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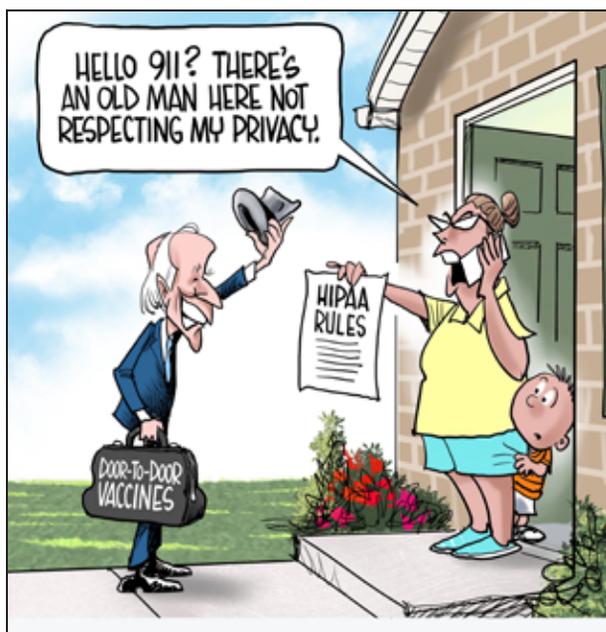
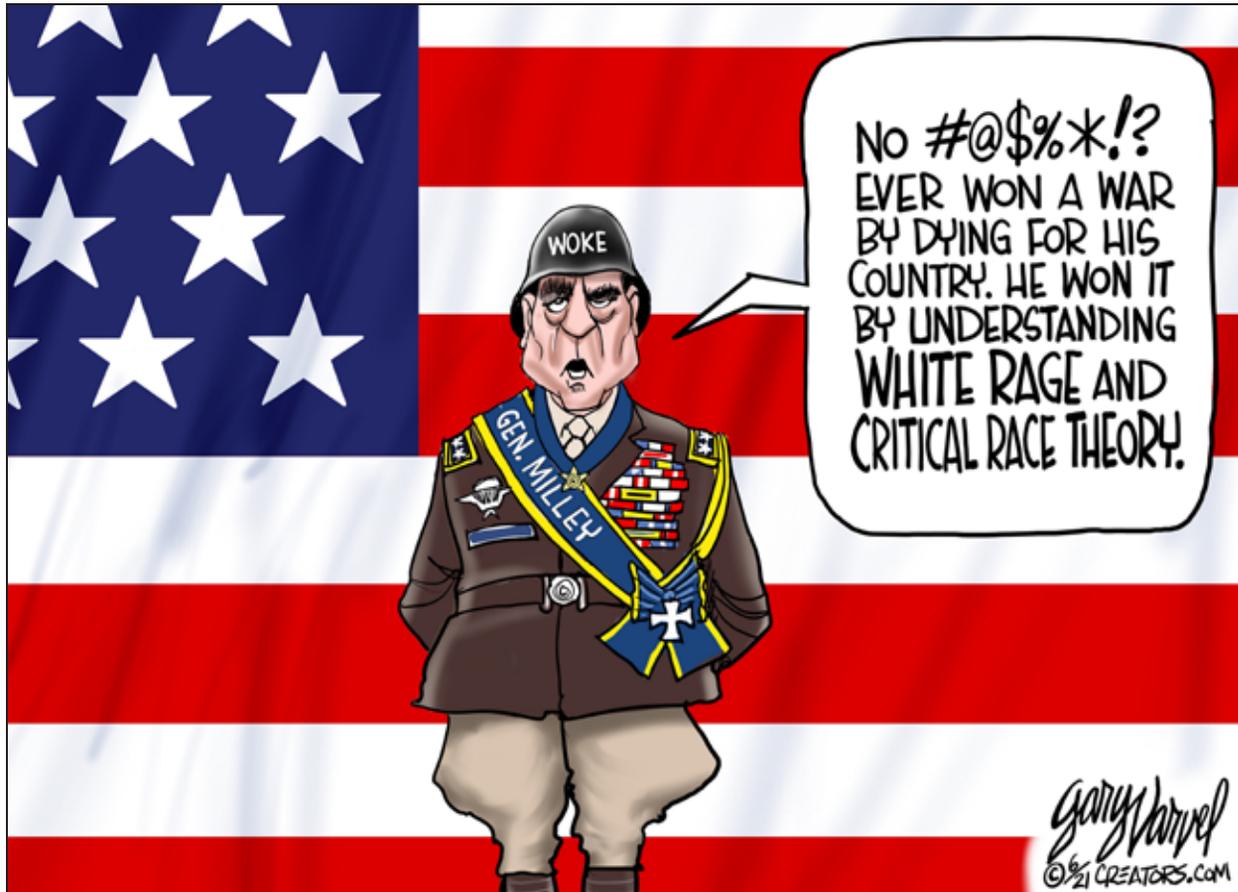
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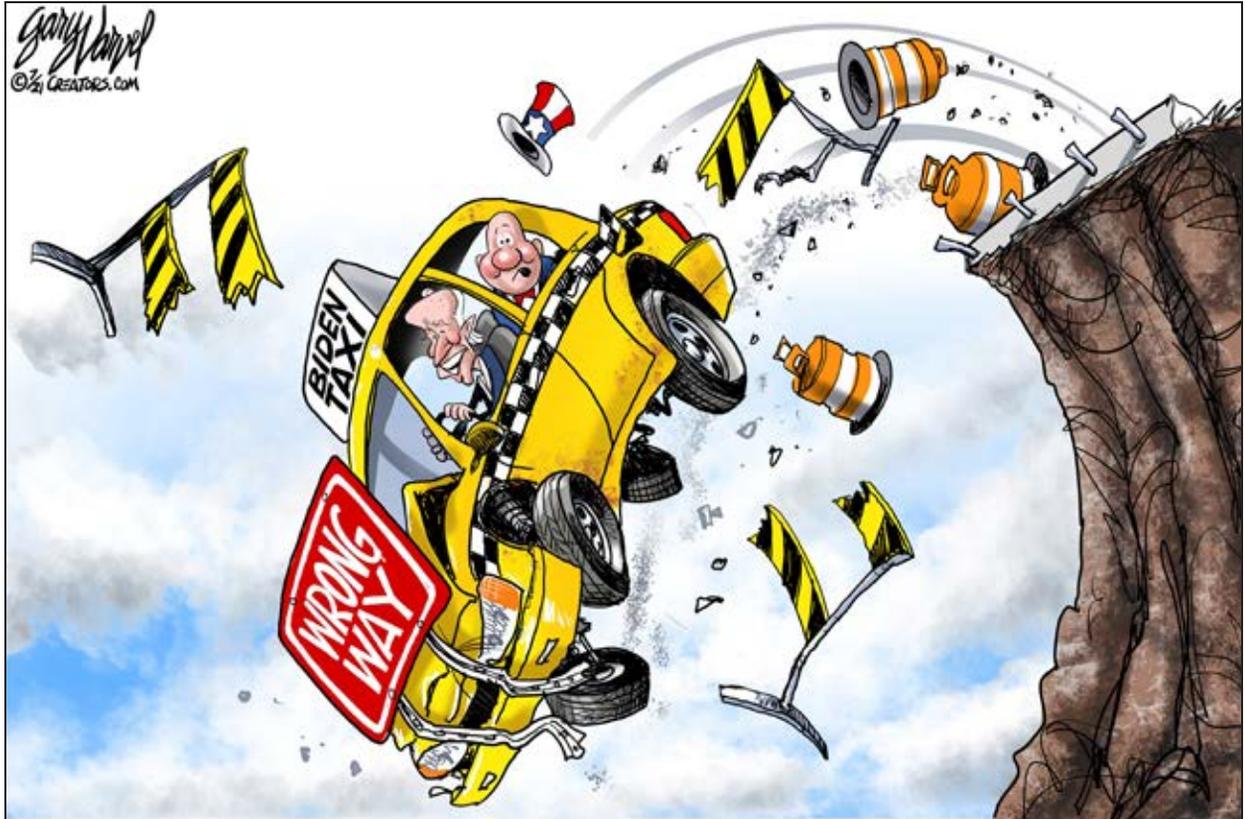
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## CANCEL CULTURE AND WOKENESS WILL DESTROY OUR COUNTRY

The enabling tool of what we call "cancel culture" or "wokeness" is language. People are put in categories to which names are assigned, and this supposedly captures who they are and what should be done with them politically.

Unfortunately, the whole business of racial identification and categorization is not about advancing the quality of the human condition and human dignity but about progressive politics.

The left puts people in racial categories as instruments toward their political agenda.

In 1977, the Federal Interagency Committee on Education produced a five-race classification for the American population: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, White and Hispanic.

These categories, over time, continued to undergo changes and refinements.

The Hispanic category emerged in the 1970s, and the legislation described this group as "Americans who identify themselves as being of Spanish-speaking background and trace their origin or descent from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central and South America, and other Spanish-speaking countries." So, an American with roots in Spain and an American with roots in Peru wind up in the same category because their country of origin was Spanish-speaking.

Hispanic is neither race nor ethnicity. It is a category of political design, including individuals from 20-plus countries, with no commonality other

than the language their grandparents spoke.

In the 2020 census, there are 19 different possibilities for self-categorization.

In both the white and Black categories, filers are now asked to respond to additional questions regarding their country of origin.

The strangest part of the emergence of this movement as a political force is that it constitutes everything that supposedly is undesirable that we want to eliminate. Racism. Is it any less racism if I conclude who a person is and what they are about based on whether they are white or Black? Yet, here we are with a good part of our nation mobilized, adopting the disease that we all thought we were trying to eliminate as its cure.

Last weekend, I came across a beautiful short video of the great Nobel laureate in physics, Richard Feynman, talking about knowledge.

Feynman began his legendary career working on the Manhattan Project, which developed the first atomic bomb, and finished as a member of the commission that investigated the cause of the fatal explosion of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

The video starts with the headline "Names Don't Constitute Knowledge."

Feynman recalls walking through a park with his father and his father telling him the names of different birds in different languages. In the end, notes Feynman, you know what different people around the world call the same bird, but you know absolutely nothing about the bird.

Consider what Feynman tells us in his observation that "names don't constitute knowledge."

If we look in the Bible in the Book of Genesis, it says, "God had formed out of the ground every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call each one; and whatever the man called each living creature, that remained its name. And the man assigned names to all the cattle and to the birds of the sky."

Man does not create reality. He just names it.

Politics is the opposite. Rather than naming a reality that precedes him, of which he is a part, the progressive political man pretends to create reality with his language and names.

America was founded to be a free nation under God. Our government was not designed to replace God, but to be subservient to God.

The so-called enlightened theory of wokeness will reduce America to a weak, balkanized country where everyone is at his neighbor's throat, rather than unique individuals cooperating in unity to produce greatness.

Speech must be free -- not politically canceled -- and used in the pursuit of truth.

A close-up, vertical view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is slightly blurred, giving it a sense of movement. The colors are vibrant, with a deep blue field containing white stars and red and white stripes.

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## THE DEMOCRAT PARTY MAY SOON DISAPPEAR.

I know. I know. The dominant narrative in the establishment media today is that the Republican party is falling apart, tearing itself into pieces and about to descend into irrelevance.

Most of these recent articles are largely plagiarized from articles written after Goldwater lost in 1964, again after Watergate in 1974, again in 1992 when Bill Clinton won the presidency and in 2008 when Barack Obama and the Democrats won the House, Senate and White House.

Previous predictions of the end of the modern, read conservative, Republican party -- one that stood for lower taxes, controlling spending, less regulation and a serious national defense—were embarrassed by the Reagan victory in 1980. They looked silly (again) when the GOP won the House and Senate in 1994, two years into Clinton's presidency and again in 2010, two years into Obama's "forever" presidency when the GOP won back the House and seized six Senate seats.

So how is the Republican party doing in 2021?

In the US Senate, Republicans hold 50 seats. Democrats also have 50.

In the US House, Republicans have 211 seats, Democrats hold 219. Five seats are open at present. A gain of five or more House seats in 2021 would give the GOP control of the House.

In the 50 states, Republicans have full control of 23 states: the governorship and both houses of the legislature whereas Democrats have full control of only 15 states.

There are 27 Republican governors to 23

Democrat governors and the GOP holds full control of 30 state legislatures whereas the Democrats only hold full control of 18 state legislatures.

Minnesota has a Democrat Governorship and a split House. Democrats hold the Senate and Republicans control the House. (Minnesota is the only state with divided control of the legislature.)

There are 7,383 state legislative seats in the 50 states. Republican hold 54.29% and Democrats hold 44.94%.

The most recent polling shows voter preference in upcoming congressional races is 41% Democrat and 40% Republican.

In 2022, the 435 House seats will be reapportioned and redistricted after the census data is complete. We know now that, on net, red states will gain seats while the blue states will lose seats. Two more Texas seats, one more Florida seat. Republicans will control the redrawing process for 187 seats while the Democrats will control the redrawing process for 75 seats.

And 2020 will see the end of Democrat Gerrymandering that took place through left wing courts and "independent" redistricting commissions that were not. Florida was gerrymandered in 2015 to help the Democrats by a very left wing state supreme court that added two Democrats to their state delegation.

Successive Republican governors have moved the court away from the Left and the present court is not likely to overrule the legislature and governor.

North Carolina saw a left-wing state supreme court chief justice gerrymander the state to gain one or two seats for Democrats. That judge has been replaced by someone not controlled by the Democrat party. In Arizona a phony “non-partisan” redistricting committee appointed a partisan Democrat in a spot supposedly reserved for an “independent.” The appointee chosen by the Democrat Chief Justice of the Supreme Court was “surprise” married to a former staffer for a Democrat congressman. She voted to give control of redistricting in Arizona to the left wing League of Women Voters.

This year the Arizona Supreme Court actually picked a real independent and the end of the gerrymandering of the past 10 years could net one or two House seats in congress and strengthen the Republican majorities in the state legislature that were greatly reduced by the previous 2010 gerrymander. In Missouri, a “dark money” group of left wing donors put “Clean Missouri” on the ballot, supposedly to limit lobbying, written in an impenetrable way to conceal the fact that the measure gave all power over redistricting to the state auditor.

Why the state auditor rather than the legislature and governors?

Well, she was the only statewide elected Democrat in Missouri. This transparent attempt to let a single Democrat redistrict (gerrymander) the state was overturned by a 2020 amendment that tightened controls on lobbyists and eliminated the Democrat power grab. Democrats spend more than one hundred million to win the Texas House, the Michigan House and Senate, the Wisconsin House and the Arizona house and Senate. All failed.

The only state legislatures that changed hand were in New Hampshire where the Republicans won the House and Senate. Democrat dreams of redistricting themselves into a decade of control

of the House were dashed. (If Democrats break the filibuster and nationalize control of redistricting they might be able to make their dreams come true. Two Democrat Senators have, however, repeatedly said they would never allow this. We shall see.)

Okay, the Republican party is not on life support. It may well recapture the House and Senate after two years of Biden in 2022 as they did after two years of Clinton in 1994 and two years of Obama in 2010. But the headline on this article asserted that the Democrat party is at death’s door. Explain.

Certainly.

The Democrat party led by Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) created a framework whereby workers could be legally forced to join a union – even if they did not wish to — and pay it dues. Those dues were recycled through the Democrat party and its candidates. This maintained Democrat control of the House of Representatives for all but four years of the 62 years between 1932 and 1994.

There were only four years between 1932 and 1994 where the Republican held both the House and Senate and only two years there was a Republican President and a Republican House and Senate. As Congress handles all tax and spending and laws—we had effectively a one-party Congress, a one-party state, for 62 years.

Billions of dollars of union dues flowing from up to 35% of American workers forced to pay those dues – thanks to Democrat laws that funded this union boss-Democrat party control. But over the years the unions destroyed many of the businesses and industries they controlled. New industries were created whose employees were not captured by the unions. Union membership today is below 10% of all workers, 35% of government workers and 7% of private sector workers.

In 1947, congress passed the Taft-Harley legislation that gave workers the right to say NO to joining a union and paying dues. And in 2018, the US Supreme Court ruled in the Janus case that

# TAX REFORM

state and local government employees cannot be forced to join a union and/or pay dues as a condition of employment.

Over time, unless the law is changed, government workers, who are now half of all union dues paying workers will drop from 35% of the government workforce towards the 7% which is how many private sector workers join a union.

Today there are about seven million government workers in unions and seven million private sector workers in unions. If they each pay \$500 in dues that is \$7 billion in dues annually. Fourteen billion every two years.

That can fund a great number of campaign staffers and union owned buildings to work from. The IRS unions alone are “given” 500,000 hours of “Official Time” where IRS employees are not required to actually work for the IRS but work for the union, or campaigns it likes, paid by taxpayers. Over time this outrageous funding of left wing politics will be ended.

Union bosses cannot take money out of the paychecks of independent contractors. They have no boss. They are their own boss. There are now 60-70 million Americans who earn all or part of their income working as independent contractors. The Democrats want to make their jobs illegal—the PRO Act now in Joe Biden’s “infrastructure bill” would ban independent contractors working for a living without having a boss. Democrat politicians in California actually passed this law but key parts were repealed by a vote of the people of California. Blue California does not want the labor laws so dear to Democrat political bosses.

Not only have unions--the government created funding structure FDR built for the Democrat party at the expense of working men and women- declined in power and size. So has the market for the politics of hate and envy.

In 1994 Republicans changed the game. More than 90% of house and Senate candidates signed the “Taxpayer Protection Pledge promising to oppose and vote against any tax increase. That year Republicans gained 54 House seats and eight

Senate seats to win the House and Senate for the first time since 1952.

Since 1994, when the Republican party became the party that will not raise taxes, the GOP has won a majority of the House and Senate from 1994 to 2006 and again from 2012 to 2018. The GOP has controlled the House and Senate more than 60% of the years since 1994 and only 7% of the years between 1932 and 1994. The Democrats can no longer count on controlling congress to change the rules every time they get in trouble.

Biden said in the 2020 campaign, speaking to a small rally in Scranton, Pennsylvania, one of his home towns, that he did not understand why Republicans highlighted the growth of the value of the stock market that followed the Trump tax cuts which lowered the individual income taxes for all Americans taxpayers and reduced the corporate income tax from 35% (more than Communist China’s 25%) to 21%.

Biden is so old that he thinks that few Americans are invested in stocks. But today, 53% of American households own a 401K or Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

They saw their life savings increase dramatically with lower taxes on businesses.

Workers saw unemployment fall to a 50-year low of 3.5%

On the 2020 ballot, blue Illinois voters voted down an amendment that would have allowed the state income tax—now a flat tax of 4.95% to become a graduated or progressive income tax that targets higher income workers. They voted down envy. They voted down class warfare. In Illinois, where the Democrat governor J.B. Pritzker put \$50 million in to the campaign promoting such division.

Peddling the politics of hate and envy cannot compete with increasing the wages and life savings of Americans by reducing taxes on wages and investment and lowering the costs of regulations on American consumers.

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## CONSERVATIVES LAUNCH POTENT CHALLENGE TO ACLU'S LAWSUIT DOMINANCE

**For a century now, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has used the court system to remake America in its own leftwing image; filing lawsuits from sea to shining sea to obtain through judicial activism what liberals were unable to obtain legislatively.**

To be fair – and much like the proverbial broken clock that's right twice a day – the ACLU has occasionally taken positions in line with conservatives. Then along came President Donald J. Trump.

The very day after Trump's stunning victory in 2016, the ACLU posted this warning on its website: "See you in court." And over the ensuing four years, the organization filed more than 400 lawsuits challenging Trump administration actions and directives.

This compares to just a dozen such lawsuits filed against the administration of President George W. Bush during his first term in office from 2000-04. Which led law professor Jonathan Turley to observe last year that the ACLU deployed "less of a sniper strategy and more of a saturated bombing strategy" against Trump.

Almost half of the Trump lawsuits dealt with the "rights" of illegal immigrants and the President's efforts to seal the southern border with Mexico. The group also sued to prevent the Census Bureau from including a citizenship question on the 2020 Census, to block Trump's travel restrictions on countries that support terrorism, and end the ban on transgendered individuals serving in the military.

And all of this seems to have had more to do with expanding the ACLU's operations than defending civil rights.

According to an Associated Press report last August, the ACLU raked in a stunning \$175 million in just the first three months of Trump's presidency while boosting its overall staff from 386 to 605, including an additional 38 full-time lawyers. During the same period, the group's membership swelled from around 400,000 to 1.8 million.

Donald Trump was very good for ACLU's business!

For years, conservatives have clamored for a potent counter-alternative to the ACLU. There have been many efforts, but comparatively little success. That may be about to change.

Stephen Miller was a top adviser throughout President Trump's first term in office who has always been a hawk when it comes to illegal immigration. And he – along with former White House chief-of-staff Mark Meadows - recently launched America First Legal (AFL) as a "conservative answer to the ACLU" focusing on defending "traditional values, conservative values."

In a report back in April, the Washington Examiner noted the AFL "will work with Republican state attorneys general and former administration lawyers, and it will also provide funding to attorneys nationwide to help them challenge the Biden administration."

"Anything the president (Biden) does that we believe to be illegal is fair game," Miller told the paper.

AFL describes its mission as follows...

“We believe that all Americans deserve a government that puts their needs, their interests, and their country FIRST. This is the sacred obligation of every elected leader. This is the system our Founding Fathers established. This is the priceless heritage of every American citizen.

“Yet America First principles are now under attack like never before. Our security, our liberty, our sovereignty, and our most fundamental rights and values are being systematically dismantled by an unholy alliance of corrupt special interests, big tech titans, the fake news media, and liberal Washington politicians.

“We founded America First Legal to save our country from this coordinated campaign. With your support, we will oppose the radical left’s anti-jobs, anti-freedom, anti-faith, anti-borders, anti-police, and anti-American crusade.”

And how will it accomplish its mission? AFL continues...

“The radical left is using its power inside and outside of the government to destroy our country. It is opening America’s borders, shutting down American energy, trying to take over American elections, and violating the fundamental civil rights of the American People.

“At America First Legal, we are building a team of some of the nation’s best legal, political, and strategic thinkers to challenge this lawlessness at every turn. We will use every legal tool at our disposal to defend our citizens from unconstitutional executive overreach. We will also stand up against corporations that restrict free speech and violate our citizens’ civil rights.

“We are committed to fighting for all Americans—regardless of race, color, religion, or creed. We will defend the rights of all Americans from attacks by anyone, in any party, who would seek to attack their freedom, their dignity, and their equal rights under the law.

“For years, progressives have used the court system to attack our founding documents, undermine the rule of law, and erode our nation’s most cherished principles and traditions.

“With America First Legal, we are turning the legal tables on the radical activist left. We will wage

a forceful defense of our rights, our country, and our cherished American way of life.”

The effort has already successfully obtained significant funding and has the full-throated support of President Trump, who wrote in April: “The era of unilateral legal surrender must end and I hope all America First patriots will get behind America First Legal.”

Miller wasted no time getting the ball rolling.

In April, AFL filed a class action lawsuit against the Biden administration to block an aspect of the \$1.9 trillion so-called American Rescue Act which prioritized COVID-related pandemic aid for minority farmers and ranchers. As reported by the Florida Phoenix...

“The suit takes issue with Sections 1005 and 1006 of the American Rescue Plan enacted in March that uses language in the 1990 farm bill to define ‘socially disadvantaged’ agricultural producers as people ‘subjected to racial or ethnic prejudices because of their identity as a member of a group without regard to their individual qualities.’ That includes agriculture producers who are African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic or Asian or Pacific Islander.”

“That is fundamentally un-American,” Miller said in an interview. “I would argue and my organization would argue that that violates federal nondiscrimination rules. We are suing to say that this lawless policy needs to be enjoined.”

“Millions of people were hurt by this pandemic, millions of people were hurt as a result of the closures, the shutdowns, the disruptions to our lives,” Miller continued. “And when it comes to getting financial aid, it shouldn’t matter what race or ethnicity you are.

“You can’t make a more equal country; you can’t make a more unified country if we split and divide based on race.”

He is, of course, exactly right. But that didn’t stop hyper-fake news MSNBC from publishing an op-ed by Talia Lavin headlined: “Miller is suing the Biden administration for giving aid to Black farmers. Really.”

“This (AFL) project is rooted in Miller’s documented ties to the white nationalist movement,” Lavin blubbered, “and aligns with the

# DISCUSSION

appointment of numerous judges and officials to former President Donald Trump's administration who cut their teeth in the explicitly white-nationalist, anti-immigrant Tanton network of far-right nonprofits."

But all that gnashing of liberal teeth and shedding of liberal tears fell on federal deaf ears.

In May, U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor in Texas issued a temporary injunction against the program, writing in his 12-page order that the plaintiffs in the case "will suffer irreparable harm absent a preliminary injunction because (they) are experiencing race and sex discrimination at the hand of government officials."

And in June, U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard in Florida issued a nationwide injunction preventing the U.S. Department of Agriculture from issuing such race-based grants.

"This order is another powerful strike against the Biden Administration's unconstitutional decision to pick winners and losers based on the color of their skin," said Miller of the injunction. "AFL will not relent in our mission to restore and protect civil rights and the sacred principle of equality under the law for all Americans. The Biden Administration is officially on notice."

AFL is certainly off to a promising start. But it certainly isn't resting on its laurels.

In late June, Fox News reported that AFL filed another lawsuit seeking to force the Biden administration "to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's rules limiting the admission of people looking to enter the U.S. illegally or without proper documentation due to the coronavirus pandemic, and to stop releasing the vast majority of migrants without having them quarantined or tested for COVID-19."

"This anarchistic catch-and-release policy plainly and facially violates the Administration's own public health guidelines, regulations, and directives," Miller said in a statement. "While Americans are still required to wear masks on planes and the CDC is still trying to shut down many aspects of daily life, the government is actively facilitating the entry of illegal aliens whose journey is defined by the radical absence of health protocols."

In other recent actions...

**AFL Takes on Obamacare in Federal Court, Joins as Co-Counsel in Lawsuit Challenging Section 2713 of the Affordable Care Act**

**AFL Demands Records from DOJ About the Biden Administration's Vetting of Judicial Nominees and Agreements with The Senate Committee on The Judiciary**

**AFL Files FOIAs with CBP, DHS Requesting Information About the Ouster of Border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott and CBP Deputy Commissioner Robert Perez**

**AFL Demands Records About the Biden Administration's Initiative On 'Racial Equity' At NASA**

"There is only one way to stop the constant onslaught from the radical left in Washington," AFL notes on its website. "Take them to court. And that is what we are here to do."

The left jumped for joy over the lawsuit tsunami hurled at the Trump administration. It's certainly less than enthused at having the shoe on the other foot. But as the old saying goes, what good for the goose is good for the gander.

Go AFL, go!



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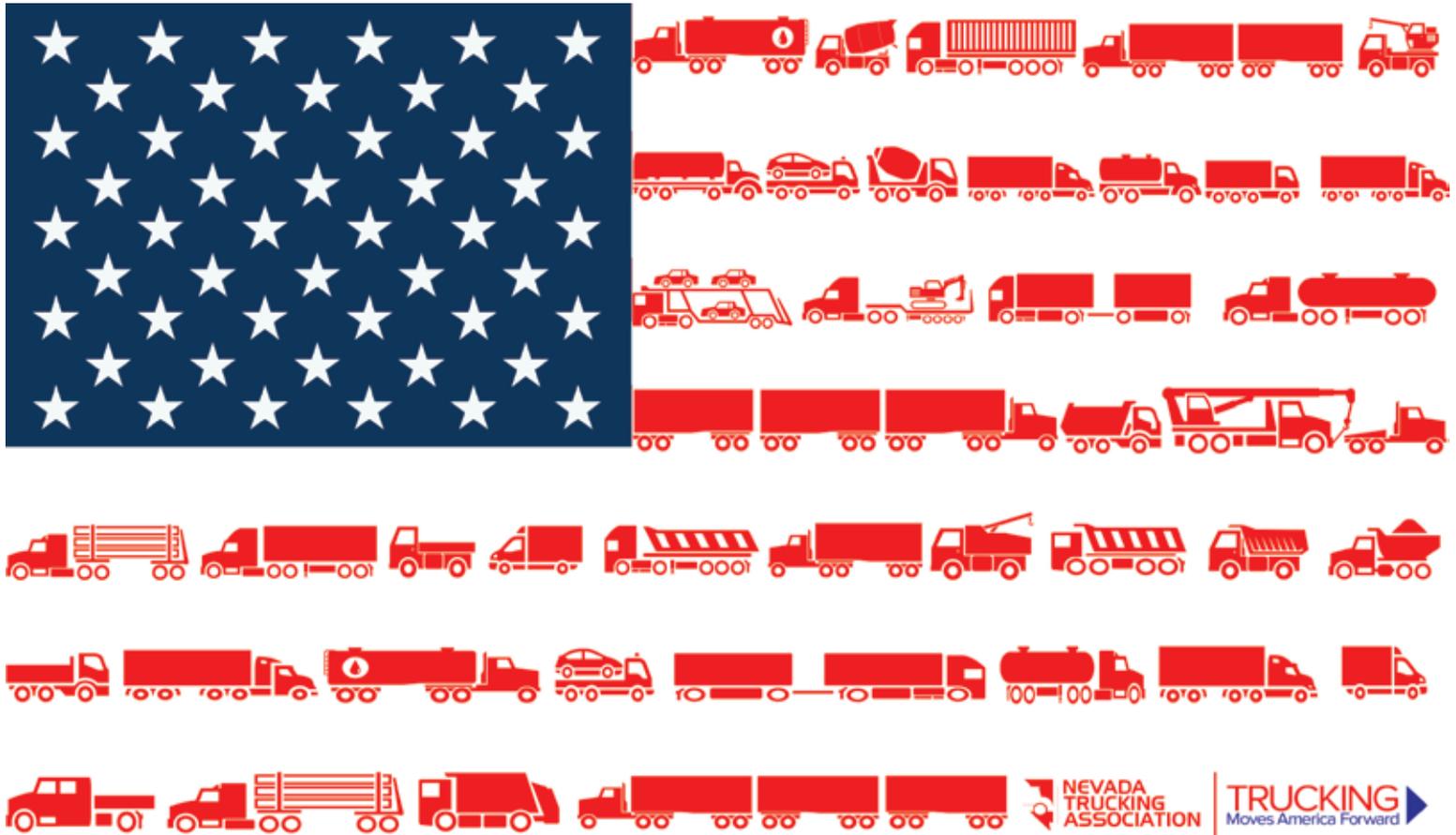
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## LYING ABOUT 'MISINFORMATION' TO JUSTIFY TYRANNY

This week, President Joe Biden was asked whether he had any message for social media amidst a dramatic rise in the number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases thanks to the delta variant.

Biden immediately responded that companies like Facebook were responsible for murder: "They're killing people -- I mean, they're really, look, the only pandemic we have is among the unvaccinated. And they're killing people." Meanwhile, Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy said that Facebook had not stopped misinformation thoroughly enough on its platform, calling misinformation a "serious threat to public health."

None of this is accurate. Facebook is, first of all, a platform; it is not a publication with the same responsibilities of editorial oversight as a publisher. To treat Facebook as such would be to transform its purpose. Furthermore, on a purely factual level, it is simply untrue that Facebook users are disproportionately likely to avoid vaccination -- in fact, according to Facebook's statistics, vaccine acceptance in the United States among their users now stands between 80% and 85%, and 3.3 million Americans have used their vaccine finder tool to seek a location for a vaccine.

So, what's driving the Biden administration's finger pointing? Its broader agenda to utilize the massive market dominance of the social media platforms to squeeze alternative media sources out of existence. Before the rise of social media, most Americans who used the internet for news bookmarked a variety of pages and then visited them individually. Over time, as social media grew and as people began to access stories they liked through an algorithmically controlled newsfeed, Americans used social media for news. This centralized the mechanism for information dissemination.

Now, the left sees an opportunity: If all the news is accessed in one place, by restricting access in that place, the news monopoly once held by

legacy media can be reestablished. All that will be required is labeling everyone they don't like "misinformation."

Kara Swisher of The New York Times, who has spent the past several years attempting to pressure Facebook into exactly such censorship, says as much openly. According to Swisher, Biden wasn't wrong to say Facebook was killing people. Actually, writes Swisher, the problem is that Biden restricted his analysis to the coronavirus: "Attempting to stop falsehoods by claiming to offer good information is like using a single sandbag to hold back an impossibly fetid ocean. It's like that when it comes to a range of once-anodyne, now divisive issues, from election integrity to critical race theory to whatever."

"Whatever." Literally any topic on which Swisher disagrees is now dangerous misinformation that must be curbed. This week, NPR went so far as to pressure Facebook to suppress traffic to my website, Daily Wire, on precisely this basis. NPR admitted that we don't print falsehoods, that we don't spread conspiracy theories and that we are honest and open about our conservative perspective. So, why should we be suppressed? Because, according to NPR, we cover "specific stories that bolster the conservative agenda." And, quoting an expert, NPR reports, "If you've stripped enough context away, any piece of truth can become a piece of misinformation."

There it is: even truth can be misinformation. And misinformation kills.

The authoritarianism of the left is in full swing. Americans must spot it and fight it before it destroys our ability to see anything other than that which the left wants us to see.

## **BRING IN THE CLOWNS**

By all accounts, the meeting of the Clark County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) on Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 – in which the election of a new chairman to replace David “Sadsack” Sajdak was slated as the main event – was a disaster.

The train-wreck actually jumped the track late the night before.

At 10:31 pm Monday night, Sadsack’s acting secretary/hit man, Ed Gonzalez, sent chair candidate Jesse Law – an ally of Sadsack’s nemesis, Nevada GOP Chairman Mike McDonald - the following email...

“Thank you for the self-nomination to run for Chair of the County Party. Unfortunately, due to a suspension of your membership by the Ethics and Credentials Committee and the referral of an ethics complaint to the Discipline and Elections Committee, you are not eligible to self-nominate.”

Nothing like trying to fix an election at the last minute by keeping your handpicked replacement’s (we’ll get to her in a minute) main rival off the ballot for some nondescript “ethics complaint” – especially considering Sadsack’s OWN ethics problems, as detailed in this Las Vegas Review-Journal report from 2018...

“Metropolitan Police Department documents obtained by the Review-Journal show Sajdak was cited after police said he offered a woman \$1,100 for sex on West Flamingo Road about 1:30 a.m. Oct. 9, 2006. The woman was an undercover Metro detective. Sajdak failed to appear for a court

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judge to issue a  
bench warrant for his arrest.”

Talk about throwing stones while living in a glass house.

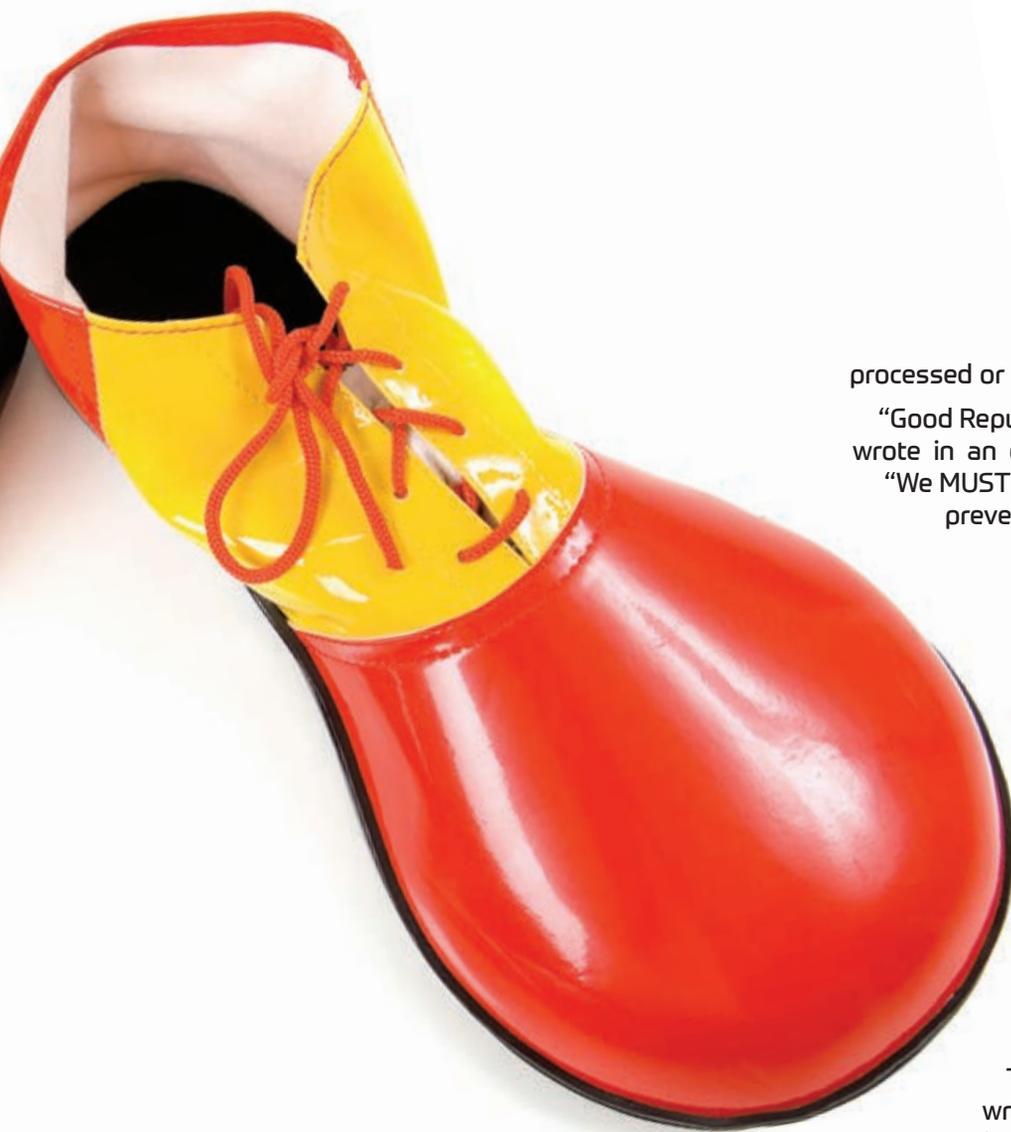
It got even worse after it was pointed out that Sadsack, Gonzalez and their appointed star chamber committees didn’t have the power to strip Law of his membership. According to state law, only the full body of the CCRCC has that power.

So this was stuck-on-stupid-on-steroids.

In any event, that takes us to opening night of the July 20 clown show, which can be summarized thusly: Hundreds of Republicans barred from entry...cops called...no election held.

The election didn’t take place because instead of starting the meeting off with, you know, the





election, Sadsack attempted to run out the clock with non-relevant speeches and stuff. By the time he got around to the election, time had run out and they had to vacate the school building where the meeting was being held.

At least, that's Sadsack's story and he's sticking to it.

A lot of other nonsense took place – the usual fight over bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order – but I won't bore you with that. Suffice it to say a test procedural vote to gauge the level of support for Sadsack didn't go his way...so he "recessed" the meeting.

The next day, chair candidate Dave Crete called for an emergency meeting of the CCRCC for the purpose of approving and finalizing the list of new members whose applications had not been

processed or had been rejected without cause.

"Good Republicans have been mistreated," Crete wrote in an email to circus ringmaster Sadsack. "We MUST act NOW to correct this situation and prevent any repetition."

Later in the day, Law wrote to supporters: "Yes, I am pursuing legal options."

The next day, Sadsack's hand-picked replacement candidate, State Sen. Carrie Buck, tried to distance herself from her patron and the mess he created by issuing a statement slamming the meeting as a "demonstration of ineffective and damaging leadership."

She also called on Sadsack to resign...which he did.

"I am sorry for what transpired on Tuesday," the GOP's Barney Fife wrote in a self-serving email calling it quits. "I don't think anyone of us anticipated the level of evil in that room and outside."

"Evil"? No. It was disgust over how this goofball's ham-handed authoritarian reign had leveled the organization to a pile of rubble.

But if you think the nightmare was then on the verge of ending, think again.

Embarrassingly, Buck's call for Sadsack's head on a pike backfired when it was discovered that his resignation announcement actually came out BEFORE Buck's. So it appeared the two had tried to coordinate the statements to help Buck with damage control - and they even screwed THAT up.

Talk about a gang that couldn't shoot straight!

Anyway, the heart of the problem at CCRCC has been Sadsack's two-year holy war jihad against Nevada Republican Party Chairman Mike McDonald. And Buck's stated early explanation for her candidacy was that she could heal the wounds and unite the warring factions.

Yeah, right. Joe Biden would have better odds on healing the rift between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Sadly, however, Buck and her crackerjack (or “on crack”) advisers later decided the smart move was to get down in the mud and start slinging some themselves, thus obliterating the stated rationale of her campaign.

Talk about shooting yourself in the foot.

I always thought it was dangerous politically for Buck to pursue this party position and advised against it. Here’s why...

The job of the party chairman is to serve up “red meat” to the grassroots activists and throw sharp elbows at the Democrat opposition. That’s not exactly a recipe for re-election in what is currently a “swing” district.

In fact, Buck only squeaked by in her race last fall by 329 votes out of more than 67,000 cast. So she is decidedly not in a “safe” GOP district - which currently has almost 5,000 more Democrats than Republicans. And the numbers could get even worse after new lines are drawn sometime in the fall after the Census numbers are officially released.

Buck was better advised to skip a quest for CCRCC chair and instead focus on winning state senate races in 2022 and preparing for her re-election campaign in 2024. But such advice fell on deaf ears.

The July 20 clown show was exactly the kind of intra-party crap Buck was warned about months ago. But it also provided her a golden opportunity to gracefully extract herself from the tar pit and protect her political future by withdrawing her candidacy.

Unfortunately, she doubled down instead; trash-tweeting at McDonald...

“When is the last time you won for R’s? A decade ago? Bad data + corruption \$\$ + power + you = 0 wins for R’s. #resign”

Not exactly culled from the pages of How to Win Friends and Influence People.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch...

Most believed that Sadsack would be replaced by his second banana, Vice Chair Steve “Sauerkraut”

Silberkraus, and Sauerkraut would then slide in to chair the recessed meeting at some undetermined date in future.

You remember Sauerkraut, don’t you?

He was one of the Benedict Arnold Republicans in the Nevada State Assembly in 2015 who sold out and stabbed the GOP in the back by voting for RINO (Republican in Name Only) ex-Gov. Brian Sandoval’s largest tax hike in state history!

But that turned out to not be the case.

To the contrary, the terms of ALL the party officers automatically ended on July 20, 2021 when the elections were supposed to be held. Which meant that not only was Sadsack no longer chairman, but Sauerkraut and the other officers were no longer in office either. In other words, in the days after the meeting the CCRCC was totally and completely leaderless.

Ironically, it’d never been run better!

With no officers any longer in office, a quorum of 56 members of the CCRCC called the July 20 meeting out of recess and scheduled its resumption for Wednesday night, July 28th at the Ahern Hotel.

The meeting was open to the public, and no one had to wait outside in the heat. Over 400 people showed up. Alas, Sen. Buck wasn’t one of them. She boycotted the meeting.

Members sat in a roped-off area at the front of the room. Non-members sat behind them. Check-in and registration were efficient, orderly and quick. No fights broke out. No chairs thrown. No blood spilled. No need for security. No cops called.

Imagine that.

Kay Crews - a professional parliamentarian and immediate past president of the American Institute of Parliamentarians - was flown in from Texas to make sure all proper procedures were followed.

She advised that this was a continuation of the July 20 meeting that Sadsack had recessed; essentially a weeklong bathroom break. Therefore, this was NOT a new meeting that required more advance notice.

Bill Carns - current chairman of the Nye County Republican Party, who didn’t have a dog in the Clark GOP fight - drove over from Pahrump and

was elected “chairman pro tem” to oversee the meeting. And he did a bang-up job. Meeting was run smooth as glass.

All of the candidates for each of the offices being voted on were allowed an opportunity to speak. They did so without interruption, catcalls, heckling or demonstrations.

Voting was also efficient, orderly and quick.

While the ballots were being counted, CCRCC members wrapped up other business matters that had been left unfinished after the July 20 meeting was recessed.

I think the ballot-counting took just over 30 minutes.

And when the dust settled and smoke cleared, Jesse Law was elected as the new Chairman of the Clark County Republican Party.

Dissidents from the Sour Grapes wing of the party will now try to contest the results and likely file some lawsuit attempting to declare the highly-productive, well-run July 28 meeting and Law’s election null and void.

But they’ll lose. Stick a fork in ‘em; they’re done.

The meeting was done by the book. And the state and national GOP organizations will give the meeting their stamp of approval and recognize Law as the official and legitimate new chairman of the organization. Belly-aching to the contrary will just be a waste of time and hot air.

Time to move forward. We have a state to save! **LW**

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## OPEC AND BIG OIL'S NEW BEST FRIEND, JOE BIDEN

The price of oil surged to \$75 a barrel the other day under President Joe Biden's green energy policies.

The price was as low as \$35 a barrel under former President Donald Trump because he believed in American energy dominance ("Drill, baby, drill"). So, more oil meant lower prices at the pump. It was effectively a massive, multibillion-dollar tax cut for lower- and middle-income earners of tens of billions of dollars a year.

But now, with the exploding demand for energy as the world economy reopens, the self-defeating Biden policy is to curtail oil drilling here at home, which is often done by the smaller and independent "wildcat" drillers. Instead, this administration enriches the major oil companies such as Exxon and Chevron with existing wells that are suddenly more profitable to drill. This is why the gas price at the pump is \$3.29 a gallon nationally and above \$5 a gallon in California.

Are these higher-energy prices transitory? Harold Hamm, one of the fathers of modern shale gas innovations, doesn't think so. Instead, he predicts the price may surge to more than \$100 a barrel, which means well over \$4 a gallon at the pump.

The most significant deterrent to more drilling on these shores is the Biden de facto moratorium on domestic drilling on federal lands. How foolish is this? Up to an estimated \$50 trillion of energy resources are right below our feet. This is like a buried treasure that could supply energy for 100-plus years. In addition, the royalties and taxes would help pay off some of our \$30 trillion national debt.

Here's the worst part of the story. None of this tomfoolery is doing any good for the environment. Even Biden's own Energy secretary, Jennifer Granholm, has complained that in some ways, the

Biden policies are making carbon emissions worse by approving pipelines of dirty energy from Russia to Germany while killing pipelines from relatively cleaner oil and gas here in the United States.

What is clear is that the renewable energy push and the subsidies for electric cars and electric batteries aren't going to change our fossil fuel energy demands for years. So, it is only a question of whether we get the oil from here at home or from some of our major adversaries, such as Russia.

Meanwhile, The Wall Street Journal reports that even coal is making a comeback. After years of low prices, the coal price is now spiking due to less production. Biden has declared war on American coal, which has led to the closing of coal plants across the country. As utilities begin to awaken to the low reliability of wind and solar power, coal is in demand as a backup energy source to prevent blackouts. The rest of the world, especially Asia, is still addicted to coal. China now builds coal plants at a faster rate than we shut them down.

What sense does it make to shutter American coal when we have more of it, a 400-year supply, than any other nation. And our coal is the cleanest.

So, the Biden energy plan is bad for jobs, bad for consumers and bad for the environment. My prediction is that global and U.S. carbon emissions are going way up this year and next.

The irony of this story is that the industry that Biden and the greens hate the most is benefiting from his foolish policies.

And, yes, those are the Saudi oil sheikhs you are seeing rolling on the ground laughing at us.



## HOW THE LEFT HAS USED COVID-19 TO BANKRUPT THE UNITED STATES

I have never bought the conspiracy theories that COVID-19 was a diabolical political plot to undermine the country.

But what is apparent with each passing week is that the virus has been the springboard for the left's agenda to transform America in a way that Sen. Bernie Sanders, Michael Moore or Rachel Maddow could have never imagined.

Without COVID-19, President Joe Biden would never have been elected, of course. So, for the left, the virus defeated former President Donald Trump. COVID-19 is now the gateway to the left's utopian agenda of multitrillion-dollar climate policies, hyperregulation of the economy, the rebirth of the welfare state and a radical redistribution of income.

Under Trump policies, we had one of the most robust financial and economic expansions on record, especially regarding minority advancement and historic reductions in poverty. The entitlement state was in retreat as income growth and record job openings pushed millions of people out of the welfare state into work. If the left truly cared about the plight of the poor, they would have celebrated. Instead, the results showing tax cuts, deregulation and laissez-faire policies work made liberals miserable.

COVID-19 made the rebirth of big government possible. Last year, with Trump still in the White House, Congress spent \$6 trillion, much of it (such as the \$600 a week bonus unemployment benefits) wastefully and ineffectively. But it was emergency spending.

The National Bureau of Economic Research recently declared the recession ended in April of 2020, and the recovery has been accelerating thanks to the vaccine.

We would be aggressively cutting government spending in a rational world, as we did after victories in World War II and the Cold War.

Instead, the left has leveraged COVID-19 fears to call for a \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation bill on top of the \$1.9 trillion spent in March on welfare programs and now \$4.1 trillion in public works programs; labor union protections; green new deal subsidies; Medicare and Medicaid and food stamps expansions; and bailouts of Amtrak, urban transit and schools. The public schools in many blue states were shut down for a year, yet taxpayers have to give the teachers unions \$100 billion. Explain that one.

The Congressional Budget Office calculates all of this will add \$20 trillion of new debt spending over a decade -- and that is with a massive tax increase.

COVID-19 has somehow given a new license to even the nuttiest leftist ideas. So, we have Democrats speeding forward with a plan to raise tax rates to more than 50% and implement welfare benefits that can pay families more than \$100,000 in annualized wage equivalent benefits. The government could hit and remain above 50% of GDP, matching the European socialist nations.

Spending programs that were once scoffed at with price tags in the billions of dollars are now sailing through with trillion-dollar budgets. Moreover, COVID-19 has unleashed Modern Monetary Theory, meaning that the federal government apparently has a no-limit credit card.

COVID-19 is all but over, and the toll has been awful. Life expectancy fell in 2020 for the first time since World War II. Tragically, the "cure" -- or should I say, the carnage -- of the Biden post-COVID-19 progressive experiment might, in the end, be far more devastating and long-lasting than the terrible disease itself.



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## ARE WE CANCELING SUMMER AGAIN?

This is becoming another summer that didn't quite happen. It follows the bum summer of 2020, which was canceled by COVID-19.

In the West this year, summer is literally going up in smoke. Wildfires from Southern California to Washington state are burning out of control and clouding skies as far away as New England. The West Coast is seeing extreme drought, extreme flooding and extreme heat. But isn't that everywhere, to some extent?

The carefree days of frolicking outside have been revoked throughout the country's midsection as horrid heat descends from the Northern Rockies through the Deep South. Arizona turns ovenlike in a typical summer, but this one is so hot that a high school football camp had to move its activities indoors.

This year shows that chaos wreaked by climate change is upon us for sure. We've seen evidence of it in freaky weather for several years now, but the summer of 2021 has clenched it. The disruptions are here to stay.

In Florida, there's some debate over the role warming temperatures may have played in the shocking collapse of the condo building in Surfside. What's not up for debate, however, is that rising sea levels are endangering beachfront structures. The really bad news is that in 30 short years, much of Miami could be underwater, not that real estate developers seem to have noticed.

Warmer water is pushing more sharks north. An invasion of sharks recently forced some of Long Island's beloved summer beaches to close temporarily.

Summer used to be a time for lowering the political heat, at least until Labor Day. No more. Last summer, we who saw Donald Trump's presidency as a threat to the country agonized over his possible reelection.

Happily, that danger passed, and we have a normal executive branch in Washington. But this summer, we are witnessing the extraordinary spectacle of Trump dead-enders mocking the

Capitol Police their cohorts attacked and killed on Jan. 6. And no, I'm not going to amplify with quotes of the idiocy voiced by some of the extraordinary cynics employed by Fox News.

This is the summer that there was an Olympics and no one came, at least in comparison with four years ago. NBC's audience for the Tokyo Olympics has been down by as much as 36%. Some of the loss in viewership reflects continued competition by online streaming services. But the arenas Japan kept empty in response to a spike in coronavirus cases also drained the events of drama and excitement.

Simone Biles has nothing to prove to me. The spectacular gymnast remains an uncontested superpower whether she chose to compete in the Olympics or pulled out as she did. I can sympathize with her concern that the stress was getting to her. The postponement of the Olympics due to COVID-19 had put many elite athletes' schedules off-kilter. And several have complained that the loss of noisy crowds depleted their performances of energy.

But, really, no one has to participate in these intensely competitive events. (I know I couldn't take the pressure.) Many do it for the glory and the riches that product endorsements may bring them. But that's the deal, and they accept it voluntarily.

In recent years, I've pulled back on watching the Olympics, but I would have tuned in this year for Biles. Oh, well.

Early on, I referred to the summer of 2020 as the summer of COVID-19. In places where vaccination rates are low, this is another summer of COVID-19. Where I am, it's not, certainly not like last year. But it's still a summer of weird weather, political instability and rising violent crime.

Anyone out there having fun? Hope so.



## WHY I CANNOT SUPPORT CARRIE BUCK FOR CLARK GOP CHAIRMAN

The more I see, read and hear about the Clark County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) clown show, the worse it gets.

There may be a new meeting to elect new officers this week. Then again, there might not.

But regardless of when the election inevitably takes place, I've come to the painful conclusion that while I'll be happy to work with chairman candidate Carrie Buck if she wins, I cannot support her candidacy for that position.

This is sad, because I really like Carrie.

Have known her for some ten years... and vigorously defended her against unfair and unwarranted attacks when she was principal of a Henderson charter school. In fact, I wrote an extensive five-part series in her defense over the brouhaha.

Truth is, my affinity for Carrie is one of the major reasons I cannot support this run. The damage this race has already done to her reputation and political future is severe. And her election to this post would likely be a final nail in her political coffin.

She deserves better.

Indeed, the BEST thing that can happen

is for Carrie to lose this election. No good can come of it. She'll never be able to tame the CCRCC beast and it will take her down with it. And that means Republicans will lose a Senate seat in 2024 they can't afford to lose.

But the MAIN reason I've concluded I can't support her candidacy for this party position is the birds of a feather who have flocked together to "Back Buck" and will surely have great influence over her chairmanship if she's elected Grand Imperial Pooh-Bah.

First, there's the fact that she's the hand-picked candidate of outgoing bozo chair David Sadsack (Sajdak). That alone is understandably a disqualifier in the minds of many rank-and-file Clark County Republicans who have watched Sadsack drive the CCRCC clown car right into a ditch.

And just as a reminder, Sadsack stupidly SUPPORTED the all-mail balloting scheme in 2020, arguing it would be a GOOD thing for Republicans. True political genius there.

Then there's Carrie's lead political consultant, Charles Gallagher, who would likely take an oversized role of some kind in the organization should Carrie be elected.

The truth is, Carrie's state senate seat win last year was DESPITE Gallagher's political incompetence, not because of him. It was more luck than design.

In fact, Carrie's win can more appropriately be attributed to what Republican Assembly candidate Steven DeLisle did in that race – opting to run for Assembly rather than challenge Buck in the GOP primary – than anything Gallagher did; something DeLisle has never been given appropriate credit for (except here).

Also, the biggest difference between Carrie's unsuccessful run for the state senate in 2016 and her successful run in 2020 was the fact that she challenged an incumbent in '16 and ran for an "open" seat in '20.

That critical factor had nothing to do with Gallagher's campaign strategy and tactics. So the notion that Team Buck "knows how to win races" because of ONE skin-of-her-teeth victory (329 votes out of more than 67,000 cast) just doesn't hold up.

But it gets worse...

Also in Carrie's stable of backers is former CCRCC Chairman Dave "For Himself" McKeon – a political slimeball I tried to warn everyone about before he was elected a few years back. But some folks just have to learn the hard way...while others seem to never learn at all.

And then there's the CCRCC's "Acting" Secretary, Ed Gonzalez, who has been on a flaming jihad against Carrie's main rival

for the party throne, Jesse Law.

Gonzalez burped out an "explanation" on Friday for the CCRCC's decision to kick Law off the ballot last Tuesday night that was full of more cow droppings than Sen. James Settelmeyer's cattle ranch.

Unfounded accusations, innuendo, gossip, assumptions and flat out lies.

One of the Hatchet Man's indictments against Law is that he supposedly was "Threatening and so far, succeeding in dividing the CCRCC with the goal of reinforcing the State Chair's political position by attempting to pack the CCRCC membership with their own supporters..."

Imagine that. A candidate for office working to fill vacancies on the Central Committee with supporters who...support him. Duh.

Hang on. Let's connect some dots now. Among Gonzalez's political bona fides...

He was a former campaign manager for Big Dan Rodimer (how'd that work out for us?)

He was a former campaign manager for former State Assemblyman and outgoing CCRCC Vice Chair Steve Sauerkraut (Silberkraus), who is best known as one of the sell-out Republicans who voted for the largest tax hike in Nevada history in 2015

He was a political consultant at Advanced Micro Targeting.

He was a lobbyist for the Clark County teacher's union.

If that last one isn't a major red flag warning, I don't know what is. But again, it's even worse than it appears. Guess who's the CEO of Advanced Micro Targeting?

# MUTH'S TRUTHS

(drum roll please...)

Former tax-hiking RINO Nevada State Sen. Michael “Tax Hike Mike” Roberson... the architect of the largest tax hike in Nevada history in 2015 and also a lobbyist for the teacher’s union!

As Las Vegas Review-Journal political editor Steve Sebelius reminded everyone on April 29, 2019...

“This tax would never have passed without his (Roberson’s) leadership in the Senate, nor would it have passed a Republican-controlled Legislature. It may have been Brian Sandoval’s idea, but Roberson brought it to fruition.”

So again, my beef isn’t so much with Sen. Buck as it is with the political refuse and hacks she’ll bring along with her if elected: Sadsack, Sauerkraut, Gallagher, McKeon, Gonzalez and...Tax Hike Mike!

That’s not a swamp. That’s a rat’s nest.

And if you don’t think this rogue’s gallery of losers is a political disaster in the making, just look at what their advice has done for Carrie in her race for chairman...

In just a few short months, she’s gone from a promising freshman state senator campaigning as the party boss candidate who can bring the intra-party warring factions together to, just a few days ago, calling supporters of her CCRCC opponents “vile creatures” on social media.

That’s not the Carrie I knew before she jumped into this CCRCC mud pit. That’s a political Frankenstein created by her incompetent handlers.

And then there’s this obviously adviser-inspired quote Carrie gave to the virulently anti-conservative Washington Post in early June that backhands conservative

GOP candidates in Nevada...

“I try to find people who are a little more moderate, because you can win primaries all day long but it doesn’t mean anything if you lose the general election.”

Hogwash. Four conservative candidates for the State Assembly in 2020 – Andy Matthews, Richard McArthur, Jill Dickman and Annie Black – all defeated moderate/establishment candidates in their primaries and went on to win their seats in the general election.

Side Note: Gallagher managed the campaign of Matthews’ GOP primary opponent and set up a PAC that tried to defeat Black. He is decidedly NOT on the “right” side.

And lastly, I still have a nagging concern over the fact that neither Carrie, nor her vice chair running mate, Byron Brooks, have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge – surely on the advice of Pledge-breaker Tax Hike Mike and others in her political brain trust.

In conclusion, this is not to say I’m endorsing either of the other two main contenders in the race: Jesse Law or Dave Crete.

This is to say it’s in Sen. Buck’s best interest, the best interest of the Senate Republican Caucus, the best interest of the Clark County Republican Party, the best interest of the Nevada Republican Party, and the best interest of the Nevada conservative movement if she’s not crowned chair of the CCRCC.

I still hope she comes to her senses and abandons this ill-advised quest. And in the immortal words of Michael Corleone, this isn’t personal; it’s business.

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## THE GOVERNMENT'S HAM-HANDED COVID-19 MESSAGING HAS HIT A NEW LOW

The U.S. government's inconsistent public messaging on the coronavirus came to a crescendo this week as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention abruptly reversed course on the use of masks by vaccinated people.

The sudden backtracking follows a pattern of misleading and incoherent government health guidance that has led to a general erosion of trust in the CDC. Trust is, of course, paramount in a free country when trying to help the public make decisions about health matters. Our government does not seem to understand this simple concept.

Faced with a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic that caused millions of deaths and massive economic loss worldwide, the U.S. government performed amazingly well in some areas. Operation Warp Speed will be studied for generations as a model for quick mobilization and deployment of emergency vaccines. It worked: The vaccines developed with massive taxpayer funding are amazingly effective and have essentially ended the pandemic for Americans willing to take them.

But due to a lack of trust in national institutions, many Americans don't want to take the vaccines. According to a new Ipsos poll for the online news site Axios, the three largest groups who are unlikely to get vaccinated are white Republicans mostly in the South, Black Americans and Hispanic Americans. Axios found some similarities among these groups: "They're most likely to say they don't consume traditional mainstream news, and they're most likely to distrust authority figures or institutions."

When you lose someone's trust, consistency is paramount to building it back. Here, the key is not to belittle those who don't want to take the vaccine but to explain carefully and rationally why the vaccine works and why the risks associated with it are minimal. There's a strong case to make.

The CDC's recent flip-flop, on the other hand, is just going to further erode people's confidence in

the vaccines and thereby extend the virus's effective life. You can't argue that the vaccine is safe and will enable resumption of normal life, as the government has been, and at the same time tell people they still must continue wearing masks post-vaccination. The two are contradictory and self-defeating.

The reality is that the government's health guidance from the beginning has been as much about psychological gamesmanship as it has been about public health. This started from the very beginning of the pandemic when the then-surgeon general tweeted on Feb. 29: "Seriously people -- STOP BUYING MASKS! They are NOT effective in preventing general public from catching #Coronavirus."

Dr. Anthony Fauci and other officials made the same point. They followed that up months later by not just recommending masks but mandating them. We know now that the initial anti-mask argument was designed to save masks for the public health professionals who needed them most. You wonder if they ever considered just saying that. If they understood the importance of trust, they certainly should have.

The second area of government psychological gamesmanship was herd immunity, or the point at which enough people would be vaccinated to essentially snuff out the virus. Fauci initially said the U.S. would need 60-70% of people to be vaccinated in order to reach herd immunity, according to The New York Times. He later cited higher numbers of 75-80% or more in a CNBC interview in December. The Times asked him why he had been "moving the goal posts." Fauci revealed then that the true number may be close to 90% and that he wanted to

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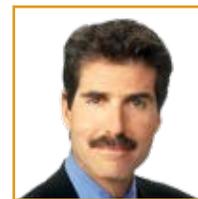
keep his public estimates low because so many Americans were skeptical about the vaccine. As more people became comfortable with getting a vaccine, he was more willing to increase his estimate to the true projections, according to the Times.

There are numerous other examples of the government not being straight with the American people on COVID-19. No. 1: Outdoor transmission of the virus is extremely rare, yet government guidance suggested, and many communities required, masking -- even outside; No. 2: The risks from the virus for the young and healthy are extremely low, yet the government allowed schools all over the country to close, ostensibly to protect students; No. 3: Bans on travel and dining were flouted by the very same elected leaders pushing them. The list goes on.

The result of this gamesmanship is a reduction of national trust. The groups with the lowest trust levels are the hardest to win back. Studying all the mistruths leveled to date, it's hard not to wonder if the newest mask mandate isn't some misguided attempt to encourage vaccinated Americans to pressure the unvaccinated. The reason vaccinated people must wear masks again, according to the CDC, is essentially to protect those without vaccines from the new delta variant. But the evidence that vaccinated people are at risk is razor-thin. The CDC, in support of its new guidance, cited a study from India that concluded vaccinated people could potentially transmit the delta variant. The Indian study, however, involved a vaccine not even approved in the United States.

We have never had absolute safety as a public policy goal. Without risk, our society could not function. We wouldn't be able to drive. We would forgo most medical procedures. We would essentially never leave home. Risk-free makes no sense as a goal. The reality is those who have been vaccinated are very safe from COVID-19. Deaths from COVID-19 have plummeted, and nearly all are among those not vaccinated and in higher-risk groups. The obvious answer is to steadfastly educate those who haven't taken the vaccine, not force the entire country back into unreasonable restrictions.





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## WOKE LANGUAGE

Have you noticed how our language is changing?

At a congressional hearing on "Birthing While Black," nearly every politician used the words "birthing people" instead of "women" or "mothers." Asked why, Shalanda Young, President Joe Biden's budget director, said, "Our language needs to be more inclusive."

Activists have also changed "equality" to "equity" and "affirmative action" to "diversity."

The Associated Press no longer uses "mistress." It tells reporters to use "companion, friend or lover."

Worse, certain speech is now labeled "violence."

Calling a transgender woman a man is "an act of violence," says transgender actress Laverne Cox.

Last week, the American Booksellers Association apologized for promoting a book on gender dysphoria after activists called it "anti-trans." The book is hardly "anti-trans." The Economist and the Times of London called it one of the best books of the year. But the Booksellers Association actually groveled, calling promoting the book "violent."

Tim Sandefur of the Goldwater Institute says it's dangerous to call words violence.

"The only way human beings can deal with one another is through language, discussion, debate," he says in my new video. "If we say that that's violence, then the only way for us to relate to one another is through power."

I push back. "You're white. Why should anybody listen to you about this?"

"Because what I say has, or doesn't have, merit on its own," he replies. "A big problem with the social justice movement is the idea that people's mindset is controlled by their skin color. That may be called 'anti-racism' today, but it's just plain old-

fashioned racism."

Linguist John McWhorter, author of the forthcoming book "Woke Racism," adds, "It can be really hard for us to talk to each other, because we don't know what the words we're using mean."

"The idea is, wherever there are white and black disparities, we're supposed to call that phenomenon 'racism,'" says McWhorter. "It never fully holds together."

"Latinx" is another new term created by activists.

And yet, says Sandefur, "'Latino' originated as a reaction led by Hispanic people! They chose the word Latino or Latina. And now here's a largely white, middle-class movement of social justice activists telling other people, 'No, no, you can't make distinctions in gender that way.'"

"Largely white?" I ask.

"The social justice movement in general is a largely white, upper-middle-class, college-educated movement," he replies. "You hardly find anybody in the Hispanic community who prefers the term 'Latinx.'"

He's right. Only 4% of Hispanics prefer the term.

It's hard to keep up with what's OK and what's forbidden.

Students at the University of Illinois-Chicago recently became upset because law professor Jason Kilborn included the N word, with only the first letter shown, in an exam on employment discrimination. He'd used the *same word* in exams for 10 years.

But this year, one student said she "had to seek counsel immediately after the exam to calm myself."

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## IN NEVADA AND BEYOND, CANDIDATES MUST MAKE THEIR OWN WAY

Stories are starting to appear in national news outlets by intrepid political reporters that Republican Party elites in Washington may be lining up behind failed 2018 gubernatorial candidate Adam Laxalt—a perfectly decent guy but a politically feckless scion of some storied GOP names in Nevada and beyond—to take on the Silver State’s freshman Senator Catherine Cortez Masto in 2022.

Tale as old as time, yeah? Wouldn’t it be nice, for once, if the kingmakers in D.C. would butt out and stand by as Republican voters in states like Nevada decide who it is they would like to see bear their standard? Were they to do so in this case (and they won’t) they would find that many Nevada Republicans see the recent two-time statewide electoral loser as “politically damaged goods.” And for some pretty good reasons.

In 2018, Nevada Republicans fielded a Dean Heller-Adam Laxalt ticket, with Heller running for Senate re-election and Laxalt running for governor. They both lost, badly, underperforming most of their statewide GOP counterparts.

Apparently, bigshots believe that the result will somehow be different if Laxalt performs a political do-si-do this next time around by running for U.S. Senate while Heller runs for governor. Some might think a candidate swap at the top of a previously failed ticket clever – most, I’m guessing, would find it delusional.

It’s a fair question for Nevada’s Republican voters and donors to ask: given his recent track record, why would they choose Adam Laxalt to spearhead their efforts to flip their pivotal U.S. Senate seat? A seat at which they might well only have this one legitimate shot.

Some suggest the Laxalt recruitment rumors

are just wishful thinking – fanned in part by Democrats. Nevada political analyst Jon Ralston took to Twitter to make it clear that in fact, Democrats are the ones rooting for Laxalt to be the GOP Senate nominee, while Nevada Republicans would prefer someone else. Ralston tweeted: “[Republicans] here get that if Laxalt is the nominee, it makes it less likely GOP can win. [Democrats] want him.”

The reason Democrats might want Laxalt makes sense. In Laxalt’s 2014 run for attorney general, opposition researchers dug up a private law firm’s performance reviews that referred to then-associate attorney Adam Laxalt as a “train wreck.” Democrats have used that attack mercilessly to pummel Laxalt in ads and in the press. Unfair? Maybe, but train wreck does come close to describing the Nevada GOP’s electoral fortunes with Laxalt at the top of the GOP effort in the last two election cycles. Just saying.

In 2018, Laxalt’s failed campaign for governor was a bungled opportunity of epic proportion. Laxalt had every advantage needed to win that campaign. He easily emerged from a sleepy GOP primary with plenty of money in the bank and facing a far-left progressive Democratic nominee in Steve Sisolak who had just endured a brutal primary and was called “financially exhausted.” State Republican strategists were expressing

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confidence, with one telling the Review-Journal: "I think it's Adam Laxalt's race to lose."

And yet, lose he did. Despite these early advantages and early polling leads, Laxalt managed to engineer a disastrous come-from-ahead loss to Sisolak, leaving Republican leaders shaking their heads and legislatively impotent in Carson City. Even harder to fathom was Laxalt's underperformance in Nevada's rural counties, typically reliable GOP strongholds.

Adam Laxalt fared no better when he was then tapped to chair Donald Trump's 2020 re-election campaign in Nevada. The results were familiar: a pivotal loss, with Joe Biden breaking the 50% barrier in Nevada that Hillary Clinton couldn't.

Laxalt's past candidacies have been helped along by his ability to leverage his family name to avoid a real primary in either of his prior campaigns. This time, however, Laxalt's recent losses mean he is unlikely to get a free pass in the primary if he runs. Reno-based veteran Sam Brown has already had a spirited entry into the race. Badly injured while fighting for his country in Afghanistan, Brown is a new breed of non-establishment candidate who has earned a right to be taken seriously. Further, Nevada insiders say he has been winning over some of Nevada's major donors and fundraising talent from Trump's national finance team.

It's understandable that notoriously lazy and risk-averse national Republicans would seek a candidate who provides the kind of instant name ID and pedigree of Adam Laxalt. Fine, and if Nevada rank-and-file GOPers end up feeling the same and showing it at the ballot box, then great. Whomever emerges from the Nevada GOP primary will need to have proven themselves if they hope to defeat a savvy incumbent in Cortez

Masto with an incumbent president and Nevada's politically murderous Harry Reid machine at her disposal to help Democrats keep Nevada's Senate seat blue. None one should be anointed in Nevada or anywhere else. Republicans have far too much to lose to screw around in 2022.



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## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT BREAKS ITS OWN LAWS?

In October of 2020, 14 people were arrested in Michigan and accused of being participants in a plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

The governor had imposed draconian restrictions on religious, travel and commercial activities as a means, she claimed, to stem the spread of COVID-19. All of her restrictions were eventually found by courts to be unconstitutional under both the Michigan and the U.S. Constitutions.

Sixteen plotters were supposedly planning to try the governor in a makeshift court and, if convicted, to impose some sort of punishment. Before the plotters could spring into action, the FBI arrested 14 of them. Two plotters were not arrested since one of them was a paid FBI informant and the other was an undercover FBI agent.

In pleadings filed in federal court last week, the defendants revealed that the FBI enticed, cajoled and manipulated them into this plot, and even trained them and paid their expenses.

Can the government get away with planting the seeds of a crime in the minds of innocent folks, providing them with the means for the crime, arresting them before the crime takes place and then charging them with a crime that never occurred?

Here is the backstory.

The FBI has perfected the art of the sting. In the years immediately following the attacks on 9/11, FBI agents regularly found young Arab American males in the U.S. who were essentially loners, disenchanting with life, and talked them into fantastic plots. The FBI supplied what the loners thought were explosives -- for the New York City subway system and the Brooklyn Bridge,

for example -- and then heroically arrested them before the inert explosives could be detonated.

These FBI-manufactured plots happened dozens of times to unlucky and unwary targets. The targets were identified by gender and ethnicity -- both characteristics that federal law prohibits the government from using as the sole or even a significant basis for prosecutorial decisions.

But the FBI repeatedly gets away with this because of wrongheaded Supreme Court decisions that permit law enforcement to lie, deceive and talk persons into committing crimes so long as they were predisposed to criminal acts before law enforcement came along. So, the typical sting begins with a street-level or barroom or internet conversation between an undercover agent and a target, during which the agent's job is to elicit the target's predisposition to commit a crime.

Once that predisposition has been established, the government knows that whatever else it does is fair game and when the target is made to look like a participant in a crime that never comes to pass, he can be arrested and prosecuted. This breaks down for law enforcement when the defendant rejects a plea offer and the case goes to trial. That is what is happening in the fake plot to kidnap Whitmer.

The government hates this, as it must reveal its sources and methods to an often incredulous jury. So, to avoid a jury trial, the government will grossly overcharge the defendant, exposing him to life in prison and terrifying him and his lawyer

into accepting a guilty plea to a lesser charge, with a finite jail term, far less than life.

All this is typically done for a crime that never took place.

There are numerous moral and constitutional problems with this behavior. The first is the illicit use of government assets to entrap an innocent person. How does the government decide whom to entrap? Add to this the absence of due process. The feds fear due process. They fear a jury saying, "Enough is enough," hence the overcharging and guilty plea scenario.

The government will claim that the defendant was a conspirator -- a person who agreed with others to commit a crime, where at least one of them took a material step in furtherance of the crime. In order to fortify its case against the unwitting defendant, the government usually has him take the material step in furtherance of the plot by having him deliver what he believes is an explosive, but in truth is not, to the place of its intended detonation only to arrive and find his fellow plotters there to arrest him.

I have interviewed FBI officials about these techniques. On the record, they acknowledge that no one was harmed and no one was in danger by their government-created plot. They also argue that they took a bad person, predisposed to crime, off the streets. Yet, being bad and having a criminal predisposition

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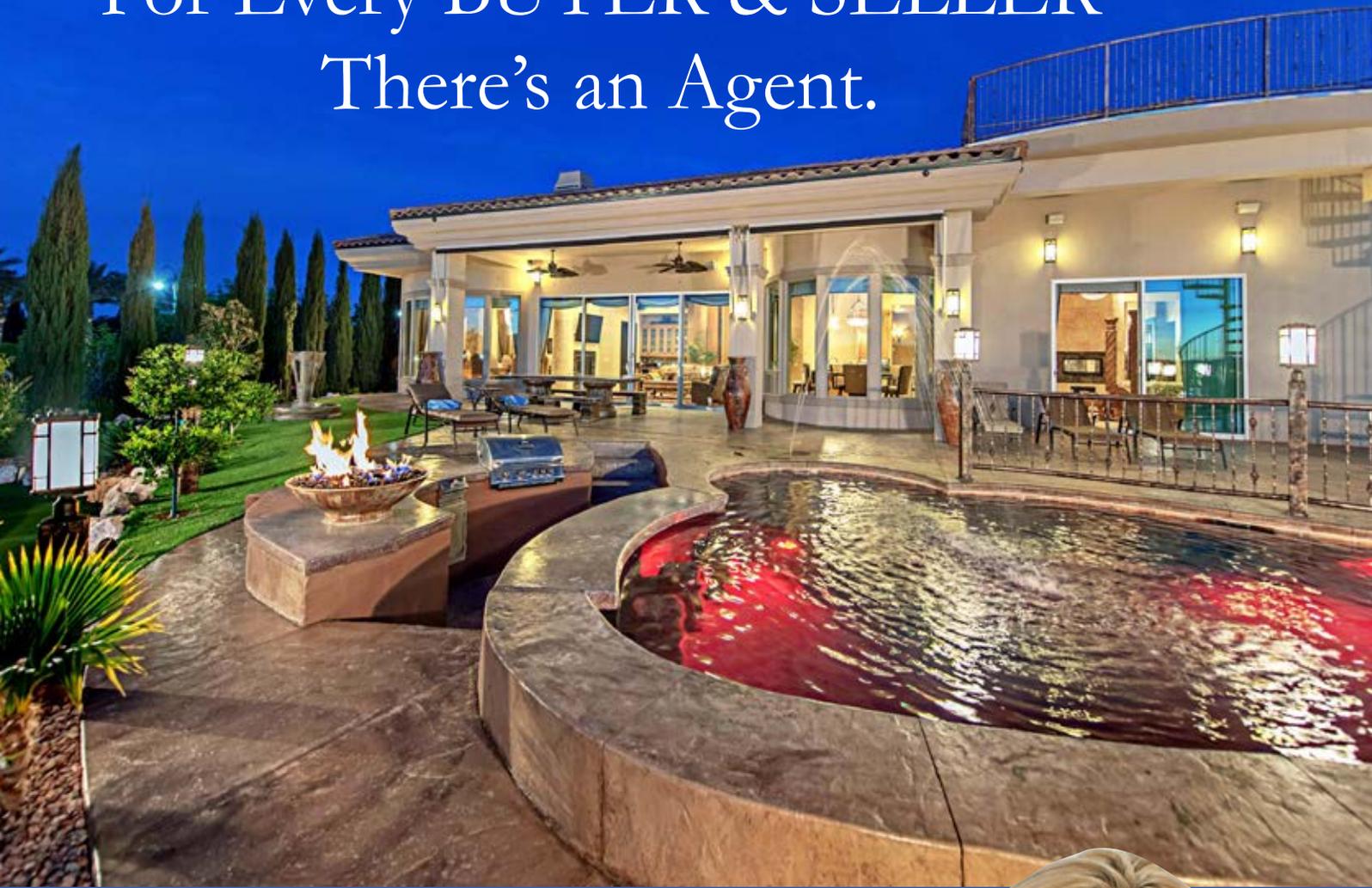
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But as sick as you are about your place, someone is ready to fall in love with it. Buyers want to fall in love with anything. Anything they can buy and call their own. Or any home that's not where they are living now.

It's called FOMO. Fear of Missing Out. And your home is what someone is salivating for. The term FOMO was created and made popular by author Patrick J. McGinnis in an op-ed published in 2004. In the article, he referred to FOMO and FOBO (fear of a better option) and their role in social life at Harvard Business School.

There's one particular generation that experiences FOMO the most. And they're also the most likely to create FOMO in others as well. It's Millennials. Born between 1981 and 1996, Millennials are aged 25 to 40, the prime years to buy their first home or for the older Millennials their first move up home. This is the generation that grew up with a smart phone in one hand and a \$4 cup of Starbucks in the other. They are now making money and spending it.

I know, you heard that Millennials aren't buying homes. Not so. The Business Insider shouted these headlines this spring, "Millennial Homeownership is Causing the US to Run Out of Houses." Hillary Hoffower wrote, "The millennial homeownership rate has climbed to 47.9% from 40% just three years ago, according to the report. And 30% of millennials said in a recent survey by Clever Real Estate that the pandemic pushed them to house-hunting earlier than planned."

News 3 reports for-sale inventory has increased, but it hasn't increased enough. Las Vegas REALTORS president Aldo Martinez told News 3, "Remember when the pandemic first hit? All the food was gone off the shelves," he stated. "I go, 'What do people expect? Do they think that people are going to stop fabricating food?' But here we did have that problem. Builders stopped fabricating houses."

Some people you talk to think new homes are under construction everywhere. Not quite. "So, they're releasing the lots two and three at a time and sometimes they have 80 people waiting for a lot," says realtor Cristi Jessee. "The past two weekends, I've been on Zoom calls in lotteries

waiting with clients to win a lot and they're up against 80 other people for three lots."

If you're still scratching your head wondering whether it's a good time to list your home for sale, think about these things.

1. Interest rates are at an all-time low. Low rates increase a buyer's purchasing power, making homes more affordable. Pre-pandemic, you could expect a \$1,000 monthly payment for a house costing about \$207,000. Today, that same monthly payment of \$1,000 buys a home for about \$240,000. With the whiff of price inflation in the air, Interest rates won't stay low forever.

2. Inventory is also historically low. Less inventory on the market means fewer homes competing against yours. Besides that, most listings are getting multiple offers. This means you'll be able to sell your home faster and for more money.

3. Buyers are qualified and serious. This may be the most important point. With inventory so low, most buyers in the market have already lost out on other homes because they were outbid in a multiple-offer situation.

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McWhorter says those students are lying. Why?

"Claiming that kind of victimhood gives them a sense of belonging, of togetherness, a sense that they're contributing to a struggle that their ancestors dealt with in a more concrete way."

The students demanded the professor be punished. He was. The law school suspended him in the name of "social justice."

"Social justice seeks to redistribute wealth and power between groups to suit what some political authority thinks is the right outcome," says Sandefur.

I push back. "Social justice just means it's time to pay attention to the minorities who never got justice."

"No," he responds. "Social justice (says), 'We're going to reorganize how people live their lives, silence some groups that have been heard more often.'"

It's as if America is moving toward "1984," George Orwell's novel, in which government controls people's thoughts by creating a new language, Newspeak.

The only way to stop it, says McWhorter, is to push back.

"Enlightened America needs to develop a backbone and start getting used to being called racist on Twitter. Just withstand it. Keep their voices out there. Make us understand what *true* justice is."

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are not crimes; they are states of mind protected by the First Amendment.

What they will never acknowledge is that these schemes are concocted to make the FBI look like heroes who swooped in to save the public at the last minute.

Before the courts began permitting this behavior by law enforcement, every definition of crime used the word "harm." Eventually, "harm" became "wrong." At common law, the only crimes were malum in se, acts that are wrong in and of themselves, such as aggression against a person or property. Eventually, crimes became malum prohibitum, wrong because they are prohibited.

The former is the natural law, the nonaggression principle that prohibits all -- even the government -- from initiating or threatening force or interference. The latter is big government run wild, which defines whatever it wants as wrong -- even a mythical FBI-created plot to kidnap a public official that could never have come to pass.

The Constitution only defines two crimes; treason and debasing the monetary unit. Yet as government grew, it rewarded its patrons and punished its enemies, and it made unlawful whatever it deemed wrong at the moment. Today, there are 4,400 federal criminal statutes, and some of them permit the feds themselves to commit crimes.

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## BILLY WALTERS SEEKS EXPOSURE AND JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK PROSECUTION

In January 2021, President Donald Trump commuted the prison sentence of Las Vegas businessman Billy Walters who had been serving a 5 year prison term for insider trading.

The White House statement regarding the commutation was that Walters had “served nearly 4 years of his prison sentence and paid \$44 million in fines, forfeitures, and restitution.” While Walters may have achieved some closure on his case and put a stay in prison behind him, he still has a concern over how his case was prosecuted. In a lawsuit filed in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) last year, Walters is asking a federal judge to move the case forward and hopes that law enforcement agents and prosecutors will be held accountable.

In October 2020, Walters filed a federal lawsuit against former SDNY US Attorney Preet Bharara, FBI agent David Chaves and a host of others. Walters’ claim is that Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney’s Office, and FBI illegally leaked confidential grand jury information to major media outlets about him and subsequently covered up and refused to investigate those leaks. If the case goes forward, it would go a long way to shining a light on the unethical, and possibly illegal, practices used by prosecutors in one of the most prominent judicial districts in the country. This week, Walters asked U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein to allow the civil lawsuit to move forward over government opposition.

Walters is not challenging his 2017 conviction on insider-trading charges, his attorneys noted. He served more than half of his five-year prison sentence before being granted clemency in January. Walters is asking the court to rule that key federal officials violated his constitutional rights through a “flagrant abuse of the grand jury process” by illegally leaking secret grand jury information to The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. According to the court filing, former

FBI agent David Chaves, his supervisor George Venizelos and prosecutors Richard Zabel, Telemachus Kasulis and Daniel Goldman, who worked in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the SDNY at the time, are accused of having a role in the leaks and their coverup.

The court filing provides new details about the federal investigation and the leaks regarding Walters, financier Carl Icahn, former Dean Foods Chairman Tom Davis and Phil Mickelson.

In the filing, attorney Pierce O’Donnell wrote that federal agents “cannot be held to be immune from suit for their failure to investigate or otherwise remedy the ongoing leaking by Defendant Chaves.”

The Government began to target Walters in their insider trading investigation as early as November 4, 2011. In the early stages, the investigation pertained to certain stock purchases and allegations of insider trading involving Clorox stock, investor Carl Icahn, and Walters. At or around that time, the Government tracked Walters’ phone to capture phone numbers for all incoming and outgoing calls. However, after several years, the Government’s investigation grew cold, with no evidence of wrongdoing. Even Chaves, then-FBI Supervisory Special Agent (“SSA”) in charge of the investigation, would later admit that the investigation was “dormant.” Walters believes that led Chaves, in an effort to reinvigorate investigation, reached out to some contacts he had in the media.

In 2013, Chaves arranged a dinner meeting with The New York Times reporters Matthew Goldstein and Ben Protess, two mainstay reporters who closely followed and reported detailed accounts on insider trading cases prosecuted under the

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Bharara led “Operation Perfect Hedge.” Those prosecutions led to hundreds pleading guilty or being convicted, including billionaire hedge fund manager Raj Rajaratnam who was sentenced to 11 years in prison.

Chaves then met with reporter Susan Pulliam of The Wall Street Journal and informed her that the FBI was investigating Walters. To this day, Walters does not know whether this was the first such meeting, or if meeting with such high level reporters had gone on for years.

The purpose of the media disclosures was, at least in part, to establish a quid pro quo whereby Chaves would provide confidential investigative information for the reporters to use in stories, while the reporters would, in turn, provide investigative leads. Chaves specifically asked the reporters to notify him if they came across information regarding Walters.

This quid pro quo was ultimately consummated when Pulliam would call Chaves from time to time to describe what she had learned about Walters. Chaves, for his part, not only discussed confidential details of the investigation, but at times would also indicate to reporters when their sources had turned up false or incorrect information.

According to Walters’ filing, incriminating evidence has been withheld by the Government, text messages and phone logs which indicate multiple calls between Chaves and The New York Times’ Proress, including an approximately 21-minute call on April 20, 2014. “The content of those text messages and phone calls—and all other confidential information Chaves illegally conveyed to the press—remains unknown outside the DOJ and the recipients,” the filing claimed.

On May 29, 2014, after learning about the pending publicity regarding the investigation, the Chief Public Information Officer at the USAO (James Margolin) emailed six AUSAs in the Southern District with an update about contacts with the media. The same day, Richard Zabel, then Deputy U.S. Attorney at the SDNY, responded that had also been contacted by The Wall Street Journal and confirmed that the media outlet had detailed, confidential information about the Walters investigation. That same day, the FBI approached two subjects of the investigation, Tom Davis, Chair of Dean Foods, at his home in Texas and Mickelson who was playing at a golf tournament in Ohio. Both denied wrongdoing during the encounter. Davis later pled guilty and was the government’s

primary cooperating witness. Federal authorities never charged Mickelson with a crime, but the golfer settled the case by forfeiting his profits of approximately \$1 million to the government. In a separate civil case, Mickelson neither admitted nor denied any wrongdoing.

The Wall Street Journal, feeling like the The New York Times would beat them to the story, broke with a headline on May 30, 2014, “FBI, SEC Probe Trading of Carl Icahn, Billy Walters, Phil Mickelson; Insider Trading Investigation Began in 2011 with Unusual Trades in Clorox.” Hours after The Journal article broke, Goldstein and Proress ran a story in the The New York Times with substantially the same information. Later stories by the Wall Street Journal detailed techniques used by the FBI to surveil Walters. It was clear this information was coming from inside government law enforcement.

On June 10, 2014, the FBI approached Walters for the first time, but he declined to speak with them. The very next day, The NY Times ran another story that contained new details about the investigation, including the specific dollar amounts that Walters allegedly earned in the stock trades under scrutiny. The timing of the articles and the FBI showing up demonstrate an uncanny and unsavory side of using the media as an investigative weapon.

Walters was ultimately indicted on insider trading charges in May 2016 in the SDNY. After his indictment, Walters’ defenses team stated that there was a high likelihood, if not certainty, of illegal leaking by DOJ personnel. On September 2016, Walters filed a motion requesting a hearing to address possible Government misconduct relating to the leaks in the 13 articles in the Times and Journal. SDNY prosecutors filed an opposition in which it adamantly denied what it knew to be true for years: one or more government agents were the source of the leaks. In November 2016, U.S. District Judge P. Kevin Castel ordered an evidentiary hearing into the alleged leaking by the FBI and/or USAO, finding that the newspaper articles in question were at the very least “suggestive of a government leak.” Shortly thereafter, the SDNY finally publicly acknowledged what it knew all along: there was at least one leaker in their midst ... Chaves was thrown under the proverbial bus and was named as the sole leaker.

Judge Castel ultimately ruled that the FBI’s actions were not enough to drop the case, but

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stated the following in his decision to let the trial proceed;

“... Human nature being what it is, I could certainly understand if an agent found themselves in communication with a member of the press and somehow a conversation got out of hand and went beyond where it should have, and the agent, without any real thought ahead of time, misspoke. That is not what happened here. This included dinner meetings and the like. I am a wiser person today for having been exposed to this. To say I was shocked would be an accurate statement.”

Judge Castel referred the matter to the US Attorneys Office to review for possible prosecution for criminal contempt and/or obstruction of justice. To date, no charges have been filed against any of the government leakers. Chaves retired from the FBI in 2017. In a motion to dismiss this Walters case, Chaves’ attorney wrote that the Walters case had not grown cold when the leak to the media occurred ... but rather “the record establishes that the investigation was in fact active and ongoing” when the leak occurred. There seems to be no denial of the leak, but whether the leak was done in such a way that was not illegal.

Bharara has gone on to become an on-air contributor to CNN, professor at New York University School of Law and Chair of the Bharara Task Force on insider trading ... a group of practitioners and academics whose alleged goal is to review and assess the current state of insider trading law and to explore proposals to improve it. One of those recommendations was that enforcement actions against insider trading should focus on “‘wrongfully’ obtained or communicated information.” Perhaps the same regimen should be used to look at how prosecutors handle confidential information on cases.

It is an open secret that there are back-channel discussions between government law enforcement and the media. A case like this would let us know extent this happens. Walters seeks a civil remedy for the undisputed violations that occurred through federal law enforcement leaks to the media, even if the damages might be difficult to calculate (although prison and legal fees for a wrongful prosecution are heavy damages). As Walters brief stated, “A wrong deserves a remedy.” It is also shameful that a private citizen, Walters, is the only one interested in holding rogue agents and prosecutors accountable.

Let’s hope the judge allows this case move forward.



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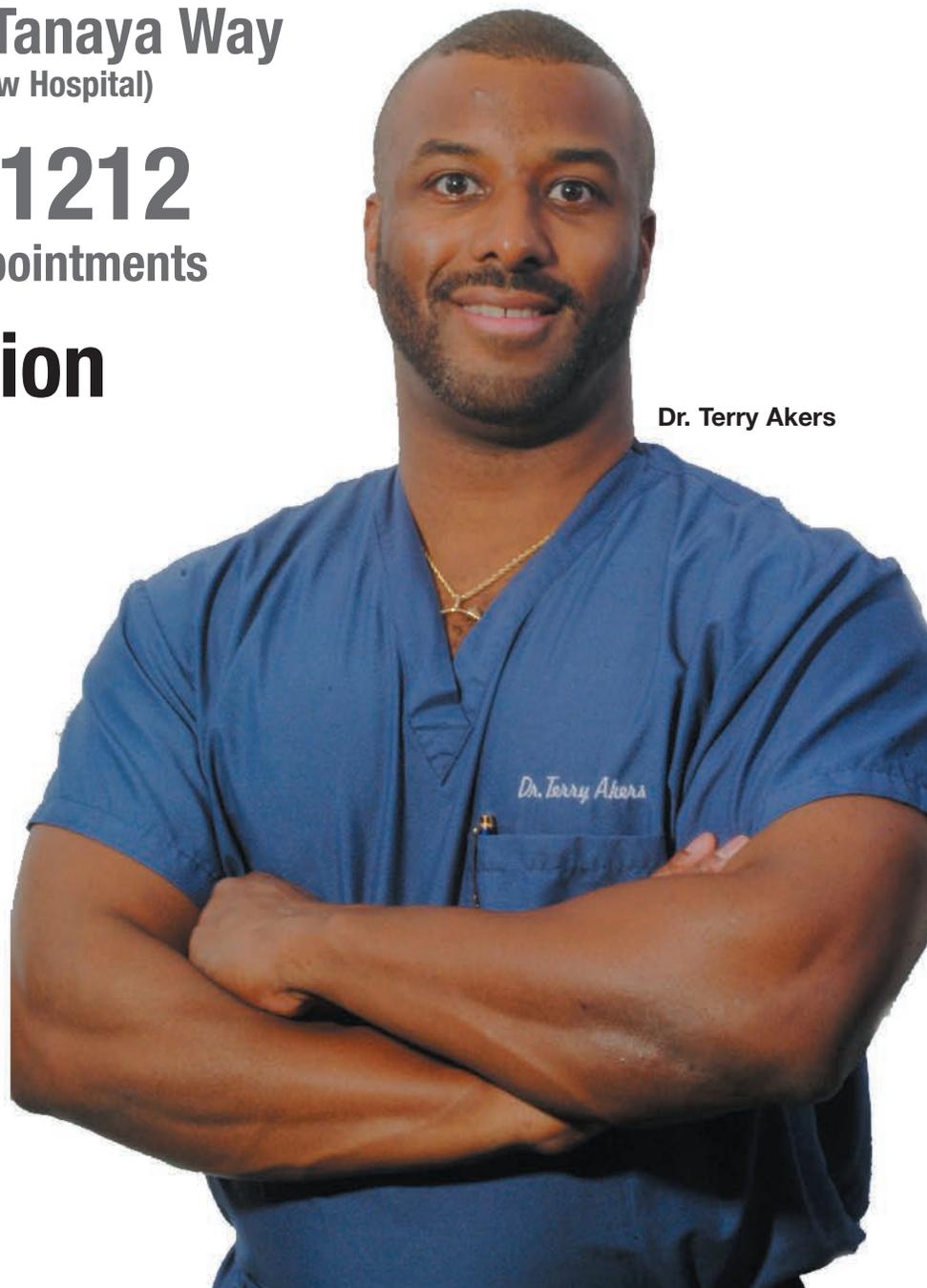
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