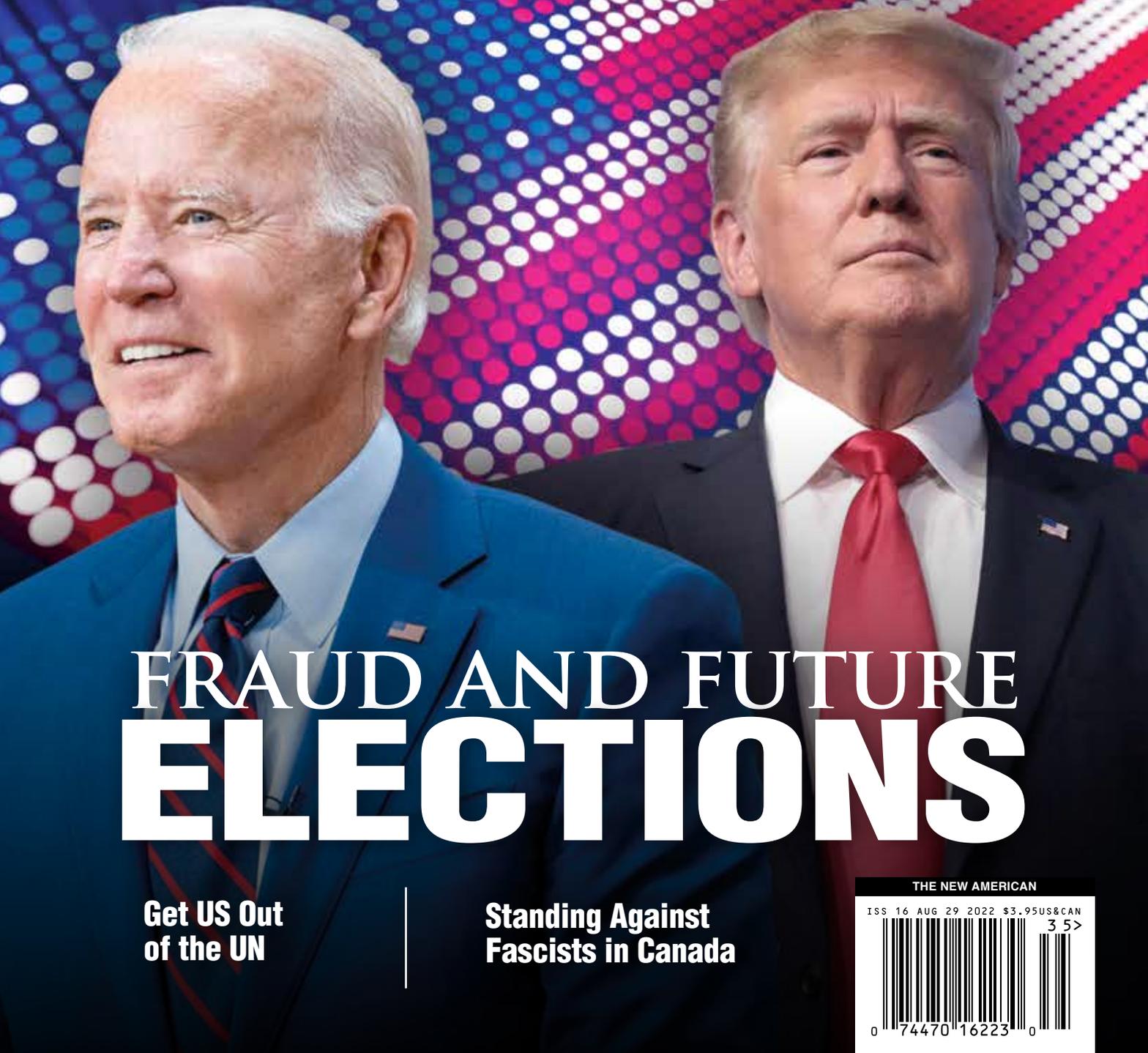


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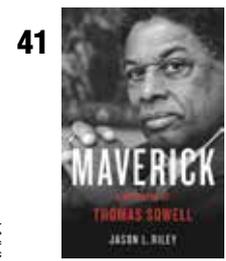
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Globalism Is Fascism

Globalism is an international version of classical fascism, featuring full integration of big business with global power brokers.

Biden attempted to cede power to the World Health Organization via proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations, enabling WHO to unilaterally declare global emergencies and require us to obey its arbitrary dictates. This would have given WHO absolute power over the United States to mandate treatments, ban treatments, censor discussion of alternate treatments as “disinformation” or “misinformation,” require health passports, limit travel, limit employment, sanction or impose draconian arbitrary penalties for noncompliance, and on and on. Fortunately, the recent World Health Assembly couldn’t pass the amendments.

Our national health agencies (NIH with Fauci’s NIAID, CDC, and FDA) have become fully integrated with Big Pharma. Oligarchs such as Bill Gates are intimately integrated to profit from governmental dictates.

Under public education, “fascist” has become simply a pejorative. But fascism is a real, truly totalitarian, oppressive form of government.

Marvin Mathiak
Sent via email

Make America Christian Again

Only making America Christian again can solve America’s problems. Anti-Christian sentiment, or Christophobia, constitutes antagonisms to Christians and Christianity. Christophobia encompasses all forms of intolerance and discrimination against Christians. But, for the Christian, Christophobia is a godsend. It was persecuted Christianity that took down the principalities and powers of the rulers of the darkness of this world.

The once-Christian nations have fallen to the political correctness of atheism as the standard. The burden of proof is inverted; Christianity is assumed false. People don’t understand the neglect of Christian principles. In our licentious secular age we are calling for our demise.

Without Christ to free us from the bondage of sin, we are its willing subjects. Those who hate God love their own

death. Christianity is our only bulwark against tyranny. If you corrupt the minds of the people, you destroy all good and moral civility. Everyone knows this, but its antithesis is taught to us as the progressive ideal. We are but holding out our wrists to receive the iron shackles of slavery. The Bible clearly is against our ever-popularized sexual mores. This is forced upon the consciousness of what is left of decent America. It ought to be counted as a crime.

If we lose Christianity here, the world plunges into darkness. It sounds like the Diocletian/Galerian persecutions all over again, but that’s fine, for we shall treasure the memory of our fallen and enshrine them in the hall of faith. So, high and mighty elitist leviathans bring it on, for the blood of the martyred is the seed of the church. It’s not that Christians have fallen away from the faith; it’s that the faith was taken from us. Christians must stand up to defend the relation of God and country!

Luke Morrell
Sent via email

Unethical Minimum-wage Laws

Is it ethical to punish vulnerability? Of course not. That would be criminal! Sadistic!

Surprise! It happens in America and other places all the time. When minimum-wage laws are enforced, millions of potential workers are prevented from working below the set hourly minimum wage.

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Minimum-wage laws thrash a free-trade principle that has existed throughout history. They severely punish younger, less-experienced workers who would have accepted learning while working, and those temporary low wages.

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Big Science Lied, Americans Died

In a July 25 segment, Fox News host Tucker Carlson addressed recent reports about antidepressants, Covid “vaccines,” Alzheimer’s medications, and OxyContin, and mentioned Adderall and Ritalin as well.

Carlson opened talking about the opioid epidemic and how, as he put it, “Perdue Pharma kicked it off ... by aggressively marketing a narcotic called OxyContin,” which the drug giant said wasn’t addictive. Except that it was.

Perdue ended up being sued and criminal charges were brought, but not one drug company executive, anywhere, went to prison. And this is the level of accountability — zero — that’s typical of matters involving pseudo-elite transgressions.

Carlson moved on to discussing recent University College London (UCL) research indicating that antidepressants don’t live up to their billing. As he put it, “Antidepressants are supposed to cure depression. That’s why they’re prescribed. And yet over the same period that [antidepressant] prescriptions have risen 3,000 percent, the suicide rate, that may be the most reliable indicator of all of depression, has not fallen in the United States. In fact, the suicide rate has jumped by 35 percent. That’s a huge increase. That’s a lot of dead people. Now, drug makers admit that their products may be part of the reason for the increase in suicide. The makers of Prozac, for example, can see that young people

who take that drug have an increased risk of suicide compared to those who took a placebo.”

What’s more, according to the UCL study, the whole premise behind antidepressants — that they remedy a “chemical imbalance” in the brain — appears false. The researchers claim that the decades-old theory that increasing people’s serotonin levels will ameliorate their depression is incorrect.

None of this is to say that psychiatric drugs are never, ever, even under the rarest circumstances, beneficial (perhaps when a person poses an extreme danger to himself and/or others). But when 224 million prescriptions are written for antidepressants in one year alone, it’s clear these medications are egregiously overused.



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Poll: Two-thirds Want SCOTUS Term Limits

Sixty-seven percent of Americans support term limits for justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, according to a new poll published July 25 by the Associated Press (AP), in conjunction with the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Apparently, now that the Supreme Court is making decisions more in line with the U.S. Constitution, those on the left, including those who run the AP, are no longer happy with the Court.

When the Supreme Court was circumventing the will of the

people in the states, as it did with *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, or with the 2015 *Obergefell v. Hodges* ruling that decreed same-sex marriage was legal in all 50 states, progressives loved lifetime appointments — when their radical agenda was stalled in Congress, they could just get it implemented by the Supreme Court.

The U.S. Constitution sets the terms for all members of the federal judiciary. Article III, Section 1, states, “The judges, both of supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior.” In other words, unless they get impeached and removed, or they resign, federal judges hold lifetime appointments. The Constitution limits the impeachment power of Congress when it relates to the president to treason, bribery, or high crimes and misdemeanors (serious misbehavior), but is silent for what constitutes a sufficient reason to impeach and remove a federal judge.

Eighty-two percent of Democrats and 57 percent of Republicans favor term limits for justices of the Supreme Court, according to the poll.

What is needed is a better-informed electorate, not term limits. Few have heard the arguments against term limits. This is one reason why governing by polls is not a good practice.

When it comes to the Supreme Court, whether the idea of term limits is a good or bad one, such limits could not be put in place by an act of Congress. Since the Constitution sets the terms of federal judges as lifetime appointments, it would require an amendment to the Constitution to implement term limits.



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Ninety-six Percent of U.S. Temperature Data Corrupted

Have you ever thought the temperature readings you hear in the media sound suspiciously high? On July 27, the Heartland Institute gave evidence for such suspicions when it released a new study entitled “Corrupted Climate Stations: The Official U.S. Surface Temperature Record Remains Fatally Flawed.”

The study was authored by Anthony Watts, a senior fellow for environment and climate at the Heartland Institute and creator of the climate-realism website Watts Up With That; and Dr. H. Sterling Burnett, director of the Arthur B. Robinson Center on Climate and Environmental Policy.

The study found that “approximately 96 percent of U.S. temperature stations used to measure climate change fail to meet what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) considers to be ‘acceptable’ and uncorrupted placement by its own published standards.”

NOAA’s own standards call for temperature measuring to be done “Over level terrain (earth or sod) typical of the area around the station, and, at least 100 feet from any extensive concrete or paved surface.”

NOAA claimed that it had cleaned up its United States Climate Reference Network (USCRN) data-collecting sites, but in 2014 switched to another data set called “nClimDiv.” The “nClimDiv” data included all of the USCRN data, along with thousands of other data-collection locations, many of which were beset with the same heat-adding biases.

Watts and his team concluded that after a “comprehensive and representative sample of stations, 96 percent were found to be biased in some way by the heat sink effect, or other heat sources.”

“If you look at the unperturbed stations that adhere to NOAA’s published standard — ones that are correctly located and free of localized urban heat biases — they display about half the rate of warming compared to perturbed stations that have such biases,” Watts said. “Yet, NOAA continues to use the data from their warm-biased century-old surface temperature networks to produce monthly and yearly reports to the U.S. public on the state of the climate.”



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Amazon Buys Clinic Chain for \$3.9 Billion

Online retail giant Amazon announced July 21 that it had purchased One Medical, a national chain of primary-care clinics, in a \$3.9 billion deal.

As *The New York Times* reported July 21, One Medical’s share price had dropped over 80 percent since last year. Amazon said in a statement it would buy the company at \$18 a share.

“The opportunity to transform health care and improve outcomes by combining One Medical’s human-centered and technology-powered model and exceptional team with Amazon’s customer obsession, history of invention, and willingness to invest in the long-term is so exciting,” said One Medical CEO Amir Dan Rubin in the statement.

This marks Amazon’s latest foray into the healthcare market. In 2018, the company bought online pharmacy PillPack.

The San Francisco-based One Medical currently runs 188 medical offices, mostly in big cities, as well as offering patients virtual medical care for a \$199 yearly membership fee. One Medical itself last year spent \$2.1 billion to buy Iowa Health, a company specializing in care for senior citizens who have Medicare.

Analysts at the investment bank Cowen speculate that part of the appeal for Amazon of the One Medical acquisition is that the clinic chain presently gets five times as many virtual as in-person visits. And, like Amazon, One Medical places a high value on

data, having built its own records system that offers Amazon 15 years’ worth of health data to dig into.

There is the possibility Amazon could run into a hurdle with the One Medical acquisition: The purchase is above a threshold that mandates mandatory reporting to both the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission. And the FTC is already conducting a probe into whether Amazon broke antitrust laws with its purchase of film studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

A number of organizations, including the Open Markets Institute and the American Economic Liberties Project, have come out in opposition to Amazon’s expansions. ■



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Florida Governor Calls Out Media for Ignoring Biden's Border Failures

"Over three million people have illegally crossed the border since he [Biden] took office and he has done nothing but facilitate it. Think about the messages you get on a daily basis from the Biden administration and its allies in the media: Everything is going fine and anything that isn't fine isn't Joe Biden's fault."

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis says there's no excuse for the failures of the Biden administration and the role played by the nation's mass media that refuses to help the American people understand what is actually happening to their country.



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U.S. Senator Points to Downplaying of Hunter Biden's Crimes by the FBI and Justice Department

"Attorney General Garland and Director Wray, simply put, based on the allegations I have received from numerous whistleblowers, you have systemic and existential problems in your agencies."

In a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, stated that he has credible information indicating that the FBI and Justice Department cooperated in downplaying negative information about Hunter Biden — even labeling "verifiable disparaging information" about Joe Biden's son as "disinformation." Grassley plans to pursue the matter in the months ahead.



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Vice President Urges Taking Favored Causes to the Streets

"You gotta fight it in the courts, but you also gotta fight it in the streets." *During her July 22, 2022 speech at the National Urban League Annual Conference held in Washington, D.C., Vice President Kamala Harris clearly urged her audience to engage in street warfare if they didn't get what they wanted through traditional legal means. The mass media managed to ignore her inflammatory urging even while various media outlets continued to suggest falsely that Donald Trump has been guilty of recommending the type of criminal activity she called for.*

One Year Ago, Biden Assured the Nation That Vaccination Would Protect Any Recipient From Acquiring Covid

"The various shots that people are getting now cover that. They're — you're okay. You're not going to — you're not going to get Covid if you have these vaccinations."

President Joe Biden made the above statement on July 21, 2021 in a CNN Town Hall. Though he could have been more articulate, he was clear that you're not going to get Covid if you get the vaccinations. That of course was not true, and one year later Biden got Covid despite getting two vaccinations and two booster shots.

Greenpeace USA Official Worries as Support for Her Organization's Claims Fades

"People see climate as a tomorrow problem. We have to make them see it's not a tomorrow concern."

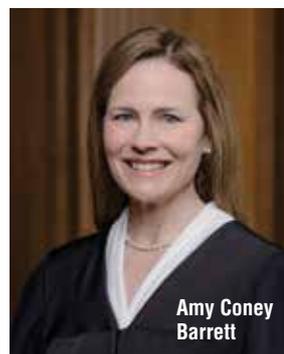
The climate campaign director for Greenpeace USA, Anusha Narayanan is struggling to mobilize public support for her organization.

Justice Barrett Discusses the Friendly Routine Enjoyed With Her Supreme Court Colleagues

"We get together. We sing Happy Birthday. We do a toast and, you know, we acknowledge each other as people marking the special celebrations in one's life. We shake hands before arguments, enjoy frequent lunches at which talking about cases is forbidden, and celebrate birthdays as part of fostering good relations."

Justice Amy Coney Barrett's comment was warmly seconded by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who added a bit of humor when she said, "No one wants a recording of our singing." ■

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FRAUD AND FUTURE ELECTIONS

Pundits claim the 2020 election was the “most secure in American history,” but many Americans believe otherwise. Who is right?

by Rebecca Terrell

Michigan Republican and former state senator Patrick Colbeck is facing potential legal action over his allegations of widespread fraud in the 2020 U.S. presidential election. Attorneys representing a major voting machine manufacturer are demanding that he retract “false claims” that have caused “enormous irreparable harm to Dominion [Voting Systems], its employees, and American democracy.”

Dominion has already filed defamation lawsuits against Fox News, Newsmax, One America News, and various individuals, including former Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani and MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell.

Colbeck’s answer is the publication of his latest book, *The 2020 Coup: What Happened. What We Can Do*. He describes it as a compilation of all the election fraud evidence amassed since November 2020 and recorded in documentaries such as Lindell’s *Absolute* series, Dinesh D’Souza’s *2000 Mules*, Mollie Hemingway’s *Rigged*, and Patrick Byrne’s *The Deep Rig*. In addition, he includes a detailed explanation of how elections should operate, and offers a list of practical solutions aimed at securing future elections and ultimately preserving “the blessings of our constitutional republic.”

What makes Colbeck’s opinion on election integrity worthwhile? As former vice chair of elections and government reform in the Michigan State Senate, he has an intimate knowledge of election law. He is also an aerospace engineer and a certified Microsoft small-business specialist, with understanding of complex systems such as those employed in modern elections.

Moreover, he served as a certified poll challenger in Detroit during the 2020 election, and says he personally witnessed evidence of fraud to which many others have attested under oath: late-night ballot drops in violation of state law, pizza boxes taped over windows to prevent poll challengers from witnessing counts after they had been illegally barred from entry, and spurious media stories about what had happened.

Rebecca Terrell is a senior editor of The New American.

Mail-in ballots are one of the most critical sources of voter fraud, according to the 2005 Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform. That is why absentee ballots were closely guarded prior to 2020.



Political football: The 2019 Mueller Report did not find evidence of Russian collusion with the Trump campaign, but did find Russian interference in the 2016 election. However, merely suggesting 2020 election interference is fact-checked as false.

“I was one of the guys crawling around on the floor checking the pathways for Cat-5 cables,” he told *The New American*, “and I confirmed that these computers were indeed connected to the internet during tabulation.”

Experts agree that internet connection would pose critical security vulnerabilities — enough to compromise election integrity and outcome. The genuine danger led U.S. House Administration Committee chairwoman Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.) to testify in January 2020 that “we want to make sure that companies no longer sell voting machines that have network capabilities.”

Further analysis of Dominion machines following the 2020 election threw up other red flags. A private citizen, William

Bailey, questioned preliminary results in Antrim County, Michigan, and his suspicions proved correct. Counts were off by thousands of votes, in both presidential and local races, so the state’s 13th Circuit judge, Kevin Elsenheimer, ordered a forensic audit of Dominion equipment.

University of Michigan computer security expert J. Alex Halderman ultimately blamed “human error” for Antrim County’s anomalies. But he concluded that Dominion’s machines were “vulnerable to various methods of attack” because important security updates to the management system were years overdue. He also found serious weaknesses in “the authentication and access control mechanisms,” giving most Antrim poll workers full administrative privileges to “alter log

files and bypass other security controls.” Furthermore, he reported, the Dominion system automatically deleted security logs prior to November 4, the day after the election, though the “logs are important sources for forensic investigation and should be retained for as long as they are potentially relevant.” Most importantly, Halderman verified that Dominion machines can be connected to external networks, heightening the risk of data interception and manipulation.

Nevertheless, in a 2021 cease-and-desist letter, Dominion attorneys accuse Colbeck of relying on “proven liars” and “unreliable sources” to “deliberately mislead the world about the integrity of an American election.” They threatened legal action. Colbeck told *The New American* that letter is one of several he has received from Dominion, but so far, no lawsuit.

Double Standard

Curiously, there does not seem to be any defamation action against *The New York Times*, which in June 2020 quoted bipartisan election-security experts and a fed-

eral judge who called Georgia’s recently purchased \$100 million Dominion system “insecure.” The same article pointed out that the company’s products failed certification in Texas the previous year.

Nor has the Associated Press run askance of Dominion lawyers, despite its 2018 report citing experts who accused Dominion and its major competitors of having “long skimmed on security in favor of convenience, making it more difficult to detect intrusions.” The article mentioned “chronic problems” and “multiple critical vulnerabilities” dating back eight years.

CNN seems immune to defamation charges as well. Reporting for CNNTech in 2017, Laurie Segall attended the Def Con hacking conference, an annual cybersecurity event held in Las Vegas. Organizers set up a Voting Machine Hacking Village where Segall “watched hackers break into voting machines” that “we rely on for every election.” It took them fewer than two hours. By the end of the three-day event, they had not only hacked every machine but also an electronic pollbook, which lists all registered voters by precinct.

One of the Voting Village organizers, computer programmer and election-technology expert Harri Hursti, told Segall that real criminals could just as easily infiltrate U.S. election systems. “It’s in public documents. It’s not hiding anywhere,” he said. “You can go actually to the secretary of state websites and download and learn hundreds and hundreds of vulnerabilities.”

“If we don’t get our act together quickly, this could be one of the biggest threats to American democracy in our history,” warned Jake Braun, another Voting Village organizer and former Obama security advisor, who now serves as senior advisor to President Biden’s Department of Homeland Security. When Segall asked him if he believed the 2020 election would be hacked, Braun quickly replied, “Oh, without question.”

The forecast did not change in subsequent years, as Def Con has recreated its Voting Machine Hacking Village annually, with a 2020 hiatus due to Covid. VICE News quoted Hursti at the August 2021 event: “We know every single machine in this room can be hacked. And every future machine can be hacked.”

It’s an ongoing theme. Authors of the convention’s follow-up 2018 report called “the number and severity of vulnerabilities” on U.S. voting equipment “staggering.” For example, Def Con attendees discovered they could “wirelessly reprogram, via mobile phone, a type of electronic card used by millions of Americans to activate the voting terminal,” allowing a hacker to cast an unlimited number of votes. Undoubtedly the most dismal revelation was that “hacking just one” voting tabulator used in 23 states in that year’s mid-term elections “could enable an attacker to flip the Electoral College and determine the outcome of a presidential election.”

The situation was so dire in 2019 that, writing the foreword to that year’s Voting Village report, Democratic U.S. Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon could offer only one solution: “We need paper ballots, guys.”

HBO featured Def Con in its 2020 documentary *Kill Chain*. Event founder Jeff Moss wanted the voting machine vendors to prove his attendees wrong, so he invited them all to participate in the Hacking Village. “Nobody took us up on the offer,”



Lack of transparency: Voting machines have made paper ballots obsolete in most states, but many wonder whether their votes are legitimately recorded.

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he said. Interestingly, none of them filed defamation lawsuits, either.

Hackers at each event have probed the up-to-date equipment. Through local machines they have been able to access back-end networks, install malware to affect systemwide ballot design and vote tabulation, and remain undetected during and after the process, effectively rendering subsequent audits useless. “We are here only three days a year,” noted Hursti. “The real adversaries, they run it 24/7 with massive funding.”

Disclosures such as these are nothing new. *Kill Chain* also told the 2016 story of a Russian hacker with the alias “Rasputin” who was offering to sell, via a cyber-criminal online forum, code that allowed unlimited access to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Since the EAC catalogs all voting laws and operational vulnerabilities in each state, Hursti explained that “anyone who was wanting to do illegal acts, this gives you one-stop-shop, all the information you need to plan your attack.”

Democrats have been decrying the weakness of election equipment for years — that is, until 2020. A video compilation from Patrick Byrnes’ *The America Project* features more than a dozen federal officials fuming over the problem. “There are a lot of states that are dealing with antiquated machines ... which are vulnerable to being hacked,” stated then-Senator Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) at a 2018 event hosted by Al Sharpton’s National Action Network. She also testified before Congress in 2018: “I actually held a demonstration for my colleagues here at the Capitol where we brought in folks who before our eyes hacked election machines — those that are being used in many states.”

She has not expressed similar concerns since the 2020 election.

Nor have Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), and Representative Mark Pocan (D-Wis.) been particularly vocal of late on the topic of election integrity. It’s a notable about-face from their outcry in 2019, in letters blasting the three main U.S. voting machine manufacturers — Dominion, Election Systems & Software (ES&S) and Hart InterCivic — and the private-equity firms that back them.



Stacking the deck: Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla, donated an unprecedented \$400-plus million during the 2020 election cycle, mostly to Democratic strongholds.

They criticized each for opaque business dealings that produce faulty, outdated, and insecure products.

Strings Attached?

“Though most of their revenue comes from taxpayers, and they play an indispensable role in determining the balance of power in America, the companies largely function in secret,” reported Bloomberg in 2018. These “gatekeepers of American democracy” are Staple Street Capital Group, which, along with Dominion’s management team, bought Dominion in 2018; the McCarthy Group, which is the majority owner of ES&S; and H.I.G. Capital, a strategic investor in Hart InterCivic. Their devices process 92 percent of ballots cast in U.S. elections. “Beyond that, little is known about how they operate or to whom they answer,” explains the report, and due to the market’s limited size, it is “unclear what allure voting-equipment makers have to private equity.”

Unclear? Consider Dominion owner Staple Street Capital, founded in 2009. William Kennard, who is on its board of directors, served as Barack Obama’s ambassador to the European Union and headed

the Federal Communications Commission under Bill Clinton. He, along with Staple Street co-founders Stephen D. Owens and Hootan Yaghoobzadeh, are veterans of one of the world’s largest private-equity firms, the Carlyle Group, which was featured in Michael Moore’s documentary *Fahrenheit 9/11* and therein accused of “gaining” from the 2001 World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks through ownership of military contractor United Defense Industries, Inc. In 2001, *The Guardian* styled Carlyle “the ex-president’s club” since its partners included so many former heads of state and CIA officials. Leftist financier George Soros is among its international power-broker investors. Is it possible that these individuals might have an interest in voting equipment?

The allure was clear enough to state election boards during Robert Mueller’s probe into Russian interference in the 2016 election. North Carolina officials demanded the voting machine vendors’ ownership information in 2019, but were given only vague replies since the private firms are not required to disclose identities. “Hart InterCivic said that it ‘derives independent actual value from this information not being generally known or readily as-

certainable and makes reasonable efforts to maintain secrecy of this information,” reported the Associated Press. In reply, AP quoted voting-machine expert Lawrence Norton, who insisted, “The public should know who is [running our elections] and who has control over the companies that are doing that.”

Gone are those days of leftist umbrage, when Trump’s presence in the White House was causing a collective aneurysm among Democrats and RINOs who still howl about Russian interference in the 2016 election. In a strikingly implausible about-face after Biden’s dubious victory on November 3, Trump’s cybersecurity chief, Chris Krebs, announced that “the 2020 election was the most secure in American history.”

Talking heads across major media repeated the claim *ad nauseam*, citing the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA), a division of the Department of Homeland Security. DHS is the same bureau that complained in its October 2020 Homeland Threat Assessment of

significant election-security threats posed by China, Russia, and Iran.

Power Behind the Throne

“I don’t think we have to blame China or voting machines,” posited Cleta Mitchell, senior legal fellow with the Conservative Partnership Institute. “I think we can look straight in the eye of Mark Zuckerberg and all these left-wing groups that infiltrated the offices with half-a-billion dollars, and that’s why Joe Biden won.”

Mitchell’s comment, broadcast in the Citizens United Foundation documentary *Rigged: The Zuckerberg-Funded Plot to Defeat Donald Trump*, refers to more than \$400 million that the Facebook founder and his wife donated to local election offices, supposedly to help them deal with challenges posed by Covid during the 2020 election.

Critics featured in the documentary — including President Donald Trump — say the windfall was rather a massive, targeted Democrat-voter turn-out effort, and that the Zuckerbergs used their millions

to buy the election long before November 3. They were not the only benefactors; George Soros channeled “more than \$80 million to Democratic groups and candidates during the 2020 election cycle,” according to *Politico*. And Colbeck relates that “Bill Gates chipped in with another \$319.4 million,” much of which financed leftist dark-money organizations managed by consultancy firm Arabella Advisors.

But the Zuckerbergs outpaced even Gates in generosity and focus. Recipients of “Zuck Bucks” were two notoriously leftist nonprofits, the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR) and the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL).

CEIR popped up after Trump upset Hillary Clinton in 2016. It funneled its \$69.5 million Zuckerberg grant into projects such as voter education campaigns by two Democratic consulting firms in Michigan, and the establishment of an Election Officials Legal Defense Network in Wisconsin, in possible violation of state law, according to a March 2022 report by special counsel Michael Gableman.

Partisan tactics are nothing new for CEIR founder David Becker, a former Justice Department attorney described by Legal Newline as an “expert in election law with a résumé of working for left-of-center groups, supporting Democratic causes, and discrediting Republicans.”

Becker also founded the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) in 2012. It is a membership organization for states, ostensibly to help them clean up voter rolls. George Soros’ Open Society Foundations provided its seed money, as revealed in Eric Eggers’ 2018 book *Fraud: How the Left Plans to Steal the Next Election*.

Members disclose an incredible amount of information to ERIC: personal data on active and inactive voters as well as the entire state database of driver’s licenses and ID cards. Louisiana recently withdrew its membership due to “questionable funding sources” and because “partisan actors may have access to ERIC network data for political purposes,” explained Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin in January. But 30 states and the District of Columbia remain members, and the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) is bringing suits against many, charging that their ERIC activity not only violates federal law but also



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RINO testimony: Former Attorney General Bill Barr told the January 6 House committee that 2020 voter fraud claims are “completely bogus, and silly, and usually based on complete misinformation.”

has left voting rolls in shambles. For example, PILF's 2021 lawsuit in Michigan complains of nearly 26,000 dead people still registered to vote.

However, the jackpot that Zuckerberg gave Becker's CEIR pales in comparison to the more than \$328 million awarded to Chicago-based CTCL. The organization's tax filings for 2021 claim that the funds went "to support the safe administration of public elections during the Covid-19 pandemic and to provide general support."

It played out in direct donations to more than 2,500 jurisdictions across the United States, with the most generous grants to populous, Democratic strongholds. The partisanship was so blatant that even *The New York Times* had to point out the legal and political dubiousness, since "it is unusual for elections to be subsidized by nongovernment funding at this level, but also because most of the cash is coming from nonprofit groups that have liberal ties." It also noted that "the biggest source of the cash, Mr. Zuckerberg, has drawn fire from across the political spectrum." Groups such as the Thomas More Society and True the Vote (TTV) filed unsuccessful complaints and lawsuits in various jurisdictions.

Yet pundits agree it was the heavily funded, most-populous counties in six states that handed the win to Biden in 2020. The margins were notably narrow: in Arizona, Biden reportedly won by only 10,457 votes; the gap in Georgia was a mere 12,670; Wisconsin's split was 20,682; winning votes in Nevada numbered 33,596; in Pennsylvania, Trump lost by 81,660 votes; and Michigan closed with the largest margin, 154,188. Together these states represent 79 Electoral College (EC) votes, and Trump had claimed all but Nevada's six in 2016. Four years later, he was again enjoying comfortable leads until the last step in the vote-tallying process, when mail-in and drop-box ballots were counted.

It was the first time in history that mail-in ballots factored in such weighty numbers, and drop boxes were a complete novelty. Zuck Bucks triggered the surge.

Mail-in ballots are one of the most critical sources of voter fraud, according to the 2005 Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform. That is why absentee ballots were closely guarded prior



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Ballot harvesting: About half of states allow political operatives and others to collect and deliver voters' ballots and turn them in to polling stations, drawing bipartisan concerns of fraud.

to 2020. Carter-Baker determined that "if you want to prevent voter fraud, you'll want to carefully limit when mail-in and absentee ballots are allowed," explained Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) in *Rigged*. "What did Zuck Bucks do? It came in and pressured these government entities to do mail-in ballots — or even worse, these drop boxes — which was a new innovation for Covid that is a rampant invitation to fraud." Said Cruz, "This was the greatest billionaire assault on election integrity we've ever seen."

Ballot Trafficking

The result was systematic ballot trafficking, according to filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza in his latest documentary, *2000 Mules*. It chronicles an in-depth investigation by TTV across five of the battleground states.

They charted cell-phone pings indicating that couriers regularly shuttled stacks of ballots from various nonprofit cen-

ters to election drop boxes in the weeks preceding the election. Surveillance video backed up the geo-tracking data. D'Souza says that over time, these mules' ballot drops mushroomed into election-altering proportions.

2000 Mules features whistleblowers who say they witnessed the crimes firsthand. A Georgia man, hired by the National Republican Senatorial Committee to monitor drop boxes, reported numerous instances of ballot stuffing by mules, many of whom had out-of-state license plates on their cars. Another informant in Arizona said she worked for a nonprofit that collected harvested ballots, and she helped deliver them herself.

Where did the organizations get the ballots? "Let me count the ways," Hans



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von Spakovsky told D’Souza. He is a former member of the Federal Election Commission, and said that ballot harvesting is remarkably common. In some instances, campaign or political party staff go door-to-door “to pressure and coerce voters” and collect their ballot forms. Others fill out fraudulent absentee ballot requests or make high-quality photocopies. D’Souza recalled recent cases of elections overturned due to ballot harvesting in North Carolina, Florida, and Mississippi (unrelated to 2020’s presidential race). Investigators discovered absentee ballots stolen or bought, and counterfeit ballots cast for people deceased, incapacitated, moved, or altogether made-up. Officials have caught fraudsters in cities such as Chicago and Los Angeles paying homeless people in cash and cigarettes for their votes.

Colbeck has compiled canvassing results in several counties that indicate many 2020 ballots were equally fraudulent. The Concerned Citizen Initiative discovered 974,917 fraudulent votes in Macomb County, Michigan, more than six times

the margin that gave the entire state to Biden. Canvassing in Maricopa County, Arizona, uncovered nearly 270,000 lost or phantom votes, though Biden won the state by fewer than 11,000. (Lost votes are mail-in ballots that were never counted, and “phantom” is an umbrella term referring to fictitious, ineligible, or dead voters, or ballots cast without a registered voter’s knowledge.) Researchers have discovered ballot harvesting particularly rife at nursing homes and apartment complexes.

This targeted ballot trafficking could explain why Attorney General William Barr announced in December 2020 that his Justice Department had uncovered no evidence of widespread voter fraud that could change the election’s outcome. “It doesn’t have to be widespread,” counters Byrne in *The Deep Rig*. “To steal the country, you don’t really need to cheat across the country. You just need to cheat like crazy” in a few Democratic strongholds.

Slowly, that cheating is coming to light, despite efforts by some to promote the “most secure” narrative and dismiss dissenters as disillusioned hacks of the Big

Lie. The Heritage Foundation’s (HF) Election Fraud Database tallies nearly 1,400 *proven* instances of fraud since the early 1990s — cases involving identity theft, ballot-box stuffing, bribery, falsification of voting records, illegal vote trafficking, and other crimes. Von Spakovsky, who is now an HF senior legal fellow, describes the database as a small sampling, rather than an exhaustive list, intended to highlight the many ways that fraud can be committed. New cases are regularly added.

The good news is that this information is serving as a wake-up call for many Americans, leading them to the same conclusion Colbeck has reached: “The 2020 election was a coup.” He echoes the sentiments of other investigators, that the “future of an America of the people, by the people and for the people” is at stake.

“If we do not address what happened in the 2020 election,” Colbeck states, “we will continue to have selections — NOT elections.” What is the solution? That is the topic of the next article in this two-part cover story: “Securing Future Elections.” ■



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Millions of Americans believe that Biden's 2020 win was fraudulent. Is it possible to salvage future elections?



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Whistleblower: Colorado's Mesa County clerk Tina Peters discovered what she calls manipulation in the voting machines used in her jurisdiction during the 2020 presidential election.

by *Rebecca Terrell*

Half of American voters believe that election fraud will mar this fall's midterms. A national survey in July by Rasmussen Reports also revealed that 52 percent of voters think "cheating affected the outcome of the 2020 presidential election."

Fact-checkers label them all conspiracy crackpots. After all, the nation's top cybersecurity agency assures us "the 2020 election was the most secure in American history," and former Attorney General Bill Barr declared no evidence of widespread voter fraud.

Case closed? Some states aren't convinced, and they're scurrying to secure the midterms.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in

July that the state election commission did not have power to authorize ballot drop boxes, though they were used to collect more than 40 percent of the state's votes in 2020. State law requires voters to return absentee ballots by mail or in person at a local clerk's office. The court had previously ruled that it was illegal for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers to grant blanket permission for voters to obtain absentee ballots without photo identification.

Many believe that mass-mailed ballots and drop boxes were used for illegal trafficking, as recounted in Dinesh D'Souza's documentary *2000 Mules*. Lawmakers in Michigan sent a letter to the state's attorney general in June, urging investigation into possible fraudsters as well as "suspicious activity by the Secretary of State," Democrat Jocelyn Benson. They accuse

her of using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to "recklessly" mail ballots to registered voters regardless of their absentee status. They also suspect she violated state law by authorizing county clerks to "presume the accuracy of absentee ballot signatures," and reproach her for ignoring Freedom of Information Act requests regarding the election.

Georgia lawmakers have already answered some of these issues. Last year they passed Senate Bill 202, which limits drop boxes and ramps up ID requirements for absentee voters. It restricts government officials and third-party groups from sending unsolicited or duplicate absentee ballot applications to voters, a practice of which many complained in 2020. Moreover, the law requires voters to request absentee ballots no less than 11 days before an election.

Credit for the unprecedented use of mail-in ballots and drop boxes in the 2020 election goes to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who donated more than \$400 million to some 2,500 jurisdictions nationwide, ostensibly to assist with voting during Covid. Critics accuse him of more sinister motives, and a whopping 70 percent of U.S. voters disapprove of his private funding of elections, according to a December 2021 survey by Rasmussen.

Many state legislatures have already passed laws to prevent a repeat performance. "As of July 2022, 24 states have banned or restricted the use of private funds for election offices, and 6 governors — all Democrats — have vetoed potential bans," reports the Capital Research Center. Individual counties in Wisconsin and Michigan have also banned Zuck Bucks.

Uphill Battle

Are efforts like these enough to secure future elections? Not according to push-back some states face. North Carolina's Board of Elections is prohibiting county election officials from using signature verification for absentee ballots, according to the state's Republican Party. The recently adopted Votes Act in Massachusetts makes vote-by-mail permanent and expands early voting options. Republican lawmakers in Pennsylvania are suing to throw out the state's broad mail-in voting law, but pundits say there is slim chance of that happening within the two months until voters can begin mailing ballots this fall. Major media have launched smear campaigns against sheriffs in Kansas, Michigan, and Wisconsin over election-fraud investigations in their jurisdictions. In Arizona, the U.S. Department of Justice is suing over the state's new law requiring voters to show proof of citizenship.

Meanwhile, a federal district judge is forcing DOJ to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests regarding Biden's 2021 executive order, "Promoting Access to Voting." The nonprofit Foundation for Government Accountability calls it "a federal takeover of elections" and wants to know if the president is "misus-

ing federal resources" to "ensure Democratic victories."

The security of electronic voting machines remains a hot-button issue as well. Democratic leaders in Colorado have Mesa County clerk Tina Peters in their crosshairs since she uncovered alleged evidence of manipulation in the 2020 general election during a backup of electronic voting machines. Officials have turned a blind eye to her claims, instead leveling criminal charges at her related to election tampering and misconduct. Journalist Lara Logan chronicles Peters' story in her new documentary *[S]Election Code*.

Elsewhere, concerned citizens are challenging voting machines, citing security and lack of transparency issues. Alabama Republicans are suing their secretary of state to ban the technology in this year's midterms. A similar Arizona lawsuit cites past compromised elections; plaintiffs want paper ballots. But a judge recently tossed a lawsuit seeking to verify voting-machine data in Utah's 2020 election, and a bill to end vote-by-mail failed in the Utah House in February.

As for private funding, Zuckerberg says he does not plan to bankroll future elections, nor can he in states that have already banned Zuck Bucks. But the newly

launched U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence (AEE) "could be an end run around such laws," reports The Daily Signal, based on the track record of AEE supporters. Inside Philanthropy describes them as "a tech-heavy group of funders that lean liberal in their grantmaking," such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and executives from Microsoft and Amazon.

The Solution

"This is a battle between those who want to fundamentally transform America and those who want to fundamentally preserve all that is noble, true, excellent, and praiseworthy about America," Patrick Colbeck told *The New American*. A former Michigan state senator and certified poll challenger, Colbeck authored *The 2020 Coup: What Happened, What We Can Do*, which reads like a grand-jury investigation of election fraud. He also maintains an evidence map at his website, The2020Coup.com.

Colbeck offers practical solutions to restoring election integrity, pointing out that what we need is enforcement of current election laws rather than enactment of new ones, and true forensic audits rather than mere recounts of potentially manipulated ballots and voting machines.

Indeed, elections in the United States have traditionally been among the most trusted in the world, as election-integrity expert Kurt Hyde told *The New American*. He pointed out that only since the introduction of mail-in ballots and electronic voting machines have allegations of fraud become the norm — a clear indication that something is wrong with the system.

He says the answer is to bring back the system that worked for so long: publicly monitored in-person voting and vote counting at the precinct level on election day using paper ballots, and an end to modern abuses such as same-day voter registration, early voting, unattended drop boxes, no-excuse absentee balloting, and voting without proper identification.

Most importantly, American citizens must be engaged, not just by voting, but by serving as poll workers or challengers, supporting election integrity investigations, or even running for office. As Colbeck points out, elections are as critical to our nation's infrastructure as an electric grid or interstate system. Freedom is not free, and our country is at stake. ■



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Eyewitness: Former Michigan State Senator Patrick Colbeck served as a poll challenger in Detroit during the 2020 election, and says he witnessed fraud firsthand.

LAWMAKERS FILE BILL TO GET US OUT OF THE UN

The American people have the power to get the United States out of the United Nations through their elected representatives in Congress.

by Alex Newman

Outraged by the growing influence of the mass-murdering Chinese Communist Party and other perceived problems, U.S. lawmakers recently re-introduced legislation that would end U.S. membership in the United Nations and its agencies, such as the World Health Organization (WHO).

In addition to ending U.S. government involvement with the UN, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act (H.R. 7806) would remove the UN's controversial headquarters from U.S. soil and protect American troops from having to serve under UN command.

U.S. Representative Mike Rogers, a conservative Republican representing eastern Alabama, has been the lead sponsor of the bill in several congresses so far. He has raised numerous concerns over the years, including corruption, waste, hostility to Israel, opposition to fundamental American principles, the UN's hatred of the Second Amendment, and more, as reasons to get the United States out of the UN.

"The United Nations has repeatedly proven itself to be an utterly useless organization," explained Rogers in a statement announcing the reintroduction of the bill last month, doubling down on previous comments referring to the UN as a "disaster."

Some of the congressman's major concerns are the UN's growing hostility to genuine human rights and its increasing subservience to the dictatorship in Beijing and others hostile to individual liberty and the United States.

"The UN's founding charter states the UN's mission 'to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small,'" added Rogers in the statement. "However, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet has proven herself to be nothing more than a puppet for the Chinese Communist Party — aiding the CCP in playing down the very real

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The United Nations is the cornerstone for the world government the Deep Staters are working to bring to fruition. Get the United States out, and their scheme will be left in shambles.



Get US Out! Representative Mike Rogers (R-Ala.) has introduced the American Sovereignty Restoration Act in the House. If enacted, the bill would end U.S. membership in the United Nations.

and horrifying genocide being carried out against Uyghurs.”

Indeed, *The New American* has been exposing the “socialist” Bachelet for years. From her close ties to the communist movement in Latin America and Beijing to her ongoing anti-American diatribes calling for restricting rights in America, Bachelet has become extremely controversial. Concerns about the UN official’s abuse of diplomatic immunity to shield herself and others from criminal probes are also growing.

Rogers blasted the UN’s cozy relationship with the Chinese Communist Party. “It’s unconscionable that China continues to sit on the UN Human Rights Council even as it carries out this disturbing genocide on top of its numerous and daily violations of basic human rights,” the Republican congressman said.

“It’s clear the UN has abandoned the ideals set in its founding charter and that’s why, among many other reasons, I’ve reintroduced legislation to withdraw the United States from the UN,” he added.

When introducing the bill in 2019, Rogers blasted the UN as an “inefficient bureaucracy” and a “complete waste of American tax dollars.” Saying the legislation was one of his top priorities, Rogers noted that the global organization “works against America’s interests around the

world” and continues to “attack our rights as U.S. citizens.”

Another key element of the bill would end U.S. involvement in the disgraced World Health Organization. Among other scandals, the UN agency is led by a former communist terror leader backed by Beijing, and was repeatedly exposed parrotting the CCP’s talking points.

“The WHO lost all credibility when they chose to put public health second to the Chinese Communist Party by helping the CCP cover up the origins of COVID-19,” continued Rogers, blasting the WHO as “corrupt.”

Reacting to similar concerns, President Donald Trump started the process to remove the United States from the WHO, drawing widespread applause from conservatives and Republicans across America.

Joe Biden promptly re-engaged with the UN agency after taking power, though numerous congressional efforts to stop funding for and end U.S. involvement in WHO continue. (Trump did get the United States out of UNESCO, the UN’s “education” agency, and so far Biden has not been able to reverse that.)

Co-sponsors of the latest iteration of the American Sovereignty Restoration Act include Representatives Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), Diana Harshbarger (R-

Tenn.), Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), and Ronny Jackson (R-Texas).

Massie, a longtime champion of the #Amexit movement to get the United States out of the UN, previously told *The New American* that there are many reasons why the U.S. government should cut all ties with the controversial global organization.

“The best thing that you can say about the United Nations is it’s mostly ineffective and a waste of money,” said Congressman Massie, who campaigned for an “Amexit” from the UN after the British people voted for a “Brexit” from the European Union. “That’s the best thing you can say about it. So I’m glad that they are somewhat ineffective, but I don’t like that we waste the money.”

But that is just the start. Another major problem is that the UN is packed with autocratic regimes and is constantly seeking to infringe on the sovereignty of nation states. “It’s full of dictators, and it’s also something that I don’t think our sovereign government should defer to,” Massie explained in an interview at The John Birch Society’s 60th anniversary celebration in 2018.

“For instance, a lot of these foreign relations bills that come in front of us in Congress and the whereas clauses — they might say ‘whereas the UN has said this,’ or ‘the UN decided this, now therefore be it resolved’ — well that’s almost an automatic no for me, because why would I defer to the United Nations if we’re a sovereign country?” asked Massie.

The Kentucky congressman, who has a near-perfect score on *The New American* magazine’s Freedom Index, also warned that the U.S. government supplies far more than the American people’s “fair share” of the UN’s budget. “But a fair share would be zero, and we should get out,” he added.

With an added boost from the United Kingdom’s successful bid to secede from the European Union, Massie launched the “Amexit” campaign in 2016, saying there was fresh interest in the move. Trump’s efforts to end U.S. involvement in various UN agencies and programs also proved to be popular with Americans.

The Deep State, though, wants to keep Americans entangled in international organizations. “They would like to see us

fully involved in the United Nations and intervening in every country possible,” Massie said, adding that global agencies increasingly dictate policy to American elected officials and that many congressmen are more than willing to bow down.

In a more recent interview with *The New American* magazine, in which he called for passing the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, Massie took special aim at the World Trade Organization, saying it has long been “hostile” to the United States. Indeed, it was the WTO that managed to “force” Congress into repealing its country-of-origin labeling for meat.

Blasting the UN as “a collection of dictators,” Massie also pointed to the WHO’s attacks on science and language — and how the CDC followed suit in seeking to redefine terms such as “vaccine” and “herd immunity.” “It is Orwellian in the sense that they’re trying to control thought by controlling the language that we use,” he added.

As the UN becomes increasingly aggressive in its efforts to undermine sovereignty and redefine the concept of rights

— not to mention empower Communist China and itself — public sentiment in America is souring. Top conservatives ranging from U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) to former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin (R) have expressly called for the United States to exit the UN, too.

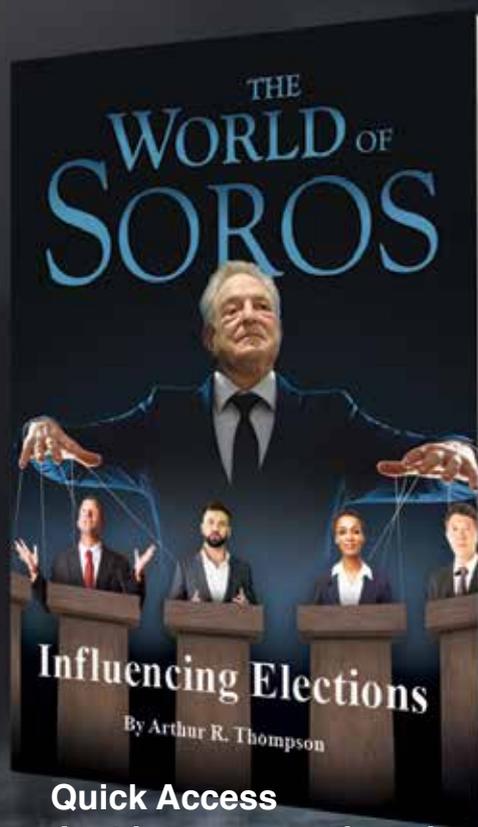
The effort to liberate the United States from the UN — an agenda long championed by The John Birch Society, which publishes this magazine — has been gaining steam for decades. Congressional votes on defunding the UN and the Trump administration’s strident attacks on the UN have shown that the movement is no longer a fringe issue, as it was in the 1960s and 1970s.

One leading advocate for the American Sovereignty Restoration Act was former Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas). Paul, who ran for president and made history by attracting millions of young people and breaking fundraising records, introduced the bill regularly in the 1990s and 2000s. He called on Congress to at least vote on the bill, so Americans could know where their representatives stood on the issue.

Another lead champion of the measure was U.S. Congressman Larry McDonald (D-Ga.), a constitutional conservative who also served as the chairman of The John Birch Society. Unfortunately, he died in 1983 when Korean Air Lines Flight 007, on which he was a passenger, was shot down by a Soviet fighter jet while allegedly flying over Soviet air space near Korea.

Even establishment-minded figures have joined the chorus. Former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley said Americans must decide whether or not the U.S. government should remain involved. “The American people need to decide if it’s worth it,” she said of continued U.S. membership, adding that “the verdict is still out.”

As is typical, the bill has been referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where internationalists in leadership will do their best to ignore it and keep it bottled up. However, with a public groundswell in favor of getting the U.S. out, lawmakers will have to bend to the will of their constituents. ■



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STANDING AGAINST FASCISTS IN CANADA

by **Annalisa Pesek**

For the righteous Lord loves justice. The virtuous will see His face. — Psalm 11:7.

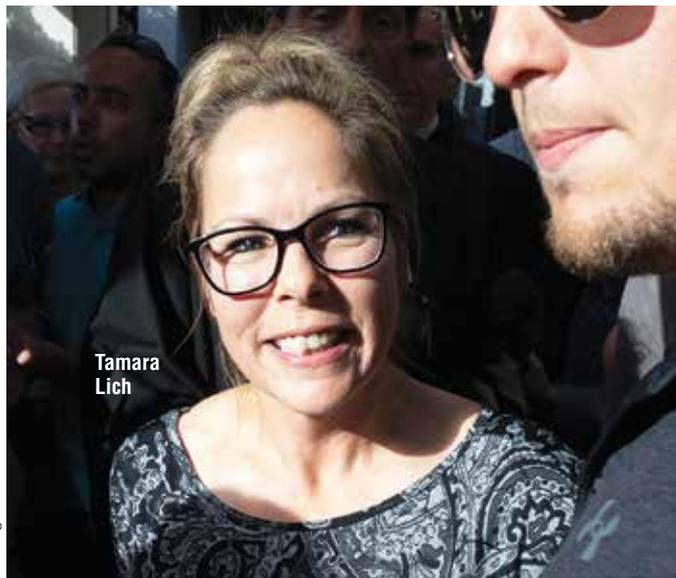
By stepping up and fearlessly leading nonviolent protests against authoritarian vaccine mandates and other cruel and arbitrary Covid-19 restrictions, activist Tamara Lich has inspired thousands of Canadians (and Americans) to stand up for their rights and liberties and to speak out against insidious government overreach.

For her bravery, Lich has become the latest political prisoner of the accelerating fascistic policies of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

After 49 days in jail, Lich was released on July 26. The mother, grandmother, and organizer of the peaceful “freedom convoy,” which saw thousands of truckers and supporters calling for an end to all Covid-related mandates descend upon the capital city of Ottawa in early 2022, faces charges of the most minor crimes in Canada’s Criminal Code. Moreover, she has been denied bail twice by judges of the country’s lower court system.

Lich was first arrested in Ottawa on February 17, 2022, on charges of committing mischief, an offense typically reserved for teenage boys caught loitering in the park late at night. “It’s not an

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illegal protest. It’s in our Charter of rights and freedoms,” Lich told reporters asking whether she was concerned about the threat of arrest. “Hold the line” was her calm reply. When asked if her disparate treatment and long imprisonment was a human-rights violation, Lich’s attorney, Kevin Wilson, told Fox New host Tucker Carlson, “It’s more than a human rights violation. It’s an attempt by the Trudeau government to intimidate Canadians.”

Lich has sought to separate truth from lies, light from dark, and urged her fellow free Canadians to stand up for their rights and against the tyrannical mandates. The government, in response, using Lich as an example, has declared that all who challenge the narrative will be crushed.

The convoluted timeline of Lich’s bail denials, jail releases, and arrests would continue from her first detainment in February through the end of July, as additional

charges were piled on in late March that accused the activist of “counselling mischief, mischief, counselling to obstruct police, obstructing police, counselling intimidation, and intimidation by blocking and obstructing one or more highways.”

Judge Julie Bourgeois of the Ontario Court of Justice was the first to keep Lich locked up, labeling her a danger to society who could not be trusted to do the right thing. Later, Justice of the Peace Paul Harris deemed Lich’s detention as necessary to “maintain confidence in the administration

of justice.”

Such harsh decisions by Harris and Bourgeois would later be thrown out by Superior Court Justices John Johnston and Kevin Phillips, restoring some public confidence in the rule of law, with Justice Phillips noting that the courts “are not a thought police.” It was late April when Phillips permitted Lich to travel to Ontario to attend a gala where she would receive the George Jonas Freedom Award.

Patriots Pay a Heavy Price for Freedom

Yet freedom for Lich would be short-lived. She was re-arrested on June 27 after attending the gala on June 16. The revoking of Lich’s bail on July 8 by Harris in an Ontario Court of Justice meant Big Brother had surely been monitoring Lich’s every move. Harris argued that Lich violated the

conditions of her release when she posed for a photo with fellow convoy organizer Tom Marazzo while at the awards dinner, an interaction defined as a “flagrant” breach of Lich’s bail conditions.

As *The Epoch Times*’ Bruce Pardy writes, “On June 16, Lich attended the event where she briefly (about three seconds, the court concluded) interacted with a person her bail conditions prohibited except in the presence of counsel, who were at the dinner.”

Following the gala, a nationwide warrant was issued for Lich’s arrest. Authorities in Medicine Hat, Alberta, arrested and charged Lich with violating her bail conditions. They handed her over to Ottawa police, who returned her to Ottawa, where she spent several more weeks behind bars.

Denied her freedom for the crime of organizing peaceful protests that gathered families together and saw people dancing and singing in the streets, Lich has steadfastly held the line and endured a lengthy imprisonment as a true warrior for liberty. “Free Tamara” chants by Lich supporters waving Canadian flags could be heard outside the courthouse during her many bail hearings. Ultimately, the liberty-loving activist with no criminal history would step back into the sun on July 26, after 49 days in jail.

Lich has heroically challenged the hypocrisy of the Covid narrative at the highest levels of government. She has been shamed and alienated for her courage. The 49-year-old has further been censored and shackled as a political prisoner for stand-

ing for her Charter rights and liberties, and for heroically voicing truth.

Trudeau’s Dictatorial Regime

In Trudeau’s Canada, evil is completely unchecked, and truth is despised and feared. Lich joins other political prisoners, such as Calgary Pastor Artur Pawlowski, facing persecution for confronting that unchecked evil and continuing to lead with a spirit of power and love.

“It’s remarkable what has happened here,” Lich’s attorney observed. “As you know well, our prime minister has expressed admiration for two different government systems in the world. One is communist China and the other is his dear friend or perhaps more, Castro’s Cuba. We’re no longer the true North, strong and free.”

Trudeau has outlawed freedom of speech, banned handguns, and arrested citizens such as Lich for the crime of taking a photo with a convoy organizer, with whom she was forbidden to associate. Still, many Canadians support the Freedom Convoy movement and find Trudeau’s actions a travesty. But there is a price for freedom, and the people don’t have to give away to the government the power that they have. Many will not stop fighting, nor will they stop defending the rights of Canadians. But as Pastor Pawlowski has reminded us, “For two years we have been trying our best to reason with the villains, but I know villains. The bully will never stop bullying.... They have big appetites, those greedy dogs.”

For speaking truth and defending liberty, for encouraging Canadians not to give up in what is clearly a battle for securing their freedoms, Pawlowski, Lich, and many others have faced dramatic arrests and been treated as the most dangerous of criminals. Still, for every fiery trial these freedom lovers continue to pass through, they seem only further to transform into stronger witnesses for their faith, freedom, and their Canadian family. Americans, take note! ■



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Legal resistance: Thousands of truckers and supporters called for an end to Covid-related mandates, descending upon the capitol city of Ottawa in early 2022 to protest. Hundreds were arrested during the peaceful demonstrations. Shown here are protesters in Edmonton, Alberta.

The Freedom Index

A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution

Our third look at the 117th Congress shows how every member of the House and Senate voted on key issues such as Covid aid, Ukraine aid, and gun control.

House Vote Descriptions

21 Federalizing Voting. H.R. 5746, the “Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act,” would implement a sweeping federalization of American elections. Among numerous other provisions, it would force states to implement nationwide internet, automatic, and same-day voter registration. The bill would also mandate states to allow mail-in voting and make available ballot “drop boxes” for all voters, implement early voting that begins at least 15 days prior to an election, and limit state legislatures’ authority over congressional redistricting. H.R. 5746 would also reestablish a “preclearance” process similar to what existed under the 1965 Voting Rights Act prior to 2013. Under it, states would be required to obtain permission from the U.S. Department of Justice prior to implementing changes to their election laws.

The House passed H.R. 5746 on January 13, 2022 by a vote of 220 to 203 (Roll Call 9). We have assigned pluses to the nays because not only does this bill undermine election integrity, but it infringes



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Federal mandate? If the “Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act” were to become law, drop boxes, along with other voting requirements, would be imposed by the feds rather than decided by the states.

upon federalism and state sovereignty as established under the Constitution and its 10th Amendment.

22 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. During consideration of the so-called America COM-

PETES Act of 2022 (H.R. 4521), Representative Scott Perry (R-Pa.) introduced an amendment to withdraw the United States from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), a multilateral environmental treaty.

The House rejected Perry’s amendment

About This Index

“The Freedom Index: A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution” rates congressmen based on their adherence to constitutional principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility, national sovereignty, and a traditional foreign policy of avoiding foreign entanglements. To learn how any representative or senator voted on the key measures described herein, look him or her up in the vote charts.

The scores are derived by dividing a congressman’s constitutional votes (pluses) by the total number he cast (pluses and minuses) and multiplying by 100. The average House score for this index is 37 percent, and the average Senate score is 41 percent.

Thirty-four representatives and 10 senators earned 100 percent. We encourage readers to examine how their own congressmen voted on each of the 10 key measures. We also encourage readers to commend legislators for their constitutional votes, and to urge improvement where needed.

This is our third index for the 117th Congress. Our first index for the current Congress (votes 1-10) appeared in our August 9, 2021 issue, and our second index (votes 11-20) appeared in our January 31, 2022 issue. An online version of the “Freedom Index” is also available (click on “Freedom Index” at TheNewAmerican.com). ■

House Vote Scores ✓

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|-------------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| ALABAMA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Carl (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 2 Moore (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 3 Rogers (R) | 67% | ? | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 4 Aderholt (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 5 Brooks (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 90% |
| 6 Palmer (R) | 67% | ? | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 7 Sewell (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| ALASKA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ARIZONA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 O'Halleran (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Kirkpatrick (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Grijalva (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Gosar (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| 5 Biggs (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| 6 Schweikert (R) | 80% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 7 Gallego (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Lesko (R) | 100% | + | + | + | ? | ? | + | + | + | + | + | 89% |
| 9 Stanton (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| ARKANSAS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Crawford (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 2 Hill (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 3 Womack (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 4 Westerman (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 80% |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 LaMalfa (R) | 70% | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 2 Huffman (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Garamendi (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 McClintock (R) | 67% | ? | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 86% |
| 5 Thompson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Matsui (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Bera (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ? | - | 3% |
| 8 Obernolte (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | 73% |
| 9 McNerney (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 Harder (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 11 DeSaulnier (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 12 Pelosi (D) | 0% | - | ? | - | - | - | ? | ? | - | - | - | 4% |
| 13 Lee (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 14 Speier (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 15 Swalwell (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 16 Costa (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 17 Khanna (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 18 Eshoo (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 19 Lofgren (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 20 Panetta (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 21 Valadao (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 63% |
| 22 Conway (R) | | | | | | | | | | | ? | |
| 23 McCarthy (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 24 Carbajal (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 25 Garcia (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 26 Brownley (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 27 Chu (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 28 Schiff (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 29 Cárdenas (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 30 Sherman (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 31 Aguilar (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

| | Votes: 21-30 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1-30 |
|------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| 32 Napolitano (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 33 Lieu (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 34 Gomez (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 35 Torres (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 36 Ruiz (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 37 Bass (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 38 Sánchez (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 39 Kim (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 40 Roybal-Allard (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 41 Takano (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 42 Calvert (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 43 Waters (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 44 Barragán (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 45 Porter (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 46 Correa (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 47 Lowenthal (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 48 Steel (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 49 Levin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 50 Issa (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 51 Vargas (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 52 Peters (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 53 Jacobs (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| COLORADO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 DeGette (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Neguse (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Boebert (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 4 Buck (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 5 Lamborn (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 6 Crow (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Perlmutter (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| CONNECTICUT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Larson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Courtney (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 DeLauro (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Himes (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | 7% |
| 5 Hayes (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| DELAWARE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL Blunt Rochester (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| FLORIDA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Gaetz (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 97% |
| 2 Dunn (R) | 67% | + | + | + | - | + | - | ? | + | - | + | 76% |
| 3 Cammack (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 4 Rutherford (R) | 56% | ? | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 69% |
| 5 Lawson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4% |
| 6 Waltz (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 7 Murphy (D) | 20% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | 10% |
| 8 Posey (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | 93% |
| 9 Soto (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 Demings (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 11 Webster (R) | 89% | ? | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 12 Bilirakis (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 80% |
| 13 Crist (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 14 Castor (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 15 Franklin (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 16 Buchanan (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 17 Steube (R) | 90% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| 18 Mast (R) | 89% | + | ? | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 83% |

The scores are derived by dividing the constitutionally correct votes (pluses) by the total number of pluses and minuses and multiplying by 100. (A "?" means a rep. did not vote. If a rep. cast fewer than five votes in this index, a score is not assigned.) Match numbers at the top of the chart to House vote descriptions on pages 24, 26, and 28.

on February 3, 2022 by a vote of 196 to 235 (Roll Call 27). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because the UNFCCC infringes on U.S. sovereignty and places an undue burden on American industry, workers, and taxpayers. Meeting the emission goals of the UNFCCC would significantly reduce U.S. economic output. Furthermore, the treaty requires the United States and other industrialized nations to provide economic assistance to fund climate-change action in “developing nations,” such as China.

23 Competitiveness Package.

H.R. 4521, the America COMPETES Act of 2022, would authorize about \$350 billion in federal funding over five years. This includes the funding of scientific research and development programs, with more than \$52 billion for the U.S. semiconductor industry. H.R. 4521 would also authorize \$8 billion for the UN Green Climate Fund, codify a requirement that the U.S. implement the Paris climate agreement, direct the U.S. Armed Forces to implement climate-change training, and enable increased admission levels of refugees and economic migrants.

The House passed H.R. 4521 on February 4, 2022 by a vote of 222 to 210 (Roll Call 31). We have assigned pluses to the nays because the Constitution does not authorize Congress to fund research and development programs. Furthermore, the bill advances a radical environmentalist agenda; erodes U.S. national sovereignty; and encourages increased migration, a tool of the Deep State to fundamentally alter the United States.

24 Omnibus Appropriations.

H.R. 2471, officially known as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022,” would provide \$1.5 trillion in “discretionary” appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 for federal government operations and services. This omnibus spending bill was voted on in two portions (Roll Calls 65 and 66). The provisions in the first portion to be voted on (Roll Call 65) included \$728.5 billion for the Department of Defense, \$81.1 billion for the Department of Homeland Security, and \$75.8 billion for the Commerce Department. Included within this spending was \$600 million for security cooperation with Ukraine

and other Eastern European nations, \$23.9 billion for FEMA, \$3.9 billion in grants for state and local law-enforcement agencies, and \$13.6 billion in assistance to Ukraine.

The House passed the first portion of H.R. 2471 on March 9, 2022 by a vote of 361 to 69 (Roll Call 65). We have assigned pluses to the nays because of the many unconstitutional agencies and programs that it would fund, because it funds our further entanglement in the Ukraine-Russia conflict without a congressional declaration of war, and because this reckless spending is already yielding record-high inflation.

25 Omnibus Appropriations.

H.R. 2471, officially known as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022,” would provide \$1.5 trillion in discretionary appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 for federal government operations and services. This omnibus spending bill was voted on in two portions (Roll Calls 65 and 66). The provisions in the second portion to be voted on (Roll Call 66) included approximately \$600 billion to fund the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Labor, State (for “foreign operations”), Transportation, and Treasury, as well as the EPA, NIH, HUD, SNAP (food stamp program), etc.

The House passed the second portion

of H.R. 2471 on March 9, 2022 by a vote of 260 to 171 (Roll Call 66). We have assigned pluses to the nays because most of the spending would go to federal government departments, agencies, and programs that have no authorization or basis in the Constitution. Furthermore, this reckless spending is currently yielding record-high inflation, most visible in the current rising grocery prices.

26 NATO. This resolution (House Resolution 831) would reaffirm “unequivocal support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as an alliance founded on democratic principles.”

The House passed H. Res. 831 on April 5, 2022 by a vote of 362 to 63 (Roll Call 115). We have assigned pluses to the nays not only because the United States should stay clear of entangling alliances such as NATO, but also because NATO obligates the United States to go to war if any member of NATO is attacked. Specifically, under the North Atlantic Treaty that established NATO in 1949, member nations “agree that an armed attack against one or more of them ... shall be considered an attack against them all.” This agreement undermines the provision in the U.S. Constitution that assigns to Congress the power to declare war. There are now 30 countries in NATO, and an attack on any one of them could pull the United States



Money, money, money! The omnibus appropriations bill passed by both houses of Congress this year continues the federal spendathon that is piling up huge deficits and debt and harming the economy.

| | Votes: 21-30 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1-30 |
|----------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| 19 Donalds (R) | 100% | + | + | + | ? | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 20 Cherfilus-McCormick (D) | 0% | ? | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| 21 Frankel (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 22 Deutch (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 23 Wasserman Schultz (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 24 Wilson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 25 Diaz-Balart (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 67% |
| 26 Gimenez (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 63% |
| 27 Salazar (R) | 40% | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | 57% |
| GEORGIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Carter (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 2 Bishop (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Ferguson (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 4 Johnson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | ? | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Williams (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 McBath (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Bourdeaux (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Scott (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 9 Clyde (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 10 Hice (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | ? | + | + | + | + | 92% |
| 11 Loudermilk (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 12 Allen (R) | 75% | + | + | + | - | + | + | ? | ? | - | + | 82% |
| 13 Scott (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 14 Greene (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 97% |
| HAWAII | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Case (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Kahele (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| IDAHO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Fulcher (R) | 90% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 88% |
| 2 Simpson (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 67% |
| ILLINOIS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Rush (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Kelly (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Newman (D) | 0% | - | - | - | ? | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 García (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 5 Quigley (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Casten (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Davis (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Krishnamoorthi (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Schakowsky (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 Schneider (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 11 Foster (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 12 Bost (R) | 67% | + | + | + | - | + | - | ? | + | - | + | 69% |
| 13 Davis (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 14 Underwood (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 15 Miller (R) | 90% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 16 Kinzinger (R) | 10% | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 38% |
| 17 Bustos (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 18 LaHood (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| INDIANA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Mrvan (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Walorski (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 3 Banks (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| 4 Baird (D) | 67% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | ? | - | + | 69% |
| 5 Spartz (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 6 Pence (R) | 67% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | ? | 79% |
| 7 Carson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Bucshon (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 9 Hollingsworth (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| IOWA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Hinson (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 2 Miller-Meeks (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |

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| 3 Axne (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Feenstra (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| KANSAS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Mann (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| 2 LaTurner (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 3 Davids (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Estes (R) | 88% | + | ? | ? | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| KENTUCKY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Comer (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| 2 Guthrie (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 3 Yarmuth (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Massie (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| 5 Rogers (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 6 Barr (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| LOUISIANA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Scalise (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 2 Carter (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5% |
| 3 Higgins (R) | 100% | ? | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 92% |
| 4 Johnson (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| 5 Letlow (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 68% |
| 6 Graves (R) | 78% | + | - | ? | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 79% |
| MAINE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Pingree (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Golden (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | 23% |
| MARYLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Harris (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 2 Ruppersberger (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Sarbanes (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Brown (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Hoyer (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Trone (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Mfume (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Raskin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Neal (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 McGovern (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 3 Trahan (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Auchincloss (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Clark (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Moulton (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Pressley (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10% |
| 8 Lynch (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Keating (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| MICHIGAN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Bergman (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 76% |
| 2 Huizenga (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| 3 Meijer (R) | 40% | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | - | 60% |
| 4 Moolenaar (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 5 Kildee (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Upton (R) | 40% | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | 53% |
| 7 Walberg (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | 87% |
| 8 Slotkin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Levin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 McClain (R) | 80% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 11 Stevens (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 12 Dingell (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 13 Tlaib (D) | 11% | - | - | - | + | ? | - | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| 14 Lawrence (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Craig (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

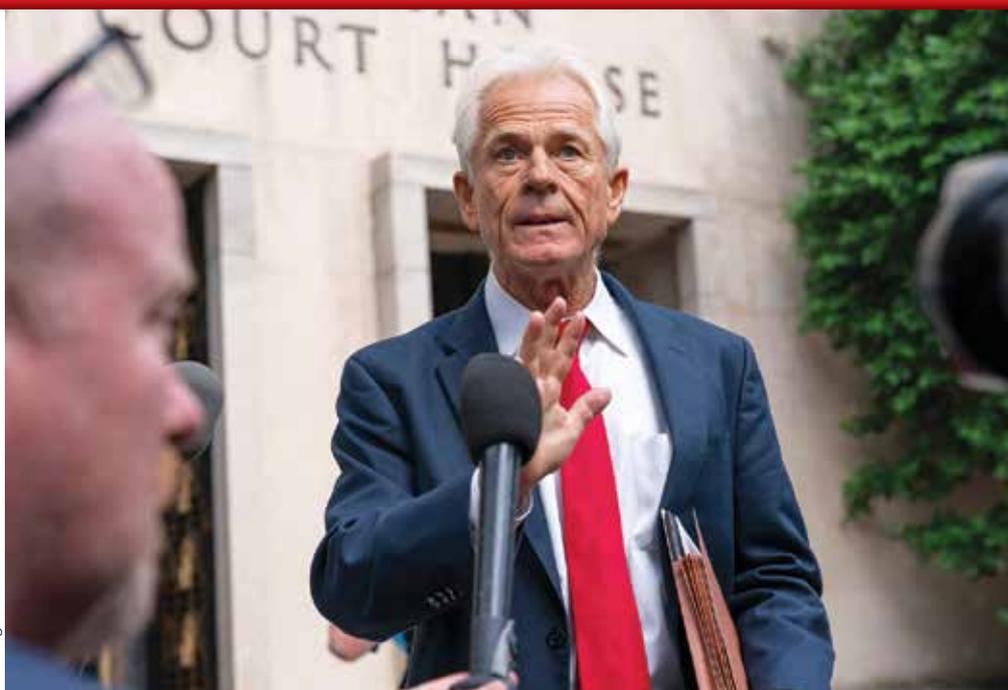
The scores are derived by dividing the constitutionally correct votes (pluses) by the total number of pluses and minuses and multiplying by 100. (A “?” means a rep. did not vote. If a rep. cast fewer than five votes in this index, a score is not assigned.) Match numbers at the top of the chart to House vote descriptions on pages 24, 26, and 28.

into a war that neither Congress nor the American people want.

27 Peter Navarro. House Resolution 1037 would find two advisors to President Donald Trump — Peter Navarro, who served as White House director of trade and manufacturing policy, and Daniel Scavino, Jr., who served as White House deputy chief of staff — in contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with subpoenas issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. The resolution would also direct the speaker of the House to “take all other appropriate action to enforce the subpoenas.”

The House passed H. Res. 1037 on April 6, 2022 by a vote of 220 to 203 (Roll Call 118). We have assigned pluses to the nays because honoring the subpoenas would undermine the constitutional separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government. President Trump had invoked executive privilege, and as Navarro pointed out, “it is not my privilege to waive” it. The January 6 committee is not a court of law; it is a kangaroo court. In fact, it was rigged from the beginning, when Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) took the unprecedented action of mixing two of Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy’s (R-Calif.) choices for the committee — Representatives Jim Banks (R-Ind.) and Jim Jordan (R-Ohio). Pelosi instead put on the so-called bipartisan committee RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) Liz Cheney (Wy.) and Adam Kinzinger (Ill.).

28 Covid Aid. H.R. 3807, the “Relief for Restaurants and other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act of 2022,” would provide \$55 billion for Small Business Administration grants, including \$42 billion for restaurants and \$13 billion for small businesses, supposedly to help those small businesses that were most harmed by the Covid pandemic. On the House floor, Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-Mo.) noted that H.R. 3807 is “yet another spending bill that will add to our Nation’s debt and deficit and continue to spike inflation,” and that “if Democrats were serious about helping restaurants and small businesses, they would have called for an end to the ever-changing mandates and lockdowns that forced so many businesses to close their doors.”



Refusing to buckle: Former White House official Peter Navarro has refused to honor the subpoena he received from the January 6 committee, noting that “it is not my privilege to waive” the executive privilege invoked by President Trump.

The House passed H.R. 3807 on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 223 to 203 (Roll Call 123). We have assigned pluses to the nays because not only is such spending not authorized anywhere in the Constitution, but this additional deficit spending would contribute to the ruinous inflation that is currently plaguing Americans. The economic harms to restaurants and other small businesses that H.R. 3807 is supposed to remedy were due to the unconstitutional federal and state Covid-19 lockdowns and vaccine mandates in the first place.

29 Ukraine Aid. H.R. 7691 would provide \$40.1 billion in fiscal year 2022 “emergency supplemental appropriations for activities to respond to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.”

The House passed H.R. 7691 on May 10, 2022 by a vote of 368 to 57 (Roll Call 145). We have assigned pluses to the nays not only because foreign aid (military or otherwise) is unconstitutional, but also because the aid would further interject the United States in the Russia-Ukraine war, and would increase the likelihood of the war broadening to fully include as combatants the United States as well as the rest of NATO. Instead of acting as a global cop, America would be best served by returning to our traditional

and constitutionally sound foreign policy of staying clear of foreign quarrels.

30 Gun Control. S. 2938, the “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act,” would provide more than \$4.6 billion in funding through 2026 to address gun violence and mental health. \$2.1 billion would be allocated to the Department of Education to support school-based mental-health services, and \$990 million would be earmarked for Health and Human Services. \$1.6 billion would be allocated to support school security and community violence intervention, and to improve background-check systems. This bill would also implement extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs), also known as red flag laws, and expand background checks for firearm purchases.

The House passed S. 2938 on June 24, 2022 by a vote of 234 to 193 (Roll Call 299). We have assigned pluses to the nays because increased spending and red flag laws are a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution, especially the Second Amendment-protected right to keep and bear arms, and this is one step closer to a disarmed America. Also, Congress is failing to address its fiscally irresponsible spending habits, which are far outside of Congress’ constitutional limits. ■

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| 3 Phillips (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 McCollum (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Omar (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10% |
| 6 Emmer (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 7 Fischbach (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 8 Stauber (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| MISSISSIPPI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Kelly (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 2 Thompson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 3 Guest (R) | 71% | + | + | + | - | + | ? | ? | ? | - | + | 83% |
| 4 Palazzo (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| MISSOURI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Bush (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17% |
| 2 Wagner (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 3 Luetkemeyer (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 4 Hartzler (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 85% |
| 5 Cleaver (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Graves (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 7 Long (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| 8 Smith (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| MONTANA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL Rosendale (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| NEBRASKA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Vacant | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Bacon (R) | 60% | + | - | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 67% |
| 3 Smith (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 76% |
| NEVADA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Titus (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Amodei (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 67% |
| 3 Lee (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Horsford (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Pappas (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Kuster (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| NEW JERSEY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Norcross (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Van Drew (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 73% |
| 3 Kim (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Smith (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 63% |
| 5 Gottheimer (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Pallone (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Malinowski (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Sires (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Pascrell (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 Payne (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 11 Sherrill (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 12 Watson Coleman (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| NEW MEXICO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Stansbury (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5% |
| 2 Herrell (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 96% |
| 3 Leger Fernandez (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| NEW YORK | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Zeldin (R) | 88% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | ? | ? | 82% |
| 2 Garbarino (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 63% |
| 3 Suozzi (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Rice (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | 7% |
| 5 Meeks (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Meng (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Velázquez (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Jeffries (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Clarke (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

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| 10 Nadler (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 11 Malliotakis (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 67% |
| 12 Maloney (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 13 Espaillat (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 14 Ocasio-Cortez (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17% |
| 15 Torres (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 16 Bowman (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 13% |
| 17 Jones (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 18 Maloney (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | ? | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 19 Delgado (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 20 Tonko (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 21 Stefanik (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 22 Tenney (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 69% |
| 23 Reed (R) | 50% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | 61% |
| 24 Katko (R) | 30% | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | 43% |
| 25 Morelle (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 26 Higgins (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 27 Jacobs (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | 67% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Butterfield (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Ross (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Murphy (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 4 Price (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Foxx (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 6 Manning (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Rouzer (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 8 Hudson (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 9 Bishop (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 97% |
| 10 McHenry (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 78% |
| 11 Cawthorn (R) | 90% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 87% |
| 12 Adams (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 13 Budd (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL Armstrong (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| OHIO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Chabot (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | 70% |
| 2 Wenstrup (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 3 Beatty (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Jordan (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 97% |
| 5 Latta (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 6 Johnson (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 7 Gibbs (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 80% |
| 8 Davidson (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| 9 Kaptur (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 Turner (R) | 50% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | - | 67% |
| 11 Brown (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| 12 Balderson (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 72% |
| 13 Ryan (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 14 Joyce (R) | 40% | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | 60% |
| 15 Carey (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 75% |
| 16 Gonzalez (R) | 40% | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | 53% |
| OKLAHOMA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Hern (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| 2 Mullin (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 3 Lucas (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 4 Cole (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 5 Bice (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| OREGON | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Bonamici (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Bentz (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 3 Blumenauer (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 4 DeFazio (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Schrader (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |

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| PENNSYLVANIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Fitzpatrick (R) | 30% | + | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | 43% |
| 2 Boyle (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Evans (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 Dean (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Scanlon (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Houlahan (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Wild (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Cartwright (D) | 0% | ? | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Meuser (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 10 Perry (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| 11 Smucker (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 12 Keller (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 13 Joyce (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 14 Reschenthaler (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 15 Thompson (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 16 Kelly (R) | 80% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 17 Lamb (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 18 Doyle (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| RHODE ISLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Cicilline (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Langevin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Mace (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 2 Wilson (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 76% |
| 3 Duncan (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 87% |
| 4 Timmons (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 5 Norman (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 97% |
| 6 Clyburn (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Rice (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL Johnson (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| TENNESSEE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Harshbarger (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| 2 Burchett (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 3 Fleischmann (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| 4 Desjarlais (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| 5 Cooper (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 6 Rose (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 92% |
| 7 Green (R) | 78% | ? | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 86% |
| 8 Kustoff (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 9 Cohen (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| TEXAS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Gohmert (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 96% |
| 2 Crenshaw (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 3 Taylor (R) | 80% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 4 Fallon (R) | 80% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 5 Gooden (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | 87% |
| 6 Ellzey (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 79% |
| 7 Fletcher (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Brady (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 75% |
| 9 Green (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 McCaul (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 11 Pfluger (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 76% |
| 12 Granger (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 72% |
| 13 Jackson (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| 14 Weber (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 15 Gonzalez (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 16 Escobar (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 17 Sessions (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | 80% |
| 18 Jackson Lee (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 19 Arrington (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83% |

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| 20 Castro (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 21 Roy (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| 22 Nehls (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| 23 Gonzales (R) | 50% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | 67% |
| 24 Van Duyne (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | 80% |
| 25 Williams (R) | 89% | ? | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 85% |
| 26 Burgess (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | 87% |
| 27 Cloud (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 96% |
| 28 Cuellar (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10% |
| 29 Garcia (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 30 Johnson (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 31 Carter (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 32 Allred (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 33 Veasey (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 34 Flores (R) | | | | | | | | | | | + | |
| 35 Doggett (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 36 Babin (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| UTAH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Moore (R) | 60% | + | - | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 75% |
| 2 Stewart (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 3 Curtis (R) | 60% | + | - | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 4 Owens (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 73% |
| VERMONT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL Welch (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| VIRGINIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Wittman (R) | 67% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | ? | - | + | 76% |
| 2 Luria (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| 3 Scott (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 4 McEachin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Good (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 96% |
| 6 Cline (R) | 78% | ? | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 7 Spanberger (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 8 Beyer (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Griffith (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 83% |
| 10 Wexton (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 11 Connolly (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| WASHINGTON | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 DelBene (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 2 Larsen (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 3 Herrera Beutler (R) | 50% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | - | - | + | 63% |
| 4 Newhouse (R) | 60% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | - | + | 63% |
| 5 Rodgers (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 70% |
| 6 Kilmer (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ? | - | - | 3% |
| 7 Jayapal (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 8 Schrier (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 9 Smith (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 10 Strickland (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ? | - | 3% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 McKinley (R) | 89% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | ? | + | 76% |
| 2 Mooney (R) | 80% | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | - | + | 87% |
| 3 Miller (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| WISCONSIN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Steil (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 77% |
| 2 Pocan (D) | 10% | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 3 Kind (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| 4 Moore (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| 5 Fitzgerald (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 6 Grothman (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| 7 Tiffany (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 96% |
| 8 Gallagher (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | - | + | 80% |
| WYOMING | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AL Cheney (R) | 56% | + | + | + | - | + | ? | - | + | - | - | 61% |

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Senate Vote Descriptions

21 Debt Limit Increase. This House amendment to S. 610 would delay multiple planned Medicare payment reductions and policy proposals. Most significantly, the bill included a provision to expedite consideration of a proposal to increase the debt limit, including by limiting debate time, prohibiting the consideration of amendments, and bypassing the filibuster for passage. (Five days later, the Senate used the provisions of this amendment to S. 610 to pass a \$2.5 trillion increase in the debt limit.)

The Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 610 on December 9, 2021 by a vote of 59 to 35 (Roll Call 491). We have assigned pluses to the nays because continuing reckless spending and debt accumulation will result in economic catastrophe, and most federal spending is for programs not authorized by the Constitution.

22 Federalizing Voting. H.R. 5746, the “Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act,” would implement a sweeping federalization of American elections. Among numerous other provisions, it would force states to implement nationwide internet, automatic, and same-day voter registration. The bill would also mandate states to allow mail-in voting and make available ballot “drop boxes” for all voters, implement early voting that begins at least 15 days prior to an election, and limit state legislatures’ authority over congressional redistricting. H.R. 5746 would also reestablish a “preclearance” process similar to what existed under the 1965 Voting Rights Act prior to 2013. Under it, states would be required to obtain permission from the U.S. Department of Justice prior to implementing changes to their election laws.

The Senate did not vote directly on H.R. 5746, but on a motion to invoke cloture (and thus limit debate) so the bill could be voted on. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected on January 19, 2022 by a vote of 49 to 51 (Roll Call 9; a three-fifths majority of the entire Senate is required to invoke cloture). We have assigned pluses to the nays because not only does this bill undermine election integrity, but it infringes



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Freedom of choice: The Senate narrowly rejected an amendment to end funding for vaccine mandates, based on the premise that people should be free to decide for themselves whether to get vaccinated.

upon federalism and state sovereignty as established under the Constitution and its 10th Amendment.

23 Vaccine Mandates. During consideration of the Omnibus Appropriations bill (H.R. 2471), Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) offered an amendment “to prohibit funding for COVID-19 vaccine mandates.” When speaking in favor of his amendment on the Senate floor, Lee stated, “a few short months ago, President Biden issued a series of Executive orders. These Executive orders ... proposed some pretty sweeping mandates on the American people, mandates insisting that covered persons, including for our purposes today military employees, Federal workers, employees of businesses with government contracts with the Federal Government, and medical professionals who contract with CMS — basically anyone involved with the provision of services through Medicare or Medicaid must get the COVID-19 vaccine on condition of termination.... That is not right, it is not

American, and it is not constitutional, but more than anything, it is not moral.”

The Senate rejected Lee’s amendment on March 10, 2022 by a vote of 49 to 50 (Roll Call 75). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because, as Lee pointed out, “the very first clause of the very first section of the very first article [of the Constitution] says that ‘all legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.’”

This means that a president has no law-making power via executive orders, and therefore cannot impose vaccine mandates without an act of Congress. Even with an act of Congress, Covid-19 vaccine mandates would not be automatically considered constitutional due to the lack of constitutional authority for Congress to pass such a law.

24 Omnibus Appropriations. H.R. 2471, officially known as the “Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022,” would provide \$1.5 trillion in discretion-

Senate Vote Scores ✓

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| ALABAMA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelby (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 86% |
| Tuberville (R) | 90% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 87% |
| ALASKA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Murkowski (R) | 40% | - | + | + | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | 47% |
| Sullivan (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 79% |
| ARIZONA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sinema (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| Kelly (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| ARKANSAS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boozman (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 87% |
| Cotton (R) | 89% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | ? | 83% |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feinstein (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Padilla (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| COLORADO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bennet (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| Hickenlooper (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| CONNECTICUT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blumenthal (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Murphy (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| DELAWARE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carper (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Coons (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| FLORIDA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rubio (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 87% |
| Scott (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 83% |
| GEORGIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ossoff (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Warnock (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| HAWAII | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schatz (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Hirono (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| IDAHO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crapo (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| Risch (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 87% |
| ILLINOIS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Durbin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Duckworth (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | ? | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| INDIANA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Young (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | - | 73% |
| Braun (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| IOWA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grassley (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 80% |
| Ernst (R) | 67% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | ? | - | 83% |
| KANSAS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moran (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 87% |
| Marshall (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | ? | + | + | 93% |
| KENTUCKY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McConnell (R) | 60% | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | - | 67% |
| Paul (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| LOUISIANA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cassidy (R) | 70% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | - | 77% |
| Kennedy (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 90% |

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| MAINE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins (R) | 40% | - | + | + | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | 47% |
| King (I) | 0% | ? | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| MARYLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cardin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Van Hollen (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ? | ? | - | 0% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warren (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Markey (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| MICHIGAN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stabenow (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Peters (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klobuchar (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Smith (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| MISSISSIPPI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wicker (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 70% |
| Hyde-Smith (R) | 80% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 87% |
| MISSOURI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blunt (R) | 50% | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | - | - | 60% |
| Hawley (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 90% |
| MONTANA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tester (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| Daines (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 87% |
| NEBRASKA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fischer (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 87% |
| Sasse (R) | 89% | ? | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 75% |
| NEVADA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cortez Masto (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| Rosen (D) | 13% | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | ? | ? | - | 4% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shaheen (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | ? | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Hassan (D) | 10% | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| NEW JERSEY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Menendez (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | ? | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Booker (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| NEW MEXICO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heinrich (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| Lujan (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| NEW YORK | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schumer (D) | 10% | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10% |
| Gillibrand (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burr (R) | 78% | ? | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | 72% |
| Tillis (R) | 70% | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | 73% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hoeven (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 80% |
| Cramer (R) | 89% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | ? | 79% |
| OHIO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brown (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ? | ? | - | 0% |
| Portman (R) | 60% | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | - | 70% |
| OKLAHOMA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Inhofe (R) | 88% | + | + | ? | ? | + | + | + | - | + | + | 82% |
| Lankford (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 90% |

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| OREGON | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wyden (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Merkley (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| PENNSYLVANIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Casey (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3% |
| Toomey (R) | 78% | ? | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | 83% |
| RHODE ISLAND | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reed (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Whitehouse (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Graham (R) | 70% | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | - | 67% |
| Scott (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 90% |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thune (R) | 70% | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 83% |
| Rounds (R) | 89% | ? | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 80% |
| TENNESSEE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blackburn (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| Hagerty (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |
| TEXAS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cornyn (R) | 67% | ? | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | - | 79% |
| Cruz (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 93% |

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| UTAH | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lee (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Romney (R) | 50% | - | + | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | 57% |
| VERMONT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leahy (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Sanders (I) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7% |
| VIRGINIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Warner (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Kaine (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| WASHINGTON | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Murray (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Cantwell (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manchin (D) | 20% | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | 20% |
| Capito (R) | 60% | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | - | 63% |
| WISCONSIN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Johnson (R) | 90% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | 90% |
| Baldwin (D) | 0% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| WYOMING | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrasso (R) | 70% | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | 83% |
| Lummis (R) | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 93% |

The scores are derived by dividing the constitutionally correct votes (pluses) by the total number of pluses and minuses and multiplying by 100. (A “?” means a senator did not vote. If a senator cast fewer than five votes in this index, a score is not assigned.) Match numbers at the top of the chart to Senate vote descriptions on pages 31, 33, and 34.

ary appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 for federal government operations and services. Among the many unconstitutional and wasteful spending provisions in the bill was \$13.6 billion in assistance to Ukraine against Russia, over \$100 billion on Green New Deal-based initiatives, and \$45 billion for the National Institutes of Health, which amounts to a 10-percent increase for the NIH from the previous fiscal year.

The Senate passed H.R. 2471 on March 10, 2022 by a vote of 68 to 31 (Roll Call 78). We have assigned pluses to the nays because with this omnibus bill, members of Congress are again failing to address their fiscally and constitutionally irresponsible budgeting and appropriating process that is currently yielding record-high inflation and increasing the already ballooning federal deficits, in addition to minimizing their accountability to their constituents by combining all discretionary federal spending for fiscal 2022 into one gigantic “go big or go home” bill.

25 Transportation Mask Mandates.

Senate Joint Resolution 37, introduced by Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.), would provide “for congressional disapproval ... of the rule submitted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relat-

ing to ‘Requirement for Persons To Wear Masks While on Conveyances [planes, trains, and buses] and at Transportation Hubs.’” In a floor speech in support of his resolution on March 15, 2022, Senator Paul stated, “While the efficacy of masks is debatable, the question of whether or not the Federal Government possesses the power to mandate that you wear a mask is not debatable. The 10th Amendment clearly states that powers not specifically enumerated by the Constitution for the Federal Government are retained by the States and the people respectively.”

The Senate passed S. J. Res. 37 on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 57 to 40 (Roll Call 81). We have assigned pluses to the yeas because the CDC rule requiring persons to wear masks while on planes, trains, and buses is unconstitutional based on the 10th Amendment.

26 Ketanji Brown Jackson Nomination.

At Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson’s confirmation hearing, she was asked if she could provide a definition for the word “woman.” In Jackson’s response, she stated she could not define the word because she is “not a biologist.” This reeks of woke extremism, leading to the potential for liberal activism on the Supreme Court. As a federal

district court judge, Jackson sentenced a child-porn convict to only a three-month prison sentence with three months of probation. In previous court cases as a federal judge, Jackson referred to illegal aliens as “non-citizens” to be politically correct.

The Senate confirmed Jackson’s nomination on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 53 to 47 (Roll Call 134). We have assigned pluses to the nays because Jackson is supportive of unconstitutional actions and clearly supports the woke agenda.

27 Abortion. S. 4132 would statutorily require that healthcare providers would have a right to provide abortion services and that patients would have a right to receive abortions.

The Senate did not vote directly on S. 4132, but on a motion to invoke cloture (and thus limit debate) so the bill could be voted on. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected on May 11, 2022 by a vote of 49 to 51 (Roll Call 170; a three-fifths majority of the entire Senate is required to invoke cloture). We have assigned pluses to the nays because *Roe v. Wade* was deemed unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 24, 2022, giving states the power to determine how they handle abortions. There is no constitutional provision granting a right to abortion. Many of our

healthcare providers are subsidized by taxpayers, and government should not subsidize the killing of innocent human life.

28 Ukraine Aid. H.R. 7691 would provide \$40.1 billion in fiscal year 2022 “emergency supplemental appropriations for activities to respond to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.”

The Senate passed H.R. 7691 on May 19, 2022 by a vote of 86 to 11 (Roll Call 191). We have assigned pluses to the nays not only because foreign aid (military or otherwise) is unconstitutional, but also because the aid would further interject the United States in the Russia-Ukraine war, and would increase the likelihood of the war broadening to fully include as combatants the United States as well as the rest of NATO. Instead of acting as a global cop, America would be best served by returning to our traditional and constitutionally sound foreign policy of staying clear of foreign quarrels.

29 Covid Aid. S. 4008, “A bill to provide COVID relief for restaurants, gyms, minor league sports teams,

border businesses, live venue service providers, exclave businesses, and providers of transportation services,” would provide \$48 billion for Small Business Administration grants to help small businesses that were harmed by the Covid pandemic.

The Senate did not vote directly on S. 4008, but on a motion to invoke cloture (and thus limit debate) so the bill could be voted on. The motion to invoke cloture was rejected on May 19, 2022 by a vote of 52 to 43 (Roll Call 192; a three-fifths majority of the entire Senate is required to invoke cloture). We have assigned pluses to the nays because not only is such spending not authorized anywhere in the Constitution, but this additional deficit spending would contribute to the ruinous inflation that is currently plaguing Americans. The economic harms to restaurants and other small businesses that S. 4008 is supposed to remedy were due to the unconstitutional federal and state Covid-19 lockdowns and vaccine mandates in the first place.

30 Gun Control. S. 2938, the “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act,” would provide more than \$4.6 billion in funding through 2026 to address gun violence and mental health. \$2.1 billion would be allocated to the Department of Education to support school-based mental-health services, and \$990 million would be earmarked for Health and Human Services. \$1.6 billion would be allocated to support school security and community violence intervention, and to improve background-check systems. This bill would also implement extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs), also known as red flag laws, and expand background checks for firearm purchases.

The Senate passed S. 2938 on June 23, 2022 by a vote of 65 to 33 (Roll Call 242). We have assigned pluses to the nays because increased spending and red flag laws are a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution, especially the Second Amendment-protected right to keep and bear arms, and this is one step closer to a disarmed America. Also, Congress is failing to address its fiscally irresponsible spending habits, which are far outside of Congress’ constitutional limits. ■

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Chicago Hero Rewarded With a Car

After Anthony Perry, 20, saved someone who fell unconscious onto Chicago train tracks, a local businessman decided to surprise him with a car, Chicago news station WLS reported.

Perry recalled the life-changing, harrowing incident that resulted in such a positive turn of events.

Perry was waiting for a train on the platform of the Chicago Transit Authority Red Line on June 5 when a fight broke out between two men, the *New York Post* reported. Both men fell onto the tracks, where they continued to fight until one of the men was jolted unconscious by the electrified rail.

"The guy didn't have control of his body so I really felt like if I don't help him, who will help?" Perry told *USA Today*. "Everybody was just standing around recording."

When Perry jumped onto the tracks, one bystander warned, "Don't touch him!" Perry recalls feeling a violent jolt as he grabbed the man.

"It was strong — like it went through my whole body," Perry recounted. "I remember after that, my whole body was still kind of shaky."

Joined by another commuter, Perry pulled the man to safety and began to perform CPR while he waited for paramedics to arrive. The victim managed to survive the incident thanks to Perry's intervention.

Two days later, Perry unexpectedly received a call from Early Walker, a Chicago native and founder of the anti-violence group "I'm Telling Don't Shoot" that encourages people to report crimes to police. Walker called to inform Perry that he and his wife were gifting him with a 2008 Audi A6.

Walker was so moved by Perry's actions, which had been circulating on social media thanks to video footage captured by bystander Tavi Ghee, that he looked Perry up on social media. In his research, he saw that Perry had recently used his entire savings to purchase a car that turned out to be a lemon and had

been relying on public transportation ever since. It is because of Perry's reliance on public transportation that he was in the right place at the right time to save the unconscious man.

"We just wanted to honor you," Walker told Perry, according to ABC 7. "We wanted to literally show our appreciation because we need more people like you. We need more Anthonys in the world."

For Perry, the gift is enormous, as his commute to work via public transportation is 90 minutes.

On the day the car was delivered, members of the community and police officers from the Chicago Police Department's third district were present to show their support.

"This is just a prime example of how a young man took it upon himself to jump in and do the right thing," said Lieutenant Yolanda Irving, who was present at the scene when the car arrived.

Perry said he was motivated to act by the belief that God would not want him to walk away from someone in need and the fact that he would want someone to help him if he was in a similar situation.

A Profound Traffic Stop

When Ashlye V. Wilkerson was pulled over for speeding in North Carolina on March 28 while driving her father home from his chemotherapy treatment, the traffic stop turned into a memory the family will never forget.

Wilkerson was driving her father from a round of chemotherapy treatments at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, back to his home in Columbia, South Carolina, when she heard a siren and saw a blue light behind her. It was then she realized the speed limit had been reduced from when she last took note of the speed-limit signs.

"Ma'm, do you know what speed you were doing?" Trooper Jaret Doty said after introducing himself. "I'm going to need your license and registration."

Immediately, Wilkerson's father, An-

thony Geddis, spoke up in defense of his daughter.

"This is my baby girl," he told Doty. "She's driving me home from a chemo treatment at the cancer center at Duke."

Doty knew he was not going to give Wilkerson a speeding ticket. After going to his patrol car to review Wilkerson's information, Doty returned to Wilkerson's car and gave back her documents. He then turned to Geddis and asked, "Can I pray for you?" to which Geddis replied, "Of course, I absolutely believe in prayer."

The two men prayed together in a moment that Wilkerson felt compelled to capture on camera.

"It was a really beautiful moment for me to see this take place between my dad and the officer," she later recalled to CNN.

It was also an invaluable moment to witness for her two children, Alana, eight, and Aria, five, who were in the back seat of the car with their grandmother, Reverend Fannie Geddis, at the time of the traffic stop.

Before parting ways, Doty pressed a small silver cross into Geddis' hand, a memento Geddis kept on his dresser until the day he died on May 22, two months after the fateful encounter.

That cross now lives on Wilkerson's dresser, in honor of her father and the man who showed them kindness when they needed it.

The story of this beautiful encounter did not go viral until weeks after the funeral, when Wilkerson decided to post the photo on LinkedIn and pay tribute to her father and give thanks to Doty. It got the attention of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, who messaged Wilkerson to offer their condolences and thank her for capturing the photo and sharing it.

When the story reached Doty, he was shocked. In an interview with CNN, he said, "This is not about me at all. I don't want any recognition. I didn't do anything. This man lost his life, and his daughter is honoring him. I want her to be able to honor him the way she wants, and not for something I did." ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

OVER-REGULATING NUCLEAR ENERGY

Harnessing the power of the atom to achieve a brighter energy future for the United States has been held back by irrational fear and politics.



NARA

Anti-nukes: Emotion-driven fears fueled by negative campaigns and “trusted” regulators have stifled the nuclear industry’s ability to calm public phobia with scientific fact.

by Jeffrey Mahn

Fossil fuels have allowed humans to end the poverty that necessarily accompanies the use of low-energy-density resources such as sun, wind, and flowing water.

The energy density of available resources is key to understanding the evolution of civilization, as Oxford University fellow Dr. Wade Allison points out in *The Energy Revolution Must Be Nuclear*.

“A measure of the utility of a fuel is its energy density,” he explains. The greater energy density of fossil fuels powered the

Industrial Revolution that provided humans with more abundant energy, allowing progress beyond a survival mode of living for the majority of the population.

“Access to these powerful energy sources has shaped most economic and political developments over the last 250 years,” Allison writes. “In that time, the world population has increased eightfold, life expectancy has doubled, and people’s standards of living have improved dramatically.”

Energy density of resources is also key to minimizing environmental impact while meeting ever-increasing demand. For example, wind and solar require vast swaths

of clear-cut land, and both are subject to the vagaries of weather and conditions. Fossil fuels significantly outpace these in energy density — literally “a thousand times more than renewables,” explains Allison. Furthermore, fossil fuels can be harnessed anywhere at any time, regardless of the weather or time of day.

The Atomic Age

Although fossil fuels have been the primary driver of human progress and development for the last three centuries, they have now become politically incorrect. Fossil-fueled electricity-generating facilities are being shuttered in favor of intermittent, low-energy-density solar and wind facilities.

Yet the post-industrial revolution saw the advent of nuclear fuel, with an energy density 1.5 million times greater than that of fossil fuels and 20 billion times greater than that of solar and wind.

Though nuclear has the highest energy density, public fears and excessive regulation have restrained progress toward abundant, affordable, and reliable electricity from this energy resource. Some areas now face energy shortages that force electricity blackouts, with associated hardships during periods of excessive cold and heat.

Germans pay some of the highest energy prices in the world since their leaders phased out fossil fuels and nuclear in favor of renewables, and they are now plagued by debilitating blackouts and shutdowns. Likewise, Californians are facing a third summer of blackouts amid a supply crisis, as electricity demand continues to rise. In Texas, where wind makes up more than

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20 percent of the energy portfolio, dozens of people died in the devastating winter storm of 2021 when wind turbines froze. Texans face supply deficits and blackouts this summer, too.

Ironically, nuclear could erase all these problems and even pacify eco-radicals since it is carbon-free. However, it remains shackled by regulations that perpetuate irrational public fear.

Risk Communication

Some attribute the misguided phobia surrounding nuclear energy to unsatisfactory risk communication, though experts in both nuclear power and nuclear medicine have been trying to dispel anxieties for decades. In *Risk Communication: Evolution and Revolution*, consultants Dr. Peter M. Sandman and Dr. Vincent Covello discuss irrational fear, reporting that, in general, “there is virtually no correlation between the ranking of hazards according to statistics on expected annual mortality and the ranking of the same hazards by how upsetting they are.” Nuclear is the poster child of this phenomenon: a complex topic victimized by opportunistic media who exploit misconceptions to make headlines.

How did nuclear get such a bad name? In July’s *Progress in Nuclear Energy*, researchers John Lindberg and Denali Archer highlight two cases of radiation-induced injuries that provided “early imagery of radiation as an insidious, unseeable risk that would cause significant suffering.”

The first involved the Radium Girls of the 1920s, women who worked for two American watch vendors. While painting the hands and faces of watches, they ingested the radium that made the paint self-luminous. “Whilst it is unknown how many women suffered injury or died ... the ensuing litigation and extensive media coverage” implanted nuclear as a stealth killer in the minds of Americans.

The second incident was the radiation-induced illness and death of American socialite and sportsman Eben Myers. After an arm injury, doctors prescribed him medicine that contained radium, which he consumed consistently over three years. The extensive press coverage of his illness and death further reinforced radiation’s gruesome public image.

These misfortunes primed a radiopho-

bic public for the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. Lindberg notes that the devastation in those cities produced “vivid imagery that would come to be used in nuclear discourse,” stoking fears and placing emotion rather than rational thought in the driver’s seat. Since nuclear power and nuclear medicine are inextricably coupled with radiation, radiophobia has become the guiding force behind nuclear energy regulation.

The result is a positive feedback loop: “Trusted” regulatory organizations provide support for public perception by continuing to over-regulate all things nuclear. Now, should bureaucrats decide to eliminate unwarranted nuclear regulations, anti-nuclear voices would allege them irresponsible, reckless, and dangerous.

“Indeed, this was very clearly seen when the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) attempted to implement its Below Regulatory Concern policy in the 1980s and early 1990s,” relates Lindberg for World Nuclear News. But it didn’t last. “The idea of classifying certain radioactive materials as ‘Below Regulatory Concern’ caused public outrage, and the NRC was forced to retract this first step towards a more holistic regulatory regime.”

Instead of drawing attention to the lack of any scientific evidence showing adverse health effects from low-dose radiation, the

NRC folded, thereby sending a message to the public that low-dose radiation must indeed be harmful.

Regulatory Reform

The nuclear industry’s consequent inability to calm the public’s emotion-driven fears makes change unlikely, especially in the face of negative campaigns constantly waged by anti-nuclear groups. As long as nuclear energy continues to be over-regulated, it may be that no risk communication will succeed.

Therefore, regulatory reform is the most promising way to dispel irrational fears of radiation and nuclear power. The first step is clear: abandoning the decades-old, flawed “linear, no-threshold” (LNT) radiation dose-response model. LNT is the erroneous belief that all radiation, no matter the dose, is dangerous.

Next on the chopping block should be the “As Low As Reasonably Achievable” (ALARA) radiological protection program. LNT and ALARA dictate radiation limits for nuclear power and nuclear medicine far below natural background radiation in many areas such as Ramsar, Iran, and Guarapari, Brazil. Residents in neither of those places experience increased rates of cancer, birth defects, or other radiation-related concerns. In fact, both sites are resort towns. Ramsar attracts visitors with its



Radium Girls: Extensive media coverage of radiation-related symptoms afflicting workers in the 1920s sparked a public phobia that persists to the current day.

radium-rich hot springs, and the beaches of Guarapari are famous for the reputed healing qualities of their thorium-rich sand.

Writing for RealClearEnergy.org, nuclear engineer Robert Hargraves contrasts the absurdity of U.S. public exposure limits. Those at nuclear power plants are set at “under half natural background radiation” levels, while limits at storage facilities are even more tightly restricted. “Yet there are no observed harmful health effects at 40 times a year’s natural background radiation, even if absorbed all at once.”

Nuclear accidents reveal how deadly over-regulation can be. “Not even radiation from the triple meltdown at Fukushima harmed people,” Hargraves notes, “but unfounded radiation fear caused deadly evacuations that killed over a thousand.”

Unfortunately, few in government, media, or academia bother to broadcast these facts, apparently satisfied with leaving the public ignorant, frightened, and endangered. Hargraves laments, “Having thus instilled deep fears in people and politicians, regulators freely make burdensome rules to limit trivial radiation exposures that supposedly increase unobservable harms.” He recommends

“overthrowing nonsense, nonsense regulations” and “replacing them with ones based on directly observed health effects rather than extrapolated speculation.”

However, abandoning LNT and ALARA will likely be tough until those responsible for the current regulatory system are long gone. There are too many reputations, too many jobs, and too much research funding that depend on maintaining the status quo.

Wrong Message

A current example of regulators sending the wrong message is the recent NRC revocation of previously granted Subsequent License Renewals (SLR) for four nuclear power plants. In March, the agency imposed supplemental environmental impact analysis requirements on these and other facilities requesting SLRs in the future.

Such a regulatory reversal creates additional fears regarding the safety of older nuclear power plants, when the reversal is merely the result of legal maneuvering intended to block the issuance of SLRs. An SLR differs from an initial license renewal, and therein lies a contentious issue.

The supplemental environmental review is required by the National Environmental

Policy Act for “those applicants seeking an initial renewed license.” This language seems to exclude SLRs, and it appears that the wording is being deliberately tortured in order to invalidate extended operating license applications. In his dissent from the ruling, NRC Commissioner David Wright stated that the SLR reversal was both arbitrary and inconsistent with the agency’s “Principles of Good Regulation.”

Once again, over-regulation strikes, damaging public trust and renewing unwarranted fears. Hargraves says agencies such as NRC “do not exercise science in setting radiation limits.” Rather, they “eschew responsibility by uncritically following recommendations of advisory bodies . . . who have no responsibility to people or elected officials.”

The Big Picture

It is worth noting that an environmental impact analysis for any electricity-generating facility should consider the entire energy resource conversion and utilization life-cycle, not just the actual electricity-generating operation. A proper analysis would include procurement and refining of all raw materials — including those required for the manufacture and production of construction materials and energy conversion machines and devices. It would also consider the cost of transportation of materials and equipment, and of waste material dispositioning.

Considering energy density when properly accounting for the entire life-cycle of each energy resource, the environmental impact of generating electricity using nuclear energy will be less than that for generating the same amount of electricity from any other energy resource.

Therefore, in addition to considering the environmental impact of an existing nuclear power plant, the environmental impact of denying its license renewal must be considered. In other words, what is the environmental impact of having to generate replacement electricity from an alternative energy resource, or forgoing replacement electricity altogether?

History shows no benefit to over-regulating nuclear. The Supreme Court recently restricted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from regulating power plants’ carbon emissions. Now it is time to unshackle nuclear from equally unjustified regulatory burdens. ■



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Nuclear non-disaster: In his book *The Health Hazards of Not Going Nuclear*, Dr. Petr Beckmann called the 1979 Three Mile Island accident “history’s only major disaster with a toll of zero dead, zero injured and zero diseased.”

Young Gang of Criminals Stopped by Gun Owner

Fox News reported on July 18 about a shooting in Houston in which an armed criminal attempted to rob a man who had just withdrawn cash from an ATM. The robbery victim was also armed, and pulled out his handgun and fired it at the would-be robber. Police were soon called, and the robbery suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. This shooting demonstrates the necessity of being armed for self-defense, and followed a similar shooting that took place in Texas the previous month.

Fox News reported on June 19 about an incident that occurred in Austin involving a gang of young criminals who were driving around the city, robbing victims, and then pistol-whipping them. Their final crime, in which four of the young criminals drove to a busy area in a getaway car and robbed people, was captured on surveillance video. In the video, one of the criminals, identified as 17-year-old Jaylen Reed, exited the vehicle, approached a young couple, and forcibly took the male victim's backpack. Reed then turned his attention to the female victim, at which point the male victim pulled out his own handgun and fired it at both Reed and the occupants of the getaway vehicle. A wounded Reed hopped in the vehicle as it drove off, and the victims immediately called 911.

Law-enforcement authorities later apprehended all the suspects, and Reed was taken for treatment to a nearby medical facility. Police recovered stolen goods where the teens were found, including firearms. Investigators later identified two of the other suspects as 18-year-olds and the fourth suspect as a minor. Reed himself was a youthful offender in the recent past and had been convicted of multiple robberies last year. He was out of juvenile detention for only two days before he allegedly cut off his ankle monitor and began committing the aforementioned robberies. Investigators now believe the group committed nine robberies over the course of five days.

Reed ultimately was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

The difference between the ninth robbery and the eight that preceded it was that the victim was armed this time and able to defend himself, putting an end to these young criminals' violent crime spree.

New York to Monitor Social Media Accounts of Prospective Gun Owners

This column previously reported on how Democrats in New York state wanted to scrutinize the social-media activity of handgun-permit applicants, and now that legislation has become a reality.

After the recent Supreme Court decision striking down a New York gun-permitting law, the Democrat-controlled state Legislature reacted by passing every onerous rule and requirement they've been dreaming about for years relating to gun permits. NBC News reported on July 8 that New York residents seeking gun permits will now “be required to hand over their social media accounts for a review of their ‘character and conduct.’”

Peter Kehoe, the executive director of the New York Sheriffs' Association, was confused about how this process would be handled, considering that it's currently the sheriff's department's responsibility to screen applicants. Kehoe expressed concerns over violations of the Second Amendment as well as invasions of privacy, and expressed doubts that law enforcement would even look at the social-media accounts. “I don't think we would do that.... I think it would be a constitutional invasion of privacy,” Kehoe told NBC News.

NBC News reported that the new law requires applicants to provide a list of current and former social-media accounts from the previous three years. There are still many questions about how this law will be administered, but NBC News reported that it would be up to “local sheriff's staff, judges or county clerks to scroll through those [social media] profiles as they check whether applicants have made statements suggesting dangerous behavior.” This raises many more questions, because most social-media accounts have privacy settings that restrict what the public can see, so even if an appli-

cant were to notify authorities of what accounts he held in the past three years, there's no guarantee the reviewer would even be able to view any of the information on the accounts. Furthermore, many of the recent mass shooters, which the law is ostensibly trying to catch, did not post on mainstream social-media accounts but instead used private chat rooms on apps such as Discord or may have posted anonymously on message boards such as 4chan. There is no way anyone reviewing handgun-permit applications would be able to review or even be aware of online activity of that type.

It seems that this law will do absolutely nothing to prevent future crimes, but will almost assuredly cause headaches for law-abiding applicants. It is not unreasonable to see a scenario in which someone omits a social-media account from his application because he simply forgot he even had it in the past three years. Then, once the account is discovered by people reviewing the application, investigators can claim the applicant lied on his form and reject the application. Such a thing would lead to a U.S. citizen being denied his Second Amendment-protected rights simply because he forgot about a social-media account that he hardly ever used.

Adam Scott, public policy professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, warned NBC News about the dangerous potential of the new law. “I think that what we might have done as a state here in New York is, we may have confirmed [Second Amendment supporters'] worst fears — that a slippery slope will be created that will slowly reduce their rights to carry guns and allow a bureaucracy to decide, based on unclear criteria, who can have a gun and who cannot.... Which is exactly what the Supreme Court was trying to avoid.”

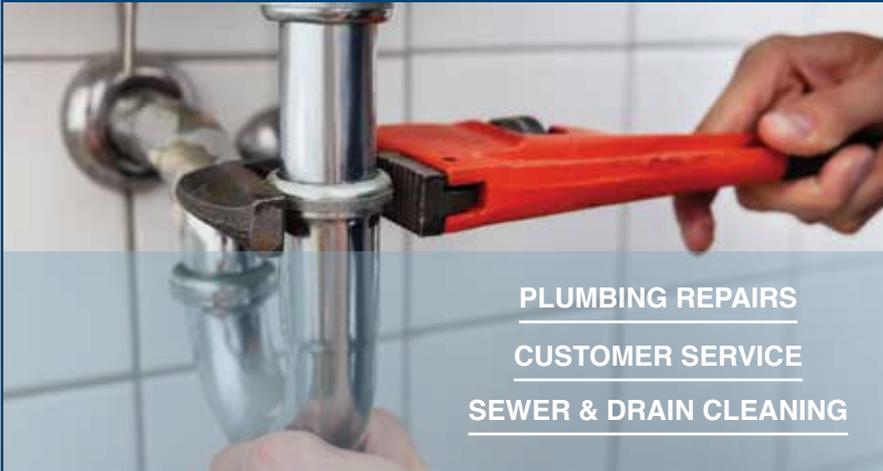
The silver lining to this story is that gun-rights groups all over the state are either preparing lawsuits to challenge this new law, or have already filed suit. Considering how the law it replaced was recently struck down by the Supreme Court, legal observers and supporters of the Second Amendment are hopeful this new law will suffer the same fate. ■

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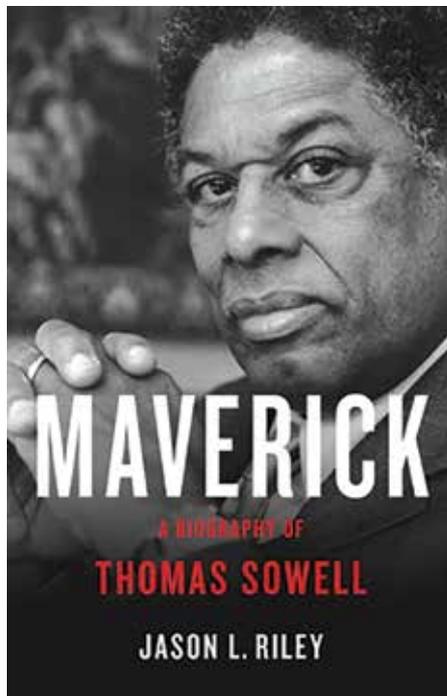
by William P. Hoar

Maverick: A Biography of Thomas Sowell, by Jason L. Riley, Basic Books: New York, 2021, 304 pages, hardcover.

In this account of the works of renowned conservative economist Thomas Sowell, author Jason Riley undertakes a monumental task. This volume is, as Riley notes, “primarily an intellectual biography,” and not an analysis of Sowell’s life. While not ignoring the target’s personal history, the emphasis is on the scholar’s extensive *oeuvre*. And the written output of Sowell, now age 92, has been diverse and protracted — including 36 books (not counting 10 bound collections of his writings and updated editions of his books). The 36th, published when Sowell was 90, was his fifth since the economist turned 80.

As Jason Riley commented in a speech earlier this year, “That’s not bad for a black orphan from the Jim Crow South who was born into extreme poverty dur-

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ing the Great Depression, never finished high school, didn’t earn a college degree until he was 28 [following service in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War], and didn’t write his first book until he was 40.”

Jason Riley is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* (where he first met Sowell in the mid-1990s, when the economist was on a book tour). Riley is also the author of several previous books, including *Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make It Harder for Blacks to Succeed*. He has interviewed Sowell nu-

merous times over the years; in *Maverick*, Riley also draws from recollections of Sowell’s colleagues and friends, many of whom are listed on the lengthy and impressive “acknowledgments” page.

Fans of Sowell should be pleased with his treatment here; those who have not cracked open his longer works now have a roadmap. While there are a few places in this volume where it is unclear whose “voice” is on display, Riley generally succeeds in one of his major goals: As often as possible, as he explains, “I let Sowell make his arguments in his own voice, since one could hardly improve on it.”

From Political Philosophy to Economic Inequality

Though Sowell is probably known best for examining topics with a racial angle, the majority of his volumes concentrate otherwise. As Riley mentions, Sowell is most proud of his books on social theory and the history of ideas — naming *A Conflict of Visions*, published in 1987, as his overall favorite. (Sowell later told a television interviewer that book is “more mine than anything else. In other words, it doesn’t build upon a theory that anyone else has, or anything that’s already out there in the literature.”)

As it happens, this reviewer has this one on his shelves, and was curious to go back and recall what caught his attention when it was published. It turns out that what he specifically highlighted at the time still holds well — especially in the “Visions of Equality” chapter. The divergent views

that Sowell discusses are, on the one hand, the constrained or tragic view of human nature, and, on the other hand, the unconstrained or utopian view. As Sowell puts it:

Like freedom and justice, equality is a *process* characteristic in the constrained vision and a *result* characteristic in the unconstrained vision.

From Edmund Burke in the eighteenth century to Friedrich Hayek in the twentieth century, the constrained vision has seen equality in terms of processes. In Burke's words, "all men have equal rights; but not to equal things." Alexander Hamilton likewise considered "all men" to be "entitled to a parity of privileges" though he expected that economic inequality "would exist as long as liberty existed." [Emphasis in original.]

In his exposition, Sowell also cites Milton Friedman (a mentor of his at the University of Chicago) as an example of the constrained vision. In Friedman's words: "A society that puts equality — in the sense of equality of outcome — ahead of freedom will end up with neither equality nor freedom." On the utopian side, Sowell cites, among others, Fabian Socialist George Bernard Shaw, while noting that even Shaw "ridiculed formal equality of opportunity."

The causes of inequality, as recounted

in *Maverick*, drew Sowell's curiosity from a young age. Indeed, he identified himself as a Marxist throughout his 20s. Distinguished "Chicago school" mentors — Friedman and George Stigler — earned praise from Sowell for not trying to convert him to their political views. Both of those Nobel Prize winners, we learn, later signed a foundation grant recommendation that led to Sowell's becoming a senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution (where he remains today). According to the longtime head of the foundation, their letter acknowledged that Sowell is "a socialist, but he's too smart to remain one too long."

He did indeed grow up. Sowell left his official academic teaching career in 1980 when he joined Hoover. In an interview with Riley in 2015, Sowell remarked that he had "studiously avoided entanglements with colleges" for the previous 35 years — saying that "the most intolerant places you can be these days is the academic campus."

N.Y. Times Looks the Other Way

As Sowell's reputation grew, one favorite tactic of his philosophical opponents was to ignore him, not refute him. It is sometimes said that silence is the surest way to hide ignorance. And while that axiom may well apply to many people, one would think that to be a bad business model for, say, a major newspaper.

But as the vaunted "newspaper of record," *The New York Times* often has ulterior, ideological reasons for what it covers and what it disregards. Riley reports, in a *Maverick* footnote, that the *Times* ("for whatever reason") stopped reviewing Sowell's books in 2000; he has since published 18 books, including two on that paper's own bestseller list.

Younger people these days, writes Riley, are "more likely to discover Sowell online." That could well be true. Still, one hopes that newcomers will dive deeper than a few tweets. In any case, Riley is spot-on in saying that Sowell's writing — wherever it appears — is "lucid and precise and confident."

Culture Does Matter

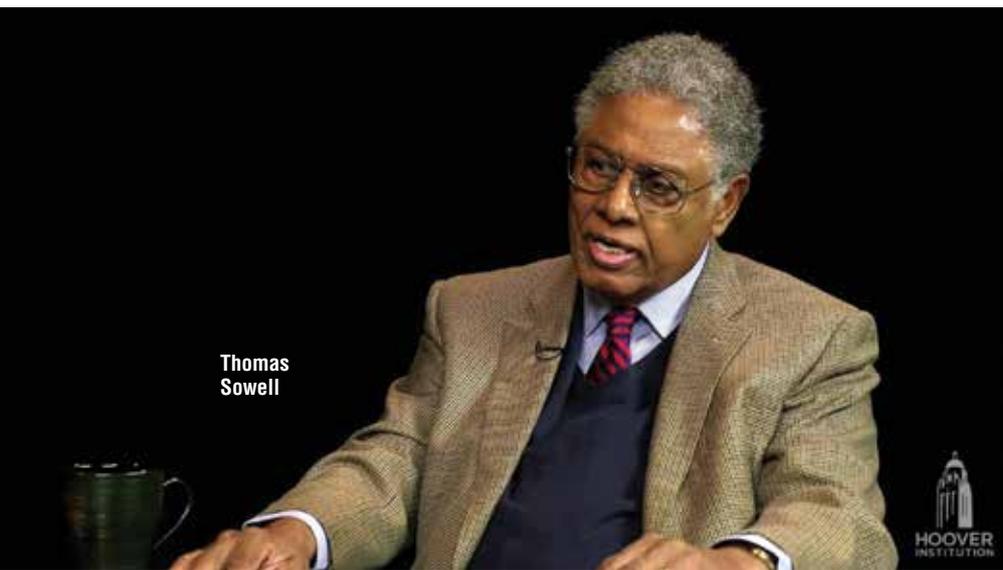
Over the years, some have nitpicked that Sowell hasn't supplied enough "solutions" to the problems he identifies. Sowell doesn't buy that. In his words (from the preface of *Race and Culture*, 1994): "There is seldom a shortage of people willing to draw up blueprints for salvation. What is important is that such people and those who judge their proposition both understand what they are talking about."

Facts are important to the economist, who puts some noses out of joint when uncomfortable truths bump into their pet theories. For instance, he looked back (in a 2002 work) to see, among other concerns, the extent that black Americans had lifted themselves by their bootstraps, as opposed to (as left-wingers insist) being rescued by big-government programs. Observes Sowell:

As of 1940, 87 percent of black families lived below the poverty line. This fell to 47 percent by 1960, without any major federal legislation on civil rights and before the rise and expansion of the welfare state under the Great Society programs of President Lyndon Johnson.

This era begat "affirmative action" and beyond. And, as Riley recounts, just as Sowell "had feared, the push for *equal* treatment soon gave way to demands for quotas, set-asides, and other forms of *special* treatment." (Emphasis in original.)

In Riley's discussion of Sowell's legacy with colleagues and admirers,



Thomas Sowell

and with Sowell himself, one name that frequently came up was George Schuyler's. He was, as described in *Maverick*, a "political conservative and fierce anti-Communist who also wrote satirical novels and cultural criticism. He published regularly in H.L. Mencken's influential *American Mercury* magazine." Indeed, Riley terms Schuyler (who died in 1977) "the black maverick of his day." Veteran readers of this magazine may also recall Schuyler's pieces from our predecessor publications *American Opinion* and *The Review of the News*. Sowell has written that Schuyler was perhaps "the first black conservative" and "one of the best."

Writing about racial and cultural matters involves maneuvering on a tricky battlefield, and Sowell's critics have tried to use distorted interpretations of his work against him. Sowell still calls it as he sees it.

Here's an example. Progressives, as Riley acknowledges, disdain what they call "cultural appropriation" when it is just the borrowing needed for human progress. For his part, Sowell says he has not been

insisting that culture explains everything, but he does say that he rejects the "a priori dogma that all cultures are equal."

Here's a relevant excerpt from *Race and Culture*: "Whatever the nature of cultural competition, whether it is warfare or international trade, scientific breakthroughs or the spread of popular music, competition means winners and losers.... Those who deplore such things are also deploring the very process of cultural diffusion by which the human race has advanced for thousands of years."

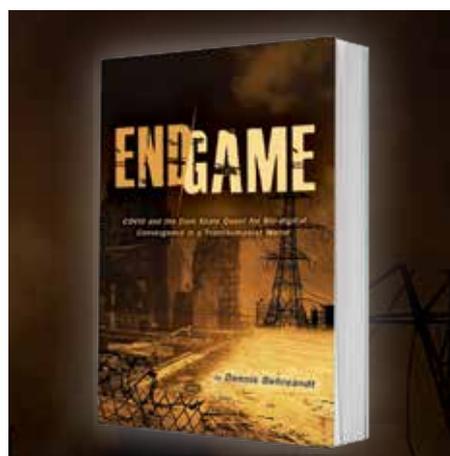
In a similar vein, Sowell has pointed out the obvious: "Intergroup differences have been the rule, not the exception, in countries around the world and through centuries of history." Turn on the TV, Sowell comments, and watch a professional basketball game, and you will "see the races are not evenly or randomly represented in this sport."

Along the way, Riley constructs a convincing case that the breadth and depth of Sowell's erudition "makes the label 'black conservative,' however the term is defined, far too limiting."

One of the key reasons that Riley wanted to write this book, as he explained at a Hillsdale College National Leadership Seminar in February, is that Thomas Sowell's

scholarship remains relevant to our policy debates today. We're still talking about economic inequality, affirmative action, social justice, critical race theory, slavery reparations, the efficacy of minimum wage laws, and the pros and cons of immigration, all of which Sowell's writing have addressed. Frankly, I find it depressing that so many people today know of names like Ta-Nehisi Coates, Ibram Kendi, and Nikole Hannah-Jones — but not Thomas Sowell. His scholarship runs circles around those individuals. And it's not just the volume of his writings, it's also the range and depth and rigor of his analysis.

We're thankful that the author fashioned this admirable volume — and for Sowell, who serves as a reminder that great minds have purposes, while others have wishes. ■



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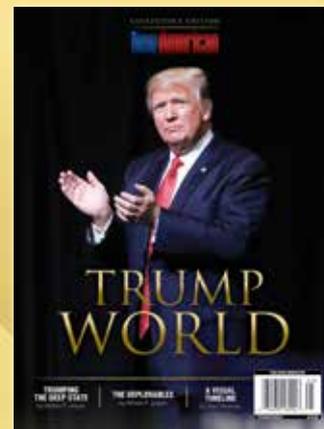
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The 2020 Election: **the Admitted Conspiracy**

A must-have for anyone interested in election integrity is a copy of *Time* magazine's February 15/22, 2021 issue. The article running from pages 42 to 51 spells out in great detail the "conspiracy" of the 2020 election.

Author Molly Ball wrote, "This is the inside story of the conspiracy to save the 2020 election, based on access to the group's inner workings, never-before-seen documents and interviews with dozens of those involved from across the political spectrum. It is the story of an unprecedented, creative and determined campaign

whose success also reveals how close the nation came to disaster... That's why the participants want the secret history of the 2020 election told, even though it sounds like a paranoid fever dream — a well-funded cabal of powerful people, ranging across industries and ideologies, working together behind the scenes to influence perceptions, change rules and laws, steer media coverage and control the flow of information."

Let's be clear: This is the admitted election conspiracy to ditch Americanism and work toward globalism. Yet the unadmitted conspiratorial efforts that have borne fruit are just as, if not more, dangerous. In his latest book, *The World of Soros: Influencing Elections*, Arthur R. Thompson focuses not just on Soros, but also on many of those within the Soros network, as well as China's influence on U.S. elections.

Soros has made quite an impression on local communities across the United States, with many millions of dollars donated to radical district attorney candidates under the banner of criminal-justice reform. The result is frequently seen in newspaper headlines as crime rises due to soft-on-crime policies. The resulting crime-ridden neighborhoods have led some communities to successfully recall or primary these radical DAs, including San Francisco's Chesa Boudin and Baltimore's Marilyn Mosby, with many others facing recall efforts.

The Chinese Communist Party's intentional or accidental release of Covid-19 certainly created the crisis needed for government to take over and control the systems necessary to commit election fraud. Dinesh D'Souza's *2000 Mules* documentary puts to rest any doubt one may have about whether or not election fraud occurred.

Of course, Facebook/Meta's Mark Zuckerberg, via his and his wife's foundation, also greatly contributed to how local elections



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were conducted. Their many millions of dollars sent to localities, with strings attached, were integral in expanding the usage of mail-in ballots, which are prone to election fraud, as well as drop boxes, which were deemed illegal in Wisconsin.

As to how to fix this mess, the Constitution places the responsibility of elections in the hands of the states as per Article I, Section 4, with the caveat that Congress can enact laws to "make or alter such regulations." Unfortunately, radicals in Congress have been trying to usurp that power specifically to ensure elections benefit their leftist candidates.

In its February 15, 2021 issue, *The New American* offered a point-by-point plan to restore election integrity as suggested by election-history expert Lieutenant Colonel Kurt Hyde. The John Birch Society adopted this plan and further suggested that members create *ad hoc* committees to organize members and nonmember supporters. Shortly after making the Election Integrity Committee Startup Manual, we were contacted by nonmember supporters lauding the advice and direction the manual provides. They were glad they didn't have to reinvent the wheel.

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For many, the current political climate may seem hopeless, as it appears that leftists have made huge gains. However, we must remember that not every advance needs to be fought and not every battle won. Instead, we must strategically work on targeting the roots of the problem, akin to knocking one or two legs out from under a three-legged stool to get it to fall.

Accomplishing much of the JBS's agenda will do just that, and one of the items to work on is election integrity. Many advances have occurred within the states, but much more needs to be done. With your help and involvement, we can ensure secure elections and freedom for generations to come. Visit JBS.org to get started. ■

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