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State Assembly
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Michael Schraa
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Winnebago County Clerk of Courts
Tara Berry
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Hey, it’s just a joke!

**Question:** What did socialists do for light to allow them to study at night before they had candles?
**Answer:** They turned on the electric light bulb.

**Question:** What did socialists use to cool their homes before they had windows that opened?
**Answer:** Air conditioning.

**Question:** What did socialists eat before Biden’s energy policies kicked in and saved the world from global warming?
**Answer:** All the food they wanted.

**Question:** What did socialists do before the USA elected their puppet, Joe Biden?
**Answer:** They hoped and planned for the future.

**Question:** What did the Democrats in Congress do before they beat up on oil executives and tell them to produce more oil?
**Answer:** Beat up on oil executives and told them to stop producing oil. (See a relevant “he said / she said” by clicking HERE)

**Question:** What did the world do before they begged for grain from Russia and Ukraine?
**Answer:** Bought all the grain they wanted from USA, Australia, and Canada.

**Question:** What did the world do before the USA with 4.5% of the world’s population funded 22% of the overall budget of the United Nations?
**Answer:** Thought about establishing the United Nations.
https://howmuch.net/articles/united-nations-budget-contributions-by-country-2019
https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/us-population/

**Question:** What did the United Nations do before they voted to put China, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Venezuela on the United Nations Committee for Human Rights?
**Answer:** I don’t know. They probably had a good laugh. See the latest PROOF of this by clicking HERE

**Question:** What do corrupt politicians do before they resort to having opponents start falling out of third story windows to their death?
**Answer:** They have the FBI start raiding their homes and friendly Attorneys General harassing them with legal maneuvers.
https://spectator.org/letitia-james-campaign-strategy-suing-trump/

**Question:** What do corrupt politicians do to feel more comfortable when their poll numbers are lousy?
**Answer:** Send the FBI in to suppress their opposition and stack the news cycle in their favor.
**Question:** What did Neil Young and Joni Mitchell do before blowing up and threatening Spotify because Joe Rogan said Ivermectin cured him of COVID on his podcast?

**Answer:** They sang protest songs in favor of free speech (in case you missed it, they were counterculture heroes of the ‘60’s and ‘70’s, folks. Yeah, the Woodstock enlightened.)


Little did we know it was only THEIR free speech they were worried about.

Should I keep going?

**What he/she said . . . .   HUH? ( . . . you can’t make this stuff up)**

**REPEAT WARNING TO READERS:**

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SOME NEW YORK TIMES NEWS BELOW
It is what they DON’T report that is disheartening.
I hope you appreciate it. Reading that rag is getting me down

**MOST IMPORTANT STORY OF THE DAY!**
READ THIS IF YOU READ
Nothing Else:
[Senior Editor Bari Weiss, [Senator Tim] Scott's office asked the Times to publish an op-ed about a piece of police reform legislation that the senator was working on called the Justice Act.

The proposed bill by Scott, who is the only black Republican in the US Senate, failed to pass due to Democratic opposition. Scott told Weiss that the “Democrats really wanted the issue more than the solution.”

“Well, here’s what happened,” Weiss told Scott. “And this is the part I’m not sure if you know. There was a discussion about the piece and whether or not we should run it.”

Weiss continued: “And one colleague, a more senior colleague said to a more junior colleague who was pushing for the piece, ‘Do you think the Republicans really care about minority rights?’”

“Wow,” Scott said.

“And the more junior colleagues said, ‘I think Tim Scott cares about minority rights,’“ Weiss said.

“And then, and here’s the pretty shocking part. The more senior colleague said, ‘Let’s check with Sen. Schumer before we run it,’” Weiss said.

She added that the younger colleague refused to reach out to Schumer due to ethics concerns.

Scott’s op-ed was never published.

This is not state-run media, but it is what state run media would look like.

Nothing less than our viability as a national political party is on the line. Perhaps most worryingly, recent polling has shown Democrats slipping in support from working-class voters of all races. In 2020 we lost ground with voters of color — particularly among Hispanics as well as minority men without college degrees. Those problems appear to be getting worse, especially with Latino voters. Generally, most Americans do not have college degrees; Democrats cannot afford to continue to lose their votes.

Democrats have too often shied away from talking about outsourcing — possibly because Mr. Trump’s anti-outsourcing talk has made us wary of remotely sounding like him. We need to get over that and start owning this issue again.
If Democrats can’t do these things, they will lose more elections. Many voters are turned off by the Republican culture wars, but they will tolerate them if they believe they are voting for the party that is fighting for their jobs and wallets. [https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/18/opinion/democrats-jobs-outsourcing.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/18/opinion/democrats-jobs-outsourcing.html)

Interesting, the leftist Gray Lady notices that Blacks and Hispanics are now supporting the evil “White Supremacist Republicans.” Their story, not mine.

A federal jury has found that a Democrat super political action committee (PAC) defamed Roy Moore, a former sheriff and U.S. Senate [Republican] candidate.

The Senate Majority PAC made a false statement about Moore that was defamatory, the verdict, returned on Aug. 12, states. The PAC also published the statement despite knowing it was false or acting “with reckless regard” as to whether the statement was false, the jury said. [https://www.theepochtimes.com/jury-awards-former-us-senate-candidate-roy-moore-over-8-million-in-defamation-case_4662672.html](https://www.theepochtimes.com/jury-awards-former-us-senate-candidate-roy-moore-over-8-million-in-defamation-case_4662672.html)

This is how [Democratic] liars win the Senate. Roy Moore ran as a Republican in a special election to replace Jeff Sessions as Senator from Alabama. Jeff Session had accepted the position of Attorney General in the Trump Administration.

NOTE: A google search turned up NO coverage of this story by NY Times in the first six pages of results.

“While the school had adopted security policies to lock exterior doors and internal classroom doors, there was a regrettable culture of noncompliance by school personnel who frequently propped doors open and deliberately circumvented locks,” the report stated. “At a minimum, school administrators and school district police tacitly condoned this behavior as they were aware of these unsafe practices and did not treat them as serious infractions requiring immediate correction.”

The school encouraged teachers and staff to leave doors unlocked or propped open to better assist teachers who forgot their keys, the report found. [https://www.foxnews.com/us/uvalde-shooting-report-finds-culture-noncompliance-staff-tacitly-condoned-administrators](https://www.foxnews.com/us/uvalde-shooting-report-finds-culture-noncompliance-staff-tacitly-condoned-administrators)

The officers waited, the report found, even as at least one high-ranking official — the acting chief of the Uvalde Police Department — learned that a teacher was wounded but still alive and that a child had been calling 911 for help from inside the classrooms. The committee found that none of the officers who learned of the calls advocated for “shifting to an active shooter-style response or otherwise acting more urgently to breach the classrooms.”

The facts laid out in the report also made clear that neither existing gun laws, nor expanded background checks passed by Congress in response to the shooting, would have prevented the gunman, Salvador Ramos, from obtaining the weapon he used.

Though referred to by some peers as a “school shooter,” the gunman had no documented history that prevented him from purchasing a weapon. The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature has so far not considered any legislation restricting firearms in response to the Uvalde shooting, focusing much of its attention during public hearings on the police response and on security at schools. [https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/17/us/uvalde-shooting-report.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/17/us/uvalde-shooting-report.html)

Finally, two viewpoints on the same story: Fox news from same report says the doors were knowingly left unlocked. Times blames police and gun laws, but note they at least cover their butts.

**HERE’S A MORE LOCAL STORY:**

Electing a liberal justice to replace the retiring conservative, Justice Patience D. Roggensack, would give Wisconsin Democrats an opportunity to enact a host of measures that currently have no shot at passing in the Republican-led Legislature. Bringing new lawsuits through the courts, they could potentially undo the gerrymandered legislative districts; reverse the drop box decision; and overturn the state’s 1849 law criminalizing abortion, which went back into effect in June when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade.
The State Supreme Court race in Wisconsin next year is crucial to maintaining a free and fair election system in Wisconsin, and also imperative for maintaining a representative democracy in our national elections," said Jake Faleschini, the legal director for state courts at the Alliance for Justice Action Fund, a liberal organization that focuses on state court elections.


Remember this story at least through the 2023 spring elections. The courts are not charged with ENACTING anything, but the left thinks it is, and that is their goal.

"We are disappointed that, by a narrow margin, the Council was unable to agree to hold a discussion about serious human rights concerns [about the Uyghurs in China] raised in the recent independent assessment by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights that is part of a growing body of expressed concerns by credible sources," Ambassador Michele Taylor, U.S. permanent representative to the UNHRC and co-sponsor on the motion, wrote in a statement following the vote.


--July 21, 2022-- But now gas prices are falling. They’re down more than 50 cents a gallon at the pump; wholesale prices, whose changes normally show up later in retail prices, are down even more, suggesting that prices will keep falling for at least the next few weeks. And there’s a palpable sense of panic on Fox News, which has been reduced to whining about how the White House is taking a “victory lap.”

Little-known fact: Prices at the pump plunged during President Barack Obama’s second term, falling from about $3.70 a gallon in mid-2014 — around $4.50 in 2022 dollars — to $2.23 on the eve of the 2016 election. News reports at the time marveled at Obama’s diffidence about claiming credit.

What happened? Mostly a boom in fracking, which increased U.S. oil production so much that it drove prices down around the world.


--September 27, 2022-- Biden’s comments, which were posted by the White House, were reported by Insider. The president exhorted gas stations to pass along savings to customers more quickly.


Spoken like a true Socialist. Why does Biden have to say this? The Democrats refuse the fool-proof solution of letting the economy and the American Energy sector loose --- just back to what it was doing in early January 2021 --- when we were a net exporter of energy.

"Please answer with a simple yes or no, does your bank have a policy against funding new oil and gas projects?" [Democratic Representative from Michigan Rashida] Tlaib asked.

"Absolutely not and that would be the road to hell for America," [JP Morgan Chase CEO Jaime] Dimon bluntly said.

"Sir, you know what, everybody that got relief from student loans — has a bank account with your bank — should probably take out their account and close their account," Tlaib lectured Dimon

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2022/09/22/rep_rashida_tlaib_asks_bankers_to_stop_funding_fossil_fuels_jamie_dimon_says_that_will_be_the_road_to_hell_for_america.html


On the Southern Front and Immigration.
Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker activated the National Guard to deal with 50 illegal immigrants flown into the “sanctuary” of Martha’s Vineyard by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. The migrants were removed from the island and sent to a military base.

The new arrivals lasted less than two days on the affluent island. After declaring the situation a “humanitarian crisis,” Governor Baker called up 125 members of the Massachusetts National Guard on Friday and loaded the immigrants onto buses, bound for Joint Base Cape Cod.


Illegal immigrants flown to a Massachusetts island on orders from Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis sued the governor on Sept. 20, claiming they were subject to a fraudulent and illegal scheme.


This new batch of immigrants have acculturated quite quickly. (With the backing of George Soros money https://headlineusa.com/george-soros-funding-leftists-illegal-alien-lawsuit-against-desantis/), they have already sued someone in court.

Unaccompanied migrant children arrived on flights to a rural New York Community and local officials said Friday they were given no advance notice by the Biden administration.

Montgomery police chief Paul Arteta and Mayor Steve Brescia joined "Fox & Friends First" to explain what happened when the flights arrived at Orange County Airport from Texas, carrying minors between 13-18 years old.

"I've never seen anything like this before," said Brescia, whose town is in the Hudson Valley, about 75 miles north of New York City.


Hmm. DeSantis ships immigrants with signed permission slips and it is a scandal. Biden does it at night and there is nothing to see here.

NBC News deleted a tweet that compared immigrants to trash considering the recent movement of several dozen illegal immigrants to Martha’s Vineyard Friday.

The outlet shared its article on Twitter about Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis sending 50 immigrants to Martha’s Vineyard as part of a state project relocating migrants to sanctuary cities. The tweet included a quote from a refugee foundation leader which compared the relocation of immigrants to throwing one’s own trash in different areas.

“Florida Gov. DeSantis sending asylum-seekers to Martha’s Vineyard is like ‘me taking my trash out and just driving to different areas where I live and just throwing my trash there,’ a founding member of a foundation that helps refugees says,” the tweet read


Twitter melted down after Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi claimed that Floridian farmers "need" illegal immigrants to stay in their state and "pick the crops."

During a Friday press conference, Pelosi railed against governors relocating illegal immigrants from southern states to northern ones because they need to stay and "pick the crops down here."


On the matter of saving the planet

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California approved a plan last week to end the sale of new gasoline-powered cars by 2035, making it the first state to try to switch exclusively to electric and other zero-emission vehicles.

But now state officials are telling drivers not to charge their electric cars during the upcoming Labor Day weekend, when temperatures are expected to hit triple digits for millions of residents, putting a strain on the power grid.

https://fortune.com/2022/09/01/california-electric-cars-charge-newsom/

California’s electric grid operator called for residents to make larger reductions in electricity usage this week, warning of worsening grid conditions amid a record heat wave.

The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) warned Sunday that it is "stepping up its call for consumers to lower electricity use" because of historic heat that will put severe pressure on the grid, according to a notice. CAISO requested that residents set their thermostats to a minimum of 78 degrees, turn off all "unnecessary lights" and avoid using large appliances or charging their electric vehicles (EVs) between 4-9 p.m. throughout the duration of the alert.

The state’s government, meanwhile, issued an environmental regulation in late August that prohibits the sale of traditional internal combustion engine vehicles after 2034. All new car sales in 2035 must be EVs.


LOS ANGELES — Heading into one of the busiest holiday travel weekends in the United States, and just a week after approving a bold plan to ban the sale of new gasoline cars, California asked electric vehicle owners this week to limit when they plugged in to charge.

The California Independent System Operator, which manages the state’s power grid, sent a Flex Alert asking all residents to voluntarily reduce their electricity use between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and warned that more alerts were possible through the Labor Day weekend.


Elon Musk, Tesla’s chief executive, said in July that being a lithium supplier was a “license to print money.”

For many people in government and the auto industry, the main concern is whether there will be enough lithium to meet soaring demand for electric vehicles.

Aerial photo of a lithium mine. Large amounts of lithium are required for Electric Vehicle batteries


On the matter of inflation, transitory or otherwise, and recession

--July 13, 2022-- The costs of materials in nearly every industry have skyrocketed over the last year, as the Producer Price Index is at a current level of 138.66, up nearly 11% from one year ago. For tampons, this includes products like cotton, which have surged in price by 40%, absorbent fibers by 25%, and plastics other resins are up 9.5% from last April. To make matters worse, plastics and super-absorbents — the two main components of tampons — come from oil, which we all know has risen in price with gas prices nationwide surging over $5 per gallon, the highest average ever recorded in our nation’s history.


--July 19, 2022-- President Biden on Monday insisted that his massive spending plans aren’t causing price hikes on everything from bacon and bread to gas and electricity, saying inflation is “temporary” and “expected” after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Biden argued that about 60 percent of price increases are caused by “transitory effects” linked to COVID-19, such as shortages of lumber and semiconductors, and aren’t a sign of substantial long-term inflation linked to deficit spending.

“Our experts believe and the data show that most of the price increases we’ve seen were expected and are expected to be temporary. The reality is you can’t flip the global economics light back and not expect this to happen,” Biden said.

https://nypost.com/2021/07/19/biden-says-inflation-temporary-expected-pushes-spending/
--July 26-- The United States is not in a recession.
Probably.

Economic output, as measured by gross domestic product, fell in the first quarter of the year. Government data due this week may show that it fell in the second quarter as well. Such a two-quarter decline would meet a common, though unofficial, definition of a recession.

--July 28, 2022-- The Biden administration said last year that inflation was transitory — before 13 straight months of rising costs cemented the trend. Now, after misreading the threat of inflation, the White House is pushing back against a technical framing of a recession ahead of an expected second straight quarter of economic decline.

--August 1, 2022-- The Senate just passed a $280 billion bill to support the semiconductor industry under the guise of standing up to China, which is just a huge giveaway to Intel and other U.S. chip makers. Now we’re dropping another $369 billion, and a lot of that will be in the form of corporate subsidies for companies like Tesla and General Motors. I know Manchin and Larry Summers are saying this will help bring down inflation. But pumping a lot of money into an economy usually has the opposite effect.

On the other hand, it’s a whole lot less than the trillions the administration wanted to spend last year, so I’ll take that as a victory. It might keep the nuclear industry alive, which is also vital if we are serious about tackling climate change, and it might also reduce some of the permitting bottlenecks that get in the way of energy infrastructure. And the two bills are solid legislative wins for President Biden, who really, really needed them.

Gail: As did all of us who are still Friends of Biden — although I guess we’d prefer not to be called F.O.B.s.
Bret: [It’s a] Shame the news arrives the same week we get the second straight quarter of negative economic growth, which is ... not a recession?
Gail: I prefer to think of it as an, um, a very relaxed financial time.


--August 15, 2022-- “Before I begin today, I want to say a word about the news that came out today relative to the economy. Actually, I just want to say a number: zero. Today, we received news that our economy had zero percent inflation in the month of July. Zero percent,” said Biden at a press briefing at The White House on August 10, 2022, according to transcripts that our newsroom read through. The briefing was held in response to the president’s signing of the PACT Act.

“Here’s what that means: While the price of some things go up — went up last month, the price of other things went down by the same amount. The result: zero inflation last month. But people are hurting. But zero inflation last month.”
I am speechless that Biden’s staff can THINK the American public is so stupid as to take this seriously.
Washington — President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law at the White House on Tuesday, finalizing a signature piece of legislation aimed at fighting climate change, lowering health care costs and raising taxes on corporations just weeks before the midterm elections.


What? The Inflation Reduction Act fixed all those other things? Well, . . . it worked so well, he signed it in August (2022) and it reduced inflation to zero in July (2022). See August 15, just above.

--August 19-- That’s because of a consequential misjudgment by the Biden administration. Believing that his election constituted a mandate for major change, Mr. Biden took office with an armada of plans, an estimated total of $6.4 trillion of new outlays.

The first of his three planned packages, the almost completely unfunded $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, was mostly designed to counter the lingering economic effects of Covid via proposals that included more stimulus checks for individuals and more aid for states and localities, which proved unnecessary.

Passed on a party-line vote, the provisions substantially increased the nation’s budget deficit and added to the inflation fires that have now become a major challenge for Democrats.

With Mr. Biden’s popularity at a low ebb and Democrats expected to lose control of at least the House in November, we’ve blown the chance for even greater transformational legislation.

It was a missed opportunity of extraordinary scale.


Disappointment in the liberal cheering section. They wanted MORE.

More than 600 workers at America’s second-largest aluminum mill have begun the process of losing their jobs because Century Aluminum cannot afford the electric bill.

Layoffs are expected to finish later this month, according to the Hancock Clarion.

In a letter to employees in June, the company said it must “be able to purchase reliable, affordable electric power.”

“The cost required to run our Hawesville, KY, facility has more than tripled the historical average in a very short period, given these circumstances, it is necessary to fully curtail operations for a period of approximately nine to twelve months at Hawesville until energy prices return to more normalized levels,” the company said.


Hard to believe but the headline on this post captures Barack Obama's own words describing one of the direct effects of his proposed energy policy on consumers - skyrocketing costs for electricity. The statement came in January of this year [2014] in an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle.

In the same interview, Obama also promised that anybody who builds a new coal-fired power plant to generate additional electricity to meet growing consumer demand will be "bankrupted" by his energy policy.

"You know, when I was asked earlier about the issue of coal, uh, you know — Under my plan of a cap-and-trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket. Even regardless of what I say about whether coal is good or bad. Because I'm capping greenhouse gases, coal power plants, you know, natural gas, you name it — whatever the plants were, whatever the industry was, uh, they would have to retrofit their operations. That will cost money. They will pass that money on to consumers."


Forgot about this one that is in the history books, didn’t you. Don’t you even THINK about not voting on November 8. To quote a savage wit, “Elections have consequences.” Barack Obama, 2009.

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"No one f---- with a Biden," the president appeared to tell Fort Myers Beach Mayor Ray Murphy.

Biden's remarks in Florida came on the same day that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries announced they would cut oil production by 2 million barrels a day.

White House officials said they were "disappointed by the shortsighted decision," but industry leaders appeared to mock the president in response.

"The WH has one option left and it is the one option they should have never turned away from in the first place - the US based oil and gas industry," the US Oil & Gas Association tweeted Wednesday. "Life comes at you pretty fast..."

Note: US petroleum production per day
Jan 2020—12,852,000.
Jan 2022—11,369,000 net difference of 1,483,000 barrels per day

On the matter of avoiding or ignorantly emboldening war
Or
Thank God the Adults are Now in Charge

BRUSSELS — European Union energy ministers on Tuesday hammered out a deal to curb their natural gas consumption to avert an energy meltdown as Russia toys with its supply to the bloc.

The agreement reached by the 27 E.U. ministers provided exemptions to a handful of nations that face particular energy problems. But it still calls on all nations to cut their natural gas consumption by 15 percent between now and spring, as outlined in the initial proposal by the European Commission.

The agreement came less than 24 hours after Russia’s state-owned gas monopoly, Gazprom, said that it would further reduce the amount of natural gas it sends to Germany through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline.

Translation: The USA paid billions over decades to defend us against USSR and Russia. Euro thought: “Hey, I’ve got an idea. Let’s make our economies dependent on Russia.”

But whatever happens now, we’re getting an object lesson in the dangers of becoming economically dependent on authoritarian regimes. Economists have long been skeptical about national security arguments for limiting international trade, which have often been abused in the past. But Russia’s actions have given those arguments much more force.

The continent will find ways to manage even if it’s receiving very little Russian gas. But a bout of high inflation is inevitable, and a European recession seems extremely likely.

The countries that seem least resolute in the face of Russian pressure — hello, Germany — have also been doing the least to support Ukraine, so it doesn’t matter much if they lose their nerve.

Former President Donald Trump warned Germany in 2018 about relying on Russian oil and was laughed at by the German delegation. Four years later, Trump was proven right as Germany fears a massive gas shortage.

--January 19, 2022-- President Biden blundered during his White House news conference Wednesday by saying that Russia’s military “will be able to prevail over time” if it launches an invasion of Ukraine — moments after suggesting that a “minor incursion” by Moscow on Kiev’s territory may see a less severe response from Washington and its NATO allies.

Biden began by vowing that “Russia will be held accountable” if it launches an attack against Ukraine, but then hedged by saying: “It depends on what it does.”
“It’s one thing if it’s a minor incursion, and then we end up having a fight about what to do and what not to do, etc.,” the president went on. “But if they actually do what they’re capable of doing with the force they’ve massed on the border, it is going to be a disaster for Russia.”

https://nypost.com/2022/01/19/joe-biden-admits-russia-will-prevail-over-time-if-it-invades-ukraine/

Asking in October 2022.  What say you in hindsight? Should you have kept the minor incursion musing to yourself?  You told Putin you would let him get away with something that you did not define. In grade school I gave the bully my lunch money.  Surprisingly, the next day he wanted my lunch money again.  Brilliant

(Bloomberg) -- President Joe Biden denounced Russian efforts to absorb occupied regions of Ukraine as “a flagrant, flagrant violation of the UN Charter and the basic principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity.” Russia plans to sign treaties Friday to absorb four regions after annexation votes that have been condemned as illegal by the United Nations and other world leaders. Russia’s President Vladimir Putin plans to address legislators on Friday, his spokesman said.


National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said Tuesday the U.S. planned to respond more forcefully than the Obama Administration did in 2014, when Russia invaded and annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine.

“I will look you into the eye and tell you, as President Biden looked President Putin in the eye and told him today that things we did not do in 2014 we are prepared to do now,” Sullivan told reporters.


Speaking of 2014,
--March 2, 2014-- President Barack Obama’s threat to boycott the G8 summit of industrial nations in Sochi if Russia doesn't withdraw its troops was "pathetic," [nominal foreign minister of the Crimean Tatar community Ali] Hamzin said. Obama spoke with President Vladimir Putin on the phone for 90 minutes on Saturday as Russian forces were fanning out across the Crimean peninsula.

"Putin will kiss Obama's hands and feet for that reaction," said Hamzin, who is in charge of foreign relations for the Crimean Tatar council, or Mejlis, the Tatar community's representative body. "The aggressor must be stopped by aggressive, forceful means."

He pointed to an agreement concluded after the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, when Ukraine agreed to give up its nuclear weapons in return for guarantees of its international borders by Russia, the U.S. and Great Britain.

Now that Russia has broken the agreement, Hamzin said, the West is obligated to hold up its end of the deal.


--September 14, 2014-- Ukraine President Petro Poroshenko secured $53 million in assistance from the United States yesterday (18 September) but President Barack Obama for now turned down his appeals for weapons to fight Russian-backed separatists.

"Please understand me correctly. Blankets, night-vision goggles are also important. But one cannot win the war with blankets." He added: “Even more, we cannot keep the peace with a blanket.”

https://www.euractiv.com/section/europe-s-east/news/poroshenko-asks-obama-for-weapons-obtains-blankets/

Karlin’s Law #12:  If you put the milk out in the saucer the cat (i.e. Russia) is going to come back.”

Back to the present
--September 21, 2022-- Vladimir Putin has announced a partial mobilisation in Russia in a significant escalation that places the country's people and economy on a wartime footing. The president also threatened nuclear retaliation, saying Russia had “lots of weapons” to reply to what he called western threats on its territory and added that he was not bluffing

--September 30, 2022-- Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday declared four new regions of the country shortly after holding sham referendums in parts of occupied Ukraine.

“There are four new regions of Russia,” Putin said in a televised ceremony from the Kremlin in Moscow, according to a translation.

Moscow, for its part, has warned it has “the right” to use nuclear weapons to defend its territory and citizens if it feels there is an existential threat, or even if it’s attacked by conventional weapons.

This has raised concerns that it could resort to using nuclear weapons against Ukraine now that more regions are annexed and Moscow can claim them, however falsely, as their own. One Ukrainian defense ministry official told CNBC this week that Kyiv understands the threat of such an attack is “real.”


--October 6, 2022-- President Joe Biden said Thursday the risk of nuclear “Armageddon” is the highest it has been for 60 years after Russian President Vladimir Putin renewed his threats as his military retreats in Ukraine.

In remarks at a reception for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, Biden said it was the first time since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis that there has been a "direct threat" of nuclear weapons' being used, "if, in fact, things continue down the path they are going.”


--October 8, 2022-- French President Emmanuel Macron offered scathing criticism of U.S. President Biden’s off-the-cuff warning of a nuclear “Armageddon” and is calling for cooler heads to prevail amid escalating doomsday rhetoric.

Mr. Macron urged global leaders not to “engage in political fiction” when speaking about nuclear weapons.

“We must speak with prudence when commenting on such matters,” said at an EU summit on Friday, according to the Daily Mail.


--April 10, 2017-- President Trump possibly starting World War III with another Syria airstrike isn't hyperbole.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-could-start-world-war-iii-with-another-syria_b_58eb3648e4b06f8c18beed9b

Hmmm. Only one President off.

**On the matter of reparations for slavery:**

DON LEMON, CNN: Some people want to be paid back and members of the public are wondering, ‘Why are we suffering when you are, you have all this vast wealth?’ Those are legitimate concerns.

[British Journalist] HILARY FORDWICH: Well, I think you’re right about reparations in terms of – if people want it though, what they need to do is, you always need to go back to the beginning of the supply chain. Where was the beginning of the supply chain?

That was in Africa. Across the entire world, when slavery was taking place, which was the first nation in the world that abolished slavery? It was the British.

In Great Britain they abolished slavery. 2,000 naval men died on the high seas trying to stop slavery. Why? Because the African kings were rounding up their own people. They had them in cages, waiting in the beaches.

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2022/09/20/british_royalty_expert_stuns_cnns_don_lemon_on_slavery_reparations_african_kings_rounded_up_their_own_people.html
On the Uniter-in-Chief

--November 8, 2020-- Joe Biden has said it is "time to heal" the US in his first speech as president-elect, vowing "not to divide but to unify" the country. "Let's give each other a chance," he said at an event in Delaware addressing those who did not vote for him.


--May 5, 2022-- On Wednesday, Joe Biden falsely characterized MAGA Republicans as the “most extremist” political group in U.S. history. Later that day, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki confirmed that Biden meant what he said.

The name-calling started on Wednesday morning, when Joe Biden sent up a test balloon for a new way to attack conservatives, Republicans and Trump supporters by calling them “ultra MAGAs.”

https://www.westernjournal.com/psaki-confirms-biden-meant-called-large-portion-americans-extremist-group/

--August 26, 2022-- This week, President Joe Biden rolled out a new adjective to describe Republicans in the mold of former President Donald Trump: "semi-fascist." Biden first publicly used the term at a Democratic National Committee reception ahead of an end-of-summer rally for the coming midterm elections.


--September 1, 2022-- The president's address continues a recent pattern of increasingly aggressive and divisive broadsides against his political opponents. Biden recently said Republicans are embracing "semi-fascism."


--September 22, 2022-- Jean-Pierre tried to clarify that Biden’s criticism was directed at "those extreme MAGA Republicans, those who hold office."

https://www.foxnews.com/politics/white-house-shrugs-question-bidens-recent-semi-fascist-rhetoric-we-understand-we-hit-nerve

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QUOTE OF THE DAY:

“I think we have a gulag in the European Union also, an intellectual gulag known as political correctness. When anyone tries to speak their mind on race or gender, or if their views differ from those approved, they will be ostracized.”

For more quotes from Vladimir Bukovsky go to https://www.vladimbukovsky.com/quotes

To learn more about Vladimir Bukovsky go to https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/oct/28/vladimir-bukovsky-obituary

I guess we are not alone in this.

Vladimir Bukovsky;
December 30, 1942 – October 27, 2019

How about another quote this issue? Let’s stick with the same guy.

“Justice is always naive and self-confident; believing that it will immediately win once recognized. That is the reason why the forces of Justice are so poorly organized. On the other hand, the Evil is cynic, sly and fantastically organized. It never ever has the illusion of the ability to stand on its own feet and to win in a fair competition. That is why it is ready to use any kind of means without hesitation. And, of course, it
**Good news, Bad news**

Twitter users swarmed disgraced former CBS anchor Dan Rather's tweet which expressed confusion at the recent tonal shift in CNN's reporting.

The newsman and liberal commentator tweeted that something is "going on" at the network on Friday and generated a wave of concern from liberals (and mockery from conservatives) that the network is abandoning the partisan political bent in its reporting.

Rather may have noticed, as did many other liberals on Twitter, the two CNN reporters who rebuked Biden's political "MAGA Republican" speech for employing the U.S. Marines in its presentation.

For many liberals this was another concrete sign that CNN had begun its much talked about lurch away from partisan, left-wing politics that the network's new boss has been seeking.


A profile of Politico's new owner Mathias Döpfner is having liberal critics sounding the alarm.

Döpfner, the CEO of the German media company Axel Springer SE, was the subject of a lengthy piece in The Washington Post, which delved into his media business philosophy. He called his roughly $1 billion purchase of Politico in 2021 his "biggest and most contrarian bet."

"We want to prove that being nonpartisan is actually the more successful positioning," Döpfner said in an interview published Tuesday. [https://www.foxnews.com/media/liberals-panic-new-politico-owner-nonpartisan-looks-like-cnn-has-company](https://www.foxnews.com/media/liberals-panic-new-politico-owner-nonpartisan-looks-like-cnn-has-company)

I guess we have to wait and see if these things happens or not.

Members of the media renewed their anger against billionaire tech mogul Elon Musk on Tuesday after reports showed him closing his deal to officially buy Twitter.

NBC News reporter Ben Collins notably penned a lengthy Twitter thread describing how Musk’s Twitter purchase could affect the 2022 midterm elections.

"For those of you asking: Yes, I do think this site can and will change pretty dramatically if Musk gets full control over it. No, there is no immediate replacement. If it gets done early enough, based on the people he's aligned with, yes, it could actually affect midterms," Collins wrote.

NPR editor Neela Banerjee retweeted the thread writing, "As usual. Ben Collins provides a useful thread on the broader implications for the rest of us of a Musk takeover of Twitter."

Others also agreed with Collins on the risk posed by Musk purchasing Twitter.


Hmmm. If a new owner might affect the 2022 midterms, does this mean the old owner might have affected earlier elections?

**Letters to the Editor**

No letters to the editor received this month. Send your thoughts or opinions to communications@winnebagogop.org

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**Before you go . . . a few thoughts**

I believe that the mainstream media has betrayed the American people in that they have become a mouthpiece of one political point of view. I am certainly not the originator of that idea.

This was the topic of conversation between me and a very intelligent Swiss guy I know. Because he lives in Switzerland, I would consider him to be a more impartial observer of the American media market and the American political scene than I am.

I was making the point to him that the mainstream media had chosen sides. They are a mouthpiece for the Democrats or liberals, or progressives, however you want to say it. They had made “journalistic” decisions in the past few years that have been suspected to have changed election results. You will recognize my short list of examples:

- In the month before the 2020 Presidential election, the New York Times made the decision to call the Hunter Biden laptop a hoax and refused to report on it further;
  - (only to admit to its authenticity 18 months later in paragraph 24 of a story titled IRS continues to Investigate Hunter) See [https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/16/us/politics/hunter-biden-tax-bill-investigation.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/16/us/politics/hunter-biden-tax-bill-investigation.html)
- Since January 6, 2021, the New York Times has consistently framed its stories to support the House investigation and ignore or distort any facts that do not align with the “get Trump” hysteria of the Democrats.
  - Please find me one instance where Trump’s own words from January 6 were accurately quoted: “marching to the Capitol building to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard.” (see transcript, page 4 at [https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/08/politics/trump-january-6-speech-transcript/index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/08/politics/trump-january-6-speech-transcript/index.html)
- One-sided coverage of Dobbs v Jackson, which effectively reversed Roe V Wade
- Russia Gate
  - See the 425-page Mueller report that found no evidence to support the Clinton campaign’s planted fraud of a story.
- Classified documents at Mar-a-Lago vs Classified documents on Clinton’s home email server.

My friend asked the simple question, “Maybe that is the capitalist system in action. Maybe they are trying to “delight their customers” for which we both praised Jeff Bezos of Amazon the day before.

That made me stop and think. I know they are trying to influence the American scene hard to the left. But his was a true statement as well. They are trying to please their audience to keep them coming back and keep them subscribing. They take advantage of confirmation bias. Of course, that does not explain CNN and MSNBC shouting out their leftist views from the rooftops to an ever-dwindling audience ([https://www.dailywire.com/news/cnns-top-rated-show-came-in-22nd-place-in-cable-news-ratings](https://www.dailywire.com/news/cnns-top-rated-show-came-in-22nd-place-in-cable-news-ratings)).

We cannot expect them to change that business model. They want to delight their (left leaning) readers who take their word as the gospel. Fox News used to reasonably delight its customers. When the public started to see the stray opposite positions creeping into Fox coverage, a couple bright stars have now moved into the market to scoop up anyone that felt betrayed: One America News, Just the News, and Newsmax come to mind.
My (wishful capitalist) point of sharing this with you is what I am trying to do with this newsletter. Winnebago GOP board members and most of the few hundred that open this newsletter are going to reliably vote Republican from now until doomsday. My goal in gathering and sharing the information I do the way I do is to get as many as possible of the undecided 10 to 20% of voters out in the middle to really consider their choice. The point of this newsletter is to be a source of a reasonably entertaining, non-threatening view of events. To connect some dots showing how they relate to each other in a meaningful way. I propose that connecting some of these dots improves our chances to lay out our positions and concerns to those out there in the middle of the political spectrum.

Here is my ask: Find an item or two in each newsletter that is meaningful to YOU and share the item with your more moderate friends and acquaintances that you think would benefit from hearing a conservative perspective. What you choose to share is entirely up to you. I would always recommend the “Quote of the Day” to you in any issue. See this issue’s quote of the day by clicking HERE. Also in this issue, I consider the Tim Scott / New York Times incident to be a critical one. To return to that article, click HERE.

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