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President's Byline



Protests have been going on across the nation in response to the death of George Floyd while being arrested in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, some people are using Mr. Floyd's death to loot and riot.

On Saturday, May 30, 2020, in Dallas, about 700 protesters gathered in downtown. It started out peacefully, but turned violent when protesters damaged several Dallas police squad cars. Seventy four people were arrested and charged with inciting a riot. In response, the Texas Governor has called out the National Guard to prevent more rioting.

Sadly, riots and looting have taken place in Minneapolis, NYC, DC, and other large urban areas. Rioters are burning down businesses; people even tore down White House barriers. Luckily, the Secret Service prevented them from going on to the White House property. On Friday, May 29th, the President was taken down to the White House bunker for his safety.

This situation has clearly gotten out of control. People and violent groups like Antififa have used Mr. Floyd's death to steel, destroy, and spread mayhem. That does nothing to help get justice for Mr. Floyd. What rioters are doing only diminishes Mr. Floyd's memory. It does not make things better, but makes them worse. It only divides people and communities.

The Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, and Jesus changed things through peace. That is the way to bring people together, and change hearts and minds. Violence only brings more violence. Peace is the way to make lasting change and unite people.

Jennifer Groysman

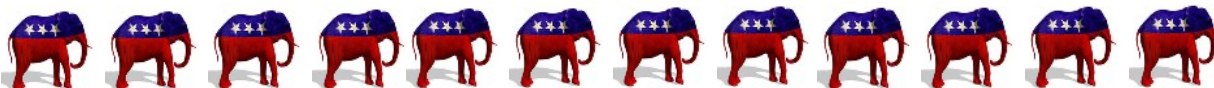
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June Meeting
June 16th



June Meeting



Next PRW Meeting:

Tuesday, June 16th, 2020

June's Speaker - Mr. George Seay

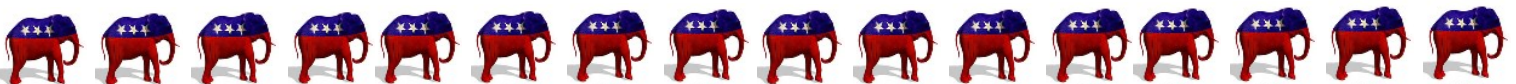
- Founder and Chairman, Annandale Capital
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- Chairman, Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce

George Seay is a nationally recognized speaker, civic leader, and financial industry CEO with senior level experience working in government and on GOP political campaigns. George is the founder and chairman of Annandale Capital, a global investment firm that manages capital for clients all across the country.

Mr. Seay has significant public policy experience through his work for the Governor of Texas and the Deputy Secretary of State at the U.S. State Department in Washington.

Mr. Seay serves on numerous boards including Chairman of the Clements Center for National Security at the University of Texas and the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce. He is the former Chairman of Associated Republicans of Texas.

Mr. Seay received his B.A. summa cum laude and his MBA with a Dean's Award for Academic Excellence from the University of Texas. He graduated Cum Laude from the Southern Methodist University School of Law, where he served as President of the SMU Law Review Association.



**Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East
3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074**

Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

Lunch is available for **\$25.00** with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, March 13th, 2020

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting
We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!

To RSVP send an email to:
rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch



Legislative Report

**Sam
Johnson**

FAMILY MAN.
WAR HERO.
CONGRESSMAN.



To the countless friends, supporters, and admirers of Congressman Sam Johnson:
Congressman Johnson will be laid to rest on Monday, June 8 at a private graveside ceremony. Johnson's funeral procession will travel through downtown Plano late Monday morning. We invite those in the community to pay tribute to this revered and respected patriot as he departs his hometown and beloved 3rd Congressional District.

FUNERAL PROCESSION INFORMATION

While the graveside service is closed to the public, those wishing to honor Congressman Johnson should be in place, rain or shine, no later than 11:15 a.m. on Monday, June 8.

The route will begin at Avenue K and head west on 15th Street. Gatherers are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue as they line the downtown Plano sidewalks to pay their respects to both Mr. Johnson and his family.



The procession will be in the same downtown Plano area where then-Colonel Sam Johnson was given a hero's welcome back in 1973, when he returned home after being held as a Prisoner of War for almost seven years in Hanoi, Vietnam.

[A brief clip of that joyful parade can be seen here.](#)

Parking will be available in the following locations:

DART Downtown Plano Station: 15th Street and Avenue J (1001 E. 16th St., Plano, TX 75074)

Plano Police Department: 909 14th Street, Plano, TX 75074. Parking available in the west parking lot.

Plano City Hall: 1520 K Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. Parking available in the northern side of the building.

Plano Courtyard Theater: 1509 H Avenue, Plano, TX 75074. Free parking is available at the rear of the Courtyard Theater-Cox Playhouse complex off G Avenue. A small number of spaces are available in front of the buildings on H Avenue.

Plano Municipal Court Building: 900 E. 15th Street, Plano, TX 75074

Public parking lot on the southwest corner of 14th Street & Avenue K.

Please enjoy these videos as you remember and celebrate the life of Congressman Sam Johnson



[USAF Thunderbirds Aerobatic Team Promo Film - 1958](#)

[Sam Johnson - American Hero](#)

[Beloved Rep. Sam Johnson reflects on his extraordinary life, service and patriotism as he says goodbye to Congress](#)

Tribute to Congressman Sam Johnson—1930-2020



WASHINGTON — Retired Congressman Sam Johnson, a conservative stalwart whose service to country spanned seven years as a prisoner of war and a long stint in the House, died Wednesday in Plano of natural causes. He was 89.

The Plano Republican packed multiple careers into a life defined by endurance, patriotism and sacrifice.

He served 28 years in Congress, from a special election in May 1991 to his retirement in January 2019, after 29 years as an Air Force fighter pilot. He saw combat in two wars — surviving torture and deprivation at the infamous Hanoi Hilton with a mangled hand and other scars — and a bright tenure in politics.

Among his captors, Johnson quickly gained a reputation for stubbornness. Despite extreme pressure, he refused to reveal military secrets or pen “repentance” letters that could be used in North Vietnamese propaganda.

His military career earned him enough distinction and accolades for a lifetime. After his release from North Vietnam, he ran the Air Force Fighter Weapons School, the so-called “Top Gun” institute that turns out some of the country’s best fighter pilots. Later, during his tenure in the U.S. House, Johnson’s diehard nature worked to his advantage, and sometimes to his detriment.

He served as a deputy whip, counting Republican votes, and sat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, where he chaired a subcommittee tasked with oversight of Social Security and pensions.

His family announced his death on Facebook: “It is with a heavy heart that the family of Congressman Sam Johnson announces his passing earlier today in Plano, Texas. Sam Johnson was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend, as well as a mentor, patriot, and American hero whose sacrifices will never be forgotten. He is now with his beloved wife, Shirley, and their son, Bob. Together they are reunited in their eternal home with Jesus Christ. More details and information will be forthcoming, but for today we ask for your prayers.”

Former President George W. Bush said: “Laura and I join our community giving thanks for the life of Sam Johnson. He served our country with dignity for nearly 30 years in the United States Congress. Prior to that, the former fighter pilot admirably served the United States in both the Korean War and Vietnam, where he survived seven brutal years as a prisoner of war at the Hanoi Hilton. Laura and I are grateful for this man of humility and patriotism, and we take comfort knowing that he is with his beloved wife, Shirley, again.”

Gov. Greg Abbott called Johnson “a fearless patriot and an American hero [who] dedicated his life to our nation and the state of Texas” and said, “He bravely served as a fighter pilot in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and his profound sacrifice is something Texans will never forget.”

Rep. Van Taylor, a Plano Republican who succeeded Johnson in Congress, noted that despite 42 months in solitary confinement and ongoing torture, “Sam never broke and never wavered in his commitment to his country.”

“Sam Johnson was a legend — a real life legend,” Taylor said. “Congressman Johnson will forever be enshrined as the embodiment of an American hero and has given our next generation a role model to emulate.”

Dallas childhood

Johnson was born in San Antonio on Oct. 11, 1930, and spent much of his childhood in Dallas.

He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and started his Air Force career at 20 while studying business administration at Southern Methodist University. He was part of the first Air Force ROTC graduating class.

After graduating in 1951, he went to flight school at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas to prepare for fighting in Korea. He arrived in Korea in late 1952.



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By the time the war ended eight months later, he'd flown 62 missions in an F-86 Sabre named Shirley's Texas Tornado, after his wife, the former Shirley Melton.

"I had never flown a plane — never even flown in a plane — until the Korean conflict entered my life," Johnson recounted in a 1992 memoir, *Captive Warriors*.

After his experience as a flight leader in Korea, he returned to Nellis as an instructor. In 1957, he joined the Thunderbirds, touring the U.S. and Europe as a pilot for the elite Air Force demonstration team.

But another war was brewing, and by 1965 Johnson was in Vietnam, this time flying the F-4 Phantom.

On his 25th mission, Johnson and copilot Lt. Larry Chesley took heavy fire from anti-aircraft guns as they flew reconnaissance near Quang Bing, North Vietnam.

They shot back but their guns jammed. The plane was hit. They bailed out over enemy territory. Both were captured and would spend the next seven years as POWs.

Future congressman and Air Force Col. Sam Johnson at his homecoming in Plano on March 6, 1973, after being released from seven years of captivity in Vietnam. (Larry Reese / Staff Photographer)

Years of torture

Johnson had broken his right arm, dislocated his left shoulder and injured his back ejecting. He landed in a rice paddy.

Two civilians tried to help him escape, but North Vietnamese soldiers caught up with them. The would-be rescuers fled.

He was taken to the infamous Hoa Lo prison, widely known as the Hanoi Hilton, where the North Vietnamese held especially difficult or valuable prisoners. Among his fellow captives was future senator John McCain, a Navy flier who would end up sharing a tiny cell with Johnson for 18 months.

Like the others, Johnson was subjected to torture and death threats. The wounds he received from ejecting were never properly tended to, and he would have difficulty using his right arm for the rest of his life.

But the worst was yet to come.

In 1967, Johnson was moved to a special unit about a mile from Hoa Lo, known among the Americans as Alcatraz — cells dug out of the courtyard at the Ministry of Defense and reserved for the most non-compliant POWs.

Johnson would face 42 months of solitary confinement, shackled in leg irons in a cell measuring only 3 by 9 feet.

The prisoners communicated by tapping on cell walls. Johnson took pride in being among a select group who defied the enemy so completely. They called themselves "the Alcatraz Gang."

"It was a strange sort of elation, an excitement almost, that I had been categorized with such valiant men as these," he recalled in his memoir. "The Vietnamese had chosen only 11. And I was among them. It was an honor, a medal I would wear in my heart."

For three years, Johnson's wife — his high school sweetheart, whom he'd married in 1950, just before his senior year at SMU — maintained that he was alive, but couldn't be sure. Then, in 1969, a letter in his shaky handwriting arrived. Contact after that was intermittent, subject to the whim of the North Vietnamese.

By 1973, the war was nearing a close. On Feb. 12, Johnson and other POWs walked off a plane at a U.S. base in the Philippines. The seven-year test of endurance had ended. He returned home a hero, though he would shrug off the label.

"Shirley is the real hero," Johnson told a reporter on Valentine's Day in 2013. "She never once gave up on me. She never stopped caring, praying and loving. Her courage and strength held my family together in



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some of the darkest days of our lives.”

Johnson was awarded two Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star with Valor, two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals and three Outstanding Unit Awards for his service.

McCain would make his first return trip to Vietnam in 1986. Johnson refused until 2006, when he returned with Shirley as part of a congressional delegation. They spent an emotional hour at the old prison, now a museum featuring mannequins in manacles.

"I might have had a tear or two," Johnson recounted afterward.

"It was much more stark and depressing than anything I could think of," Shirley Johnson said.

Stephen Holt of the Veterans Administration North Texas Health Care System presented a photo to Rep. Sam Johnson in honor of National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day on April 20, 2018, at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field. (Ben Torres / Special Contributor)

Back to civilian life

Johnson returned to active duty, retiring in 1979 as a colonel.

He started a homebuilding business in Plano and in 1984 took his first steps into politics with a campaign for a seat in the Texas House. He won handily and was re-elected three times, serving seven years.

At age 60, Johnson decided to go bigger. A congressional seat opened in 1991 when Steve Bartlett stepped down to run for mayor of Dallas. It was a tight primary, with eight Republicans vying for the nomination, including Pete Sessions, who would also become a congressman.

Promising support for the military and fidelity to conservative ideals, Johnson narrowly won a runoff against Tom Pauken, a former Reagan White House aide who became chairman of the Texas GOP in 1994.

In a solidly Republican district, he sailed past Democratic unknown Wayne Putnam that fall. After that, he would face only token opposition as he won reelection time and again, representing Plano, Garland and McKinney.

Though famed as a war hero, Johnson was a political unknown in Washington.

House Speaker Tom Foley didn't recognize the name. Hours before Johnson's swearing-in in May 1991, a spokesman for the Washington state Democrat asked a reporter, "Now, who did he replace?"

But Johnson would make his mark. By 2009, fellow congressmen had voted him the most admired member of the House in a *National Journal* poll. Colleagues cited his steadfast adherence to principle as the source of their admiration.

"When Sam speaks, we listen," Ralph Hall, who served in Congress until age 91, making him the oldest congressman in history, said in 2015. Hall died last year.

Washington bureau chief Todd J. Gillman and reporter Tom Benning and Austin bureau chief Robert T. Garrett contributed to this report.



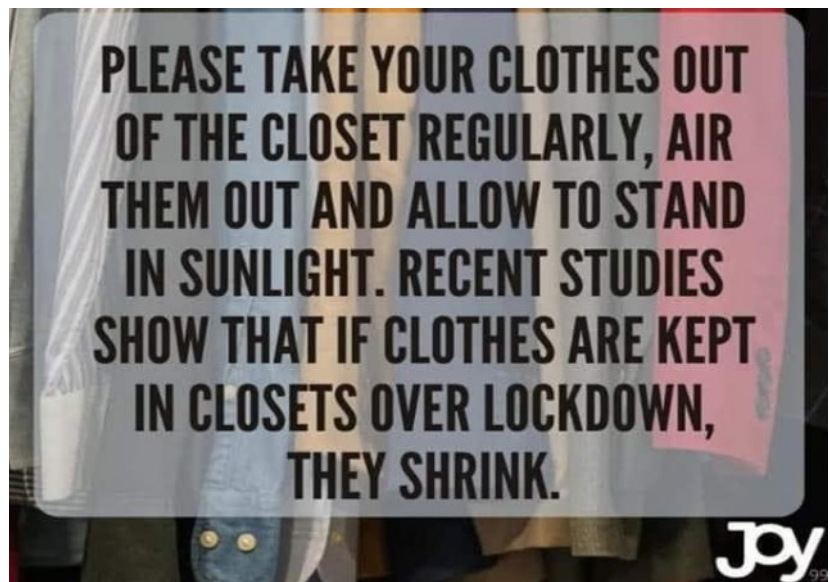
A staunch conservative, Johnson was a major contributor of both time and funding to the Collin County Republican Party. In 2018, at the Collin County GOP's 50th Annual Lincoln Day Dinner at the Star in Frisco, Sam Johnson was presented with the John McVeigh Award, the highest honor given by the Collin County GOP, in recognition of his decades of support of the Republican Party in Collin County.

Political Cartoons



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AMERICANISM REPORT

BY ANNE LOGAN, AMERICANISM CHAIR

Texas Women who influenced Texas History

Texas women are known for their strength and commitment to the state of Texas. I found name after name from 1845 (the time of Texas statehood) to today but I am listing only a few I found. I enjoyed learning about these awesome women.

- Raised in Houston's fifth ward, **Barbara Jordan** shattered a lot of glass ceilings for her successors. In 1966, Jordan was the first black woman to be elected to the Texas State Senate (and the first African American to be elected after the Civil War Reconstruction Era). In 1972, she was the first black woman to represent Texas in the United States House of Representatives, and upon her death in 1996, was the first black woman to be buried in the Texas State Cemetery.
- You may have heard of Cesar Chavez, but if you haven't heard of this Texas woman who blazed trails for him, then pay attention. A pioneer in the labor rights movement, San Antonio born **Emma Tenayuca** first gained notoriety when arrested in 1933 at the age of 16 for picketing the Finck Cigar Factory for its unfair labor practices. Tenayuca was still a young woman when she organized two international ladies' garment workers unions, lobbied the Texas congress for improved labor rights in the San Antonio pecan shelling industry, and organized peaceful protests against the police beatings of Mexican migrant workers.
- The wife of Captain Almaron **Dickinson**, **Susana** and her daughter were two of the only dozen or so survivors of the Battle of the Alamo. It's from Dickinson that most of the first-hand historical account of the battle (from the Texans' viewpoint) originate. When Mexican general Santa Anna sent Dickinson to Gonzales with a letter of warning of what happened at the Alamo, instead of having the desired effect of intimidation, it became a rallying cry for the Texas army, who subsequently defeated the Mexicans at the battle of San Jacinto, even capturing Santa Anna himself.
- Fearless journalist **Caro Crawford Brown** won the 1955 Pulitzer Prize for Journalism after her work helped dismantle the power of infamous political boss George Parr. Brown worked for the *Alice Daily Echo*, was assigned to cover Parr after her fellow reporter was killed while investigating the Parr family. Brown was warned by the Texas Rangers that her life was in danger for her work covering George Parr, and so she always carried a pistol in her glove compartment for protection. Despite her work to take him down, Brown had scrupulous ethics, and at one point even saved Parr's life by physically inserting herself between Parr and a Texas Ranger when he was about to shoot Parr.
- **Ma" Ferguson** as she was called, was the first female Governor of Texas. Ferguson won two nonconsecutive elections, in 1924 and 1932. Miriam Ferguson and Anne Richards are to date the only two women to ever serve the state of Texas as Governor.
- Born in 1892 in Atlanta, Texas, no one would ever have expected **Bess Coleman** to achieve the things she did in her short life. The daughter of a Cherokee father and an African American mother, Coleman defied all odds when she became the first black woman aviator (as well as the first Native American woman aviator). During World War I, no one in the United States would teach a woman or an African American to fly. Undeterred, Coleman took a language course in French, and then sailed to France where she earned her pilot's license at the age of 29. Upon her return to the United States Coleman became a "barn stormer" or exhibition pilot, giving air shows in Chicago. She died at the age of 34 when a plane she was a passenger in malfunctioned mid-flight and crashed, killing both her and the pilot.
- **Lizzie Johnson's** family moved to Texas when she was four years old. Her first career was as a schoolteacher in Hays County, but she subsequently opened her own school in Austin. A contemporary and acquaintance of cattle barons George Littlefield, William Day and Charles Whitis, Johnson recognized the investment opportunities afforded by the cattle industry, and in 1871, she registered her own cattle brand and purchased 10 acres of land to start her own cattle business. She became known as one of the early Texas Cattle Queens, and was the first woman to ride the famed Chisholm Trail with her livestock. Lizzie Johnson's family moved to Texas when she was four years old. Her first career was as a schoolteacher in Hays County, but she subsequently opened her own school in Austin. A contemporary and acquaintance of cattle barons George Littlefield, William Day and Charles Whitis, Johnson recognized the investment opportunities afforded by the cattle industry, and in 1871, she registered her own cattle brand and purchased 10 acres of



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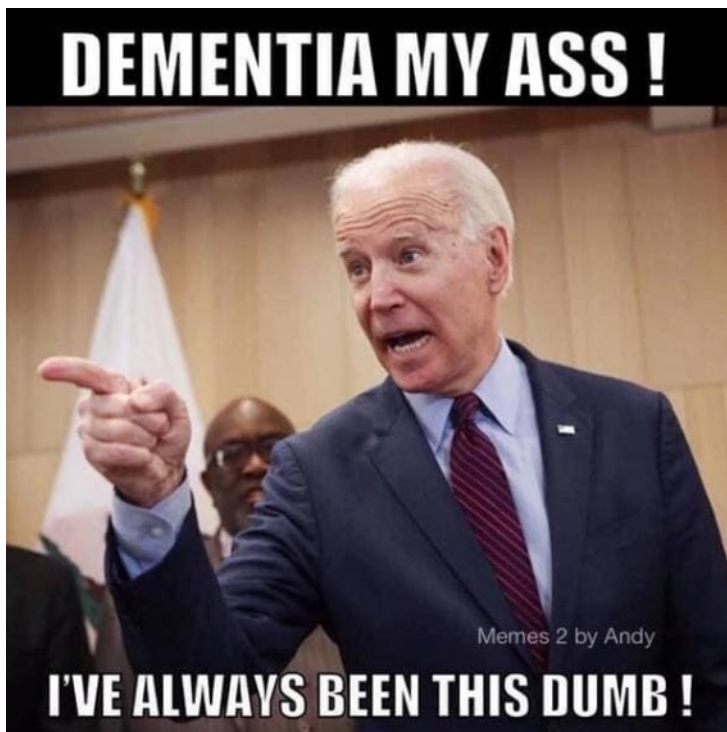
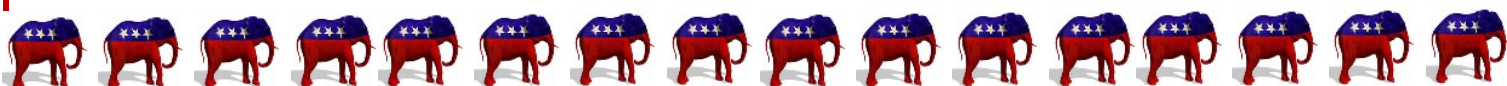
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land to start her own cattle business. She became known as one of the early Texas Cattle Queens, and was the first woman to ride the famed Chisholm Trail with her livestock.

- Though not a native Texan, **Angelina Eberly** was a courageous woman and an important figure Texas history. In December of 1842 Eberly made her mark on history when she fired a cannon into the General Land Office building, alerting the city of a theft taking place. The theft in question was being committed by none other than Texas Governor Sam Houston himself, who was quietly planning to remove the Texas archival documents from Austin to Houston, in an attempt to move the capital of Texas to Houston. Her efforts, which are now known as the Archive War, earned her the moniker "The Savior of Austin", and a statue depicting the famous cannon blast now sits in downtown Austin on Congress Avenue, between 6th and 7th Streets.

And the list could go on and on.



Supreme Court Eyes Ballot Harvesting Case That Could Affect Election Integrity Across Nation

By: Fred Lucas

With mail-in voting becoming a national issue during the COVID-19 crisis, the Supreme Court could decide to hear a cornerstone election integrity case.

On the line is Arizona's ban on ballot harvesting. The state prohibits political operatives and activists from having access to large amounts of absentee ballots for the purpose of collecting votes.

Arizona is one of 20 states with a law restricting the practice.

Also on the line is Arizona's in-precinct voting law, which, as in most states, requires voters to cast an in-person vote at a polling place in their local precinct.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a liberal bench that frequently is overturned by the Supreme Court, in late January struck down Arizona's 2016 election law in the case of Democratic National Committee v. Hobbs.

"I anticipate that a bunch of states will be interested in joining our case," Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich told The Daily Signal in a phone interview.

"If the 9th Circuit decision stands, it could put in jeopardy all kinds of commonsense voter integrity measures. That means laws preventing voter intimidation, laws preventing multiple voting, and laws protecting the secrecy of the ballot," Brnovich, a Republican first elected in 2014, said.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez praised the 9th Circuit's finding that the state's law violates the federal Voting Rights Act.

"The court's ruling will restore out-of-precinct voting and ballot collection for the 2020 election after finding that this Republican voter-suppression effort was a discriminatory attack on voters of color, including Native American, Latinx, and African-American communities," Perez said in a written [statement](#) in late January. "As Democrats, our goal is to engage every eligible American voter as an active participant in our democracy by making it easier for people to vote, not harder."

Ballot harvesting, which allows professional campaign operatives and political activists to have access to absentee ballots and authority to recruit voters, is allowed in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

Two Senate Democrats—[Ron Wyden of Oregon](#) and [Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota](#)—have proposed a bill that would, among other things, allow nationwide ballot harvesting. They are promoting the legislation as a means to allow more voting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Critics of ballot harvesting say it exposes voters to coercion and intimidation in their own homes, without protections normally present at polling places. There is also a [significant record](#) showing that legal vote harvesting leads to illegal fraud and intimidation.

For progressives, ballot harvesting has become a major priority nationally.

"The pandemic has created new opportunities," Jason Snead, executive director of the watchdog group Honest Elections Project, said during a conference call last week. "The first is ballot harvesting. We saw the Nevada case; they are pushing for legalized ballot harvesting, and they are pushing it in other cases as well. They are advancing significant wins to date."

In Minnesota, Attorney General Keith Ellison, a Democrat, settled a challenge to the state's ban on ballot harvesting. Under the settlement, candidates in that state will be allowed to help cast ballots, Snead noted.

The Arizona case is significant, he said.

"Fortunately, the state of Arizona is seeking Supreme Court review," Snead said. "So there is an opportunity there for anyone looking to provide amicus support to file a brief. That is a tremendously important case in terms of protecting our elections ^{Yeah,}

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against ballot harvesting.”

Brnovich, the Arizona attorney general, contends that the case largely is about the left’s trying to seize control of elections.

“The hard left always tries to advance its agenda,” Brnovich told The Daily Signal. “Tom Steyer and George Soros are pushing their left-wing agendas by trying to control the election process. These elitist billionaires just want to control lives and can do that by controlling elections.”

Brnovich said this is shortsighted ambition for the Democratic Party, considering a [North Carolina congressional race](#) in which the Republican candidate nearly stole an election through ballot harvesting.

“We want people to have confidence and faith in the election system,” the attorney general said.

The Arizona Legislature passed legislation in 2016 to restrict ballot harvesting in the state unless the person collecting a ballot is a family member, a person living in the same household, or a caregiver.

Brnovich said the law was based in part on the bipartisan Commission on Federal Election Reform in 2005 chaired by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker.

The Carter-Baker commission recommended that states “prohibit a person from handling absentee ballots other than the voter, an acknowledged family member, the U.S. Postal Service or other legitimate shipper, or election officials.”

The commission found that absentee ballots “remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.”

Since the 1970s, Arizona has required voters to vote at a polling place in their precinct.

If the Supreme Court agrees to take the case, it will have a substantial record to review, Brnovich said.

The Democratic National Committee filed suit over the Arizona law in 2016. Arizona won the case in the U.S. District Court in 2018 after a 10-day trial with 33 witnesses.

The DNC appealed, and a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit initially sided with Arizona. However, the DNC appealed to a larger panel of the 9th Circuit, which reversed the ruling Jan. 27.

Arizona then appealed to the Supreme Court.

Brnovich obtained a stay of the 9th Circuit’s decision, leaving Arizona’s laws restricting ballot harvesting and out-of-precinct voting in place while the high court decides whether to hear the matter.

Arizona’s petition contends that since so many states have similar measures, the case presents an appropriate vehicle to establish a clear rule of law for the country.

Fred Lucas is the White House correspondent for The Daily Signal and co-host of "[The Right Side of History](#)" podcast. Lucas is also the author of "[Tainted by Suspicion: The Secret Deals and Electoral Chaos of Disputed Presidential Elections.](#)" [Send an email to Fred.](#)

Tribute to Women

Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote



Every two years, the Texas Federation of Republican Women honors amazing women from all over the state who have helped pave the way for Republican activism, and who have made an impact in Texas and in our clubs.

Plano Republican Women is proud to announce that [Denise Voss](#) (our newsletter editor) has been chosen as our Honoree for TFRW's 2020-2021 Tribute to Women Award!

Sincerest congratulations to Denise for contributing so much to our organization! You are priceless and we are so grateful for you!!

Denise will be honored on Friday, July 17th at the Tribute to Women Luncheon at the Houston Marriott

12 Urgent Actions to Reopen America and Prevent an Economic Depression

By Paul Winfree/Charmaine Yoest May 13, 2020 for Daily Signal

The steps we take to reopen America safely will determine whether the United States has to contend with an economic depression—regardless of whether COVID-19 is suppressed in the next several months or the next year.

How we build on those steps will not just be critical in restarting the American economy, but also could help to increase the soundness of the economy coming out of this crisis.

The Heritage Foundation's National Coronavirus Recovery Commission has put forward [179 recommendations](#) for governors, local leaders, federal officials, and the private sector on the steps necessary to reopen America.

The full report from the commission takes a comprehensive approach to combating this crisis and includes many facets of the challenge we face. It reflects a strong belief that saving lives and saving livelihoods are inextricably connected.

But as we talk specifically about getting America back to work, here are 12 of the most urgent actions that policymakers should take to prevent an economic depression.

1. Allow businesses in counties with low incidence of COVID-19 to reopen. Just five states—New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Illinois, and California—account for 54% of all of the confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and 61% of all related deaths. Most counties (80%) have had less than five deaths related to the new coronavirus.

2. Use stay-at-home orders sparingly and only where necessary. Better, more targeted approaches should focus on infection hot spots, isolate the sick from work, and protect the more vulnerable (those who are elderly, in nursing homes, or have preexisting conditions).

3. Establish a national portal with accessible data on the spread of the coronavirus as well as the modeling used to support decisions made by governments at all levels. Access to information is absolutely critical for governments, medical professionals, businesses, and individuals to make the best decisions on how best to respond. Specifically, the availability of this information will reinforce consistency in standards that can be carried out locally and helps physicians. More access to information also will help to eliminate uncertainty about the virus that hurts the confidence of businesses and consumers.

4. Immediately allow all medical offices to reopen. Many states shut down health care services considered “nonessential” to prepare for projected massive surges in patients infected by the coronavirus. This government-created impediment has hindered the ability of medical professionals to meet Americans’ ongoing health care needs, and many medical workers are being unnecessarily furloughed. Amid an unprecedented health crisis, over 1 million health care workers face unemployment.

5. Review all regulations that have been waived or modified in response to COVID-19 and consider permanent changes. Such a clear statement by President Donald Trump to executive agencies would provide more long-term confidence and stability for businesses by ensuring regulatory regimes work in good times and bad, facilitate innovation and market advancement, and still protect health and safety.

6. Expand liability protections with a safe harbor for businesses and workers that follow guidance by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in good faith. A safe harbor by Congress would provide much-needed confidence and stability that encourages business owners to reopen.

7. Liberalize future Paycheck Protection Program loans to broaden eligible expenditures, extend the relevant period, and limit the loans to businesses that were hit hard. Businesses that were forced to shut down must rehire and retrain employees, secure inventory, reestablish vendor relationships, and settle balances. Congress should broaden what can be paid for and forgiven with new PPP loans for businesses that suffered a substantial decline in gross revenues because of the coronavirus.

8. Reduce small-business tax liability with a “physical presence” standard. Every small business that sells online, no matter where physically located, is subject to the more than 10,000 different taxing jurisdictions around the country—each with its own tax rates and rules. This burdensome, complex requirement threatens to bankrupt many small retailers and prohibit others

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from retooling to ship new products. Congress should protect vulnerable retailers by codifying a physical presence test for tax collection.

9. Make legislative and regulatory changes to expand access to capital for small businesses. Entrepreneurs will drive recovery by reopening existing businesses and taking on new risks to fill new needs in the post-crisis world. Congress and the Securities and Exchange Commission should remove barriers for small businesses to access peer-to-peer lending, credit unions, and investment finders. By simplifying exemptions and disclosure frameworks, and working to simplify regulations, small public companies will find it easier to recover and grow.

10. Incentivize research and development and infrastructure investments with permanent full expensing. Starting in 2022, research and development expenses and new spending on machinery and tools no longer will be fully deductible, discouraging innovation and investment. R&D spending is critical as the private sector develops new remedies and reorganizes to meet the needs of a post-coronavirus recovery.

11. Honor and enforce contractual insurance obligations. The virus has caused extensive property damage, and many businesses aren't getting the business interruption coverage for which they contracted. Insurance coverage should be honored to the fullest extent agreed upon in the individual terms of contract, which should be enforced fully by the courts if necessary or resolved through legal arbitration.

12. Eliminate all tariffs imposed since 2018. Trade freedom is vital to economic recovery and to build certainty in supply chains. Countless U.S. jobs depend on materials from Great Britain, the European Union, and around the world—and vice versa. The Trump administration should remove Section 201, Section 232, and Section 301 tariffs to benefit all parties.

Every day that passes increases the amount of time that it will take to get the economy up and running again.

If broad-based lockdown policies are continued much longer, we face a real prospect of a depression with economic suffering and social and public health effects that could last for years.

For the complete list of recommendations, visit the National Coronavirus Recovery Commission's website at [CoronavirusCommission.com](https://www.coronaviruscommission.com).

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There needs to be an investigation to find out if anyone in the Democratic Party has ties to America

Failures of an Influential COVID-19 Model Used to Justify Lockdowns

Kevin Davarata, May 16, 2020 Commentary for The Daily Signal

Professor Neil Ferguson, who led the COVID-19 modeling team at Imperial College in London, resigned May 5 from his government advisory role after breaking the very same British lockdown rules that he had a role in influencing.

Ferguson led the Imperial College team that designed the computer model that, among others, had been used to justify the recent stay-at-home orders in England as well as in the United States. We now know the model was so highly flawed it never should have been relied upon for policy decisions to begin with.

Epidemiology—the study of the incidence, prevalence, and impact of disease—frequently calls upon models to forecast potential outcomes of diseases. Not surprisingly, once COVID-19 became a pandemic, policy experts from all across the world began relying on such models.

The Imperial College researchers ran one such model they had used in prior research and forecast a number of potential outcomes, including that, by October, more than 500,000 people in Great Britain and 2 million people in the U.S. would die as a result of COVID-19.

The model also predicted the United States could incur up to 1 million deaths even with “enhanced social distancing” guidelines, including “shielding the elderly.” Imperial’s modeling results influenced British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to impose a nationwide lockdown and influenced the White House as well.

I asked Ferguson and his colleagues for their model on multiple occasions to see how they got their numbers, but they never replied to my emails.

According to Nature, they had been “working with Microsoft to tidy up the code and make it available.” I also asked the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the codes it used to develop its COVID-19 forecasts, but got no response.

So, my colleague Norbert Michel and I decided to take a publicly available COVID-19 epidemiological model and forecast the prevalence and mortality of the disease under a variety of plausible scenarios.

The results varied, depending on the assumptions we made about mortality rates within hospital intensive care units, asymptomatic rates, and the specification of the R_0 (pronounced R-naught) value, which measures how easily the virus spreads.

We found mortality rate predictions can be quite variable depending on the age and comorbidities of those contracting the virus.

Under varying assumptions regarding a mortality rate in intensive care units between 5% and 30%, we found that predicted mortality because of the disease could range from near 78,000 deaths to as many as 810,000 deaths in the U.S. by Aug. 1.

Recent testing data indicates that the asymptomatic rate for COVID-19 is likely not trivial, and data from Iceland indicates this rate can be as high as 50%. Assuming an asymptomatic rate ranging from 15% to 55%, one can project deaths in the U.S. of between 118,000 and 394,000 by Aug. 1.

Lastly, we looked at the model’s assumption about the virus’ basic reproductive number, the aforementioned R_0 value. Popularized in the 2011 movie “Contagion,” the R_0 value quantifies the average number of people who will get the virus from someone who is an infected.

Under assumptions of the R_0 value ranging from 1.5 to 3.5—plausible estimates based on medical research as discussed in our paper—the model predicted from 44,000 dead to 1.1 million dead by Aug. 1 in the U.S.

According to the Johns Hopkins University coronavirus tracker, we are currently over 83,000 deaths, which exceeds our lower-end estimates. But the point our research made is that these types of models produce many plausible scenarios, depending on reasonable assumptions.

As we learn more about the new coronavirus, it is imperative to continue to update the assumptions used in these models.

After we had published our work, news surfaced that Microsoft had actually made some headway in making the Imperial College team’s model available. But the codes it released are a highly modified version of what the Imperial team actually used.

Neurosurgeon Says Face Masks Pose Serious Risk to Healthy People

By Megan Fox, May 14th, 2020 for PJ Media

Every Karen on Facebook is shaming her neighbors for not wearing a face mask. We are being told by governors that if we don't wear masks we are selfish, horrible human beings with no souls who want Grandma to die a horrible death. Police are tackling people who don't wear face masks properly in the subway. Grocery stores are throwing maskless people out and denying them service.

But now, there's another doctor weighing in—besides Dr. Fauci, bonafide sex god and ruler of us all, who also said face masks are largely security theater and of no use to the healthy. Dr. Russell Blaylock, a neurosurgeon, has written an editorial saying that “masks pose serious risks to the healthy.”

First, Blaylock says, there is no scientific evidence that masks are effective against COVID-19 transmission. Pro-science people should care about this.

As for the scientific support for the use of face mask, a recent careful examination of the literature, in which 17 of the best studies were analyzed, concluded that, “None of the studies established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection.” Keep in mind, no studies have been done to demonstrate that either a cloth mask or the N95 mask has any effect on transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Any recommendations, therefore, have to be based on studies of influenza virus transmission. And, as you have seen, there is no conclusive evidence of their efficiency in controlling flu virus transmission.

It is also instructive to know that until recently, the CDC did not recommend wearing a face mask or covering of any kind, unless a person was known to be infected, that is, until recently. Non-infected people need not wear a mask. When a person has TB we have them wear a mask, not the entire community of non-infected. The recommendations by the CDC and the WHO are not based on any studies of this virus and have never been used to contain any other virus pandemic or epidemic in history.

Beyond the lack of scientific data to support wearing a mask as a deterrent to a virus, Blaylock says the more pressing concern is what can and will happen to the wearer.

Now that we have established that there is no scientific evidence necessitating the wearing of a face mask for prevention, are there dangers to wearing a face mask, especially for long periods? Several studies have indeed found significant problems with wearing such a mask. This can vary from headaches, to increased airway resistance, carbon dioxide accumulation, to hypoxia, all the way to serious life-threatening complications.

There are studies to back that claim up.

In one such study, researchers surveyed 212 healthcare workers (47 males and 165 females) asking about presence of headaches with N95 mask use, duration of the headaches, type of headaches and if the person had preexisting headaches.

They found that about a third of the workers developed headaches with use of the mask, most had preexisting headaches that were worsened by the mask wearing, and 60% required pain medications for relief. As to the cause of the headaches, while straps and pressure from the mask could be causative, the bulk of the evidence points toward hypoxia and/or hypercapnia as the cause.

That is, a reduction in blood oxygenation (hypoxia) or an elevation in blood CO₂ (hypercapnia). It is known that the N95 mask, if worn for hours, can reduce blood oxygenation as much as 20%, which can lead to a loss of consciousness, as happened to the hapless fellow driving around alone in his car wearing an N95 mask, causing him to pass out, and to crash his car and sustain injuries.

I am sure that we have several cases of elderly individuals or any person with poor lung function passing out, hitting their head. This, of course, can lead to death.

A more recent study involving 159 healthcare workers aged 21 to 35 years of age found that 81% developed headaches from wearing a face mask. Some had pre-existing headaches that were precipitated by the masks. All felt like the headaches affected their work performance.

Blaylock says studies have also shown that face masks impair oxygen intake dramatically, potentially leading to serious problems.

The importance of these findings is that a drop in oxygen levels (hypoxia) is associated with an impairment in immunity. Studies have shown that hypoxia can inhibit the type of main immune cells used to fight viral infections called the CD4+ T-lymphocyte.

This occurs because the hypoxia increases the level of a compound called hypoxia inducible factor-1 (HIF-1), which inhibits T-lymphocytes and stimulates a powerful immune inhibitor cell called the Tregs. . This sets the stage for contracting any infection, including COVID-19 and making the consequences of that infection much graver. In essence, your mask may very well put you at an increased risk of infections and if so, having a much worse outcome.

In other words, if you wear a face mask and contract some sickness, you will not be able to fight it off as effectively as if you had normal blood

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And, it turns out, the model has serious flaws, which a former software engineer from Google [discusses](#) at length in his blog.

The Imperial College code provides different answers using the same inputs. In particular, the same assumptions can provide results that differ by 80,000 deaths over a span of 80 days. The software engineer has noted there are apparently myriad other problems as well—including undocumented codes and numerous bugs.

This isn't the first time [bad models](#) have made their way into policy. As we discussed in [our work](#), statistical models can be useful tools for guiding policy, but they are only as credible as the assumptions on which they are based.

It is fundamentally important for models used in policy to be made publicly available, have assumptions clearly stated, and have their robustness to changes to these assumptions tested. Models also need to be updated as time goes on in line with the best available evidence.

Bottom line: The Imperial College model didn't meet any of these criteria. And sadly, its model was one of the inputs relied on as the basis for locking down two countries.

The codes we used at The Heritage Foundation are available [here](#). Our assumptions are clearly stated in our paper [here](#).

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oxygen levels. The mask could make you sicker. It could also create a “deadly cytokine storm” in some.

There is another danger to wearing these masks on a daily basis, especially if worn for several hours. When a person is infected with a respiratory virus, they will expel some of the virus with each breath.

If they are wearing a mask, especially an N95 mask or other tightly fitting mask, they will be constantly rebreathing the viruses, raising the concentration of the virus in the lungs and the nasal passages. We know that people who have the worst reactions to the coronavirus have the highest concentrations of the virus early on. And this leads to the deadly cytokine storm in a selected number.

How about cancer, heart attacks, and strokes? Blaylock says face masks can make all of those conditions worse.

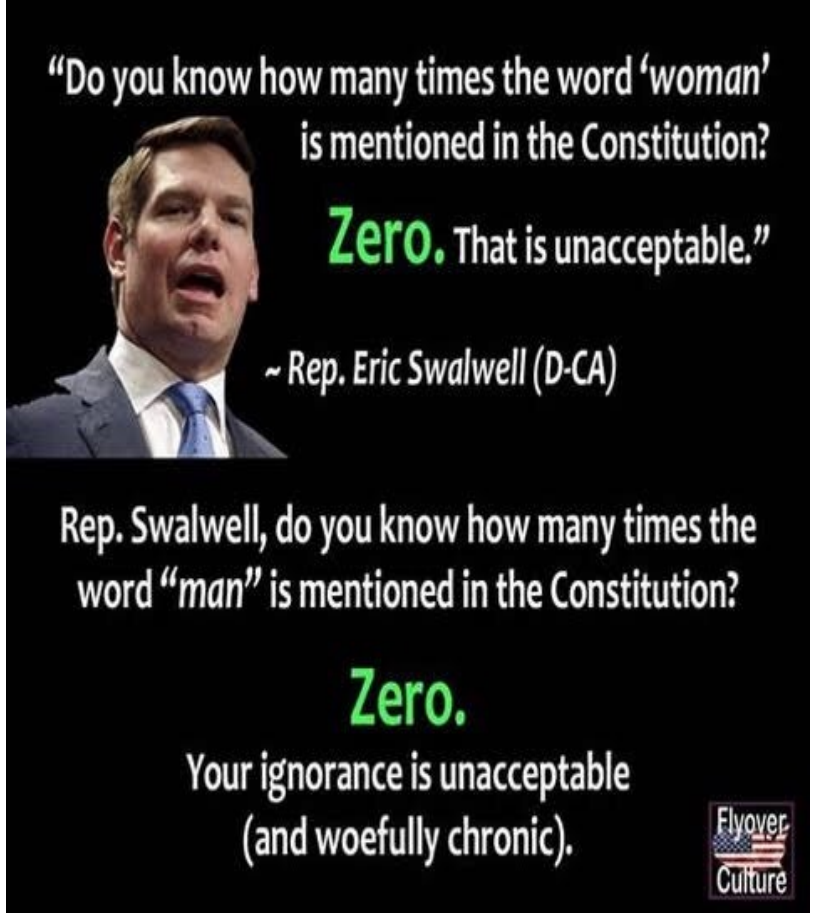
People with cancer, especially if the cancer has spread, will be at a further risk from prolonged hypoxia as the cancer grows best in a microenvironment that is low in oxygen. Low oxygen also promotes inflammation which can promote the growth, invasion and spread of cancers. Repeated episodes of hypoxia has been proposed as a significant factor in atherosclerosis and hence increases all cardiovascular (heart attacks) and cerebrovascular (strokes) diseases.

If that's not bad enough, how would you like COVID-19 *in your brain*?

It gets even more frightening. Newer evidence suggests that in some cases the virus can enter the brain. In most instances it enters the brain by way of the olfactory nerves (smell nerves), which connect directly with the area of the brain dealing with recent memory and memory consolidation. By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain.

Why is it that we only listen to dire predictions from Dr. Fauci and we don't consult other experts in the field of medicine? Is Anthony Fauci the only qualified person to talk about this virus? Furthermore, if he is, he agrees with Dr. Blaylock that only sick people should wear them and he said so on *60 Minutes*. So why aren't we listening to him?

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Our Dress Rehearsal for a Police State

By: Dennis Prager, April 28, 2020

All my life, I have dismissed paranoids on the right ("America is headed to communism") and the left ("It can happen here" -- referring to fascism). It's not that I've ever believed liberty was guaranteed. Being familiar with history and a pessimist regarding the human condition, I never believed that.

But the ease with which police state tactics have been employed and the equal ease with which most Americans have accepted them have been breathtaking.

People will argue that a temporary police state has been justified because of the allegedly unique threat to life posed by the new coronavirus. I do not believe the data will bear that out. Regardless, let us at least agree that we are closer to a police state than ever in American history.

"Police state" does not mean totalitarian state. America is not a totalitarian state; we still have many freedoms. In a totalitarian state, this article could not be legally published, and if it were illegally published, I would be imprisoned and/or executed. But we are presently living with all four of the key hallmarks of a police state:

No. 1: Draconian laws depriving citizens of elementary civil rights.

The federal, state, county and city governments are now restricting almost every freedom except those of travel and speech. Americans have been banned from going to work (and thereby earning a living), meeting in groups (both indoors and outdoors), meeting in their cars in church parking lots to pray and entering state-owned properties such as beaches and parks -- among many other prohibitions.

No. 2: A mass media supportive of the state's messaging and deprivation of rights.

The New York Times, CNN and every other mainstream mass medium -- except Fox News, The Wall Street Journal (editorial and opinion pages only) and talk radio -- have served the cause of state control over individual Americans' lives just as Pravda served the Soviet government. In fact, there is almost no more dissent in The New York Times than there was in Pravda. And the Big Tech platforms are removing posts about the virus and potential treatments they deem "misinformation."

No. 3: Use of police.

Police departments throughout America have agreed to enforce these laws and edicts with what can only be described as frightening alacrity. After hearing me describe police giving summonses to, or even arresting, people for playing baseball with their children on a beach, jogging alone without a mask, or worshipping on Easter while sitting isolated in their cars in a church parking lot, a police officer called my show. He explained that the police have no choice. They must respond to every dispatch they receive.

"And why are they dispatched to a person jogging on a beach or sitting alone in a park?" I asked.

Because the department was informed about these lawbreakers.

"And who told the police about these lawbreakers?" I asked.

His answer brings us to the fourth characteristic of a police state:

No. 4: Snitches.

How do the police dispatchers learn of lawbreakers such as families playing softball in a public park, lone joggers without face masks, etc.? From their fellow citizens snitching on them.

The mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio, set up a "snitch line," whereby New Yorkers were told to send authorities photos of fellow New Yorkers violating any of the quarantine laws. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti similarly encouraged snitching, unabashedly using the term.

It is said that about 1 in every 100 East German citizens were informers for the Stasi, the East German secret police, as superbly portrayed in the film "The Lives of Others." It would be interesting, and, I think, important, to know what percentage of New Yorkers informed on their fellow citizens. Now, again, you may think such a comparison is not morally valid, that de Blasio's call to New Yorkers to serve a Stasi-like role was morally justified given the coronavirus pandemic. But you cannot deny it *is* Stasi-like or that, other than identifying spies during World War II, this is unprecedented in American history at anywhere near this level.

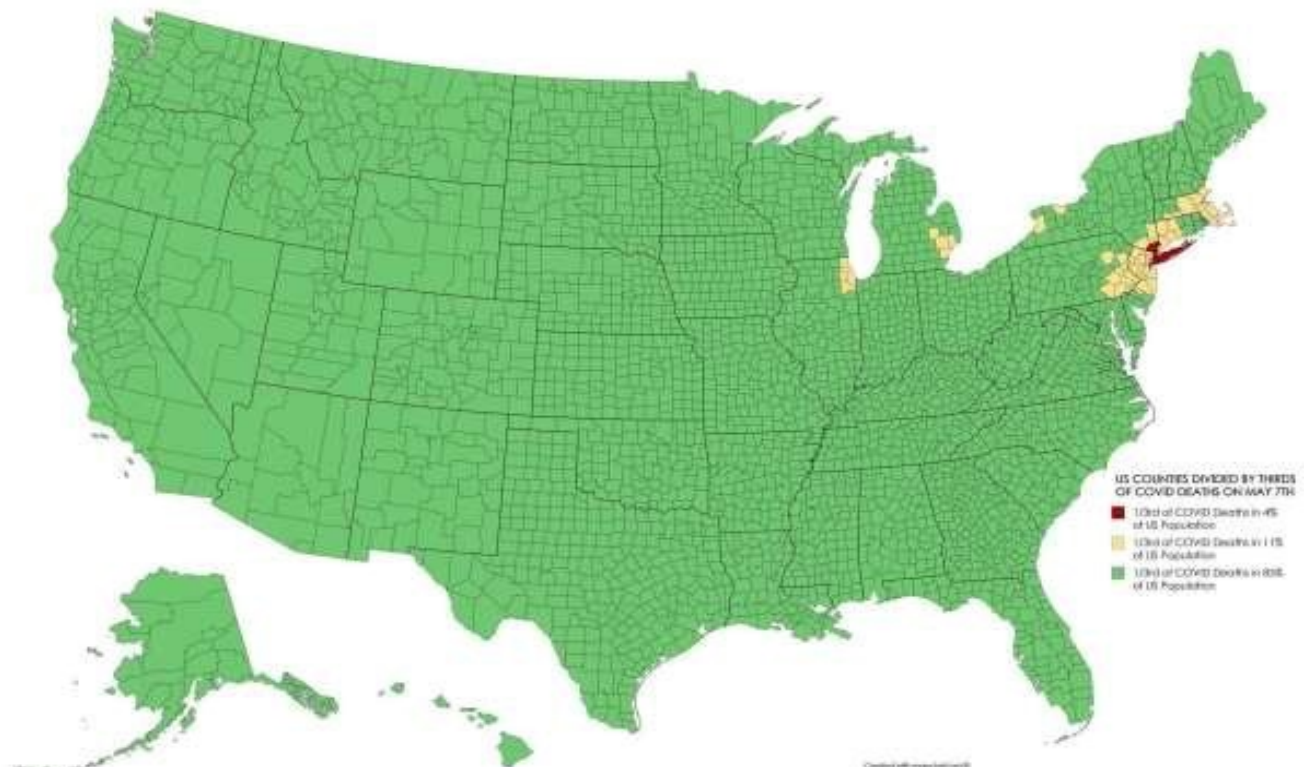
This past Friday night, I gathered with six others for a Shabbat dinner with friends in Santa Monica, California. On my Friday radio show, I

This Isn't a Public Health Problem

By Rob Morse, May 12, 2020 for Clash Daily

We were told that the police have to force us to behave certain ways because of a public health emergency. That doesn't make sense. The actions of our politicians don't match their words.

- If cops who are not wearing a mask, arrest you for not wearing a mask, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If we release violent criminals from jail, and then jail peaceful shop owners, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If you're standing alone and cops gather around you to arrest you for not social distancing, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If police threaten to give tickets to a husband and wife because they are sitting next to each other in public, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If police ticket couples who are driving together during a mandatory lockdown, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If you can walk on the beach, but you'll get arrested for sitting down on the beach, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If you can walk on the beach, but can't swim alone, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If you can go to the beach, but you can't fish from the shore, then this isn't a public health problem. If churches are closed but abortion centers are open, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If people die of preventable causes because we shut down our hospitals, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If the liquor store clerk can serve thousands of people a day, but you can't open your business for a few dozen customers, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If golf courses are open, but shooting ranges are closed, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If the grocery clerk can see over a thousand people a day, but your priest can only have 9 other people his his church, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If the court is open for marriage or divorce, but not to renew your concealed carry permit, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If counties who shelter in place have the same death rate as counties who don't, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If we treat counties that have never seen a death from Covid-19 the same way we treat New York City, then this isn't a public health problem.
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announced I would be doing that, and if I was arrested, it would be worth it. In my most pessimistic dreams, I never imagined that in America, having dinner at a friend's house would be an act of civil disobedience, perhaps even a criminal act. But that is precisely what happens in a police state.

The reason I believe this is a dress rehearsal is that too many Americans appear untroubled by it; the dominant force in America, the left, supports it, and one of the two major political parties has been taken over by the left. Democrats and their supporters have, in effect, announced they will use state power to enforce any law they can to combat the even greater "existential" crisis of global warming.

On the CNN website this weekend, in one of the most frightening and fanatical articles in an era of fanaticism, Bill Weir, CNN chief climate correspondent, wrote an open letter to his newborn son. In it, he wrote of his idealized future for America: "completely new forms of power, food, construction, transportation, economics and politics."

You cannot get there without a police state.

If you love liberty, you must see that it is jeopardized more than at any time since America's founding. And that means, among other things, that at this time, a vote for any Democrat is a vote to end liberty.

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- If politicians send sick people back to nursing homes, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If politicians demand help, and then refuse to use emergency hospitals staffed by volunteers, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If you're told to socially isolate even after you've had covid-19 and are now immune from it, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If politicians say we shouldn't jail people for disobeying the regulations that the politician just wrote, then this isn't a public health problem.
- If politicians go to the gym, go get their hair cut, and go to a nail salon, but you can't, then this isn't a public health problem.

We have a political problem during an epidemic, but not because of the epidemic. Politicians want to control you.

Please get off the couch and solve it, or we won't have a country by the November elections.

Give [your elected representatives a call today](#), and demand your freedom.

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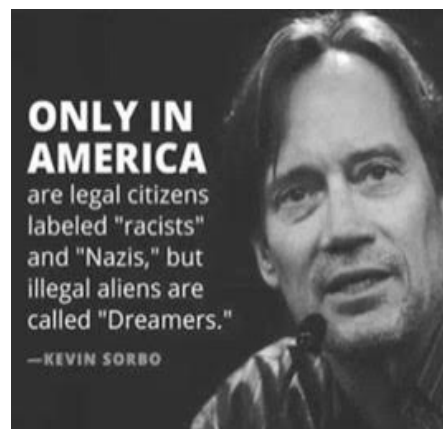
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Dangerous: The globalist world order of Bono, Gates, Soros

By Joe Schaeffer, April 20, 2020

The rock star was talking.

"[L]et's be honest, we live at a time when institutions as vital to human progress as the United Nations are under attack. The European Union is threatened. The G7 is being threatened. NATO is being threatened. The WTO is being threatened. I mean, what's left? And not just these institutions, but what they stand for — an international order based on shared values and shared rules — an international order that is facing the greatest test in its 70-year history. Not just these institutions, but what they've achieved is at risk."

These are unmistakably the words of a statist globalist dedicated to helping usher in a New World Order. Oh, and he just so happens to be the lead singer of perhaps the most popular band in the world over the last 40 years.

Bono, the Irish rocker who fronts U2, has made a name for himself over the past two decades for his non-stop blathering about sharing the wealth of the West with the rest of the world, even as he continues to amass a personal net worth currently estimated at over \$700 million. His hypocrisy is infuriating, but it should not distract from the fact that this is a very influential man who is tied closely at the hip with two of the most destructive pro-globalization goliaths on the scene today, progressive billionaire **George Soros** and Microsoft money machine **Bill Gates**.

Bono's **ONE Foundation** is the vehicle through which the singer pushes his internationalist agenda. Its very founding roots are intertwined with Soros and Gates. "ONE originated in conversations between Bill Gates and Bono in the early 2000s about the need to better inform Americans about extreme poverty around the world," the Gates Foundation website says of one of its top grant recipients.

"Together with Melinda Gates, Bobby Shriver, George Soros, Ed Scott, Bob Geldof, and Jamie Drummond, they created an anti-poverty advocacy organization called DATA that focused on deploying celebrities and other influential individuals to urge world leaders to take action on specific development issues. Within a few years, DATA had joined with several other organizations to form ONE, with major backing from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**."

At this very moment a Soros agent sits on ONE's Board of Directors. "Morton H. Halperin is a Senior Advisor to the Open Society Institute and the Open Society Policy Center," his ONE bio reads. Halperin's resume gives testament to a life devoted to the service of progressive internationalist elites. "He was a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress from June 2003 to December 2009 and was a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations **Council on Foreign Relations** from January 2001 to June 2003 and from March 1996 to December 1998," the bio states. "Dr. Halperin worked for many years for the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**."

ONE's leading lights avidly support Soros's plans to destroy the West. ONE co-founder Jamie Drummond was shockingly blunt in 2018 in voicing his enthusiasm for the Third World invasion of Europe. "As Africa's population doubles, a lot of them, whatever the circumstances, will be coming to Europe, as economic migrants or as refugees, they will be coming, many of them," Drummond told the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade and Defence, Infowars reports. "And that is a good thing.

"Because we will be senile," Drummond continued, displaying his loathing of the native European population. "We will be senescent demographically. We'll need their youthful energy to do stuff. So, that is just what the economic statistics tell you and the demographic data demands, you know, demography is destiny."

On its website, ONE attempts to dispel the "myth" that "[r]efugees are an economic burden to other countries."

"Despite concern that refugees will pose financial problems to the nations they resettle in, research has found that accepting refugees actually boosts national economies," the organization explains. "Some experts have argued that, though the initial cost of resettling can be high, accepting refugees is a good investment in the financial future of a nation."

It's not just Europe either. Bono's boys are targeting our nation as well. "Also, in the United States, the average refugee becomes a net contributor to public coffers eight years after arrival," the post continues. "A study found that refugees actually pay back more in taxes than what they receive in benefits — about \$21,000 more in the first 20 years in the USA."

In 2018, U2 as a band made a notorious mockery of its alleged Christian background by infamously coming out in support of the effort to legalize abortion in Ireland. While many Christian fans were stunned, a cursory examination of who Bono has been in bed with during his years of global activism should have made clear just where he would stand on the murder of the unborn.

Bono frequently gushes over the UN and the vital need for internationalist organizations of its ilk in the world today. His closest financial partners in his activist endeavors, Gates and Soros, have backed UN programs meant to advance abortion on a global scale.

A working group called UN Women is pushing an agenda for 2020 called "Generation Equality." According to Grace Melton at the Heritage Foundation:

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Generation Equality lists "bodily autonomy" and "sexual and reproductive health and rights" among its demands, and further perpetuates the dangerous and insulting notions that women's equality requires abortion rights and that women's diverse needs can be reduced to sexual and reproductive issues.

Both Gates and Soros's **Open Society Foundations** are prominently listed as "philanthropic partners" to UN Women, along with multinational corporate giants **Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble** and **Unilever**.

The Soros-funded group the International Women's Health Coalition raves over the UN effort to promote abortion and feminism on a global scale:

For this reason, the Generation Equality Forums remain an urgent call to action. In the coming months, UN Women will launch a series of virtual consultations to ensure ongoing engagement. They will also announce the leadership of six Action Coalitions, spanning from gender-based violence and economic justice to bodily autonomy and feminist movements. These multi-sector partnerships are an innovative model meant to establish cross-sector leadership and drive unparalleled action to achieve gender equality.

Finally, as with any organization closely aligned with Bill Gates, Bono's ONE Foundation parrots the pro-vaccine propaganda that is at the heart of Gates's global "philanthropy." The following is from a post on ONE's website on "5 things you need to know about vaccines":

"Vaccines help prepare the body to fight off disease-causing germs, such as bacteria and viruses," writes Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "They are like training courses for the immune system – teaching it to recognize and destroy the invaders before they can do significant harm to the body." If global vaccination coverage was improved, an additional 1.5 million lives could be saved annually.

Gavi is a partisan program thinly posing as a "health partnership" that was created by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to aggressively push its worldwide vaccination agenda. For ONE, which is heavily funded by Gates, to cite a Gates operation as a reliable source further highlights just how compromised Bono is by his powerful financial backers.

Given the huge profits to be found via this global "health" onslaught, is it any wonder that Big Pharma giants **Johnson & Johnson** and **Merck** are listed as major donors to Gates pal Bono's ONE Foundation?

Other corporate supporters to ONE include **Bank of America, Cargill, the Caterpillar Foundation** and NFL owner **Robert Kraft/New England Patriots Foundation**.

Following in the direct path of Gates's vaccine push is his effort to promote mass contraception throughout the world as a means of population control. In 2014 Gates and multinational behemoth **Pfizer** partnered to introduce a "simple" injectable version of the dangerous contraceptive Depo-Provera to Africa and Asia.

"The Gates Foundation, CIFF and other groups will subsidize production of Sayana Press by the drug company Pfizer, which has agreed to sell it to governments and groups like the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for \$1 per three-month dose," the Seattle Times reported.

"The drug will then be made available to women in 69 of the world's poorest countries at little or no cost, said a Gates Foundation spokeswoman."

Just by coincidence, no doubt, as this big money joint venture was getting underway, the World Health Organization in 2015 suddenly reversed itself and shrugged off decades of research that indicated use of Depo-Provera increases a woman's risk of acquiring HIV. This is especially alarming considering Gates and Pfizer were heavily promoting the drug's use in the very areas of the world hardest hit by AIDS. And that is not just a pro-life argument. Pro-abortion and pro-contraception forces have also expressed serious concern over Depo-Provera and HIV risk.

"Bono is also a well-known activist in the fight against AIDS and extreme poverty in Africa," the egomaniacal singer's personal bio on his ONE Foundation website reads. Yet by his very association with Gates, he is likely increasing the AIDS scourge in the very nations he claims to care so much about.

In short, Bono is not just another preening rock-and-roller with a messiah complex who thinks he can save the world. He is far more dangerous than that. He is allied with and furthering the agenda of some of the most powerful players advancing a globalist world order that will bring death and misery to the peoples of the West as well as those Third World unfortunates they so profusely swear to be so concerned about.

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Dr. Fauci's Mask Overshadows Trump's COVID-19 Vaccine Presser

By Victoria Taff, May 15, 2020 for PJ Media

Yeah, yeah, sure, sure, we are striving for a COVID-19 vaccine within a year under President Trump's Operation Warp Speed, blah, blah, blah but **did you see Dr. Fauci's mask at the presser????!!!**

Dr. Anthony Fauci stood behind President Trump at the official White House announcement of the Manhattan Project-like push to create, scale and distribute a COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the year and all anyone could fixate on was the CDC's infectious disease chief's mask.

The thing was the size of Alaska.

But the size of the mask and the fact that he scratched his nose while wearing it weren't the only reasons why people commented.

New York radio host Mark Simone labeled the CDC infectious disease expert, "Always Late Fauci."

'Always Late Fauci' spent January saying the virus won't come here, February saying no need to change our behavior, March saying take a cruise, go the mall, and doesn't wear a mask till week 11 of lockdown.

This week at a Senate hearing, Fauci was quoted by Tucker Carlson of Fox News as saying he was glad to see people wearing masks,

For example, Fauci spoke about how happy he was to see Americans going about their lives while wearing masks.

Fauci: But some sort of mask-like facial covering, I think, for the time being, should be a very regular part of how we prevent the spread of infection.

And in fact, the more and more as you go outside, right here and where I'm sitting in Washington, D.C., you can see many people out there with masks on, which gives me some degree of comfort that people are taking this very seriously.

This was a departure from what he said in March.

Fauci: Right now in the United States, people should not be walking around with masks.

Reporter: You're sure of it because people are listening really closely to this.

Fauci: No, right now, people should not be wearing — there's no reason to be walking around with a mask.

When you're in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people feel a little bit better, and it might even block a droplet. But it's not providing the perfect protection that people think that it is.

Talk show host Steve Deace wondered if Fauci was responding to the possibility of reopening and questioned his motives.

Fauci out there now wearing a mask now that we're talking about reopening...gtfo...total fraud...one of the biggest frauds I've seen in my career. Makes me puke in mouth.

Fauci and company preach to us that this virus response is all about science and data. But when these certified smart guys change their minds you wonder what the hell is going on. Which opinion was based on science? Was it when they said masks were unnecessary? Was that based on science? Or was it when they said you should wear one? How did the fundamental principles of science change within a month?

Twitter user "Tracy Beanz" commented, "I'm just gonna leave this here, as we watch people being assaulted, shamed, and called murderers for not wearing a face mask."

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A friend passed this on to me today. I have never read a post, so worth the time. Please keep this moving.

I want you to stop for just a minute and look at this picture.

I do not know much about politics and I'm not even going to act like I do, and on top of that... this is NOT a political post. This is simply a post that I hope you can find in your heart to think about.

I was moved to tears today just thinking about the weight that he must be carrying. I have 2 girls and a husband and they are the only ones that truly depend on me day in and day out. Even with so few, my anxiety level at times is out the roof and I feel like the weight of the world is on me. I know when he signed up for this role, he was willing to take on whatever, but the magnitude of what we're experiencing has got to be paralyzing. Maybe it is, maybe it isn't but can you imagine? I sat and wondered how he must be dealing with it all. When it's quiet and his head finally hits a pillow after he's been on his feet all day, press conference after press conference...

Does he cry? Is he even able to sleep? Is he scared? Can he shut his mind off?

When I look at our President, I want to see him the way God sees him and I want the Lord to use him for His glory!

Whether he's making you proud or not, I'm urging you to look at this photo and ask the Lord to soften your heart to him, lift him up in prayer. He needs them. He's carrying the weight of the world.



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