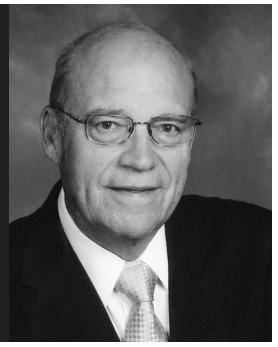




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None Dare Call it Conspiracy

by Janet Levy

Fifty years ago, journalist Gary Allen set out to write a book to prove conservative anti-communists wrong. But while researching, he realized he had not seen the “hidden picture.” There indeed was a conspiracy, shielded by a narrative advanced by liberal academia and the mainstream media, both actually in the service of an elite cabal that included Rockefeller, Ford, Morgan, Rothschild, Loeb, Kennedy, and Carnegie. No longer willing to dismiss “right-wing conspiracy theorists,” he titled his book, published in 1971, *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*. It was a surprising bestseller: more than four million copies were sold during the 1972 presidential elections. Many received it as gifts through an informal grassroots distribution system.

What Allen claimed to have discovered was that a plutocracy of 3% of the population covertly controlled the lives of the rest. They had wrested control of the constitutional republic, with its separation of powers, limited government, and competitive free enterprise, and turned it into a system of centralized control by a few. How was this achieved? According to Allen, the conspiratorial clique was hidden and protected by a complicit media establishment they own and control. Also, they are accomplished liars and farseeing planners. Their subversive *tour de force* has been to advance the lies that a) communism is inevitable and b) communism is a movement of the downtrodden. The first lie aims to destroy the will to fight, the second to gain the support of the poor masses and justify the destruction of a vigorous, innovative middle class.

Allen offers an alternative, realistic definition of communism: an international conspiratorial drive for power on part of men in high places, who are willing to use any means for global conquest. In *The Communist Manifesto*, Marx and Engels said a proletarian revolution would necessitate a temporary socialist dictatorship, which would give way to full-on communism if three things were achieved: a) the elimination of private property rights, b) the dissolution of the family, and c) the replacement of religion with Marxist ideology. These, in fact, are exactly what academia and left-wing groups in America are pushing for, today and when Allen wrote the book.

But all that, as Allen claims, is an elaborate ruse. Behind it are the super-rich. We are blinded to this because we believe they stand to lose the most in a socialistic setup. Allen backs his counterintuitive conclusion with the fact that communist countries are in fact always ruled by an oligarchical group—the nomenklatura—that controls wealth, production, and the lives of the rest of the population. Thus, socialism is a movement to consolidate wealth in the hands of a few, creating not a classless society, but one with just two classes: an elite and a proletariat, with no middle class.

The approach the international elite used was multi-pronged. They gained control over the government after the Panic of 1907 by lending it large sums of money. In exchange, they obtained monopolies in banking, natural resources, and transportation. The Federal Reserve Act was passed in 1913 to create the Federal Reserve and presented as a “victory of democracy.” In reality, private bankers could now determine inflation, recession, and boom periods; they could swing the stock market at will; and they could subordinate the fiscal powers reserved for Congress. They sought to run up the debt through the expansion of government spending. Simultaneously, they benefited from the increased money supply and bid up the stock market. Through insiders in government, they created a mechanism to collect their debts: two months before the Fed was established, a progressive income tax program was implemented for the public. But laws were made to allow them to set up tax-free foundations, hence avoiding the taxes they imposed on everyone else. They compounded their wealth tax-free.

The final component of their plan to gain control of the government was to further increase the serviceable debt by going to war. Historian Charles A. Beard called it “perpetual war for perpetual peace.” The elite thus set the stage for American involvement in two world wars, and nearly 200 military incursions since 1945, through massive propaganda in the media they controlled. This not only gained them lucrative government contracts but also enhanced the prospects of a world government they could eventually control. The owned “intellectuals” in academia and the media establishment camouflaged these conspiracies, disparaging the view that a subversion was underway. They propagated and maintained the fiction that history is accidental and all societal problems can be ascribed to poverty, ignorance, and disease.

The other strategy being used to take complete control over the politics and economy of the US is one of pressure from above and pressure from below. The elite promote “progressive legislation” while systematically infiltrating and funding left-wing political movements that serve as a street-rioting army. These radicals, controlled by big money, believe—or at least would have us believe—that they will overthrow the rich, redistribute wealth, and one day have ordinary people running everything. They are given free rein to create mayhem and avoid prosecution since they do the work of the elite. They are merely the excuse for the government to impose more repressive laws to maintain order.

According to Allen’s research, the USSR was practically manufactured by the US elite, who played a major role in the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. He quotes W. Averell Harriman, who served as ambassador to the USSR from 1943 to 1945, as saying, “Stalin paid tribute to the assistance rendered by the United States to Soviet industry before and during the war. He said that about two-thirds of all the large industrial enterprises in the Soviet Union had been built with United States help or technical assistance.” Allen explains how financiers in America and Britain created an enemy for the West. He divulges how Kuhn, Loeb & Co., an important financial house of New York then, even financed the First Five-Year Plan of the Soviet Union. Through these means, plutocrats gained a geographic homeland from which to launch assaults against other nations of the world.

The book also exposes the political legerdemain of insiders during the Nixon administration. The ostensibly conservative regime effected one of the greatest expansions of the federal government. Allen contends that this happened because President Nixon was controlled by Nelson Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), a front for the elite representatives of major media and financial houses and corporations. Their ultimate goal is the abolition of our Constitution and the replacement of our republic with a world government. Flowing from private to public service, CFR members—among them known communists like Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White—have staffed key positions in administrations since FDR’s. Rockefeller and Kissinger managed the levers of power behind the scenes and helped Nixon achieve centralized power while paying lip service to decentralization. Nixon’s Family Assistance Program, for instance, guaranteed an annual income, but in programs like these, Washington was merely returning taxes from states as federal subsidies. The administration also pushed for price and wage controls, bringing Communist China into the United Nations, and for “world peace” through “world law”—hardly objectives consonant with a limited government constitutional republic.

Allen passed away in 1986, but his book echoes the US of the 1970s. Today, a secretive power elite seem well on their way to achieve their global agenda of a totalitarian world government. It’s déjà vu all over again.

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The West Goes Delusional

by Steve McCann

The LGBTQAI mafia rules in more places in the West than anyone could possibly imagine. Washington, D.C. is overrun by this unfit mafia. Billy Graham once said if God doesn’t judge America, He needs to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19). The clock is ticking. . .

The politically motivated and unprecedented overreaction to a virus with a 99.5% survival rate was launched in March of 2020, thus unleashing what can best be described as a once-in-a-century fiasco. Nineteen months later it is impossible to look at the United States and the world and not conclude that this country and much of the West is in the grip, not of a virus, but of delusional madness and malevolence.

The governing elites have been so successful in propagandizing and fear-mongering the populace in many western nations, including the United States, that the virus has made far too many people blind to the madness as they wallow in anxiety, depression, and hopelessness—deliberately and with forethought brought about by these malevolent cabals.

The noted British historian Kenneth Clark in his book and television series *Civilisation* said that empires fall not just to barbarians and other external enemies, but more so on account of exhaustion and loss of confidence within. He warned of the evolutionary process of destruction of self-confidence leading to exhaustion and culminating in the feeling of hopelessness which can overtake people even with a high degree of material prosperity. As any civilized nation, in order to survive, requires confidence in the society in which one lives as well as belief in its philosophy and in its laws and confidence in one’s own mental powers.

In the United States, the left-wing dominated ruling class, determined to transform the nation into a one-party oligarchy, has long focused on demoralizing and fomenting hopelessness among the American people so they would be amenable to this transformation. In a society already beset with self-doubt and disquiet about the future, they gaslighted the populace through the gross and near-criminal exaggeration of the threat of Covid-19, combined with manipulated data, unprecedented societal and economic lockdowns, social

distancing, mandatory masking, and now *de facto* vaccination passports. Thus, exacerbating the feeling of hopelessness among the citizenry.

At the height of the pandemic hysteria in the fall of 2020, 36% of Americans reported symptoms of anxiety disorder (in 2019, 6.5% of Americans reported anxiety disorder). In this same period, 42% of Americans reported anxiety or depressive disorder (in 2019, 10.8% of Americans reported these disorders). The age group 18-39 (30% of the overall US population) had the highest reported levels of anxiety or depressive disorder—52%.

The manipulation of the public by the ruling class and its media arm has succeeded as nearly half of the overall American population and a majority of the Millennials (America's most populous generation) are suffering from anxiety or depressive disorders, which inevitably leads to hopelessness.

Having wildly succeeded in fomenting despair, the ruling establishment cannot stop or curtail their tactics as they cannot risk the American people awakening from or becoming aware of their malevolence and delusional madness. Thus, the never-ending Covid-19 falsehoods and fear-mongering in order to maintain and exacerbate anxiety and depression.

Having demoralized and created hopelessness among the bulk of the population, the next step for the ruling elites was to remove Donald Trump, install their hand-picked puppet and control Congress. Using the cover of the pandemic, they unabashedly, and in many cases unconstitutionally, altered the election laws in swing states to accommodate massive voter fraud and buried any negative stories about Joe Biden and his family while censoring the alternative media. Thus, unleashing their delusional madness for all the world to see.

The United States is the latest country in a long history dating back to 330 B.C. to leave bloody footprints on the way out of Afghanistan. The incomprehensible tactics in this exit, as executed by Biden and the ruling establishment, has destabilized the world and made it significantly more dangerous than before. Their imbecility in believing the Taliban will be responsible stewards of Afghanistan will precipitate another horror show playing out not only in Afghanistan but throughout the West and in the United States.

The fatuous and Marxist-inspired ruling class believes that unlimited spending on social programs and unbridled money creation will sustain and expand an economy. Consequently, millions of able-bodied Americans are choosing to remain unemployed thanks to ever more generous welfare and unemployment, thus, permanently shuttering businesses throughout the country and severely undermining the economy. As an inevitable byproduct, inflation is also running rampant. Yet, these myopic loons are determined to spend \$5 Trillion in new welfare and "Green New Deal"

programs. Monies the nation does not have, and which will accelerate yet more inflation and ultimate stagflation leading to a potential global recession/depression.

On the now non-existent southern border, having created one humanitarian disaster in Afghanistan, their madcap policies have deliberately created another and quite different humanitarian disaster, one made of unchecked illegal immigration. Allowing terrorist, murderers and sex-traffickers unfettered passage into the country and millions access to welfare, education, health care and low-income jobs. Thus, displacing Americans, further exacerbating economic decline, creating potential health crises and accelerating societal upheaval.

The ruling elites, in their irrationality, have decreed eight-year-olds can choose their gender, take on a new name and use which ever toilets they want—and mom and dad don't get to hear a word about it. Nor do mom and dad have a say in whether their children must wear potentially harmful masks or be vaccinated with an experimental vaccine or be taught in school that those with white skin are genetically predestined to be oppressors and those with dark skin are hopelessly doomed to be oppressed, or that the planet will self-immolate within 10 years because of the lifestyles of their moms and dads.

The madness is in other countries in the West. In the Australian state of Victoria, they are firing rubber bullets into crowds of protestors as well as physically attacking and jailing them without trial. Australia and New Zealand have almost totally shuttered their countries and in at least one place built a "quarantine camps." Many nations have initiated vaccine passport schemes to keep the unvaccinated—the unclean—out of the mainstream of society, precipitating the closure of vital medical facilities and security services due to lack of staffing.

It is not the Chinese Coronavirus that will be the undoing of this or any western country. They (we) will be undone—and are being undone now—by the madness and malevolence of their ruling classes.

Many Americans and citizens in other Western nations know what is happening is wrong and will lead to chaos and a dark place. Yet far too many are fearful of being shouted down, ostracized and censored for saying so. But that cannot be an excuse to remain quiet—on the contrary, that must be the inspiration to speak out in every forum available from one's family, to one's neighborhood, to one's town, to one's state.

This can be fixed, and a nation restored, if enough join together stand up and emulate Howard Beale in the classic movie *Network* and shout from the rooftops: "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore."

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More Secular, Less Free

by Dennis Prager

While today's deists and atheists will pronounce Dennis Prager "a nut", I believe the historical evidence is on his side. For those interested in an in-depth study of the matter, I would start with David Barton's *The Founders' Bible*. Nearly all our founding fathers took Genesis 1:1 literally. Even one of the least "religious" founders—Thomas Paine—had to admit, "How, then, is it that when we study the works of God in creation we stop short and do not think of God? ...The evil that has resulted from the error of the schools in teaching natural philosophy as an accomplishment only has been that of generating in the pupils a species of atheism." *The Founders' Bible*, p. 4. After pondering over 2100 pages of *The Founders' Bible* let me suggest a read of a work that compares the Secular Humanist worldview with the Christian worldview viz. *Understanding the Times: A Survey of Competing Worldviews* by Jeff Myers and David A. Noebel. Even Paul Kurtz admitted that we treated his Secular Humanist worldview fairly and openly. Yet, as Dennis Prager argues, America and Western Civilization has decided to try John Dewey over the Apostle Paul. This will not end pretty!

Here is something any honest person must acknowledge: As America has become more secular, it has become less free.

Individuals can differ as to whether these two facts are correlated, but no honest person can deny they are facts.

It seems to me indisputable that they are correlated. To deny this, one would have to argue that it is merely coincidental that free speech, the greatest of all freedoms, is more seriously threatened than at any time in American history while a smaller-than-ever percentage of Americans believe in God or regularly attend church.

The United States became the freest country in the world, the sweet land of liberty, the recipient of the Statue of Liberty, the country whose flag freedom fighters around the world have often waved. This freedom was rooted in the deeply religious nature of its founding ideals. America was founded by God-centered individuals to be a God-centered country. The claims that America's founders were mostly deists and that America was founded to be a godless secular society are not true.

Some of the Founders were not orthodox Christians, i.e., they did not believe in the Christian Trinity or in the divinity of Christ. But none of them were deists (with the possible exception of Jefferson). Deists believed in a creator God who was not only uninvolved with his

creations, but he also did not even know them, let alone care about them. After creating the world, the deists' God abandoned it. The deists' God was Aristotle's "unmoved mover."

Every major Founder (again, with the possible exception of Jefferson) believed in the God of the Bible who heard prayer, acted in history, judged people in the hereafter, demanded ethical behavior, and without Whom morality did not objectively exist. Most importantly, they all believed that in order for a functioning democratic republic not to descend into tyranny, it was necessary to link freedom with God.

Whatever Jefferson's view of God was, he was as influenced by the Bible as every other Founder. He and Benjamin Franklin proposed that the great seal of the United States depict Moses leading the Jews out of Egypt: Moses raising his rod to divide the sea; Pharaoh, in his chariot, overwhelmed by the waters; and the divine pillar of fire that led the Israelites by night. The seal's proposed motto: "Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God." Jefferson and Franklin believed that freedom and obedience to God were synonymous. No God, no freedom.

The Founders linked freedom inextricably to God. That is why the inscription on the Liberty Bell is from the Bible: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof." The verse comes from Leviticus, the third book of the Bible. The Founders knew their Bible. The present adult generation of Americans is more ignorant of the Bible than any in American history. And most young people know even less. I suspect that most students at Harvard could not identify Leviticus, let alone cite any of its verses.

The bell was named "the Liberty Bell" by the abolitionists. Their opposition to slavery was based entirely on the Bible. Their motivating principle, "All men are created equal," came from the Bible. They did not get it from the ancient Greeks, who would have scoffed at such a notion.

Freedom permeates the Old Testament: The Bible begins with the story of Adam and Eve, a story about man's assertion of his God-given freedom . . . freedom even to disobey God. The primary story of the Old Testament is the Exodus, a story about God liberating slaves.

For the Founders, the most obvious reason freedom was dependent on faith in God was that only if God is regarded as the source of freedom could men not rightfully take it away. If men are the source of the freedom, men can rightfully retract it. This is precisely what is happening today. Freedom is being destroyed primarily by those who scorn the idea that freedom comes from God.

The rule that the end of religion means the end of freedom does not mean that secularism would not be a welcome replacement for totalitarian theocracies such as

Iran. But eventually that, too—a secular Iran—would lead to tyranny. Wherever God is delinked from freedom, freedom ultimately withers. When Christianity died in Europe, it was replaced by fascism, Nazism and communism.

Freedom is central to the Bible. This is especially apparent in America, which until now has linked its unparalleled commitment to freedom to God and the Bible. But freedom is peripheral to leftism. That is why freedom in America is threatened as never before: The foundations upon which freedom rests—God, the Bible, Judeo-Christian values—are threatened as never before.

Every American coin bears two inscriptions: “In God We Trust” and “Liberty.” Every generation of Americans prior to the 1960s understood why. Most Americans today, including secular conservatives, do not.

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Joe Biden (D., Socialist)

by Daniel Henninger

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but someone has to say it: You have to listen to Joe Biden. Ignore what he says at your peril.

It’s easy to make fun of Mr. Biden’s speeches. He walks out, removes his black mask and stares steely-eyed into a teleprompter, reading whatever’s written. The eyes—his and ours—glaze over. But he persists.

Mr. Biden may be political white noise, but do *not* fall asleep.

Last Thursday, Mr. Biden trundled out to give a speech for his mega-trillion Build Back Better plan. The press says the Biden plan is in trouble with moderate Democrats, which could make or break his presidency, with votes starting next week.

This spending plan may be the whole Biden presidency, but it’s bigger than that. His seemingly run-of-the-mill afternoon speech was a significant statement. It was a public repudiation by Mr. Biden of the US economic system.

Partway through the speech, Mr. Biden felt obliged to assert: “I am a capitalist.” During the campaign he said: “I am not a socialist.” Both statements are false. Joe Biden is not a capitalist. He is a socialist. Democratic progressives don’t like the s-word, which is why they started calling themselves progressives. Bernie Sanders declared himself a socialist so long ago it’s too late to change. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez admits to being a democratic socialist. Fact-check scolds argue the s-word has no meaning in the American political context because no one is suggesting state control of the means of production. Be that as it

may, listen to Mr. Biden talk about the system we do have.

“Real, sustained economic growth,” Mr. Biden said, is “something we haven’t realized in this country for decades.” He elaborated: “Over the past 40 years, the wealthy have gotten wealthier, and too many corporations have lost their sense of responsibility to their workers, their communities, and the country.”

“The past 40 years” means Mr. Biden’s indictment of the US system includes the Democratic presidencies of Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. But “40 years” is the giveaway. That’s 1981, the beginning of Ronald Reagan’s presidency.

It is hard to overstate progressives’ obsession with the economic legacy of the Reagan presidency. In their endless struggle, Donald Trump was a blip, notwithstanding that the Trump tax cuts and deregulation—twin towers of Reaganomics—coincided with the lowest minority unemployment levels in 50 years accompanied by real wage gains for men and women. The *political* purpose of the Build Back Better plan is to erase Reaganism forever.

Introducing his budget in May, Mr. Biden said, “It is a budget that reflects the fact that trickle-down economics has never worked.”

“Trickle-down economics” has been 40-year code on the left for the Reagan economic policies, which cut marginal tax rates on income and rates on capital gains. The explicit purpose of the Reagan policies, as articulated routinely by the GOP’s Jack Kemp, was to encourage all participants in the economy to “work, save, and invest.”

“Work, save, and invest” is a three-word definition of capitalism, which is demonstrably alien now to Mr. Biden’s worldview. At no point in that speech did he acknowledge that the private sector contributes anything positive to the life of Americans.

Adopting Sen. Sanders’s favorite phrase, Mr. Biden repeatedly caricatures “millionaires and billionaires” and the growth in their “wealth” during the pandemic, with no mention of the Federal Reserve’s 0% interest rates that pushed assets into stocks held by billionaires and everyone else.

He says we’ve just had “the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression,” ignoring the government-ordered lockdown, then claims his government fixed the economy.

Rising gas prices are caused by “pandemic profiteers.” He rails against “corporations” a dozen times. In fact, this Biden speech sounds similar to Xi Jinping’s recent attacks on China’s private sector.

The market-led economic growth of the Kennedy, Reagan, Clinton (he signed a bill cutting the capital-gains rate to 20% from 28% in 1997) and Trump years is irrelevant to Mr. Biden’s ideas about a heretofore unseen economy that “benefits everyone.”

Instead, *he* is the economy. He will “create” new jobs and even new industries. This refers to his proposed billions in subsidies for manufacturing solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles and charging stations, and retrofitting homes and commercial real estate. By government order, current, carbon-intensive industries will disappear.

At a stroke, the Biden plan “lowers the cost” of daycare, child care, elder care, drugs, healthcare, and education. All of this—identified without irony as “the cost of living”—is “paid for” by new taxes.

“State control of the means of production” means different things to different people, but I’d say this qualifies as socialism in America. Traditional Democrats wanted to “tame” the economy. Bidenism is replacing it.

Since the Democratic Party’s start nearly 200 years ago, socialism has passed through the party but never defined it. By the time the voting in Congress stops on Build Back Better, we’ll know whether from now on its members should be identified as D. or D-Soc.

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Cultural Conquerors

by Selwyn Duke

For the record, I’ve not only opposed our Mideast military adventures but also, in 2007, wrote an article warning about the folly of “nation-building.”

Yet I also know that *if* you are going to overthrow a tyrannical regime and remake the government, a prerequisite is winning the hearts and minds of the people. You must also recognize that you “never change things by fighting the existing reality,” as famed architect Buckminster Fuller observed. “To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”

Now, when the Nazis invaded the USSR during World War II, they initially encountered some people who hoped they’d free them from Stalin’s brutal rule. Adolf Hitler was very blunt about his absence of interest in winning hearts and minds, however, reportedly saying that he came not as a liberator, but a conqueror.

What of America in Afghanistan, however? Were we replacing the dreaded Taliban government (which the Biden administration now thinks it can work with) with a better model? And from the Afghans’ perspective, did we come as liberators or cultural conquerors?

Consider: “Over the past 20 years . . . Congress has allocated close to a billion dollars to export academic

feminism to Afghanistan,” reported commentator Tucker Carlson last month. That money was spent on “programs like a two years Master’s degree in Gender and Women’s Studies offered at Kabul University, something Afghans apparently never knew they needed,” he continued.

“Another US government effort meanwhile funded, quote, ‘activities that educate and engage Afghan men and boys to challenge gender stereotypes,’” Carlson also informed. Uh-huh, I bet that went over like a lead balloon.

We also demanded affirmative action, that women constitute “at least 10 percent of the Afghan National Army and a still larger proportion of that country’s political leadership,” the commentator further related. Owing to our “gender” (“sex” is the proper word, actually) quotas, dozens of women entered Afghanistan’s parliament even though many of them hadn’t even been to the areas they supposedly represented.

Oh, we made Afghan women police officers, too.

Question: Did we also remember to institute mandatory weekly pig roasts?

How about yearly “Draw Mohammed” contests?

All the while, American troops were instructed to ignore the sexual abuse of boys as it is commonly practiced in that country. This was “to maintain good standing with the US-trained Afghan police and militia in a country where the practice of *bacha bazi* (boy play) is widespread,” *Time* told us in 2015. “In some cases, the US ended up arming suspected pedophiles” (as opposed to just giving them the US presidency).

So the molestation of boys is a cultural norm you must respect, even though the Taliban might punish this behavior with death. But not having women enter roles (i.e., soldier, cop) unknown to them for 99.999 percent of history? Perish the thought!

Ah, the perversion of sex roles along with the perversion of sex. . . . Did anything ever better epitomize our pseudo-elite, über-effete Left?

Now, I don’t deny that the Taliban mistreat women (along with many other groups, to varying degrees). But even if you were sold on steroid-level feminism, wouldn’t a wise person realize that baby steps were prudent, that as with straightening a crooked arrow, bending it too fast could mean breakage? (The answer, of course, is that a wise person wouldn’t embrace feminism in the first place, period, let alone the steroid-level variety.)

In other words, the Western sexual devolutionaries could have tried eliminating objective wrongs such as, oh, let’s say, selling daughters to settle debts and killing girls for having committed minor infractions against the tribe—and the rampant pederasty. Even these changes would have been difficult to put into effect, but they

would have constituted a noble endeavor, comparable to the British Raj ending the practice of suttee (widow-burning) in India. But, no, this wasn't good enough for the Afghanistan nation-fiddler social engineers, who seemed to be right out of Berkeley's or Brown's "gender" studies departments.

Of course, leftists viscerally feel (and everything is about feelings with them) that American conservatives are more alien than any alien culture. But do consider that even Western rightists tend to be upset when so-called "gender" programs are foisted on them. How do you think the tribal Muslim Afghans reacted?

We don't have to wonder. As Carlson also reported last month, one "USAID official conceded in a classified report, quote, 'Focusing on gender made things more unstable because it caused revolts.'" Gee, you don't say.

So how was our intervention viewed by the average Afghan? Did we seem like liberators or bizarre, sex-switching alien cultural imperialists?

In truth, our sexual devolutionaries are just as radical as the Taliban, only at the other extreme. Though the Afghans' conception of sex roles is quite askew, there's nothing odd about traditional ones; they are history's norm. Western feminism is the anomaly.

I wholly reject the Taliban, of course (and they'd liberate my head from my body). Nonetheless, I respect them more than I do our leftists, who are extremists without guts and the willingness to die for their cause (though they are good at killing civilizations). I suspect the average Afghan feels the same.

There some are lessons we can take away from the Afghan experience, ones that many learned long ago. First, don't tolerate any leftist blather about "ethnocentrism," multiculturalism, or cultural relativism. While liberals are fuzzy-headed relativists, they only preach the above when it serves to destroy Western norms they dislike. But they end up acting as dogmatic as any Allah-worshiping jihadist because, ultimately, relativists make everything relative to themselves and their agenda.

Second, because they're detached from reality, leftists tend to destroy everything they touch. Empower them at your own peril.

If—and I say *if*—I'd been inclined to invade Afghanistan, had intended to uproot its culture, and didn't care how many heads (not to mention bombs) I made explode in the process, I wouldn't have put the cart before the horse. As I explained in 2014, I'd have done what Charlemagne essentially did: Go Roman, forcibly convert the population to Christianity, and then garrison troops there until the change took. *Then* the culture might have been suited for a Western-style republic. For "nation-building" was never sufficient in Afghanistan without its prerequisite: *civilization*-building.

Instead, we took a tribal Islamic people, of which 99 percent believe Shariah should be the law of the land, 73 percent fancy it God's will and 61 percent say it should be applied to non-Muslims as well, and tried giving them San Francisco "values." The Capons and Clucking Hens of Incongruence, we attempted to computerize a camel—with corrupted software.

So, no, we weren't offering "a new model" that made the Afghans' "existing model obsolete." We just tried trading the Taliban for the Femiban, a folly that would have made any wise wise guy say, "Yeah, this should end well."

And it did.

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Medicine Mount Olympus

by Ted Noel, MD

I recently had a conversation with a reasonably well-informed writer who simply missed the real reasons why most practicing physicians go along with the Fauci Fraud. As a public service, I will attempt to fill in a few gaps. But first, I must define the fraud.

There are two basic legs to the fraud. First is the idea that the Centers for Disease Control is in any way concerned with a mission related to its name. The failure of the CDC to endorse *any* treatment that did not emanate from its exalted halls should give us our first glint of clarity. There are literally millions of physicians around the world, and the great bulk of them truly wish to treat their patients well. Among those are thousands of researchers, a number far in excess of those at the CDC, the NIH, and other alphabet soup government agencies. The very idea that outside researchers are incapable of discovering anything useful without the help of the bureaucrats in D.C. is hubris of the highest order. And it prevents the CDC, the FDA, or any other such agency from considering the idea that maybe, just possibly, there might be intelligent life down here. Mount Olympus cannot be threatened.

The second leg of the fraud is less visible to the naked eye but much more powerful. If I wrote this before I retired, I would be called before the Board of my group and told in no uncertain terms to shut up. I might even be assessed a financial penalty with several zeroes after the one. That's a serious impairment of my pursuit of happiness. The reason for my group's dislike is more than the fact that I might be an irritant. They may actually agree with what I have to say. But they simply cannot afford for me to say it. That's right: as a

practicing physician in a group, my freedom of speech can become very expensive . . . to the group.

My group cared for patients of all descriptions, with roughly half of them on Medicare and another batch on Medicaid. Both programs are ultimately managed by the feds, one of the most humorless groups on the planet. They write a whole bunch of rules on how you have to document everything you do. If you didn't document it correctly, it didn't happen, and you won't get paid. But that's not the half of it.

Suppose you have one of those patients brought in by the ambulance from under the bridge. His only clothes are the ones he's wearing, and he doesn't have two nickels to rub together. It's more than obvious that this surgery for bowel obstruction will be a charity case. Before Medicare, you'd simply write it off as your good neighbor duty. Now you don't get a choice. CMMS (the actual administrative agency) requires you to send a bill. Twice. Or maybe three times. Whatever it takes to turn the bill into bad debt. Then you have to send it to a collection agency. Your only alternative is for your group to bring it up in its Board meeting and declare it a write-off that gets noted in the minutes.

All this rigmarole serves no purpose, and you knew that before you got to this sentence. But CMMS has a sinister side. If you do the case for free (which you did before you spent that useless money on billing and collection), CMMS will define that as your "usual and customary" bill for an exploratory laparotomy. Since your U&C is now zero, you can't ever bill more than that for an ex lap in the future.

But what does that have to do with ivermectin? I'm glad you asked.

U&C bills are just one of the hundreds of rules that CMMS enforces. Another is "Pay for Performance." Basically, P-f-P requires you to check a host of boxes when taking care of patients. If you didn't get that IV antibiotic in 20 minutes before the incision, you failed P-f-P and may not get paid. The hospital won't get paid to take care of the patient if there's a complication.

So let us suppose that you use ivermectin to treat a COVID patient as he arrives in the hospital. Ivermectin isn't on the Medicare/Medicaid approved list of medications for COVID. Your hospital pharmacy will call you up and give you grief. After wasting a lot of time getting them to finally let you have it, you've had to cancel half of your office day. The next day, you'll get a visit from a coder, who will tell you that you didn't use

the approved treatment protocol and put the hospital in jeopardy because you flunked P-f-P. By the way, that "coder" is the person who "helps" you use the proper ICD (billing) code for whatever the patient has in order for the hospital to make the most money. But that's not the worst of it.

Because you flunked P-f-P, that waves a red flag in front of the CMMS bulls, and you're about to get gored. They will wonder what other bad things you've done. As soon as they find one, it gets flagged as "Medicare fraud," and they will bill you for twice what you got paid as a penalty. Can you guess how many other instances of fraud they'll find if they look hard? Do you have to ask why my partners would get upset if I published while I was still in practice? By the way, CMMS can go two years back as they look for your crimes. They can ultimately take your house, your car, and your wife's poodle while they're at it.

Let's change the scene. Suppose you're in private practice. You can't give ivermectin because the feds will key in on it if your patient's on Medicare or Medicaid. So you decide to take care of him off the books. He pays you cash, and all is well. Not! You now took a private payment for Medicare-covered service. That will get you barred from seeing another Medicare patient for two years.

Let's forget all the regulatory traps. You're conscientious and try to do the best for your patients. But you're busy, and you can't keep up with the flood of papers on all the various COVID bits. So you wear a mask, have your patients wear masks, and do a lot of telemedicine. You keep up on the latest through Medscape and the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reporter. You should be good? Not! MMWR is put out by the CDC, and they won't say the first good word about HCQ or ivermectin. Medscape is a little better, but not much. And all the specialty societies are toeing the line. Can we guess why?

Any doctor who actually reads the studies, or follows any of the protocols published by the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, will see a lot of peer pressure to stop. The financial risks may be extreme. It takes a spine of steel to stand up to the authoritarian orthodoxy.

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