

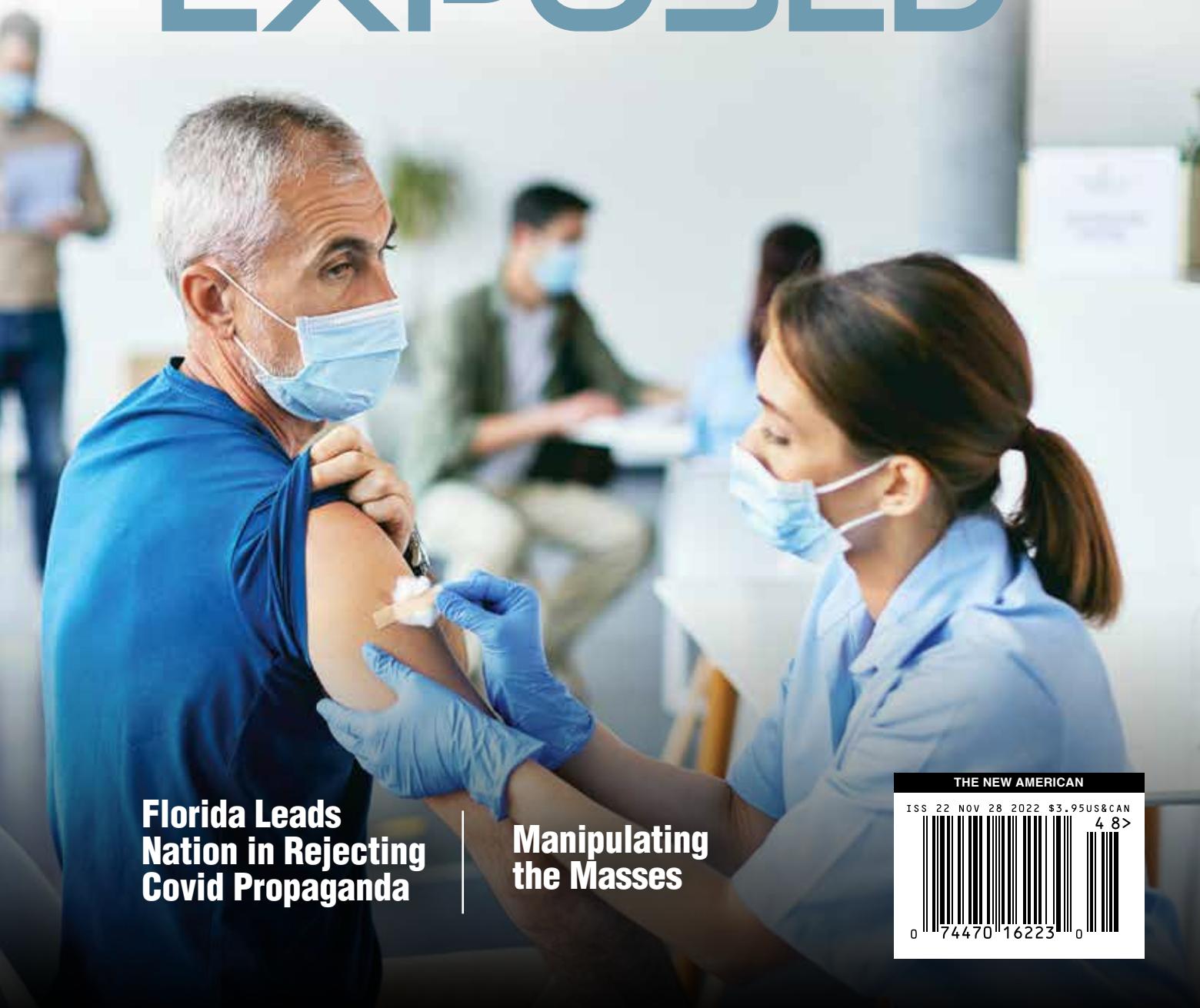
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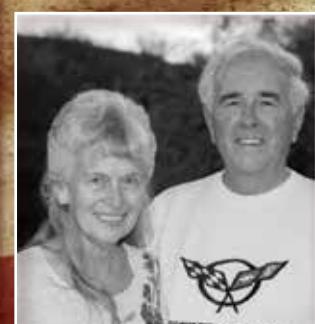
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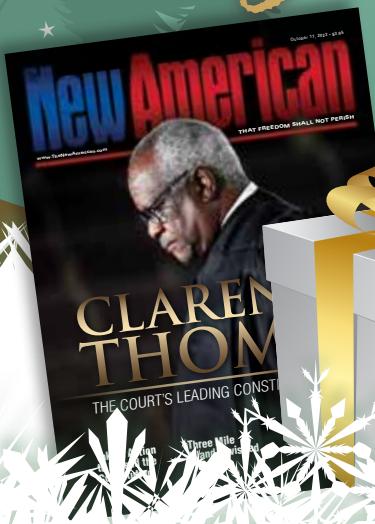
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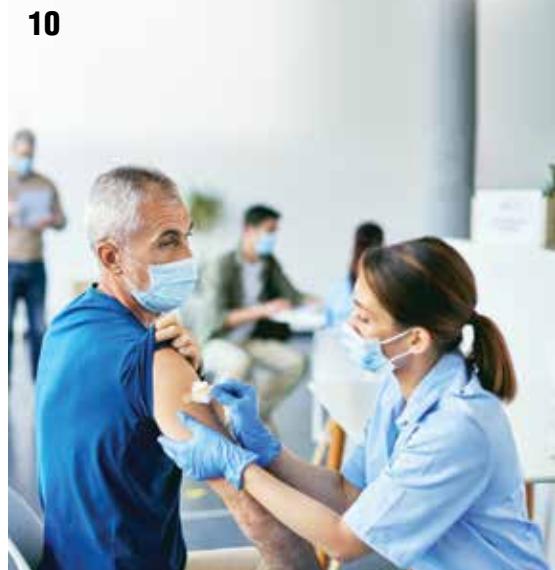
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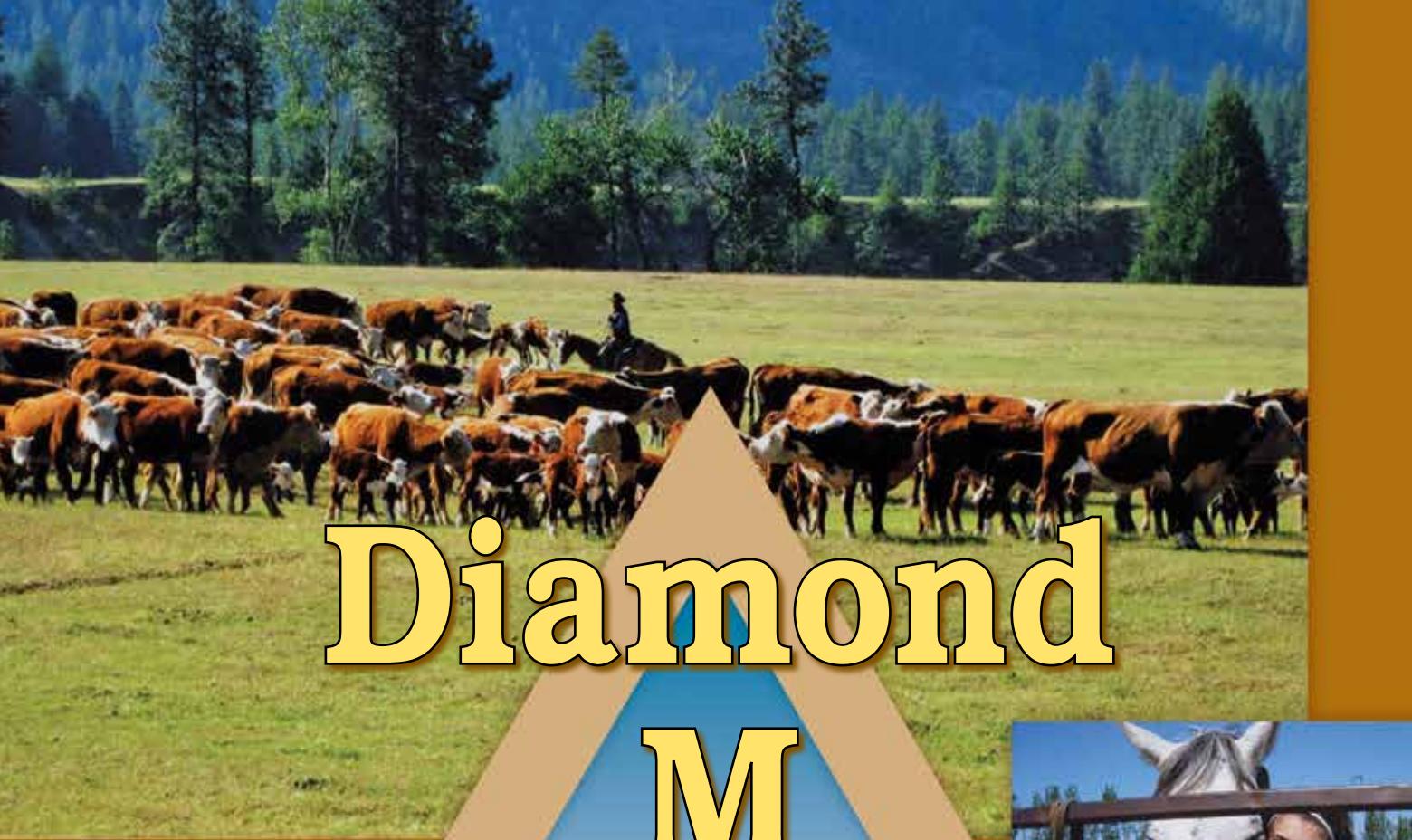


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No More Public Schools

I've said this before, and I'll say it again, just where in the Constitution does it give the national government *any* authority to be involved in education? Nowhere that I know of. And just what tortured interpretation do you have to apply to whatever part of the Constitution to make it say that it does?

Robert Olejarcz
Online comment

Anyone who believes public education has the potential to create a positive experience for children should spend some time reading the works of Samuel Blumenfeld and John Taylor Gatto. I would especially recommend trying to find a copy of the late Blumenfeld's classic work *Is Public Education Necessary?*

A. Alexander Minsky
Online comment

My wife and I taught our three boys at home from kindergarten to 12th grade. Their first school experience was the local college and all three graduated university. Two studied engineering and computers and graduated at the top of their class at UC Irvine. All three are committed Christians and attend our local church together.

Frank Hamann
Online comment

Covid Truth

Covid did not kill people. The treatment protocols of hospitals and doctors did. If your primary care doctor or nurse told you to give it seven days to see if symptoms get worse and then go to the ER, then you need a different doctor or nurse. The doctors unwilling to prescribe Ivermectin or HCQ to treat Covid should all have their licenses revoked. They all went against their Hippocratic Oath to "do no harm."

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Stopping Election Fraud

When we go back to paper ballots, no early voting, no drop boxes, no mail-in ballots without a verified excuse, and no ballot counting after Election Day except for the military, then we will not have widespread fraud. Why does someone have to vote months before an election? There is not a single reason why. Until these changes are made we will remain a banana republic when it comes to elections.

Gz7

Online comment

NWO Censorship

Since some of the last stumbling blocks for the New World Order crowd were free speech/religion, the right to bear arms, and the right to not self-incriminate, it looks like the virus/climate/abortion/racism/hate-speech scares going on will be the tools to dupe the sheep into accepting more restrictions.

JB Shield

Online comment

The establishment can no longer hide its information manipulation, so it is trying to use language as a cloak, to pretend that it is "doing good." The clear but unstated premise for the argument of information control is that the public is too stupid to make up their own minds for themselves, and too evil to be trusted with facts.

Well, we pay for all of those a**holes via our taxes and economic support. They should be loyal to us by being loyal to our core rule of law. Instead, we are to be kept from words and numbers that they don't want us to hear.

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Northeast Facing Possible Heating-oil Rationing This Winter

New England power producers are warning millions of Americans in the Northeast of the potential for rolling blackouts this winter as well as limited or even rationed heating-oil supplies.

With heating oil being a major source for home heating in New England, suppliers in the Northeast have begun rationing the fuel ahead of winter, after stockpiles dropped to a third of their normal levels. Then add the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecast that “most of the country will be slightly colder than both last winter and the average winter for the previous 10 winters,” and you end up with serious concerns about supply shortages and soaring prices for home heating.

Chris Herb, president of the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association, told Bloomberg October 21 that heating-oil wholesalers are beginning to limit allocations for retail suppliers, as New England’s stockpiles are approximately 70 percent lower than their average level since 1993, though he claims there is “plenty of home heating oil to meet the needs of Connecticut homeowners.”

Inflation will add to the cost of heating homes in the Northeast and across the nation as well. The U.S. Energy Information Administration’s short-term energy outlook report shows that wholesale prices at energy trading hubs will be 20 percent to 60 percent higher on average for the winter of 2022-23. The increases will be passed along to end users, some of whom could have monthly utility bills of over \$1,000 this winter. That’s if they can get heating fuel and electricity.

The Wall Street Journal shared October 17, “The New England ISO expects that the grid can weather a mild-to-moderate winter without significant reliability challenges. However, it has warned that electricity demand could threaten to surge beyond available supply after multiple sustained periods of severely cold weather, which would result in calls for conservation similar to those issued in California in September during a region-wide heat wave.”



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Christian Baker Triumphs in California Court

Kern County Superior Court Judge Eric Bradshaw ruled October 21 that the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) violated both the California and U.S. Constitutions in its attempts to punish Cathy Miller, owner of Tastries Bakery in Bakersfield, for turning down business that conflicted with her faith.

Miller’s ordeal began in 2017, when Eileen and Mireya Rodriguez-Del Rio, a lesbian couple, approached her to make a cake for their upcoming nuptials. Miller told them that while she would have been happy to sell them a pre-made blank cake to

which they could add their own message, she would not create a custom cake celebrating something she believed was contrary to the teachings of the Bible. However, she did offer to forward their request to another bakery that would have gladly fulfilled it.

The DFEH petitioned the courts to order Miller either to make cakes for same-sex “weddings” or to cease making wedding cakes altogether. In 2018, Judge David Lampe rejected their request on the grounds that it violated the First Amendment. The DFEH filed a civil lawsuit eight months later, alleging that Miller had violated California’s anti-discrimination law. That case finally went to trial in July after years of discovery.

When the suit reached Bradshaw’s courtroom, it was dealt a seemingly decisive blow. Miller, he wrote, did not discriminate against the plaintiffs because they were lesbians — he noted that she even employs “persons with same-sex orientations” — but because they had asked her to do something “at odds with her faith.” Bradshaw also found the DFEH’s attempt to compel Miller to express a message with which she disagrees to be a violation of the First Amendment.

Miller, of course, was thrilled with the decision. On Facebook, she thanked “Tastries friends and family for [their] support and encouragement,” adding, “I’m hoping that in our community we can grow together, and we should understand that we shouldn’t push any agenda against anyone else.”



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Vaxed Cardiologist: Suspend mRNA Vaccines Now

Dr. Aseem Malhotra is a National Health Service-trained consultant cardiologist and bestselling author. The British doctor also was a strong proponent of the Covid mRNA “vaccines.”

Yet this position began to change one fateful day — July 26, 2021 — when his father, Dr. Kailash Chand, OBE, died of sudden cardiac arrest. Chand was formerly deputy chair of the British Medical Association and its honorary vice president — he’d also taken both doses of the Pfizer shot six months before his death. He was 73 years old, too, but this doesn’t tell the whole story. In fact, his “post-mortem findings are what I found particularly shocking and inexplicable,” wrote Malhotra in a peer-reviewed paper in the *Journal of Insulin Resistance* (JIR).

Now, after researching the shots further, he has called their imposition “the greatest miscarriage of medical science that we will see in our lifetime.” Dr. Malhotra appeared on Fox News’ *The Ingraham Angle* on October 19 to again sound the alarm and call for the mRNA vaccine program’s suspension. To make a long story short, Malhotra now calls the Covid fiasco a “pandemic of misinformation.”

“What has become clear with regard to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines is that we have a pandemic of misinformed doctors and a misinformed and unwittingly harmed public,” he wrote in a JIR article published September 26. “Coercively mandating these COVID-19 vaccinations (most certainly not an evidence-based policy) has been a particularly egregious

mis-step, especially in the light of clear indicators suggesting that the use of these pharmaceutical interventions — especially in younger age groups — should have been suspended. Such policies continue to undermine the principles of ethical evidence-based medical practice and informed consent.”

What’s more, the program really never should have started. As Malhotra told Ingraham, Pfizer senior executives and scientists must have known about the mRNA shots’ dangers when they were “being rolled out because they have access to the raw data, which we now know shows significant harm.”



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Heritage Foundation: U.S. Military Is “Weak”

In a stunning report released October 18 highlighting its “2023 Index of U.S. Military Strength,” the Heritage Foundation rated the U.S. military as “weak” — so weak, in fact, that it is questionable whether it could meet the demands of even a single major regional conflict.

In making its report, the Heritage Foundation dedicated this year’s Index to retiring U.S. Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.), who said, “The credibility of American deterrence rests on a simple foundation. America prevents wars by convincing its adversaries they cannot win.”



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The scale used to grade military strength is “very weak,” “weak,” “marginal,” “strong,” or “very strong.” Using this scale, Heritage rates the Army’s strength as “marginal.” According to the foundation, the Army is only about 62 percent of the size it should be.

Heritage rates the Navy as “weak,” and argues that America’s competitors are “quickly narrowing the technology gap in their favor as the [U.S.] Navy’s ships decrease in numbers and abilities.” The Marine Corps, on the other hand, is rated as “strong.” Still, though, the Marines’ capacity has been reduced from 36 infantry battalions to 30, and further reductions are planned.

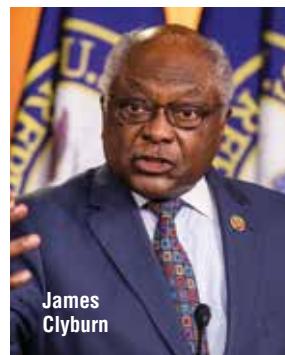
The Air Force is rated “very weak” due to aging aircraft and poor pilot training and retention. While our “Nuclear Capability” is considered “strong,” Heritage expressed concern about the “reliability” of the U.S. delivery systems and warheads, because they are at an age where they are becoming risky.

Military recruiters are having an increasingly difficult time filling quotas enough to just maintain our present strength. Instead of making a career of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines, increasing numbers of armed forces personnel are opting to seek employment elsewhere when they finish serving their initial enlistment terms.

This is a very serious situation. As General Douglas MacArthur told the graduating class of West Point six decades ago, they are the ones who “hold the nation’s destiny in their hands, once the war tocsin sounds.” ■

Leading House Democrat States Truth About Reckless Spending but Votes to Support It

"All of us are concerned about the rising costs of this 2020 recovery program. Any time you put more money into the economy, prices tend to rise." *Congressman James Clyburn (D-S.C.), the third-ranking House Democrat, may have spoken correctly about deficit spending, but it was just talk. After all, he votes for the big spending that results in more debt and the creation of more money out of thin air to finance the debt.*



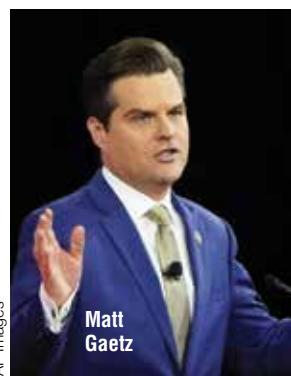
James Clyburn

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Asked About Inflation, Speaker Pelosi Ducked and Sought to Change the Subject

"When I hear people talk about inflation, we have to change that subject."

During an interview conducted by Margaret Brennan, host of CBS's Face the Nation, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ducked when Brennan asked for a comment about Congressman James Clyburn's correct assessment of inflation.



Matt Gaetz

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Congressman Seeks Answers About Plans to Create a Copy of the EU for North America

"Is the position of the Department of State that the United States, Canada and Mexico should become a union of states formed in the likeness of the European Union?"

Congressman Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) announced on October 8 that he sent his important question to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and had received no response as of October 18. He intends to keep pressing for an answer.

Senator Explains the Cost of Inflation During Biden Administration

"If you had \$100,000 at the start of the Biden Administration, it is worth only \$88,300 in September of 2020. It's like the federal government stole some of your savings."

With his simple and factual assessment, Wisconsin Republican Senator Ron Johnson provided an excellent way to accurately understand what inflation does to the value of U.S. currency. President Biden continues to insist that inflation's cost is negligible and has only risen "just an inch, hardly at all."

Mexico's President Reveals the Plan to Have Western Hemisphere Nations Duplicate the European Union

"That's how they created the European Community and that became the European Union. That's what we need to do in America."

Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has openly called for creation of a political and economic union involving not only Mexico, Canada, and the United States, but all Western Hemisphere nations, from Canada in the North to the southern tips of Argentina and Chile.

Floridians Said to Raise a Ukrainian Flag Hoping to Receive Monetary Aid Like That Being Sent to Ukraine

"Congress has shipped \$65 billion (and counting) to Ukraine — money that could have gone to disaster relief or even — perish the thought — returned to taxpayers."

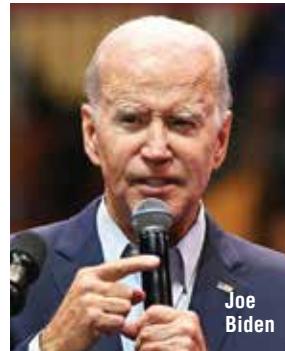
It was only satire when former Congressman Ron Paul's Campaign for Liberty mentioned raising a Ukrainian flag over a ravaged portion of Florida. The spoof suggested that if billions can be sent to Ukraine, similar amounts could be sent to the victims of a monster hurricane.

President Lied When Patting Himself on the Back for Lowering Gas Prices

"Today [October 28, 2022] the price of gasoline is \$3.39 per gallon, down from over \$5.00 when I took office."

The average price for a gallon of gasoline in January 2021 when Joe Biden took office was \$2.39. ■

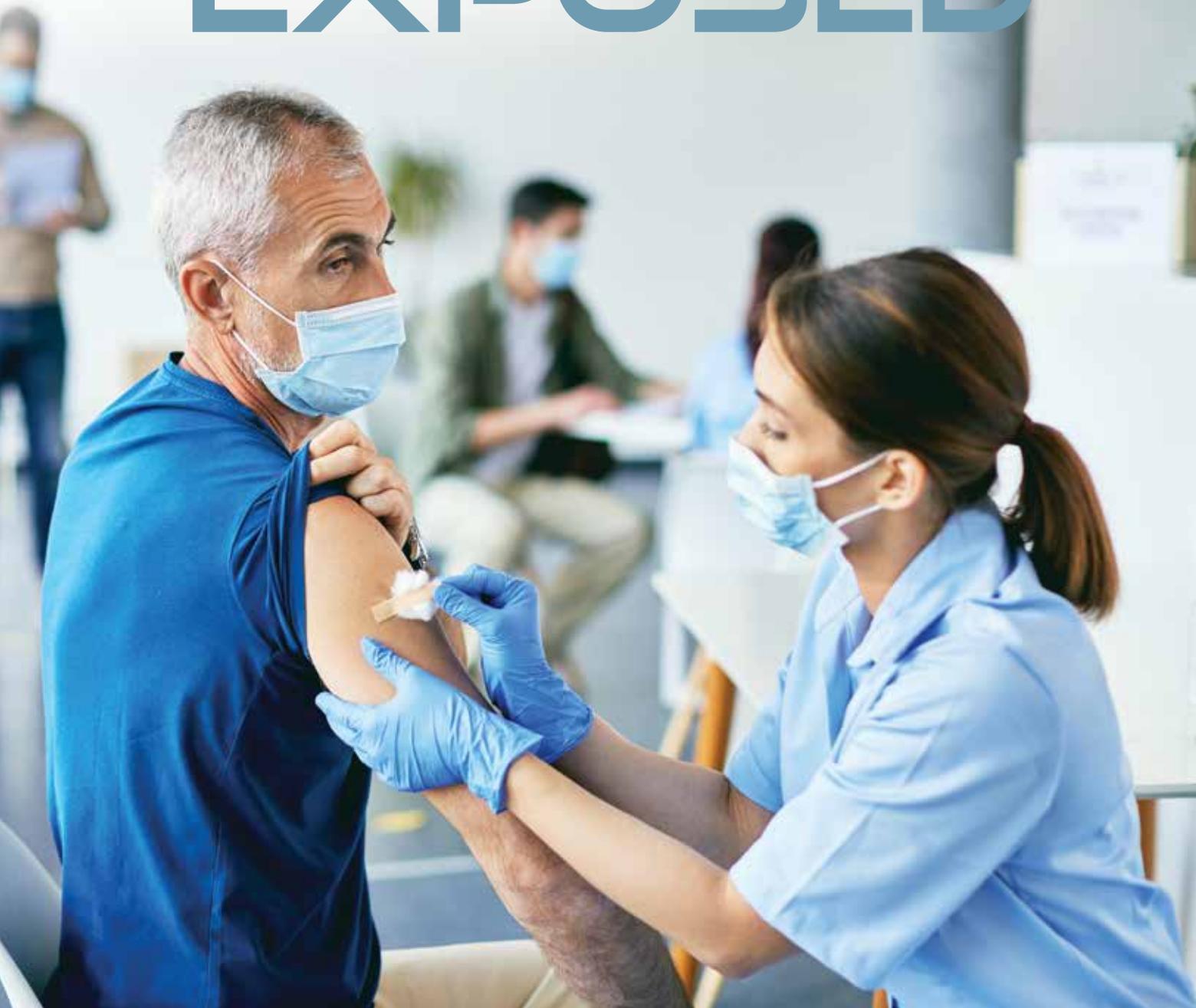
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Joe Biden

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The multi-faceted Covid vaccination propaganda juggernaut that hit the American people from all angles was a coordinated White House effort.

Some Americans sighed with relief when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted emergency use authorization (EUA) to the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna Covid vaccines in December of 2020. With a claimed 95-percent efficacy in protecting against Covid infection, the vaccines were seen as a glimmer of light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. To “get back to normal,” Americans needed to take the concoctions.

How many Americans? Well, all of us, and our children and grandchildren, too, according to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) documents obtained by transparency foundation Judicial Watch and published on October 4. To make sure that every American gets a shot, the Biden administration has unleashed an extensive, all-penetrating propaganda campaign that spans nearly all means of human communication.

Vaccine Hesitancy

After months of devastating lockdowns and other unscientific and highly intrusive and restrictive “pandemic measures,” the vaccines against the “novel” and “deadly” disease were praised by some as a literal miracle that was made possible thanks to brilliant researchers, cutting-edge technology, and extensive resources.

“The Covid-19 vaccines are a miracle. Yes, an honest-to-God miracle,” posted *America* magazine in March 2021, when the shots became available for the general public.

“You have witnessed — and you are a beneficiary of — a freaking miracle,” echoed STAT News, continuing, “That miracle is the development, testing, manufacturing, and global distribution of Covid vaccines.”

Indeed, it took less than a year from the SARS-CoV-2 pathogen being identified to a vaccine being approved, making it the fastest vaccine ever developed.

Yet this speed, which was lauded by some, was reasonably viewed with con-

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“Miracle shots”: By December 2020, as many as 60 percent of Americans were ready to receive Covid shots despite the “warp speed” at which they were developed and the lack of sufficient safety and efficacy data.

cern by many. After all, if it normally takes at least several years to develop and properly test a vaccine, then the long-term safety and efficacy of the novel Covid shots could not be accurately estimated. As Bill Gates, who donated \$1.75 billion to the Covid shots’ development, admitted, “If you want to see if a side effect [to a vaccine] shows up two years later, that takes two years.”

Intuitively or otherwise, many Americans had reservations about taking the freshly brewed Covid potions that used technology that had never been used on humans outside of limited clinical trials for a type of virus for which no vaccine had ever been successfully developed.

“I am a little bit hesitant,” explained North Carolina resident Angela Padgett in January 2021 to *Time*. “I can appreciate President Trump trying to get this moving fast, and I’ve taken pretty much every vaccine [for other diseases]. But I think it was rushed through very early, very quickly. So I would like a little more data,” she continued.

Besmirching the Unvaccinated

According to a survey conducted by Pew Research Center in December 2020, nearly 40 percent of Americans shared Padgett’s concerns and said “definitely not” or “probably not” when asked if they intended to take a shot when it became available to them.

All of a sudden, the reasonably skeptical public was called names and accused of blindly refusing the shots solely “for political reasons.” Speaking with *The New American* in October 2022, the president of Judicial Watch, Tom Fitton, pointed to the fact that “the government and the Left” strongly politicized the issue of vaccinations, blaming Republicans for refusing to take them and therefore “harming public health.” While it is true that Republicans were more reluctant to jump on the vax-wagon, the shaming of the unvaccinated by the nation’s top healthcare figures was inflammatory.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, often expressed his “frustration”

with Republicans and “Trump supporters.” During one of his public appearances in March 2021, he called the number of “Trump voters” refusing to get a vaccine “disturbing,” “merely because of political consideration.”

Of course, Trump never advised his supporters not to get the shots; in fact, after recovering from Covid, Trump revealed in October 2021 that he had gotten vaccinated with the Pfizer shot and advised others to do the same. Also, it was the Trump administration that was mainly responsible for fast-tracking the shots’ creation. Still, Trump’s central message was merely to not be afraid of the disease, and to make one’s own healthcare choices, as opposed to being forced to get the jab. Dr. Fauci clearly disapproved of this approach, implying that “health experts’ recommendations” are paramount to public safety and even override civil liberties. It is worth recalling that later in September 2021, President Biden said that his patience was “wearing thin” with the unvaccinated who “can cause a lot of damage, and they are,” and ordered as many as 100 million Americans working for or with the federal government, as well as those working

for larger businesses, to take the shot or be fired. Simultaneously, Biden attacked Republican governors, most prominent of whom was Florida’s Ron DeSantis, for standing in the way of “turning the corner” on the pandemic by playing “pandemic politics” and refusing to implement mask mandates and vaccine plans.

In addition to the “warp speed” at which the shots were developed, some Americans, both on the Left and the Right, felt uncomfortable that the shots were only given an EUA, which meant that the vaccine manufacturers were shielded from legal liability over any side effects caused by the shots. The very definition of the EUA also implies that the shots are “investigational,” i.e., experimental, meaning anyone taking them became, in fact, a subject of an experiment — “the largest experiment performed on human beings in the history of the world,” as mRNA-technology pioneer Dr. Robert Malone told *The New American* in November 2021.

Such attitudes were viewed as a problem by healthcare officials, who argued that the country needed to achieve herd immunity — a state in which a large

proportion of a population is immune to Covid. But how large?

Various mathematical models used by scientists worldwide suggested that the “magic number” of people immune to Covid would be 60 percent of the population. That estimate is shared by the World Health Organization. American “Covid czar” Dr. Anthony Fauci, shrugging off the natural immunity acquired as a result of infection, believed the number should be much higher, and stated that only vaccines would get us to herd immunity. On December 3, 2020, Fauci told Fox News, “The estimate is that you will need about 70 percent, maybe 75 percent of the people in the country vaccinating to get that umbrella of herd immunity.” On December 24, 2020, Fauci raised the bar to 90 percent: “We really don’t know what the real number is. I think the real range is somewhere between 70 to 90 percent.” In April 2021, Fauci insisted that “as many Americans as possible” must receive a vaccine. One year later, in April 2022, when 66 percent of Americans were fully vaccinated and 77 percent of the eligible population had received at least one dose, he finally admitted that herd immunity for Covid was “unattainable” because, apparently, “neither infection nor vaccination appears to induce prolonged protection against SARS-CoV-2 in many or most people.” Still, vaccinations are promoted as a means to prevent severe Covid outcomes.

The government decided to use good old propaganda to manipulate Americans, young and old, to accept the idea that there is no way they can *not* take a Covid shot.

Building “Vaccine Confidence”

The elderly and frontline workers were the first to receive the shots, in December 2020. Those groups, along with people suffering from multiple comorbidities such as obesity, diabetes, and cancer, were the primary targets of the virus. Yet, the HHS moved forward with developing a strategy to “educate” all Americans, regardless of their age and health background, on the importance of Covid vaccinations.

As the HHS Covid-19 Public Education Campaign document, dated March of 2022, underlines, “We are at a pivotal point in the pandemic — getting Ameri-



Follow my lead! Joe Biden chastised the unvaccinated and imposed an unprecedented vaccine mandate that affected more than 100 million Americans.

cans vaccinated as quickly as possible is the path out of this crisis. But to be successful, people must be ready and willing to roll up their sleeves when the vaccine is available to them.”

One may wonder what crisis HHS was referring to. At the time of the document’s release, 75 percent of American seniors had received at least one dose, and more than half were fully vaccinated. If the group that accounted for nearly all Covid fatalities was protected by a nearly 100-percent reliable protection, why should all Americans, even those clearly not at risk, need to be inoculated with shots that were a) unnecessary, b) experimental, and c) exorbitantly expensive? The HHS provides no answer to that, and seems to be viewing vaccination as a goal in itself.

An HHS fact sheet dated April 8, 2021 outlines the following goals of the campaign aimed at building “vaccine confidence”:

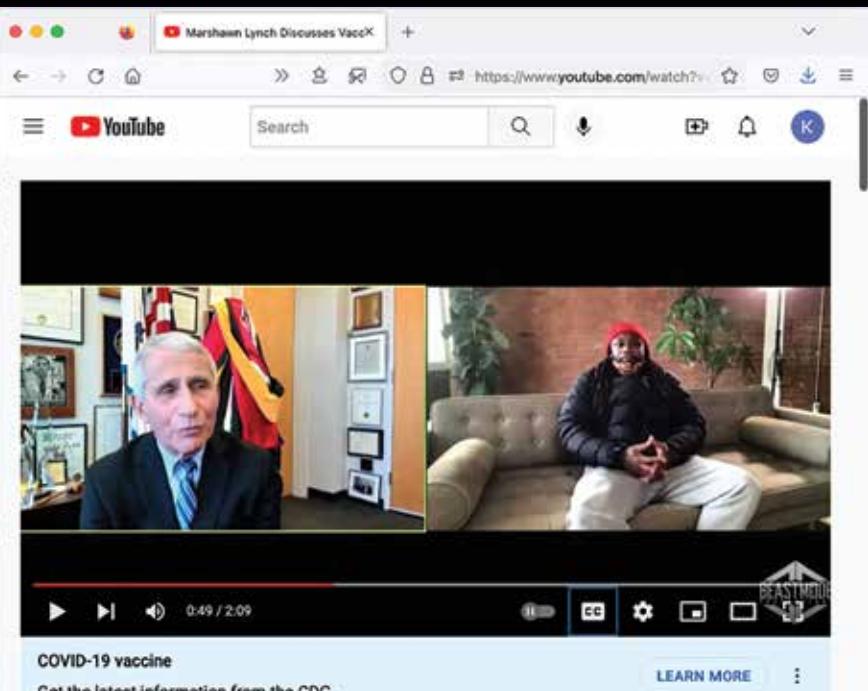
1. Educate Americans on how they can protect themselves and slow the spread of COVID-19
2. Build trust in the vaccines so more American [sic] are ready to take them
3. Increase vaccine uptake by educating Americans about how and where to get vaccinated

According to the strategy, the main propaganda effort was to be carried out by “trusted messengers” and community organizations. The remainder was to be split between paid media, “earned media,” digital strategy, and the private sector.

“Trusted Messengers”

The HHS strategists fully realized that it would be useless to appeal to “vaccine-hesitant” Americans via television ads featuring Dr. Fauci, establishment “experts” and politicians, and woke celebrities, even though they played a major role in advertising the shots for other segments of the population. It was the job of one’s nurse, pastor, and pharmacist to enlighten the stubborn “anti-vaxxers” on the life-saving properties of the shots. The HHS calls such messengers “tools.”

Reads the strategy, “Research shows that trusted messengers are the most effective tool with the most hesitant groups.



Fauci in the limelight: “America’s Doctor” was a regular guest on TV and all sorts of talk shows promoting the inoculations.

Therefore, our largest effort will be on empowering them to carry the message and to fund grassroot efforts on the ground.”

To really “galvanize” the work of such messengers, HHS created the Covid-19 Community Corps (CCC), which provides “toolkits and resources for Community Corps members to organize within their organizations, communities, and more.” According to its website, the effort is comprised of some 17,000 organizations and individuals across America. Here are some of the biggest ones:

Public-health and medical organizations participating in CCC include such reputable entities as the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians, American Medical Association, American Medical Student Association, American Medical Women Association, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and Planned Parenthood.

The sports and entertainment entities that vouched to push the vaccine to their fans and members are Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer, National Association of Broadcasters, NASCAR,

the National Football League, and World Wrestling Entertainment.

Then there are numerous unions and organized labor leaders who are “tools” of HHS, including the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, which is the largest federation of unions in the United States, consisting of 58 national and international labor unions and representing 12.5 million workers; the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, which is the largest trade union of public employees; and the National Education Association and American Federation of Teachers — the largest and the second-largest teachers unions in America, respectively.

The nation’s most influential business organizations are a part of the corps, too. The list includes the Business Roundtable, a nonprofit lobbyist association whose members are CEOs of major companies; the National Association of Manufacturers, the nation’s largest manufacturing industrial trade association; and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the nation’s largest lobbying group, representing more than three million businesses and organizations. Other entities are the National Asian/Pacific Islander American Cham-

ber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship, Black Economic Alliance, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, and U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.

The list of faith organizations affiliated with the corps includes 85 entities, among which are the Alliance of Baptists, American Muslim Health Professionals, Salvation Army, United Church of Christ, Asian American Christian Collaborative, Episcopal Church, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Health Association, Community of Christ, Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, International Council of Community Churches, Sikh Coalition, and Jewish Democratic Council of America.

Then there are the 53 community organizations carrying out the CCC mission. Among them is AARP, America's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization "dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age."

Some veterans organizations were

also called upon to "educate" their members. Among them were the American Legion, the Wounded Warrior Project, Blinded Veterans of America, Blue Star Families, Disabled American Veterans, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Association, and others.

Minority-interest organizations are involved as well, including 47 Latino, 25 black, and 10 Native American advocacy groups.

Members of the LGBTQ+ community are encouraged to get jabbed by nine organizations, such as the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and PFLAG, the United States' first and largest LGBTQ organization.

Last but not least, parent and family organizations such as the Parent-Teacher Association are also a part of the CCC.

Notably, as reflected in the HHS document titled "Building Parents Confidence in Covid-19 Vaccines," dated April 19, 2021, the government was preparing to roll out the shots long before they were tested and authorized. One of the document's chapters notes that "Covid-19 vaccine authorization

for adolescents is imminent." The document mentions that shots for infants and toddlers were (correctly) predicted to be given the green light in 2022.

The HHS strategy targeted moms as the primary decision-makers in the vaccination of children. The moms needed to be influenced by healthcare professionals, family, and friends. For example, HHS "enlisted mom influencers" on social media to "drive awareness and peer-to-peer conversation." HHS also emphasized that black children suffered more from Covid than children of other races, which suggested that black mothers required special attention.

Partners in this strategy included the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians. "Educational" organizations such as teachers unions were also involved.

Media Campaigns

As for the paid media campaigns, they were "tailored to fit specific audiences," such as Hispanic, black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Chinese, and "phased to match the expected supply and demand of the vaccine."

At the very beginning of the mass-vaccination campaign, in March-April 2021, the "hardest hit" communities of minorities were to receive the message through radio, social, print, and digital media that they should get vaccinated. "No TV component," detailed the HHS. The messages were meant to "highlight new COVID-19 variants as a reason to continue wearing a mask, keeping distance, and getting [a] vaccine." That short phase of the campaign was called "Stop the Spread."

The next phase also started in March, but was planned to last through July and was called "Preparing the Nation." People 18 and older who were "curious" or "actively searching" for vaccine information were targeted. How did HHS know who was "curious" and "searching"? Likely by accessing everyone's internet browsing history, because HHS noted that such an audience should have received the messages "through paid social, digital display, and search engine marketing."

The "Vaccination (Wave 1)" phase lasted from April to May and targeted adults "across all demographic groups," with a special emphasis on those aged 65 and up.



The first round of shots: The elderly, as the primary target of Covid, were the first to receive the shots, only to find out seven months later that they needed a "booster" to keep the protection.

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All channels, including TV, radio, print, out-of-home ads (e.g., billboards), social, and digital, were supposed to “remind” Americans to get their shots.

To underline the breadth of the campaign unleashed by the Biden administration via the media, Judicial Watch highlighted a document titled “PEC [Public Education Campaign] Plan April 19-May 31 [2021],” which includes the following media plans and action items:

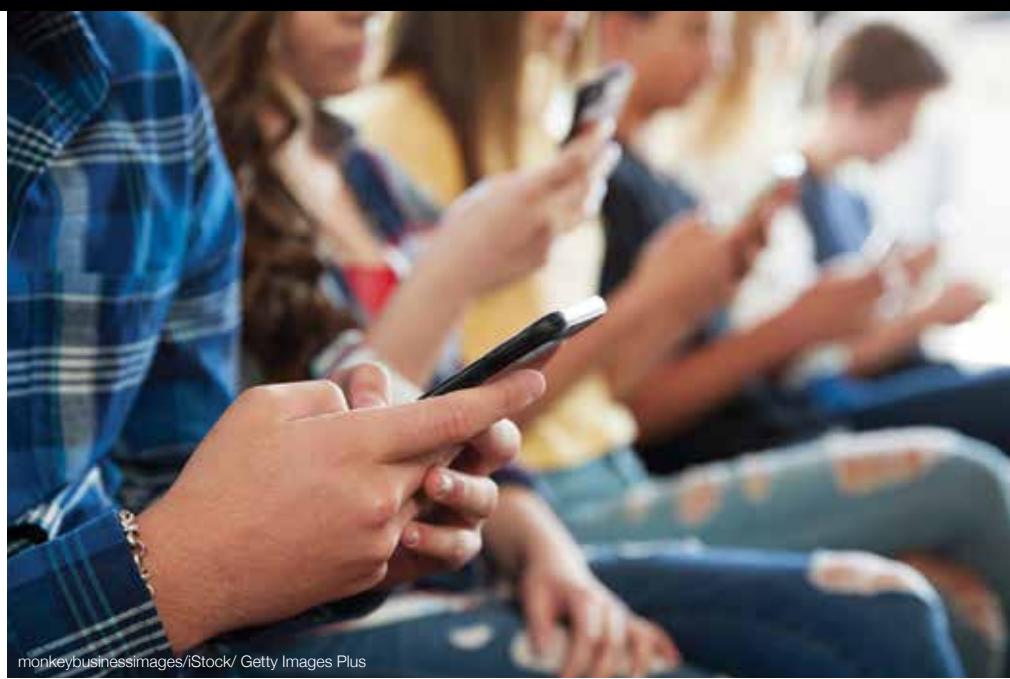
- Vaccine engagement package to all entertainment talent and management agencies
 - Vaccine engagement package to all media companies and show producers
 - Outreach to major culture event producers
 - Outreach with WCDT [likely We Can Do This] brand and engagement ideas to major businesses and associations
 - Launch Community Corps Business Chapter
 - Start celebrity Share the Mics

President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama, Dr. Fauci, celebrity TV host and eugenicist Oprah Winfrey, actresses Kerry Washington and Eva Longoria, and critical race theory ideologue Ibram X. Kendi were among the VIPs to appear on the prime-time shows to boost “vaccine confidence.” “If all these important people are getting vaccinated, why aren’t you?” seemed to be the central message behind this effort.

“It’s one thing to see something on late-night TV promoting vaccines. It’s another thing to understand that those talking points, perhaps, did not originate from the employees of the late-night shows but from the government,” Fitton told *The New American*.

Moreover, the HHS was actively targeting young people and even children, who had little to gain from the shots. The department proposed reaching them via major social-media platforms, per the documents:

- Work with You Tube on an original special about vaccinations targeted to



Roll up your sleeves, kids! Younger Americans were bombarded with vaccine content on social media, particularly on Meta-owned Instagram.

young people (similar to YouTube’s Dear Class of 2020 special).

- Dr. Biden and Dr. [Rochelle] Walensky to host a Kids Blogger Roundtable to answer kids’ questions about the pandemic and the vaccine with outlets (ex: Time For Kids, Time Out Kids, Scholastic; Girls Life, Now This Kids, Sports Illustrated Kids).

- Work with Instagram to produce a series about vaccines for @Instagram (the largest social media account in the world, 387 million followers). Feature young creators doing in-depth pieces about young people’s questions. Request a Stories Highlight on Vaccines on @Instagram to stay on the account through 2021.

- Request major TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram influencers to create videos of themselves being vaccinated and start a special campaign of funny and/or musical videos about being vaccinated to encourage others to create content and post.

As HHS noted, “Children are required

for herd immunity: 22% of the U.S. population are under 18 years old.” But what if the vaccines are not as safe as they are advertised? What happens to the “herd” even if the younger generation is inoculated with something that undermines their health in a dramatic way? Asking this is considered “misinformation” by the government and is censored by the major media.

Countering “Vaccine Misinformation” — or Spreading It?

According to the HHS, the members of the corps receive the “latest scientific and medical updates” on the vaccines; that is, the CDC’s official information on the shots’ “safety and efficacy.” Per the department, “The all-volunteer group dubbed the Covid-19 Community Corps would amplify the government’s vaccine messaging within their own communities, and lead on-the-ground efforts to combat skepticism and misinformation.”

According to the CDC, common examples of vaccine misinformation include what the agency calls “myths” about vaccines. A reordered subset of the CDC-specified “myths” follows:

- The mRNA vaccine is not considered a vaccine.
- The ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are dangerous.
- The natural immunity I get from being sick with COVID-19 is better than the immunity I get from COVID-19 vaccination.
- COVID-19 vaccines cause variants.
- COVID-19 vaccines can alter my DNA.
- COVID-19 vaccines may affect my fertility.
- COVID-19 vaccines can make me sick with Covid.

The New American regularly interviews physicians and scientists on the latest scientific evidence that shows that what the CDC calls myths, are, in fact, hard truths. For example:

Covid Shots Are Not Vaccines: Covid shots do not meet a traditional definition of “vaccines.” In September 2021, the CDC appeared to have altered the definitions of “vaccines” and “vaccinations” to

imply that vaccines merely provide some measure of protection against a disease, as opposed to keeping a person from contracting it altogether, as it was previously understood.

Covid Shots Are Unsafe: The ingredients in Covid shots are dangerous. The shots, containing synthetic viral mRNA packed into a lipid casing, cause human cells to produce the most toxic part of SARS-CoV-2, the spike protein. Contrary to the CDC’s claim that it only stays in the injection site, it was known early on — thanks to Pfizer’s vaccine biodistribution study presented to the Japanese government — that the mRNA travels throughout the body. That explains why such a wide array of side effects has been reported.

Physicians and scientists such as Drs. Robert Malone, Peter McCullough, Stephanie Seneff, Ryan Cole, Jessica Rose, Pierre Kory, James Thorp, Meryl Nass, Tess Lawrie, Mark Trozzi, and many others told *The New American* how toxic and dangerous the spike protein induced by the shots is.

As has recently become apparent, the

shots also contain undisclosed ingredients, such as metals, according to laboratory analysis done by an international group of scientists of the German Working Group for Covid Vaccine Analysis in June 2022.

Shot-induced Immunity Is Not Better Than Natural Immunity: As of February 2022, there were more than 150 research studies affirming the durability of natural immunity, with many finding it superior to vaccine-induced immunity.

Plus, whatever level of protection one receives from the shot, it wanes within months, according to the CDC.

Covid Shots Do Facilitate Emergence of Variants: Belgian virologist and immunologist Dr. Geert Vanden Bossche, speaking with *The New American*, explained in detail that mass vaccination with non-sterilizing (“leaky”) vaccines drives the evolution of the virus. Because the vaccines cause the “original antigenic sin,” or set the immune system to recognize only a part of the pathogen, vaccinated people become unable to ward off infections with viral mutations and get constantly reinfected. Indeed, it hardly surprises anyone anymore when fully vaccinated and boosted people catch Covid.

When queried by the Informed Consent Action Network for all relevant documents that would confirm that immunity received by people inoculated against Covid does not contribute to the emergence of variants, the CDC responded that it could not find “any documents pertaining to your request.”

Covid Shots Can Alter Human DNA: According to a peer-reviewed study conducted by Swedish researchers at Lund University in Switzerland and published in *Current Issues in Molecular Biology* in February 2022, mRNA from Pfizer’s shot enters liver cells and is converted into DNA. That means that the cells can potentially become permanent factories for the spike protein.

Covid Shots Do Affect Fertility: While pregnant women were excluded from the human trials of the Pfizer shot, 270 women got pregnant during the study. As described by Dr. Naomi Wolf, the data on the pregnancy outcomes of 234 women was somehow “lost” by the FDA. Shockingly, though, of the 36 pregnant women whose outcomes were followed, 28 lost their babies.

Speaking with *The New American* in



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Jabbing moms: The fact that pregnant women were excluded from clinical trials did not prevent the CDC from recommending this demographic to get experimental shots that, as has become evident, pose a grave threat to both moms and their babies.



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September 2022, Dr. James Thorp, board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and a specialist in maternal-fetal medicine with over 42 years of experience, described a spike in menstrual disorders, stillbirths, miscarriages, fetal malformations, and growth restrictions in children whose moms were jabbed.

"This vaccine is extraordinarily inflammatory in nature," said Dr. Thorp, "And we've known for five decades that anything that causes an inflammatory process in pregnancy kills or maims the fetus."

Dr. Naomi Wolf's volunteers found that male fertility was affected, too, according to the FDA/Pfizer documents they reviewed. Erectile dysfunction, prostate enlargement, and functional impotence were listed among the side effects.

Covid Shots Are Largely Ineffective: Discussing the documents provided to the government by Pfizer, Wolf pointed to the fact that one of the common side effects that Pfizer found early on in its trials was, believe it or not, Covid-19.

Besides, as seen from the results of the FDA trials, the agency knew the shots were a failure. "The FDA knew in November of 2020 that [the vaccines] did not work," Wolf told *The New American* in May 2022.

All in all, the CCC makes sure that ordinary Americans are exposed to only the CDC's current stance on vaccines. Any other information is considered false, and therefore "dangerous."

Quoting the Supreme Court's ruling on Biden's vaccine mandate for large employers, Fitton told *The New American* how the government stifled reasonable debate around the shots. "As Justice [Samuel] Alito noted in the Supreme Court decision on [the Occupational Safety and Health Administration] vaccine mandate, it [Covid vaccination] is an irreversible medical treatment. That's inherently controversial." He continued, "Arguably, they [the government] knew they were wrong when they were saying that the vaccine could 'prevent transmission' in a significant way, which was a justification for some of these mandates." These and other issues associated with the shots were "controversial and up for debate," yet they "were presented as non-controversial and not up for debate as a result of this propaganda effort," added Fitton. "In my view, the government should say, 'This is an option for you. We encourage you to talk to your doctors about it.' And that pretty much should have ended the discussion." Evidently, the government chose the opposite direc-

"Freedom over fear": Neither massive propaganda nor coercive mandates broke the spirit of liberty in many Americans who actively resisted medical tyranny.

tion, causing, according to Fitton, mistrust of the government and raising questions about why the shots that should not have been pushed were pushed.

Invasive propaganda, psychological pressure, censorship, and coercive mandates were deployed against Americans. As of the writing of this article, as many as 224,113,439 people, or 68 percent of the total U.S. population, are considered fully vaccinated. Many, however, did not cave.

French General Christian Blanchon wrote of the unvaccinated around the world in a September 2022 tribute letter: "Even if I were fully vaccinated, I would admire the unvaccinated for standing up to the greatest pressure I have ever seen, including from spouses, parents, children, friends, colleagues, and doctors. People who have been capable of such personality, courage, and such critical ability undoubtedly embody the best of humanity."

While being thankful for the strength and wisdom to reject the experimental treatment, one must discourage any loved ones who, for different reasons, took the jab from taking any additional doses that the government is preparing to put on the seasonal menu. ■



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FLORIDA LEADS NATION IN REJECTING COVID PROPAGANDA AND FEDERAL DIKTATS

by Veronika Kyrylenko

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, Americans have been told time and again how to protect themselves from infection and disease. The simple formula that was channeled through all outlets of public communication was this: Wear a mask. Social-distance. Get vaccinated. Stay up-to-date with your vaccines. The Covid vaccines, of course, play a central role in all of this, and are currently recommended for all Americans starting at just six months old.

With the number of breakthrough infections demonstrating the shots' ineffectiveness, and with more and more adverse reactions recorded in the government's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), many everyday Americans wonder if the government will ever address the elephant in the room.

Luckily, the critical voices of officials occupying high-level healthcare positions are getting louder and clearer.

Surgeon General Speaks Out

On October 7, Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo recommended against men aged 18 to 39 receiving mRNA Covid shots because of the 84-percent increased relative risk of them having a heart attack within 28 days following inoculation. The analysis was drawn up from Florida's reportable disease repository "Merlin," the State Health Online Tracking System, and death records data.

Vaccine proponents, of course, claim that Covid infection itself poses a risk of cardiac complications greater than the risks associated with the shots. The Florida Department of Health (FDH) stresses that this is not the case, however: "With a high level of global immunity to COVID-19, the benefit of vaccination is likely outweighed by this abnormally high risk of cardiac-related death among men in this age group."

The department noted in the guidance that men over the age of 60 were 10-percent more likely to die of cardiac-related issues within 28 days of receiving mRNA vaccination.

The analysis of cardiac cases in vaccinated individuals done

by the department found no association between non-mRNA shots and elevated risks of cardiac issues at any age.

Notably, the so-called viral vector vaccines against Covid, such as Johnson & Johnson, were previously linked to other cardiovascular complications such as blood clotting due to the fact that they, identically to their mRNA counterparts, instruct human cells to produce the most toxic part of SARS-CoV-2, the spike protein. According to the company's clinical trial results, male recipients over the age of 60 are at an increased risk of suffering cardiac arrests.

The Florida Health Department's guidance reaffirmed its earlier recommendation for parents and guardians to spare their little ones from Covid shots, adding that the youngest of Americans, who became "eligible" for mRNA inoculations from Pfizer and Moderna in June, should not be getting them either:

The Department continues to stand by its Guidance for Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccines issued March 2022, which recommends against use in healthy children and adolescents 5 years old to 17 years old. This now includes recommendations against COVID-19 vaccination among infants and children under 5 years old, which has since been issued under Emergency Use Authorization.

"Studying the safety and efficacy of any medications, including vaccines, is an important component of public health," said Dr. Ladapo in a statement accompanying the press release, adding, "Far less attention has been paid to safety and the concerns of many individuals have been dismissed — these are important findings that should be communicated to Floridians."

Big Tech's reaction was predictable. Twitter swiftly removed the updated guidance posted by the Florida surgeon general as violating its coronavirus "misinformation" policies. Specifically, Twitter stated that Dr. Ladapo's tweet was "misleading," per media reports.

Following an uproar among Twitter users, the platform restored the post in two days, with no explanation.



Joseph
Ladapo

While the methodology and limitations of the FDH analysis were harshly criticized, the surgeon general addressed such criticism in a subsequent thread, adding, “I love the discussion that we’ve stimulated. Isn’t it great when we discuss science transparently instead of trying to cancel one another?”

Various studies have shown Covid jabs are associated with the development and/or exacerbation of cardiovascular conditions, most often in young men. Last year, even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration acknowledged, albeit ambiguously, an increased risk of developing conditions such as myocarditis and pericarditis after getting Pfizer’s or Moderna’s mRNA shots for adolescents and young adults.

With prominent physicians and scientists trying to warn the public about the devastating impact of Covid shots on the human body, Dr. Ladapo stands as the first figure in a public-health position to defy the federal recommendation and advise the younger demographic against getting mRNA Covid shots.

In an October 20 interview with *The*

New American, the surgeon general explained the reasoning behind his advice. In a nutshell, at this point in the pandemic, children, who were not at risk of severe Covid outcomes, are now even more protected by their natural immunity. Citing a CDC survey, he noted that nearly 90 percent of children in America have contracted and recovered from Covid.

“It is very difficult to lower that risk more,” he noted. On the other hand, there is no long-term safety data on the experimental shots, and the emerging safety data is extremely troubling.

“It is really unwise to continue to push the product of which we continue to learn stuff about,” maintained Dr. Ladapo.

Stop Complying!

The surgeon general expressed his hope that people would stop complying with the federally recommended policies, saying, “My hope for people is that they stand up and they stop allowing themselves to be pushed around by other individuals who don’t have their best interest in mind. All of this falls apart without our cooperation.... They’re such bad policies that they can’t stand on their

own. They need your compliance to function, to have any reach or impact.”

This recommendation is now extremely relevant in light of the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunizations moving to add Covid shots to the childhood immunization schedule, which, as explained by Dr. Ladapo, paved the way for including them in locally mandated childhood vaccine schedules.

Fortunately, American parents, regardless of their own vaccination status, are not willing to get their little ones jabbed with experimental concoctions, according to official data. Remarkably, only five percent of children under the age of two, and eight percent of children aged two to four, have received at least one out of three doses of Covid shots since they became available in July. Roughly two-thirds of children aged five to 11, who became “eligible” for the shots in November 2021, remain unvaccinated. Hopefully, none of the parents of these children will cave to the pressure of the coming vaccine mandates for schoolchildren, and will either opt out or, better yet, take their kids out of the public schools altogether. ■

HURRICANE IAN THE PATH TO RECOVERY

The best way to help those in need after a natural disaster is to allow private efforts to flourish.



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Where is FEMA? A month after Hurricane Ian struck the southwest coast of Florida, many residents still remain without relief. Some lawmakers have called on Congress to abolish FEMA altogether, while others have sought to reform the agency to reduce the cost and make relief efforts more fair.

by Annalisa Peseck

“Never let a good crisis go to waste.” The phrase commonly credited to Winston Churchill, spoken in the waning days of World War II and said to have inspired Brits to persevere and seek opportunity amid misery, sacrifice, and loss, ironically became the motto of American progressives when Democratic politico and former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel uttered a similar statement.

The most recent catastrophe, Hurricane Ian — the deadliest storm to strike the state of Florida since the 1935 “Labor Day” hurricane, with at least 132 lives lost and dozens still missing — was declared

a national disaster by the federal government on September 29.

To date, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its federal partners have delivered more than \$1.56 billion to Floridians impacted by Hurricane Ian through grants, disaster loans, and flood-insurance payments. Moreover, Congress is expected to pass a multi-billion-dollar recovery package to further assist those impacted by the storm.

Such extravagant federal spending might be forgiven if relief aid went to helping the hurricane victims and was not misused or misallocated, as investigations into past FEMA programs (think Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy) have shown.

“The point of federal disaster relief is

to help states that are overwhelmed by the costs of disaster recovery,” wrote *The New American*’s Michael Tennant in 2015. “If a state is perfectly capable of paying for its own recovery, then there is no justification for soaking taxpayers in other states to pay for it.”

Yet consider that FEMA, from 2008 to 2013, cost taxpayers an estimated \$93 billion to assist those affected by natural calamities the agency declared eligible for disaster relief aid. Plus the organization’s distant bureaucratic controls seem to tie the hands of survivors as they await government aid. As one *Washington Times* reporter astutely observed, FEMA creates “confusing regulations [that] scare off emergency workers from other regions, since you can get called into court if you don’t jump through the right hoops.”

FEMA administrator Deanne Criswell has staunchly defended the agency’s regulations, declaring, “well before this catastrophic storm made landfall, FEMA and the entire federal family took a forward-leaning posture to support Floridians, and we are applying that same approach as we transition to long-term recovery efforts.”

She continued, “together, with the help of our government counterparts, along with our faith-based and community partners, we will be here as long as it takes to help Floridians recover from this disaster.”

Then why are so many Floridians still without relief?

Fort Myers resident Kynse Leigh Agles told *The New American* that many people still cannot begin to clean up and rebuild because FEMA, working with insurance

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agencies, demands that they wait for an adjuster who might not show up for weeks or months.

"The fact that FEMA isn't sending temporary housing or trailers is awful," she said. "They are closing the large shelters soon and people have nowhere to go. After Charley we had a FEMA trailer park set up within weeks," she added.

To date, no such structures have been placed in Agles' community to offer the relief these folks need. Agles went on to describe areas completely torn apart by the storm: trailers and manufactured homes ripped in half or missing and families with tents in their yards to protect their belongings.

"I continue to ask where is the temporary housing? Where is FEMA? We have no hotels. The hotels where vouchers have been issued are filled with contractors at higher prices than the voucher. Every reasonably priced rental is full!"

Agles has reached out to state officials, questioning why the shelters were closing when so many locals were now homeless: "Is putting children back in schools that were shelters more important than combining schools?"

The State Steps In

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has pushed to reopen schools in the hardest-hit areas of

Lee and Charlotte counties, and his efforts have been praised by most Floridians. Even Agles expressed gratitude for his calm leadership amid the tragedy and disaster.

In an address shortly after the storm, DeSantis stated that "within 24 hours after [the storm], I asked FDOT [Florida Department of Transportation] to get involved, and we had more than 130 trucks rolling in and crews got to work." So far more than 1.4 million cubic yards of debris have been collected in huge piles along the roads of impacted communities, with the full economic devastation an estimated \$46 billion. Many companies in business for generations are not sure they will be able to rebuild.

Recovery efforts led by state, private, and nonprofits have included the transporting of electrical crews on landing crafts, the delivery of 13-plus million meals and 2.5 million pounds of ice, and the restoration of 2,507 bridges. In addition, more than 2.2 million gallons of fuel were moved to the region within a week after the storm, and reportedly 99 percent of southwest Florida residents had their power back on in a matter of days. Tesla founder Elon Musk provided over 375 Star Link internet connection devices, and mayors from neighboring cities, including Greg Brudnicki of Panama City, traveled to devastated areas to survey the damage

and offer ideas on how to move forward.

By October 5, DeSantis had already restored access to the unrecognizable Pine and Sanibel islands, with construction on the Pine Island bridge in Lee County completed in a record-breaking three days on October 8.

"Construction on the Pine Island bridge has been completed today — just three days after construction began. Happy to have the state step in and help get our Pine Island residents back on their feet," tweeted the governor.

Weeks later, the Sanibel Causeway was reopened with temporary repairs. "It's something that shows a little bit of a can-do spirit. The work that has been done to restore vehicle access to Sanibel Island has been historic," remarked DeSantis during a presser.

Further, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced on October 24 that the state's private fund, the Florida Disaster Fund — established to assist Floridians in times of emergency and disaster, with 100 percent of every donation used to help the state recover from the devastation caused by Ian — had reached \$50 million. She noted the first million out the door went to organizations such as ToolBank and Team Rubicon, who were "on the ground helping folks."

"We also understand that this is going to be a long-term recovery effort for a lot of folks," she said. "And while FEMA is there, the state is there, we want to ensure that those funds are there to help people get back on their feet because we've seen so many people who have had flooding at their homes that might not have necessarily had flood insurance."

Yet weighing the powers of the U.S. government versus the powers of the state regarding disasters and emergencies, it is often the people of the impacted communities, not the government, providing the assistance that is the most effective.

Bypassed by Government Efforts

"It's all political posturing," commented Fort Myers resident Charles Hidalgo on the state's recovery efforts. Hidalgo's house off Main Street in downtown Fort Myers was not destroyed on the surface, but suffered severe interior damage from flooding that will require extensive mitigation and restoration work to make it inhabitable again. He and his wife, Nanette, lost both

DeSantis jump-starts repairs:
Florida Governor Ron DeSantis wasted no time getting to work to restore access to Pine and Sanibel islands, where causeways and bridges were completely sunken and washed away. The Sanibel Causeway (pictured here) was restored with temporary repairs within weeks after the storm.



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Nowhere to go: Hundreds of thousands of Floridians have sought relief aid for rebuilding their homes and businesses ravaged by the relentless storm. Yet the process is slow-going and many feel forgotten by the rest of the world.

their cars to flooding, preventing them from leaving after the waters receded.

Multiple rooms in the house were filled with toxic flood waters reaching three feet high. Hidalgo told the *The New American* that no one from any government agency had been out to check on him or his neighbors.

"I worry only of any long-term health effects from exposure to such toxicity with nowhere to go," he said while cleaning up debris and sorting through what was left of his belongings. Where are the FEMA and state funds?

Hundreds of thousands of Floridians have sought relief aid for rebuilding their homes and businesses ravaged by the relentless storm, yet the process is slow-going and many feel forgotten by the rest of the world.

In the decimated city of Fort Myers, population nearly 100,000, where the hurricane eyewall made landfall, residents claim they were given only 24 hours to evacuate. Yet by that time, hotels were booked and those who stayed behind had nowhere to go.

When the predicted 13-20 foot storm surge swallowed up Fort Myers beach and

moved quickly up the rivers and waterways, most of the casualties were people who were caught by surprise and drowned in the rising flood waters.

For many like Hidalgo, with nothing left, support and care from family members and friends remains their only hope. Local organizations are stepping up as well. The Naples Hammerheads Rugby Club, for example, sent volunteers to help Hidalgo move a mountain of debris into the street for pickup when no one else seemed to be coming.

Hidalgo hailed the group as "awesome, caring people who [are] driven into action, not words." He would later say, "we took a hit. We will rebound given time. It is a process."

"Unconstitutional and Immoral"

Indeed, getting the most-devastated areas of Lee and Charlotte counties back to where they need to be will take around seven years, said the director of Florida Emergency Management, Kevin Guthrie, during a press conference. Despite the government's multibillion-dollar recovery package, not all have

benefited from federal- and state-led efforts to "step in and help." Many who have lost everything still have nowhere to go.

Brianne Casey, another Fort Myers resident, had everything she owned sucked up and spit out by Ian. Now the first-time homeowner and full-time ER nurse is contending with slow-moving insurance adjusters to get FEMA aid, which has provided so far \$2,900 for housing for two months, though the insurance claim on her home could take several months to complete, and only after it is completed does the real work of rebuilding begin.

FEMA today has become "neither efficient nor compassionate," argues former U.S. Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas), who in a recent op-ed described why he always voted against disaster aid when he was in Washington.

"The failure of Congress to offset spending on disaster relief with cuts in other programs is one reason why I always voted against disaster aid when I was in Congress, even when the spending was for disasters that occurred in my district," wrote Paul. "Of course, I also opposed these bills because disaster relief is unconstitutional and immoral, as are all other income redistribution programs."

He continued, "Federally managed disaster relief is neither efficient nor compassionate. My office often heard from frustrated individuals whose plans to rebuild were put on hold because of delays in getting federal assistance."

Horror tales of FEMA mistreating disaster victims were commonplace for the congressman. "FEMA was supposed to put a tarp on a house whose roof was destroyed in Hurricane Ike, but it put the tarp on the house next door, even though that house's roof was fine," explained Paul. "When the owner of the house that needed a tarp called FEMA, he was told it would be several weeks before FEMA could send someone out to correct FEMA's mistake."

As Paul has argued, "FEMA should be abolished and recovery efforts returned to the individuals, local charitable organizations, nonprofits, private organizations." So far as government is concerned, income-tax relief and state savings accounts for natural disasters should be the norm, coupled with strong leaders such as Governor DeSantis to distribute those funds. ■

Do Pro-life Laws Restrict Access to Life-saving Meds?

Abortion advocates insist that state laws protecting unborn life are endangering patients with autoimmune diseases. Here's what is really happening.



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Mother-daughter mix-up: Kaitlin Preble and daughter Emma Thompson said that the teen's juvenile arthritis meds were in jeopardy because of pro-life laws, but the pharmacy had no difficulty filling her prescription.

by **Rebecca Terrell**

Since the U.S. Supreme Court removed federal protections for abortion, some patients claim they cannot get their necessary medicines for non-pregnancy-related conditions in states with strict abortion bans. The media teem with stories of pharmacies refusing to fill prescriptions for vital drugs because pro-life laws restrict their use. It's just one more example, they say, of pro-life laws discriminating against women.

"Teenage girl, 14, is denied life-saving arthritis medication in Arizona by Walgreens pharmacy days after state's ban on abortion because it could potentially ter-

minate a pregnancy — even though she is NOT pregnant," reads a characteristically long-winded and hyperbolic headline at DailyMail.com.

"Arizona Teen Denied Lifesaving Medication Due to State's Abortion Ban," echoes a more succinct version of the story from *Newsweek*.

Even the Arthritis Foundation is complaining. "In some states where laws banning or severely restricting abortion have already taken effect, some patients are reporting difficulty getting their prescriptions for methotrexate," reads a statement issued only six days after SCOTUS reversed *Roe v. Wade* in June. The foundation conspicuously did not cite any cases.

The medication at issue, methotrexate (MTX), is a drug often used to treat autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid

arthritis and lupus. It can also be used in combination with misoprostol to induce abortion. Therefore, some erroneously blame pro-life state laws for restricting access to MTX for patients with autoimmune conditions.

The Arizona teen's case is a recent example. *Newsweek* explained that "Emma Thompson has been relying on low, weekly doses of MTX to treat her juvenile idiopathic arthritis, a form of the condition in children that can cause serious complications, including growth problems and joint damage, which MTX slows down." ("Idiopathic" is a generic term that indicates there is no known cause for a disease.)

On September 26, two days after Arizona resurrected its 1901 abortion ban protecting unborn life at conception, Thompson's doctor, Deborah Jane Power, angrily tweeted that a pharmacist refused to refill MTX for the girl. "Welcome to AZ. Today a pharmacist denied the MTX refill for my adolescent patient. She's on 5 mg/wk to prevent AHCA Ab production. MTX denied purely because she's a female, barely a teenager. Livid! No discussion, just a denial. Now to fight for what's best for this pt."

The news left Thompson's mother, Kaitlin Preble, in tears. She told Tucson's CBS affiliate KOLD that her daughter has been ill most of her life. Now the high-school freshman is no longer restricted to a wheelchair. "She has a social life and friends for the first time and a life all young people should have," Preble said, crediting MTX. "I was scared, I was really scared. I'm like, if they deny this, then we'll have to find a different medication, and we don't know if it's going to work."

Power's tweet garnered scads of attention — tens of thousands of "likes,"

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retweets, and replies, not to mention major media headlines. Many of her appalled Twitter respondents bristled at the pharmacist's audacity in overriding a doctor's order. Few bothered to ask the Tucson physician why the pharmacist should have concerns if she — the doctor — could prescribe MTX without fear of breaking Arizona's law. (Violators would face up to five years in prison.) This correspondent posed the question, but Power did not respond.

However, she did answer a post from Grant Fankhauser, who identifies himself as an M.D. and surgeon. He wrote, "I don't buy it. There is more to the story that explains it or this never happened. Quite a convenient recounting to fit your narrative."

Power's retort revealed more of Thompson's private medical information: "Patient has been getting monthly refills for MTX for over 6 years. Current Rx has refills remaining. Pharmacist denied refills yesterday. Facts."

Six years? The teen has been taking MTX since she was eight years old? Didn't Thompson's mother indicate that the girl's quality of life only recently changed, allowing her to discard her wheelchair and have "a social life and friends for the first time"? Perhaps it took six years for Power to find the right combination of meds for her patient, or maybe Fankhauser was on to something.

The Rest of the Story

It turns out there is an important detail that Power's tweets omitted. After its verbose and cataclysmic headline, the *Daily Mail* admitted that Walgreens "delayed the refill," not that it denied the drug. According to KOLD News 13, Thompson's pharmacy filled the prescription within 24 hours. State law did not change during that time. However, the company blamed pro-life laws for the holdup.

"Trigger laws in various states require additional

steps for dispensing certain prescriptions and apply to all pharmacies, including Walgreens," reads a press statement from company spokesman Fraser Engerman. "In these states, our pharmacists work closely with prescribers as needed, to fill lawful, clinically appropriate prescriptions."

Admittedly, Engerman's ambiguous statement raises more questions than it answers. How does a 1901 law, enacted when Arizona was still a territory, "require additional steps" for pharmacies in 2022, especially when those orders are written by licensed physicians? It is difficult to envision an apothecary in turn-of-the-20th-century frontier Arizona grappling with this "Territorial Law." In fact, its three statutes are simple and straightforward:

A.R.S. § 13-3603 (formerly § 13-211) — A person who provides, supplies or administers to a pregnant woman, or procures such woman to take any medicine, drugs or substance, or uses or employs any instrument or other means whatever, *with intent thereby to procure the miscarriage* of such

woman, unless it is necessary to save her life, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than two years nor more than five years.

A.R.S. § 13-3605 (formerly § 13-213) — A person who willfully writes, composes or publishes a notice or advertisement of any medicine or means *for producing or facilitating a miscarriage or abortion, or for prevention of conception*, or who offers his services by a notice, advertisement or otherwise, to assist in the accomplishment of any such purposes, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

A.R.S. § 13-3604 (formerly § 13-212) — A woman who solicits from any person any medicine, drug or substance whatever, and takes it, or who submits to an operation, or to the use of any means whatever, *with intent thereby to procure a miscarriage*, unless it is necessary to preserve her life, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one nor more than five years. [Emphasis added.]

Emphasis has been added here to highlight the fact that the law applies to substances administered "with intent to procure a miscarriage," not to treat autoimmune diseases. Contrary to Engerman's claim, the law does not specify "additional steps" required of pharmacists. However, it could be in the pharmacist's best interest to confirm a patient's diagnosis with the prescribing physician prior to distributing a medicine known to be used as a chemical abortifacient.

A more lucid statement on the subject from CVS Pharmacy spokesman Amy Thibault validates that companies are exercising common-sense caution. "Laws in certain states restrict the dispensing of medications for the purpose of inducing an abortion. These laws, some of which include



Clinical confusion? Arizona physician Deborah Jane Power erroneously blames pro-life laws for restricting a teen patient's meds for juvenile arthritis.

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criminal penalties, have forced us to require pharmacists in these states ... to validate that the intended indication is not to terminate a pregnancy before they can fill a prescription for methotrexate or misoprostol." Thibault also suggested a simple solution: to "help ensure patients have quick and easy access to medications, we encourage providers to include their diagnosis on the prescriptions they write."

Indeed, Laura Weiss reported for *The New Republic* in July that after the demise of *Roe v. Wade*, CVS implemented new policies in pro-life states "which explicitly instruct pharmacists to refuse to fill prescriptions for misoprostol, mifepristone and methotrexate until they can confirm these drugs will not be used for abortion." (Mifepristone is also known as RU-486, or the abortion pill.) Company policy requires documentation on all "female patients under the age of 60."

The same three medications were named in an internal memo to Walgreens pharmacists, leaked to Weiss. It explains that the computer system will automatically flag prescriptions for those meds until the pharmacist double-checks factors such as age, gender, prescription history, and diagnosis, "to determine whether the prescriber intended the drug to be used as an abortifacient." The pharmacist can override the computer's rejection once he confirms that abortion is not the goal.

Computer-prompted drug verification is standard procedure in relation to many controlled substances, and doctors are accustomed to hearing from pharmacists when they need clarification about prescriptions. Indeed, *Pharmacy Times* wrote in 2018 that "there is no step in the prescription filling process more critical than the final verification performed by a pharmacist," due to the responsibility he has in ensuring the health and safety of his clients. The point is that these professionals are accustomed to act as gatekeepers for prescription drugs.

Now that *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, pro-aborts claim that a pharmacist's routine workflow has morphed into a crippling and catastrophic burden. "For patients, the consequences range from frustrating to life-threatening," laments Weiss, who also weeps for healthcare providers merely trying to "escape criminal liability and fines" imposed by "unprecedented new abortion



Longtime lethal agent: Now sometimes used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, methotrexate is nonetheless a dangerous drug developed in the 1950s to treat cancer and known to harm pregnancy.

restrictions." She said some physicians are even shying away from or refusing to prescribe MTX.

"This is a notice to let you know that we are pausing all prescriptions and subsequent refills of methotrexate," read a message from lupus patient Becky Schwarz's rheumatologist. "This decision has been made in response to the reversal of *Roe vs. Wade*." The *Los Angeles Times* recounted her story in July, describing the "shocking" experience of this 27-year-old Virginia resident. It's an odd choice of anecdote since that state's law is notoriously pro-abortion, allowing the murder of helpless infants until the moment of birth thanks to exceptions even for the mental health of the mother. Blaming the U.S. Supreme Court decision for denying MTX is more than a bit of a stretch.

Could there be another motive behind the rheumatologist's decision? The *Los Angeles Times* attributes it to "confusion over rules about who is permitted to prescribe drugs 'qualified as abortifacients.'" Has the U.S. Supreme Court so baffled doctors that they can no longer effectively practice medicine?

"There is no pro-life law in the United

States that restricts the use of medication for purposes unrelated to an abortion," counters Joy Stockbauer, policy analyst for the Center for Human Dignity at the Family Research Council. She told *The New American*, "Pro-life protections exist solely to protect children from being intentionally killed in the womb."

"These stories are not based in fact," agrees Dr. Christina Francis, CEO-elect of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She told *The New American* that no state law, no matter how strict, prevents doctors or pharmacists from dispensing medications used for treatments other than abortion, even if they have the potential side effect of impacting a pregnancy.

As for delays in filling prescriptions, Francis pointed out that for insurance to cover a medication, a physician must assign a diagnosis code. "In doing that, you're clarifying that it's not being used to induce an abortion." She cautioned against blaming pro-life laws for certain providers' misunderstanding of them. "It does require healthcare professionals to do a little bit of educating of themselves now that the laws in their state are potentially changing."

There is no excuse for healthcare providers pinning blame on pro-life laws for denying medicine to patients. The fact that Walgreens filled Thompson's prescription, even when one of the toughest abortion bans in the country held sway, belies the claim that patients can't get their meds.



and are the strongest measures taken by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) short of pulling a medication from the market. Top on the list is a pregnancy warning. Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding should not take MTX under any circumstances; “contraceptive measures are recommended during therapy and for at least 8 weeks following cessation of therapy,” warns Mosby’s drug guide. The medication is so toxic that even men are advised to “use a reliable method of birth control” while taking MTX because of possible adverse effects on offspring.

These facts reveal the deceptiveness of this quote from the Tucson CBS affiliate: “Emma’s doctor, Dr. Deborah Jane Power, said some women in their 30s have also been denied methotrexate until they proved they are taking contraception that is proven effective.”

That has everything to do with common clinical practice and nothing to do with 2022 abortion laws. In fact, Arizona’s abortion ban has been temporarily stayed as of October 7, when a state appeals court enjoined the law while court battles wage. Yet even now a healthcare provider would caution a patient about pregnancy risks when taking MTX and would inquire about birth control, both before and during treatment since both pregnancy status and contraceptive use can change at any time.

“It is part of informed consent for a medical professional to ask a patient if she is pregnant or planning to become pregnant prior to giving her medication that could lead to a miscarriage or severe birth defects,” noted Stockbauer. “When a woman is pregnant, it is the responsibility of a medical professional to ensure that the health and wellbeing of both patients are taken into account.”

There is no excuse for healthcare providers pinning blame on pro-life laws for denying medicine to patients. The fact that Walgreens filled Thompson’s prescription, even when one of the toughest abortion bans in the country held sway, belies the claim that patients can’t get their meds. The national coverage of such specious accounts is perpetrated by media intent on demonizing laws that protect unborn life in states willing to defend their most vulnerable citizens. ■

Common practice: Certain pharmacies in pro-life states now require their staff to confirm diagnoses before dispensing medications known to impact pregnancy.

Pregnancy Black Box

Educating herself may be all that Power needs to do for any of her patients for whom she prescribes MTX — along with including a simple diagnosis notation that fulfills a procedural requirement set by the pharmacy to shield itself from legal liability. Such action might not garner national headlines or “likes” on social media, but it would certainly help “fight for what’s best” for her patients.

However, the pharmacy’s new company policy does seem extreme. Even if unfamiliar with Thompson’s history, any pharmacist would know that the low, recurring dose Power specified of 5 milligrams per week is typical for treating juvenile arthritis. It’s a far cry from the abortion-inducing, one-time intramuscular dose of 50 milligrams per square meter of body-surface area, followed by an 800-microgram intravaginal dose of misoprostol given

about a week later. (These doses are per Mosby’s nursing drug reference manual.)

No news accounts point out a more logical reason for the pharmacist’s delay in filling this particular prescription. That motive has nothing to do with abortion laws, and a quote from Thompson herself hints at what it is.

“It’s not right,” she told CBS. “They’re trying to make any girl who’s on this medication drop a pregnancy test when they get their medicine, and I feel like it’s really unfair.”

Pregnancy test? How did we go from a simple confirmation of arthritis diagnosis to a pregnancy test? No pharmacy spokesman mentioned that requirement.

The answer is that methotrexate is dangerous chemotherapy known to jeopardize pregnancy. It comes with more than a dozen black-box warnings, which denote serious or life-threatening risks

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Popular Wrestler Breaks Make-A-Wish World Record

John Cena, actor and World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) superstar, has broken the Guinness World Record for the most wishes granted through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with 650 wishes granted, according to a September 20 announcement on the annual reference book's website.

According to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes of children diagnosed with critical illness, no one else has granted more than 400 wishes in the organization's 42-year history.

John Cena is the most requested celebrity, and has made the Make-A-Wish Foundation a top priority, helping Make-A-Wish Idaho grant its 1,000th wish in 2012.

"If you ever need me for this ever, I don't care what I'm doing, I will drop what I'm doing and be involved because I think that's the coolest thing," Cena told Reuters after being honored for 500 wishes granted in 2015. "I just drop everything, [and] if I can offer a fantastic experience, I'll be first in line to do my part."

Guinness World Records reports that children who are granted the opportunity to meet Cena are often able to get inside the wrestling ring with him and are typically treated to a close-up of one of his many championship belts.

"There is no more humbling experience than a child who could ask for anything in the world asking to meet me," Cena said in 2015.

"I have faced some of the toughest superstars in WWE history," he added, "and I've never encountered more bravery or toughness than I see in each wish kid that I meet. It is inspiring to see the impact that granting wishes can have and I look forward to granting 500 more."

Cena granted his first wish through the foundation in 2002, according to Fox News, three years after beginning his wrestling career. Altruism is in his nature, as he is also the face of WWE's "Be a Star" anti-bullying campaign.

"I want them to have an experience that will stay with them to forever," Cena said. "I don't ever want the children or their

families to be treated in a way where they feel as if they're up against anything at all."

Community Rallies for Officer and Homeless

A generous donation from a group of homeless people in Richmond, Virginia, has prompted the community to rally for the area homeless in return.

A collection was taken up in September for the family of Police Officer Seara Burton, who died in the line of duty. One of the donations was \$8.00 in a white envelope that reportedly came from a group of homeless in the community. Written on the envelope were the words "people from the street."

"This gift was in a wrinkled dirty well-used envelope," said Richmond Police Lieutenant Donnie Benedict, SunnySkyz.com reported. "They handed the envelope to the information officer and on the envelope was written these four words: 'people from the street.' The person explained that several of the homeless people from the city of Richmond have taken up a donation from the people that live on our streets here in Richmond and they wanted to donate this to Seara's family."

"There have been many valuable gifts given in honor of Seara," Lieutenant Benedict continued. "However none, and I mean none, are more valuable than the gift of 8 \$1 bills in a dirty white envelope."

Everyone was so touched by the donation that the department decided to frame it rather than deposit it into Officer Burton's fund.

When members of the community learned of this act of kindness, they decided to do something in return. One member, Amber Conley, put out a call on Facebook asking for donations to be distributed to the homeless residents.

In just 12 hours, the Richmond Fire Station was filled with blankets, coats, water, tents, and more, WRTV reported. The donations were handed out in early October.

"If nothing else good comes from this horrible tragedy, it is the fact that this community has rallied behind our police officers [and] our homeless," Conley said.

Salon Offers Solace to Desperate Parents

Hairstylist Sarah Pulley helped set up a hair salon inside a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at an Indiana hospital to bolster the spirits of exhausted mothers and fathers.

Pulley is no stranger to the NICU. Four years ago, her daughter Amelia was born prematurely and spent four months in the NICU at two different hospitals in Indianapolis.

Aware of the difficulties parents confined within those walls experience, Pulley became a volunteer at the hospital's Ronald McDonald House Family Room last year. The nonprofit offers housing for families of sick children, family rooms situated inside hospitals in which to eat or shower, and mobile programs that bring healthcare services to deserving communities.

And when she learned that Riley Children's Health would open a hair salon in one of its family rooms, she knew how she could help.

Leading the initiative, she donated a chair from her salon, Three Seventeen Hair Design, and worked with her distributor to obtain \$150 worth of free hair care products. She also volunteers her own time.

The "Beauty Bar" was opened on September 14, and since then, exhausted and stressed parents have been treated to a shampoo, style, and scalp massage at no charge. WTHR reports the salon, which is open just one day per week for now, is run entirely by volunteer stylists.

Pulley told TODAY.com that she understands the value of self-care for parents who are struggling with babies in need of medical care.

"You completely lose all sense of yourself when you have a baby in the NICU," she recalled. "My first mom completely relaxed in the chair; she just closed her eyes and breathed. My second was completely exhausted."

She said that she believes she can be inspiring to the parents who come through her salon because her own daughter is now "thriving." "There's something about the connection between moms and the power of touch," she said. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

MANIPULATING THE MASSES

Propaganda rooted in truth is a good thing, but propaganda based on lies to beguile and brainwash a population is something else entirely.



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by Daniel Natal

The term “propaganda” originally had no unsavory connotation. It derives from 17th-century Italy, where the Catholic Church was trying to counteract some of the inflammatory charges leveled against it by figures leading the Protestant Reformation. Pope Gregory XV created the *Congregatio de Propaganda Fide* (Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith). It was initiated not only to counteract disinformation from heresiarchs in northern Europe, but also to create materials for spreading the

faith to indigenous peoples in the New World.

It wasn’t until the 1920s that the term fell into public disfavor, since it was associated with disinformation campaigns from WWI. After the adrenaline of combat subsided and hostilities gave way to rational assessment, people started discovering the many ways their own governments had misled them in the lead-up to the war. They learned, for instance, about the first British Ministry of Propaganda. Lord Beaverbrook (a participant of the internationalist Milner Group) had tapped bestselling author Arnold Bennett to manage propaganda campaigns and recruit many of his friends (such as socialist author H.G. Wells) to come up with

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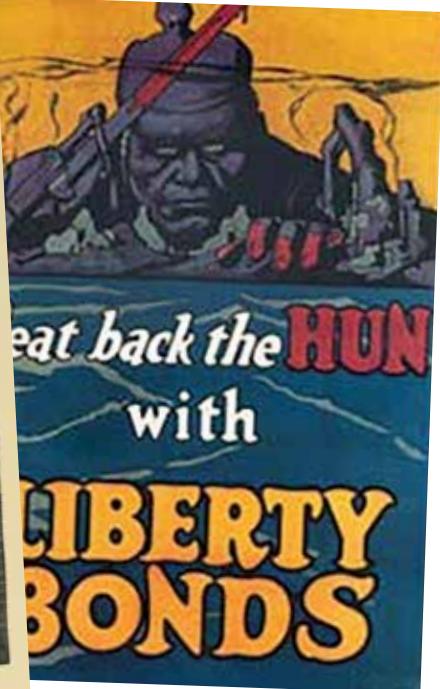
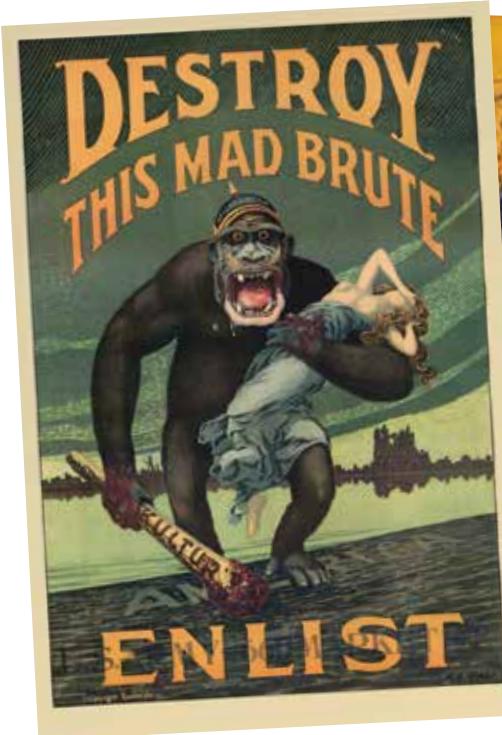
Fabrications designed to manipulate the emotions of undiscriminating readers.

As historian Jo Fox writes in her article *Atrocity Propaganda*, “The power of atrocity stories derived in part from their ability to stand either alone, as singular acts of barbarism and moral depravity, or as a series of pre-meditated collective behaviours that condemned a nation. These shocking stories allowed propagandists to justify the war, encourage men to enlist, raise funds for war loans schemes, and shake the United States from its neutrality. The impact of such propaganda was enduring, lasting well into 1918 and beyond.”

It was only after the Armistice that the public discovered that the Germans had not in fact been using babies for bayonet-practice, or crucifying Belgians, or rolling out giant wooden rape machines to mortify Christian maidenhood in the Low Countries.

On the other side of the Atlantic, the Committee for Public Information was formed as a sort of sister organization to the British Ministry of Propaganda. One former propagandist who had worked for it during the war was Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Walter Lippmann, who later disclosed many of the fabrications that he had personally been involved with in his celebrated book *Public Opinion* (1922).

In it, he frankly discussed the techniques used to trick the public. One of these methodologies was the use of “stereotypes,” a term he coined. A stereotype was a vivid mental picture of a thing that the propagandist confabulated and disseminated among the population to prime them to mentally see certain “screen realities.” Lippmann wrote, “For the most part we do not first see, and then define, we de-



Germanophobia: Anti-German sentiment reached new heights in the United States during WWI, with propaganda posters such as these depicting Germans as ape-like brutes intent on crossing the Atlantic and ravaging America.

fine first and then see. In the great blooming, buzzing confusion of the outer world we pick out what our culture has already defined for us, and we tend to perceive that which we have picked out in the form stereotyped for us by our culture."

One of the "stereotypes" that the Committee for Public Information was tasked with creating was that of the "bloodthirsty Teutonic barbarian," "the Hun," as he was branded (with the intent of creating associations with Atilla). Countless magazine images, newspaper illustrations, posters, and movies were generated to consolidate this stereotype.

Lippmann adds, "Without some form of censorship, propaganda in the strict sense of the word is impossible. In order to conduct a propaganda there must be some barrier between the public and the event. Access to the real environment must be limited, before anyone can create a pseudo-environment that he thinks wise or desirable."

To make the propaganda effective, to generate the virtual-reality landscape of the "pseudo-environment," as Lippmann called it, the media would have to become a filter, interposing itself between the public and the real environment. In collaboration, the government would ramp up censorship efforts to silence anyone calling attention to the pseudo-environment. And this is just what President Woodrow Wilson did, when he appointed George Creel to preside over America's first official censorship board. Mail, telegrams, pamphlets, books, newspapers, plays, photographs, and even the conversations of average citizens were all subject to restrictions. According to Asbury Park Press staff writer Erik Larsen in his article *100 Years Ago: Americans Debated Whether to Censor the Press*, "In 1917, the Espionage Act was passed which made it a crime to interfere with military recruitment and the operations

of American armed forces. The following year, the so-called Sedition Act was added to the Espionage Act that limited free speech during the war."

Congress repealed these sweeping wartime laws on December 13, 1920, declaring them unconstitutional. With the cessation of censorship and repression, the truth of wartime propaganda began to seep into the public domain, with large segments of the population declaring their outrage upon reading works such as those of Walter Lippmann or his colleague and fellow propagandist Edward Bernays. Bernays was the nephew of psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud. It was Bernays who, seeing that the term "propaganda" had fallen into disfavor after the war, coined the term "public relations" as a substitute. It was also Bernays who conceptualized using propaganda (which had hitherto been a weapon of psychological warfare) not on enemy nations, but on domestic populations with the intent of selling not war, but products.

He was soon sought after by most of America's largest corporations, who were impressed by the success he had in marketing cigarettes to women (thus doubling the profits of the tobacco industry). He did this by capitalizing on what psychology calls associative conditioning, telling females that cigarettes were really "torches of freedom," symbolizing independence and resistance to "the patriarchy."

It was Bernays who envisioned running society not as a republic, but as a technocracy. In his book *Crystallizing Public Opinion* (1923), he crowed that mass media made a new form of social control possible. For the first time since Aristotle wrote about the classical forms of government 2,500 years ago, a new form of government had emerged — one in which the power structure could use the technology of communication to shape public opinion, and thus set policy.

"The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society," wrote Bernays. "Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country."

Groupthink

In the late 19th century, French social scientist Gabriel Tarde was distressed by a phenomenon he was observing whereby people no longer shared their own personal experiences as small talk, but rather began retailing events that they read about in the media.

"Newspapers have transformed ... unified in space and diversified in time the conversations of individuals," he wrote, adding that "even those who do not read papers but who, talking to those who do, are forced to follow the groove of their borrowed thoughts. One pen suffices to set off a million tongues."

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One of Tarde's colleagues was Gustave LeBon, who published the first book on mass psychology, *The Crowd*, in 1895. It was LeBon who first documented how, when people were part of a mob, their own sense of responsibility went into abeyance. Their individual personalities receded and they became atoms in a larger organism. Things that an individual would never have done on his own, he will participate in when subsumed within a crowd — for instance, a lynch mob. LeBon remarked, "The crowd does not have a brain; it merely has a spinal column."

One of Edward Bernays' most penetrating insights in the early 20th century was that one could take advantage of these breakthroughs in psychology and leverage them for the use of propaganda. For instance, in his book *Propaganda*, Bernays expresses the importance of recognizing human beings' nature as herd animals. If the propagandist could generate the false impression that "the crowd" was doing a particular thing, then it would create a powerful magnetic pull for the individual to conform to it. Before Bernays, politicians engaged in rhetoric designed to appeal to the individual. Bernays, by contrast, bypassed the solitary citizen altogether and went straight to the "reptilian brain" by addressing not individuals, but crowds. It was Bernays who conceptualized using

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"influencers" to shepherd the rest of the public into a form of "group consensus."

We still see these methodologies. Climate change, for instance, is promoted by saying "97 percent of scientists agree" or "It's the scientific consensus."

Likewise, we turn on the TV and see surrogates from political parties promoting pre-scripted talking points, specifically designed to have the public repeat them as if they were their own original thoughts. The Clinton impeachment of the 1990s provides an example of this phenomenon, whereby "influencers" went on TV and mouthed the phrase, "What the president did was wrong, but it does not rise to the level of an impeachment." This phrase was parroted endlessly by a succession of

think-tank spokesmen and political surrogates until the puzzled bystander went to work on Monday and overheard chatter at the water cooler, where a co-worker would wrinkle his brow pensively and share the insight that "what the president did was wrong, but it does not rise to the level of an impeachment."

As Gabriel Tarde noted more than a century before, the average person would utter the talking point word-for-word, unaware that it wasn't his own thought.

"The press unifies and invigorates conversations," wrote Tarde. "Every morning the papers give their publics the conversations of the day.... This increasing similarity of simultaneous conversations in an ever more vast geographic domain is one of the most important characteristics of our time."

Tarde wasn't the only one in the 19th century who was alarmed by the effects of technology and mass media on the populace. Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard, writing in his work *The Present Age*, coined the term "the phantom public" in denouncing politicians or propagandists who claimed to speak on behalf of this manufactured "public."

He wrote,

In order for leveling really to occur, first it is necessary to bring a phantom into existence, a spirit of leveling, a huge abstraction, an all-embracing something that is nothing, an illusion — the phantom of the public.

The public is an idea, which would never have occurred to people in ancient times, for the people themselves en masse in corpora took steps in any active situation, and bore responsibility for each individual among them, and each individual had



Master of propaganda: Edward Bernays, nephew of Sigmund Freud, produced several influential books on the methods of propaganda, as well as coining the term "public relations."

to personally, without fail, present himself and submit his decision immediately to approval or disapproval. When first a clever society makes concrete reality into nothing, then the Media creates that abstraction, “the public,” which is filled with unreal individuals, who are never united nor can they ever unite simultaneously in a single situation or organization, yet still stick together as a whole. The public is a body, more numerous than the people which compose it, but this body can never be shown, indeed it can never have only a single representation, because it is an abstraction. Yet this public becomes larger, the more the times become passionless and reflective and destroy concrete reality.

This destruction of “concrete reality” is in essence the job of the propagandist, as Walter Lippmann alluded to in his conception of “creating pseudo-environments” whereby the media acts as a filter through which people behold a distorted virtual-reality world around them. And it is essential, as Lippmann adds, to keep them away from the real environment, lest the illusion be challenged by intractable reality.

If, for instance, a person watching television consciously thought about the laugh-track that was cued up to prime his laughter during a sitcom, he might realize that such recordings were done in the 1940s of audiences who are long since dead. But, since he pays it no attention (with neurophysiologists explaining that the frontal lobe, which controls critical thought, is shut off within sixty seconds of watching TV), he, on an emotional level, is encouraged to partici-



Empowered woman: In the 1920s, Edward Bernays engaged his clients in show business to pose with cigarettes as part of a campaign for the tobacco companies to get more women to smoke.

pate in a “pseudo-reality” of an imaginary crowd who is laughing along with him.

Once again, we see the technique at work of encouraging him not to engage as an individual, but as a member of a crowd — even if only an imaginary crowd.

In the world of politics, polling is used in much the same fashion. It can be deployed not to reflect “public opinion,” but, on the contrary, to create the impression of a fake consensus where one does not in fact exist. Stuart Ewen, in his book *P.R.: A Social History of Spin*, says, “Can there be democracy when public opinion is reduced to the published results of opinion surveys [which are] statistical applause tracks?”

Like the man sitting on the couch,

watching a sitcom and imagining that he’s part of a large audience, the potential voter can be manipulated into believing that hordes of people hold a particular opinion (that they don’t) by the clever usage of weighted samples in fraudulent surveys.

The hope of the propagandist is that the prospective voter can be channeled into a particular avenue if the impression is fostered that he’s part of a larger (phantom) crowd. Dr. Robert Cialdini, author of the book *Influence: Science and Practice*, calls this phenomenon “social proof.” It’s the concept that an individual can be massaged into doing something if he thinks “everybody else is doing it, too.” The person has a deep-seated need to belong.

The Modern Techniques of Mass Persuasion

Edward Bernays, who had the keen insight to bypass the seat of reason (the frontal lobe) for “the reptilian brain,” manipulated the atavistic herd-instinct

in Man. He understood that, if you can market a new behavior as “the thing to do,” a surprising number of people would fall into line and obey the “New Normal” that the media was handing to them.

As previously mentioned, he did this with marketing cigarettes to women. He made sure to roll out his propaganda campaign during a parade (i.e., a crowd), and he paid flappers to brandish prop cigarettes that he had given them beforehand. As Adam Curtis, in his BBC documentary *The Century of the Self*, said, “Every year, New York held an Easter day parade to which thousands came. Bernays decided to stage an event there. He persuaded a group of rich debutantes to hide cigarettes under their clothes. Then they should join the parade and at a given signal from him

they were to light up the cigarettes dramatically. Bernays then informed the press that he had heard that a group of suffragettes were preparing to protest by lighting up what they called torches of freedom."

Pat Jackson, a public-relations advisor and former colleague of Bernays, commented, "He knew this would be an outcry, and he knew that all of the photographers would be there to capture this moment so he was ready with a phrase which was 'torches of freedom.' So here you have a symbol, women ... young women ... debutantes, smoking a cigarette in public with a phrase that means anybody who believes in this kind of equality pretty much has to support them in the ensuing debate about this, because I mean torches of freedom. What's our American point? It's Liberty. She's holding up the torch, you see, and so all this there together, there's emotion there's memory and there's a rational phrase, all of this is in there together. So the next day this was not just in all the New York papers it was across the United States and around the world. And from that point

forward the sale of cigarettes to women began to rise. He had made them socially acceptable with a single symbolic ad."

The adept student of sociology will note how the young women all had a prop (the cigarette) to assert their membership in the crowd.

In the modern era, the prop might be said to be a face mask, and the "New Normal" being promoted is human medical experimentation and the sale of exotic, untested biomedical products.

The media functioned to upload the new social "software update" and to convince people that, by wearing a mask, they were part of a "community" that cared about others, that was united in the fight against a dread virus, that placed "the common good" before all else.

Though no legitimate scientific study ever demonstrated the efficacy of cloth masks to immunize one against a virus, the media (and other institutions) promoted the usage of the prop as a method to consolidate group cohesion.

It was pure Bernays.

The *New England Journal of Medicine* admitted in a May 21, 2020 article, "It is also clear that masks serve symbolic roles. Masks are not only tools, they are talismans that may help increase health care workers' perceived sense of safety, well-being and trust in their hospitals."

Mass Formation Psychosis

Professor of clinical psychology Dr. Matthias Desmet wrote a book entitled *The Psychology of Totalitarianism*. In an interview, he addressed the subject of what is called "mass formation psychosis." He explained that people are more suggestible when they're disconnected from their society, deprived of any meaning in life. People, he said, are social animals and yearn to connect to something. This, of course, makes them vulnerable to propaganda campaigns. He said, "A mass is a group that is not formed because there are strong connections between individuals. It's a group that is formed because there's a strong connection of every individual separately with the Collective. So people in a mask feel a tremendous solidarity, a citizenship. But it's not a solidarity of one individual to another individual. It's a solidarity from one individual to the collective group."

And this is what Bernays meant by saying that, for the first time since Aristotle described the classical forms of government, there's a new governance model based on social control — and whose principal tool is propaganda.

The people, cut off from any meaningful connection to each other, are all separately connected to the hive mind — the media. To repeat Bernays, "The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country."

Of course, the people, being neither insects nor robots, possess the ability to think for themselves, and they can be freed from the hive mind no matter how hopelessly ensnared they may seem to be. The ability to see through the fog of manipulation can be restored, but it will not happen instantly. Though people can go mad in herds, they return to their senses one at a time. ■



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Idiot box: In 1969, Dr. Herbert Krugman published a study that demonstrated that, within 60 seconds of watching TV, blood to the brain's frontal lobe was restricted and the brain was placed into an alpha-wave state (similar to hypnosis).



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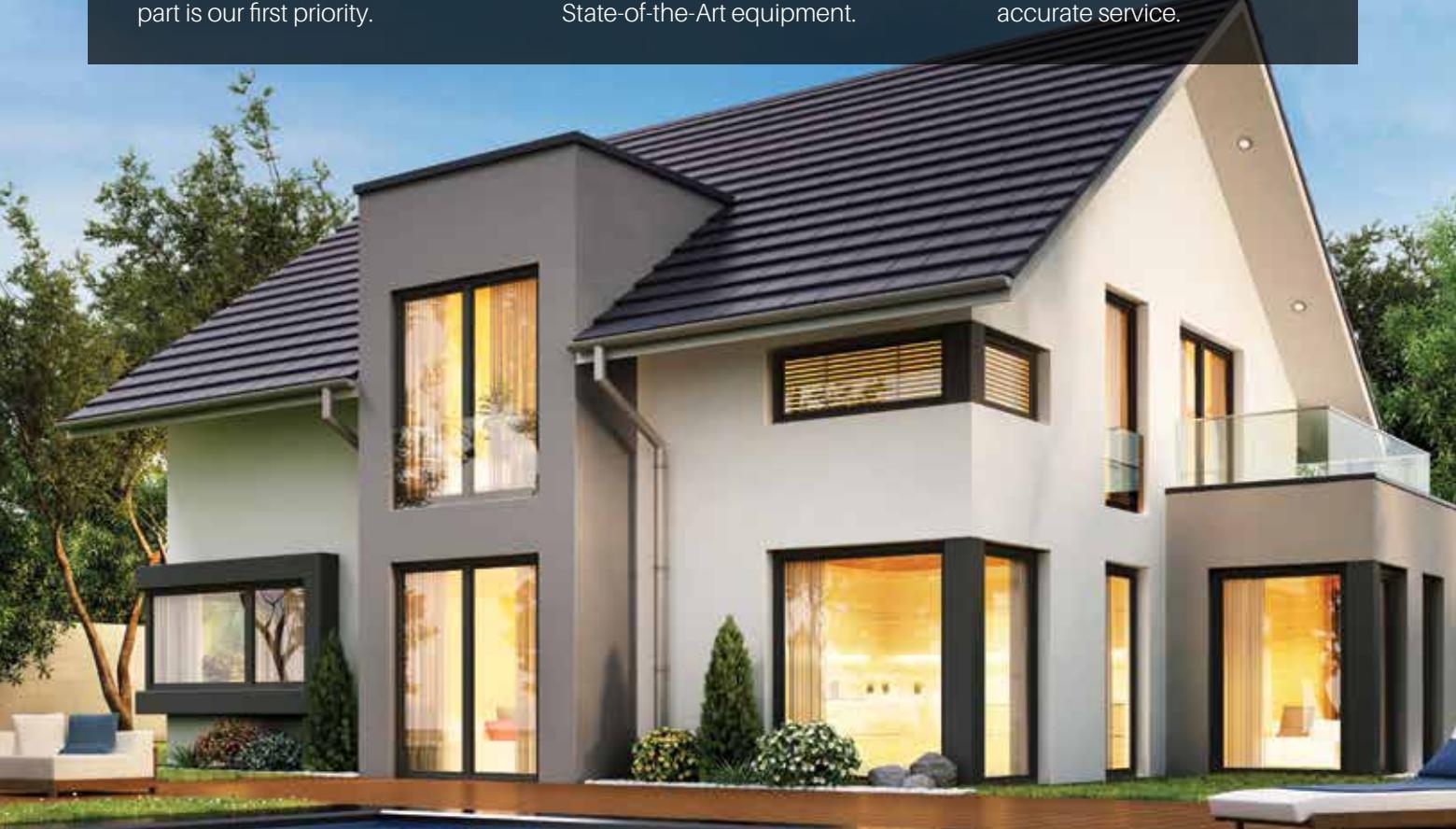
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Deranged Burglar With a Kitchen Knife

Local news reported out of Las Vegas on October 24 about a home break-in that ended when a homeowner shot the intruder through a bedroom door. A family was at home fast asleep when a burglar broke in to their house in the early morning hours. The family didn't talk with the media about what occurred, but neighbors told 8 News Now that the family talked with them immediately afterwards and told them what transpired. According to one of the neighbor's accounts, the family was awakened by the intruder trying to break in to the bedroom using a kitchen knife. Neighbors said a member of the family fired through the closed bedroom door at the suspect. The shot hit the suspect in the knee, incapacitating him, and police were soon called to the scene.

Witnesses filmed the event and posted video to social media, which showed arriving officers removing an injured man, who was bleeding profusely from his left knee, from the house. Neighbor Heath Horvat told 8 News Now what he heard that night. He was awakened from his sleep by loud noises and then heard "some yelling, and then I hear a pop, then a second pop, and then I hear someone yelling 'Call Vegas PD! Call Vegas PD!' Las Vegas Metro Police later identified the suspect as 28-year-old David Valle. Valle was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment and later charged with one count of burglary while possessing a gun/deadly weapon and three counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Investigators are still looking into what might have been the motive, but neighbors feel that the man's wild behavior and the fact that he was barefoot and shirtless might suggest drugs or mental-health problems. "He was disturbed, obviously. We don't know with drugs or what it was.... I was shocked," Horvat told 8 News Now. The station concluded its story by explaining that neighbors are banding together to watch out for one another in their neighborhood due to rising crime, and that some neighbors even said they're planning to soon purchase a gun for self-defense.

Twitch Streamer Reportedly Shoots Intruder

A Twitch streamer was allegedly victimized by a home break-in while he was live-streaming himself playing a video game. Sportkeeda reported on October 24 that streamer "MattDamnit" took a break from playing a video game to check on the sound of glass breaking. While the video stream just shows his empty chair, "Matt" can be heard yelling "get the [expletive] out of here!" before what sounds like multiple gunshots. Then there are sounds of people yelling, followed by police sirens, before "Matt" returns to turn his stream off.

The story wasn't verified by local police or any news stations, although many websites that cover video-game streaming reported on it.

A Man's Home Is His Castle

Lehigh Valley Regional News reported on October 19 about a local district attorney's determination that a shooting earlier in the year was justifiable self-defense under the state's castle doctrine. The shooting happened in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on July 9 when tempers flared and a violent fight broke out, which eventually turned deadly.

Lehigh County District Attorney Jim Martin issued a press release explaining why the shooting was justified. Martin said that 37-year-old Edwin Diaz-Rivera got into an argument with an occupant of the house on July 9 and physically assaulted the man. Diaz-Rivera told the man that he was going to get other men and weapons and return to further harm the victim. He returned a few minutes later with other men and forced his way into the house, where he physically attacked the same victim and threw the man through a glass coffee table. Another occupant of the house, who was lawfully armed, pulled out a gun and shot Diaz-Rivera, fatally wounding him. Police were called to the scene, and the wounded suspect was transported for medical treatment. He was later pronounced dead.

District Attorney Martin based his findings on an investigation by the Allentown Police Department and the Lehigh County Homicide Task Force. He also said that the

autopsy showed Diaz-Rivera had alcohol and marijuana in his system at the time of the shooting. Martin wrote in his press release that under the state's castle doctrine, a "person is presumed to have a reasonable belief that deadly force is immediately necessary to protect himself against death or serious bodily injury when the person against whom the force is used is in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering, or has unlawfully and forcefully entered and is present within a dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle, and the person has reason to believe the unlawful and forceful entry or act is occurring or has occurred."

Martin said both the physical evidence and witness accounts corroborated the victim's claim that Diaz-Rivera entered the house by force and was using deadly force against him when he was shot. As Martin explained, "The entry by force and the continual use of force occurred at and in the home and therefore the shooting is justified under the 'Castle Doctrine.'"

Armed for Worship

The *Washington Examiner* reported on October 21 about a federal judge in New York who granted a temporary restraining order against a New York law that prohibited carrying guns in "places of worship." The judge, who was appointed by President Trump, wrote that the "Constitution requires that individuals be permitted to use handguns for the core lawful purpose of self-defense.... New York's exclusion violates 'the general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense.' It, too, is one of the policy choices taken 'off the table' by the Second Amendment." The judge ultimately concluded that the recently passed law, which prohibited guns at churches and similar institutions, was not constitutional.

The lawsuit was brought by two religious leaders who desperately want to "exercise their fundamental individual right to bear arms" at their respective churches to protect churchgoers. The judge's decision allows people attending religious services to lawfully carry concealed for the time being, but the case is not over, as the parties are soon slated to return to court. ■

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Black Lies Matter

by Alex Newman

Uncle Tom II: An American Odyssey, Malone Pictures, 2022, DVD, 114 minutes.

Americans, especially black Americans, have been lied to on a massive scale as part of a war on the nation, and it is literally ripping society apart — by design. But a critical new documentary, *Uncle Tom II*, sets the historical record straight using truth bombs in a way no film on the topic has done before. It has the potential to totally transform national discourse and even the nation itself if the message gets out far enough.

Using compelling interviews with extraordinary black voices combined with rare footage, words, and images of life in black America from as far back as the Civil War, this explosive documentary explores the true history of black success in America that has been deliberately suppressed. *Uncle Tom II* shows that black Americans, after emerging from slavery, were blessed with strong families and strong churches and rapidly began to prosper. Despite the hardships they faced, black Americans were quickly becoming educated and wealthy as they worked hard to improve their situation.



Inspired by leaders such as Booker T. Washington and his mindset of hard work and education as outlined in his book *Up From Slavery*, newly freed black Americans were finding their place as God-fearing, free, and patriotic people in the United States. The progress they were making in literacy and entrepreneurial activity was unparalleled in its scope and speed. The film shows many examples of black-owned businesses, strong families, and prosperous neighborhoods that have been all but wiped from America's collective memory — on purpose.

Not everyone was happy about these developments. In fact, the film exposes the deliberate Marxist targeting of the black community — and the United States itself — as part of an effort to destroy and fundamentally transform not just black America, but also the nation and the world. The consequences are unveiled in all their horror throughout the film, using evidence and video footage that very few Americans have ever seen.

Perhaps most importantly, *Uncle Tom II* tells the story of how so many black Americans were turned against each other and their own nation — and how the resulting destruction is now being used to turn America against itself with charges of “systemic racism” and “white supremacy.” Millions of unwitting black Americans were literally weaponized against their nation and their neighbors by evil forces determined to undermine not just black success, but America itself. And the film proves it beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Several key characters emerge in the saga. As communist voices such as W.E.B. Du Bois and other anti-American agitators grew stronger — in many cases aided by foreign communists — the film shows, the incredible progress black Americans were making was not just stopped, but radically reversed. As families disintegrated and chaos, anger, hatred, and resentment exploded, the black community suffered tremendously, as did the nation. This was

all by design, as the film shows and documents extensively.

The documentary includes amazing footage to support its premise that unseen forces behind the scenes are at work. For instance, a key (non-black) figure behind the infamous Black Lives Matter movement and its Marxist leaders is featured openly discussing the benefits of using black people and other minorities to advance the subversive agenda. Simply showing this footage to Americans could forever neutralize much of the evil being wrought in the nation by BLM and other subversive organizations, as well as by their allies in government and media.

Also featured in the film is vintage footage of legendary anti-communist G. Edward Griffin exposing communist subversion in the United States that will be very familiar to faithful readers of *The New American* magazine and longtime members of The John Birch Society. In fact, many of the arguments and facts highlighted in the movie have been found in few other sources over the decades, making the film all the more important as it gets this critical information out to a broad audience.

Perhaps even more importantly, the film uncovers the shadowy subversive forces behind the lies that have turned large swaths of several generations of Americans — especially black Americans — against their own nation and its constitu-

tional system of limited government. Even Marxist efforts to use and co-opt the Civil Rights movement — and some of the key figures around Martin Luther King, Jr. — are scrutinized in light of the Marxist effort to divide and conquer America.

The creators of the film argue that Marxist subversives are actually employing a strategy that involves using black America as “the driving tool of destruction,” as they put it in the summary. While these forces are behind much of the chaos and unrest that is enveloping the world and all mankind, Marxist infiltration of black institutions such as churches and the black community at large were the tip of the spear in the United States.

Controversially, *Uncle Tom II* shows that the gradual destruction of the black family and the corruption of the church in the black community were deliberate and systematic. Indeed, the use of black pastors and preachers, highly respected in their communities, has long been an important tactic of Marxist forces.

The religious implications of all this are examined, too, with Christianity being gradually supplanted by what world-renowned Pastor Voddie Baucham describes as a new (and obviously false) “religion.” In the film, Baucham, whose book *Fault Lines* exposing critical race theory was reviewed earlier this year in these pages by this writer, offers some of the most incisive commentary on these critical issues that can be found anywhere.

The film is made from an explicitly Christian perspective, and it details the dangerous effort to have government supplant God and family, first in the black community but eventually everywhere. Ultimately, a return to biblical principles and morals — on sexuality, education, marriage, family, church, community, and more — is the only true remedy for turning the tide and stopping the assault on all Americans.

The film features incredible interviews with some of the greatest minds in America today — all of them of African heritage — including many who will be very familiar to regular readers of this magazine and viewers of *TNA*’s video programs. Among them are popular radio host Jesse Lee Peterson, longtime academic Dr. Carol Swain, former Congressman Colonel Allen B. West, Pastor Stephen Broden, and Dr. Ben Carson.

In an interview with *The New American*, director Justin Malone and producer Chad Jackson explained why they made the film and what was really at stake. “Their goal was socialism, to use racial exploitation for the purpose of bringing in socialism,” Jackson explained about the sinister forces behind the scenes.

“In order to make these Black elites notable and relevant in the Black community, they sought to sabotage and undermine folks like Booker T. Washington who did have genuine influence, especially in the Black South.”

In this historic film, which builds on the wildly popular film *Uncle Tom* (2020), executive producer Larry Elder and director Justin Malone fearlessly tackle these taboo subjects and many more. This writer believes the film may be one of the most important documentaries ever made — not just on this subject, but on any topic. The weaponization of “race” has been one of the most effective tools in dividing and conquering America. This film offers the antidote.

If enough Americans see it, the increased knowledge and understanding would neutralize many of the plans and schemes of the insiders for generations to come. The experience would also bring unprecedented unity to Americans of all colors under the principles our nation was founded upon — the worst nightmare of the Marxists, technocrats, monopoly capi-



talists, and globalists seeking to divide and conquer America. Watch it and share it today at UncleTom.com. ■

Unmasking “America’s Doctor”

by Veronika Kyrylenko

The Real Anthony Fauci: The Movie,
Freedom Platform TV, 2022, 70 minutes.

Part 1 of “The Real Anthony Fauci: The Movie” is a captivating, gut-wrenching cinematic adaptation of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s bestselling book *The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health*.

In a nutshell, Kennedy’s documentary is about the real-life supervillains who ravaged global public health. As suggested by the title, Dr. Anthony Fauci is a central figure in the narrative, but there are others just as evil. Fauci’s close ally, as shown in the movie, is a eugenicist obsessed with population control — Bill Gates, a “philanthropist” who, using his wealth and influence, pushes the needle

of vaccines and toxic treatments around the globe.

The movie, in essence, is an explicit and well-researched explanation of why Americans got sicker under Fauci’s half-century reign as the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and why the Covid pandemic response was a failure of epic proportions that cost millions of lives lost to lockdowns, undertreatment of the sick at the onset, poisoning of the sick with toxic drugs promoted by Fauci, and Covid concoctions commonly referred to as “vaccines.”

Before Fauci, American health was on the rise. As Kennedy writes in his book,

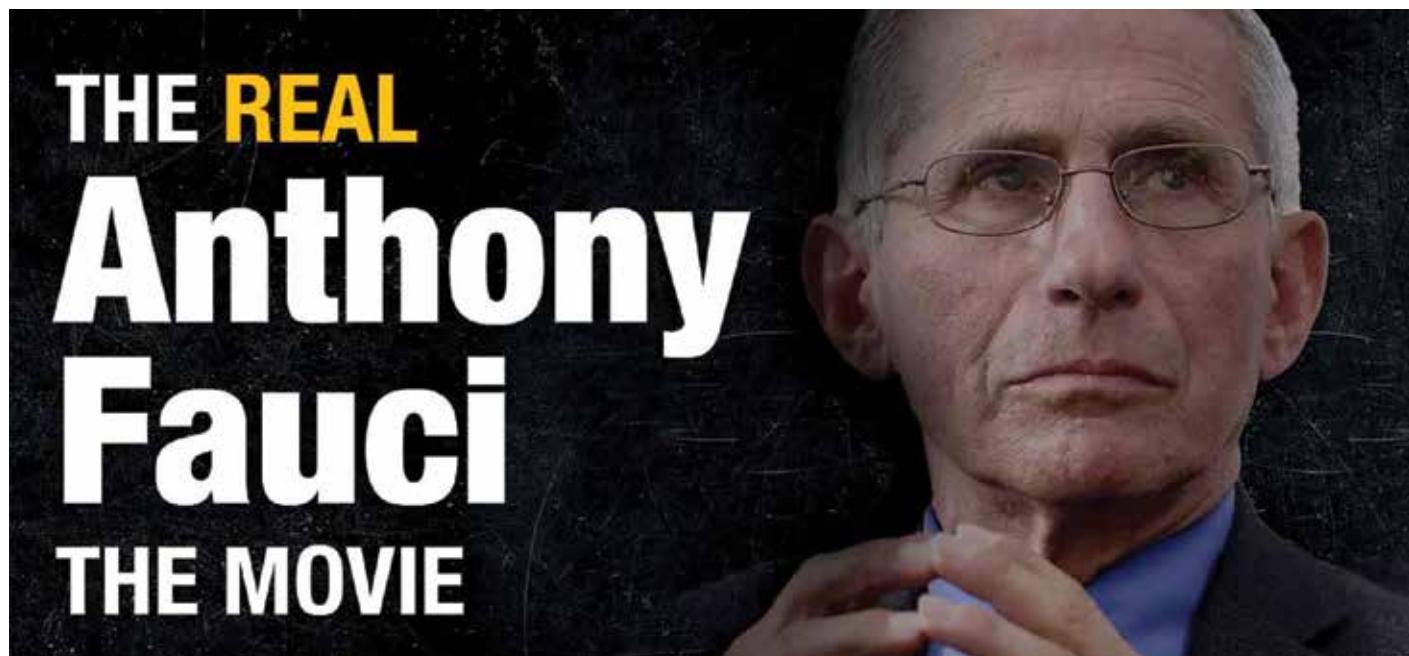
When Dr. Fauci assumed his leadership of NIAID, the agency was a backwater. Allergic and autoimmune disorders were hardly a factor in American life. Peanut allergies, asthma, and autoimmune diseases (e.g., diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis) were still so rare that their occasional occurrences in schoolchildren were novelties. Most Americans had never seen a child with autism ... [and] infectious diseases were no longer a significant cause of death in America.

Things went south under Fauci, who

was the one primarily responsible for the pervasive web of regulatory capture that became most apparent during the Covid pandemic. Opening the movie, Kennedy, a life-long Democrat whose family has had a long engagement with public-health agencies, states that he tried to make sense of how these “idealistic institutions” that were to “safeguard both public health and democracy, suddenly turned against our citizens and our values with such violence.”

The movie particularly reminds viewers of the way of life the government has imposed on us for the past few years by putting it in the context of the hypocrisy and outright lies that were told. One of the starker examples is the way Americans, the youngest children included, were forced into masks, the effectiveness of which was never proven and which were previously dismissed as useless by the very authorities who ruthlessly pushed them on young and old alike.

Watching clips of elementary school students sitting behind Plexiglas, separated from each other and masked; or residents of nursing homes crying because of being prohibited from hugging their children and grandchildren; followed by clips of ritzy celebrity gatherings where the VIPs mingle, dance, and drink and are served by masked waiters, is blood-boiling. Such scenes are depressing, but they



are worth seeing if we want to keep the government from putting us through this dystopia again — as they well might try.

Given the “pandemic of the vaccinated” and the chilling probability of new pandemics and epidemics to be unleashed on the vaccinated — whose immune systems have been ravaged by the jabs — the chances that governments worldwide will shut down societies and mandate masks and jabs again are rather high.

Another heartbreakingly important point made in the documentary is how Fauci and the federal agencies withheld early treatments such as hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin from Americans, which resulted in a burden of unnecessary deaths. The media that ridiculed those using widely available and extensively used drugs while senselessly parroting the official message have contributed to this tragedy. Despite the number of Covid patients still dying in hospitals from ventilators and toxic remdesivir, the latter is still considered the “standard of care” by the government.

Further, Kennedy touches on the unsettling involvement of Fauci (along with his boss at the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Francis Collins) and World Economic Forum members in the creation of the virus at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and observes that Western intelligence agencies were “protecting the lab from nosy investigators.” The assumption that officials at the highest levels of government were engaged in the risky research and then covered it up is frightening. (One may recall how it was dubbed a dangerous “conspiracy theory” by all the talking heads in the legacy media.) The virus did not “come from nature” or the “wet market,” as we were told time and again. It was carefully engineered to be more lethal. The viewer is left wondering if it really “leaked” accidentally or if it was let loose on purpose.

When the documentary gets to the point of how the gene therapeutics commonly referred to as

“vaccines” arrived and parts of the public, especially the elderly, were terrified enough of the virus to get them despite the “warp speed” at which they were developed and barely tested, one may feel nauseous. Those who are brave enough to look at the number and range of the known side effects of the shots know that this is one of the centerpieces of the great die-off unleashed on the global population.

“Early on, when the vaccine rollout began, we began to see a wave of deaths, particularly in seniors, who were the first to get the vaccine,” narrates Kennedy, continuing with a story of his acquaintance, Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron, who died 17 days after getting his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

As the rollout continued, other demographics were hit with the “sudden death” syndrome that is still being ignored by the government.

The major part of the documentary is dedicated to the close ties between Fauci

and Bill Gates and the pharmaceutical industry, and how the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation invests in Big Pharma as Fauci clears the way for the toxic drugs “scientifically,” pipelining them through the federal machinery and ravaging the lives of innocents along the way.

In the documentary, the viewers meet many of the heroic scientists, doctors, and activists who challenge the government propaganda and diktats, many of whom are familiar to readers of *The New American*. Among them are Vera Sharav, Naomi Wolf, and Drs. Robert Malone, Harvey Risch, Peter McCullough, Pierre Kory, Paul Marik, Stephanie Seneff, and Tess Lawrie.

The public needs to see this documentary because “it tells the truth,” said Dr. Paul Marik to *The New American*. The doctor, one of the most published critical care professionals in the world, was one of the pioneers of the Covid early treatment protocols that used repurposed drugs at the

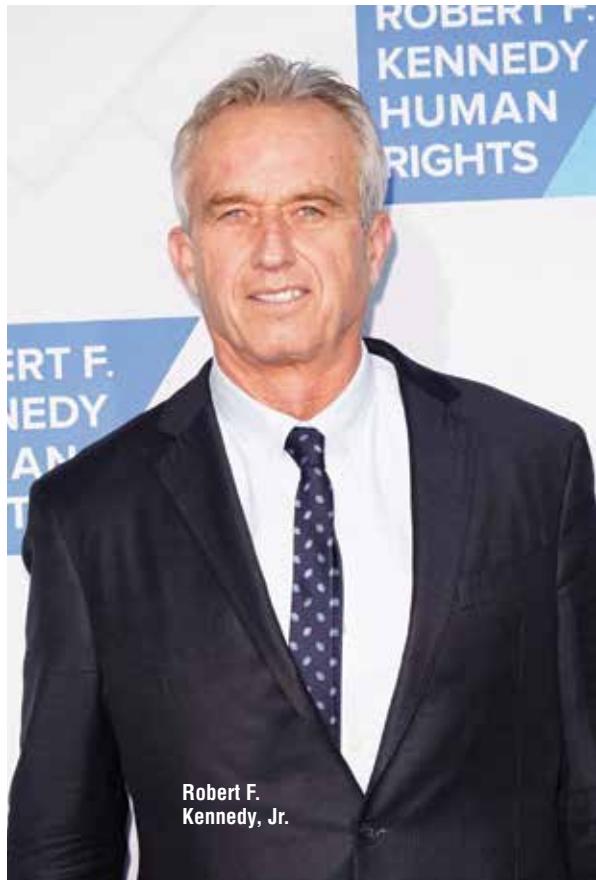
Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC).

Dr. Pierre Kory, FLCCC’s co-founder and president, added, “I applaud RFK Jr. for his efforts to hold Fauci accountable,” noting that Fauci “embodies everything that is wrong with our public health system.”

“This movie, and even more so the book on which it is based, is the definitive work opening to public view the massive, nefarious, corrupt actions of the Pharma-Government Complex,” Dr. Risch said in a statement to *The New American*, “The public has a right to know what has been perpetrated on it.”

Risch also expressed his hope that “there will be a sequel to this film, interviewing all of the senators and representatives and government administrative heads who have been silent about this corruption or actively participated in it.”

While the chances of these people going on camera are slim, it would be even better to hear from them at the criminal tribunals that they so richly deserve. ■



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More Fossil Fuels = Brighter Future

by Steve Byas

Fossil Future: Why Global Human Flourishing Requires More Oil, Coal, and Natural Gas — Not Less, by Alex Epstein, New York: Portfolio/Penguin, 2022, 468 pages, hardcover.

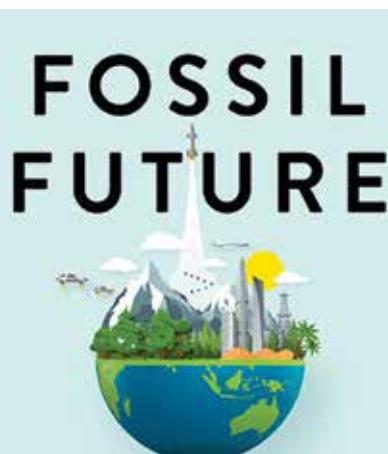
Nearly a decade ago, Alex Epstein bravely wrote a full-throated defense of fossil fuels in his *New York Times* bestseller *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. In this update, he has not backed off from his original thesis that fossil fuels — oil, coal, and natural gas — are, on the basis of morality, the fuels that the world needs to have more of, not less.

“The benefits of fossil fuels far outweigh the side-effects,” Epstein asserts. While he concedes that “fossil fuels have contributed to the one degree of warming in the past 170 years, climate-related deaths are at an all-time low.” This is because, by using fossil fuels, we have given populations a better chance of surviving the worst impacts of hurricanes, floods, droughts, and tornadoes. In fact, climate-related disaster deaths have declined by 98 percent over the past century.

Other writers who are pro-fossil fuels focus on demonstrating that the use of these fuels has very little impact on the globe’s overall average temperature, and that climate is cyclical. For example, many have noted that Vikings were farming in areas of Greenland during the Medieval Warm Period, where there are now sheets of ice. Certainly, they weren’t causing a global temperature rise back then by driving around in SUVs.

But that is not what Epstein’s book is about. Whatever negative impacts fossil fuels are having on the planet’s climate (if any), those negative impacts are far outweighed by the positives coal, oil, and natural gas have brought to human beings.

“Fossil-fueled development has brought global poverty to a record low,” Epstein writes. “Net-zero policy [onerous gov-



ernment controls to restrict fossil-fuel development and use to a static level], if implemented, would certainly be the most significant act of mass murder since killings of one hundred million people by communist regimes in the twentieth century.”

Epstein could have added that the same ideological fanaticism that produced the socialist tyrannies of the last century, such as the National Socialists in Germany and the communists in the Soviet Union, the People’s Republic of China, and the other smaller communist nations, is present in the radical environmental movement. It is no accident that many call the radical environmentalists *watermelon socialists* — because they are green on the outside and red on the inside.

And speaking of communism, Epstein contends that the current war on fossil fuels will result in an “indefinite delay of [the] world’s poorest places bringing themselves out of poverty,” and “will make China the world’s most powerful military.”

We would not merely have to drastically reduce our standard of living if fossil fuels were phased out. As Epstein states, “Elimination [of] fossil fuels use, if fully implemented, would have truly apocalyptic consequences,” leading to shorter life spans and inflicting “misery” on billions of people all over the world.

Of course, media-anointed “experts”

have been predicting dire consequences if we do not abandon fossil fuels. This is nothing new for them; they have been predicting environmental catastrophes for years. For example, in 1978, *The New York Times* wrote that an international “team of specialists finds no end in sight to a 30-year cooling trend in the northern hemisphere” caused by air pollution coming from the burning of fossil fuels. Paul Ehrlich wrote in 1971, “By the year 2000, the United Kingdom will be simply a small group of impoverished islands, inhabited by some 70 million hungry people.”

Then there was *Life* magazine, which in 1970 offered a very gloomy prophecy: “Because of particles emitted into the air by burning fossil fuels, ‘Scientists have solid experimental and theoretical evidence to support ... the following predictions: In a decade, urban dwellers will have to wear gas masks to survive air pollution.... By 1985, air pollution will have reduced the amount of sunlight reaching earth by one half.’”

Another fantastic prediction by Ehrlich, made in 1970, about water pollution: “The oceans will be as dead as Lake Erie in less than a decade.”

To all of this, Epstein retorts, “Regardless of what you believe about the impacts of rising CO₂ levels on the planet’s future, if you are knowledgeable about the state of the world today, you must acknowledge that more human beings are flourishing than at any point in history — and if you’re at all knowledgeable about the ways fossil fuels power our world, you must recognize the use of these fuels as a major contributor to our unprecedented level of human flourishing.”

Innocent-sounding terminology such as “going green” and “saving the planet” disguise the “anti-human impact of attacks on energy,” Epstein argues. He offers the example of the war on DDT — a chemical that saved millions of people from malaria — as another way that radical environmentalists have disregarded modern technology’s positive impact on saving lives and improving the quality of life. Epstein quotes anti-fossil fuel activist Bill McKibben, who argued that the goal should be a world in which human beings have less impact on the planet, and where “human happiness would be of secondary importance.” Biologist David Gruber



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voiced similar anti-human sentiments, contending that the only hope is for “the right virus to come along.”

And it is not just fossil fuels that these radicals oppose. They oppose nuclear power. They oppose developing nuclear fusion, mainly because it will *increase* the amount of energy available for human use. Paul Ehrlich said that if nuclear fusion was made possible on a broad scale, it would be “like giving a machine gun to an idiot child.” Similar sentiments have been expressed by Amory Lovins of the Rocky Mountain Institute. He said of nuclear fusion, “It would be little short of disastrous for us to discover a source of clean, abundant energy, because of what we might do with it.” The aforementioned Ehrlich said that “power is much too cheap. It should certainly be made more expensive.” He is not alone among the climate-alarmist “experts” in this assertion.

In blunt words, it appears that any fuel source that actually produces lots of energy should be opposed.

In addition to the positive benefits that fossil fuels (and nuclear fission and fusion) bring to humans, Epstein argues for the greater use of oil, coal, and natural gas because they are more cost-effective than so-called green energies such as solar and wind.

Epstein touts the “comparative ability of fossil fuels versus alternatives to produce the ultra-cost-effective energy human flourishing requires going forward.”

On the contrary, “Any attempt to replace these fuels requires not just the incredible feat of replacing them for today’s energy use but the even more incredible feat of replacing them for tomorrow’s far-greater needed energy use,” Epstein insists.

“Over three billion people,” Epstein explained, “live in what I call the unempowered world, where the average person uses less electricity than the average American refrigerator.”

The amount of electricity needed to empower the world’s population simply cannot be produced using “alternative” fuels such as wind, wood, water, tides, ocean currents, corn, sugarcane, and switchgrass. “All of these technologies have been pursued by engineers and entrepreneurs for over fifty years — often much longer,” according to Epstein. He offers examples, including that the first solar cells converting sunlight to electricity were developed in the late 1800s, as were the first turbines used to convert wind to electricity. Also, electric vehicles appeared in the late 1800s, and the first ethanol engine was developed in 1826.

The reason that fossil fuels are used more

often is because they are more cost-effective — much more so. Every major economy today depends heavily on fossil fuels to maintain a modern standard of living for human beings, including Japan, which has no fossil-fuel reserves. This is not because governments favor fossil fuels over other methods of producing energy. Far from it. In fact, governments have heavily subsidized wind, solar, and other forms of “green energy,” while government officials such as our own President Joe Biden have openly attacked the oil, gas, and coal industries.

These radicals sound clueless and almost as if they are producing a comedy skit, but this is no laughing matter. They are not clueless; they are intentional. Before it is too late, Americans (and people around the globe) need to oppose the radical schemes of these people. As Epstein says, “As long as the public remains clueless about the fundamental and unique benefits of fossil fuels, eliminating carbon dioxide emissions will seem like a low-cost or even costless goal.”

Their plan is for you to reduce your lifestyle — or even die when the “right virus comes along.” They want you to live in smaller dwellings, cut way back on transportation, and, in the latest push, eat bugs, supposedly to reduce your carbon “footprint.” ■

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The Crumbling Covid Narrative Means **Freedom Is the Cure**

Being a student of the history of government abuses tends to come with the territory as a member of The John Birch Society. Many times, prospects come to be members when they encounter government abuse and seek solutions, finding our organization.

Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with The John Birch Society, *The New American* has been a key partner in delivering the truth to Americans and beyond. When Covid hit, the world went into panic mode thanks largely to the propaganda machine that governments and tyrants of all stripes employed to set themselves up as the go-to experts to make it easier to strip away fundamental God-given rights.

The New American demonstrated leadership in delivering the truth by casting a wary eye and giving voice to many experts who had concerns over the recommended protocol, including the late Dr. Vladimir Zelenko, Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai, and many others.

The New American paved the way for common sense with such issues as *Freedom Is the Cure*, *Forced Vaccines and Digital IDs*, *Dissenting From the Panic Attack*, *The War on Hydroxychloroquine*, and *Lockdown Madness*, all of which were published in 2020! *The New American* was just getting started, as much more followed in 2021 and 2022.

In the *Freedom Is the Cure* Special Report, a rather salient article by senior editor William F. Jasper exposed why Covid was being hyped. The headline read, “Coronavirus as Gateway to ‘Global Health Governance,’” and the article covered some of the propaganda’s players, including the Council on Foreign Relations and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The article rightly concluded that these players were “fomenting and using the current coronavirus panic to build the ‘global governance’ world-government scheme that the CFR and its globalist allies have been pushing for the past century.”

Now, nearly three years into Covid-19, the official narrative continues to unravel on a regular basis. Drs. Robert and Jill Malone track this at their Substack account, including the controversy around what is a Covid death, the deaths caused by following WHO/CDC protocol, the risks of the Covid shots,



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the developing aftermath of the shots, the promoting of unlicensed vaccines, the Pfizer admission of not testing for transmission, and the list goes on and on.

Let’s throw out a truth pill that’s going to be hard to swallow and taste horrible: The abuses of government only go as far as We The People allow. Elected officials are a direct reflection of those who put them into office. In 1876, Congressman James Garfield echoed this when he said, “Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption. If it be intel-

ligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them.”

Ouch! The “pandemic” has helped to demonstrate this very concept. Where the electorate knew of the constitutional tools to overcome tyranny, the local effects of unconstitutional lockdowns and mask and “vaccine” mandates were largely mitigated. Government abuses happen because many Americans just do not know the limitations of the various levels of government that are supposed to serve them. The late Congressman Pete Stark (D-Calif.) uttered a phrase that illustrates the very mess America is in. At a town hall meeting in July 2010, he said, “The federal government … can do most anything in this country.” Unfortunately, without We The People holding elected officials accountable, and since other checks and balances are not working as the Founding Fathers intended, Congressman Stark is indeed correct. But an active and knowledgeable We The People can prove him wrong.

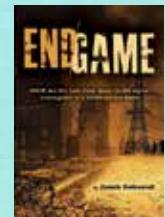
Our system of government is not broken; it is simply not being utilized properly. Limitations on government power are not being obeyed. We The People had better learn our respective role in government, because you can bet that the next “pandemic” won’t be far away, and that future crises will lead to more government abuses, as well as global governance.

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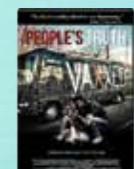
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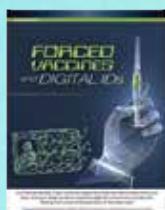
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