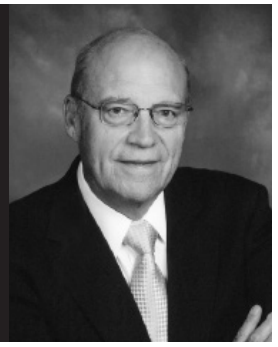




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The Politics of Global Warming/Cooling

by Alexander G. Markovsky

As the ancient Romans asked: *cui prodest?* “Who stands to gain?”

The global cooling, warming, or climate change movement, whatever it is called nowadays, was not born as the result of immaculate conception. It was conceived in the early 1960s in Paris, France, as a sinister plot to contain American expansionism, as the Europeans called it at the time.

Undamaged by the war, America was the dominant economic and political power, producing more than 50 percent of the world’s output. France, on the other hand, defeated and humiliated in the Second World War, was in ruins. General Charles de Gaulle, then president of France, was obsessed with Napoleon’s greatness and the messianic vision of returning France to the status of great power.

So, when one of de Gaulle’s ministers came up with an idea that the more a country produces, the more it contributes to the world’s pollution, de Gaulle seized the opening. That was de Gaulle’s eureka moment—France would compensate for its humiliation and indignities by asserting an important role in the international affairs. In 1968, France formed the French Federation of Nature Protection Societies (FFSPN) and assumed the role of the world leader of the environmental movement.

The notion that industrialization has a detrimental impact on the planet was not new; it has been around since the Industrial Revolution. However, the possibility of turning this concept into a political movement and a set of international agreements would not only alter American economic expansion, but also diminish its political influence on Europe. For de Gaulle, this was a low-risk endeavor; France’s economy was in shambles and the environmental constraints on its industry would have a negligible effect.

The Soviets enthusiastically embraced the idea. They shared de Gaulle’s concern, but for different reasons. The Kremlin saw the United States as a formidable opponent in its quest to spread communism to Western Europe and other parts of the world and was eager to support anything that would undermine the United States economically and politically.

The potential impact of environmental treaties on the Soviet economy was not a concern. The Soviet Union, as a matter of policy, never let itself be bound by agreements. The Soviets loved the idea so much that they financed the environmental movement via Western European communist parties until the demise of the Soviet Union. By then, there was no shortage of wealthy American haters and a whole new generation of radicals to do the Soviets’ job.

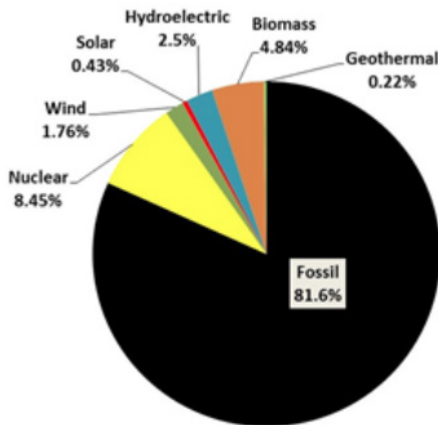
In the 1970s, politically oriented industrial pollution scheme evolved into an even bigger scheme—the global cooling movement, which later evolved into global warming and currently into “climate change” to keep pace with the up-to-date environmental trend. Regardless of the label, the media had been geared to support any doomsday environmental scenario.

Although from de Gaulle to Macron the political and economic landscape has changed, the strategy remains assertively consistent.

At this writing, the geopolitical and economic realities are being ignored in favor of the ideological orthodoxy of the Democratic Party that has amalgamated the theory of “climate change” with the dream of renewable energy. The Democrats want America to accept the postulate that the climate change is man-made, and the only way to save the planet is to make a transition from hydrocarbons to renewable energy. Charles de Gaulle would have no difficulty endorsing this approach.

The Democrats recite the poetry of dreams without any awareness that there exists a prose of reality. The following diagram, although somewhat outdated, highlights the critical importance of fossil fuels to the US economy.

U. S. Primary Energy Consumption by Source--2014



Data Source: United States Energy Information Administration
Chart by Oxford Humanist Educational Association

As we can see, any notion that the twenty-trillion-dollar economy could be powered with windmills is nothing short of a veritable absurdity. The diagram also makes it abundantly clear that the fossil fuels will maintain their economic and strategic significance way into the twenty-first century—the most significant being oil. Oil is the biggest business and the largest industry in the world in terms of assets, capital, and employment. With the exception of information technology, the oil industry has been the source of the most important innovations in the areas of technology and manufacturing.

Therefore, 97% of scientists may produce volumes of reports supporting global cooling, warming or “change,” and ignorant environmental fanatics can recite endless poems to elicit the adulation of their supporters, it will not affect the prose of the fossil fuel reality. The objective reality is that our civilization is solidly carbon oriented and there is no viable alternative to cheap fossil fuels. And, unless we decide to return to the caves, this reality cannot be altered significantly in the foreseeable future.

There is no doubt that a time will come when these energy sources become obsolete. As the legendary Sheikh Yamani, former OPEC oil minister, said, “The Stone Age didn’t end because we ran out of stones, and the Hydrocarbon Age will not end because we ran out of oil.”

But it will not end by staged mass demonstrations

or partisan legislations; it will be replaced as economic necessity.

But until then we must control our destiny.

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Meet the Press Meets the Climate

by Norman Rogers

On Sunday morning, December 30, “Meet the Press” had a gala service preaching the climate-change religion. Famous climate preachers like Michael Bloomberg and Jerry Brown were featured speakers. They missed some opportunities and some old themes were nowhere to be found. They neglected to link the supposed, increasing pollution of the oceans with plastic to climate change. They forgot to mention the polar bear tragedy, and for some reason we don’t hear any more about malaria spreading to the temperate zones.

According to “Meet the Press,” “the science of climate doom is absolutely and completely settled science.” For that reason they determined that no time would be given to “climate deniers.” But seemingly they broke their own rule when a clip by the Secretary of Energy, Rick Perry, was played. The foremost climate skeptic in the US Senate, James Inhofe, was also given air time.

Michael Bloomberg, the former mayor of New York and one of the world’s richest men, was given extensive air time. There was even a plug for his book: *Climate of Hope*. The book, written with the former president of the Sierra Club, is hilariously ignorant. Bloomberg is considering running for president as a Democrat. Formerly, he was a Republican. His embrace of global warming alarmism may be a bid for votes in the Democratic primaries where the voters are typically believers in loony climate change theories.

The one scientist on the show, Kate Marvel, has evidently given up science for a career promoting climate alarmism. She is contradicting herself by going along with climate alarmist fantasies—in earlier public talks she was highly critical of the climate computer models that are the only basis for climate extremism.

The big theme of the “Meet the Press” presentation was that climate change is here and it is very bad. This

completely mistaken claim was supported by various anecdotes from people that experienced floods, fires, or hurricanes. Floods are not new. For example, it is instructive to read the Wikipedia entry “Floods in California.” The great flood of 1861-1862 was far worse than anything since. Compared to the Great New England Hurricane of 1938, the 2012 superstorm Sandy was minor. The Great Prestigo fire in 1871, in Wisconsin, killed 1500 people. In comparison, the recent Camp Fire in California killed 89 people and burned less land. A major factor in forest fires is the suppression of fires, allowing fuel to build to the point where the fire becomes so violent that it can't be easily suppressed.

Floods, droughts, heat waves, and tornados have been around forever and they aren't getting any worse. But people's memories fade with time, so the most recent weather outrage always seem to be worse than past outrages. So, it is clever to claim that carbon dioxide is causing extreme weather. It seems plausible because yesteryear's bad weather has faded in our memories, or perhaps we only know about previous extreme weather because our parents or grandparents told us about it. Climate scientist John Christy provided written testimony to the House Energy and Power Subcommittee that demolishes the extreme weather thesis.

Craig Fugate, Obama's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administrator, was a member of the “Meet the Press” panel of experts. His educational background is paramedic school in Florida. He suggested that if only we had a carbon tax, \$100 billion of disasters last year could have been avoided. A fallacy, since most carbon emissions come from Asia and having a carbon tax would not affect Asian emissions at all. Serious carbon dioxide emission reduction would be a long process that would require substituting nuclear electricity generation for fossil fuel electricity. But the environmental groups that are promoting fear of carbon dioxide are also afraid of nuclear energy. Wind and solar are not a solution that is effective for reducing carbon dioxide emissions because they are not remotely cost-effective for that purpose and they are always accompanied by backup fossil fuel plants emitting carbon dioxide. That point is explained in detail in my book *Dumb Energy*.

Carbon dioxide emissions in the US have been declining mainly because natural gas has been substituted for coal. Cheap natural gas is the result of fracking, bitterly opposed by the environmental left. The bigger fallacy is the claim that weather disasters are the result of carbon emissions. The scientific evidence for that popu-

lar idea is extremely weak science.

The mayor of Georgetown, Texas, a small city near Austin, touted his city's conversion to 100% renewable energy. The city agreed to long-term contracts with a wind farm and a solar farm to take a portion of the electricity generated. The amount of electricity contracted for is considerably greater than the amount of electricity needed. The city sells the excess electricity into the market. That has turned out to be a losing proposition. To be clear, the city is not actually using the electricity from the wind and solar plants located hundreds of miles away. The electricity generated by the plants is fed into the Texas grid and distributed throughout the state. The claim of being 100% renewable is a bookkeeping claim based on buying more renewable electricity than is actually used. Obviously, the solar farm is not generating electricity at night or on cloudy days. The wind farm generates electricity to the extent wind happens to be blowing.

The staff of “Meet the Press” is either incredibly ignorant or pursuing an agenda of left-wing propaganda, or probably both. No quarter was given to “climate deniers,” a deliberate slur that equates anyone who questions climate alarmism with Holocaust deniers. The truth is that there are many serious and distinguished scientists that express skepticism concerning predictions of climate doom from carbon dioxide. The alarmist predictions by the computer climate models have failed repeatedly.

Global warming is a scheme for getting money and attention. It is fiercely defended because if the fraud was exposed, a lot of people would lose their jobs and be discredited. There is a kernel of truth in the idea that greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide may exercise a warming influence. That truth has been used as a springboard to making doomsday predictions that are almost certainly wrong. The fact that increased CO2 in the atmosphere has major positive effects on agriculture is not mentioned by the proselytizers for global warming doom.

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Soviet Dissident

Vladimir Bukovsky

by Michael Ledeen

I will never forget the day Vladimir Bukovsky, the celebrated Soviet dissident, walked unsteadily across a bridge to freedom, having been swapped with the head of the Chilean Communist Party. He was one of my heroes, and became a friend while studying psychology at Stanford University. He spent years in the Gulag, but the KGB was unable to break him, and his first book, *To Build a Castle*, will long remain one of the classic testimonies to the evils of Soviet Communism.

When the Soviet Empire fell, in part as the result of Bukovsky's tireless efforts to destroy Communism, many of us hoped it would be possible to get our hands and minds on the Kremlin's archives, but there were endless bureaucratic hurdles, some of them shamefully on our side of the great divide. In the end, many of these were overcome by a handful of private citizens. A group of us bought a laptop computer and a scanner, taught Bukovsky how to use them, and off he went to Moscow.

For a brief period, the Soviet archives, even the secret ones, were accessible to investigators, and we thought Bukovsky might well be able to get his electronic hands on the documentary history of Soviet Communism, one of the most malevolent forces in twentieth-century history. We hoped that the Soviet documents would enable our citizens to understand what had really happened in the Cold War, and help us frame a more realistic foreign policy in the future. Moreover, we and Bukovsky wanted to stage a trial of the Communists, along the lines of the Nuremberg trials of the Nazi leaders after World War II.

We didn't get that trial, and the documents have been locked up by Putin. But Bukovsky got a lot, and now his book on his discoveries is about to be published in English (*Judgment in Moscow*), after its original appearance in French and German twenty years ago. It's a fascinating saga. Once there, Bukovsky scanned tens of thousands of Politburo documents into his laptop, and brought them back to the free world. You can find them all in the Bukovsky Archive, and read about them in his book. He recounts such secrets as the Kremlin's clandestine payments to foreign Communist parties and leaders, covert paramilitary training in places like Czechoslovakia for their foreign comrades, and extensive disinformation campaigns throughout the "West." He also details

the cooperation between the Kremlin and our own political class.

You might expect that such a detailed documentary exposé would attract great attention, but no. There were sparse reviews in France and Germany, and no major American publishing house would agree to bring it out (there are important details in the book). Yet it remains an extremely powerful and important source for anyone who wants to understand the true nature of our deadly adversary.

Why is this book not on the desk of all self-proclaimed foreign policy gurus? For that matter, why is Bukovsky not widely known? At a luncheon in Washington recently with very well-educated and well-read gentlemen, not a single man at the table had even heard of him—a tribute to the ignorance of our ruling class.

Part of the problem is political/ideological. As Bukovsky put it in a very recent interview with *Epoch Times*, "The Western elite is socialist. They were never serious about fighting Soviet power." That is why Communism has made such a comeback in recent years, even in the United States, which rests on a foundation of capitalist success. Our current generation of emerging leaders speak openly and enthusiastically about Communism and socialism: "The absence of leadership is frightening. Our so-called elites became rotten. In the past, in history, the elites would be periodically wiped out in revolutions. In our time, it does not happen. We are too civilized."

Try to imagine what it must have been like for a group of brilliant, eloquent, and courageous Soviet dissidents to come to the West, having been inspired by Ronald Reagan's brave words and actions against the tyranny under which they had suffered, only to find that very few Western leaders, such as Margaret Thatcher and Pope John Paul II, properly understood what they were up against.

For me, the most awful moment came when Stanford University, where Bukovsky was then studying and working, invited a group of Soviet "scientists" to visit and lecture. Bukovsky went to the university president in protest. "You can't have those people," he observed, "they tortured me for years." The invitation stood. Bukovsky, true to his principles, left America for a sanctuary in Cambridge, England, where he still resides.

Judgment in Moscow will soon appear in English. Time for you to catch up on the corruption of our elite, on the basic facts of the Cold War, and on one of the most remarkable men I know.

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Equality: The Grey of All

by Walter Williams

Much is made about observed differences between sexes and among races. The nation's academic and legal elite try to sell us on the notion that men and women and people of all races should be proportionally represented in socio-economic characteristics. They make statements such as "Though African Americans and Hispanics make up approximately 32 percent of the US population, they (constituted) 56 percent of all incarcerated people in 2015" and "20 percent of Congress is women. Only 5 percent of CEOs are."

These differences are frequently referred to as disparities. Legal professionals, judges, politicians, academics and others often operate under the assumption that we are all equal. Therefore, inequalities and disparities are seen as probative of injustice. Thus, government must intervene, find the cause and engineer a policy or law to eliminate the injustice. Such a vision borders on lunacy. There's no evidence anywhere or at any time in human history that shows that but for some kind of social injustice, people would be proportionally represented across a range of socio-economic attributes by race and sex.

Indeed, if there is a dominant feature of mankind, it's that we differ significantly over a host of socio-economic characteristics by race, sex, ethnicity, and nationality. The differences have little or nothing to do with any sort of social injustice or unfair treatment. Let's examine some racial, ethnic, and sex disparities with an eye toward identifying the injustice involved. We might also ponder what kind of policy recommendation is necessary to correct the disparity.

Jews constitute no more than 3 percent of the US population but are 35 percent of American Nobel Prize winners. As of 2017, Nobel Prizes had been awarded to 902 individuals worldwide. Though Jews are less than 2 percent of the world's population, 203, or 22.5 percent, of the Nobel Prizes were awarded to Jews. Proportionality would have created 18 Jewish Nobel laureates instead of an "unfair" 203. What should Congress and the United Nations do to "correct" such a disparity? Should the Nobel committees be charged with racism?

Jews are not the only people taking more than their "fair share" of things. Blacks are 13 percent of the US population but, in some seasons, have been as high as 84 percent of NBA players. Compounding that "injustice," blacks are the highest-paid basketball players and win nearly all of the MVP prizes. Blacks are also guilty

of taking 67 percent, an "unfair" share, of professional football jobs. Blacks are in the top salary category in every offensive and defensive position except quarterback. But let's not lull ourselves into complacency. How often do you see a black NFL kicker or punter?

Laotian, Samoan, and Vietnamese women have the highest cervical cancer rates in the United States. The Pima Indians of Arizona have the highest reported prevalence of diabetes of any population in the world. Tay-Sachs disease favors Ashkenazi Jews. Cystic fibrosis haunts white people. Blacks of West African ethnic origin have the highest incidence of sickle cell anemia. The prevalence of prostate cancer is lower in men of South Asian ethnicity than in the general population. Black American men have the highest prostate cancer rates of any racial or ethnic group in the United States. Black males are also 30 percent likelier to die from heart disease than white men.

There are some highly fatal sex disparities. An Australian study found that sharks are nine times likelier to attack and kill men than they are women. Another disturbing sex disparity is that despite the fact that men are 50 percent of the US population and so are women, men are struck by lightning six times as often as women. Of those killed by lightning, 82 percent are men.

There are loads of other disparities based upon physical characteristics, but it would take a fool to believe that we are all equal and any difference between us is a result of some kind of social injustice that begs for a societal remedy. The only kind of equality consistent with liberty is equality before the law—which doesn't require that people be in fact equal.

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Unobligated Balances

by Rovvy Lepor

Over a month into the longest partial government shutdown in history, President Trump remains determined to make good on his promise to build a border wall to protect US national security, while the Democrats remain staunchly opposed. President Trump has the opportunity to bypass Democrat opposition by drawing on unobligated balances to fund the border wall, effectively precluding a national emergency declaration and allowing for the government to reopen.

To his great credit, President Trump has remained steadfast in his determination to build a border partition on the southern border. Such border partitions have proven to be effective. In San Diego, a border partition lowered apprehensions by 95%, while in El Paso, the number decreased by 89%. President Trump has correctly claimed that Israel's southern border wall is 99.9% successful. According to a report released by Senator Ron Johnson, Israel's southern border fence was central to a decline of 99.9% of illegal border crossings, with over 16,000 crossings in 2011 down to fewer than 20 in 2016. Israel's security partition running near the Green Line has also proven extremely effective in an exceptional decline in terrorist attacks.

Since completion of the partition in El Paso, they have seen a significant decrease in drug-smuggling and other crimes. In 2015, the US Border Patrol seized close to 800 tons of illegal drugs, 99.4% of which were seized at the southern border. The sale of illegal drugs in the US costs many thousands of lives each year, but due to the profitable nature of the sale of illicit drugs, a number of dangerous organizations, such as Hezb'allah, continue to be active in transporting drugs into the United States.

As of August 2017, about 1,249 miles of the southern border remain unprotected, though the border wall continues to be built. Even with some natural barriers, the southern border is extremely porous. It is a national security imperative that the border partition be completed with complementary technologies, such as those used in Israel, to effectively seal the southern border. Even though each border is unique, the US can learn a great deal from Israel's effective southern border wall, including ensuring that the border wall is more cost-effective.

According to the report released by Senator Ron Johnson, the cost per mile for Israel's southern border partition is \$2.9 million. A similarly priced partition on 1,249 miles of the US southern border would be about \$3.6 billion. Even with additional border patrol agents, and various new technologies, such as motion sensors, video cameras, night sensors, drones, and tunnel detection technology, an effective border wall would still be cost-effective and likely significantly lower than recent cost estimates of \$15 to 25 billion. The amount of money

saved on account of a precipitous decline in illegal immigration, drug-smuggling, and crime would almost certainly quickly exceed the cost of the border partition.

The impasse on reopening the government continues, notwithstanding President Trump's "commonsense compromise both parties should embrace." President Trump made this compromise offer on January 19 while making the case that building the border wall is of vital importance. Democrat leaders have quickly rejected President Trump's compromise, with Nancy Pelosi calling it "unacceptable." Speaker Pelosi even refused to allow President Trump's State of the Union address to take place in the House Chamber as long as the partial government shutdown continues.

The intransigence of the Democrats reflects the sharp left turn they have taken on many important issues. In 2006, there was widespread Democrat support for the Secure Fence Act in the House of Representatives and majority Democrat support in the Senate. Democrats oppose securing the border because, notwithstanding their statements to the contrary, they are effectively becoming the open-borders party. They also wish to be the opposition party by opposing President Trump on a wide array of policy matters. If Democrats keep President Trump from fulfilling his centerpiece election promise of securing the southern border, it may result in depressed Republican voter turnout, leading to Democrat wins in the 2020 elections in the House, Senate, and White House.

In response to Democrats repeatedly making it clear that they will not allow construction of a border wall, President Trump has frequently made it evident that if Democrats do not compromise, he is seriously considering declaring a national emergency to marshal funds for the wall without congressional approval. This will undoubtedly face legal challenges, which must be overcome.

While President Trump is correct to remain committed to building a border barrier and has asked all Cabinet agencies for wall funding, he can fund the entire barrier without having to declare a national emergency. Instead, he can draw full funding for a complete border barrier from unobligated balances. Unobligated balances "are the amounts of budget authority that have not yet been

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committed by contract or other legally binding action by the government.” Former senator Tom Coburn described unobligated balances as “essentially money for nothing.” While in 2012 there was an estimated \$687 billion in unobligated balances, unobligated balances in federal and trust funds in FY 2019 is estimated to be a whopping \$1,156,136,000,000. The total estimated unexpended end-of-year balance (i.e., the unspent balance including unobligated and obligated balances) for FY 2019 is \$2,650,531,000,000.

In a recent article, Scot Faulkner advises that President Trump should mine the available funds from unobligated balances to fund the border wall. Faulkner notes that “reallocating unused federal funds” for building the border wall could be done with “the stroke of President Trump’s pen—and a push of a button from the Office of Management and Budget.” He argues that since President Lyndon Johnson, presidents have returned unobligated and unexpended funds to the Treasury using a “budget sweep” mechanism. According to Faulkner, unobligated balances were used by Johnson to help fund his Great Society, by both Johnson and Nixon to help with funding for the Vietnam War, to assist with Carter’s expanding domestic programs, to go toward Reagan’s work to bring down the Soviet empire, to help fund both Iraq wars by Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, and by President Clinton to help him stay within Republican congressional budget limits. President Obama never used a budget sweep, allowing \$914.8 billion in unspent, unobligated balances to continue to accrue. President Trump has also not used a budget sweep. As a result, there will be an estimated \$1.156 trillion in unobligated balances by the end of FY 2019 if these balances are permitted to languish.

Any funds that President Trump can reallocate to building the border barrier without the need for approval to reprogram those funds from the Democrat-controlled House should be allocated for the barrier. However, if President Trump can take the unobligated balances and have the Treasury reclaim that money, it can be used to fully pay for a border barrier, additional border security personnel, and accompanying technology. Further, other funding can be used to fund other critically important initiatives that would not receive Democrat support. Much of the over \$1 trillion in unobligated balances could be used toward paying down the national debt that is currently close to \$22 trillion.

President Trump should seriously look at the option of using a “budget sweep,” as well as any potential al-

ternative (such as using unauthorized appropriations), to bypass the obstructionism of the Democrats, fulfill a critically important campaign promise, and better ensure US national security well into the future. In spite of Democrat opposition to properly protect the border, President Trump can save the day, fund the border partition, and end the partial government shutdown. And he can tell the tens of millions of Americans listening to his State of the Union address all about it.

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Black Hebrew Israelites

by Joseph Klein

Members of a black supremacist group known as The House of Israel set off the confrontation in Washington, D.C. last week that created a national media firestorm. Many in the media, however, were all too anxious to blame the clash on white Catholic high school students from Kentucky who were in the nation’s capital to participate peacefully in the annual March for Life. The media vultures pounced on an out-of-context video clip that appeared to show the students disrespecting a Native American elder very nearby who had approached them while chanting and beating on a drum. Once a longer video emerged, however, it was clear that the black supremacists who were in the same vicinity, not the Catholic students, were the culprits. The members of The House of Israel, part of a broader movement of Black Israelites, were captured on the video insulting Native Americans as “savages” as long as they continued worshipping idols, and then insulting women who dared to argue with these self-described “real men.” After observing students from the Covington Catholic high school standing nearby, the Black Hebrew Israelites hurled vicious homophobic, racist, and anti-Catholic insults at them.

The House of Israel members who precipitated the Washington, D.C. confrontation are an offshoot of a broader black religious movement that is sometimes referred to as Black Israelism or Hebrew Israelites. As described in *Forward*, “Hebrew Israelites are people of color, mostly African Americans, who view the biblical Israelites as their historic ancestors. For Hebrew Israelites, the transatlantic slave trade was foretold in scripture and they understand those Africans who were en-

slaved in the Americas as Israelites, severed from their heritage.” The movement is more than a century old.

Within the movement, there are a variety of black groups claiming Jewish roots and an historic connection to Israel. As Daniel Greenfield noted in his *FrontPage* column, “Some Black Hebrew groups just have their beliefs, but are friendly and pose no threat to anyone.” At the same time, however, “there are racist and hateful Black Israelite groups,” Mr. Greenfield added.

Even the leftwing Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) took note of “black supremacist groups on the extremist fringe of the Hebrew Israelite movement.” These black supremacists believe, in SPLC’s words, that they “are God’s true chosen people because they, not the people known to the world today as Jews, are the real descendants of the Hebrews of the Bible.” SPLC described their belief system as “basically the reversed-color mirror image of the Christian Identity theology embraced by many white supremacists.” This belief system gives its adherents license in their minds to hurl racist, anti-Semitic, and other hateful invective.

The House of Israel is one of these black supremacist groups. It is headquartered in New York City but has branches in various cities. One of The House of Israel members who precipitated the Washington, D.C. confrontation calls himself “Chief Ephraim Israel.” He claimed that his group’s insults, which he admitted “sparked it all,” were the “words of God.” He added: “It was piercing. Their souls was (sic) getting ripped. They were catching darts and ninja stars all into their soul.” Chief Israel’s self-proclaimed “words of God” included, among other racist and homophobic profanities aimed at the Catholic students and teachers, “a bunch of child-molesting faggots,” “dirty ass crackers,” and “bunch of babies made out of incest.”

Even after the more complete picture of the confrontation became known, many in the media, who had been so quick to condemn the Catholic students, did not apologize for their rush to judgment. Some even doubled down. The students should still be held responsible for provoking the situation because they chose to wear MAGA hats, CNN’s Chris Cuomo and Don Lemon opined. “The MAGA hat carries a certain connotation that provokes a conditioned reaction from many people, especially from marginalized people,” Lemon said. Never mind the death threats against the students and their families, for which the out-of-control media were partly responsible through their reckless misreporting. Cuomo excused the media’s misreporting, claiming that it can be “corrected” and that the media scrutiny “has been balanced.”

Issac Bailey, in an opinion article for CNN, claimed the “students should share in the blame.” While Bailey did not try to defend The House of Israel race-baiters and homophobes who started the confrontation, he said they were only “literal street preachers shouting into the wind.” The Hebrew Israelites, he declared, did not have the relative power of “the students from that mostly-white Catholic high school” who had aligned themselves with President Trump by wearing the MAGA hats.

Ann Peterson, a correspondent for the discredited Buzzfeed, tweeted: “One theme of the conversations over the past 24 hours = how deeply familiar this look is. It’s the look of white patriarchy, of course, but that familiarity—that banality—is part of what prompts the visceral reaction. This isn’t spectacular. It’s life in America.” She was comparing the smiling face of Covington Catholic High School student Nick Sandmann, who has figured prominently in the controversy surrounding the confrontation, with a younger version of the face of the left’s archenemy, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Freshman Representative Ilhan Omar, D-Minn, went beyond criticizing the MAGA hats and so-called “white privilege.” She tweeted an unsubstantiated allegation that the Covington students were taunting the Black Israelite protesters “and led racist chants.” The tweet was removed after receiving much backlash. Omar is no stranger to engaging in hate speech herself, as when she accused the Jewish state of Israel of “evil doings.”

Here’s the bottom line. The Black Hebrew Israelite members of the House of Israel who started the confrontation last week in Washington, D.C. are the real preachers of hate worthy of condemnation. They are the ones who spewed racist, sexist, and homophobic vitriol as well as their anti-Catholic insults. Yet the left, which claims to stand up for certain allegedly victimized groups attacked by the House of Israel militants, such as Native Americans, women and gays, have largely given these hate-mongers a pass. They have done so to keep the spotlight on the Covington Catholic High School students as poster boys for the left’s white privilege, toxic masculinity, anti-Trump, and anti-Catholic narratives. The left is willing to excuse the House of Israel black supremacists for their hateful rhetoric as supposedly justifiable payback for the horrible “oppression” their distant ancestors were said to have experienced. Once again, we see a vivid demonstration of what I have called the Progressives’ Republic of Virtue.

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