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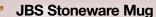
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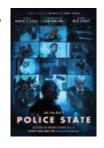












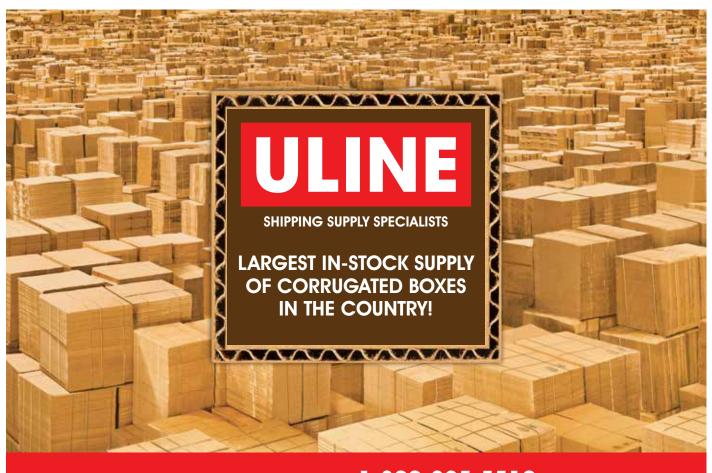




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Why Election Integrity Matters

After the 2020 presidential election, Americans were inundated with news about alleged voter fraud that tipped the scales in favor of Democratic candidate Joe Biden.

Many conservatives, Trump supporters in particular, believed that massive election tampering had occurred in populous counties of five "battleground" states Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin — in order to give Biden the victory. Democratic voters and the mainstream media, predictably, laughed off such accusations as "baseless," calling Trump's continued insistence that Biden won fraudulently the "Big Lie," a not-so-subtle reference to a term used by Adolf Hitler in his *Mein Kampf*. Trump's January 6 rally in Washington, D.C., and the subsequent riot at the U.S. Capitol only served to further fan the flames of division over the election.

Three years later, while the political climate has cooled somewhat since late 2020-early 2021, Americans are still divided on the topic of election integrity.

We'd do well to remember the claims of Hillary Clinton (and other Democratic politicians) that she actually won the 2016 presidential election and that it was only election tampering on the part of the Russian government that gave Donald Trump a narrow victory. During the 2016 presidential debates, Clinton had excoriated Trump for not promising to automatically accept the results of the upcoming election, yet in 2020 she pressured Biden to refuse to concede to Trump, no matter the results of the election.

We also remember Democrats in Congress voicing strong concerns that voting machines were untrustworthy and that a paper trail was essential to ensure election integrity. This was in the aftermath of George W. Bush's victory over John Kerry in the 2004 presidential election. But since then they've changed their tune, claiming that the 2020 election, with all of its machine voting and mail-in ballots, was the most secure in our nation's history.

Indeed, many Democratic voters ridicule claims of fraud in the 2020 election as baseless conspiracy theories, stating confidently that there is "no evidence" that the election was stolen. The truth is, there is

an enormous amount of evidence of electoral shenanigans on the part of Democrats in the 2020 presidential election, and other elections since. The *Navarro Report* released by Trump Trade Director Peter Navarro and Dinesh D'Souza's 2000 Mules are just two of many sources exposing the massive amount of election fraud in today's America.

Let's put it this way: If the shoe were on the other foot — that is, if Trump had won the 2020 election and all the evidence of fraud pointed to a stolen election in his favor — Democratic voters would no doubt be crying bloody murder and we would see nonstop coverage on the mainstream media about how Trump stole the election.

There is obviously an election-integrity problem in this country, but simply being aware of a problem and doing nothing about it can lead to cynicism and defeatism. After all, if people can't trust elections, why vote? But throwing our hands up and *not voting* is not a solution. In fact, that's exactly what the Deep State wants. No, cynicism and defeatism are not the answer! We need to get active to help restore election integrity in this country. If this is not done, it will be the death of our country as we know it.

In this issue of *The New American*, we take a look at election integrity in America. The first article in our cover story package by senior editor William F. Jasper details establishment efforts to control the election narrative by controlling the media and persecuting "election deniers." In his second article, Jasper outlines China's subversive activities aimed at steering U.S. elections in the Chinese Communist Party's favor. Finally, in an interview with election-integrity expert Dr. Douglas Frank, we learn about the ways in which election fraud can be carried out, particularly ballot stuffing. Helpfully, Frank also offers practical solutions to help restore election integrity, providing resources for readers who want to get involved.

Eternal vigilance is needed to maintain our liberty. Massive grassroots pushback and activism is the only way election integrity can be restored in our Republic.

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Orthodontist Offered Free Gun With Alignment

The *News & Observer* out of Raleigh, North Carolina, reported on November 9 about Dr. Jason Gladwell, a local orthodontist who collaborated with Kurt Lieberman, owner of the Youngsville Gun Club & Range, to offer a free Glock 19 handgun (or a Silver membership to the club) with the purchase of an Invisalign treatment program.

The offer, "Grins & Glocks," consisted of Gladwell's office issuing a coupon for the recipient to take to the gun club in order to receive his free Glock. It was intended only for members of the



club, but found its way onto social media and received national attention — not all of it good.

Align Technology, the company that provides the invisible alignment products, distanced itself from the promotion. "All of our doctor customers are independent practices and Align was not involved in the development or approval of the promotion or the advertisement," they said.

And the North Carolina Council of Churches (NCCC), a progressive "faith" group, attacked it. "They're giving away guns that are going to be lodged in a house somewhere, and will potentially create gun violence and gun death. It's mind blowing to me, that an organization that I think of as trying to provide health care to the people in the community is partnering their healthcare with gun death," said Jennifer Copeland, NCCC's executive director.

Lieberman defended the promotion, however, saying, "It's not like you're going in, you're buying Invisalign and you're walking out with a gun. It's nothing like that. They come in (to Gladwell's office). They have to be 21 years old because it's a pistol and then they have to pass a background check, which we do on-site."

Both open and concealed carry are legal in North Carolina, so law-abiding gun owners will likely be carrying their newly acquired Glocks on their person while proudly displaying their new smile, thanks to Invisalign. They will, in the words of one wag, "grin and bear it."

Jill Stein Launches Green Party Presidential Bid

Jill Stein, a physician and vocal advocate for climate-change issues, announced November 9 that she is seeking the Green Party's nomination for the 2024 election.

"The political system is broken, the two Wall Street parties are bought and paid for," Stein said in a video on X. "The ruling parties that got us into this mess aren't getting us out. Both parties are squandering trillions on the endless war machine, fueling conflict around the world while tens of millions here at home lack food, housing, and healthcare."

Fox News related on November 10 that two of Stein's biggest agenda items are an Economic Bill of Rights and the Green New Deal: "To reverse surging inequality, we need an Economic Bill of Rights including the right to a living-wage job, housing, food, healthcare, education and more, to guarantee all of us the basic security for a good life. We need a Green New Deal with massive investment in green jobs and technologies to revitalize the American economy, improve our lives, protect



our planet and safeguard our children's future."

The 73-year-old, who unsuccessfully ran for president in 2012 and 2016, was also the nominee of the Green-Rainbow Party — the Green Party's Massachusetts affiliate — for the state's gubernatorial races in 2002 and 2010. She began her activism career in 1998 protesting the "Filthy Five" coal plants in Massachusetts, and since 1998 has served on the board of the

Greater Boston chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

If Stein obtains the nomination and ends up on the ballot, she will be one of three leftists who could potentially take votes away from Biden — the other two being charismatic social activist Cornel West and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., both running as Independents.

Being socialists, West and Stein could pull votes from the Democrats' hard-left base. If they undercut Biden's progressive bloc and Kennedy pulls away center-left Democrats, Biden could find himself in dire straits come Election Day.

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DHS Plans to House Illegal Immigrants at U.S. Airports

According to Fox News on November 7, dozens of House Republicans sent a strongly worded letter on November 6 to Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg about a Department of Homeland Security plan to use American airports as temporary housing for illegal immigrants.

U.S. airports such as O'Hare in Chicago have already been used to house hundreds of immigrants here illegally, as cities struggle to handle the influx of "asylum seekers." However, according to the letter — whose signatories include House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-Mo.), House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), and Louisiana Republican Garret Graves, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation — the Biden administration is proposing to house an additional 60,000 illegal immigrants at other airports and facilities in the Northeast.

"The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has proposed housing 60,000 migrants at four public airports and various other facilities in New York and New Jersey," reads the letter. "These airports and their communities rightfully fear being transformed into larger versions of Chicago O'Hare International Airport, which has reportedly converted portions of its terminal into a shelter for hundreds of migrants."

The House GOP members are concerned that housing so many unvetted foreigners at sensitive facilities such as airports represents an unnecessary security risk, especially at a time when

global tensions are high in the midst of the situation in Gaza and the war in Ukraine.

Stefanik later took to X to blast Biden and far-left Democrats for enticing illegal immigrants to come to America. "Our nation's infrastructure was built for commerce, not for illegal migrant housing. Joe Biden and Extreme Democrats need to stop incentivizing illegal immigration," she posted.

Republicans on the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability are also hounding Buttigieg about his alleged incompetence on major transportation disruptions, most notably the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, in February.



King Charles Wants to Ban Tobacco for Younger Generations



Britain, the once-proud land that made "knife control" a thing and seized children from parents for a lack of fork control (the kids were fat), is at it again. Scripps News reported on November 8 that King Charles III has confirmed a plan to prohibit anyone born in 2009 or later from ever buying tobacco. The king touted the measure on November 7, while speaking to Parliament for the first time.

Scripps related: "'My government will introduce legislation to create a smoke-free generation by restricting the sale of tobacco so that children currently aged 14 or younger can never be sold cigarettes, and restricting the sale and marketing of e-cigarettes to children,' Charles said. The legislation would raise the legal age that people can buy tobacco products by one year every year starting in 2027, meaning anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 2009, will never be able to legally buy cigarettes. The proposal was initially announced by [Prime Minister Rishi] Sunak at the 2023 Conservative Party Conference in October, when he also pledged to crack down on the sale of vape products."

Only 13 percent of adult Britons now smoke, according to Scripps, and virtually no one among those born 2009 or later does.

The news service noted that Sunak hopes the ban will reduce pressure on the country's healthcare system. However, an inordinate amount of healthcare resources is used for end-of-life care for the elderly, and the case has been made that since people living very unhealthful lifestyles often die younger, they're less likely to need such care and may actually save the system money.

Don't believe fearmongers who may say this new ban portends the ultimate removal of all freedoms, however: In Britain you'll still be able to recommend a "sex change" for the kids or kill one in the womb. G.K. Chesterton predicted about a century ago that a time would come when smoking a cigar would be seen as more offensive than abortion. Now, here we are.



Iowa Governor Endorses DeSantis

"I just felt like I couldn't sit on the sidelines anymore. We have too much at stake. I truly believe that he is the right person to get this country back on track."

With Iowa's caucuses the first test of America's voters for choosing a Republican to run against President Biden, Governor **Kim Reynolds** announced her preference for Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. Pollsters had indicated Donald Trump possessed a sizable lead over DeSantis as of early November.

House Judiciary Chairman Discovers Widespread Censorship of Conservatives

"This pressure was largely directed in a way that benefitted one side of the political aisle: true information posted by Republicans and conservatives was labeled as misinformation while false information posted by Democrats and liberals was largely unreported and untouched by the censors."

In a report pointed to by House Judiciary Chairman **Jim Jordan**, federal government personnel, along with so-called experts in universities, Big Tech, and elsewhere, used the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP) created by the Homeland Security Department, the State Department, and Stanford University to create a mechanism to censor conservative speech during the 2020 election campaign.

New House Speaker Acknowledges God's Watchfulness Over America

"I know God is not done with America yet. Our country is in desperate need of prayer. We cannot allow the radical Left to destroy the ideals our country was founded on."

House Speaker Mike Johnson delights in pointing to God's hand in the founding of our nation. He wants more of today's Americans to acknowledge what is stated in the Declaration of Independence, and to get others to do likewise.

Hamas Spokesman Wants Permanent War With Israel

"I hope that the state of war with Israel will become permanent on all the borders, and that the Arab world will stand with us."

Israeli officials claim that Hamas killed 1,400 Israeli civilians and took 240 others hostage during the October 7 terror attack at a music festival near the Israel-Gaza border. Hamas media advisor **Taher El-Nounou** has openly advocated perpetrating such horrors endlessly.

Recent Pro-abortion Victories Seen as Bellwether of 2024 Election

"In hundreds of races since Donald Trump's conservative Supreme Court appointments overturned *Roe v. Wade*, we've seen Americans overwhelmingly side with the vision of President Biden and Democrats for this country. That same choice will be before voters again next November."

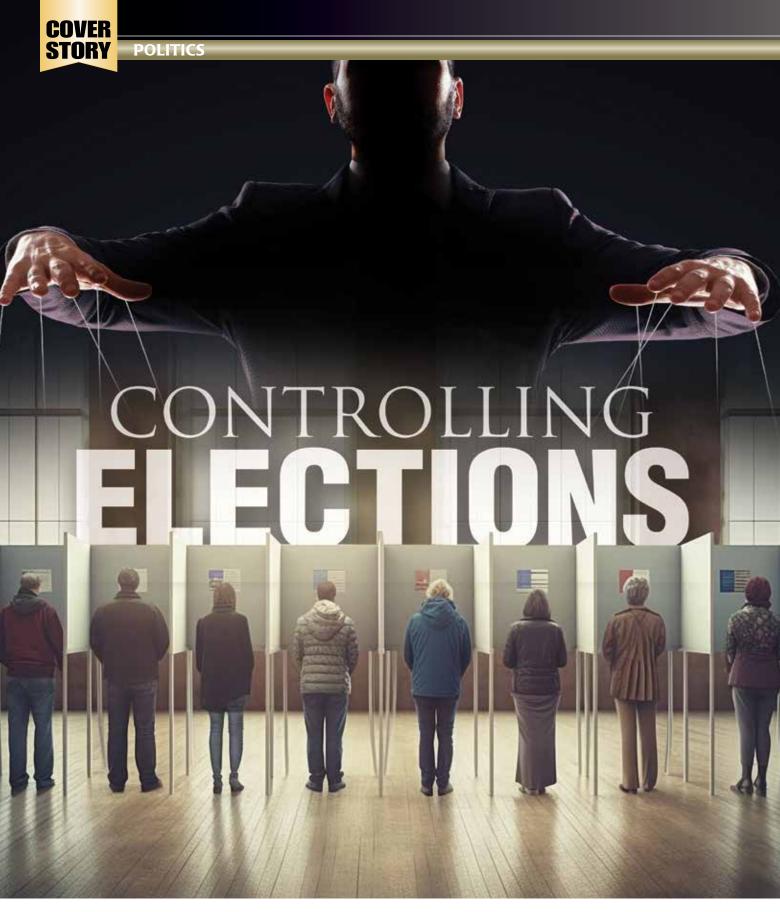
Expressing great delight after the pro-abortion victories in this year's elections, Biden's 2024 campaign manager Julie Chavez Rodriguez expects voters will also choose the Biden-Harris ticket in next year's presidential race.

Wind Power Losing Support as Costs Climb and Performance Wanes

"The public is turning very sour on wind power because they're realizing how expensive it is. Yet, politicians in states where the process is favored seem to be totally committed to offshore wind regardless of the costs."

Manhattan Institute economist **Jonathan Lesser** has always been a critic of wind power, which has never achieved the ambitious goals set by its promoters. ■

— Compiled by John F. McManus



Beyond merely influencing elections on the ground through ballot stuffing and harvesting, the Deep State is controlling the entire narrative surrounding elections in America.

by William F. Jasper

he 2024 presidential and general elections are now less than a year away. Will they be the last genuine elections under our constitutional system? They could well be. Communist regimes and authoritarian governments carry out "elections," but everyone knows they are charades. Is that where we are headed? Some observers will argue that we are there already, as demonstrated by the massive "irregularities" of the 2020 U.S. presidential election and the 2022 midterm elections, and the subsequent labeling by the media-industrial complex of anyone who questioned those elections as "election deniers," "conspiracy theorists," "domestic extremists," and "insurrectionists."

What should be painfully obvious to all clear-eyed realists is that we have moved beyond the stage where the Deep State's Fedgov minions and their media shills merely defame and demonize their opposition. They have already moved into the next stage of criminalizing their opposition. That means you, me, and, eventually, just about everyone. For the moment their focus is Donald Trump, MAGA Republicans, January 6 protesters, pro-life activists, election-integrity advocates, parents upset over LGBT grooming, and Covid mandate challengers. They have sent their jackbooted thugs to round up these political opponents and drag them shackled in public "perp walks" in front of accommodating "news" cameras. The Stalinesque show trials have begun: Donald Trump, Dr. Peter Navarro, Roger Stone, General Michael Flynn, Steve Bannon, Mark Houck, and more.

On August 8, 2022, Attorney General Merrick Garland sent the FBI on a highly publicized raid of Donald Trump's Mara-Lago estate for the alleged purpose of confiscating "classified" documents. It was a brazen use of police powers against a political rival. It was an unprecedented act in this country, something that we had previously associated with third-world tin-pot dictatorships. But Team Biden was just getting warmed up. On November 18, 2022, Garland named former federal prosecutor Jack Smith to be special

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Outlaw "justice": While mouthing pieties about fealty to the rule of law, Attorney General Merrick Garland has weaponized the DOJ to persecute political enemies while failing to prosecute the alleged crimes of Joe Biden, his family, and his administration.

counsel for two criminal investigations by the Department of Justice (DOJ) against Donald Trump. Interestingly, that was just three days after Trump had announced his plan to make another run for the White House in 2024. In June 2023, special counsel Smith hit Trump with a 37-count indictment relative to the Mar-a-Lago documents, and in July added three more counts. In an August indictment, Smith added four additional charges related to the January 6, 2021 Capitol riot.

"Conspiracy" Lawfare

The Biden-Garland-Smith J6 indictment charges Trump with conspiracy to spread false claims about the November 2020 election, conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, and conspiracy against the rights of voters. Conspiracy, conspiracy, conspiracy. Suddenly, conspiracy theory is fashionable again! Fashionable, that is, if it's being used to target politically incorrect opponents of the Deep State's globalist schemes. And fashionable if it's being wielded as a weapon by the same politicos and journalists who for years ceaselessly pushed the bogus Trump-Russia conspiracy theory and phony Trump-Ukraine conspiracy theory, and the failed impeachment trial that followed. The new J6 indictment is a regurgitation of the failed

conspiracy-theory charges of the Nancy Pelosi-Liz Cheney-J6 Committee dogand-pony show and its subsequent failed impeachment attempt.

"Lawfare" is defined by the Collins English Dictionary as "the strategic use of legal proceedings to intimidate or hinder an opponent." Donald Trump calls it illegal "election interference." It is that, of course, and much more - much more and much worse. Trump is far and away the leading GOP presidential candidate, consistently beating all others in the polls by 35 to 50 points. As such, he is the most likely opponent to be faced by Joe Biden (or whomever the Democrats get to replace him) in 2024. Garland and Smith are attempting to protect the Deep State-Democrat hold on the Oval Office by locking up its biggest threat: Donald Trump.

Unfortunately, the Garland-Smith attack is but one element in a coordinated, all-out, multi-pronged assault on the rule of law. Additional key elements in this lawfare assault include Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis in Georgia, and New York Attorney General Letitia James, all of whom came into office on campaign pledges to "get" Donald Trump. They are proceeding to abuse the law and their offices for that purpose.

They have chosen to bring their cases before blatantly biased partisan judges and in jurisdictions where they know the jury pool will be overwhelmingly prejudiced against Trump. The scheme is not only to tie Trump up in nonstop court appearances so he cannot campaign, but also to saddle him with gag orders, criminalize him in the public mind with saturation media coverage of him being dragged into court, confiscate his financial assets, deny him legal counsel by attacking and disbarring his attorneys, deny him ballot access in key states by disqualifying him on "insurrection" grounds, and direct attention away from the growing Biden Crime Family scandal and the mushrooming evidence of a treasonous Biden-China sellout.

Of course, while Donald Trump is the *direct* object of their attack, the *indirect* object is *us*, the American people. They are sending a message: If we can do this to someone as rich, famous, popular, and powerful as Donald Trump, you don't have a chance of standing against us. In other words, a campaign of terror and intimidation.

Here are highlights of the ongoing dirty lawfare campaign:

• DA Alvin Bragg has allowed crime to run rampant in Manhattan while indulg-

- ing his obsession with prosecuting Donald Trump. He slapped Trump with a 34-count indictment carrying a maximum 134-year prison sentence. Bragg is a "Soros DA," having been funded by the Soros-backed Color of Change PAC.
- New York Attorney General Letitia James has targeted Trump with a \$250 million fraud suit in an attempt to take his properties and bankrupt him.
- Left-wing Judge Arthur Engoron has aided James' fraud charges by assigning ridiculously low appraisals to Mar-a-Lago and other Trump properties. Judge Engoron has silenced Trump with gag orders, while prosecutors and the press continue publicly to persecute him.
- The DOJ sealed affidavit used to obtain the Mar-a-Lago search warrant revealed (once unsealed) the raid to be purely a politically motivated act.
- Left-wing Judge Tanya Chutkan, an Obama appointee and Black Lives Matter supporter, has allowed Smith's prosecution team to conceal evidence from Trump's attorneys and has slapped Trump with a gag order to prevent him from publicly discussing the case.
- "Progressive" Fulton County DA Fani Willis has weaponized Georgia's RICO statute to charge Donald Trump and 18 of

- his associates with conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election.
- Republican members of the House Judiciary Committee are probing whether Willis conspired with federal prosecutor Jack Smith in a prosecution that is "politically motivated."
- Democrats in California, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, and New Mexico are attempting to keep Trump off the 2024 ballots in their states with lawsuits claiming that the J6 "insurrection" disqualifies him.
- Commonsense state election laws requiring photo IDs to protect against fraud are being challenged in court by left-wing organizations such as Elias Law Group, the ACLU, the League of Women Voters, March for Our Lives, Color of Change, Priorities USA, and ActBlue.
- 65 Project is leading efforts across 26 states to prosecute, disbar, and penalize more than 100 lawyers who worked on former President Donald Trump's election lawsuits.

Ministry of Truth

Lawfare is only one tentacle of many in the attack on our constitutional Republic. Another is the burgeoning censorship-industrial complex, an Orwellian public-private partnership in which Big Government, Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Academia, Big Foundations, Big Media, and Big Social Media have been censoring Americans, denying them their rights to freedom of speech. We cannot have representative government and free and fair elections when these institutions collude to ban, shadow ban, cancel, deplatform, demonetize, and otherwise banish — or even prosecute and imprison — those who express opinions with which they disagree. The release of the "Twitter Files" by Elon Musk in 2022 opened a window into this dangerous collusion, but more-recent revelations confirm that the Twitter Files are only the tip of the iceberg. Consider:

• On July 4, 2023, U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty of Louisiana granted an injunction in response to a lawsuit brought by attorneys general in Louisiana and Missouri against the Biden administration's censorship. Judge Doughty wrote that the "evidence produced thus far depicts an almost dystopian scenario. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a period



Conspiracy theory central: Although pointing out real conspiracy is a surefire way to get labeled a "conspiracy theorist" by the media, special counsel Jack Smith (shown) has baselessly charged Donald Trump with multiple conspiracy charges relative to the 2020 election, to the roaring approval of the same leftist media.



Tag-team election interference: Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg (shown), Fulton County (Georgia) District Attorney Fani Willis, and New York Attorney General Letitia James have joined the Merrick Garland/Jack Smith cabal in an all-out effort to sabotage Donald Trump's election campaign.

perhaps best characterized by widespread doubt and uncertainty, the United States Government seems to have assumed a role similar to an Orwellian 'Ministry of Truth.'"

- Senator Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), who filed the above-mentioned suit while attorney general for Missouri, said that the Biden administration "colluded with social media giants Meta, Twitter, and YouTube to censor free speech in the name of combating so-called 'disinformation' and 'misinformation,' which led to the suppression and censorship of truthful information on a scale never before seen."
- The federal Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), an agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is at the heart of the censorship apparatus that is destroying the First Amendment. In June 2023, the House Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government released a report titled, "The Weaponization of CISA: How a 'Cybersecurity' Agency Colluded with Big Tech and 'Disinformation' Partners to Censor Americans." The subcommittee report reveals that after lawsuits focused scrutiny on CISA, the agency outsourced its illegal, unconsti-

tutional censorship of political speech to private nonprofits such as the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public (CIP), the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP), and the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC).

- The censorship consortium set up a Misinformation-Disinformation-Malinformation (MDM) Subcommittee that pushed censorship of information that was "based on fact" but that conflicted with the "context" of the government narrative. Members of the subcommittee included Dr. Kate Starbird of the University of Washington's CIP; Vijaya Gadde, the former chief legal officer of Twitter, who was involved in censoring the New York Post's Hunter Biden laptop story; and Suzanne Spaulding, a former legal advisor for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). An email from an MDM member admits they are trying to keep their illegal censorious activities secret, worrying "It's only a matter of time before someone realizes we exist and starts asking about our work."
- The globalist Atlantic Council, which was one of the private groups that set up the Election Integrity Partnership, says it did so "at the request of DHS/CISA."
 - · Alex Stamos, who runs the Stanford

Internet Observatory (SIO), is a major player in the cabal and is a partner in the Krebs-Stamos Group consultancy with former CISA chief Chris Krebs. Stamos is a former Facebook executive, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of the Aspen Institute's Cyber Security Task Force.

- Serving as Stamos' research manager at SIO is Renee DiResta, who infamously ran a Democrat-funded internet disinformation campaign against Alabama Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore making it appear he was supported by Russia. DiResta's company boasted, "We orchestrated an elaborate 'false flag' operation" against Moore, causing him to lose a tight race.
- NewsGuard, whose advisors include former CIA director Michael Hayden and Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, is another of the internet Thought Police organs that target "unreliable" sources of news for cancelation, so that people and websites only rely on NewsGuard-approved sources that are notorious for Fake News, such as *The New York Times*, BuzzFeed, and *The Wall Street Journal*.
- CISA officials are participants in the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on the Future of Cybersecurity and the WEF's Great Reset.
- The WEF promoted the recently passed Digital Services Act of the European Union, which requires internet platforms to implement controls on "disinformation," meaning any information the ruling powers *disagree* with.
- Elon Musk's X (formerly Twitter) will have to reinstall approved levels of "content moderation" in order to do business in Europe, as will other internet companies.

What is frighteningly clear in a close-up look at this federal-corporate-NGO censorship ecosystem is that it is moving rapidly toward total control of thought and speech. If this cabal is not exposed and disassembled, ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) and DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) codes will become mandatory for businesses. Then we will surely see — and soon — the prosecution of "election deniers," "climate deniers," "vaccine deniers," "transphobes," "homophobes," "xenophobes," "racists," and other "domestic extremists."



"China Joe": Long before revelations of Hunter Biden's laptop and Biden family business deals with Communist China came out, Joe Biden had displayed a decades-long love affair with the Chinese Communist Party.

Dark Money

Political campaigns run on money. The bigger a government is, the bigger the goodies and privileges it can hand out, and the bigger the incentive there is for corruption. And, consequently, the bigger the campaign war chest that is needed to get in — and stay in — the "game." Both the Democratic and Republican parties are awash in money and corruption. "Dark money" - that is, funding from undisclosed sources funneled through nonprofits and super PACs (political action committees) — is playing an ever-bigger role in American politics. Much of that funding is directed toward making our electoral process more opaque and making it easier to engage in election fraud. These are but a few of the notable practitioners of the dark-money arts:

• The Sixteen Thirty Fund poured \$410 million into Democratic coffers in 2020, according to *Politico*, with much of it aimed at defeating President Trump and helping the Democrats win control of the Senate. Some of the biggest donors to the fund who have been identified include Swiss billionaire Hansjörg

Wyss, tech billionaire Pierre Omidyar, and George Soros.

- Arabella Advisors, which manages several funds, doled out \$896 million to "left-leaning and politically active nonprofits" in 2020, according to Influence Watch.
- Meta/Facebook billionaire Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, infamously donated \$328 million to the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) and \$69.5 million to the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR) in the lead-up to the 2020 elections. These "Zuckerbucks" were funneled to thousands of local election officials and nonprofits to implement the massive mail-in ballot effort and Covid-19 ballot drop boxes that made vote fraud particularly by stuffing the ballot box with illegitimate votes easier than ever.

Then there is the *really* dark money from foreign sources — also known as *bribes*. Representative James Comer (R-Ky.), chairman of the House Oversight Committee, has been digging into the bank records of Joe Biden and his family. Reportedly, those records show millions of dollars in payoffs from Chinese companies to Biden family members.

Patrick Henry: "The Whole Truth"

There are other issues that threaten the future of free, fair, and secure elections in America, such as the push for "ranked choice voting," the centralized control of voter rolls through the liberal-left Electronic Registration Information Center, continued efforts to stop voter-identification requirements, the drive to expand early voting and mail-in voting, the movement for digital voting via the internet, and registration of illegal aliens to vote. All of these subversive efforts are aimed at destroying the foundational structures and principles of our constitutional Republic.

We have a daunting task before us, but if we wish to live in freedom, we have no choice but to roll up our sleeves and fight for it with all the honorable means at our disposal. Our nation's Founders faced much more daunting odds when standing against the world's most formidable army and navy — and the prospect of hanging, drawing, and quartering if they failed.

In 1775, Patrick Henry observed that "it is natural for a man to indulge in the illusions of hope," referring to those who believed conflict could be avoided simply by ignoring the encroaching despotism. But to do so, he said, would be "to shut our eyes against a painful truth — and listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts." He continued, "Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation? For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it might cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst and to provide for it." He concluded his rousing oration with these famous lines: "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Are you ready and willing to be a present-day Patrick Henry? If so, join hands with thousands of your fellow Americans working through The John Birch Society's Restore Election Integrity action project at https://jbs.org/vote/.

RED DRAGON IN THE VOTING BOOTH

Communist China's agents are engaging in election subversion and sabotage all over the world, including in the United States.

by William F. Jasper

n July 2016, Professor Jin Canrong, one of the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) top advisors, gave a two-day seminar to party and business leaders at the Southern Club Hotel in South China's Guangzhou City. His topic? How China would replace the United States as the leading world power by a multi-pronged subversive campaign aimed at crippling and destabilizing the United States through the utilization of economic, political, diplomatic, and social weapons. Professor Jin detailed the diverse ways the CCP is working globally to assert Chairman Xi Jinping's aggressive program for world dominance: gaining foreign allies through the investments of its Belt and Road Initiative; gaining dominance in the United Nations and international organizations such as the Food & Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, World Trade Organization, and International Monetary Fund; entangling the United States in as many foreign conflicts as possible; controlling the U.S. economy through heavy investment in the United States by Chinese (CCP-controlled) companies; and stealing U.S. technology. Most importantly, in connection with our topic here, Jin Canrong openly laid out a brazen plan for increased CCP power in the United States through interference in and manipulation of America's elections.

Before diving into the CCP plans for U.S. election subversion, we should explain who Jin Canrong is and why his statements are concerning. Jin, who is heralded in the People's Republic of China (PRC) as a "teacher of the people," is a professor of political science and associate dean of the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China. His official bio also states that he is "Vice-President, China National Association of International Studies; Vice-President, Pacific Society of China; Adviser, Policy Planning Office, National People's Congress; Standing Councilor, China Reform Forum. Author of more than 100 academic papers, over 500 articles, 7 books and 5 translated books." Jin is what is known in current Chinese parlance as a "Wolf Warrior," one of Xi's new provocative, belligerent spokesmen noted for their confrontational style, in contrast to the false front of cordiality typical under the previous leadership of Deng Xiaoping and Hu Jintao.

Interestingly (and alarmingly), this leading strategist for the communist regime in Beijing is also a celebrated "Agenda Contributor" to the World Economic Forum, the cabal



CCP in U.S. elections: Professor Jin Canrong, a leading Chinese communist strategist and World Economic Forum "Agenda Contributor," has publicly detailed (and advocated) China's efforts to manipulate U.S. elections, such as "buying" congressional seats to turn the U.S. House of Representatives into a rubber stamp for the CCP.

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TikTok attack: Promoted as an innocent social-media platform for videos and music, the Chinaowned app has turned out to be a sophisticated propaganda tool targeting American youth on gender identity, climate change, critical race theory, Black Lives Matter, Donald Trump, and other divisive issues.

of globalist billionaires that view Xi Jinping's mass-murdering dictatorship as the model of governance for their projected New World Order.

Professor Jin has also served as a speaker for the Aspen Institute, one of the leading globalist think tanks, as well as a visiting professor at the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He gets around. So, what do his prescriptions for U.S. election interference entail? "The Chinese government wants to arrange Chinese investments in every single congressional district to control thousands of voters in each district," he told his seminar attendees. Jin, whose bio says that his studies "focus on American politics (US Congress in particular)," notes that the U.S. House of Representatives is composed of 435 congressional districts with roughly 750,000 residents in each district.

"The voting rate in the United States is about 30 percent, which means around 200,000 residents in each congressional district vote for the representative in that district," Jin explained to his seminar attendees. "Normally the difference of votes between two candidates is 10,000 or less. If China has thousands of votes on hand, China will be the boss of the candidates."

According to Jin, "The best scenario is China can buy the United States and change the U.S. House of Representatives into the second Standing Committee of the National People's Congress," a reference to the committee that oversees China's "legislature," which merely formalizes the dictates of the CCP.

So, what is China doing to turn the U.S. Congress into a rubber stamp for the CCP, and how far has China progressed toward that goal? Well, there are many components to this multi-pronged attack strategy, and the full contours of the battlefield are far from clear. A big reason for that lack of clarity is that the leadership of our intelligence agencies who are supposed to be protecting us against these types of threats have instead been working overtime to sabotage Donald Trump (first, while he was our sitting president, and now, as a presidential candidate), as the "Trump-Russia collusion" hoax and the "Hunter Biden laptop is Russian disinformation" narrative — among the many examples that could be cited have shown.

In April of 2020, then-President Donald Trump said, "China will do anything they can do to have me lose this race" to Joe Biden. He was right. He was the first

(and still the only) U.S. president to break the continuous five decades of treachery by both Republican and Democratic administrations in selling out to Beijing and helping that communist regime become a global hegemon and our most deadly enemy. Among his many policies vis à vis China that put him on the top of the enemies list of both the CCP and its Wall Street partners (such as Goldman Sachs, BlackRock, and the US-China Business Council) were placing tariffs on Chinese goods, scuttling the U.S.-China Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), moving to "decouple" and decrease U.S. dependence on Chinese products, encouraging manufacturers to return to the United States, restricting PRC access to cutting-edge U.S. technology (including high-performance semiconductors), restricting Huawei and TikTok from operating in the United States, making the United States energy independent and an energy exporter, and effectively calling out China's hostile actions from a platform and in a manner that no politician had previously dared to employ.

Communist China's "Whole-of-government" Attack

China's efforts to penetrate the U.S. government predated Donald Trump's 2016 election victory, but definitely intensified with the beginning of the new Trump administration. Xi's regime is employing what is termed a "whole-of government" assault on our electoral system. It is a long-range strategy involving every asset at the regime's disposal. A portion of the CCP's "long game" in U.S. politics became publicly visible with the revelation in 2018 that the late Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), while she was chair of the powerful and highly sensitive Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, had for years employed an asset of China's Ministry of State Security (MSS) on her staff. In 2020 we learned that Representative Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), then a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, had long-standing political and financial connections to a suspected MSS fundraiser and "honeypot" by the name of "Fang Fang." As it turned out, the charming Fang Fang had also ingratiated herself into the good graces of state and local politicians not only in California, but in

other states as well. Reportedly, this included sexual compromise of at least two mayors of Midwestern cities. According to an unnamed intelligence official quoted in the Axios article that broke the Swalwell/ MSS spy story, Fang Fang "was just one of lots of agents" operating throughout the country. The CCP strategists know the propaganda importance of securing a pro-Beijing viewpoint from mayors, city and county officials, and state legislators. They also realize that these officials will be the governors, senators, congressmen, and Cabinet officials of tomorrow who will be casting votes and guiding policies that will affect China's strategic military and economic position relative to the United States. They invest accordingly.

Election subversion comes in many forms, and China is exploiting all of them. One means of gaining political control is direct financing of sympathetic political incumbents or candidates through secret, illegal campaign funding via surrogates or donations to third-party organizations to work either for a desired candidate or, conversely, *against* a candidate viewed as

being anti-Beijing or insufficiently supportive of the CCP line.

Reports from official government investigative bodies of the European Union, the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, France, Germany, and Taiwan paint a very disturbing picture of a global assault by Beijing on the structure of free governments. These official findings are augmented by numerous reports in the establishment and independent media pointing to a whole-of-government war by China using unconventional means. As these reports have begun to stir public anger, politicians have responded with tough rhetoric but have largely refused to follow up with tough action. Prime example: Joe Biden, whose decades-long love affair with Beijing has morphed into charges of outright bribery and treason, as the Hunter Biden laptop scandal and Biden family bank records continue to expose the scope of Biden's sellout to our most dangerous enemy. In August of this year, Biden said in a letter to Congress that he was declaring a national emergency to deal with China's advances "in sensitive technologies

and products critical to the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities." He explained that he was signing an executive order to authorize the secretary of the treasury to restrict or prohibit U.S. investments in certain high-tech sectors in China. However, it's too little, too late. For one thing, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, a longtime comrade of Xi's one-party state, has sent plenty of signals to Beijing and its U.S. business partners that, heated election rhetoric notwithstanding, the Biden administration intends to maintain cordial and generous business relations with Team CCP.

McCarthy Ouster: Major Boost for U.S. Security

One of the most positive and underreported aspects of the recent ouster of Kevin McCarthy as speaker of the House is that his removal has freed up a critical logiam that was preventing the full exposure of China's hand in America's capital markets. When the Republicancontrolled House Intelligence Committee began looking into the investments in Chinese tech companies by U.S. financial companies such as BlackRock, MSCI, Vanguard, FTSI-Russell, and Sequoia Capital, some disturbing things began to happen. Speaker McCarthy's Leadership PAC began receiving sizable contributions from Sequoia. Shortly thereafter, McCarthy appointed Michael Turner (R-Ohio, with a dismal score of 49 out of 100 on this magazine's Freedom Index) to be the committee's new chairman. Then, according to the Committee on the Present Danger: China (CPDC), a private China watchdog organization, Chairman Turner "shut down the Intelligence Committee's investigation, presumably at McCarthy's direction."

However, a more recently created House Select Committee on the CCP, chaired by Representative Mike Gallagher (R-Wis., Freedom Index score 64) has recently indicated it intends to go where Turner and McCarthy refused to tread. On October 17, 2023, just days before Representative Mike Johnson was elected as the new speaker of the House, Chairman Gallagher and ranking member Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-III.) sent a letter to Sequoia executives Roelof Botha and Don Vieira requesting specific information regarding



China sellout? Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's Leadership PAC received funding from Sequoia Capital, an important investment firm promoting business in China. Critics say McCarthy "shut down" investigations into the CCP's deals with Sequoia, BlackRock, and other Wall Street firms.

the firm's relationship with the CCP and its investments in China's military and police surveillance industry sectors, such as artificial intelligence, semiconductor, drone, facial recognition, and other critical technologies.

In addition, Gallagher and Krishnamoorthi wrote, "Sequoia Capital China and Sequoia Capital have both provided extensive support and capital to Byte-Dance, parent company of TikTok, helping it to raise billions of U.S. dollars. TikTok exposes millions of Americans to CCP surveillance and influence."

Particularly concerning to the bipartisan leadership team of the Committee on the CCP is the announced plan by Sequoia Capital China to split off from Sequoia Capital, in an apparent move to shield itself from U.S. regulatory controls and dodge official scrutiny while still retaining the ability to funnel U.S. investment funds into China and channel Chinese funds into Silicon Valley startups and other strategically targeted investments.

TikTok: Trump Was Right

"Why Do Young Americans Support Hamas? Look at TikTok." That's the title

of a November 1, 2023, column by Representative Mike Gallagher blasting the mobile-phone app that is wildly popular with a huge majority of American youth. "The app is digital fentanyl made by China. And it is brainwashing our youth against the country and our allies," Gallagher charges. "And we are absolutely hooked, with 16 percent of teens using it 'almost constantly," he continues. "Today, 69.7 percent of Americans aged 12-17, 76.2 percent aged 18-24, and 54 percent aged 25-34 use Tik-Tok. By tweaking the TikTok algorithm, the CCP can censor information and influence Americans of all ages on a variety of issues. It can shape what facts they consider accurate, and what conclusions they draw from world events."

President Trump was ridiculed in 2020 when he signed an executive order banning TikTok from government phones and the military and attempted to ban it completely or force it to be sold to an American company. Of course, Joe Biden scrapped the Trump restrictions soon after entering the White House. Well, it turns out that Trump wasn't crazy-paranoid after all. "As painful as it is for me to say, if Donald Trump was right and we could've taken action

then, that'd have been a heck of a lot easier than trying to take action in November of 2022," Democratic Senator Mark Warner of Virginia said two-and-a-half years later. "The sooner we bite the bullet, the better." A headline from the liberal-left Vox in December of 2022 declared, "Maybe Trump was right about TikTok." That same month, President Biden signed a bill banning the app from millions of phones owned by federal agencies. Personal privacy and national security are driving bipartisan local, state, and national efforts to clamp down on the social-media giant. Whistleblowers have testified before Congress that, contrary to claims of company executives, TikTok does indeed allow data, including sensitive financial and identification data, from its 150 million American users to be collected and stored in China.

In 2022, TikTok posted CCP propaganda videos aimed at affecting the outcome of our elections. "Many of the videos attacked specific U.S. politicians before the midterm elections and pushed divisive social issues, without clear labels disclosing they were coming from state-controlled media," Forbes reported. "TikTok accounts run by the propaganda arm of the Chinese government have accumulated millions of followers and tens of millions of views, many of them on videos editorializing about U.S. politics without clear disclosure that they were posted by a foreign government." TikTok has been especially adept at promoting propaganda for transgenderism, global warming/climate change, and "social justice issues" (such as #BlackLives-Matter, "equity," and "white privilege"). Of course, the TikTok version allowed inside of China does not allow this type of weaponized content to contaminate its own young people. The CCP's censors and propagandists assure that these toxins are reserved for consumption by "decadent capitalists."

The Konnech Connection

In October and November of 2022, an election-related drama played out in two courtrooms. In Houston, at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Catherine Engelbrecht and Gregg Phillips of True the Vote (TTV) were on trial in a suit brought by Eugene Yu, president of Konnech, Inc., a Michigan-based provider



"Trump was right": President Donald Trump was lambasted by Democrats and media when he restricted CCP-controlled Chinese companies such as TikTok and Huawei. Now, many former critics are admitting he was right.

of election-management software. Yu alleged that Engelbrecht and Phillips had hacked Konnech's computers and stolen sensitive, private information, as well as defaming Konnech and Yu. The defendants claimed that they had received a massive amount of Konnech data on 1.8 million American poll workers, including personally identifiable information such as Social Security numbers, bank accounts, etc., that had been accessed from servers in China. This information, they said, was turned over to FBI counterintelligence agents. Yu insists that he has no connection "whatsoever" with the CCP and that Konnech's data is stored exclusively in the United

In an extraordinary ruling, Judge Kenneth Hoyt sided with Yu's demand that Engelbrecht and Phillips reveal the names of the witnesses who had provided the data. When they refused, citing security concerns for the witnesses, the judge found the duo in contempt of court and sent them

to jail. Meanwhile, as Yu's legal team was pursuing TTV's witnesses in Houston, Yu was arrested in Michigan and his computer drives seized on a warrant from Los Angeles County, where he was charged on suspicion of felony theft of "personal identifying information of election workers." "Under its \$2.9 million, five-year contract with the county," the district attorney's office stated, "Konnech was supposed to securely maintain the data and [ensure] that only United States citizens and permanent residents have access to it." However, the DA's investigators "found that in contradiction to the contract, information was stored on servers in the People's Republic of China."

The arrest of Yu was an apparent vindication of Engelbrecht, who has alleged that Konnech tools and software are "developed in, run from, and monitored in China." "Konnech was hosting on Chinese servers the election-related domain names of its U.S.-based customers.... This means



Exposing the Konnech con: Catherine Engelbrecht (shown) of True the Vote charges that Konnech, Inc., an election-worker logistics company, has illegally stored personally identifiable information on 1.8 million American poll workers on servers in China.

any customer data transmitted by means of Konnech's customer-facing apps necessarily goes through an insecure server in China," a True the Vote court filing asserts. "The database underpins our elections," says Engelbrecht, "and it goes to China and then back to the USA. It is a hard server based in China."

On November 6, 2022, Engelbrecht and Phillips were released from jail on an order from the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Three days later, on November 9, just as it looked as if things might be moving forward on the Konnech-China investigation, the Los Angeles DA's office abruptly announced it was dismissing charges against Konnech and Yu. "We are concerned about both the pace of the investigation and the potential bias in the presentation and investigation of the evidence," spokeswoman Tiffiny Blacknell said in a statement.

The New American has not seen the evidence that True the Vote claims to have

turned over to the FBI and the L.A. District Attorney's Office. However, TTV's court filings and evidence produced by independent journalists, in the form of extensive screenshots from Chinese websites, persuasively point to the validity of True the Vote's claims. In addition, TTV has provided sworn testimony from former Konnech employee Grant Bradley, who attests that Konnech's software is the product of "developers, designers, and coders who ... are all Chinese nationals based out of Wuhan, China." He states further, "I witnessed customers' data (specifically poll-watcher information) being made accessible to foreign nationals in China." Bradley also states that Konnech initially identified these workers as "employees," but after coming under scrutiny went through a pretense of firing them and then "hired them back as independent contractors."

Communist-globalist Attack

Earlier this year, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau came under pressure when a

secret national security document from 2020 alleging extensive interference by China in Canada's elections was leaked to the media. Trudeau, an ardent admirer of the CCP and a Young Global Leader of the CCP-loving World Economic Forum, has opened Canada's doors to a flood of Xi Jinping's agents. He pretended to be concerned about the allegations in the report (from three years ago!), but has done nothing substantive to end the continued CCP subversion. Likewise, President Joe Biden, facing increasing public outrage over his family's business deals with China, is pretending to take a hard line vis à vis Beijing. But, in mid-November, Biden was in San Francisco for a confab with Xi Jinping — along with the Wall Street moguls and Big Tech titans of the US-China Business Council, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the World Economic Forum. The battle continues, not only against the CCP, but also against the CFR, the WEF, and their globalist cabal. ■

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ELECTION FRAUD HOW BAD IS IT?

Election expert Dr. Douglas Frank tells *The New American* how he discovered the extent of election fraud in the United States, and offers solutions for regaining election integrity.



by William F. Jasper

r. Douglas G. Frank is a physicist, chemist, mathematician, author, inventor, science consultant, computer builder, teacher — and election expert. He is the author/co-author of 60 peer-reviewed articles in scientific publications, including cover and feature articles in prestigious periodicals such as the *Journal of Physical Chemistry A*, the *Journal of Vac-uum Science & Technology A*, and *Langmuir*.

Dr. Frank's Ph.D. is in surface-electroanalytical chemistry, which combines chemistry and physics techniques for the manipulation and analysis of molecules on surfaces. He left academia

in 1996, and has since done extensive consulting, inventing, and technical manufacturing, building electronic microscopes, laser scanners, and precision manufacturing and control devices. In December of 2020, he put aside his businesses to devote his full-time effort to election-fraud/election-integrity issues. Since then, he has traveled to hundreds of counties, meeting with state and local officials (secretaries of state, attorneys general, state legislators, county commissioners, and county clerks), speaking to thousands of concerned citizens, and organizing grassroots election-integrity efforts. As such, he is one of the few election experts to possess not only the technical ability to assess the challenges of our digital elections and machine voting, but also the experiential knowledge that only comes from extensive, recent "boots on the ground" interaction with voters and public officials. In view of the upcoming 2024 election year, Dr. Frank, who is a speaker for The John Birch Society's Speakers Bureau, recently sat down for an interview with The New American to discuss the current state of election-integrity efforts.

As is to be expected in our present political climate, whenever Dr. Frank appears in a public forum or is interviewed, the corrupt politicians and their Big Media allies and social-media trolls go into attack mode, as they do against Donald Trump, MAGA Republicans, and all other Christians/conservatives/constitutionalists. In Dr. Frank's case, they often impugn his credentials, attempting to discredit him as a "Big Lie huckster," "election denier," "so-called scientist," and "self-proclaimed expert." How does he answer these attacks?

"Well, I am a scientist, a real scientist, and my specialty in the academic world is the combination of physics and chemistry and mathematics," he says. "I did that for 40 years. I have 60 scientific peer-reviewed publications in leading journals. I have all the math, science, and computer skills that one would need to have to look at elections."

So, by what twist of fate did this scientist leave the laboratory for the political realm? Turns out he has been an avid election follower, analyst, and modeler for 40 years. And for 20 years, in addition to his scientific work, he taught high-IQ students — mostly high-school juniors and seniors — advanced mathematics that included election modeling. "We used to model the elections every [election] year," he explains. "And I was teaching them to do that. So, we would do the calculations and we would make the predictions. And it was kind of a fun thing, but it was a way to apply advanced math."



Which "Big Lie"? The Biden Big Media choir has repeated endlessly that Donald Trump's claims of election fraud are a "Big Lie." But the real Big Lie is the Big Media Lie that claims of fraud are "baseless," "groundless," and "debunked."

Frank gained a reputation for uncanny accuracy in his predictions, especially after the 2016 elections, when he had gone contrary to all the major-media "experts." "For example," he says, "I predicted that Trump was going to win in 2016, and I said the odds were 2 to 1. This was 13 months in advance of the election, before he had officially even entered the race."

Then came 2020. It upended his election-prediction winning streak. "And I was telling everybody it's 20 to 1 that Trump is going to win," he recounts. "And people would say to me, yeah, but what if the opposite side cheats and I would say, there's no way the other side can cheat enough to overturn this election. This is a huge election in favor of Trump. So, I was quite surprised when the results came out."

But in science, he notes, one has to be ready to abandon one's hypothesis if the evidence doesn't support it. "So, I was ready to abandon my hypothesis," he says, "because I just can't believe there can be that much cheating in the election."

"But then something interesting happened" that changed everything. He recounts:

The state of Pennsylvania had seen some of my work and they and some of the candidates there asked me to look at the election data in Pennsylvania. And I did. And in one afternoon's work I uncovered tons of very

suspicious things. I showed those suspicious things to the Legislature there in Pennsylvania, and they invited me on to a team of six people.

And we were able to have access to anything we needed in that state. We can ask for the computer logs. We could ask for copies of the rolls. We can look at ballots, we could look at anything we wanted. And it only took us as a team about a week to uncover massive — and I'm not exaggerating — massive amounts of fraud.

For example, in the county that I was working in, Montgomery County — that's the county where there were the four Supreme Court cases from Pennsylvania after the election — that was my focus county, we showed that one in five of the ballots were not from the person you thought it was from. So, there were stuffed ballots. There were illegally stuffed ballots.

We call those phantom ballots. An example would be a dead person. You have a ballot from a dead person that can't be real. You have a ballot from somebody who has lived in the state for ten years and they're voting in another state. So that's the sort of thing. So, we uncovered so much fraud.

At that time, I confess I was naive. I'm a scientist. I believe in truth and logic and evidence. And

I thought that if we presented that evidence that they would address it. After all, the Pennsylvania state Legislature is majority Republican. So, of course, they would love to see this evidence and that they would act upon it. Well, they did act upon it, but not how I anticipated.

What happened next was the wake-up moment for him:

The way the elections were being stolen was primarily through the voter rolls. And we showed them that. And so they agreed. And the state of Pennsylvania threw out their state voter rolls. They just threw out the whole thing and said, vep, this is corrupted, we need to rebuild the rolls. They hired a new company to rebuild those rolls. That contract was awarded for \$10 million on December 20th of 2020, and three days later the firm was bought by [Facebook/ Meta co-founder and CEO Mark] Zuckerberg. And I was surprised by that because we had shown that the Center for Tech and Civic Life — that's Zuckerberg's organization — had been responsible for a lot of manipulation in the rolls.

So, I was shocked by that. And I said to the officials ... I don't understand. Why are you putting the fox right back in the henhouse? I don't understand this. And what became clear to me is they weren't interested in fixing the problem. They were covering it up. So ... that was my first real kind of awakening "red pill" moment in all of this, to realize that some of the legislatures actually like the elections not being secure because it puts them in power and keeps them in power.

In other words, this is not a Republican versus Democrat issue. This is a "We the People" local elections versus central control, central-government control. And that's the oldest thing there is in government, right? Governments always seek to centralize power and centralize control. And once again, we're just relearning that lesson. We're essentially in a situation as a country where in every state



Zuckerbucks and fraud: Facebook billionaire Mark Zuckerberg's huge contributions to left-leaning nonprofits and election officials facilitated massive mail-in and Covid drop-box voting, enabling vote fraud on an unprecedented scale.

in the country, the elections are now centrally controlled by the state.

Elections are not actually controlled locally anymore. So that's the situation we're in. And, you know, that began my odyssey. You're right. I've been in 800 counties now, boots on the ground, meeting with local people. I've met with hundreds of legislators, dozens of AGs, dozens of secretaries of state. My original strategy was thinking — once again, naively — that I could meet with all these leaders and I could save the country.

But no, there's no interest from the top down in fixing the problem. So that's what I did mostly during 2021. So 2022, I changed strategy. You know, I'm slow, but I get there. And [in] 2022 I started meeting with local grassroots teams all around the country, and that has been immensely successful. You may have heard about Shasta County, California, for example, [in] Northern California an entire county that's basically taken back local control of their elections by not using any electronic systems, using paper poll books instead of electronic books, you know, paper ballots instead of voting machines, hand marked.

They hand count, hand tally, hand report. Why is that important? Because it puts control back at the county level. Doug Frank can't hack into their election from Ohio when they have it on paper. But if they have electronic machines, Doug Frank *can* hack into their election from Ohio. So that's why that's so important. I call it "voting Amish."

But, as any internet search result will show, if you type in "election fraud" you will get back, literally, millions of media responses claiming fraud concerns are "baseless," "groundless," "debunked," and "absurd." Dr. Frank disputes that Big Lie from Big Media and its political cronies, pointing specifically to Wisconsin, where an official investigation by former state Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman uncovered huge fraud problems. However, mimicking Pennsylvania, Wisconsin officials — both Republican and Democratic — teamed up for a coverup. Frank explains his exasperation with the RINO GOP leadership:

I met with — not just me, but two other experts as well — with Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, and we showed him the fraud. I mean, in Wisconsin, they hired Judge Gableman to do an investigation. He

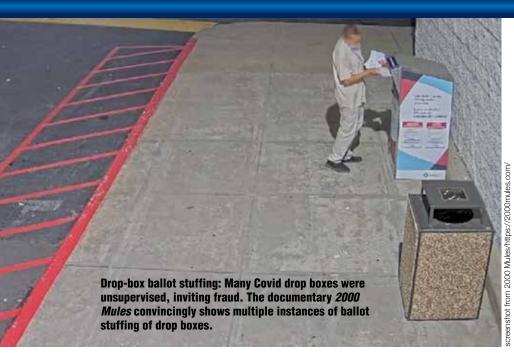
uncovered massive amounts of fraud. I mean, this is not speculation. This is not hypothesis. This is documented election fraud. And when we showed that to Speaker Robin Vos. he left that meeting, went into a public interview with 10 television cameras watching, and he said on camera to the world, yes, there is massive, widespread fraud in the state of Wisconsin, more than the margins. And when the journalists asked him what he was going to do about it, he said there's nothing we can do about it. In other words, they admit that the fraud is there, that it's widespread, that it's more than the margins.

Dr. Frank says he's hopeful that the current effort in the Legislature to impeach Meagan Wolfe, the head of the Wisconsin Election Commission, will succeed. That would be a step in the right direction.

There are myriad ways that election fraud can occur. What does Frank think is the main area of concern?

A lot of people suspect the machines are flipping ballots, and there are four documented cases of that proven in court that that was taking place. But to me, that's the minority. What I find the majority to be is what people call "ballot stuffing."

So, the way that works is this: There are a lot of people in the voter rolls who are not real voters. And you just basically put in ballots using those names. And it's not just me saving this. Just this year, in February, Judicial Watch and the Election Integrity Project of California (EIPCa) sued election officials in Los Angeles County — and won. Los Angeles County was required to remove 1.2 million people out of 5.3 million people from their voter rolls because they were there illegally. In other words, that's not just me hypothesizing. This is proven in court over and over again. A comprehensive Judicial Watch study showed even before the 2020 election, for example, that 350 counties in the United States had more people in their voter rolls than they had voting age people! Clearly, the voter



rolls are dirty, so that turns out to be the major way that the elections are stolen.

Judicial Watch is suing states for failing to comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which requires states to make "reasonable" efforts to clean up their voter rolls. It has won victories in Kentucky and Ohio, and has ongoing suits in Colorado, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Maine. Want an example of how dirty voter rolls are exploited for election fraud? Here's one from Dr. Frank:

Let me explain one simple way that can happen. So, for example, in Los Angeles County, I was speaking to some of the students at UCLA, and they were being offered \$200 a ballot by local NGOs, nongovernment organizations, who were out there harvesting votes.

They were saying, give us your ballot, we'll give you \$200. Well, some of the enterprising students there go back to the dorm and they order absentee ballots for all their college friends. Okay. So, all these ballots show up at the dorm in a big box. That student just takes that box down to the local NGO and gets \$200 per ballot. You can pay for tuition. So that's one way that ballot harvesting/ballot stuffing can take place. All those ballots are not

being completed by the actual people whose names are on the ballots. Somebody else completed that ballot, somebody else sealed it up, and then a ballot mule typically delivers it to a ballot drop box, as the movie 2000 Mules showed.

So that's just one way. Another way is there's tons of ballots that are mailed out where there are bad addresses, undeliverable addresses. And when that happens, those ballots can be collected and harvested. When the printers, the big commercial printers that send out ballots, have bad addresses, those can also be collected. So those are just three ways. I just gave three simple examples.

In the state of Wisconsin, I testified on December 8 of 2021, along with three other people, and we showed copies of the contracts between the Center for Tech and Civic Life, CTCL, and five major counties in Wisconsin. And the contracts state explicitly, if you accept this money — they call it the Zuckerbucks — if you accept this

money, you agree to put out *unsupervised drop boxes* in your community.

I mean, it's *that* blatant, right in the contract. So, what they're basically saying is, "We're

going to give you money. You have to give us your election."

Dr. Frank has also found that election software widely used in voting-machine systems across the nation has algorithms in place that are being used to inflate the voter rolls in a very sophisticated manner using U.S. Census data. The algorithms can insert excess "voters" and rig the election by fraudulently directing votes to the desired candidate. The uniformity with which this has occurred in hundreds of counties defies probability. he says, clearly demonstrating a coordinated fraud effort. This type of digital tampering is almost impossible to detect and prove, unless a forensic audit of the system is taken before the vote, during the vote, and after the vote. This is not being done anywhere.

In 2017, the Netherlands went back to paper ballots and counting by hand, largely spurred by fears of hacking by Russia or China. Dr. Frank points out that France and other countries have also dumped electronic voting and returned to paper ballots. Similarly, he notes, most countries demand voter identification and do not allow, or severely restrict, mail-in/absentee voting.

So what are his top recommendations for election integrity?

- Paper ballots (an auditable paper trail)
- In-person voting (no mail-in)
- One-day voting (no extended voting periods to multiply fraud opportunities)
 - Voter ID laws
 - Audit and clean voter rolls
 - Prosecute and punish fraud
- Abolish Motor Voter (under which anyone with a driver's license or on public assistance, regardless of citizenship or residency status, may register to vote in federal elections)
 - Abolish ballot drop boxes
- Transparency through citizen monitoring at small, local precincts ■



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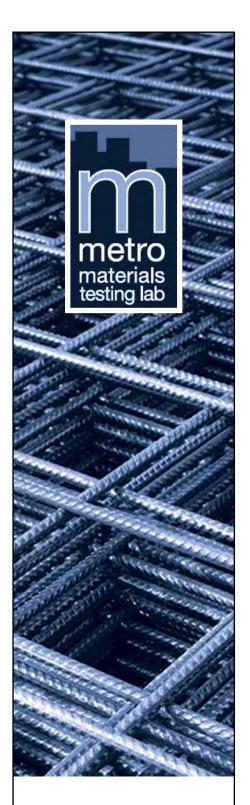
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RESTORING TRUE SCIENCE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

by Rebecca Terrell

ohn Droz of North Carolina is proof-positive that one person can move mountains. The retired physicist recently convinced his state's board of education to restore a vital component of school science curricula that had been ousted by leftists a decade ago.

The culprits in this drama are two documents: A Framework for K-12 Science Education, published in 2012 by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), and its companion document, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), released the following year by a consortium of state and national education groups.

On the surface, the publications seem innocuous and even praiseworthy. After all, who wouldn't support new and improved educational standards? But, says Droz, "the overall objective of the *Framework* and NGSS is to replace real science with political agendas."

He gives an example of a fifth grader presented with the assignment: "Discuss the benefits of wind energy." *Short-comings* are conveniently ignored, as are pros (and cons) of fossil fuels. In fact, any issue demonized by eco-radicals is simply not up for debate. As are their parents in the public forum, students are brainwashed in the classroom with the hackneyed mantra that "the science is settled."

The indoctrination begins long before fifth grade, however. Kindergartners are expected to "develop understanding of patterns and variations in local weather and the purpose of weather forecasting to prepare for, and respond to, severe weather," while third graders must hypothesize about how the "impact of weather-related hazards" might be reduced.

By the time they get to high school, students are accustomed to navigating the woeful world of bureaucratic eco-babble through projects such as developing an environmental policy that presents "a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and tradeoffs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics, as well as possible social, cultural and environmental impacts." What?

Bad Grades

With homework like this, it is small wonder that pundits at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute granted the "weak" program a middling grade of C in its June 2013 *Final Evaluation of the Next Generation Science Standards*. It's a damning assessment, considering that the nominally conservative education-policy think tank has been a great promoter of the destructive Common Core State Standards.

More-strident conservatives considered Fordham generous to NGSS; political commentator and Manhattan Institute fellow



Lagging behind: According to the international PISA test, science students in the United States trail far behind their peers in countries such as China, Japan, Canada, and the U.K.

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Heather Mac Donald was more severe. In a scathing 2013 *National Review* critique, she wrote that "the standards are a recipe for further American knowledge decline" because the "authors anticipate the possible elimination of traditional classes such as biology and chemistry from high school in favor of a more 'holistic' approach." She warned that "this contempt for traditional disciplines" spells doom for "American scientific literacy," since the conventional subjects "represent real bodies of knowledge that must be mastered before one can begin to be legitimately interdisciplinary."

Eight years later, the National Association of Scholars would prove Mac Donald's prophecy true in its report *Climbing Down: How the Next Generation Science Standards Diminish Scientific Literacy.*Comparing NGSS to the "disastrous" and "botched" Common Core, implemented a few years beforehand, and to the failure of so-called new math introduced in the 1960s, the report authors condemned NGSS as "an uncontrolled experiment in how to ruin education in the name of reform."

"The NGSS severely neglect content instruction, politicize much of the content that remains, largely in the service of a *diversity and equity* political agenda, and abandon instruction of the scientific method," reads the summary. (Emphasis in original.)

Promoters

That NGSS should earn such condemnation is no surprise when one considers who is behind this sweeping sell-out of American students. *Climbing Down* identifies the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) as one of its most notable promoters.

Indeed, that purveyor of all things progressive backs each of the organizations that took a lead role in development of the NGSS, including the *Framework's* crafter, NAS. Other recipients of BMGF largess include the National Science Teaching Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Likewise, the BMGF beneficiary organization that managed the NGSS development process (and which had played a similar role regarding Common Core) is a nonprofit called Achieve.

Formed in 1996, its backers amount to a list of usual suspects who fund virtually every radical agenda imaginable, from abortion and LGBT to open borders and gun control. Besides BMGF, Achieve

supporters include names such as AT&T, Carnegie, Cisco, DuPont, IBM, and Microsoft. Red-flag namesake financiers are the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies — all infamous promoters of leftist causes.

Trending Trash

Thanks to the lobbying clout of this radical bunch, 49 states and the District of Columbia currently use NGSS or have developed their own standards based on its foundational *Framework*.

That's great news for Columbia University's Climate School (CCS), which praises NGSS for its brainwashing capabilities. Its website explains that by targeting elementary- and secondary-school students with "man-made climate change" in science classes, "educated youth [will] develop personal connections to climate change solutions, and change their behaviors accordingly throughout their lives."

Eager to impose the indoctrination, Columbia laments that the standards are currently voluntary. But it applauds both New Jersey, which in 2020 "became the first state to mandate the teaching of climate change in all subjects beginning in kindergarten," and Connecticut, which followed suit in 2022, though limiting its dictate to science curricula.

Other states are sure to follow. E. Calvin Beisner of the Cornwall Alliance notes that in 2011, Maryland added "environmental literacy" to its basic skills required for graduation. Within two years, NGSS appeared on the scene as the perfect fit for Maryland, as well as for the other states that have since followed its example.

Legislators in Oregon have so far been unsuccessful in their attempts to mandate climate-change teaching in science classes. Nevertheless, NGSS still holds sway in their schools. In fact, Oregon is one of 26 "Lead NGSS States" whose educators contributed to creating the standards.

North Carolina also makes that dishon-





Undermining education: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation provides the financial muscle to most of the organizations responsible for the destructive *Next Generation Science Standards*.

orable list. (Only Florida remains entirely free from *Framework* and NGSS dictates.) However, the Tar Heel State owes a debt of gratitude to John Droz for helping to turn its situation around.

Change Agent

Droz has been researching the U.S. education system for decades. He has served on two local-level private-school boards, and he publishes an information-packed Substack entitled *Critically Thinking*. With degrees in physics and mathematics as well as a successful investing career to his credit, his expertise qualified him to testify before the U.S. Congress at the request of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee in 2012.

What concerned him then, as now, is the mediocre quality of American schools. He noticed that after pouring so many resources into education, the United States ranks only 25th in science on the international assessment test PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment). Our nation trails far behind countries such as China, Japan, Canada, and the U.K.

Coupled with this "sub-par science edu-

cation," Droz noticed an evident "indoctrination of progressive ideology" among U.S. students. It did not take him long to find the source of the problem in the NGSS and its *Framework*.

"I read a review of North Carolina's standards," he told *The New American*, "and was concerned that nowhere was the scientific method even mentioned."

Scientific Method

The scientific method is rooted in antiquity and "has long underpinned examination of the physical world and technological advancement," explains Gregory Wrightstone of the CO2 Coalition. It "requires that questions be asked, observations made and hypotheses formulated, tested, and proven or rejected." Most significantly, conclusions are "always subject to challenges with new evidence and insights." (Emphasis added.)

"The NGSS scraps this centuries-old process for computer models whose products are proof of nothing unless they are verified against real-world data and survive the challenges of new information," Wrightstone notes. Yet those who call the models out when they conflict with real-

world data are often "dismissed as 'science deniers."

With his penchant for critical thinking, Droz has certainly earned that label from the Left. Undeterred, he decided to examine the NGSS, and again came up emptyhanded; there was no mention of the scientific method. Finally, he researched the *Framework*.

"There was *one* sentence," he recalls, "that said the scientific method is being scrapped because 'it promotes linear thinking."

Immediately, Droz objected. Not only is linear (or analytical) thinking a good thing that students should learn, but the scientific method skillfully combines both linear and lateral (creative) thinking. Moreover, "the scientific method has been around for 4,000 years," he said. "And now this group of self-appointed experts is scrapping it? The audacity of that is mindblowing!"

However, "the real reason they don't want it around is because the scientific method is embarrassing them," Droz asserts. His Substack is full of examples of real-world proof that man-made climate change is nothing more than a political fiction used to rob us of our freedoms.

He calls the scientific method the "bedrock" of critical thinking and the "universal problem-solving tool," without which students "will repeatedly become easy marks of those who are cleverly packaging a wide assortment of self-serving agendas."

"Science is where critical thinking should be taught, as real scientists are skeptics and question things," notes Droz. "The Left does not want to teach this to students, so the K-12 science standards, based on the *Framework*, are divorced from critical thinking."

Taking Action

To his dismay, Droz found that no conservative organizations had taken the lead in resolving the problem. Taking matters into his own hands, he filed a written complaint

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with the North Carolina Department of Instruction and was informed that his was the only one (of around 14,000 comments they had received about the standards) that addressed the absence of the scientific method.

He further learned that, across the country, school curricula are decided by state boards of education. Many falsely believe that local school boards make those decisions, but the local level only determines which textbooks and materials will be used. State officials decide what is included in those resources.

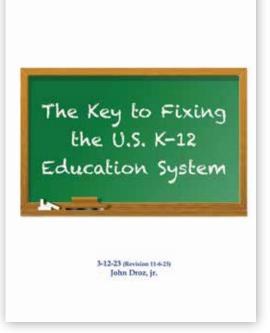
Why have so many state boards succumbed to such an inferior standard? Droz discovered that groups such as NAS, Achieve, and teachers unions, backed by ample BMGF support, approached "every single state board of education and made the pitch for NGSS."

"They knew from their Common Core experience how to get NGSS pushed through," he explains. "The Left is laser-focused on undermining science curricula," and they "would not be doing this if it wasn't powerful and effective."

So Droz decided to fight fire with fire. "I went to the 17-member North Carolina State Board of Education," he remembers, and made them aware of his concerns. He fielded (and ultimately demolished) many objections, and finally convinced them to redraft state standards. After several iterations, this past July the board approved an updated version that reinstates the scientific method as required material for K-12 schools in the state.

The news thrilled scientists across the globe. "Thanks to John Droz," wrote Jim Simpson of Australia's Climate Realists of Five Dock, "we have a small, albeit positive step forward in restoration of the scientific method... One can only but hope that same common-sense reaction gathers speed and spreads throughout education bodies globally."

John Dunn, physician, attorney, and policy advisor to The Heartland Institute, sent his praise to colleagues by email. "I have known and admired John Droz for more than 10 years," he wrote, noting that he "worked to get the [scientific] method as part of the



curriculum in N.C. Good for him.... Send him an uurah."

Eternal Vigilance

Droz calls the victory an "education game-changer," and remains optimistic that state officials will soon address other concerns he has. After all, though North Carolina's update now includes the scientific method, the fight is far from over. Droz cautions that NGSS is still the board's go-to for curriculum dictates. Of course, he wants it tossed altogether, but he knows that will not likely happen in one fell swoop. "My next goal," he declares, "is to get critical thinking actually taught in U.S. K-12 science classes."

He also points out that most other states require someone to dedicate this same level of diligence in both reinstat-

ing the scientific method as a curriculum staple and ultimately removing the *Framework* and NGSS entirely.

To get people started, he composed a report called *The Key to Fixing the U.S. K-12 Education System*, available on his website, c19science.info. The well-organized PDF contains three short overview chapters that identify both the problems and the solution, followed by nearly two dozen appendices packed with detailed information and a step-by-step guide for concerned parents and educators.

He is certain that a grassroots effort is the only hope for the country's schools — and for its future.

"Regretfully, almost no one on the right is doing anything meaningful about this integral part of our education system," he laments. Though he acknowledges that education is not a proper function of government, he points out that public education is here to stay, at least for the short term, and even private and parochial schools are adversely affected by the *Framework* and NGSS.

"Taking full advantage of this lack of attention, progressives have aggressively infiltrated the curriculum of subjects like science and history with deception and misinformation. This results in some three million propagandized new U.S. citizens every year. For America to survive, we simply cannot let this continue."

Sports Legends Support Israeli Boy Who Lost Entire Family

Decent people around the world are still reeling from the shocking terror attack that took place in southern Israel on October 7. As we contemplate the horror, we cannot help but think of the children who have been orphaned by the attacks. Twelveyear-old Ariel Zohar lost not only his parents that day, but also his two older sisters and his grandmother. Ariel is a big sports fan, so a group of NFL and NBA players teamed up to record a special birthday message for his 13th birthday in an effort to offer him just a little bit of hope in this otherwise dark time.

The video featured NFL legends Dez Bryant and DeSean Jackson and NBA legends and current players Tyler Herro, Isaiah Thomas, Terance Mann, Marcus Morris, Michael Porter, Jr., and Glen "Big Baby" Davis, and was posted on X and Instagram on November 3.

"I just want to wish you a happy 13th birthday," Tyler Herro said in the video. "My prayers are with you. I hope you keep your head high and enjoy this amazing day you turn 13. You have our support here in Miami, and God bless you, and I hope you have an amazing day."

DeSean Jackson added, "Stay strong during these tough times," and told Ariel, "I'm saluting you. You got it, brother. We are all with you. Much love, bro."

"What's up Ariel. This is Dez Bryant," the former Cowboys player said. "Just want to stop by and wish you a happy birthday. Stay blessed. Stay strong. You got some real ones behind you."

"The words ... I can't describe what you've been going through," said Glen Davis. "I just know that I'm praying for you for healing, praying for you for a great, bright future, man, and we love you, man... I love you, Ariel. Happy birthday, my man. Keep your head up, bro. We're supporting you, man."

"Stay strong, do your thing, do what you gotta do," Terance Mann told Ariel. "You got our support in LA from the Clippers."

"I want to wish you a Happy 13th Birth-

day and happy Bar Mitzvah from your guy 'IT,'" said Isaiah Thomas. "Praying for you, stay strong, stay on your slow grind, all love, praying for you, stay strong, happy 13th birthday."

Marcus Morris added, "I wanted to wish you a happy birthday. I'm praying for you and your family."

"I heard you turned 13 and so I just wanted to wish you a happy birthday. I'm praying for you and everybody out there," said Michael Porter, Jr.

The video has more than four million views on X and Instagram.

Once Lost, Now Found

When 10-year-old Plymouth, Massachusetts, elementary-school student Connor Datri lost his heart-shaped locket engraved with his late mother's initials and fingerprint and containing her ashes, he feared he would never see it again. But thanks to Lou Asci, Connor has been reunited with this special memento.

Connor's mother tragically died in a car accident three years ago, his grandmother, Melissa Moriarty, told Boston 25 News. The locket was one of the few items he had of hers, and he was devastated when he realized it was missing while walking across a soccer field next to West Elementary School.

"He wears it all the time, and he only takes it off when he showers," Moriarty told Boston 25. "He feels the closeness with his mom, that she's always going to be there.... This is like the only thing that he really has of his mom."

When Boston 25 News aired a segment on Connor's lost locket, Asci was moved to act. While many people had already attempted to help Connor locate the necklace, none of them but Asci had a metal detector. Asci joined several other locals who had been searching the field for the necklace, and after three days of searching, found it on October 26.

"I was just about ready to finish that quadrant of the field, and that's when I got the hit," he told the news outlet. "When I got the hit, it was a big, high-tone signal, and I immediately thought it was a quarter. And then, I saw the heart shape."

When Asci returned the necklace to Connor, the young boy and his grand-mother became emotional and were full of gratitude. It was impossible for Asci to not feel emotional as well, knowing what Connor had been through and that losing the necklace re-created an incredible pain that no young child should have to experience.

Heroic Citizens Help Officer

Two Florida men became overnight heroes after they aided Florida law enforcement in the arrest of a home-invasion and carjacking suspect on October 24, WKMG 6 reported.

The suspect, Michael Prouty, allegedly forced his way into a woman's house, robbed her, and stole her car before leading police on a chase. After crashing into several vehicles, he fled the scene on foot. A passerby, identified as Tom Episcopo, saw what happened and grabbed hold of Prouty, but he managed to escape. Police said Episcopo's intervention helped slow Prouty down as police were in hot pursuit.

Prouty then approached a female driver at a nearby Starbucks and attempted to steal her car. But as soon as he was able to get into the vehicle, a second heroic citizen intervened and pulled him out, prompting Prouty to run off again. He was followed closely by the man, who managed to hold him behind Starbucks for a few moments until police were able to secure him with handcuffs, the Ocala Police explained in their statement.

The second citizen has not been identified, but Ocala Police Chief Mike Balken expressed his gratitude to both men for their heroics and encouraged them to consider joining the police force.

"We are proud of these two citizens for their heroic action, for helping our officers make the arrest, and for keeping our community safe," Chief Balken said. "We would like to let these heroic citizens know that we are currently hiring police officers, and we invite them to apply to our agency!"

- Raven Clabough

THE FOUNDING FATHERS This is part of an article originally published in our Collector's Edition "Self Reliance: the Foundation of Freedom."

America's Founding Fathers understood the importance of self-reliance, and were committed to making America a self-reliant nation.

by Joe Wolverton II, J.D.

he United States of America, a country of unparalleled liberty and unique federal structure, was founded on the bedrock principles of liberty and independence. Much of the character of our country is directly attributable to the visionary wisdom of its Founding Fathers. Among the paramount virtues that served as polestars guiding their revolutionary voyage, the quality of self-reliance was of inestimable value to our Founding Fathers. Embodying this quality, their writings, actions, and deep-seated beliefs not only molded the country's foundation, but also blazed a trail to be followed by a society that reveres individual freedom and limited government intervention.

The Founding Fathers and Self-reliance: An Unwavering Commitment

Self-reliance, in the context of the Founding Fathers, was far more than a personal virtue. To fully grasp the depth of their commitment to self-reliance, we must examine their own words and deeds, which eloquently bear testament to their profound belief. While this is certainly no complete collection of the testimonies of our Founding Fathers on the importance of self-reliance and its inextricable relationship with freedom, the following selections should suffice to demonstrate to the reader the devotion of our Founding Generation to that principle.

Benjamin Franklin: The Quintessential Selfreliant American

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Benjamin Franklin, a polymath of the American Enlightenment, epitomized self-reliance in both his personal life and his political philosophy. His *Poor Richard's Almanack* brimmed with aphorisms that exalted virtues such as hard work, thrift, and individual responsibility. Within its pages, Franklin succinctly encapsulated the essence of self-reliance with the phrase, "God helps them that help themselves." This maxim serves as a timeless reminder of the spirit of self-reliance, in which individuals are not just encouraged, but expected, to take the initiative and dil-



igently labor to enhance their own lives.

Franklin's commitment to self-reliance transcended his personal ethos; it extended into his fervent advocacy for self-governance. He ardently argued that a self-reliant citizenry was not just desirable but absolutely crucial for the success of a republic. Franklin firmly asserted, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom." His belief was that a self-reliant populace, grounded in moral virtue, would collectively make judicious decisions and contribute to the common good without the crutch of government intervention.

Thomas Jefferson: The Individualist Champion of Agrarian Ideals

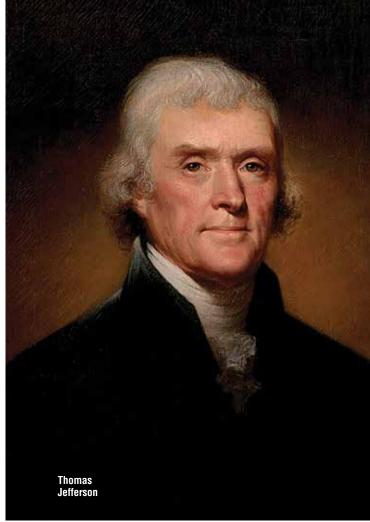
Thomas Jefferson, revered as the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, emerged as a staunch advocate of individualism and self-reliance. His vision for the United States was deeply rooted in agrarian ideals, in which yeoman farmers and landowners played a pivotal role. In Jefferson's view, these self-reliant individuals, diligently tilling their land and responsibly managing their affairs, constituted the very bedrock of a robust and free society. In his *Notes on the State of Virginia*, Jefferson explained his opinion on why farmers were uniquely qualified to thrive in a republic:

Those who labour in the earth are the chosen people of God, if ever he had a chosen people, whose breasts he has made his peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue. It is the focus in which he keeps alive that sacred fire, which otherwise might escape from the face of the earth. Corruption of morals in the mass of cultivators is a phenomenon of which no age nor nation has furnished an example. It is the mark set on those, who not looking up to heaven, to their own soil and industry, as does the husbandman, for their subsistence, depend for it on the casualties and caprice of customers.

Jefferson's immortal words in the Declaration of Independence resonate profoundly with the spirit of self-reliance: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Here, the pursuit of happiness, a concept intrinsically linked to individual self-determination, is emphatically highlighted as an inherent right, best realized through self-reliance.

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George Washington: Leading by the Example of Self-reliance

George Washington, the indispensable figure of the American War for Independence and the union's inaugural president, embodied self-reliance through his leadership and actions. His life story, from a young surveyor to a military commander and statesman, underscored the immeasurable value of self-reliance in shaping one's destiny.

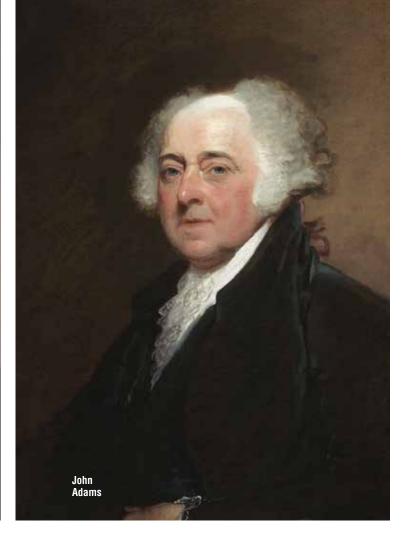
In his "Farewell Address," Washington imparted a sage warning against excessive reliance on government, stating, "As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is to use it as sparingly as possible, avoiding occasions of expense by cultivating peace." This wisdom reflects his unwavering belief in fiscal responsibility and individual self-sufficiency.

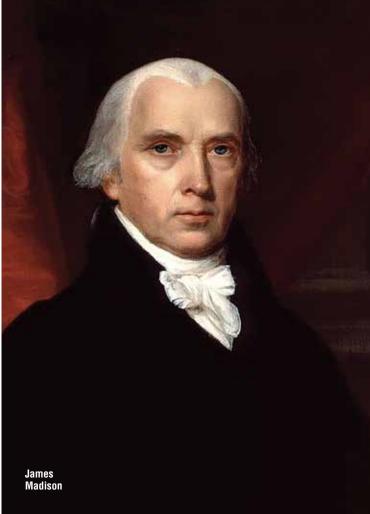
Later in that same discourse, Washington tied the fate of liberty in America to the security of each citizen in the protection of his personal rights and personal property. Washington declared:

Liberty itself will find in such a government, with powers properly distributed and adjusted, its surest guardian. It is, indeed, little else than a name, where the government is too feeble to withstand the enterprises of faction, to confine each member of the society within the limits prescribed by the laws, and to maintain all in the secure and tranquil enjoyment of the rights of person and property.

John Adams: Defender of Liberty Through Self-reliance

John Adams, the second president of the United States and a resolute advocate for American independence, recognized that self-reliance was not just a personal virtue but also a bulwark for liberty. In his "A Dissertation on the Canon and the Feudal Law," No. 3, published in 1765, Adams eloquently declared, "Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood."





Adams astutely understood that a populace capable of relying on its own efforts and sacrifices for its well-being was less susceptible to the seductive promises of luxury and ease offered by tyrannical governments. Self-reliance, in his view, constituted a formidable defense against despotic designs to deny our people liberty — the liberty granted to us by God and secured by us through hard work, virtue, and vigilance.

James Madison: Property and Virtue Provide Prosperity

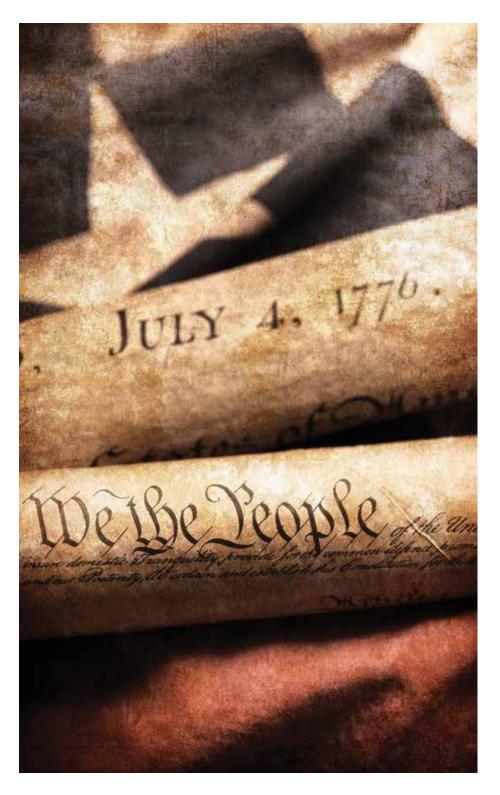
Known to history as the "Father of the Constitution," James Madison was a man of unrivaled virtue. In response to a question about Madison's comportment while a student at Princeton, Dr.

John Witherspoon, who was president of that university during Madison's years there, said, "In the whole career of Mr. Madison at Princeton, [I] had never known him to do or say an indiscreet thing." That's certainly not something most of us could say of our own behavior while in college!

Madison's virtue was matched by his erudition. He was a man who from his earliest years was given to long hours of study and contemplation. He was born with delicate health but a vigorous mind. Of all the top tier in the pantheon of Founding Fathers, Madison is perhaps the one possessed of the widest and deepest understanding of the lessons learned from studying history.

In his survey of the history of past and present commonwealths called "Notes on Ancient and Modern Confederacies," Madison noted the sad habit of formerly self-governing societies to gradually descend into despotism. Madison surmised from his study of thousands of years of history of republics that without a regularly reinforced commitment by every citizen to practice virtue, vigilance, and valor, a commonwealth was not sustainable. To that end, he made the following observation and recommendation:

The life of the husbandman is preeminently suited to the comfort and happiness of the individual. Health, the first of blessings, is an appurtenance of his property and his employment. Virtue, the health of the soul, is another part of his patrimony, and no less favored by his situation. Intelligence may be cultivated in this as well as any other walk of life. If the mind be less susceptible of polish in retirement than in a crowd, it is more capable of profound and comprehensive efforts. Is it more ignorant of some things? It has a compensation in its ignorance of others. Competency is more universally the lot of those who dwell in the country, when liberty is at the same time their lot. The extremes of both want and of waste have other abodes.



Self-reliance Woven Into the Nation's Fabric

The Founding Fathers' commitment to self-reliance was not a mere abstraction; it was intricately woven into the very structure of the American federation.

Limited Government: A Vehicle for Self-reliance

The Founding Fathers' deep-seated skepticism of centralized power found eloquent expression in the U.S. Constitution. This foundational document, with its ingenious system of checks and balances, was meticulously designed to limit the government's reach and zealously safeguard individual liberties. This system tacitly acknowledged that a self-reliant citizenry, capable of governing its own affairs and making decisions in its best interests, formed the cornerstone of a thriving commonwealth.

If every person's right to provide for himself and to protect that right was enshrined in the Constitution, the Founders realized, then a community of such people could be prosperous. If a government was allowed to encroach on and interfere in the lives of individuals, however, then the path to prosperity would be strewn with tyrannical traps and regulatory redirection. It was essential to the vitality of the country, then, for individuals to be guaranteed a government granted only those "few and defined" powers absolutely necessary to keep the path to prosperity clear of obstacles. Left to their own devices, Americans were a people able and willing to work for all they obtained....

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New York vs. NRA

Anti-gun public officials have been on the warpath for a few years now trying to harass and intimidate gun owners and gunrights advocacy groups, but such efforts in New York might backfire. Ian Millhiser, writing at Vox, reported on November 6 that the superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS), Maria Vullo, "did something incomprehensibly stupid" that might result in a massive loss for anti-gunners at the U.S. Supreme Court. Vox is notoriously anti-gun, and the fact that Millhiser is bemoaning the situation is a great indicator of how badly Vullo messed up.

Vullo began an investigation in 2017 into the NRA's insurance program, "Carry Guard," which provided liability coverage for people involved in a self-defense shooting. During the investigation, Vullo sent correspondence to insurance companies seemingly threatening them if they engaged in any business with the NRA or other gun-advocacy organizations. Vullo wrote that insurers should "continue evaluating and managing their risks, including reputational risks, that may arise from their dealings with the NRA or similar gun promotion organizations."

As Millhiser explained, "To be clear, this guidance did not explicitly threaten to take any action against insurers who continued to do lawful business with the NRA. But that does not change the fact that DFS, an agency whose responsibilities include law enforcement, and that had recently brought a \$13 million enforcement action against insurance companies that did [allegedly] illegal business with the NRA, was now suggesting that those same companies might face consequences if they did other, legal business with the NRA.... This guidance, and similar ... communications between DFS and the insurance industry, do potentially violate the First Amendment. While the Constitution permits a government official to ask any company to stop doing business with the NRA, it does not typically permit the government to coerce private businesses into halting lawful business with an advocacy group. And DFS's guidance, which was issued so soon after DFS opened its Carry Guard investigation, looks suspiciously like coercion."

Millhiser added, "It's not hard to read that guidance as a coercive attempt to punish the NRA because New York's government disagrees with the NRA's political advocacy in favor of looser gun laws." The NRA sued, and now the case is before the Supreme Court. Court observers believe it's likely the NRA will prevail.

This news comes on the heels of other bad news for anti-gunners. Fox News reported on October 2 that a "New York judge ordered [New York] state to pay nearly half a million dollars in legal fees to the National Rifle Association (NRA) after the gun rights group won a [different] major case at the Supreme Court."

That lawsuit involved the state's handgun permitting process, which required applicants to show an ill-defined "proper cause" before a permit could be issued. The Supreme Court struck down the law because, as Justice Clarence Thomas explained, "the Second and Fourteenth Amendments protect an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home," and the State of New York's requirement to show a special need "violates the Constitution."

Michael Jean, NRA's director of the Office of Litigation Counsel, told Fox News that the "NRA regards the \$447K award in the *NYSRPA v. Bruen* case as a pivotal victory, a symbol that justice is definitively on our side."

"Thank Goodness for the Good Samaritan"

This wild story out of Houston involved a drug deal gone wrong that escalated into a freeway shooting that came to an end because a good guy with a gun intervened. Fox26houston.com reported that the culprit in the shooting, 32-year-old Jonathan Aleman, was sentenced to 60 years in prison on November 1. Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg applauded the sentencing and released a statement proclaiming, "There is no place in our community for this kind of extreme gun violence.... People can't settle their disputes with a gun,

and they certainly can't start shooting on a freeway crowded with innocent commuters and kids."

Aleman admitted to tracking his two victims after they stole from a friend of his over a botched drug deal. Aleman crashed his sedan into the victims' Nissan Sentra, causing both vehicles to stop in the middle of the freeway. He then exited his vehicle and opened fire on the Nissan, fatally wounding both occupants. Aleman continued to shoot until a man who was described as a "good Samaritan" from a nearby vehicle opened fire on him, causing him to flee the scene.

Law enforcement was able to identify Aleman as the suspect and gather enough evidence to prosecute him for his crimes. Assistant District Attorney Karen Barney summarized the chaos that transpired by saying, "People on the East Freeway that day thought this was some type of mass shooting and everyone was terrified.... Thank goodness for the good Samaritan who forced the gunman back into his car and off the highway."

Kamala Praises Gun Confiscation

Fox News reported on October 26 about how Vice President Kamala Harris was a bit too honest in some of her public remarks. Harris was speaking at a State Department luncheon with the Australian prime minister, and began complaining about "gun violence." She stated, "Let us be clear, it does not have to be this way - as our friends in Australia have demonstrated." The demonstration Harris was referring to was when Australia introduced the 1996 National Firearms Agreement, which banned many previously permitted firearms and implemented a mandatory "gun buyback" program that collected "nearly 700,000 privately-owned firearms," as Fox News explained. Anti-gun activists love the term "mandatory gun buyback" because they think it sounds more palatable than "gun confiscation," but those of us who are paying attention know what they really mean. ■

— Patrick Krey



Is Dinesh D'Souza's *Police State* Too Late? Not if We Act Now!

by William F. Jasper

GB. Gestapo. Stasi. DGI. We all know the names. Every totalitarian regime has its enforcement arm, its dreaded police apparatus. These evil entities exist to strike terror into the hearts of citizens and make them comply with the regime's dictates. Americans have been uniquely blessed to not have a national police force that could be bent in that despotic direction. In establishing our Constitution, the Founders wisely placed police powers in the hands of state and local governments. But that has changed.

The FBI, which generations of Americans once trusted and respected, has morphed into a completely politicized tool of oppression. Millions of Americans have awakened to the fact that our country is rapidly descending into madness



and chaos. Simultaneously, the forces that have brought us the growing social anarchy are the same forces that are busily hemming us into their new prison state, which grows more totalitarian with each passing day. Still, many people shake their heads in disbelief, unable to grasp the full import of the harsh truth revealed in the unmistakable evidence that is staring them in the face. As the events of the past two-plus years since Joe Biden

entered the White House have amply proved, America is already far along on its way to being a full-blown police state.

Police State, the new documentary from award-winning filmmaker and author Dinesh D'Souza and popular radio host Dan Bongino, has arrived at a crucial moment to bring an urgent warning that we are headed down a fatal path, and that we must put on the brakes and reverse course — before it's too late. The film is hard hitting and fast paced, packing real footage and dramatizations together with interviews of elected officials, federal whistleblowers, and police-state victims into a powerful one-hour, 50-minute package.

Individuals interviewed in Police State include Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Representative Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), FBI whistleblowers Kyle Seraphin and Steve Friend, Health and Human Services whistleblower Tara Lee Rodas, former federal prosecutor and presidential advisor Kash Patel, and journalists Julie Kelly, Peter Schweizer, and Darren Beattie. D'Souza has also included powerful interviews with victims whose lives were turned upside down after they were falsely targeted as "domestic extremists" by the Biden DOJ/FBI. Especially gut-wrenching is the interview with 71-year-old Joseph Bolanos, who was arrested in an FBI smash-and-grab

THE REVIEW



Riveting reveal: Dinesh D'Souza introduces his powerful new documentary *Police State*, made in collaboration with political commentator, radio-show host, and former NYPD officer and Secret Service agent Dan Bongino.

raid at the Manhattan apartment of his 94-year-old mother, whom he was caring for. His crime? Bolanos had gone to Washington, D.C., for the January 6 rally with President Trump. He did not go inside the Capitol. In fact, he was with friends at the JW Marriott, a 30-minute walk away, when the Capitol breach occurred; by the time they reached the Capitol grounds they didn't like the look of things and decided to go no further.

"Joseph Bolanos was a pillar of his community," Miranda Devine wrote in the *New York Post* in June 2021. "President of his Upper West Side block association for the past 23 years, he looked out for his neighbors during the pandemic. He dropped off masks and kept extra heaters in his rent-controlled apartment for seniors. He raised morale with a weekly street dance to show his support for essential workers. A Red Cross volunteer after the 9/11 attacks, the 69-year-old security consultant once received a police commendation for heroism after saving a woman from being mugged."

In short, Joseph Bolanos has been a model citizen. He's no terrorist or violent extremist. Ironically, he's a lifelong registered Democrat who liked many of Trump's policies, but was not a "Trump fanatic." But Joe Biden, Attorney General Merrick Garland, and FBI Director Christopher Wray were (and still are) on a J6 witch hunt, and any "MAGA Republican" will do as a target in their attempt to "prove" that America is awash in violent "insurrectionists."

Witches must be found, so Bolanos was fated to join thousands of other law-abiding Americans who would be violently rousted out of their homes, shackled, and publicly humiliated in made-for-TV-news "perp walks." NBC had been tipped off and had a camera crew there to film his shame and to record statements of neighborhood residents regarding their shock that Bolanos was "that kind" of dangerous person to participate in the J6 "insurrection." After being held for hours in an FBI vehicle, he suffered a stroke and had to be taken by ambulance to a hospital. He is now stroke-disabled and walks with difficulty, using a cane. He has been branded an "enemy of the state," his good reputation is ruined, and neighbors shun him as an untouchable.

The Bolanos segment is augmented in

Police State with footage of the FBI raid taken from a camera that the Feds didn't notice. At the beginning of the raid, the lead FBI agent can be seen putting tape over the Ring camera on Bolanos' door, obviously thinking that would prevent recording of their deeds. However, a second camera captured dramatic footage of their raid. They ransacked the apartment, overturning everything and leaving it in shambles. Bolanos has left it that way, and the film shows it in that state, a fitting metaphor for the violent upending of the rule of law and due process that the Biden police state is visiting upon us.

Mark Houck, the pro-life father of seven whose family was terrorized in an early morning, no-warrant, SWATstyle raid, is another interviewee. The FBI assault squad arrived in a convoy of more than a dozen vehicles with a platoon of agents armored up in battle gear like Marines storming Baghdad in search of Saddam Hussein. They pointed their weapons at Mrs. Houck and the horrified children as they dragged Mr. Houck away in shackles and trashed the Houck family home, ostensibly in search of "evidence." Incidentally, a jury subsequently acquitted Mark Houck of all the trumped-up charges brought by the Garland-led DOJ.

We are living in unprecedented times for America. The Deep State Biden administration not only is brazenly weaponizing the Justice Department to go after Biden's top opponent in the upcoming 2024 election, but also is going full scorched-earth against all of its "enemies," from President Trump, Roger Stone, and Peter Navarro to moms who speak out at school-board meetings against LGBTQ indoctrination of their children and Catholics who attend the traditional Latin Mass. They are using the iron fist of government to crush all opposition and terrorize all potential opposition into quivering submission.

"Police State' is a movie that I never wanted to make," Dinesh D'Souza says on the movie's website, "because I never wanted America to get to a point where a movie like this needed to be made. I feel like the animal that alerts the herd to approaching danger, so we can take precautionary steps before it's too late."

Longtime readers of The New Ameri-

can know that this magazine has been sounding the warning on this fundamental issue for decades. Our 1994 special issue "Toward a Police State," produced during the Clinton regime, and our 2002 special issue "The Rising Police State," published during the Bush II regime, are but two of the many detailed reports we have produced itemizing the ominous measures being put into place under the guise of the "war on terrorism," the "war on drugs," and the "war on extremism."

D'Souza reminds us that the police state we are now facing was built with bipartisan hands. Senator Rand Paul points out that his father, Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas), was one of the most outspoken opponents of the misnamed USA Patriot Act, by which Republican President George W. Bush and Republicans in Congress put in place the weaponized structures that the Deep State Bidenistas are now using against us. To his credit, D'Souza admits that, following 9/11, he fell for the Patriot Act bait, believing it was needed to protect us against terrorism. Back then, those of

us who could clearly see the long-term dangers inherent in empowering the federal government with these vast new unconstitutional, omnipotent powers were denounced as "anti-government," "extremist," "far right," "fascist" — all the usual smear descriptors. Decades later, the police state chickens have come home to roost.

But, what is a "police state?" In essence, it is lawlessness enshrined in law, with the outlaws in charge. D'Souza lists the characteristics of all police states: mass surveillance of citizens, systematic censorship, ruthless suppression of opposition parties, mass political and ideological indoctrination, holding of political prisoners, persecution of religion, and absence of judicial due process. The United States of America is already far down that road. In *Police State*, D'Souza has connected the dots, showing how we got to our present predicament.

There is, however, a weakness in D'Souza's otherwise excellent presentation, in that he fails to focus on the central issue of our escalating police-state

crisis. The real crisis is not so much that federal police agencies are abusing their powers, but that in many cases their very existence is an abuse of police powers that are reserved in our Constitution to state, county, and local governments. It is axiomatic that a massive national police force such as we have allowed to surround us — allegedly to protect us against terrorists and "domestic extremists" — will ultimately be used by the political powers that be to take our freedom from us. That is precisely what we see happening today.

As mentioned above, among the vital checks and balances against tyranny that our Founding Fathers built into our Constitution was the safeguard against a national police force that could impose the dictates of federal politicians and their unaccountable bureaucratic minions. It was in defense of this prudent constitutional principle that The John Birch Society (the parent organization of *The New American*) established its Support Your Local Police (SYLP) Committees decades ago, with the motto "Support Your Local Police and Keep Them Independent." Like the Founders, the JBS and SYLP Committees recognized that local police can become corrupt and abusive, but that the remedies for this are much more attainable. and the dangers far less severe, than is the case with a national police force serving federal masters. Unfortunately, the biggest police-state offender, the FBI, was just rewarded on November 8 (thanks to the help of 70 Republicans in the House) with \$375 million for a new headquarters building. The politicians who voted for this should be booted from office. And if several million more people see this film, that may well happen.

Police State opened in limited theatrical release at hundreds of cinemas nationwide on October 23 and October 25, and was followed by an online streaming release on October 27.

This is a must-see film for everyone. Don't think that you can evade the emerging police state by running and hiding, or by adopting a "non-controversial" persona. As the poetic warning reminds us: "No one is safe when freedom fails; the best men rot in filthy jails. And those who cried 'Appease, Appease' are hanged by those they tried to please."



Unprecedented abuse: The Biden DOJ/FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago and the ongoing related prosecution against Trump is blatant, naked retaliation against a political opponent.

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The "Gilded Cage" and the Gulag

by William P. Hoar

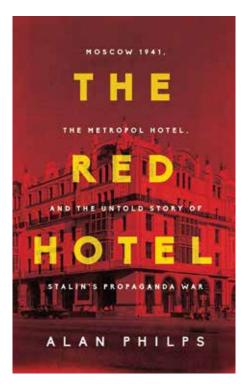
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n old unamusing joke about the Lubyanka, the headquarters of the secret police in Moscow, is that it is the tallest building in the city: You can see Siberia from its basement.

The Red Hotel: Moscow 1941, the Metropol Hotel, and the Untold Story of Stalin's Propaganda War by Alan Philps centers on a building not too far away in the Russian capital, one built in 1905 that became known as a "gilded cage" for its residents in the later years of World War II. It also led to Siberia or elsewhere in the gulag for some of those who ran afoul of the masters of the Communist Party if they helped to reveal too much to the Western journalists residing in the once-luxurious, then-faded Metropol Hotel.

While the story revolves mainly around the wartime "Red Hotel" and those within, it's much more than that. Drawing from memoirs, Soviet sources, and British archives, as well as interviews, we consider the widely varied backgrounds of the players and, in several cases, their postwar lives. We can only hint at some here — considering the range involved when one chapter, say, covers the making of a revolutionary in 1917, and another, set in 1977, is entitled "From the Arctic to the Côte d'Azur."

For instance, as we learn late in this valuable volume, a major character, a Jewish Ukrainian woman named Nadya Ulanovskaya, gets a 15-year sentence in a "corrective labor camp" under Article 58 of the criminal code. This includes all sorts of crimes of "anti-Soviet activity." In her case, that included supposedly revealing state secrets to an Australian correspondent. The crimes were presumably



discerned from that journalist's postwar novel. The sentence was handed down, even though, from Nadya's standpoint, "Throughout three years of interrogation she had admitted only one thing: that in 1937 she had doubted that there were so many traitors and enemies of the people in the country."

Why was a pack of reporters in Moscow, when Joseph Stalin had for years made the press so unwelcome? In short: British Prime Minister Winston Churchill thought it would be a good idea, and Communist dictator Stalin was not in a good spot to say no — since the military forces of his erstwhile "non-aggression pact" partner, Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, were now headed toward Moscow.

That, however, did not mean that Soviet censorship would be relaxed or that the correspondents would be free to travel or write what they wanted. Stalin already had complete control over domestic printed media, and all Russian radio sets had just been ordered to be handed over to authorities. The NKVD (Soviet secret police) retained its tight restraints.

Readers may be familiar with a few of the journalists involved, while the (variously named) secretaries and translators and fixers are largely unknown to the general public. Indeed, when the author started his book, he said, the original idea was to highlight the Allied correspondents and the pressures they faced to make them "into mouthpieces of Kremlin propaganda and even assets of Soviet espionage." When his plans changed, the story improved.

The more research that he did, writes Alan Philps, "the clearer it became that the heroes of this story were the female Soviet translators who were the eyes and ears of the visiting journalists." Though these women were recruited, he acknowledges, "by the Soviet secret police and believed to be loyal to the regime, some of them contrived, at huge personal risk, to reveal the truth about life under Stalin." While this sounds like a sales pitch, Philps is correct when he says that this is "the first time the story of these women has been told"—at least to a broader audience.

He dedicates the book to the "unsung heroes" who "enable foreign correspondents to appear well-informed, brave and wise." Philps previously served as Moscow correspondent for Reuters and *Daily Telegraph*.

Spying in the United States

Readers can decide for themselves how heroic it is to be a revolutionary seeking worldwide revolution, as well as to be embedded in a Soviet spy ring in the United States and elsewhere. That, and much more, is in the background of Nadya (to stick with her account for a bit). Her husband, usually rendered as "Alex" in The Red Hotel, had an even longer, wilder career that went back to his being a young anarchist who was sentenced to exile in Siberia under the tsars. He later made a sensational escape. (Also there with Alex at the time was a certain "morose Georgian," says Philps, who further observes that "None of the exiles thought Josef Stalin would amount to anything.")

In this family, Nadya was an avowed Communist Party member, while Alex was not. That said, well-known former U.S. Communist Whittaker Chambers was the first recruit for Alex's espionage cell, and Alex was Chambers' superior in the underground. (For more, refer to Chambers' 1952 book *Witness* and Sam Tanenhaus' book *Whittaker Chambers*, first published in 1997. Philps refers to both sources.) The network, in the early 1930s, was decidedly not a debating soci-

ety or a study group, as the author makes clear. (That said, Philps feels obliged to toss out a gratuitous line about this matter "setting off a 'Reds under the Bed' scare that poisoned U.S. politics in the 1950s.")

Back to the facts. The Soviet dictator, writes Philps,

wanted American designs for tanks, submarines, and other military kit the Russians could build for themselves. Alex and Nadya were in New York to steal these plans.

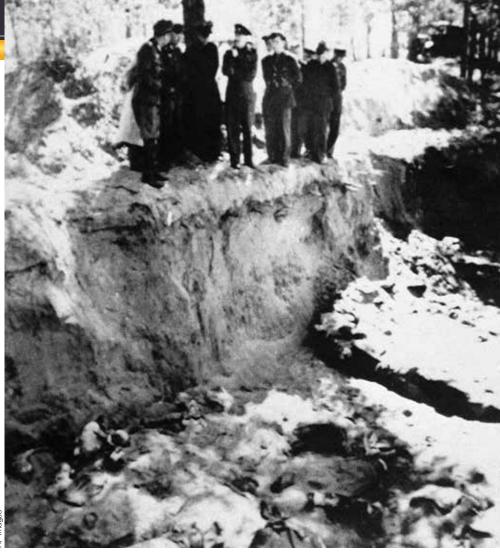
Alex's New York spy network was made up of recruits provided by the American Communist Party who would be working in the party's "underground apparatus." Members of this secret arm of the party sought out sympathetic workers in naval yards and arms industries who could provide blueprints of military technology for copying and sending to Moscow.

After a couple of years in the United States, the Ulanovskayas returned to Moscow. Alex took over a military intelligence operation in Denmark that ended with him serving 18 months in a Danish jail.

There's a lot more covered, with this family and many others. Later, we see the Ulanovskaya family members being reunited after being released from various parts of the gulag in 1956. Nadya — who had previously hardly blinked about the deaths of 30,000 White Russian prisoners of war (because it was "done in the name of the Revolution") then becomes a dissident, translating banned works for circulation via samizdat ("self-publishing"). Eventually, in 1975, Nadya emigrated to Israel, bringing very little with her. One valued item did accompany her: a beaver coat that had once comforted her (and her daughter) in the Lubyanka.

Shifting Blame of Katyn Forest Massacre

Having Western reporters close at hand proved valuable for Stalin during one of the more shameful episodes of the war and of Western journalism — the 1943-1944 discovery of mass graves of thousands of Polish officers in the Katyn Woods in western Russia, near Smo-



Communist coverup: Soviet forces massacred thousands of Polish military officers and intelligentsia and buried them in a mass grave in Katyn Forest. They and the Allied media blamed Germany.

lensk. (The killings dated to 1940.) The Germans who found the graves rightfully blamed the Kremlin; this of course was denied by Moscow, which pointed right back at the Nazis.

By September 1943, the Soviets had regained the area around Smolensk. The NKVD got their forgers busy changing dates of documents and letters found on the Polish bodies. Philps does an excellent job of re-creating the scene and the ultimate exposition of phony "evidence." Its determination of Nazi guilt was wanted by, as Philps admits, both Stalin and President Franklin Roosevelt. As we read, "A Potemkin-style inquiry was set up, its title revealing in advance the conclusion its members were required to give: 'The Special Commission for Determination and Investigation of the Shooting of Polish Prisoners of War by German-Fascist Invaders in Katyn Forest.""

Select correspondents were carried by train and entertained at tables with crystal glasses and silver plates of caviar (the caviar part later got pulled by censors). As the author correctly observes, it was clearly a sloppy presentation that lacked independent expertise. As noted in a cable to London by a British official, "No Press excursion to any part of Russia has been arranged with greater luxury than the Katyn party." The hostess, who summarized the report's finding of Germany's guilt, was the 25-year-old daughter of the American ambassador, Averell Harriman. (A decade later, under congressional questioning, Kathy Harriman changed her conclusion.)

How about the ever-pressing press? Not so much. "Henry Cassidy, the Associated Press reporter," according to *The Red Hotel*, "admitted that he had not been convinced by the Soviet version of

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events at Katyn, but had reported it nevertheless." By 1990, even Russian President Boris Yeltsin was pulling out secret documents admitting details of the liquidation of 14,700 Polish officers and gendarmes. It was planned and carried out purposefully, was signed off on by top Soviet officials, and bore Stalin's signature.

One of the author's strengths is his digging for telling tidbits. When an apt quote does the job, he uses it to good effect — such as in his solid chapter on "An army in exile" about the Polish deportees who are to make up "Anders' Army." Cited is The Daily Telegraph's correspondent A.T. Cholerton, "the donnish sage of the press corps," and his remark about the task at hand: "They are going to fight the Germans on Russian soil, wearing British uniforms and carrying American arms. There in a sentence you have the history of

the Poles." (Cholerton was later denied re-entry to Moscow, though he had been promised he would get a new visa before he left Moscow in June 1943; his secretary/translator/lover received a 15-year sentence to the gulag.)

On occasion, in our view, the author is found wanting. For example, Philps understates when he discusses the true nature of journalist Edgar Snow, who is one of those at the hotel in Moscow but who had previously become prominent for being a partisan sympathizer of the Chinese Communist Party and helping to spread party propaganda through his promotion of Mao Zedong. Elsewhere, The Red Hotel stretches for false equivalence between current Russian leader Vladimir Putin and Stalin decades ago, and tries to turn today's situation in Ukraine into Finland's "Winter War."

Yet, the book mostly hits the mark. Consider a chapter that at first seems dispensable, but upon second thought dramatically does strike home. We get the details about the chess-playing, insect-mounting character who lives in room 453 of the Metropol, 10 minutes' walk from the Lubyanka and the House of the Unions, where his show trials were held. (A fuzzy photo of him in official action is among



those included in the book.) Known by his colleagues as "Executioner No. 1," the background of this "unremarkable" man is not known by the reporters living under the same roof. Yet, this man, Vassily Ulrich, handed down, we are told, 31,456 death sentences during the Great Terror. Unlike many, he survived the purges. Following the war, Ulrich "left the Metropol and was rewarded with his own apartment. He died peacefully at home in the comfort of his own bed."

Winning the Propaganda War

Some of the reporters, even ardent communists, did learn that they had been jobbed. That was the case with Charlotte Haldane — who was married but lived apart from her husband, prominent geneticist and fellow communist J.B.S. Haldane — who became very disillusioned with Stalin's Russia. When she went back to her British home and informed her husband about her change of heart, he warned Charlotte that all her comrades and friends would shun her if she went public, and then he told the Communist Party what she planned to do. She did indeed become, in her words, "an outlaw, a political leper."

One hotel resident, who becomes one of the book's more dislikable characters, is Ralph Parker, who wrote at the time for, among others, The New York Times and The Times of London. To believe a former Soviet intelligence agent, Parker was a valued agent of the NKVD. According to Pavel Sudoplatov, Parker was first contacted by the Soviets "when he was working undercover for the British in Yugoslavia." Then, after Parker came to Moscow in 1941, he became a double agent. "In Sudoplatov's view, Parker was no less valuable to the Soviet Union in the war years than [British intelligence officer and Soviet spy] Kim Philby." His partner, whom we also meet in The Red Hotel, is named Valentina. There was widespread suspicion that she was a colonel in the NKVD.

Near the book's end, Alan Philps summarizes what happened to the main players. We find that, despite the fact of Parker's suppos-

edly impeccable coverage of the Kremlin, even the British communist Daily Worker "came to doubt his commitment to the communist cause (he had never joined the party) and at the end of 1955 dispensed with his services." His final job was as a Moscow representative who made arrangements for Soviet artists to get to the United States.

In the Afterword, we learn of a party hosted in late 1945 by Parker and Valentina in another hotel — London's Savoy, in its most famous dining room. Attending are, among others (and they are named), a New York Times staffer who later won the Lenin Peace Prize; a Daily Worker correspondent; and a Daily Express correspondent who was an avowed Marxist. We are informed that these correspondents, "known as the Kremlin stooges," were celebrating "their success in bolstering Stalin's image."

(You probably know people like that folks who like to let off esteem.)

By this time, Alan Philps has made his case and (sadly for freedom and truth) is largely on target: "That Stalin won the propaganda war and was able to suppress all negative coverage of the Soviet Union - in part thanks to the complicity of the press — is not in doubt." ■





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by William S. Hahn, CEO of The John Birch Society

we do counties in Kentucky and Oregon have more people on their voter rolls than the number of voting-age residents? Why are the voter rolls growing faster than the population in all 50 states?

These excellent questions are asked by Dr. Douglas G. Frank. This physicist and election-integrity advocate suggested at The John Birch Society's 2023 Leadership Conference this past Septem-

ber, "You don't fix anything from the top down. You have to fix everything from the bottom up." He has spoken in 46 states and more than 800 counties since the 2020 election, making the case that there is widespread election fraud.

He told the crowd that elections in every state are now centrally controlled, and that there are no longer locally controlled elections in this country. Yet, a basic principle of election integrity is to have locally controlled elections.

Dr. Frank also questioned the overall security of elections, since he was able to hack into voting machines and election databases from his basement and "change all kinds of stuff." How can he do that if these systems are not connected to the internet, as we are told? Dr. Frank said that election systems are indeed connected to the internet in every state, specifically through a national cellphone network that he referenced from an article at The Gateway Pundit.

He labeled his solution as "Vote Amish!" In other words, use paper ballots and get rid of voting machines. How serious is he? Very much so. He is dedicated to seeing this through, and has seen wins in several states.

Dr. Frank credits these wins to people getting organized, which, after getting connected, is the second step in his proposed seven-step plan to take back elections. Taking action is key to restoring election integrity. As Dr. Frank wrote in a trifold brochure he produced, "There is no silver bullet; success requires a long-term commitment." Members of The John Birch Society learned this long ago. "Less government, more responsibility, and — with God's



help — a better world" doesn't happen overnight. It takes dedication to organize to educate the electorate to restore, protect, and strengthen the Americanist system of government the Founding Fathers prescribed for us.

Dr. Frank told the JBS conference attendees, "In the JBS, you guys have been awake.... You hold these chapter meetings and you're the awake ones and everybody else is asleep. Our job is to wake everybody up. I've had to learn that, too." He later said, "I think I found my tribe." Some key points from his presentation include:

- Get connected work with others and not by yourself to help avoid repeating the mistakes of others.
 - Get organized build a movement.
- Get evidence find actual fraud where you live. Locally canvass using voter rolls to determine accuracy and find fraud. Upon finding fraud, recruit people to help. This has the potential to evangelize the entire neighborhood, assuming they want accurate and free elections. Don't rely on others to gather this crucial data. Get control of the rolls and then clean the rolls. Don't waste time cleaning the rolls until you have control over them.
- Local empowerment get county sheriffs and other county officials on board to help officially validate your findings.
- Attend county commissioner meetings and read the fraud findings into the record on a regular basis. Have multiple people testify to keep the topic front and center.

After the conference, *TNA* senior editor William F. Jasper interviewed Dr. Frank; that interview served as the basis for the article on page 20.

We're working with Dr. Frank to make his brochure available for distribution through the JBS. In the meantime, visit our Restore Election Integrity (state and federal) action project

at JBS.org/vote to learn more about the problem and 16 solutions that you can immediately work toward implementing.

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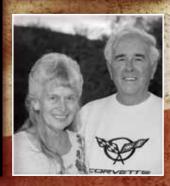
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