

WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL NEWSPAPER YOU ARE READING HISTORY IN THE MAKING

From forbidden fruits to verboten topics: D-Day for religion?



By Curtis Dahlgren "Dogma lives loudly in you." – Senator Dianne Feinstein, to a (Christian) judicial candidate EVEN PEOPLE IN LALA LAND CAN SEE that it's gone loony. Harvey Weinstein wasn't the only snake out there. By the way, snakes and the apple got a bad rap in Paradise (my family raised apples). Something was lost in the translation. The "fruit" of the tree could be plural and symbolize all kinds of fruits from age to age. Anything from excessive vodka to sex in Lala Land to cotton candy, crack, and OPM.* Self-destructive habits. The very first lie was "You shall not die" (the guy who sipped brake fluid died because he

couldn't stop). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that the fetus is nothing but "a blob of tissue" (a lie). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that parents can't opt their kids out of your sex indoctrination "classes" (they're not using just bananas and cucumbers anymore for condom demonstrations). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that people can use any shower room they "prefer." Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that nude bike rides and gay prides are evidence of progress (pride still goes before a fall, and winter is coming). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that there is "life devoid of value" (the German rationalists said that a hundred years ago, and look where that took them). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that statements of conscience are forbidden by law. Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that freedom from religion trumps freedom OF religion and its public expression. Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that we must keep faith "separate" and private (castigated, squelched, and bastardized). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that we can't even utter the name of our God, but "Allah" is okay. Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say we can't even give an opinion on issues such as evolution, climate change, connection between abortion and breast cancer, the true percentage of homosexuals, or a Fourth Dimension and more than five senses. Or Intelligent Design. Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say that your dogmas are "correct" but ours are "discriminatory." Your dogma lives loudly in you when you say "You didn't build that" and (*) steal Other People's Money, by calling yourself a "service" (the Internal Revenue Service). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you approve a Watergate-in-reverse (done electronically instead of by burglars). Your dogma lives loudly in you when you project your own mental pathology upon our President, who won fair and square. We could say more, but – Jimminy Crickets – where'd we go wrong? How long Eternal, how long? P.S. It's easy to see where we went wrong when you find out what your "tenured" professors are spewing forth. An example or two: "We need to think very, very clearly who the enemy is. The enemy is the United States of America and everyone who supports it." – Haunani-Kay Trask, U. of Hawaii "Thanksgiving is the day the dominant white culture celebrates the beginning of a genocide that was, in fact, blessed by the men we hold up as our heroic founding fathers . . . [who had] moral values and political views virtually identical to Nazis?" – Robert Jensen, U. of Texas-Austin PPS: A few more for good measure: "I want Wayne LaPierre's head on a stick." – Erik Loomis, U. of Rhode Island "My experience has been that the majority of activists have stayed the course [the "kampf"], devoted to overthrowing everything hateful about this government and corporate structure . . ." – Berardine Dohrn, Northwestern U. "Kill all the rich people. Break up their cars and apartments. Bring the revolution home." – Bill Ayres, U. of Chicago MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, ONE DAY AT A TIME?

MANCHIN PRESSES ADMINISTRATION ON EFFORTS TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR WEST VIRGINIA SENIORS

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), along with his colleagues, urged the administration to take immediate action on pharmacy direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fee reforms to reduce prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries. In a letter to President Donald Trump, the senators expressed disappointment that DIR reform was not included in the recently finalized Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rule—despite being included in the proposed rule—and urged the administration to "move forward with efforts to deliver seniors real relief from rising prescription drug costs." The Senators said in part: "While we commend the administration for your goal to reduce seniors' out of pocket costs for prescription drugs, we believe that finalizing [the Modernizing Part D and Medicare Advantage to Lower Drug Prices and Reduce Out of Pocket Expenses] rule without including DIR reform is a missed opportunity to deliver real cost savings to Medicare beneficiaries. Without DIR reform, another year could pass before seniors see drug prices lowered at the pharmacy counter." The letter was also signed by Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Jon Tester (D-MT), James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Tom Carper (D-Del.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), John Thune (R-S.D.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Angus King (I-Maine), Bill Cassidy, MD (R-La.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), David Perdue (R-Ga.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), John Kennedy (R-La.), Doug Jones (D-Ala.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.). The full letter is can be read here and below: Dear Mr. President, We write today to express our disappointment that the recently finalized Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) rule, Modernizing Part D and Medicare Advantage to Lower Drug Prices and Reduce Out of Pocket Expenses (CMS-4180-F), failed to finalize the pharmacy direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fee reform for plan year 2020, as included in CMS's original proposal. While we commend the administration for your goal to reduce seniors' out of pocket costs for prescription drugs, we believe that finalizing this rule without including DIR reform is a missed opportunity to deliver real cost savings to Medicare beneficiaries. Without DIR reform, another year could pass before seniors see drug prices lowered at the pharmacy counter. As CMS itself cited in the proposed rule, DIR fees on pharmacies participating in Part D grew by 45,000 percent between 2010 and 2017. This increase is unacceptable and unsustainable, and creates uncertainty not only for community and specialty pharmacies but also for the patients who rely on Part D prescription drugs. Until pharmacy DIR fee reform occurs, seniors will continue to pay higher cost-sharing for their prescription drugs. CMS estimated that these reforms would have saved Medicare beneficiaries between \$7.1 and \$9.2 billion in cost sharing over the next ten years. For these reasons, we continue to encourage the administration to move forward with efforts to deliver seniors real relief from rising prescription drug costs. We stand ready to work with you to determine how we can adopt this relief this year.



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"I live a dream in a nightmare world" SHOULD TRUMP SHUT DOWN CNN?

In a free and democratic society the press has to have the freedom to ask the right question and subsequently report on the results without fear of persecution and or reprisal from anyone. If this is to stand true. Then the press has a responsibility to uphold standards of reporting by being fair and open. By not having angles on particulars based on agendas. It appears that in modern day time. Some in the press have sold out. They project themselves as kings of journalism integrity when in reality they are scoundrels hiding behind privileges reserved for true journalist. I can't understand how CNN gets away with it. We in the press are not to make the news. We are to report it. CNN in it's blind quest to find anything on the president of the United States has taken more of a an attack approach. Making public accusation and assumptions that border on slader and libelous. Their panel of so called experts are clearly hand picked in order to misinform the general public. CNN constant attack on the president can be seen as anti-American. The world is watching and following U.S. antics with disgust. America is projecting a bad image. The Champions of democracy are out and finger pointing on trivial things...Things that in most countries would not even be an issue. As a democratic nation we should be behind our president not constantly questioning him. The man has proven time and time again that he is a winner. That he gets the job done. The Russian investigation has come and gone... CNN keeps harping on it... why don't they look at China and their infiltration into our country. No Russia sounds more damaging. Why is it that CNN is not reporting on what happened to ISIS since Trump took office. How Russia and America worked side by side to combat evil and won. How about reporting on the state of the economy. Or how Trump single handed destroyed the democratic party and rebuild the republicans. No instead CNN takes it to the border. A border that is a problem. Look at the influx of people from Central America. Would it be right to just let them walk in? Would it make more sense to just open the border to all? Without borders you have no country. Why so much hate coming from CNN? Would Trump be justified in closing down CNN? Would he run into constitutional challenges? Better yet. Knowing Trump. The best thing would be to just do nothing and let CNN continue to run itself into the ground. It makes sense. We live in an era of confusion. A voiced minority controls a silent majority that governs. Social change is coming and we are bombarded by misinformation and the constant barrage of fear mongering. America the last empire. Will it survive the shock to it's values. Have we made a mistake in the name of freedom and over welcomed acceptance over common sense? We the people need to look at where we are going. Where we have been and how we can change the future for the betterment of all mankind. As it stands. We must change the way we project ourselves and extend our attention to preserving all that is important and envy world wide. We are number one for a reason. CNN is exposing why we are not. Should Trump close them down?

GOV. JUSTICE ANNOUNCES BEST JOB RATE IN WEST VIRGINIA IN 11 YEARS

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announces that job numbers for April 2019 show the state's unemployment rate has dropped to 4.2 percent – the best rate seen in West Virginia since 2008.

"When you think back to when I walked in the door, we were in really hard times," Gov. Justice said. "To see how far we've come, to where we're getting more and more good-paying jobs every day for so many hard-working West Virginians, it's truly incredible."

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment numbers, compiled by WorkForce WV, show that job rates improved in 54 of the state's 55 counties in the month of April. Counties reporting unemployment rates at or below 3 percent are Jackson County (3 percent) and Jefferson County (2.5 percent).

"We're bringing new businesses into our great state all the time and they're bringing new jobs along with them and boosting West Virginia's economy like never before," Gov. Justice said. "We have record-setting job growth and record-setting surpluses almost every month, it's a great time to work and live in West Virginia."

To view the County Labor Force Summary for April, now available on the WorkForce West Virginia website, click HERE.

"Employers are taking advantage of the aspects of West Virginia that deliver competitive advantages for their businesses," West Virginia Commerce Secretary Ed Gaunch said. "Favorable cost of doing business, access to markets and a hard-working, skilled workforce are creating momentum in West Virginia."

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