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#### **EDITOR'S LETTER**

#### I'm really into labels when it comes to my food.

When I go to the grocery store, I'm always checking them. It's not so much for the fat content or the protein, my family just happens to be really into all-natural stuff.

Truth be told, it really doesn't matter to me personally. But my children won't eat anything labeled "bioengineered." I haven't done enough research on it yet. I'm more of a "well, how does it taste?" sort of guy.

More than once, I have come home to hear my children say, "But Dad! It's bioengineered." I have thrown out whole packages of food as a result. So now, I'm very into labels, and if I buy anything, I prefer to buy from the organic section. That is a safe space for me because, at the very least, I can tell my children I got it from the organic section. If I buy from there, I get no grief back at home.

So, I love labels when it comes to my food. But when it comes to my politics, I hate labels. Do I vote Republican? Yes, I do. But do I consider myself a Republican? Yes? Maybe? Not really?

I don't think I'm alone in this. And it goes beyond just Trumpism or MAGA. I think a LOT of Americans don't want to be labeled politically.

I'm not advocating for a third party or abolishing the two-party system, though it doesn't seem like a bad idea. What I'm saying is very simple: if we are going to ask the average American to get involved in politics, I don't think we start by saying, "Okay, now that you are VERY interested in American government, let's START by finding out, 'Are you a Democrat or a Republican?"

I don't think the average person thinks like that. In short? I don't think Americans like labels when it comes to our politics. It's not as simple as that, especially right now.

We are at an interesting time in history where the political climate has severed relationships to a degree not seen before. Instead of splitting Americans into two separate, divisive camps, I think most people would appreciate another label that unites us: American.

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# God Planted the Seed, so Expect it to Grow.



God doesn't call us to plow and sow the fields without guaranteed results. God expects every word that comes from His spirit to produce good things. Just like in the beginning when He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God never questioned if His word would produce, and we should never question it.

You and I are called for one thing—to speak God's word and to be a witness of it. And when we do that, we can expect to see God bless our lives and every life we come into contact with. I understand people get discouraged. They say to me, "Pastor Bob, I've been praying, but God doesn't seem to be listening. I don't hear an answer." But they are looking at circumstances from the wrong perspective. They should be saying, "I've been praying, and I *trust* God. I'm *expecting* Him to answer my prayer." That's the first step to seeing God accomplish His purpose—expectation.

The second step is just as important. Sometimes you plant good seeds with high expectations, and nothing comes up. But the word of God is always good seed. We know that. So, something else is wrong—we need good ground. Jesus explained this in the parable of the sower. He said the kingdom of God is like a sower that went forth and sowed a seed into the ground. And the seeds fell on stony places and places that were full of tares and choked the seeds. But some of the seeds fell on good ground and grew up (Matthew 13:1-23).

The ground has to be prepared. Hosea 10:12 says, "Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you." For the good seed of God's word to bring a harvest in our lives, we have to plow up the ground of our hearts. A man who has good seed is going to make sure he has everything right. He's going to dig and plow and get all the weeds and the grass out of there because he's expecting something to grow and flourish. Part of sowing expectantly is preparing our hearts for the word so that when the seed is sown, the word of God can take root.

But many in the church today aren't willing to do all that work because they don't think it will happen. They don't plow and sow expectantly. I'm not sure what drives the doubt. Maybe it's a lack of faith in God. Or maybe it's a lack of faith in their own works. The good news is that the work we do is guaranteed to bring forth fruit. We don't have to worry about our *own* effectiveness or the strength of *our* ability. God promised us that His word doesn't come back void.

#### Isaiah 55:10-11 says:

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

When we have good ground, God's word will accomplish what it set out to achieve. We can rejoice in the work that we do, expecting it to bring about good in the lives of others. And this is also true for how God works in our own lives. Just like we should sow spiritual seeds expectantly in the lives of others, we can rejoice knowing God has sown seeds of His purpose in our own lives. From the moment God called each one of us into His kingdom, He chose seeds to sow in our hearts. God saved us through His grace for a purpose. And that purpose is not our own purpose; it's His purpose.

If you plant a seed in the ground, you expect to harvest what that seed is. If you plant apple seeds, you expect apples (or, in our case, tomatoes!). In the same way, God plants a certain purpose in each one of us, and He expects it to return as it was planted. Our lives have value to God. Too many of us wander around aimlessly, focused on our imperfections and assuming that God can't bring good from our lives. I know I've felt that way before. But we can rejoice because God planted purpose in every life that grows in His garden of salvation. We don't flourish and grow by ourselves. We do so by the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we don't see the fruit of God's purpose in our lives right away. That doesn't mean it's not there. It's growing, and in due season it will bear fruit.



I mentioned Isaiah 55:10-11 earlier. The previous verse says, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." We can't always understand God's ways, but we *can* trust Him to bring about His purposes as He promised. God didn't give us His word for nothing. He has us here and now for a reason. As a child of God, your life is full of the word of God. It's not empty, useless, or void. It's full of life. God planted the seed of His word in each of our hearts, and it will come forth.

You don't have to impress anybody. Just let Jesus shine from your heart. That's enough impression. It reminds me of the old folktale about Johnny Appleseed. We need some Johnny Appleseeds going around planting seeds of Jesus, saying, "Let me tell you what Jesus did for me." I wish we could all go to Washington, D.C., and stand out in front of

the White House and Congress and say, "I know the answer—It's not a bill. It's not taxes. It's not printing more money. America needs Jesus!"

So, when we come to church to sing and praise the Lord, let's come with hope. Let's raise our hands and hearts and rejoice in hope because we're not a bunch of bad fruitless trees. The word of God has been sown in our hearts, and the Lord has promised good results. If a brother or sister is feeling down, lift them up. Encourage one another, pray together, and speak the truth of God's word. We're not going down; we're going over. We're not going to sink; we're going to swim. We're not going down into the depths; we're going to the highest heavens in Christ Jesus.

When we come together and when we pray, we should do so expectantly, remembering that God's promises are true. We serve a God who saves the lost, heals the sick, and raises the dead, so when God plants a seed, we can expect it to grow.







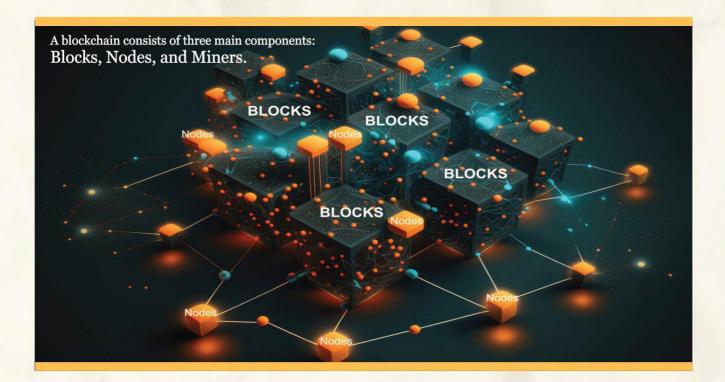
The goal of blockchain is to allow digital information to be recorded and distributed, but not edited. In this way, a blockchain is the foundation for immutable ledgers or records of transactions that cannot be altered, deleted, or destroyed.

ou may have heard of blockchain as the underlying technology behind cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, but did you know that blockchain can do much more than that? Blockchain is a revolutionary way of storing and sharing information that can transform many industries and sectors. In this post, I will explain what blockchain is, how it works, and how it can be used for various purposes. Let's dive in!

Blockchain technology is a type of shared database that differs from a typical database in the way that it stores information; blockchains store data in blocks that are then linked together via cryptography. As new data comes in, it is entered into a fresh block. Once the block is filled with data, it is chained onto the previous block, which makes the data chained together in chronological order.

Different types of information can be stored on a blockchain, but the most common use so far has been as a ledger for transactions. In Bitcoin's case, blockchain is used in a decentralized way so that no single person or group has control—rather, all users collectively retain control. Decentralized blockchains are immutable, which means that the data entered is irreversible. For Bitcoin, this means that transactions are permanently recorded and viewable to anyone.





#### How does blockchain work?

The goal of blockchain is to allow digital information to be recorded and distributed, but not edited. In this way, a blockchain is the foundation for immutable ledgers or records of transactions that cannot be altered, deleted, or destroyed. This is why blockchains are also known as a distributed ledger technology (DLT).

#### Blocks:

Every chain consists of multiple blocks and each block has three basic elements:

- The data in the block.
- A 32-bit whole number called a nonce.

The nonce is randomly generated when a block is created, which then generates a block header hash.

- The hash is a 256-bit number wedged to the nonce. It must start with a huge number of zeroes (i.e., be extremely small).
- The hash of the previous block in the chain.

#### Nodes:

One of the most important concepts in blockchain technology is decentralization. No one computer or organization can own the chain. Instead, it is a distributed ledger via the nodes connected to the chain. Nodes can be any kind of electronic device that maintains copies of the blockchain and keeps the network functioning.

Every node has its own copy of the blockchain and the network must algorithmically approve any newly mined block for the chain to be updated, trusted, and verified. Since blockchains are transparent, every action in the ledger can be easily checked and viewed by anyone.





#### **Miners**

Miners create new blocks on the chain through a process called mining.

In a blockchain every block has its own unique nonce and hash, but also references the hash of the previous block in the chain, so mining a block isn't easy, especially on large chains.

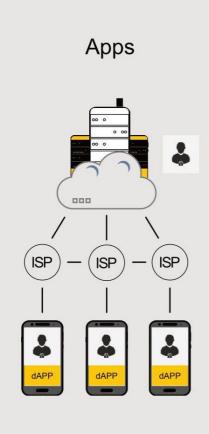
Miners use special software to solve complex mathematical problems that are very difficult to guess but easy to verify once solved. When a problem is solved correctly by a miner, they get rewarded with cryptocurrency and their solution (the nonce) becomes part of the next block on the chain.

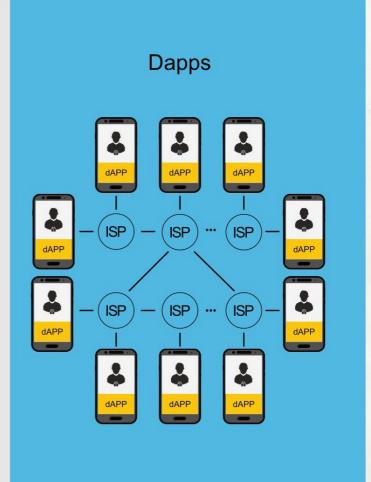
This process ensures that every block on the chain has been verified by multiple nodes and prevents anyone from tampering with or altering any part of it.



#### **Smart contracts:**

These are self-executing contracts that are stored on a blockchain and automatically enforce the terms and conditions agreed upon by both parties. Smart contracts can be used for various purposes such as insurance claims, supply chain management, digital identity verification, etc.



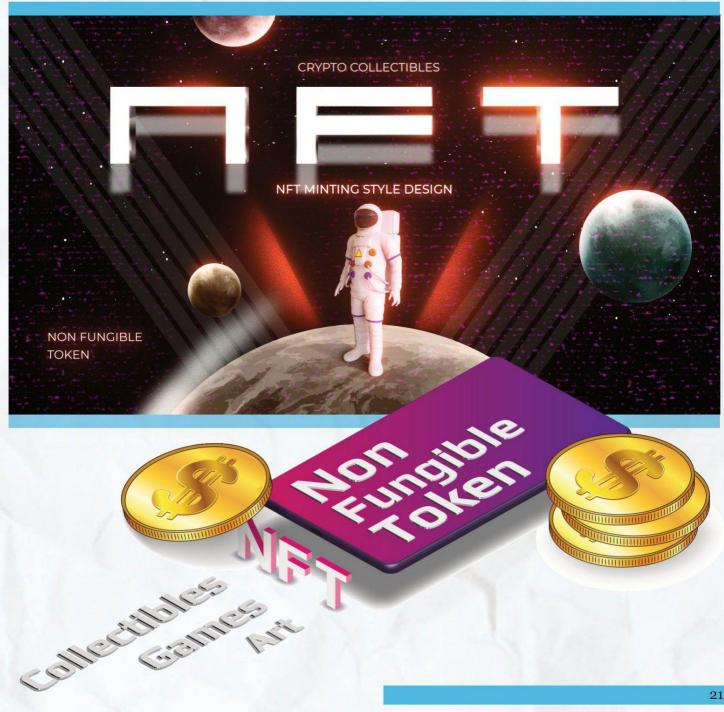


#### **Decentralized applications** (Dapps):

These are applications that run on a peer-to-peer network of nodes rather than on a centralized server. DApps can offer various benefits such as censorship resistance, transparency, security, etc.

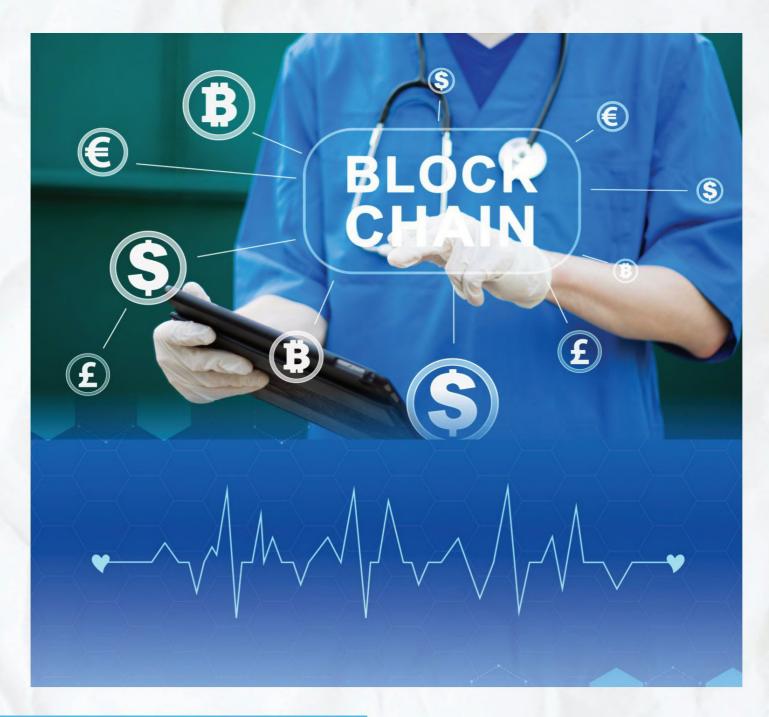
#### Non-fungible tokens (NFTs)

These are unique digital assets that represent ownership of something intangible such as art, music, collectibles, etc. NFTs are created and traded on a blockchain and cannot be duplicated or counterfeited.



#### Healthcare

Blockchain can improve healthcare systems by enabling secure and transparent sharing of medical records among patients, doctors, hospitals, etc. Blockchain can also facilitate drug traceability, clinical trials, and research data management.



#### Voting

Blockchain can enhance the security and integrity of voting systems by preventing fraud, manipulation, and human errors. Blockchain can also enable online voting and increase voter participation and transparency.



These are just some of the many possible uses of blockchain technology. As the technology evolves and matures, we can expect to see more innovative and disruptive solutions that will benefit various sectors and society as a whole.

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#### Conclusion

Blockchain technology is a game-changer that can revolutionize the way we store and share information. By providing a secure, decentralized, and immutable ledger, blockchain can enable trustless transactions, smart contracts, DApps, NFTs, and many other applications. Blockchain technology is not only about cryptocurrencies, but also about creating a more transparent, efficient, and fair world.



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### The Origins, Inventors, and Chronology

of the Trump-Russian Collusion Hoax on the American People

by Mary Frost



The Russian Collusion Hoax was a false narrative that exploded in United States media in 2016 and 2017. It alleged that the Trump campaign had conspired with the Russian government to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election. Despite a 22-month investigation and over \$30 million in wasted taxpayers' money, **no evidence of collusion was found**. But for two years, the media and members of the U.S. government discussed it over and over as if it was an indisputable fact. The media began their assault on Donald Trump immediately after he announced his candidacy for the 2016 election. The Russia, Russia, Russia hoax narrative started soon after that. Early in 2016, headlines started appearing in the mainstream media likening Trump to Hitler and claiming that Trump was soft on Russia and that he was "Putin's stooge." The stage was set for the media blitz that would soon ensue.

#### **Crossfire Hurricane**

In late July 2016, according to his May 2017 testimony to the House Intelligence Committee, CIA director **John Brennan** gathered a group of officials from the NSA, FBI, and CIA to investigate Russian interference. They opened their investigation into Trump, which they called 'Crossfire Hurricane,' based on information from an Australian diplomat claiming that George Papadopoulus (foreign policy advisor for Trump's campaign) had repeated a claim from an acquaintance (Josef Misfud) that the Russian government had thousands of emails that could be damaging to Hillary Clinton.<sup>1</sup>

In their 2019 report, **Review of Four FISA Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI's Crossfire Hurricane Investigation,** the U.S. Department of Justice stated: "We did not find information in FBI or Department ECs, emails, or other documents, or through witness testimony, indicating that any information other than the FFG information was relied upon to predicate the opening of the Crossfire Hurricane investigation." In other words, the investigation was apparently opened based on this one statement from an Australian diplomat.

The Crossfire Hurricane investigation was properly designated as a "sensitive investigative matter", or SIM, by the FBI because it involved the activities of a domestic political organization or individuals prominent in such an organization. According to the Domestic Investigations and Operations Guide, SIMS must be investigated in the "least intrusive manner possible." And obviously, **government officials should not speak to the press regarding them. Adam Schiff** repeatedly spoke to the press about the ongoing investigation. He insisted there was credible evidence (but never said what that evidence was).

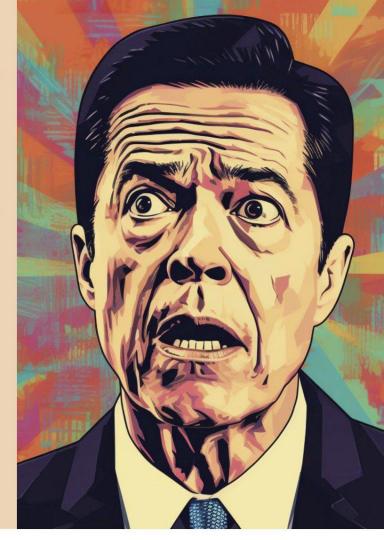
The Crossfire Hurricane group consisted of a handful of FBI officials at Washington, DC, headquarters, most notably deputy director **Andrew McCabe**, deputy assistant director for Counterintelligence **Peter Strzok**, and **Lisa Page**, McCabe's special counsel. Emails made public between Strzok and Page make clear their direct involvement in the opening of Crossfire Hurricane and their clear bias against Donald Trump.



Former State Department official and McCain associate **David Kramer** said in a December 2017 deposition that the dossier was given to him by Steele, and **he then provided it to journalists at outlets including CNN**, *BuzzFeed*, and *The Washington Post*.

Here are several examples from August 2016: "I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office — that there's no way he gets elected — but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before 40."And Page: "[Trump's] not ever going to become president, right? Right?! Strzok: "No. No, he won't. We'll stop it."

The Crossfire Hurricane team opened individual cases in August 2016 on four people: George Papadopoulos, Carter Page, Paul Manafort, and Michael Flynn, all of whom were affiliated with the Trump campaign at the time the cases were opened. The FBI applied for a warrant to conduct surveillance on these four members of the Trump campaign, but this application was rejected by the FISA court for being too broad. The Crossfire Hurricane team determined that more information was needed to support probable cause, and they focused their efforts on Carter Page, another of the foreign policy advisors for the Trump campaign.



#### The FISA Warrant

So, what IS a FISA warrant, and how is one obtained?

With respect to an intelligence investigation, criminal search warrants issued by a magistrate are not required. The passage of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) requires the FBI to obtain an order from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISA Court) upon a showing of **probable cause** to believe that the subject of the surveillance **is a foreign government or organization engaging in clandestine intelligence activities or international terrorism, or is an individual engaging in clandestine intelligence activities or international terrorism on behalf of a foreign government or organization.** 

The FBI, and Director **James Comey**, did not immediately seek a FISA warrant for electronic surveillance of Carter Page because they determined that more information was needed to support probable cause that Page was an agent of a foreign power. **The Steele Dossier** entered the game on September 19th, 2016, and the FISA warrant was granted on October 21st of the same year.

So, in essence, anyone that Page had communicated with in the past and anyone that he was currently communicating with was ALSO being spied on.



The FISA warrant allowed access to the NSA's database and authorized the FBI to monitor Carter Page's ongoing communications and his past communications as far back as they went. So, in essence, anyone that Page had communicated with in the past and anyone that he was currently communicating with was ALSO being spied on. These FISA warrants were active for 90 days (both the initial one and the 3 subsequent renewals). Carter Page, and anyone he communicated with, were spied on for a full 12-month period!

On January 23rd, 2020, two of the four FISA warrants were declared invalid by the Department of Justice, and a Washington D.C. federal judge also said that surveillance collected against Page lacked a legal basis. And on August 19th, 2020, a former FBI attorney, **Kevin Clinesmith**, pleaded guilty to making a false statement stemming from his alteration of an email connected to one of the FISA warrant applications.

The decision to seek to use electronic surveillance was known and approved at multiple levels of the Department. **James Comey**, FBI Director at that time, signed three of the FISA applications, and Deputy Director **Andrew McCabe** signed one. **Sally Yates**, the DAG at that time, then-acting Assistant DAG **Dana Boente**, and DAG **Rod Rosenstein** each signed one or more (on behalf of the DOJ).<sup>4</sup>

#### The Steele Dossier

In June 2016, Fusion GPS hired Christopher Steele and his consulting firm to find information about whether Russia was trying to bring about a particular outcome in the 2016 elections, if Trump had any business or personal ties to Russia, and if they were any ties between the Trump campaign and the Russian government. Steele produced a number of election-related reports for Fusion GPS, which came to be known as the **Steele Dossier**. Fusion GPS and principal, Glenn Simpson, were being paid by Perkins Coie, a law firm representing the DNC and the Clinton campaign. **The fact that Christopher Steele was ultimately working for/being paid by the DNC and the Clinton campaign was not mentioned on the FISA applications.** 

Although the Crossfire Hurricane investigation and the subsequent FISA applications should have been 'top secret,' the entire circus was widely disseminated to the press. The media frenzy that ensued was a constant barrage of 'Russia, Russia, Russia' for the next several years.

John McCain's aide David Kramer played a key role in disseminating the Steele Dossier to the press, according to emails obtained by Judicial Watch via a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) lawsuit. "While acknowledging he had given the dossier to the FBI, McCain had denied being the source of the *BuzzFeed* dossier report. But court filings which were unsealed in March 2019, show the Arizona Republican senator and an associate had shared the dossier with several media outlets. Former State Department official and McCain associate **David Kramer** said in a December 2017 deposition that the dossier was given to him by Steele, and **he then provided** it to journalists at outlets including CNN, *BuzzFeed*, and *The Washington Post*. The details were first reported by *The Daily Caller*."



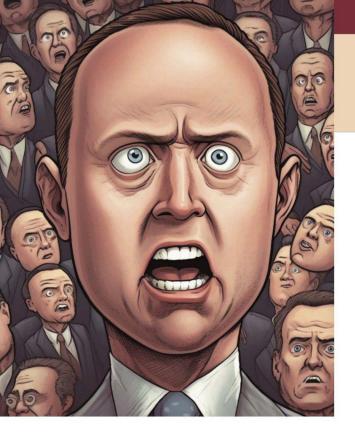
The FISA application for Carter Page relied on the Steele Dossier and an article from Yahoo News (which focuses on Page's July 2016 trip to Moscow), and another from BuzzFeed. However, this article did NOT corroborate the dossier because it was derived from information leaked to the news outlet by Christopher Steele himself. A subsequent review, released in December 2019, by the Justice Department and Inspector General Michael Horowitz stated, "We determined that the Crossfire Hurricane team's receipt of Steele's election reporting on September 19, 2016, played a central and essential role in the FBI's and Department's decision to seek the FISA order."5

The Justice Department review also concluded that: "The Crossfire Hurricane team **failed to inform Department officials of significant information** that was available to the team at the time that the FISA applications were drafted and filed.

Much of that information was inconsistent with, or undercut, the assertions contained in the FISA applications that were used to support probable cause and, in some instances, resulted in inaccurate information being included in the applications."

In May of 2017, shortly after President Trump dismissed James Comey, Rod Rosenstein appointed former FBI director **Robert Mueller** to head up a Special Council investigation, which eventually resulted in The Mueller Report. This investigation essentially took over the Crossfire Hurricane project.

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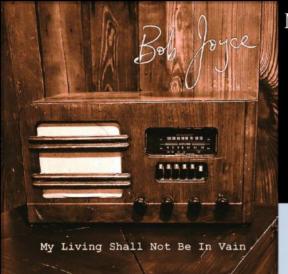
On March 22nd, 2019, Mueller finished his 22-month investigation. Attorney General William Barr sent a letter to Congress two days later, outlining the main findings. Barr told lawmakers the investigation did not establish that members of Trump's election campaign conspired with Russia and that there was not sufficient evidence to show that President Trump obstructed justice. After almost two years and over 30 million dollars, President Trump was completely exonerated.

Even though The Mueller Report showed that neither President Trump nor any members of his campaign colluded with Russia, the media and numerous government officials have not given up the narrative. **James Comey**, in a recent Fox interview (in response to the question, "Should we expect Russia to interfere on his [Trump's] behalf in 2024?"), stated: "Yes, of course," and "Donald Trump... is very, very fond of Vladimir Putin. And so, they will find ways to interfere." Adam Schiff told an MSNBC host in May of this year (regarding the Durham report): "This was an investigation that started in a flawed manner, it was conducted in a flawed manner, and its conclusion is a flawed conclusion."

For five years, Democrat government officials and the mainstream media have hammered the American public with the 'Russian Collusion' narrative. A narrative that has been proven false. Now that Donald Trump is once again running for president, will the hoax continue? Or will they come up with a new lie this time around?

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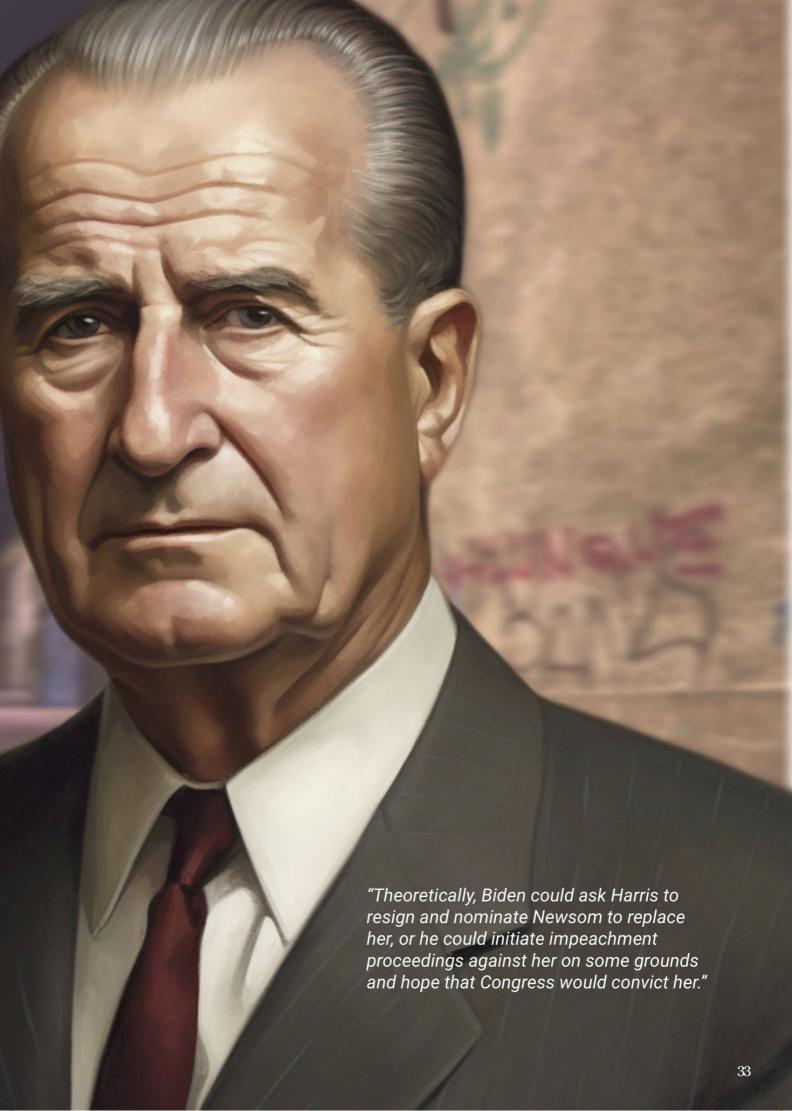
BY JON DAVID

he question of whether President Biden can replace Vice President Harris with Gavin Newsom has been raised by some political pundits and analysts, especially after the 2022 midterm elections that saw the Democrats lose control of both the House and the Senate. The answer is not straightforward, as it involves constitutional, legal, and political considerations.

According to the 25th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the president can nominate a new vice president if the office becomes vacant, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of both houses of Congress. This has happened twice in U.S. history: in 1973, when President Nixon appointed Gerald Ford to replace Spiro Agnew, who resigned amid corruption charges: and in 1974, when Ford appointed Nelson Rockefeller to replace himself after Nixon resigned due to the Watergate scandal.

However, the vice president can also resign voluntarily, as Spiro Agnew did, or be removed by impeachment and conviction, as Nixon would have been if he had not resigned. In either case, the president can nominate a successor as long as he or she meets the constitutional requirements of being a natural-born citizen, at least 35 years old, and a resident of the U.S. for at least 14 years.

Therefore, theoretically, Biden could ask Harris to resign and nominate Newsom to replace her, or he could initiate impeachment proceedings against her on some grounds and hope that Congress would convict her. However, both scenarios are highly unlikely and fraught with political risks.

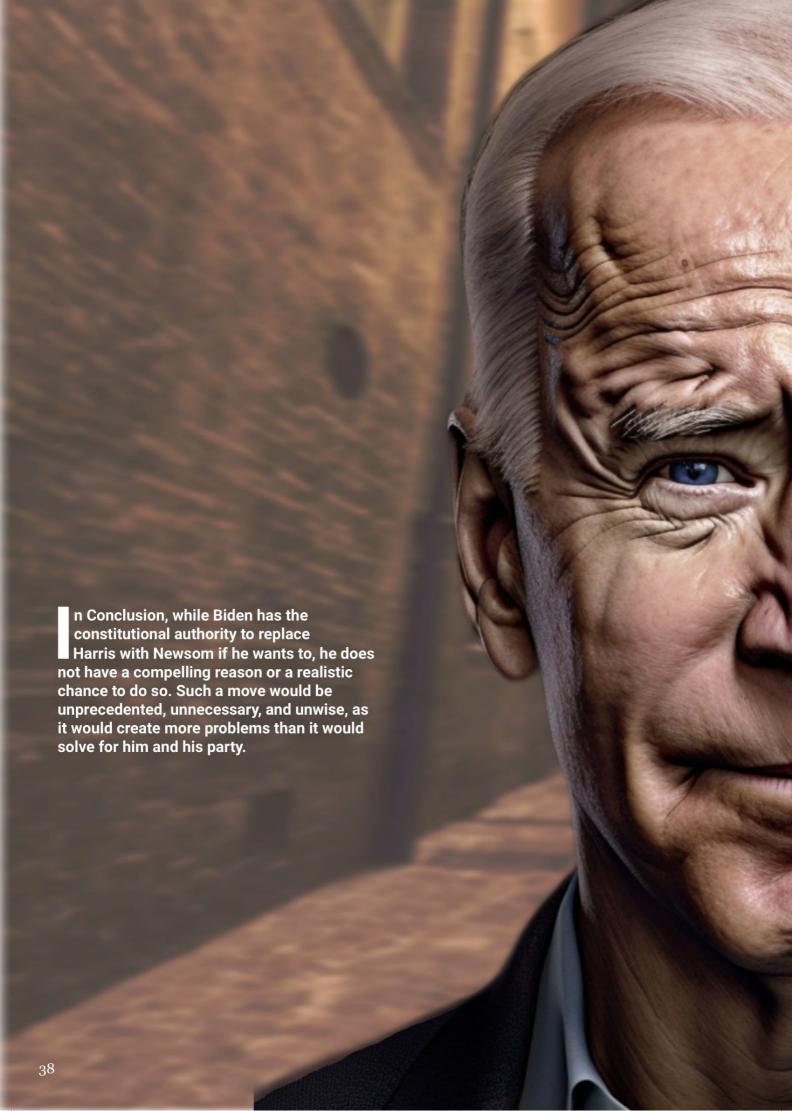














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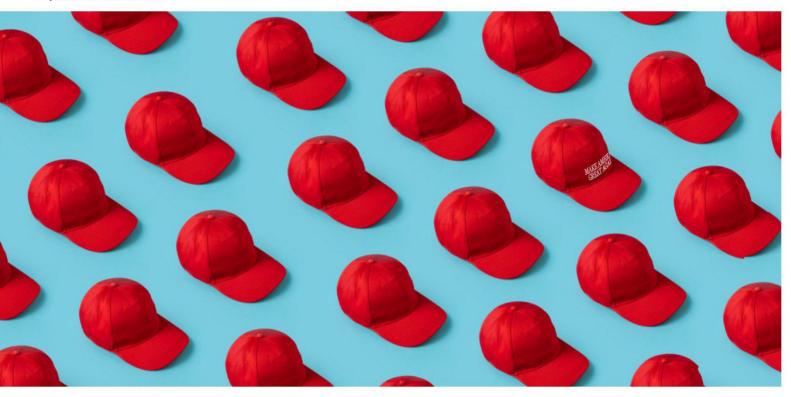
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#### What the MAGA Hat Means Today:

#### Changes in the Political Climate

By Rachel Writeside Blonde

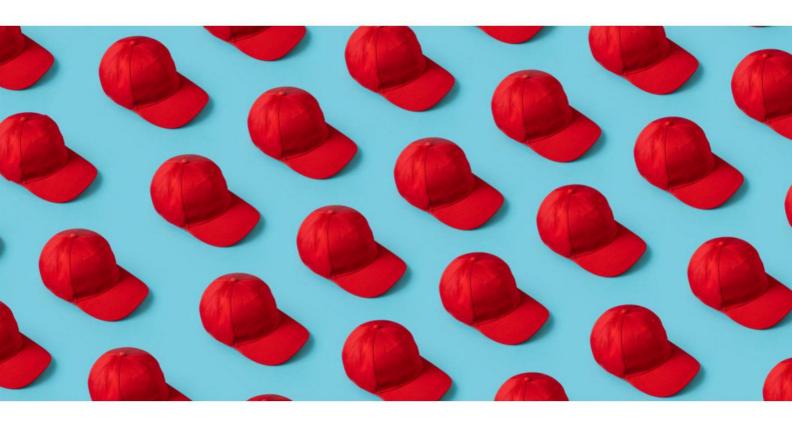


major storm has rained down on Americans, complete with thunder, lightning, and gusts strong enough to cause a hurricane of change to the established political climate. It's easier to see where this path of revolution is heading now, but it wasn't always this evident. The fog surrounding how events truly occurred compared to how events were portrayed is dissipating, but for a while, it seemed as though Americans were stumbling around in the shadow of night. The morning seems to be on its way, with several acts done in the dark coming to light; recurring questions are finally garnering newfound answers.

To fully grasp the palpable changes arising today, we must look back just eight years to 2015. The year of 'Deflategate.' The year 'the dress' sparked a meaningless debate as to what the true color was, gold and white or blue and black? The year Bruce Jenner announced his new identity on the cover of *Vanity Fair* titled "Call Me Caitlyn."

It was also the year Donald Trump solidified his appeal to Republicans across the nation. Jeb Bush, an early favorite, quickly fell prey to Trump's unorthodox no-nonsense, semi-apolitical stance. Trump's absence from Washington DC proved to be the perfect prerequisite for the primaries, a glowing choice among Americans tired of traditional politicians' games. The businessman turned game show host jumped up the ratings; one debate, one harsh truth bomb at a time.

The media and its talking heads, who at one time largely embraced Donald Trump, spent the better part of 2015 and 2016 searching for reasons why the public should never take him seriously. Articles such as "Donald Trump apparently won the Latino vote in Nevada. It doesn't mean Latinos suddenly love him." (Janell Ross, The Washington Post, 2016) or "The chilling story of how Trump took hate groups mainstream" (Sarah Posner, Mother Jones, 2016) began to surface. The negative stories poured from television sets, internet news, radio shows, and social media; it seemed there was no escaping the deep-rooted intention of denigrating Trump's name.



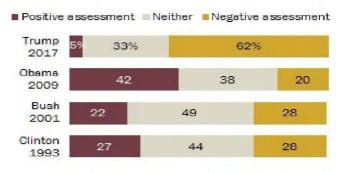
## It was all bogus, but that didn't stop the news from reporting it and Hollywood from repeating it.

According to a Pew Research study (2017) comparing media coverage of the first 60 days of Trump's Presidency to Obama, Bush, and Clinton, Trump's was overwhelmingly negative at 62%. Compare that to Obama's negative coverage (20%), Bush's (28%), and Clinton's (28%), and it's easy to establish a clear political bias. Also, the media content shifted from policy to more characterbased, with Donald Trump's policies only being covered 31% of the time, while Obama's were covered 50%, Bush's were covered 65%, and Clinton's policies were covered 58% of the time. Shifting the focus from policies to character assassination seems the obvious way to discredit a President set on making positive differences through policy.

Music artists YG and Nipsey Hussle made a song titled "F\*\*k Donald Trump," which August Brown

#### Coverage of Trump delivered greater share of negative assessments than coverage of previous presidents

% of stories about each presidency that had an overall...



Note: Stories coded as positive had at least twice as many positive as negative statements; negative stories had at least twice as many negative as positive statements. All other stories are coded as neither. Not shown: 1% of stories in 1993 and 2001 that were coded as satire. Numbers may not add up to 100% because of rounding, 2017 N=326 stories.

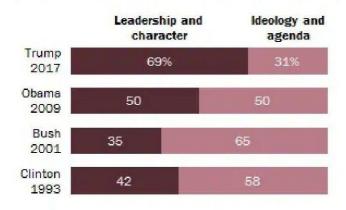
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#### Coverage in 2017 was framed much more around leadership and character than in the past

% of stories about each presidency that were framed as...



Note: In previous years, character and leadership frames were separate. 2017 N=326 stories.

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of the Los Angeles Times dubbed the "most prophetic, wrathful and unifying protest song of 2016." Kate Walsh tweeted, "This is a national disaster. An illiterate, bigoted, misogynistic, racist, rapist has become President. I have no words."

No one can forget when Kathy Griffin proudly displayed a fake bloody Donald Trump head in 2017 and when wealthy performer Chris Brown tweeted, "F\*\*\* TRUMP AND F\*\*\* THE PIGS! TO SEE THIS EVIL SHIT IS SO WRONG! GOD WILL HAVE HIS REVENGE! WHO THE F\*\*\* U THINK CLEANS YOUR HOTELS AND WORKS HARD TO FEED A WHOLE FAMILY? US!"

As a result of the one-sided news and the wealthy Hollywood establishment, the name "Donald Trump" became, and in some social groups still is, synonymous with considerable controversy and salacious scandal. Before the President entered the oval office, rumors inundated the airwaves with the now-debunked Russian Collusion story. Millions of Americans sat in front of their televisions night after night and watched the repeated lies; political hacks like Adam Schiff insisted that Trump worked with Russia to get him elected. "I don't want to go into specifics, but I will say that there is evidence that is not circumstantial. But as I've said all along, there's plenty of evidence of collusion," Schiff lamented in 2017.

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The Russian Collusion hoax caused not only Democrats but some Republicans as well to



question Trump and his motives for office. This blatant lie, amplified by the news, made it taboo to wear a red hat in public because it meant support for a man likened to a hateful dictator, according to the mainstream media. Left-leaning reporters came after Trump, but perhaps more alarming, they came after Trump's supporters. As a result, and again in tandem with the media, Hollywood icons found it easy to discriminate and even call for violence against "MAGA" Americans and their children.

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In January 2019, Jack Morrissey, a film producer for Disney, tweeted out a photo from "Fargo" with blood being shot out of a woodchipper with the caption: "#MAGAkids go screaming, hats first, into the woodchipper." In 2021, after the vaccines were released and Anthony Fauci unleashed his "do it for your neighbors" guilt on those who chose not to get the experimental jab, it was not uncommon to see videos all over social media accounts of liberals stating they would not care if the unvaccinated (primarily conservatives) died. Wishing death upon a political adversary -- even in jest -- does not seem American at all, yet that is what was allowed, and in some cases celebrated, in the name of social justice,

science, and "inclusion."

In a time of crisis, where unity would have meant strength, it seems every single iota making Americans different was utilized to further push division and animosity with those we love. It was black vs. white, women vs. men, Republican vs. Democrat, vaxxed vs. unvaxxed, "Follow the Science" vs. following actual whistleblower testimony from doctors sounding the alarms on what they saw firsthand. The division has done a number on our nation and our closest relationships. As more truth is revealed, Americans are beginning to see things with '2020' vision. That is, they are starting to understand what the real motive was for the witch hunts and meaningless probes into Trump's life. They did their best to demonize the man and anyone associated with him, and for a while, they were successful.

They created a double standard so strong it dictated what Americans felt comfortable wearing. An app was created to help conservatives know where and if it was "safe" to wear a MAGA hat in public. In particular, the Red MAGA Hats looked similar to certain pro sports teams' hats and depending on what side of the aisle the fan was on, it would either encourage or discourage the person from wearing it. In a business meeting in 2021, I overheard colleagues discussing a red baseball hat and one said to the other, "Oh, I better get rid of that hat, don't want anyone to think I'm MAGA!" They did this in public, with many able to overhear, and they chuckled delightedly at their dig.



Yet most conservatives did not care if someone wanted to wear a Biden/Harris hat or sport a Biden/Harris bumper sticker on their Subaru. That is, after all, their right. The same can't be said for folks on the left when it comes to Trump supporters, especially early on in his presidency.

The New York Times wrote in November 2020, "The MAGA hat of the future would be a symbol of a lost cause; a hope, or a threat, that a movement might rise again," and alleged the popularity of the hats after the 2020 election existed because of Trump's refusal to concede. Had the president conceded, therefore, the red hats would have been discarded like any other 'out of style' article of clothing.

But the article got it wrong. Trump supporters did not continue wearing the red hats just because Trump refused to concede; many would have continued doing so regardless. The reason Americans continue to wear the red hats, or any MAGA hat, is because the movement has transcended beyond Donald Trump. The MAGA movement, though clearly originated by Trump, is about making the country they love great again. It just happens to appear that Americans who wear these red hats feel Donald Trump is the best man for the job.



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I was recently in DC and, as an outsider, I paid close attention to memorabilia outside the White House and other national landmarks and statues. What I noticed was quite shocking really: there were no pro-Biden hats, only #FJB shirts and other anti-Biden wear. Make America Great Again shirts, sweatshirts, and hats were presented to the public, and if anyone wanted to show their support for Joseph R. Biden, I certainly didn't see any options.

At an event I attended later that day, I found myself in conversation with a self-proclaimed "non-Trumper." After I mentioned the lack of clothing options when it came to Biden, he shared a story with me. He said he had his young nephew into town prior to the 2020 election, and his nephew, who was about 11 or 12 at the time, wanted to buy a red "Make American Great Again" hat and wear it around the city.

Begrudgingly, he agreed to buy the hat for his nephew but admitted he felt embarrassed to be seen with his nephew wearing it around DC. Later in the day, while they were at lunch, his nephew -- with the hat still on -- looked up at him and innocently asked, "Would you like me to take off the hat?"

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The so-called "non-Trumper" uncle said the question hit him hard. Here he had his nephew with him, who was showing an interest in politics, exploring the capital city of the United States of America, and the boy felt he had to take off his hat due to the embarrassment he sensed he was causing his uncle. I jumped in and commended him for noticing; not too many "non-Trump" people are able to recognize the double standards these days. The truth is, the issue is much bigger than two political parties or adversaries selling hats; this is about the suppression and manipulation of ideologies in our generation and, more importantly, the next generation.

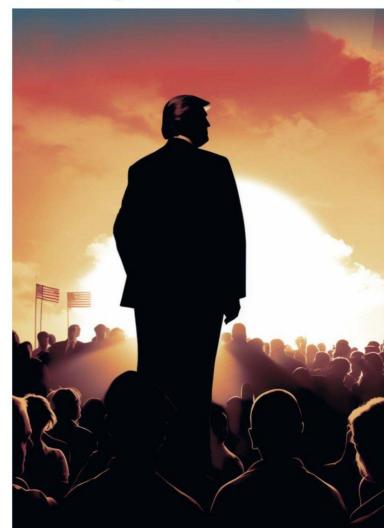
But the next voter pool is growing up at a time in history where they have learned from experience, and there is no better instructor. When COVID took away dances, sporting events, sleepovers, and potentially family get-togethers with families not politically aligned with them, they learned quickly what the government, mixed with fear, can accomplish in a very short amount of time. When

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they saw one party preach anti-dictatorship while dictating what and how each American should think, they took note. They will not forget this moment in time. They learned how to watch actions instead of listening to empty promises.

While touring the memorials and other monuments, I encountered several school groups in attendance. Several red hats and other MAGA hats were positioned on the tops of their heads, on both genders and on all races. The next generation, though young and impressionable, are not afraid to express their support for a movement that showed us how to love our country again. Through these young men and women, there is hope for a pro-America future.

Americans everywhere, whether they wear the red hat or not, support the policies that would essentially do what MAGA stands for. The red is like a siren, a call to action if you will, to get involved locally and to quit being a spectator to our own government. To truly make America great again, it will take a movement of local action. We've seen glimpses of American greatness, but perhaps this movement will be the revolution necessary to make American greatness our reality.



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This is a difficult issue to address in one message. Still, because of the continual questions on this matter, we have put together an explanation of the evidence behind the Bible.

Despite certain so-called "archaic" words and in spite of what some have called "difficult English" for today's contemporary generation, the Authorized King James Bible is based on solid manuscript evidence and most "modern" English versions are based on manuscript evidence that varies greatly from the King James, the Textus Receptus, the Accepted Received Text.

#### INFORMATION ON THE MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE BEHIND THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

(called "Textus Receptus," the Received Text or Accepted Text)

We will focus on the New Testament, where most of the arguments come from. It was originally given to us in the Greek language, the largest language in the history of the world!

The first edition of the Greek text to be published was that of Desiderius Erasmus in 1516 AD, followed by his edition in 1519, which was used by Martin Luther for his German translation of the Bible. Erasmus also published editions in 1522, 1527, and 1535 AD, the last two of which contained some changes from the Complutensian Polyglot printed in 1514 AD, but circulated in 1522 AD. This Complutensian Greek text was reprinted with only a few changes in 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1583, and 1584 AD and, in Geneva, editions were put out from 1609 to 1628 AD.

Simon Colinaeus, a printer in Paris, published an edition of the Greek text in 1534 AD based upon those of Erasmus and the Complutensian Greek NT. This was the primary Greek text used by the King James translators, along with additions by Theodore Beza, especially the one of 1598 AD. It was superseded by the famous editions of his stepson, Robert Stephens, who printed editions in 1546, 1549, and 1550 AD, the last known as the "royal edition."

The Elzevir partners, Bonaventure and Abraham, published editions of the Greek text in 1624, 1633, and 1641, following primarily the 1565 edition by Theodore Beza. **The preface to the** 

1633 edition named this historical tradition of manuscript evidence and called it "Textus Receptus."

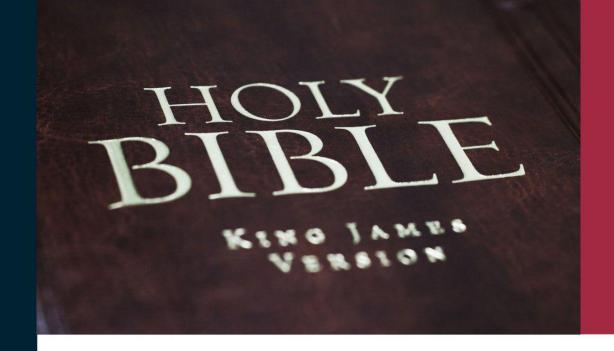
Over time, it was applied to the Stephens text of 1550 AD and those which followed. The primary edition behind this Greek text is that of F.H.A. Scrivener which, Cambridge University Press published in 1894 and 1902 AD.

This is very important! About twothirds of the NT Greek text was discovered in the 20th century AD. And these manuscripts discovered in the 20th century AD, **PRECEDED 300 AD**, AND the famous Codex Sinaiticus, Codex Vaticanus, and Codex Alexandrinus.

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Now, pay attention here; the POPULAR Greek texts of TODAY depend upon TWO "ECUMENICAL" institutes in Germany. That's right! Ridiculous!

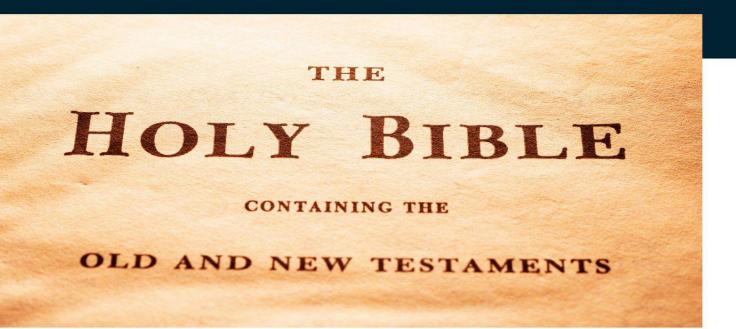


So now let us consider the following: the 26th edition of the Nestle Greek text was done, according to Kurt Aland, "in cooperation with the appropriate agencies of the Roman Catholic Church." Codex Vaticanus is the Greek text used by the Emphatic Diaglot behind the Watchtower Bible of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Codex Vaticanus ends at Hebrews 9:14, then excludes the Pastoral Epistles and the book of Revelation. It contains all 14 Apocryphal books, and worst of all, contains 7579 changes from the Textus Receptus. Codex Sinaiticus has one-half of its NT leaves missing, then contains the Epistle of Barnabas and the Shepherd of Hermes. It has 9000 changes from the Textus Receptus. Tischendorf, who found Codex Sinaiticus, made 3369 changes in his 8th edition from his 7th edition. So, let's review what this means: these two MSS make over 30,000 changes.

Today we have over 5500 Greek MSS, over 10,000 Latin MSS, and over 4000 in other primary languages. We also have over 86,000 separate references in the writings of early church leaders.

The King James Bible was translated by 54 men who labored from 1607 to 1610 AD. They spent hours in prayer and insisted on unanimous decisions on the readings of the text. It was a remarkable effort and has been the English-speaking world's Bible for over 400 years.

However, after all this, the most important thing to consider is that this generation needs to return to the reading and study of the Bible itself, the Textus Receptus, The AKJV! May our pastors, preachers, and teachers re-emphasize the importance of the Bible in everything we say and do!



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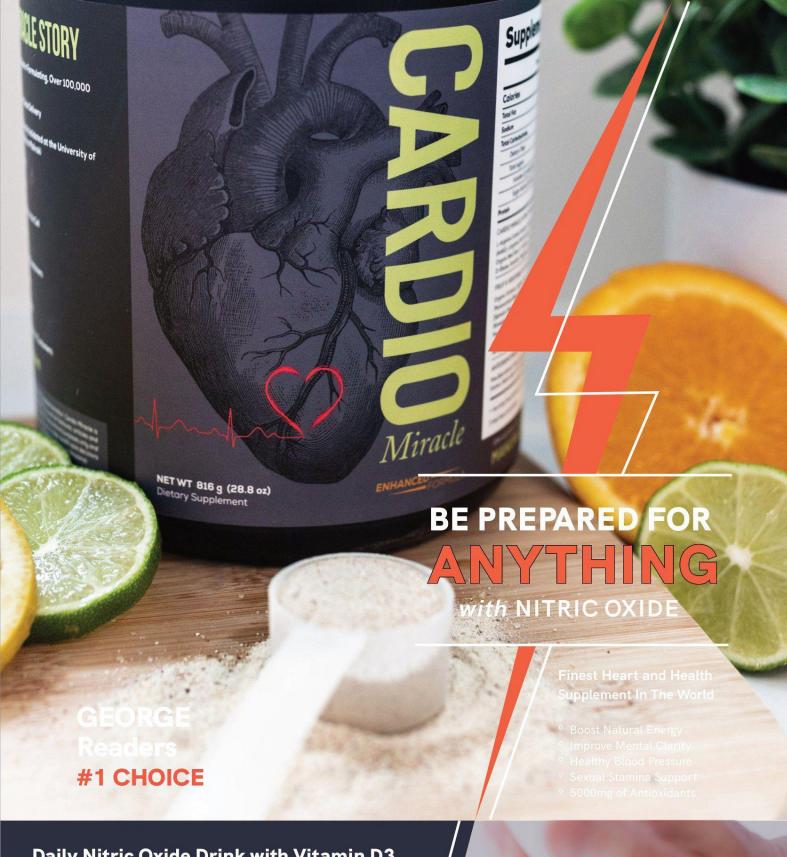
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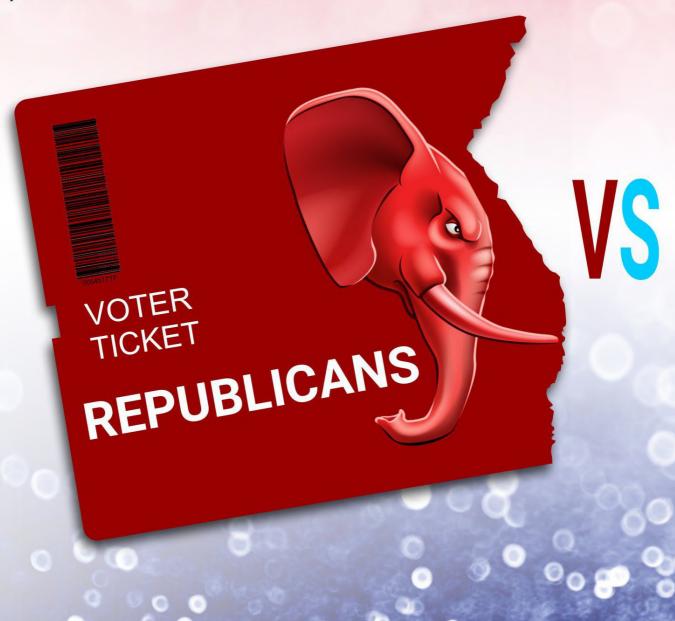
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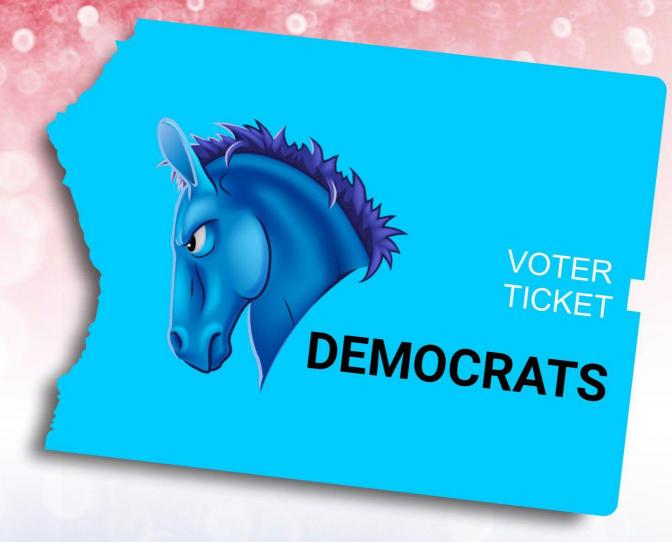
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# Could Trump Finally Make a Third Party a Reality?

By Alex Newman





# ABSOLUTELY!

What should we do when a majority of Republicans want Trump, but the Republican Party says we can't have him?

t. Paul, MN — Countless third parties have fizzled and failed throughout American history, but that was before Donald Trump came along and scrambled U.S. politics forever. Today, the prospect looks more realistic than ever. And while Trump has most of the GOP base wrapped around his finger, powerful establishment forces are hoping to deny him the White House by denying him the Republican Party nomination. If that happens, experts and analysts say Trump might just blow up the entire system.

Sitting here in the Minnesota State Capitol talking to impotent GOP lawmakers, where Democrats, unrestrained by Republicans, just passed bills protecting pedophilia and the kidnapping and surgical mutilation of children from other states, it is now perfectly clear that at least one of America's two political parties is beyond hope. Talk of secession and even possible civil war is growing as everyday Americans look at what is happening in horror.

But another possible future - a viable third party - is also now on the table like never before.

The Republican Party has long been seen by many "America First" patriots and leaders as the last best hope for salvaging what is left of the United States, politically at least. But even the GOP, dominated at the highest level by political hacks derided as "Republicans in Name Only" (RINOs) by the conservative grassroots, appears to countless patriots to be corrupt beyond repair, as well. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell epitomizes this phenomenon.

In polls, the vast majority of Americans consistently express a desire to see a viable third party emerge to shake up politics. And yet, for decades, Americans from across the political spectrum have worked to smash the two-party system with a third party. So far, they have basically nothing to show for it other than a lot of wasted time and money.

Libertarians, the third largest party in the nation, have tried hard for many years to break the two major parties' stranglehold on power. They have failed miserably so far, with virtually no successful candidates at the national level. Communists, socialists, greens, the Constitution Party, and other groups have attempted to break the system, too — also unsuccessfully.

independent candidate. Trump himself actually toyed with the idea of a run with the Reform Party more than two decades ago, but it never went anywhere.

In short, those who do not fit neatly into the Republican or Democrat duopoly — or the "uniparty," as more and more critics refer to the two-party machine — have tried and tried again before ultimately failing. Many advocates who sought to work through third parties eventually gave up and resigned themselves to the idea that Republicans and Democrats are all that will ever exist.

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Just last summer, a group of selfstyled "moderate" Republicans and "centrist" Democrats created a new political party called "Forward." Co-chaired by failed Democrat presidential contender Andrew Yang and former New Jersey GOP Governor Christine Todd Whitman, the party's launch was a lot like the proverbial tree falling in the woods when nobody is around to hear it. Did it make a sound? Who knows! Even among those who originally learned about the party, the news has largely been forgotten already.

The late businessman Ross Perot was perhaps the most successful third-party candidate in U.S. history when, in 1996, he earned just over 8 million votes and about 8.5 percent on the Reform Party ticket. That was far less than the almost 20 percent he had earned just four years earlier as an

Plenty of ideologues from other parties have tried to change or even hijack one of the parties from the inside. In fact, in recent years, Communist Party USA leaders have even boasted of their control over the Democrat Party. CPUSA boss and CCP booster John Bachtell wrote in 2015 in People's World, the party's publication, that his party "utilizes" the Democrat Party as a "vehicle" to advance the Communist agenda until such a time as electing Communists with a "radical third party" becomes viable.

For perspective, consider that the Democrat Party was home to great Americans even in recent decades. As recently as the 1980s, one of the nation's most conservative Congressmen, U.S. Representative Larry McDonald of Georgia, was a proud liberty-loving Democrat faithfully supporting the

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Constitution while exposing the enemies of America in the U.S. House of Representatives and in his role as Chairman of the anticommunist John Birch Society. His airplane was shot down by a Soviet fighter jet in route to South Korea in 1983.

A few decades before that, JFK was the party's standard bearer, though he was murdered in mysterious circumstances as well. And yet today, the Democrat Party is — as CPUSA boss Bachtell put it—a vehicle for communism and every sort of destructive evil.

The transformation of the Republican Party has not been quite as dramatic or rapid. But thanks to Trump, the Tea Party, generations of conservative activists, and politically involved Christians, it has morphed from a sometimes-lukewarm party with some Big Government tendencies into the political home — at least at the rank-and-file level — of those who love God, America, family, and liberty.

Of course, there are plenty of frustrated conservatives who have tried to lead the rank-and-file out of a GOP that also remains the home — especially at the leadership level — of neoconservative warmongers, Deep State tools, and globalists. That contest between the establishment and the grassroots has only intensified in recent years.

These struggles are not new. Over a century ago, Teddy Roosevelt left the GOP and attempted a failed third-party run that split the Republican vote and handed the election to Deep State stooge Woodrow Wilson. There is even an "American First" party formed a couple decades ago that, despite Trump's rhetoric, has not gained anything like the traction needed to break through the duopoly. At least, not yet.

But while many have failed, Trump is different than those who have tried in the past. If he wanted to, he could almost certainly trump the duopoly and smash it all by himself. Depending on how the upcoming primaries go, the possibility that he might just do it is not far-fetched. Throughout the 2016 primary, he repeatedly refused to rule out the possibility that he might run outside the GOP if necessary, saying it gave him "leverage." It still gives him leverage today as party bosses, the DOJ, Soros-backed local prosecutors, and Fox News conspire to sideline him.

Establishment voices are cautioning that such a move by Trump would split the conservative and patriotic vote, allowing Joe Biden or some other far-left anti-American zealot to cruise into the White House again. When former House Speaker Paul Ryan was asked recently on ABC about the possibility that Trump might

launch a third-party bid if he were to lose the Republican nomination in 2024, Ryan confidently responded that it would hand the nation to "the Left" and that Trump would not want to be blamed for that.

But is that true? Would conservatives and patriots split or follow Trump? Even the biased polling data paints a vastly different picture than the media. Trump is continuing to dominate his GOP rivals even as he holds a massive lead over Biden in a hypothetical matchup.

After the 2020 election shenanigans, many Republicans, frustrated by the party machinery's refusal to properly help the president counter election fraud, called for Trump to start a new party. He reportedly flirted with the idea, with various reports saying that after January 6, he warned RNC boss Ronna McDaniel that he was considering it. Not long after that, he publicly ruled out the possibility of starting another party. But anything could happen.

In fact, Trump has even given some indications that he is open to the possibility. Late last year, the President shared a piece in American Greatness on Truth Social that called on him to run as a third-party candidate. Under the headline "The Coming Split," writer Dan Gelernter warned that America was heading for a repeat of 1912 when the GOP ignored its voters and nominated a candidate the grassroots did not support.

"The Republican machine has no intention of letting us choose Trump again: He is not a uniparty team player. They would rather lose an election to the Democrats,

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Trump might not win without the
GOP's backing, he still says he
would support that loss rather than
allow the GOP to defy American
voters again. "Now, if the
Republican Party thinks it's not big
enough for Trump, it's not going to
be big enough for me either," he
wrote. No doubt countless, fed-up
Americans feel the same way.

The prospect is being discussed at the highest levels. Even some of his former cabinet officials have broached the subject. "The threat is simple: Unless the rest of the party goes along with him, he will burn the whole house down by leading 'his people' out of the GOP," Trump's former Attorney General William Barr said in a New York Post op-ed published in late 2022.

Already, powerful institutions such as the America First Policy
Institute are operating outside of the Republican Party framework to advance Trump-style America First policies at all levels. The organization, which brings together numerous key officials from his administration, aims to advance that vision within or without the GOP, from the local level to the White House. And that architecture will remain, largely independent of the RNC, as a powerful force in U.S. politics for years to come.

As this is being written, Republicans in Congress are proposing tiny and entirely insignificant cuts to the multitrillion-dollar spending bonanza being demanded by Biden and Democrats. Numerous Republican congressmen who spoke to *GEORGE* magazine expressed a desire to use the GOP House's control over spending to rein in the abuses being perpetrated by the Biden administration. And yet, like Speaker Ryan's funding of Planned Parenthood, the leadership appears deaf to the cries of its voters.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy seems determined to let the horror continue, demanding only the tiniest and phoniest cuts in spending as Congress condemns America's children to carry trillions more in debt to hostile foreign powers. In other words, aside from the rhetoric and the largely ignored GOP platform, the alleged differences between the two major parties appear increasingly marginal.

America's Founding Fathers warned about the dangers of "factions" in the political realm. In Federalist 10, James Madison — known as the "Father of the



Constitution" — warned especially about a faction gaining total control over power. If the Democrats and Republicans are largely united on globalism, war, debt, endless spending, and more, is it possible that a "faction" has already secured that unchecked power? And if so, is it possible that a third party uniting patriotic Americans from across the spectrum could break that faction's control? Under the leadership of Trump, absolutely.

As this is being written, Trump is dominating in the polls against Biden. A Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll released in mid-May showed Trump with 47 percent against Biden's 40 percent, while a matchup between Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Biden saw both at 42 percent. It remains to be seen whether the increasingly decrepit White House occupant will make it to 2024 without being replaced on the ticket. But Trump should have no problem defeating Biden if and when the time comes, with or without the GOP.



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The bigger question is what will happen in the GOP primary. Polls throughout the first half of 2023 have shown Trump crushing DeSantis by landslide margins. But with Rupert Murdoch's media empire (Fox, Wall Street Journal, New York Post, etc.) firmly in DeSantis' corner, along with the GOP establishment and much of the mega-donor class, there is no guarantee that Trump will emerge victorious in the Republican primary — especially in light of the 2020-style electoral shenanigans that have still not been dealt with.

The possibility of Trump and Democrat presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy Jr. joining forces on a unity ticket has also intrigued political analysts. Though Kennedy has publicly ruled it out, much stranger things have happened in American politics. Both candidates are being shunned by their own party establishment,

and they share a number of things in common. Trump has even been attacking DeSantis from the left on some issues, hints of an effort to appeal to a broader range of Americans across the political spectrum.

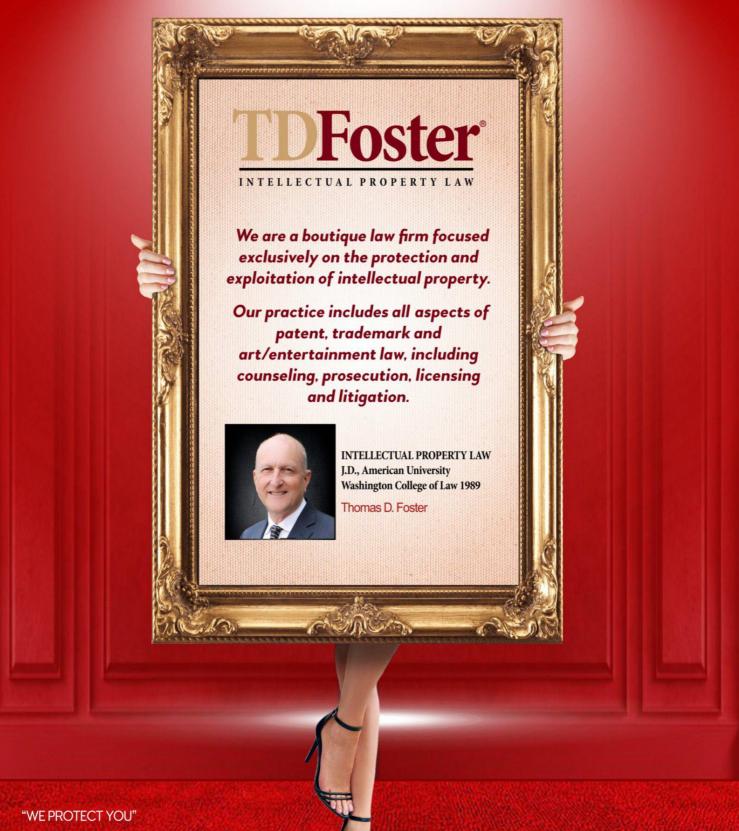
If a free and fair election were held today, it is almost certain that Trump would win the presidency for a third time on the Republican ticket — the second win having been brazenly stolen from him by fraud, Zuckerbucks, and the bipartisan "conspiracy" described with glee by Time magazine. But of course, even though brilliant minds are working to make sure the 2024 election is legitimate, the prospect of it actually being honest remains a big "if," at best.

Leaving aside questions of election integrity, could Trump take down the two-party system where so many others have failed? Without question. Will he? It may seem like a long shot, but only time will tell. Watch the GOP primary carefully, as a transformative moment in U.S. politics may be fast approaching.





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## Patriots, Remember Your Oath

by Andre Popa



In 1980, the great American singer Neil Diamond released his very Patriotic song, "America!" The lyrics still ring true today:



Far We've been traveling far Without a home But not without a star Free Only want to be free We huddle close Hang on to a dream On the boats and on the planes They're coming to America Never looking back again They're coming to America Home Don't it seem so far away Oh, we're traveling light today In the eye of the storm In the eye of the storm Home





To a new and a shiny place
Make our bed and we'll say our grace
Freedom's light burning warm
Freedom's light burning warm
Everywhere around the world
They're coming to America
Every time that flag's unfurled
They're coming to America
Got a dream to take them there
They're coming to America

~ Neil Diamond



A Patriot is nothing more than a human being who loves the country he/she lives in. Lately, many have been asking how they can love their country when it is being torn to pieces by bad people. We forget and sometimes lose track of the fact that the current situation is not what our country is all about. It's just a season we are going through; After winter comes spring, and so on.



America, like all countries, has something called a Constitution and Amendments! That's what America is, the written foundation it was built upon. We may not agree with the politics or economy of today, but that should not make us veer from the reality that we are a Constitutional Republic.

When we stand for something, we fall for nothing. When we stand for nothing, we fall for everything. When I'm on stage speaking at Patriot events, I ask the audience to participate in my message. I ask them, "Who's a Patriot?" They answer, "I'm a Patriot!" It's very easy to get caught up in the daily bullshit that's fed to us from every angle of media sources. It's actually overwhelming. For the unprepared, it will seem real.

The chaos is designed to separate and weaken us, and as a result, many have lost their way. Biden's campaign slogan was "We are fighting for the SOUL of America." And we know from history that the best time to take over the soul of a country is when we are weak, divided, and broken.

It's time for you to come back home! It's time to seek the truth! It's time for you to love your country!

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How do we do that? It's actually pretty simple. Take all the emotion out of the equation and focus on hard facts. Don't just believe everything the media tells you. We must question everything, and I mean EVERYTHING!

I know many hardcore Patriots over the last three years who have lost hope, and some have even given up. But I also know many who were lost and now are found. We have more awake people in the world today than ever before. Why? Because more and more truth is being exposed every single day.



See, when you are in love with your country, you will want to protect it. Just like you do in a loving relationship, right? I'm calling on all Americans to remember their Oath, regardless of the branch of government or military experience.

And just because you are not taking office or serving the country through the military doesn't mean you can't take the Oath. What if regular, concerned citizens of America took the Oath to protect the Constitution and promised to honor it?

"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same: that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

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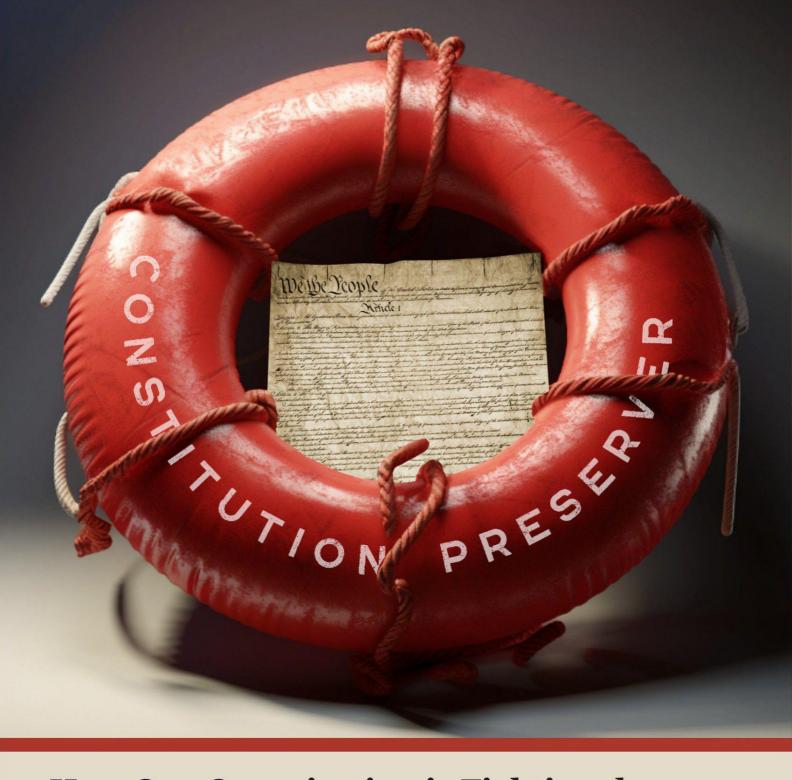


a non-profit organization dedicated to helping wounded military veterans. For over 12 years, we have been assisting veterans and their families in a variety of ways.

Our mission has always been to support our troops, veterans, and serve those wounded in combat every way we can. We started in 2011 by helping wounded veterans at Walter Reed Military hospital and have since grown to stay in constant contact with over 150 veterans whom we have helped physically, emotionally, and financially. We also work closely with Gold Star families and have provided assistance during natural disasters such as Hurricane Florence and the Kentucky tornadoes.

As a smaller 501(c)(3) non-profit, all of our volunteers ensure that the money raised goes directly to needy veterans who provide a valid DD Form 214 and are vetted by our board members. Our future goals include expanding to additional states and acquiring additional vehicles for transportation. We have also partnered with Oley Hemp to provide safe, natural and healthy alternatives to the current opioids that are being prescribed to PTSD and wounded veterans. Additionally, we are in the process of creating a silver-lined, EMF shielding, microbial seat cushion for veterans who are wheelchair bound.





## How One Organization is Fighting the Administrative State - and Winning!

Get to Know the NCLA, the Constitution Preserver.

By Rachel Writeside Blonde and Jon David

> "The NCLA believes that the federal government has overstepped its constitutional boundaries and violated the rights of individuals and states."



group of Twitter users who were heavily censored and banned due to sharing 'misinformation' about COVID-19. A father who took the Moderna COVID vaccine and survived but lost his 16-year-old son to cardiac arrest after taking the Pfizer vaccine. An employee who may be fired for not taking the vaccine despite having documented natural immunity after recovering from COVID-19.

Through COVID protocols, a concerted effort secured a set outcome with guidelines that conveniently disregarded the freedoms the Constitution protects. Where could these Americans turn?

The New Civil Liberties Alliance (NCLA) is a non-profit organization aiming to protect and restore the constitutional rights of Americans, and they don't just focus on cases regarding COVID-19. The organization was founded in 2017 by a group of lawyers who were concerned about the erosion of civil liberties in the United States. These attorneys believe the federal government has overstepped its constitutional boundaries and violated the rights of individuals and states. Now, through litigation, education, and advocacy, the NCLA challenges these abuses.

Four main areas of civil liberties are the focus of the group: due process, separation of powers, free speech, and property rights. The NCLA has filed lawsuits against various federal agencies and officials, such as the Department of Justice, the Internal Revenue Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Election Commission. Some of the cases the NCLA has been involved in aside from COVID cases:

- Defending a former FBI agent who was fired for blowing the whistle on misconduct and corruption within the bureau.
- Representing a journalist who was targeted by the IRS for exposing its political bias and harassment of conservative groups.
- Challenging the EPA's unlawful use of 'guidance documents' to impose regulations without following proper procedures or public input.

"No one can take your rights if you know how to defend them."





John Vecchione making the case for Merrick Garland at the Georgies

- Opposing the FEC's attempt to regulate online political speech and activity under vague and outdated rules.
- Supporting a farmer who was fined by the Army Corps of Engineers for plowing his own land without a permit.

Not only does the NCLA help the American people who have been victims of an overreaching administrative state, it also educates the public and policymakers about the importance of civil liberties and constitutional limits on government power. Reports, articles, podcasts, and videos on various topics are frequently published by the group so the public can stay up to date with current cases and victories.

The NCLA hosts events, webinars, and conferences to raise awareness and foster dialogue among different stakeholders and advocates for legislative and executive reforms that would restore and safeguard civil liberties. They recently held their 'Georgies' event, where they vote NCAA March Madness bracket-style for the most 'overreaching bureaucrats for bad behavior.' This year's winner? None other than U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland. The event featured a heckling King George, the perfect example of an overreaching government.



The King George III Prize displayed at the Georgies



The NCLA's vision is to create a culture of liberty in America, where individuals are free to pursue their own happiness without undue interference from the government. The NCLA's motto is "No one can take your rights if you know how to defend them."

To find out more information and to see what the organization is up to, visit nclalegal.org.







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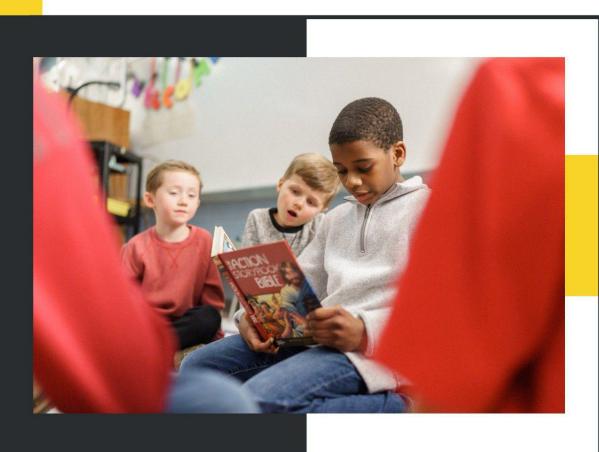
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### Putting God Back in Schools One Bible at a Time

by Mary Frost



After two weeks of having the Action Storybook on our shelf, we have a waiting list of 15 students waiting to check it out!

For Hannah, this journey started one day in February of 2018. "I began walking around my school and praying for my coworkers, students, and families," Hannah shared. "I prayed for their salvation and that those who knew Jesus would be bold in their faith. One day I prayed that Jesus' name would be spoken in the hallways and classrooms of my school. Jesus soon answered that prayer in bigger ways than I could have imagined."

Several months later, while teaching a reading group, she noticed that one of the young students was reading a Bible he had gotten from the school library. He opened the old Bible to the front page and started reading the definitions of the words. When he said he wanted to learn more, Hannah said, "Jesus opened my eyes that day and put on my heart to get engaging Bibles in the elementary school libraries in my county."



Hannah assembled a team of friends, family, and members of her church, and they donated copies of *The Action Storybook Bible* to each of the 38 public elementary school libraries in her county. *The Action Bible* series is engaging, visually impactful, and brings the Bible to life with easy-to-understand language and contemporary graphics.

The movement spread, and the nonprofit organization 'Bibles in Schools' was born. Their goal is to offer engaging Bibles to every public-school library in the United States. To date, Biblesinschools.org has placed engaging Bibles in school libraries in all 50 states: over 10,000 Bibles in over 3,000 public schools! The organization has also begun donating Action Bibles to juvenile detention centers and has provided them to 35 facilities so far.









The response has been amazing. Here are just a few examples of what librarians across the country have shared with Hannah:

- Virginia librarian: We can't seem to keep the Action Bibles on the shelves. Students are coming in asking for the specific Action Bibles. Can we get more copies?
- Oregon librarian: After two weeks of having the Action Storybook on our shelf, we have a waiting list of 15 students waiting to check it out!
  - Pennsylvania librarian: The graphic novel Bible stories are a hit at both schools and are checked out regularly. I had one student stop me and ask if there were any more. He was very excited and said his family reads three chapters a night.

The website provides information, resources, and guidance for anyone who wishes to get involved, and join the cause. But first, know your rights! "It is essential that we are well informed about our Constitutional rights when it comes to prayer and the Bible in public schools. The United States Constitution and Supreme Court have established precise boundaries on what is and what isn't permissible, so it is critical that we are familiar with these restrictions." Biblesinschools.org includes a section detailing students' rights, parents' rights, and teachers' rights.



The website also includes a 'Defending Freedom' letter explaining that accepting a Bible donation and placing it in a school library does NOT violate The Establishment Clause (sometimes called 'the separation of church and state'). From the letter: While students should never be *compelled* to participate in religious activities [Kennedy v. Bremerton Sch. Dist.], the Supreme Court has explained that "the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like" [Stone v. Graham].

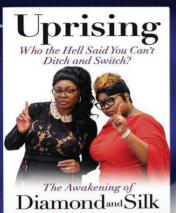


Hannah Salisbury has shown the world that just one person can make a difference and create a national movement. Her faith, passion, and dedication have impacted children all over the country.

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# Why a Convention of States is a BAD Idea!

By Jon David

Article V of the U.S. Constitution that allows states to propose amendments to the Constitution without the approval of Congress. The Constitution's framers added the convention mechanism to allow states to bypass Congress and amend the Constitution if the federal government abused or exceeded its powers. It takes 34 states to call the convention and 38 to ratify any amendments that are proposed.

A Convention of States (COS) is a proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution by calling a convention of delegates from the states. The proponents of COS claim that it is a way to restore the balance of power between the federal and state governments and to limit the overreach of the federal government. However, there are many reasons why a COS is a bad idea that could endanger the stability and integrity of the Constitution and the nation.

#### First, a COS is unnecessary and risky.

The Constitution already provides a way to amend it through the approval of two-thirds of both houses of Congress and three-fourths of the states. This process has been used 27 times to make changes that reflect the will of the people and the changing times. A COS, on the other hand, could open up the Constitution to radical and unpredictable changes that could undermine its core principles and values. There is no guarantee that a COS would be limited to specific topics or amendments, as some advocates claim. Once a convention is convened, it could propose any changes it wants, regardless of the original intent or scope of the call. This could lead to a runaway convention that could rewrite or abolish parts of the Constitution that protect our rights and freedoms.



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#### Second, a COS is undemocratic and unrepresentative.

There is no clear or agreed-upon process for how a COS would be organized, conducted, or ratified. There are many unanswered questions about who would choose the delegates, how they would be allocated among the states, what rules would govern their deliberations, how votes would be counted, and how disputes would be resolved. These issues could create confusion, chaos, and conflict among the states and within the convention itself. Moreover, there is no guarantee that the delegates would reflect the diversity and interests of the American people. They could be influenced by special interests, partisan agendas, or ideological extremists. They could also ignore or override the views and wishes of the majority of the citizens who did not elect them or give them authority to alter the Constitution.







#### Third, a COS is unnecessary and dangerous.

The Constitution is not perfect, but it is not broken either. It has served as the foundation of our democracy and our system of government for over two centuries. It has endured wars, crises, and challenges. It has adapted to changing circumstances and needs through amendments and interpretations by the courts and other branches of government. It has also inspired and influenced other constitutions around the world. A COS could jeopardize this legacy and put our constitutional order at risk. It could create uncertainty, instability, and division in our

society. It could also invite interference and meddling from foreign powers or enemies who might seek to exploit our vulnerabilities or undermine our sovereignty.

A Convention of States is a bad idea that should be rejected by all Americans who value and respect our Constitution and our nation. It is unnecessary, risky, undemocratic, unrepresentative, and dangerous. It is not a solution to our problems but a potential source of new ones. It is not a way to improve our Constitution but a way to endanger it.

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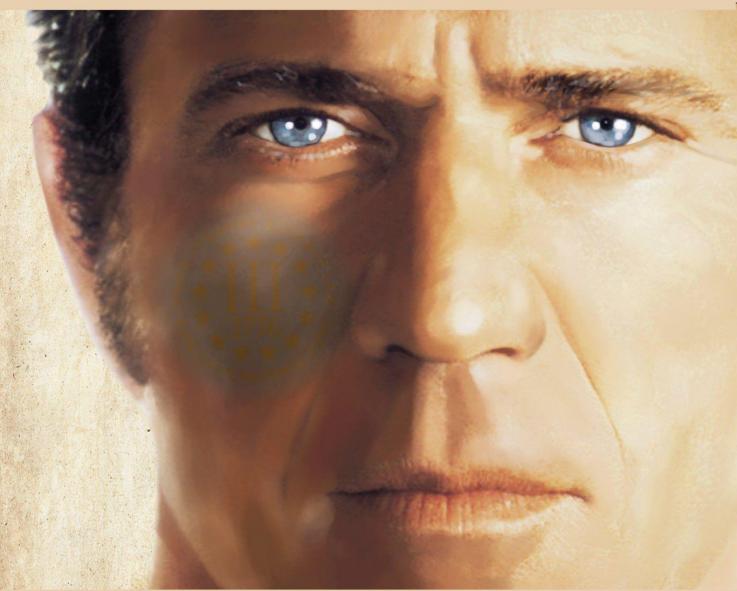






#### **George Vault**

By Rachel Writeside Blonde



The Power of

### America's

New Patriots

#### Mel Gibson



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The mark of a society in a state of collapse is its inability to distinguish between heroes and celebrities.

-Barbara Tuchman

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"You look at the gravestones around here," he said. "They're all like 47 years old when they croak. I wouldn't be far away from the grave right now."

Tough times. Tough people. The Continental army was known to crank out 200-mile marches.

el Gibson certainly seems like the perfect actor to star in the 2000 movie, "The Patriot," a movie about a farmer turned Militia leader for the Colonies against the British at the time of the Revolutionary War. A quick search of Gibson revealed numerous broadcast occasions when the producer, director, and actor of several blockbuster films offered his conservative religious and political opinions. As a result, he has been labeled "far-right." Most of his private life woes have been smeared on America's Petri dish for all to dissect.

In headlines like "The Beaver: Are We Ready to Forgive Mel Gibson?" (*Time*, 2011), journalists implied Gibson must apologize to each American as if he personally let us down. Was this always the case? Was it always a given that actors should apologize to the American people for things they did in their personal lives? Or was Gibson an early target of what is seen all over now, when going against the grain lands you in the news in an unfavorable way?

Going against the grain, in this case, means spouting so-called conspiracy theories and sharing 'controversial' viewpoints on the two no no's – politics and religion. In this article written by Tom Dunkel for the July 2000 issue of *George*, Mel Gibson did not disappoint, and neither did Dunkel, who did his homework for the article. The piece reads like a documentary of the Revolutionary War, complete with interesting stories throughout and a feel-good ending. The magazine's headliner, "The Power of America's New Patriots," is one that might hold more juice now than it did in 2000.

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political views from his father, Dunkel wrote that Gibson believed "a cabal of Rhodes scholars is taking over the world." Gibson said that "governing bodies and leaders are capable of major crimes," like misleading the public to get us into war situations.

Ironically, one of Gibson's favorite films is *JFK*, directed by Oliver Stone. Dunkel wrote about the criticism Stone received after the movie's release and that Gibson felt it was a "predictable media hose job." Gibson also said, "In fact, the Warren Commission was the biggest bunch of crap you can imagine, but nobody bothers to smear that, know what I mean?" It only took 23 MORE years for information to begin to come to light regarding

For the article, Gibson took breaks between shooting scenes, reflecting on the history from which his movie was being made. He said of the colonists, "You look at the gravestones around here. They're all like 47 years old when they croak. I wouldn't be far away from the grave right now."

Later in the article, as it explained how Gibson lived in Australia and the U.S. and got his

the assassination of JFK, but more facts will need to surface to really understand exactly what happened that day in 1963.

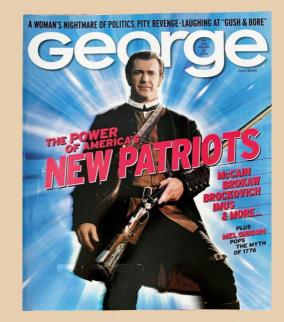
As to what happened in the Revolutionary War, not many dispute those facts, but sadly —as the article points out—many have no idea what had to happen for America to be born. Juanita Firestone, a professor of sociology at the University of Texas at the time of the article,

was interviewed. She stated, "We've lost sight of the whole premise that being heroic means sacrifice and doing something for others. Each year, Firestone would ask her students to list who they felt were heroes, and each year Martine Luther King, Jr. and Ghandi would top the list. After the first few at the top, the lists went steadily downhill. Firestone mentioned Madonna was considered one of the "most esteemed women in America."

Another historian, Barbara Tuchman, gave an incredible quote highlighting a prominent problem today. "She once said that the mark of a society in a state of collapse is its inability to distinguish between heroes and celebrities."

The idea of a new patriot party doesn't sound so bad in 2023, though it would not make sense in the end once that scenario is played out. But even though a new party may not develop in the way Americans would initially assume, it is undeniable a new political class is emerging. It might just help get us back in line with the vision our Founding Fathers had in mind.

As the nation rushes toward newfound technological advances, ever-present challenges with division, and the direction of policy, maybe it's best to consider the young soldiers on the battlefields against the British. Back then, there was no Madonna or Lady Gaga. There is no doubt if Firestone had been around at the time of the Revolutionary War and asked the same question of her class from those times, the answers would be quite different. Compare and contrast those responses with Tuchman's quote, and the question must be asked: With all this 'progressive' talk in our nation, are we really progressing as much as we think we are from the time of the Revolutionary War?



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Gibson never became an Australian citizen. Four of the five homes that he and his wife, Robyn, own are in the U.S., where Gibson relishes his oddball-alien status and reputation for unconventional politics, largely inherited from his archconservative Catholic firm. Meeting the Catholic firm of the convenience of the

archconservative Catholic father. He thinks a cabal of Rhodes scholars is taking over the world. He says "governing bodies and leaders are capable of major crimes," such as lying to get us into wars.

One of his favorite films is Oliver Stone's IFK, the conspiracy buff's Casablanca. Gibson says that the criticism Stone received for playing footsie with the facts was a totally predictable media hose-job. "In fact, the Warren Commission was the biggest bunch of crap you can imagine, but nobody bothers to smear that, know what I mean?"

George did, however, pull it off. His army did give birth to a new nation. A nation whose citizens are, nowadays, almost blissfully unaware of what got pulled off, and by whom. "We've lost sight of the whole premise that being heroic means sacrifice and doing something for others," says Juanita Firestone, who teaches sociology at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Since 1988, Firestone has asked her students to list heroes. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi are perennial favorites, she says, but after that the lists go rapidly downhill, with Madonna being considered one of the most esteemed women in America.

Looks like the late historian Barbara Tuchman nailed it correctly. She once said that the mark of a society in a state of collapse is its inability to distinguish between heroes and celebrities.



# A Wistful Walk Down Memory Lane While Remembering Radio's Patriot, Paul Harvey

By Renee' for the Republic





Home of Paul Harvey

his July 4<sup>th</sup>, there are many who are longing for the good ol' days. A yesteryear grounded in togetherness, traditional values, respect for hard work, and a deep love for this red-white-and-blue-tiful country.

Picture the mild and mellow days of Mayberry, Mary Tyler Moore, and The Waltons. Where just about everyone knew their neighbors, the proprietor of the grocery, the barber, the schoolteachers, the shoe shop, and the sheriff. Families talked on their porches while grandma spit Dental Sweet Snuff and Grandpa slurped cornbread crumbled in buttermilk. Young and old pitched in on the chore of snapping green beans from their gardens for supper that night.

And took turns churning the homemade ice cream.



"But for any eve of the 4th of July, I, Paul Harvey, do hereby bequeath unto you something to remember from the Declaration of Independence. We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor..."

Kitchens were a treasure trove of iron skillets, critical for crispy-crusted cornbread. A canister of bacon grease sat on the stove, ready to season just about everything, magically transforming mystery leftovers into "the best thing you ever did eat."

My granny, whose wrinkles were a witness to weathering the Great Depression, lived her life as waste-not-want-not. Geneva could rescue age-old grub from the back of the fridge and recycle it into a satisfying soup. My grandfather kept a jar of pickled pigs' feet in there --- resembling a sci-fi class experiment --- but he eyed it as good eatin'.

Handwritten recipe cards provided a road map to delights such as: tasty tuna-noodle casserole, colorful kaleidoscope salad molds made with a box of Knox gelatin, and luscious lemon icebox pie. Home-cooked meals were delivered to the infirm shut-ins.

Kids played from daylight to dark; guzzling from water hoses, chasing fireflies barefoot, exploring the far corners of the woods, and digging in the dirt as their imaginations took root. A boy was a boy, and a girl was a girl.

Classic paintings hung in living rooms --- of praying hands or of an anguished Jesus looking heavenward in the garden of Gethsemane. Remember when Holy Bibles were prominently displayed in the center of coffee tables? Church wasn't an afterthought; it was viewed as vital. As was the repentant altar call. Put on the Sunday attire, and sing in the choir: the 1st, 2nd, and 4th verses from the hymnals. Any teens spouting foul language got their mouths washed out with soap.

Twas a time of baseball games, parades, mom, and apple pie. We made USA and bought USA.

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... a span when beloved broadcaster, the velvety-voiced Paul Harvey, gave perspective, advice, and assurances --- all punctuated by grandfatherly grit and unforgettable stories.



Paul Harvey News was carried worldwide on the radio, in newspapers, and on 400 American Forces Network stations. His stories even echo into the stratosphere and were heard at the International Space Station.

His calm and steady demeanor --- grounded by straightforward honesty --- is a legacy contrast to today's artificial, superficial, and whacked-out world. Back then, pride wasn't a word that supported immorality but instead underpinned immortal merits, such as pride in one's integrity, family, law enforcement, the military, and our uniquely free homeland.

Born Paul Harvey Aurandt in 1918, he was raised by a single mom after his dad, a policeman, was shot by robbers. Harvey was three years young. At age 14, he picked up a microphone and discovered a life purpose.

In their prime, his typewriter-generated broadcasts reached as many as 24 million each week. Across the nation, from the workers at the shirt factory to the lunch crowd at the diner --- it was a regular part of their day to tune in for a dose of daily news with a side of chuckle.



1950 early 60's people bought the daily paper at street vendor newsstands.

Paul Harvey News and Comment --- transmitted from a small office in his favorite city of Chicago --- was carried worldwide, in newspapers and on 400 American Forces Network stations. His stories even echoed into the stratosphere and were heard at the International Space Station.

The saturated popularity eventually netted an estimated 100-million-dollar contract, dwarfing the incomes of TV broadcasters such as Walter Cronkite and Barbara Walters. "You trust me to paint pictures on the mirror of your mind," he said to his loyal audience, referring to how he, by far, preferred radio over television. "I will let you feel such agony and ecstasy...as you would never be able to feel looking at it. Nothing compares to the phenomenal pictures painted by your mind's eyes."

Although no one could see him --- it was radio and not TV --- he dressed up in a suit and tie during every on-air moment. By 3:30 a.m., the perfectionist was on the passionate hunt, with vim and vigor, for the best news and human-interest stories attainable.

That unforgettable, signature intro: "Hello Americans, this is Paul Harvey! (a pause) Stand by for news."

Although he spoke of kings and kingdoms, the gravitational pull was toward hometown heroes, as he exuberantly recounted the raw-and-relatable stories of Americana. Revered as a national treasure, it was as if all the USA wanted to sit on Grandpa Harvey's lap and hear tales and testimonies. Listener Bev Cummins of Pennsylvania recalled: "It had all the comfort of a story being read at bedtime."

The Raconteur's Mission. Spurring young and old to learn perennial lessons, to lean on their Creator, and to "make something of ourselves" by indomitably overcoming hardship.

Now, here's the rest of the story, with more about his heart to help others, a sinewy faith, and an iconic patriotism. Including a personal experience of how Harvey generously shined a spotlight on a grass-roots program to inspire teenagers.

So how did he choose the material featured onair and in his newspaper columns? During a TV interview, he revealed the secret sauce: "When I try to select from tens of thousands of possibilities, I look for stories I think you need to know and those stories which I think you want to know. Each broadcast is supposed to be a combination of those."

Harvey wrote every single word himself, which graced the airwaves. Only child Paul Harvey Jr. authored "The Rest of the Story," a sidekick segment known for mixing history with mystery. Listeners loved the "big reveal" of a surprise person at the end. Often someone who changed society for the better in some way.

Multitudinous moons ago, I was working for a healthcare system in public and news media relations. I looked up one day from my piled-up desk, and a family-medicine doctor was hovering at the door. "Got a minute?" he asked, pep in his step. "I've started a little program where I bring in high-school students from rural areas and hope to get them interested in maybe becoming a doctor. I'm calling it FutrDOCS. Think we can raise some awareness on this?"

From prior work as a news journalist, I detected the story had heart... a pulse and potential wings. There was indeed a shortage of primary care doctors. And a growing scarcity of busy, working adults willing and able to take the time to mentor teens. However, the boss discouraged adding another project to an already-full plate, discounting the whole thing as a "time-eater."

Yet visions of the possibilities remained. So, the response to the M.D.: "Your program needs structure and some meat on the bones. How bout you work on that while I draw up a plan to create a logo, branding, and a list of media outlets to pitch."

Lots of long hours planting seeds, fishing for bites at every major media outlet, and following up. Week after week after week passed. Not even a nibble from a minnow.

Down the road, a CNN producer (who miraculously answered the phone) recalled and raved about the press packet, which even included an endorsement letter I'd obtained from the White House, signed by Bill Clinton. But because our story was categorized as "soft news," it would be six whole months or more before they could spare a reporter and camera crew. No guarantees. The doctor was growing despondent.

Out of the blue, to the rescue came none other than...Paul Harvey.

During lunch one day at the office desk, the phone rang relentlessly. It was the doctor beside himself. "You've got to turn on the radio NOW!" he yelled breathlessly. "I'm driving, was listening to Paul Harvey, and... and FutrDOCS is on there! He's talking about it! Right now!!"

Sure enough, and glory be! Almost instantaneously, thanks to Paul Harvey's limelight, things took off in wildfire fashion. Switchboard phones lit up like a Christmas tree. *PARADE* magazine called and sent a reporter and photographer from NYC Pronto to produce a deluxe spread with pictures of the teens in their white lab coats, observing medical care throughout the hospital. That was published right before Christmas. What a gift! Harvey also wrote an entire column on the topic, which was seen in hundreds of newspapers.

The list of media outlets supplying coverage on several continents was astonishing. Schools and hospitals from every corner of the U.S. and abroad called to ask how they could start their own program to motivate juveniles into the medical field.

I couldn't reach Paul Harvey on the phone or thank him. But that saga is a real-life sampling of the good the man did while alive.

Brent Burns of Gulf Shores, Alabama, can add an amen, too. He'd been struggling mightily to break into the music business. Harvey played his song about the 1970s gas crisis, "Cheaper Crude or No More Food." Burns recalled the lifechanger and remains eternally grateful: "That bounced me onto the world stage immediately."

No doubt Harvey had a special heart for visionaries, for young people, for farmers, for fighters of the faith. And for patriots.

Who could forget **So God Made a Farmer**, which was originally a speech he delivered in 1978 at a Future Farmers of America



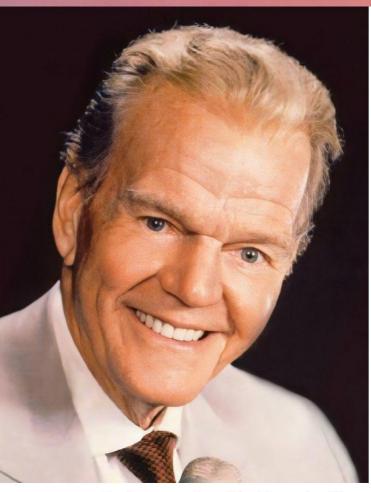
Convention? "God said, I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners...to finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church."

In 2013, Dodge Trucks produced a Superbowl ad, resurrecting those moving words spoken by that distinguished voice. Images were shown of rugged, calloused hands, working plow-to-hand across the land. It brought 108 million viewers to reverent silence and reduced some to salty tears. It was voted one of the best Superbowl commercials of all time. Hands down.

Arguably Paul Harvey's most famous broadcast, a classic, was *If I Were the Devil*. In 1965 he craftily described what he would do to destroy souls, and ultimately, America. A few predictive excerpts:

If I were the devil...so I'd set about, however necessary, to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first --- I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.'

"A great American and patriot. No BS about him. Moral, upright, and never hesitated to bring God into his broadcasting. The world is a sadder place without him." ---fan Regina K.



To the young, I would whisper that 'the Bible is a myth.' I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington...'

Harvey was wary of technology. Likely he'd have thrown every cell phone --- drip-drip-dripping poison into youngsters' minds --- straight in the trash.

The devil visited Harvey in 2001 with a virus that attacked his vocal cords and threatened to strip him of the ability to utter a word. "That voice...had been my life. I spent a lot of time on my knees..."

Some say Harvey was a patriotic prophet. Unconvinced? Listen to extracts from his 1965 broadcast entitled *Freedom to Chains* and see if it reflects our current condition.

· "No sir, when that pioneer turned his eyes toward the West...he didn't demand a maximum amount of money for a

- minimum amount of work. He didn't demand a free education. Come to think of it, he didn't demand anything."
- "Self-government won't work without self-discipline."
- "Suddenly our Constitution was depleted, with our national character eroding away, with our tax laws penalizing those who dare to prosper."
- "...in the search for the meaning of America, you must look not so much in her halls of government as in the pews of her churches."

If Harvey were alive today, he'd spurn any kowtowing capitulation. Would he not label a legion of our churches as non-profitable government suck-ups, cowardly and complicit? Would he sound the alarm that every aspect of our culture is being bankrupted, divided Marxist-style, sold for 30 pieces of silver, and purposefully pushed over a cliff in order to pave the way for socialist-communism?

Would he predict that, right before our eyes --save for a merciful intervention from on high --our enemies are on their way to becoming our iron-fist taskmasters? Are the foundations laid for a new globalist brand of slavery?

What would Harvey think about loyalists to the USA being threatened and silenced? And lest we forget, a corrupt press?

He wouldn't sit quietly and allow patriotism to be smeared as "right-wing radical extremism and Christian nationalism." He'd beseech us to emulate the brave boldness of our founding fathers, as in these sound bites from the broadcast named *Independence Day Explained*:

- · "But for any eve of the 4th of July, I, Paul Harvey, do hereby bequeath unto you something to remember. (In the Declaration of Independence), it's in the last paragraph...it says we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor..."
- They fulfilled a pledge. They paid the price. And freedom was born."
- · "...Below the dam of ruthless foreign rule, a stream of freedom was running

shallow, muddy. And we were going to light a fuse to dynamite that dam. This was a partnership between the living and the dead and the yet unborn.

- Fifty-six men knew when they signed, they were risking everything...if they lost, they'd face a hangman's rope."
   Many lost their homes, their properties pillaged, their families scattered and in hiding. Ransacked, looted, captured, and killed.
- "They had learned that liberty was so much more important than security."

With haste, Harvey would be rallying the troops to rush the gates of hell, lighting 'fireworks' under the average citizens and countrymen, shooing the pastors out of the pulpits and into the battleground.

From his broadcast aptly called *The Testing Time*, he encouraged:

- "Let us nonetheless, with the conscience of reasonable men, preserve and protect and defend this last green and precious place on earth against all of its enemies foreign, and domestic, so help us God...because so many people you never knew have broken their hearts to get it. And to keep it for you."
- "...We have captured the elusive eagle of individual liberty. Now you can love it, feed it and watch it fly," he advised. "Or neglect it and starve it and it'll die. It is, as you will. The future is in your hands."

May we follow and fight for the American's Creed, as Harvey christened it: "Believe in God, in your country, and in yourself. And in that order."

By doing so, there is still optimism... for proudly waving stars and stripes once again from every street corner, office, and homestead.

Optimism for churches to repent and bring back the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help us God.

Hope for a return to solace, sanity, and authentic emotional connections. For steel-spine patriots, peace through strength and a restoration of prosperity.

For a valiant path forward, which will make this nation the land of the free and home of the brave once again.



"What a wondrous man! He is a throwback from an age of voice versus image. His broadcasts are still treasures that need to be shared today for obvious reasons." ---fan Jeffrey B.

Wouldn't that be sweeter than a piece of lemon icebox pie on a sweltering summer evening?

Fellow Americans, Paul Harvey would tell us that within us all, there remains resilience, a timeless vision, a yearning for justice, a sacrificial fight for what's right...and thus hope in the resurrection of a ... good day.



**About freedom:** "Liberty is so much more important than security."

About the signers of the Declaration of Independence: "When they signed, they knew they were risking everything. They knew if they won this fight, the best they could expect would be years of hardship and a struggling nation. And if they lost, they'd face a hangman's rope."

About parades: "I'm a professional parade watcher who just can't wait to get up every morning at 1:30 a.m. and rush down to the teletypes and telephones to see what wonderful things hundreds of millions of heroic people have been doing overnight."

**About faith:** "I was very tardy in my own life, coming to a firm conviction. I like the promise of John 3:16."

About his marriage: Harvey was happily married to his wife Lynne (whom he called "Angel") in 1940 (proposing to her on their first date) until her death from leukemia in 2008. Both were Christians and spoke openly about their faith.

**About his job:** "When we pray for guidance and doors continue to open instead of close, a person begins to think of this job as an obligation to enlighten and to inform."

A magnetic raconteur, Harvey was friends with movers and shakers (J. Edgar Hoover, Rev. Billy Graham, and Ronald Reagan, to name a few). Harvey coined the term Reaganomics. A portrait of Ronald Reagan was the only one hanging in Harvey's office.

"Dutch" approved: Ronald Reagan was among those who applauded the congenial commentator as "one of the most remarkable communicators of the 21st century." Harvey gravitated to hometown heroes as he exuberantly recounted the raw-and-relatable stories of Americana. Here's a snippet from a sample broadcast: "Emporia, Kansas! is home to this state's national champion .... honeymooners: Margaret and Joe Pearson. Theirs has endured 72 years!"

JFK's assassination: His poignant but stalwart coverage of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy had the shocked masses mesmerized. A Nov. 22, 1963, broadcast ended with: "It is for us that one must grieve tonight. If the world is one day destroyed, it won't be the H bomb. It'll be the greed, the fear, and the hate that set it off."

**About Vietnam:** After changing his stance on the Vietnam War, he said, "We paid much too high of a price for a stalemate on the 50-yard line, the most we were able to deliver. And it was then I suggested we either drive it or park it." To Nixon, he said: "I love you, Mr. President, but you are wrong."

From his broadcast, *If I Were the Devil*: "I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing."

#### The devil harassed him with a virus.

Threatened to leave him voiceless. A surgical implant provided restoration just before 9/11 rocked America. In a live interview on CNN, Larry King asked him: "How has 9/11 changed Paul Harvey?" To which he replied: "It has made him aware that in these wars, there are no civilians anymore. There is no hiding place." King probed further: "You mean the threat of

it all (WWIII) diminishes the threat of it all?" Harvey replied: "If that's not a way to be, that's the way to pray."

In a 2003 interview with Larry King, he asked him: "What do you make of what's happening to the culture? We seem to be a culture of anything goes." Harvey: "Excesses are eventually and ultimately their own undoing. And that keeps me hopeful."

A changing news scene: "In the old rip-and-read days of radio, we had no option but to reflect someone else's perspective on the news. The big change is that now everybody is expressing his view. Well, today anyone can go on the air anywhere at any time and comment on the news. For better or worse."

His warning: "Good governments have arisen on the world stage, and then each decayed away. Not one of them was ever destroyed by anyone else's marching legions. Each rotted away, morally, culturally, socially, economically."

The Left ruins everything: "Just by turning to the left, the world has gone in circles. Now either we will profit from the errors of our ways or it follows, as the night the day, our children are going to have to re-live the dark ages. All over again."

Lying politicians: "It's just that a few seasons ago, politicians began baiting their hooks with free BBQ and trading a Ponzi promise for votes, began telling us we don't want opportunity anymore, we want security. They said it so often we came to believe them. And they gave us chains."

**Tax and spend**. "As government gets bigger, it has to do what? Tax the individual more. So, the individual gets littler. Until the government is all-powerful. And the people become cattle."

**Encouragement:** "Don't let noisy news distress you. Don't let the headline writers rain on your parade. My goodness, there's resiliency in this country; we've not yet begun."

His American's Creed: "If we can revive in ourselves, then in our youth, something in that basic American's Creed, then the horizon has never been so limitless. History promises this: we will get exactly what we deserve.

**His favorite city:** Chicago has a Paul Harvey Drive at the corner of the river and Michigan Avenue.

Larry King asked him if he expected to live and fulfill a 10-year contract: "Oh yes, unless I can find something more fun than what I'm doing now. I certainly haven't been able to find that."

Rest in Peace: Born in 1918 and died in 2009 at age 90. He was unable to complete a 10-year contract reportedly worth \$100 million.

Haunted: Reportedly, he and his wife are buried in an unmarked mausoleum in Forest Home Cemetery just outside of Chicago. When peeking inside, you can see two caskets with some dust and cobwebs. According to an online show called "Faces of the Forgotten," paranormal activity has been seen. Such as a bright light emanating from the crypt.

**His only child**, son Paul Harvey Jr., said upon his father's death: "Today millions have lost a friend."

Paul Harvey Jr. said what many believe: "The broadcasting industry has hoped to find another Paul Harvey for years. But there will never be another Paul Harvey."











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# Mental Health Crisis Among Our Nation's Youth It's a Life and Death Situation



The phone kept buzzing and buzzing, disturbing the long-awaited few moments I finally got to myself. I was settling in for a relaxing Friday evening. My two teens, 15 and 16 at the time, had just left for an early dinner around 6:00 p.m. I greeted their friends, as I always do when they came to pick them up. I've known this group of kids for years. I've watched them grow up.

By Josephine Chess

looked at my phone to see who was calling. It was only 8:00 p.m., so I was surprised when it was one of my son's friends. My heart instantly sank as I pressed accept. My mother's intuition already knew it couldn't be good. What ensued in the moments after is a blur.

The voice on the other end of the line, which I knew so well, was frightened and panicked. "Claire, calm down. What's wrong," I pleaded. "Tell me what's wrong." It was my son. He was in a ditch on the side of the road near one of their favorite burger joints. Drunk. Passed out. Unresponsive.

The area where the kids loved to hang out was a charming, nice part of town. Brick streets flanked by towering oaks and cafes--not an off-the-beatenpath shady part of town. Little did I know there was a dock nearby where they would gather to drink. I tried to process what was happening.

Claire told me that my son had gone off with a few other kids, and when she saw him again, he was drunk. He was sick, stumbling, and fell into the ditch. Soon he became unresponsive. She said that a couple was helping him and that they called the paramedics.

Shaking uncontrollably, I raced to the car. Speeding to him. Looking back, I recognize that I shouldn't have even been driving. But I had no other option. My husband travels for work. He was out of town. I called my sister but decided I couldn't wait for her to come. I had to get there. I instantly saw the blaring red flashing lights as I turned the corner. A crowd gathered around my child. I pushed past them to find my sweet boy covered in vomit, eyes rolling back. His friends-the ones brave enough to wait with him, to call me and not take off for fear of getting in trouble, as some kids had-were terrified. His friends tried to explain that he drank half a

bottle of vodka, although they tried to get him to stop. The policeman attempted to calm me as I wailed, "Why would you let him do this?" My son's limp body was hauled onto the stretcher. Recalling these events and the scene still triggers a psychological response—my heart races, my palms get sweaty, and I find it hard to breathe. Bits and pieces of the night flash through my mind like piercing daggers through my flesh. I find it hard to make out the details; it's a blur of chaos, panic, lights, tears, paramedics, police.

Lying next to my shirtless, bruised boy with an IV in his arm, dirt and blood flanking his long legs, the dark yellow plastic container beside his face to catch his vomit- every single fear that I ever had since welcoming my precious son into the world was coming to fruition. Sitting in the emergency room, my mind played out worst-case scenarios like an old-time slide show clicking through the scenes. What if he didn't wake up? What if he had brain damage? Having children didn't come easy for us. We went through multiple rounds of in vitro. I always said this boy was my person, God's gift to me. My everything. My firstborn. The kindest soul I've ever met. As a child, he would strike up a conversation with an older adult in the grocery store. He'd hold a butterfly in his hand. Even the butterfly didn't want to leave him. It would flutter on him as if it wanted to bask in the safety of his gentleness for one more second. He was happy and light. I never in a million years would have thought he was silently suffering.

Five grueling, long, exhausting, frightening hours after arriving in the ER, my son began to wake up. During the evening, the nurse shared story after story of similar scenarios in the pediatric ER, some with tragic endings. I wanted to record them. Keep them to play back to my son, his friends, anyone, and everyone who would listen so this would never happen again. As bad as the night was, as earth-shattering and devastating as the events unfolded, it was what my son said to me as he was waking up that made me realize that my journey down the path of mental illness was just beginning.

I had a gut feeling that he may have been struggling with depression. But what middle or high-schoolaged child didn't have ups and downs? I know I did. I asked him, "Honey, why did you do this? Was it an accident? Did you not mean to have that much to drink? What if you didn't wake up?" In his not-quite-sober state, he said, "I don't know. Maybe on some sort of unconscious level, I was hoping I wouldn't wake up."

He's not alone. I am not alone. There's a crisis happening in our country. So much so that it's caused the U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy to take heed, and it's a life-or-death situation for our youth. Since the pandemic, there has been a dramatic decline in mental health among young people. My son's last few months of 8th grade were spent in quarantine. Those were the months that he should have enjoyed all the festivities planned and eagerly anticipated for the last nine years. Celebrations. Milestones. Retreats. Closure. The excitement of freshman quickly dissipated as he spent it behind a screen, disengaged. No reason to get out of bed and shower. No reason to put his best foot forward. No sports to keep his mind and body active and healthy.

Studies have found that strict lockdowns and forced isolation led to adverse psychological effects such as depression, anxiety, and PTSD. Couple that with loneliness and difficulty with academics, and the effects become much more staggering. In fact, "[The lockdown] is arguably the largest psychological experiment ever conducted," wrote a professor of health psychology and primary care at Vrije Universiteit Brussel and an expert on stress and burnout.

According to the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between 10-14 and 25-34. A team of researchers led by Jeffrey Bridge, Ph.D. Donna Ruch, Ph.D., and Lisa Horowitz, Ph.D., MPH, analyzed national suicide data from the CDC. They found that the over 5,500 youth who died by suicide during the first ten months of the pandemic was higher than the expected number had the pandemic not occurred.

Fast forward to today, and the effects of the pandemic continue to linger. Whether missing





milestones like graduation during the pandemic or losing close connections to their peers during the years when friendships are critically important the pandemic left its mark. A mark that has not yet been erased. But to be fair, there's more than the pandemic that is contributing to the mental health crisis among our nation's youth. Issues like peer pressure, the toxicity of social media, bullying, and family financial stress exacerbate the issue. I don't know about you, but I did some pretty stupid things as a teen. Lucky for me, no one was following me around with a camera, ready to share my missteps with the entire world or at least my entire high school class. Lucky for me, all these years later, there's no evidence of the stupid things I did. Back then, kids could be kids. They could make mistakes. Learn. Grow. Move on. Now their mistakes follow them. Now everyone knows about them. They can't outrun them.

Just recently, Dr. Murthy released a new Surgeon General's Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health. Exhaustive evidence has indicated that social media harms children's and adolescents' mental health and well-being. The report cautions that the harm from social media is even more detrimental for children and adolescents during a critical stage of brain development leading the Surgeon General to issue an urgent call for action by policymakers, technology companies, researchers, families, and youth to gain a better understanding of the complete impact of social media use, maximize the benefits and minimize the harms of social media platforms.

Armed with this evidence, we need to take action. Dr. Murthy suggests one solution is to rebuild social connections in America. Jerry Sparby, a former principal and school shooting survivor turned counselor, has been working to rebuild social connections in classrooms to address this epidemic. Sparby has created a non-profit mobile app and classroom program, HuddLUp, that teachers use to build student connections and address youth mental health through play.

We're beginning to see more and more organizations, influencers, policy leaders, and celebrities take steps like the ones Sparby initiated to address mental health issues among the younger generation. Innovative approaches such as The Big Stomp, the nation's first music festival to focus on mental health, are a massive step in destigmatizing mental health issues. The 7th annual familyfriendly event will feature 30+ acts along with the opportunity to learn about healthy habits, practices, and mindfulness through activities surrounding therapy animals, a zen den, bookmobile, dance and yoga party, a farmers' market, and more. Bands include funk outfit Lettuce, indie folk virtuoso Bahamas, and American rock band The Heartless Bastards.



But addressing the mental health crisis among our youth starts with you. And ignoring it is not an option. It's a life-or-death situation. Whether you're a parent, educator, coach, friend, or relative, having open conversations about depression, anxiety, loneliness, bullying, and even suicide lets children, teens, and younger adults know they have someone to turn to. Even if they don't seem receptive, it's important to continue to check in with comments like, "Hey, what's been worrying you lately?" Or "I'm just checking in; how is your mental health? How have you been sleeping lately?"

Normalizing these conversations, as difficult and uncomfortable as it may seem initially, is the first

step in addressing mental illness. The more you ask these questions, the easier it becomes. If you know a child who's struggled with suicidal ideation or depression, it's imperative to ask the hard questions. "Are you having thoughts of self-harm?" Sometimes we don't ask these questions because we are afraid of the answers. At least, that's how I felt. But I had to dig deep and know these questions could save my son's life.

It's been two years since my son's incident. He is in therapy and on an antidepressant. We have good and bad days. When I see any signs that may signal he's going through a rough time (excessive sleeping, lack of motivation, changes in eating patterns), I check in. I even ask, "Are you having thoughts of suicide?" I hate it. I hate asking this question. I know he hates it. It's blunt. It's straightforward. It's awkward. And, quite honestly, I'm scared to death of the answer. I asked his psychiatrist if it's too direct. He told me I HAVE to ask that question. And so do you.

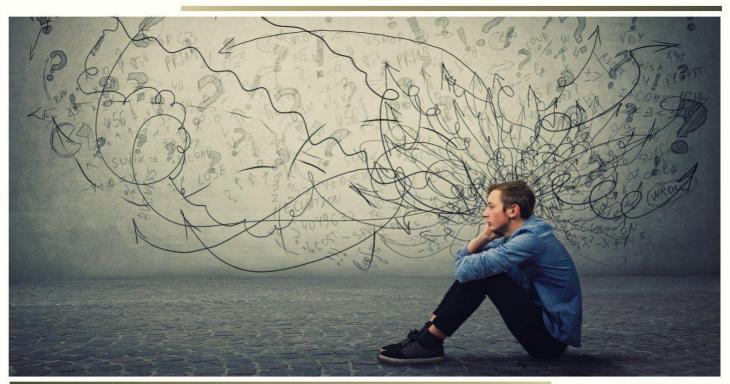
The second step in helping anyone who struggles with mental illness is having a plan. Don't wait until you need a counselor, therapist, or psychiatrist for your child to find one. There's a shortage of mental health workers, and it takes time to find a trusted provider. If you have insurance, get a list of innetwork providers and research. Ask friends if they have a therapist for their child and read reviews. Make a list of providers and keep it handy if you feel someone could benefit from seeing a licensed mental health professional. And, while it is very frightening to consider, ask a psychiatrist for a list of in-patient units. In talking with professionals, there are certain places that you do not want your child to be taken to should you have to call 911 or have them baker acted. It is best to know of a treatment center that is reputable to take the child to directly should there be a crisis situation.

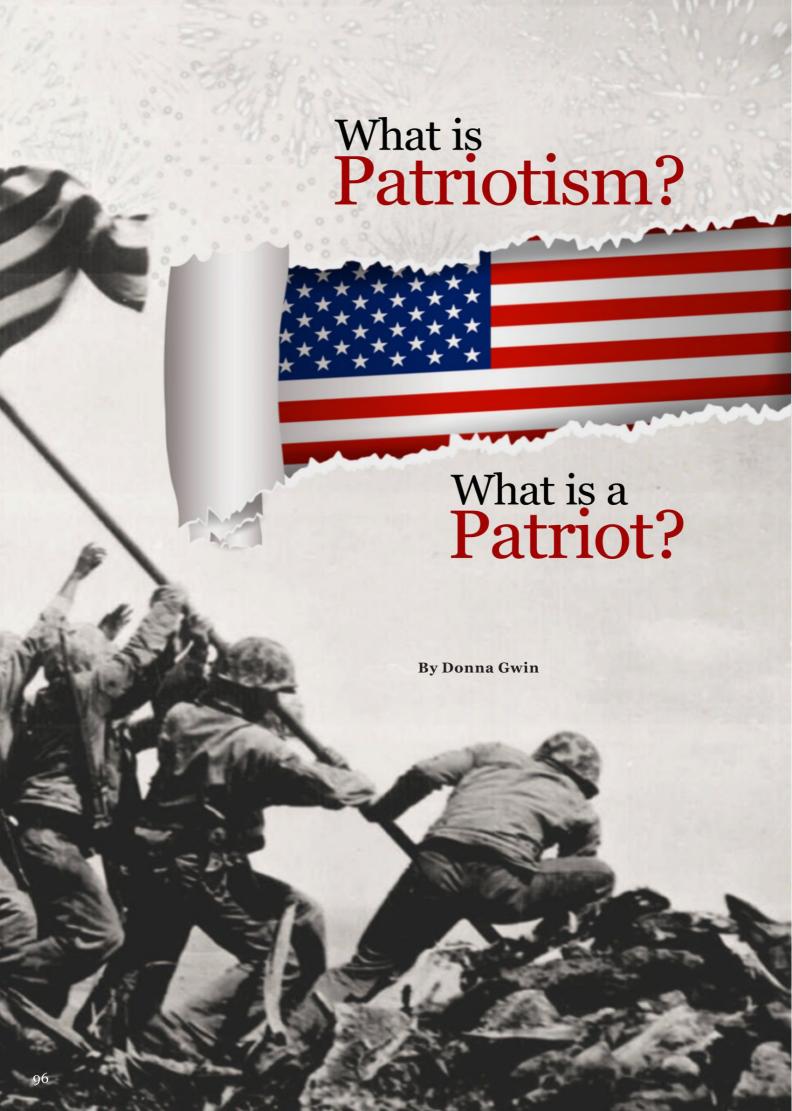
Know to dial 988. Give that number to a child you know, post it in the locker room, in a school, your church. Give it to your kid's friends. This is the new number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Trained staff answer calls from individuals at risk for suicide as well as those experiencing other mental health and substance use-related emergencies. There are specialized services available for veterans, LGBTQ+ individuals, and other groups.

Become a resource. Read credible articles about mental health. Talk to other adults about their experiences with someone they know who suffers from mental illness. Ask them what they found helpful. In a perfect world, you may not need any information you have gathered, but chances are you will encounter someone who can benefit from it.

The more we talk about mental health, the sooner we can break down the barriers and remove the stigma. "What we've got to do as a country is expand access to care. We've got to talk more about mental health, eradicating the shame and stigma that still surrounds it, so that people don't feel ashamed to ask for help," Dr. Murthy said.

I can't tell you how many people have thanked me for being open and honest. They have asked for recommendations from therapists and psychiatrists. I'm not an expert by any means. I'm just a mom who has walked this painstaking journey. And, if what we have gone through can help just one person, then it wasn't wasted. Don't underestimate your power and ability to be a part of the healing in someone's mental health journey. Your awareness and openness could save a life.





he definition of the word 'patriotism' is described in many ways. According to Merriam-Webster – 'love and devotion to one's country.' Cambridge describes a Patriot as 'the feeling of loving your country more than others and being proud of it.' Dictionary.com's description is 'devotion to one's own country.'

Even with the varied definitions and people describing themselves as Patriots in numerous ways, when it comes down to it, the true meaning is all the same. True Patriots love their country and are devoted enough to defend it.

People wave flags, wear specific articles of clothing, march, and have protests to show Patriotism. We vote to elect leaders we believe are trustworthy, ones who will defend and protect us and our country. People have different philosophies about what being a Patriot means, and there seems to be a drastic difference between the right and the left as to what those ideas are.

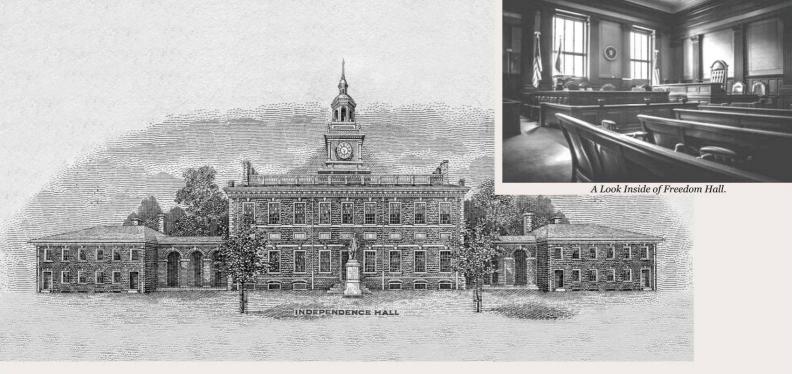
Although there are good people on both sides of the aisle, we now have an extreme right and an extreme left who push the bounds of logic. The left, it seems, has moved far away from American values into a far-left sphere of 'anything goes.' If that ideology is not accepted, the Americans in the middle are called racists and xenophobes.

Then we have the far-right, who have pushed the boundaries as far the other way as they can; who are just as radically conservative and authoritarian in their beliefs as the far-left, extreme, socialist liberals are in their views. The political spectrum indicates a wide range of opinions. We have the far-right, middle-of-theroad, and far-left, and each group believes theirs is the 'right' stance.

We have moved far past being able to agree on any topic. Sadly, we have also moved past being able to respect each other enough to have an open, honest conversation to try and meet somewhere in the middle for the benefit of our country, our children, and our futures. Perhaps it was their plan all along. For those at the top, to divide us enough to be able to control us more easily.

Have we moved so far apart that instead of being Patriots, we have become detrimental to the country we claim to love and defend? And how is this divide helping to solidify our children's future and freedom? It seems we have moved into a dangerous area where we have forgotten what being a Patriot means. Have we forgotten why we are fighting and what we are fighting for? The divide caused by mainstream media, corrupt politicians, and outside influences has pitted us all against each other to the point where we are fighting each other instead of fighting for a common goal and the good of the country. If we all stood together to defend our country, those who want to see America fall would never succeed. They had to divide us to conquer us. They must disarm us to control us, and they have done a 'great job' demonizing and attacking the very law that keeps them at bay: our Second Amendment.

Look at history. Every country that gave up its right to bear arms is no longer free.

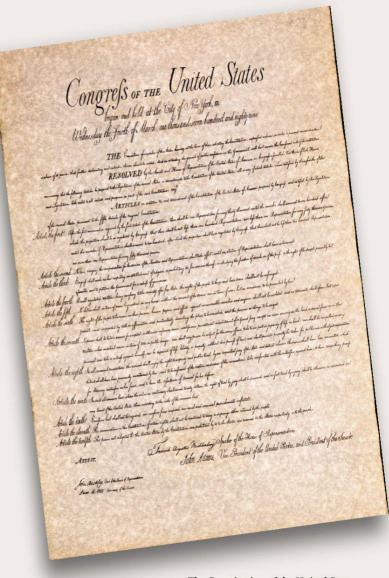


Have we forgotten what being a Patriot means? The founding Fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence and wrote the Bill of Rights were Patriots. These documents were designed to protect We the People from a rogue government and to ensure that said government could not remove our rights.

It is perfectly okay to have different opinions. Allowing our differences to tear us apart as a country is not okay. Surely those who fought in the Revolutionary War from 1775-1783 didn't agree on all issues. Still, they stood shoulder to shoulder against a common enemy with a common goal: to gain independence from Great Britain. They were fighting for freedom and independence to become a country, which was the beginning of the end of slavery. Women's rights would soon follow.

Going back in history from July 4th, 1776 – May 25th, 1787, there is no doubt our Founding Fathers were patriots who loved and wanted what was best for the people and our growing country. James Madison, the 'Father of the Constitution,' drafted the Constitution in 1787, but numerous delegates hammered out the specific details. Fifty-five delegates had a hand in it.

The Bill of Rights was written in 1688-1689 by Sir William Blackstone for the benefit of the people of England and was redrafted by Thomas Jefferson and Marquis de Lafayette. Their original draft was called Declaration of the



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#### "People we consider to be Patriots are our Founding Fathers."

Rights of Man and of the Citizen, which later became the Bill of Rights, a series of amendments to the Constitution to adapt the document to guarantee the rights of We the People. Although the Bill of Rights is right alongside the Constitution, it isn't part of it, and both are still in use today (albeit some government officials and politicians tend to ignore the documents housed in the National Archives Museum in Washington, DC). These two documents do different things. To put it in simple terms, The Constitution outlines the government's responsibilities and keeps them in line.

The Bill of Rights is an amendment made to that document that protects the Rights of the people. However, both documents are for the benefit of We the People. We won our freedom and became a Country, a Nation in our own right. But what happened? By the 1850s, with slavery moving into the western states and the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1861, one-half of the country wanted to end slavery, while the other half wanted to keep slavery, so once again, the people went to war. But this time, they were

fighting each other. The Civil War started in 1861 and ended in 1865, a bloody battle, still the deadliest in American history. A war started because people disagreed, and both sides thought their views were right.

If we look at what a Patriot truly is and what being a Patriot means, can we see that what we do and say, which are detrimental to our



We are many, united we are one nation.



As the young boy looks to the flag with respect.

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country, strip us of the right to call ourselves Patriots? If we take a cold hard look at ourselves, our actions, or lack thereof, what we say and how we say it, all these things can shine the light on an American Patriot or show us to be the opposite. We are fighting for our most valuable resource: our children and grandchildren. If we don't get it right, they are the ones who will pay the ultimate price. So, we must take a long hard look at the man/woman in the mirror and ask ourselves, Are We Patriots? Are we doing all we can to ensure a bright, prosperous future for those who come

after us? What kind of example are we setting? Is what we are doing being done in the name of Patriotism? These are legitimate questions we all should ask ourselves. After all, being a Patriot is an honor, and we have a great responsibility we should never take lightly.

Our Founding Fathers prayed, and they stood on the principles of God's word, and we should follow them and walk in their footsteps. We are, after all, 'One Nation Under God, with liberty and justice for all."





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Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it bath been aheady of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things, neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come ECCLESIASTES 1:9-11



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