap these at 60% and 3%, and Brussels has had France under formal deficit discipline since 2024. Paris spent decades promising its citizens cradle-to-grave security on borrowed money. EU rules now require it to make cuts, and the people who were promised that security are in the streets.

Wars have made things worse. Europe cut off access to cheap Russian energy after the invasion of Ukraine in 2022. This was exacerbated by the sabotage of the Nordstream pipeline, with a recent German inquiry pointing at Ukraine as the culprit for cutting this energy lifeline from Russia to the EU, but which some analysts blame on the United States. Since the U.S.-Iran war began in February, the near-closure of the Strait of Hormuz has driven energy prices up again. Diesel costs have "already increased significantly," according to RaboResearch, which expects European food inflation to return in late 2026 and get worse through 2027. The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization has warned of a fertilizer shock and possible food-price spikes.

At the same time, Europe's leaders have kept up high immigration. The EU's population hit a record 450.4 million in 2024, and Eurostat reports that migration was the sole source of that growth. In Portugal, the foreign- resident population roughly tripled between 2017 and 2024, to over 1.5 million. Housing hasn't kept up, and rents and home prices have soared. When a growing population competes for a fixed supply of resources, wages and welfare can't keep pace.

In his 1904 essay written from Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese War, Jack London observed that Japan's population surge had "continually pressed against the means of subsistence." He predicted Japan would turn to Korea and Manchuria for land and grain, and it did, in a march toward war in China. Britain, another crowded island nation like Japan, followed a similar path when it built its empire. Famously resource-poor, the U.K. can't feed its population on its own and must import roughly 70 percent of its food.

Western Europe faces its own version of that squeeze today. Next door sits Russia, whose natural resources — mostly coal, gas, oil, and rare earths — were valued at roughly $75 trillion in 2021. European leaders describe their rearmament as deterrence against Russian aggression. History suggests that governments facing angry, struggling populations at home are often tempted to look for answers abroad.

On October 15, Britain's army chief, General Sir Roly Walker, told troops at Catterick Garrison that "our citizens have got to consent to sacrifices to prioritise defence and security," warning of "extreme jeopardy in the world" at "a very dangerous time." Political leaders, he said, will soon begin a "frank conversation" with the Public. For a continent already rioting over bread and rent, that conversation may come sooner than expected. The riots in Paris, Lisbon, Tirana, and Athens could turn out to be more than protests over budgets. They may be early signs of a Europe heading toward war.

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## The War Over mRNA

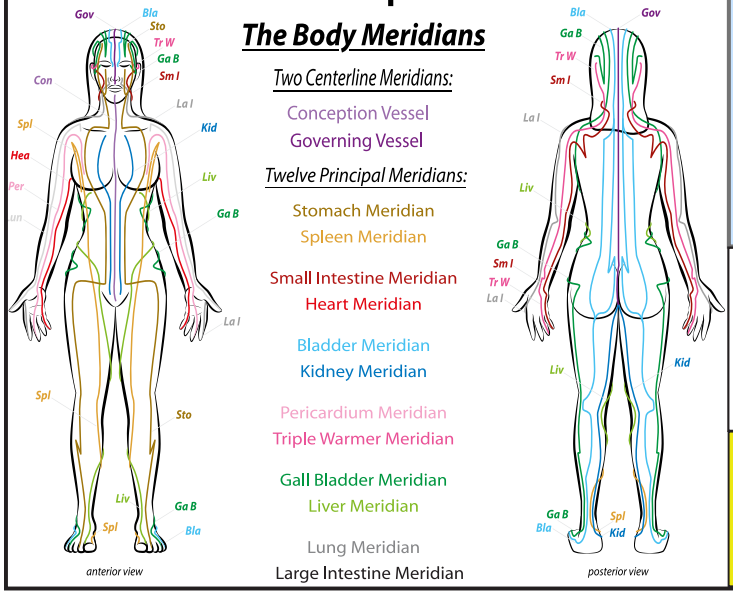
It is complete madness that some countries are still pushing vaccination in children down to six months of age.

"Why persist in vaccinating — and we're talking about 2 or three doses — we have no idea what's going to happen when we get to 6, 7, 8 doses! It's mind blowing that we are six years into this [pandemic] and it should have been over in two. The mutations caused by the constant vaccination are prolonging the problem and jeopardizing the health and safety of the public. And yet they continue to roll out more vaccines.

"When these vaccines came available there were fifteen people in Trump's cabinet. Just one of them refused the vaccine outright. That person was Ben Carson, the only doctor in the cabinet. "That ought to tell you something. That ought to tell the public something. I don't think these vaccines are safe for anyone!" McCullough concluded.


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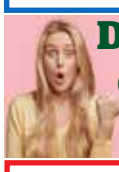
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***Mon** 11am (45 Min. 80's/90's Zumba) **Mon-Thur** 8:30am (10 min. Exercise) 9am (30 Min. Stretch) 9:30am (60 Min. Senior Shape)
**4th Mondays** Quartzsite Story Time. 11am. Qz. Community Development Dept. 465 N. Plymouth Ave. Birth to 5 years.
**2nd Saturdays** American Legion meeting 12pm VFW Post 769
**11/7** Market Day at the QIA. Swap meet 8am-1pm. Craft Faire 9am-1pm. 235 Ironwood St.
**11/9 Flags & Flowers** 9am. Hi Jolly Cemetery. Flags & Flowers on Veteran's graves and Clean up as needed. Bring garden tools.
**11/11 Veterans Day Presentation, honoring all who served. 11:00am. VFW Post 769 back patio. Followed by lunch, Veterans eat free, all others by donation. Free Cosmic Wagon concert begins at 1pm. Open to the public.**
**11/13** Rainbow Acres Yard Sales. 8am-5pm. Open to the public.
**11/13-15** International Truth Expo 2026. 9am-5pm. QIA 235 Ironwood St. $20 for locals & snowbirds, children 18 and under free.
**11/16 Chillin' with the Locals. 4-7p. QIA, 235 Ironwood St. Business Showcase and Community Networking Event**
**11/16** Blood Drive. 10am-2:15pm. Quartzsite Senior Center
***11/21 Qz. Fall Festival 10am-5pm. Qz. Town Park. See Ad Pg. 3.***
**11/26** Thanksgiving Dinner at the VFW. 1pm. Veterans eat free, all others by donation.
***11/27-28 Santa's Workshop Art & Craft Show. 10am-3pm. Benefits the Friends of the Quartzsite Food Bank. See ad page 15.***
**12/2** Concert 4pm. VFW Post 769 Back patio. Open to the public.

## *Parker, Arizona*

***Parker Community Center 1115 W 12th St.:**
***Mon, Wed. Friday** Stretch and Tone. 8:15am.
***Mon & Wed.** Zumba Gold. 9am Active seniors
***Fridays** Country Line Dance Lessons. 10am
**Thursdays** Bingo VFW 5:30-7:30pm 516 Hopi Ave
**Thursdays** Eagles' Wing Night. 5-7pm or sold out. 1200 W Arizona Ave.
**11/7 Veterans Day Parade. 9am. Parade Route is on Joshua St. in Downtown.**
**11/11 Veterans Day. 11am. BlueWater Resort**
**11/12-14** Desert Splash. Join Parker Four Wheelers.
**11/13-15** ADBA Drag Boat Finals @ BlueWater
**11/19** Chamber Mixer 5:30-7pm Beaver Insurance
**11/28** Annual Lighted Boat Parade. 6:30-9pm. Between Cienega Springs and Sundance Saloon.

## *Blythe, California*

**11/7** Steps for the Cure Walk, Scott Stadium, 4pm
**11/7** Pink Trash Bags Clean up, 6:30am, Starbucks
**11/7-8** Shorty's to host AZOP Races
**11/7** Winterfest Vendor meeting 6pm Chamber
**11/11** Winterfest food vendor mtg 6pm Chamber
**11/11** National Night Out, 4-7pm, Todd Park
**11/12** Chamber's Alliance Meeting, 10am, City Hall
**11/13-14** Victory Church Yard Sale, 323 N 5th St.
**11/13-15** Outlaw UTV Races @ Shorty's
**11/14 Blythe Speedway Race 12 Championship Night & Powder Puff Day Race Gates-1 Race-4pm See ad pg. 4**




**11/14** Quilt Guild Craft Fair,
**11/21** Community Thanksgiving, Grocery Outlet
**11/21** AMRA Racing @ Shorty's Sports Park
**12/4** Tree Lighting, Gateway Park, 6pm

## *Lake Havasu City*

**Sundays** London Bridge Swap Meet. 8am-2pm. London Bridge Shopping Plaza, 157 Paseo Del Sol
**11/11 Veterans Day Parade. 9am. McCulloch Blvd between Birch Square & Smoketree Ave. Ceremony after parade at Wheeler Park, 10:45. Potluck lunch at VFW Post 9402.**
**11/12-14** LHC Home & Garden Expo Fall Show. 8am-5pm. LH Aquatic Center, 100 Park Ave.
**11/13-14** Sand, Water, RV Expo 2026. 10am-5pm. LH State Park Windsor 4, 699 London Bridge Rd.
**11/14** Turkey Trot. Check-In 6:45 am. Island Ball Field, 1150 McCulloch Blvd. Benefit for Food for Kidz Program. $30.00
**11/14** Boat America Boating Safety Education Course. 8:30am-4:30pm. Water Safety Center Modular Classroom, 1801 AZ-95. $35.
**11/14** Elkette's 2026 Holiday Craft Fair. 9am-2pm. LHC Elks Lodge 2399, 3532 McCulloch Blvd N. Proceeds go to children's causes.
**11/14,** 56th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. 9am-5pm. Lake Havasu State Park, 699 London Bridge Road-Windsor Overflow. $7.00.
**11/14-15** Havasu Christmas Craft & Gift Show. 9am-5pm. Main Street Commons, 2112 McCulloch Blvd N. Free
**11/14** FAB 5 Charity Bowling Tournament 11:30-4pm Havasu Lanes.
**11/14** Fall Book Trade 2-4pm LHC Library, 1770 McCulloch Blvd N
**11/18** America the Beautiful Fashion Show 6-10pm London Bridge
**11/21** 5K Destiny Run. 7:30-12pm. Island Ball Fields, 1150 McCulloch Blvd N. $35. Proceeds help stop children trafficking.
**11/21** Car Show & Swap Meet 8am-12pm 7260 Dub Campbell Pkwy.
**11/21** 7th Annual Rods at Riverbound 8am-3pm 3493 E Heights Blvd
**11/21** Desert Hills Fire District Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner. 4-7pm
**11/22** The Youth Market. 9am-12pm. Vender ages are 5-19.
**11/27** Festival of Lights Kick-off and Swim Race. 6-8pm LB Resort

## *Bouse, Arizona*

**Mon** VFW Post 2857 Breakfast 8am 45190 SR-72
**Thurs** Acupuncture 11am-4pm See far left
**Fridays** Karaoke 4:00pm VFW Post 2357
**Saturdays** Bouse Food Bank @ Nikki's Nook 11-3pm. Behind Bouse Southern Baptist Church
**1st Wed** Yuma Food Bank 10-12pm 2247 Frame
**1st & 3rd Fridays** Booster Club Rummage sale. 9am-2pm. At the Rest Stop in downtown.

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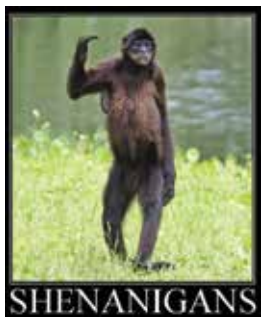

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# Letter to the Editor

***Quartzsite: When the People Are Silenced, Democracy Suffers***

By Dana Tague, Quartzsite Resident

What we are witnessing in Quartzsite right now is, in my opinion, censorship at its finest. Every resident of this town should be paying close attention.




Let me explain what happened at two Town Council meetings this past week.

***Tuesday, October 27, 2026***
During our regular Town Council meeting, an agenda item concerning Town Manager Jim Ferguson's annual review was clearly marked for public comment. However, when that item came before the Council, the opportunity for public comment was apparently skipped. The Council proceeded with its vote and moved on. When a concerned citizen attempted to address the matter, the Town Attorney explained that the Council was not required to reopen public comment after the vote had already taken place.

Don't just take my word for it. The October 27 meeting was recorded. I encourage everyone to watch the video and draw their own conclusions.

***Friday, October 30, 2026 — The Special Council Meeting***
Now comes the part that concerns me even more.

Town Hall (normally closed on Fridays) was opened for a special Council meeting concerning an amendment to the Town Manager's employment agreement. Once again, the room was standing room only. Citizens arrived with prepared statements, ready to express their concerns about decisions affecting their town and their tax dollars. But they were informed they would not be allowed to speak.

Understandably, frustration began building throughout the room. Voices were raised. Cell phones came out to record what was happening. Even Town Manager Jim Ferguson had his phone out, recording the crowd. After order was restored, Councilmember Nancy Nichols made a motion to allow the citizens of Quartzsite an opportunity to speak. That motion was defeated. She then made another motion to delay the meeting. That motion was also defeated.

Councilmember Starr Bearcat, however, expressed her disagreement. To paraphrase her remarks, she indicated that she could not simply go along with the other Council members because her heart told her otherwise. That moment stood out to me.

Now let's talk about what is really troubling me.

I believe much of the frustration and division we are witnessing stems from the actions and decisions surrounding Town Manager Jim Ferguson and the current Town Council. We have newly elected Council members preparing to take their seats in November. Yet major decisions concerning the Town Manager's employment agreement are being pushed through by the outgoing Council just days before that transition.

Why the rush? Why not allow the newly elected representatives of the people to participate in decisions that will affect the future of Quartzsite? And most importantly, why not allow the citizens who pay the bills to express their opinions before those decisions are made?

Let me make something perfectly clear. I am not claiming that anything illegal has taken place. That is a legal question, and I am not an attorney. But legality and ethics are two entirely different matters. Just because something may be legally permissible does not automatically make it ethical, transparent, or in the best interests of the community.

Perception matters. Public trust matters. And transparency matters. Good government depends upon the confidence of the people it serves.

When residents fill Town Hall, prepare statements, and take time out of their lives to participate in local government, their voices should matter. When those citizens are repeatedly denied an opportunity to be heard, it creates the perception that decisions have already been made and that public participation is merely an inconvenience. That, in my opinion, is what censorship in local government looks like.

And finally, I want to address a message to one of our Council members.

The people of Quartzsite are not stupid. We understand more about how government works than some officials may be willing to acknowledge. We recognize when questions go unanswered, when decisions appear rushed, and when transparency is missing.

We are not asking for special treatment. We are asking for honesty, accountability, respect, and the opportunity to be heard. Because, government is supposed to be of the people, by the people, and for the people. Not just for the people sitting behind the Council dais.

Quartzsite deserves better communication, greater transparency, and a government that remembers whom it serves, and that should matter to every single resident of this town.






# Finally, Congress Has a Bill to Stop the Flock Cameras

***Help Me Build Support To Pass It.***

By Tom DeWeese
TheNewAmerican.com

Flock Cameras – the monster spy tool being used in cities nationwide to record and control your every move! In city after city, America citizens have been tearing them down and saying a loud NO to these weapons of government tyranny! Now I'm excited to tell you help has arrived to aid this fight for justice! Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY) has introduced H.R. 10221 – a Bill he calls the "Flock-Off Act!" The Bill, when passed by Congress, will prohibit the use of Federal funds to build Flock systems in communities nationwide.

City councils are signing contracts with Flock to provide the camera system. But what we are now discovering is that the information connected doesn't stay with the local community records – but it's going onto Flock's international data banks! How is that being used? The builders of the Flock cameras tell us they are just there to read license plates to catch speeders. And they assure us they can help make us safer by revealing potential crime **BEFORE IT HAPPENS!**

In truth, the cameras aren't just watching for speeders on the street. The cameras can record everything that happens in your neighborhood. It records everybody and reads everything in your car, including your facial recognition. It can read everything on your cell phone. It will record where you travel and who you associate with, regardless of whether the driver is suspected of a crime.

Think about this – Larry Ellisson, the founder of Oracle (one of the main corporations using AI and the information coming from Flock cameras) said a vast AI surveillance system can ensure "citizens will be on their best behavior!" That's because we will all be living in constant fear of government action! The CEO of Flock, Garrett Langley said we will all have to "compromise on privacy and safety!"

This entire system eliminates your 4th Amendment rights to privacy and due process. You will be considered guilty before you can defend yourself. Some people have already been falsely arrested for crimes they were nowhere near.




These are the reasons why Americans from across the nation are taking direct action to stop the Flock cameras. Many have been torn down and destroyed by outraged citizens. City councils are feeling the pressure, and many have taken action to end their contracts with them.

That's why the Flock-Off Bill is the legislation we've been hoping for as the first vital step to stop the growing surveillance state. Finally, we are getting real government support to stop the growing tyranny over our personal privacy.

And there is growing support among Members of Congress for the Flock -Off Act. The main sponsor, Rep. Thomas Massie, is one of the top three Congressional Members with more than a 90% conservative voting record. He is dedicated to limited government and protecting our rights.

Now he already has been joined by six co-sponsors in the House of Representatives, including Rep. Eric Burlison (R-Mo.), Rep. Victoria Spatz (R-Ind), and Rep. Lauren Boebart (R-Colo). In addition, Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) is co-sponsoring. He has already introduced legislation to get the U.S. out of the United Nations. And then there is Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ). He recently called on American Policy Center to help him build support for his bill to stop the Obama attack on property rights called Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH). Now he is co-sponsoring the Flock-Off Bill. And finally, the sixth co-sponsor is Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calf). That's right – he's a Democrat!




These are powerful, dedicated freedom fighters who have now fearlessly stepped into the growing AI juggernaut that's been taking over Congress. Rep. Burlison said, "Technology may change, but our constitutional rights do not… The Fourth Amendment protects American from unreasonable searches, and advances in surveillance technology should not come at the expense of our privacy and liberty… Our rights are unalienable, and Congress has a responsibility to protect them."

They are responding as our opposition to AI and Flock surveillance systems is growing at an exciting rate across the nation. Now with the Flock-Off Bill **WE CAN STOP THIS THREAT!**

But – we can't sit back now and just hope the Bill will pass. We have got to take action to build support for the Bill. We must show Congress that Americans demand action to stop the growing surveillance tyranny.

That's why I call on every concerned American to take a moment to call or write to your Member of Congress and demand their support for the Flock-Off legislation. Tell them that we Americans want our personal privacy protected. And we want Congress to Act NOW! Contact information for every Member of Congress https://www.house.gov/representatives.

We've got to get the Bill passed before this current Congressional session ends in December. Rep. Massie won't be in Congress to lead the fight next year because he was defeated in his re-election bid by RINO's who fear his dedication to limited government and your freedom.

APC is ready to lead this fight to build strong support for the Flock-Off Act. Either America will turn into a locked-down surveillance tyranny like Communist China, or we will rise up as our Founding Fathers did 250 years ago to declare independence and freedom!

I must tell you that as I have been helping to expose this growing AI surveillance threat to our freedom, I have been opposed by several groups I've worked with for years. I just don't understand how groups that have fought for freedom for decades can't understand the threat of this growing government tyranny. But I must fight on!

These Flock cameras are a threat to the 4th Amendment and your Constitutional guaranteed right to privacy. It can't just be regulated and allowed to grow in government – they all must be ripped down and stopped now. Rep. Massie's Flock-Off Bill will assure that happens! Please help me build support to ensure it passes and preserves our freedom!

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# Why Will Leftists Not "Live and Let Live"?

By Selwyn Duke, 1029/2026
TheNewAmerican.com

Someone close to me had a great friend who lived through the Stalinist times in Ukraine. She said that when she was a little girl, her father made the whole family go to bed every evening fully clothed – coat, shoes, and all. One night she found out why.

Secret police came to her home in the darkness and unceremoniously forced the family out. They were then compelled to go on a long march in the bitter winter cold. They suffered, but prepared, they survived. Many did not.

The history of leftism reveals that its adherents don't settle for half a loaf. They want complete control, everywhere, all the time. And, metaphorically speaking, they take no prisoners. (Literally speaking, they take a lot.) On Tuesday, commentator J.B. Shurk examined reasons for this mentality.

"Why must leftists conquer entire nations?" he asked in his opening sentence. And, "Why do they get so angry at anyone who resists their ideology? Why can't they just build a new nation filled entirely with fellow leftists?" This would be a bit like – how libertarians launched the Free State Project in 2001. They were encouraging co-ideologists to move to New Hampshire to create a truly libertarian state.

But leftists don't do likewise. They're not satisfied to rally fellow travelers to, let's say, settle in California and forge a thoroughly socialist state. In fact, liberals often move to conservative states, attracted by the lower taxes/cost of living and generally better social environment.

***What Is Leftism?***

Later on, Shurk tries answering his introductory questions, writing: "Leftism is, first and foremost, an ideology of grievance. Its devotees don't have principles. They have targets. They tell their minions whom to blame for their miseries and failures. They encourage their brainwashed followers to steal what they want and to burn everything else down, as is currently visible amid the ruins of war-torn France. Leftism is destruction.

"That is why leftists can't just relocate en masse to Canada or carve out a new nation in some scarcely settled part of Africa, South America, Australia, or Asia. Leftism doesn't build; it takes. It doesn't inspire; it blames. Without an "oppressor" to vilify, leftism devours itself."




Speaking of France, this certainly was apparent during that great left-wing conflagration, the French Revolution. That bloody affair began eating its own, killing revolutionaries themselves. Then, afraid they'd be next, some of these leftists executed none other than one of the revolution's leading figures, Maximilien Robespierre.

But what Shurk gets at is this: Today's so-called "leftism" is not an ideology as much as a process. It is the process of ever trying to change the status quo, whatever the latter may be. (Note: "Conservatism" is also a process, that of ever trying to preserve the status quo.) Thus, for example, will leftists transition from fighting to establish women's sports to fighting to effectively de-establish them by allowing "trans" males to compete. (Second note: This "fighting the man" ends the moment leftists achieve complete power—for then they are the status quo.)

And don't think you can just "agree to disagree" or say "Don't go away angry — just go away" to the leftists, warns Shurk. As he also states: "But peaceful separation is impossible because leftists cannot permit jurisdictions outside of their control to succeed. When free societies prosper, Marxist-socialist and communist societies are exposed as authoritarian, joyless, poor, and weak. Leftism is so at odds with human nature that its proponents cannot allow those they enslave to witness a reality free from misery.

"Otherwise, leftism's enslaved masses will risk their lives to climb over walls, trek through mountains, or cross oceans just to feel what it is like to be free. In the Soviet Union and East Germany, the communists built walls, not to keep illegal immigrants out, but rather to keep unhappy citizens in. Nobody breaks into the leftist "paradises" of communist Cuba or China; millions, however, have fled communist regimes. People escape from leftism and run toward freedom.

"What this means is that leftists will never leave us alone. They will take from us, abuse us, censor us, persecute us, imprison us, and even kill us. But they will never peacefully separate from us. My, it sounds like a toxic relationship with a narcissist. Yet still more could be said."

***A Deeper Dive***

While many question leftists' sincerity, in reality, many really do feel true passion, and some others fake it. And what makes them all tick? Well, a paraphrase of philosopher G.K. Chesterton applies here: "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." Leftists are not "true soldiers" by this definition. The reason why they so often accuse others of being "hateful" is projection: They themselves are driven by hate. They then assume that they reflect the norm (because they couldn't possibly be "abnormal"; perish the thought). Consequently, others must also then reflect this norm.

What motivates this left-wing anger? One factor could be that they believe their very happiness is at stake. (Just consider here the women who broke down crying when President Donald Trump was elected. Her emotions ran deep.) Studies have illustrated leftists' unhappiness and, externalizing, they blame others for it.

As a result, the feminist may believe she can't be happy unless the "patriarchy" is destroyed. The racialist may suppose he can't be happy unless "systemic racism" is purged root and branch. The environmentalist may fancy he can't be happy unless "degrowth," population reduction, and net-zero carbon emissions become reality. The multiculturalist may be certain he can't be happy unless Western norms are "deconstructed." The sexual devolutionary may believe __ (fill in the pronoun) can't be happy unless "heteronormativity" is overthrown. And the list goes on. These people constitute the activist class and part of the left-wing rank and file. They are true believers, even if not true soldiers.

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# WOKE 2, De-Civilizing American Society Through Education

By Kathleen Marquardt, 10/22/2026
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Several years ago, I wrote an article, "Woke: the Culmination of the Marxist Education System" where there was this quote from "Mental health and world citizenship": "Principles of mental health cannot be successfully furthered in any society unless there is progressive acceptance to the concept of world citizenship."

That word "progressive" tells it all, progressing downward to "The new view is that the higher and more obligatory relation is to society rather than to the family; the family goes back to the age of savagery while the state belongs to the age of civilization".

A friend sent me an article from Renewing America: Woke: Key Definitions and Concepts. (I recommend their site.) Today, I'd like to expand with the caveat that Woke is still the claptrap of those who are out to destroy our county (and the world) via education. Regretfully, due to the dumbing down of American education since the 1800s, the Global Elite have made major advances toward that goal.

More recently, Doctor Shirley McCune authored a 63 page working paper in 1983 for the Kansas State Department of Education, titled "Framing a Future for Education", in which she stated "schools must become more effective and more efficient in providing society with human resources which are essential for our national well-being." She went on to say that students will be expected to develop, "ability to work in groups, use skills and




critical thinking, problem solving, synthesizing, decision making, and communication; key factors for successful participation in the workforce." Students would be the products or "Human capital for society's economic system, and there would be "lifelong learning with an increase in adult education and retraining. The future of all institutions and our total society rests on our ability to develop human capital or "to grow better people."

That was over 40 years ago, but you can see that the plan was working just as the Global Elite scripted it. In his book *Race to the Bottom*, Luke Rosiak noted that Educrats wanted to eliminate anything that could function as an objective assessment of the scholastic competence of American children — and, therefore, their own job performance. New York City paid race consultant Glenn Singleton nearly $900,000 and instructed teachers in 2019 that "perfectionism", "worship of the written word", "individualism" and "objectivity." were aspects of White Supreme Culture. The idea that reading was white supremacist, and therefore undesirable, undercut one of the most basic missions of teachers. But for Educrats, it was convenient, since in some minority -heavy schools in the city, only 5% of the kids were proficient in reading during certain school years.

And in the article "A chronology of Education with Quotable Quotes" Dr. Cuddy noted: "By the early 1970s, National Education Association presidents such as Catherine Barrett were so emboldened that they began to talk of de-emphasizing academic basics in favor of teachers becoming philosophical 'change agents.'"

Okay, so they are dumbing down our children, convincing the non-whites that they need to be change agents to destroy democracy, education, and Christianity while taking over the world. Except, it won't be those dumbed-down change agents that will be the world leaders, it will be the Global Elite and those who do their bidding will be among the first to become useless eaters needing to be removed for the next level of brain-washed serfs for the elite.

Since that early article I wrote just several years ago, this evil has spread so much faster and more degrading, despicable, and destructive. There may be a few schools that still try to teach proper subjects well and unbiased, but that is not the norm. To truly teach without the brainwashing of the despicable would require using books from 100 years ago. Home schooling is the only place one can find at least decent subjects that are presented without Marxist bent. But the Department of Education notes that only 3.3% of America's children are home schooled.

Obviously, many parents with children in our government schools oversee their studies and work to give them a good basis in truth. But, with the kids in school for hours a day, there is no way the parent can counter-act much of the lies and brainwashing they get five days a week.

The UN, UNISEF, National Teachers Association, etc. etc. etc. are all destroying our children and abetting the Global Elite to take over the world. Those kids, even when they are grown up, will have no idea of the evils they are living in and, thus, unable to help throw them off.

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## *Lefties..."Live and Let Live"*

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Then there are those who use them — the fakers. These are the politicians who entered politics for all the wrong reasons, which, tragically, amount to the most common reason.

That is, we all know that people can lust after money, sex, or food. These are motivations we can relate to because it's natural for man to have desires in those areas. (Hopefully, though, it's not to a disordered degree.) Yet just as people can lust after those things, so can they crave power. Those in this obsession's grip will do anything to get power. And just as a greedy man's lust for money may know no bounds, so may a megalomaniacal politician's lust for power.

Of course, these demagogues use the true-believer leftists to gain control. But the point is that neither group will accept half a loaf. If you believe your happiness depends on destroying _____, you'll want it purged coast to coast. And if power is your drug, limited fixes won't be enough. You always want a higher dose.

Whatever the motivation, though, what's clear is that as with the Pinkertons, leftists "never sleep." And as to what they want, the answer is ever and always the same: more.



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# Things They Didn't Teach You in Church: Guns & Education

By: Jim Brouillette
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Sadly, our nation suffered another school shooting recently. According to U.S. News: Three children, ages 5, 8, and 11, and one teacher were killed in a shooting at Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon, on October 15, 2026. The 16-year-old shooter hopped the school fence with a shotgun and blew open a locked door. He entered a special needs classroom and fired 15+ rounds, killing 3 students, 1 teacher, and injured another student and teacher. Police found 42 unspent rounds on his person. The shooter was a former special needs student at the school, and he obtained the shotgun from his mother.

According to Straight Arrow News: "The bystander who stopped the shooter may have violated an Oregon law banning loaded firearms on school property, even for concealed carry license holders. When officers arrived on scene…one officer said the suspect was shot by a community member who saw the suspect enter the school and pursued him into the school and engaged the shooter."

According to Newsweek - The Oregon school district where the "teenage gunman was shot dead after killing four people had banned guns from its premises...after a change in Oregon law in 2021. Thursday's shooting has reignited debate about school policies around guns, some people arguing that schools should remain gun-free zones, others saying that allowing some adults to carry concealed weapons could limit damage in the event of mass shootings." Kaylub Giamanco's brother told NBC News that Kaylub, a 36-year-old father of two of the students attending the school, sprang into action when he saw the teenaged gunman enter the school. Still, some are claiming this life saving father violated gun laws and should be prosecuted.

Mario Nawfal, a podcast host, wrote on X: "A random bystander took down the Oregon school shooter in under three minutes…in a district that BANS guns on campus." Those who believe schools should be gun-free environments argue that armed-personal would only increase the risk of shootings. Everytown for Gun Safety, a gun violence prevention advocacy organization, says on its website; "Having guns in the classroom increases the likelihood that a student will access a gun and that someone will be shot outside of an active shooter incident."

In another life, I was a juvenile probation officer for La Paz County and was working there when the state armed the department. While the probation department was still unarmed, the position of "School Resource Officer" was created; placing a juvenile probation officer on campus; providing trained protection to students. When La Paz County Probation Department became armed, officers began being sent to professional shooting and tactical training programs. I encourage anyone who owns and/or handles firearms to get trained by a professional, and for a gun violence prevention organization to say that having guns in "the classroom" is dangerous for the students attending that school is like saying having armed guards at a bank increases the danger to its customers.



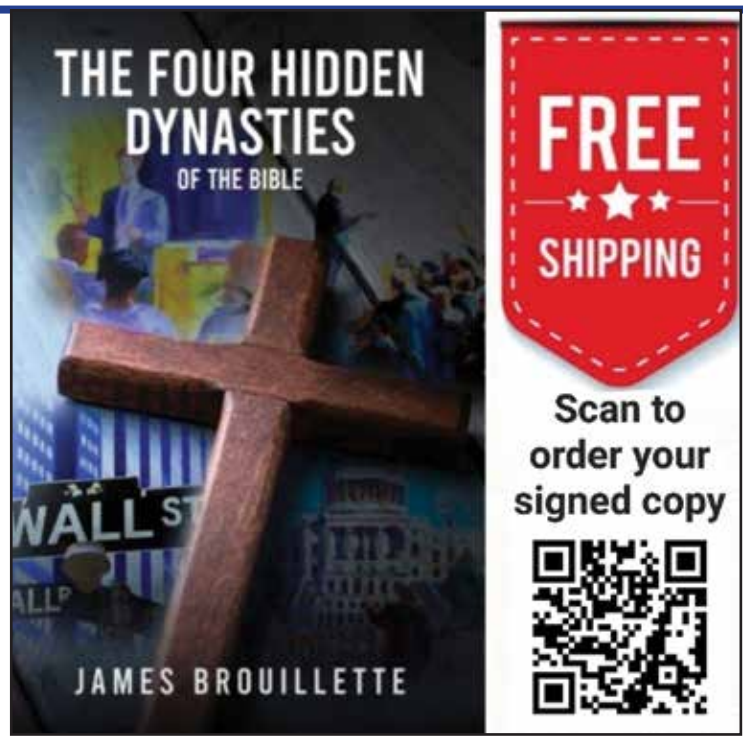

Now living in Arizona after growing up in So Cal, I marvel at some of the brain-numb ideas some have about guns in liberal states.

According to The Gun Zone; although "pinpointing the exact number of deaths caused solely by **illegal firearms** remains a persistent challenge" it is obvious that a huge majority of deaths-by-gun occur with an illegal firearm. According to the same source, "Mass Shootings…while representing a smaller percentage of total firearm deaths, generate significant public concern. The legality of the firearms used in these events varies, with some obtained legally and others illegally." Let's be clear on this subject; the firearm used in the Bend Oregon school shooting was obtained legally by the shooter's mother. We don't need more gun control, we need responsible, trained people handling them.

A popular narrative of some modern Christian denominations is; guns are bad and Jesus would never tolerate the use of a weapon, even in the case of self-defense, and usually the "turn the other cheek" scripture is used to justify this viewpoint. This statement by Jesus is documented in 2 different places **Mt.5:39** and **Luke 6:29**, but there is a small problem with this theology; if you look at the context of Christ's statement, it was made to His apostles while instructing them how to teach the Word of God. I would also point you to **Luke Chapter 22**, where the chief priest's men were about to arrest Jesus; **49** ***When they which were about Him saw what would follow, they said unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?*** **50** ***And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.***

Granted, Jesus miraculously put the ear back on the servant's head because He knew the plan of God must be fulfilled. But my point is; Christ's disciples carried swords which happened to be the deadliest weapons available at that time. In fact, earlier in that same **Chapter 22 of Luke** Jesus speaking; **36** ***Then said He unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.*** It is also undeniable that God Almighty, in many places in the Old Testament, ordered His children to protect their families from their enemies. One of those places is **Nehemiah 4:14** ***…and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them… fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.***

And, in the New Testament; **Timothy 5:8** ***But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*** And if you think the Lord is coming back full of peace at the end of this earth age let's read **Matthew 10:34** ***Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.***




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## Local and National U.S. News

### *AI School, Parental Concerns*

Alpha Chicago has opened with $55,000 annual tuition and a model that assigns core academics to artificial intelligence while human "guides" supervise students. Children spend about two hours daily using adaptive software, followed by workshops and activities. Alex Newman warns that this approach could weaken parental authority, compromise privacy and transfer influence over children's beliefs to algorithm designers. He connects the model to federal and UNESCO efforts promoting AI education. The network claims exceptional academic results, though independent verification remains limited. As you've read in previous issues, we have examined research comparing learning from books and screens and showing that people learn better and retain more from books than screens.

### *Capitol Video Challenges Suspect Identification*

Journalist Steve Baker says newly examined Capitol surveillance footage could challenge Brian Cole Jr.'s identification as the January 6 pipe-bomb suspect. Researcher "Armitas" located a pedestrian whom Baker and other investigators identify as Cole northwest of the Capitol, allegedly while the bomber was placing devices southeast of it. Investigators cite similarities in shoes, clothing and a mask. Baker reports no FBI or Justice Department response. The pedestrian's identity and synchronized timeline are central to the claim: establishing both would determine whether the footage provides evidence challenging the identification.

### *FBI Seeks Nationwide Vehicle Tracking*

The FBI under Director Kash Patel seeks nationwide access to commercial license-plate records, allowing investigators to search existing camera networks and receive near-real-time vehicle alerts. Proposed contracts total up to $36 million over five years. The principal concern is scale: the same tools used to locate investigative targets could reconstruct innocent Americans' routines, travel and associations across jurisdictions. "Blind logging" would prevent vendors from retaining search details, reducing outside visibility, although internal FBI auditing remains required. For the broader debate over Flock cameras and proposed congressional restrictions, see Tom DeWeese's article on page 16.




### *Epstein Files: Gaps Remain*

FBI records referencing classified Epstein materials are renewing questions about DOJ assurances that national-security grounds were not used to withhold files. The New American reports that a March 2025 delivery included classified documents and CDs whose contents and eventual release remain unknown. CBS also identified missing financial records and approximately 1.2 million gaps in page numbering—not necessarily that many unique documents. DOJ maintains it released everything legally required, excluding duplicates, privileged material and unrelated records. The central warning is that unexplained secrecy could shield powerful connections; authorities owe the public a clear accounting.

### *Brennan Profit Claims*

Researcher Ian Trottier alleges former CIA Director John Brennan used counterterrorism operations for personal enrichment. Speaking with The New American's Alex Newman, Trottier cited financial filings, ethics records and visitor logs to argue Brennan retained interests in the Analysis Corporation while overseeing national security policy. Brennan led the contractor from 2005 to 2009 before joining the Obama administration. Trottier also claims compartmentalized intelligence hindered threat prevention while terrorism drove spending benefiting Brennan's holdings. His allegations highlight potential conflicts when officials move between public service and private intelligence businesses.

### *Corporate Refugee Hiring Draws Scrutiny*

Welcome.US and the Tent Partnership for Refugees are connecting refugees and other newcomers with major employers, raising questions about corporate recruitment priorities. Welcome.US began in September 2021 following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; its corporate network includes Amazon, Microsoft, Google and Walmart. Tent reports more than 500 participating employers worldwide and works through staffing agencies, resettlement organizations and specialized hiring programs. Supporters describe workforce integration. Critics warn these arrangements create privileged recruitment channels for foreign labor while Americans compete for opportunities. The supplied reporting does not establish that the programs displaced American workers.

### *When Temporary Becomes Forever*

The White House reportedly paused plans to end Temporary Protected Status for Salvadorans, preserving protections originally tied to earthquakes a quarter-century ago. The New American reports that DHS prepared termination paperwork before the administration intervened. Congressional Research Service reporting confirms beneficiaries retained deportation protections and work authorization after the September 9 deadline, pending another announcement. Author Peter Rykowski warns the episode illustrates how temporary immigration programs become effectively permanent. He argues TPS improperly transfers Congress's legislative authority to the executive branch and should be repealed rather than repeatedly prolonged through presidential discretion.

### *AIPAC Rebrands, Keeps Its Reach*

AIPAC plans to end candidate endorsements and direct PAC contributions while steering supporters toward individual donations and maintaining its United Democracy Project super PAC. The change comes amid growing political resistance over Israel's Gaza campaign, making public association with the organization more costly for candidates. Its electoral machinery nevertheless remains: the super PAC can accept unlimited contributions and independently finance advertising supporting allies or targeting opponents. Leaders also promise continued fundraising guidance and candidate recommendations. The shift reduces AIPAC's public profile without abandoning its financial influence or efforts to shape Washington's policies toward Israel.

### *Kushner's Alleged Gulf Accounts*

Journalist Matthew Cole alleges in Princes and Thieves that Saudi and Emirati leaders supplied roughly $2 billion through secret accounts accessible to Jared Kushner during Trump's first administration. Cole claims the money supported unofficial diplomacy and mercenary operations through Emirati and Israeli accounts. His warning is that undisclosed foreign financing could bypass congressional oversight and entangle America in conflicts serving other governments. Kushner's lawyers deny wrongdoing and accessing foreign accounts. Predictive History predicts a House investigation if Democrats gain control.

### *Engineered Meat Hits Stores*

Israeli company Steakholder Foods has launched Perfecta plant-based meat and seafood alternatives in Northeastern U.S. grocery stores through KeHE Distributors, with wider expansion planned. Products include imitation marbled steak, filet mignon, chicken breast, salmon patties and white-fish patties. Nicolas

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Hulscher warns packaging does not disclose 3D printing, raising questions about manufacturing transparency. The company, which develops 3D-printing technology, says Perfecta combines proprietary production methods with ingredients designed to reproduce meat's texture and eating experience. Its announcement does not establish that every product is printed.

## Canada and South America

### *Alberta Stays, Seeks Immigration Cuts*

Albertans voted to remain Canadian while demanding lower immigration and greater provincial control. In the October 19 referendum, 74.9% favored remaining in Canada rather than pursuing a binding separation vote, while 54.86% supported immigration reductions, economic priorities and first consideration for Albertans seeking jobs. Voters also endorsed tighter service eligibility, a twelve-month social-assistance waiting period for temporary residents, and healthcare and education fees for nonpermanent residents. Premier Danielle Smith pledged reforms addressing housing, employment and public-service pressures. The nonbinding results require legislation and negotiations over federal and provincial authority before becoming policy.

### *Brazil Runoff Challenged*

Flávio Bolsonaro pledged to challenge Brazil's presidential runoff after Justice Cristiano Zanin extended voting by two hours and authorities declared President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva the winner. Bolsonaro accused Zanin, Lula's former defense attorney, of changing election rules without authority. Electoral tribunal president Kassio Nunes Marques said "no regulations" authorized the extension and maintained that election administration belongs exclusively to the tribunal. Michael Flynn suggested fraud, citing a graph showing a late Lula surge. Bolsonaro ally Marcel van Hattem pledged to pursue Zanin's impeachment over the order and his relationship with Lula.

## Europe

### *Vaccine Defendants Skip Dutch Hearing*

Bill Gates, Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla and other defendants did not attend an October 22 Dutch civil hearing concerning alleged COVID-19 vaccine deception and injuries, Interest of Justice reports: "Defendants deny liability." The State's lawyer acknowledged that claimants' health accounts "make an impression," while the judge expressed disappointment over the absences but said attendance could not be compelled. Two original claimants have died; the report does not identify their causes of death. With the file approaching 14,000 pages, the court targeted a ruling between December 9 and late February, potentially after ordering further evidence.

### *Germany's Ex-Spy Chief Arrested*

Former German intelligence chief August Hanning was arrested October 6 on suspicion of espionage and attempted treason. Prosecutors allege his former aide, Manfred D., supplied approximately 2,000 documents, many classified, in exchange for payment. Hanning allegedly used secret material to prepare an analysis for a foreign intelligence officer and provided political information to another service. Investigators discovered evidence during searches connected to the Christina Block child-abduction case, involving an Israeli security firm. Authorities have not identified the foreign services or established whether the analysis reached its intended recipient. Hanning denies wrongdoing.

### *Citizens Aren't Police*

A violent group attack on a 14-year-old in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, has prompted criticism of Mayor Axel Strasser's appeal for greater "civic courage." Video showed attackers punching and kicking the boy, including while he lay on the ground. Police are investigating nine suspects aged 13–15 and increasing their presence around schools while coordinating prevention measures. Critics warn that expecting untrained bystanders to confront a violent group shifts government's responsibility onto civilians and could create additional victims. Their central argument: public courage cannot replace effective policing, prevention and accountability for those attacking children.

### *Poland's Court Showdown*

Riot police surrounded Poland's Constitutional Tribunal after government-backed judges moved to suspend its leadership, prompting President Karol Nawrocki to return from an overseas trip. Nawrocki accused Prime Minister Donald Tusk of a forced takeover; Tusk says his government is restoring judicial independence. Writing at ZeroHedge, Larry C. Johnson argues the confrontation reflects a wider European danger: political establishments using courts, intelligence agencies and financial pressure to constrain unwelcome electoral outcomes. He acknowledges competing legal arguments and improper earlier appointments. His warning is that restoring democracy must not justify overriding constitutional limits or national sovereignty.

### *Lithuania Opens Nuclear Door*

Lithuania is advancing constitutional changes that could permit nuclear weapons and permanent foreign military bases. Lawmakers approved the first required ballot October 6, with a final vote scheduled for January 12, 2027. The proposal would remove restrictions adopted after independence from the Soviet Union, opening possibilities beside Russia's Kaliningrad exclave and Belarus. Vilnius also seeks a permanent American base rather than rotating deployments. Supporters describe deterrence; Moscow warns of deeper tensions. No nuclear deployment has been announced, but

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the proposed legal opening could carry substantial consequences for European security and strategic stability.

### *Zelensky Backs Front-Line Freeze*

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky says he would accept freezing the war along current front lines, followed by Western security guarantees. Asked on Fox News about a deal leaving Ukraine with at least 75% of its territory, he replied, "Yes, right now, we have to freeze." Rebecca Terrell argues dwindling American assistance and air-defense shortages are narrowing Kyiv's options, while Europe has become increasingly important to sustaining the war effort. Zelensky's position supports stopping the fighting as a first step toward negotiations—not legally recognizing Russian ownership of occupied Ukrainian territory.

## Middle East

### *Iran Talks, War Warning*

Iran says Qatar-mediated negotiations are progressing, but Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi reports no final agreement. Secretary of State Marco Rubio says President Trump has not decided whether to resume military action. Reports of possible strikes after the U.S. midterm elections remain possibilities rather than announced policy. Gulf states warn another U.S.–Israeli attack could ignite wider regional war. Oil futures eased on diplomatic hopes, while European stock futures pointed modestly higher. Unresolved nuclear disputes and threats to Strait of Hormuz shipping could nevertheless turn cautious market optimism into another energy and security crisis.

## Intl. Preparedness and Health

### *Governments Urge Readiness*

Governments are encouraging households to prepare for disruptions to electricity, water, communications and supply chains. Britain's "Be Ready" campaign recommends three days of essentials, including nine litres of drinking water per person. Sweden advises at least one week of self-sufficiency during a crisis or war, reflecting policy adopted in 2020. Commentator Michael Snyder argues warnings across several countries deserve attention amid military tensions and cyber threats. His suggestion that officials know of an undisclosed impending catastrophe remains speculation. The practical message is that disruptions can arrive before assistance, making sensible preparation more useful than panic.

### *Smell Loss: An Early Warning*

A declining sense of smell may precede noticeable memory problems and signal Alzheimer's-related changes, according to research highlighted by the National Institute on Aging. Studies associate poorer odor identification with increased risk of mild cognitive impairment and greater accumulation of amyloid and tau, proteins linked to Alzheimer's. The findings support treating gradual smell loss as a warning worth discussing with a doctor rather than automatically dismissing it as aging. Smell loss alone is not a dementia diagnosis, however: aging, illnesses and injuries can also affect the ability to detect odors.

### *Vitamin C–DMSO Shows Promise*

An experimental vitamin C–DMSO treatment could offer a nonsurgical option for some early skin cancers, according to preliminary findings described by Nicolas Hulscher. Seventeen patients with 27 squamous cell carcinoma in situ lesions received topical treatment for 12 weeks. Researchers reported complete clearance on repeat biopsy in 56% of lesions and an average 71% reduction in lesion size. DMSO helped vitamin C penetrate the skin. The small, uncontrolled study warrants larger controlled trials to establish lasting clearance; it does not establish effectiveness against invasive cancers. The treatment remains investigational.




## Worldwide & United Nations

### *Geoengineering Concerns*

Dane Wigington of Geoengineering Watch urges public scrutiny of solar radiation management, an approach intended to reduce sunlight reaching Earth to slow warming. He alleges undisclosed atmospheric spraying is already occurring and threatens human health, agriculture, forests, water supplies and ecosystems. His warning centers on the consequences of climate modification without adequate public knowledge or oversight. Readers can examine the organization's articles and videos, including the trailer for Look Up, narrated by William Baldwin, and consider its concerns about environmental effects and accountability. Learn more at GeoengineeringWatch.org.

### *UN Map Push Draws Opposition*

The UN General Assembly approved the African-led "Correct the Map" resolution September 4 by 164 votes to one, with six abstentions; Washington cast the sole opposing vote. The initiative encourages governments, schools and technology companies to adopt equal-area projections, including Equal Earth, rather than maps exaggerating northern landmasses. Its "cognitive justice and memorial reparation" framing drew American objections over ideological priorities and diversion from the UN's core mission. The resolution is nonbinding: it neither bans Mercator maps nor compels institutions to adopt replacements, despite its broader language about historical redress.

### *Pandemic Policy Expands*

The UN General Assembly adopted a pandemic declaration October 12 by 153 votes to three, with Washington, Israel and Argentina opposed. The declaration welcomes the WHO Pandemic Agreement and links preparedness to international coordination, gender equality and reproductive healthcare, including family planning, by 2030. American representatives challenged the reproductive-health provisions and warned against "harmful gender ideology"; the text does not explicitly mention comprehensive sexuality education. The concern is that pandemic policy is expanding beyond disease control into contested social priorities. Although nonbinding, the declaration establishes political commitments intended to influence subsequent government action worldwide.




### *Conservation or Control?*

The UN-backed "30×30" agenda seeks conservation management of at least 30% of the world's land and waters by 2030, alongside $200 billion annually in biodiversity funding. Alex Newman warns implementation could restrict land use, burden farmers and weaken sovereignty through regulations, financing conditions and corporate standards. The framework permits sustainable uses consistent with conservation and recognizes Indigenous and community rights. Nevertheless, restrictive implementation could constrain farming, housing and resource development, increasing costs and threatening livelihoods. Newman's central warning: conservation must not become a backdoor for eroding property rights or moving decisions beyond democratic accountability.

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# Newsom: DSA Will Become the "Mainstream Democratic Movement"

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Will the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) become dominant in the Democratic Party? That is the direction the party is moving in. And now a leading and very high-profile Democrat, who has described himself as "a hardheaded pragmatist," says (at least to an undercover journalist) that the DSA will become the "mainstream democratic movement."

In a Townhall Investigations video recorded on October 17, California Governor Gavin Newsom listens while a young lady (off camera) explains, "I'm a younger voter, and a lot of us, like we're, we want to see the Democrat Party move forward. You know, we don't want more Kamala Harris. We want, you know, more, I guess, democratic socialist policies." She then asks, "Like, where do you see, I guess, the Democratic Party going?"

Newsom's response is telling: "No one is arguing to manage the status quo or fail more efficiently. So I think that the DSA, the energy and the desire and demand for bold change, not incremental change, is very much going to be the dominant, I mean, that's going to be the mainstream Democratic movement. Absolutely. No question about that. You can't play in the margins anymore. The whole system is broken. It's completely unbalanced, and we can't manage the decline. We have to completely reimagine."

Of course, many Americans who oppose socialism, this writer included, don't want to "manage the status quo" either. But we also do not want to jump out of the frying pan into the fire, which is exactly what the DSA Democrats would do. The hardcore socialism they advocate would quickly extinguish our endangered freedoms and destroy our country. What's needed in both Washington, D.C., and state capitols across the country is neither a continuation of the status quo nor the imposition of full-fledged socialism.

What's needed is to return to the Constitution. The Republican Party may look like a bastion of conservatism, even constitutionalism, compared to the Democratic Party, but the reality is that, over time, the Grand Old Party has also moved in the socialist direction, although not as far in that direction as the Democratic Party has. The "capitalist" system that the socialist Left rails against has already become very socialistic, and it is this status quo we must move away from — but by getting rid of the existing socialism, not by adding more socialism.

The New American's Freedom Index rates all members of Congress and all members of state legislatures based on their adherence to the Constitution, our great charter of government that they solemnly swear to uphold.

But, it is better to know than not know. And though this election year you might have found yourself (once again) voting for the "lesser of two evils" because of how much worse the alternative candidate may be, the reality is that we must, over time, create the understanding about the fundamental principles of freedom and the Constitution that will lead to better choices at the ballot box in the future. And creating that understanding, during election years and nonelection years alike, is what the education program of The John Birch Society is all about.

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## What Does the Bible Say?

**Philippians 2:3-4** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; **[4]** do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

**Matthew 6:33** ***"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."***

**Luke 9:23** And He was saying to them all, ***"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."***

**1 Corinthians 10:23-24** All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. **[24]** Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor.

**James 3:16** For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

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