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# Watch Germany!

Europe's refugee crisis is shaking Europe to its foundations. The shocks will help bring a new leader to power soon who will make a sinister deal with Russia.

**E**VERY READER SHOULD CLOSELY WATCH WHAT IS HAPPENING in Germany. That nation is going through some dramatic changes that are about to reshape the country and the whole of Europe. Yet most of the world is asleep to how serious these changes are.



**GERALD FLURRY**

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has never been weaker. In a very short time, she has gone from being one of the most popular politicians in the world to being the target of a lot of anger from the German people.

“You are killing off Europe.” Those were German politician Edmund Stoiber’s words for Chancellor Merkel in early January. Stoiber is the former minister-president of the state of Bavaria. In his view, Merkel’s policy of welcoming hundreds of thousands of immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa is destroying not just Germany, but all of Europe.

Stoiber’s bold comments are part of a shift under way in Germany that will soon usher in a new leader. It is not just Stoiber thinking this way—a lot of the German public agree. Now there is open talk that Merkel may lose her job.

This development will be of acute interest to longtime *Trumpet* readers. We have forecast the rise of a much stronger leader in Germany for many years. It appears we are about to see this ruler come into office.

When this happens, it will change the entire course of European history—and shake the nations!

## A Stunning Election

On March 13, German voters had their first opportunity to give their opinion on Angela Merkel’s immigration policies. **THEY HANDED HER A RECORD-BREAKING DEFEAT.** Merkel’s party lost votes in all three regional elections held on that date. In one state, her party finished behind the Green Party—the Greens’ first outright victory in a state election.

Chancellor Merkel’s unpopular pro-immigrant stance stimulated the dramatic rise of the anti-migrant Alternative for Germany (AfD). In Saxony-Anhalt, the AfD won 24 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, coming in second. The *Financial Times* wrote that this was “the best regional result of any German populist right-wing party since 1945” (March 14).

THE RESULTS OF THIS ELECTION SHOULD WAKE THE WHOLE WORLD UP TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GERMANY! German

discontent and anger is reaching new heights. That has serious implications for this powerful nation at the heart of Europe! (sidebar: “A ‘Tectonic Shift’ in German Politics,” page 2).

Not all Germans reject Merkel’s view of immigration. (The Green Party, which is even more migrant-friendly than she is, did well.) But Merkel is the leader of Germany’s largest conservative movement, and the election showed that the conservatives strongly disagree with the course she is charting for the nation.

“The Incredible Shrinking Merkel: Sunday’s Elections Could Be the Starting Pistol for Merkel’s Would-be Successors” was one of Breitbart’s headlines after the vote. “Sunday’s verdict was a clear warning from the electorate that Germans have lost patience with the chancellor’s deliberate approach to the crisis,” wrote *Politico* (March 13).

“For the first time, her own party critics can point to hard election results to argue that her policies are having a detrimental effect on them,” *Politico* continued. “With Merkel’s party

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already divided on the issue [of immigration], it’s only a matter of time before challengers emerge” (emphasis mine throughout).

“Powerful figures within the party may start to look for an *alternative leader* ahead of next year’s national elections,” wrote the *Telegraph*. “A defeat in state elections was the beginning of the end for Ms. Merkel’s predecessor, Gerhard Schröder” (March 13).

The pressure on Merkel is strong. It looks doubtful she will last until 2017 and the next election, especially considering the headlines that roll out every day on the migrant crisis. In January and February, over 123,000 migrants landed in Greece, compared with only 4,600 in the same period last year. That’s an increase of nearly 2,600 percent! What will immigration be like this summer, as the weather warms up and the flood of migrants grows?

The press viewed the election results as a strong message to Angela Merkel to close the door on migrants. But it looks like Merkel has no intention of changing her position. In a news conference the day after the elections, she said, “Without a



doubt, we have come a long way towards solving the refugee issue, but we still don't have a sustainable solution. I am fully convinced that we need a European solution, and that this solution needs time."



WHO WOULD REPLACE HER? Many commentators say the lack of a clear successor is one of the biggest factors keeping Chancellor Merkel in power.

Looking for a "European solution" is very different from the solution the AfD is demanding: immediate closure of Germany's borders. Frustration and anger among the German people is sure to become more intense!

But if Merkel falls,

Yet two men we have been watching for years are beginning to make a dramatic comeback on the German political scene.

### Who Is Next?

Mr. Stoiber, who was once a candidate for chancellor, had practically disappeared from German politics. He was being derided and criticized. Now suddenly he is making a comeback, and he's speaking out for the Christian Social Union (CSU), the conservative Bavarian party allied with Merkel's party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

Germany's *Süddeutsche Zeitung* reported on Stoiber's comments on January 17: "The former minister-president has attacked Chancellor Angela Merkel because of her refugee policies and warns of disastrous consequences for Germany and the EU" (*Trumpet* translation).

Stoiber says Germany needs to close its borders. "Plan B must be to once again secure our borders and uphold the ruling law," he said. "Today we have a lawless situation at

## A 'Tectonic Shift' in German Politics

GERMANY'S ELECTIONS ON MARCH 13 did much more than raise serious questions about Chancellor Angela Merkel's career. The election results represented a political earthquake that threatens the very foundation of German politics.

Back in September 2013, the *Times* ran this headline: "Euroskeptic Party Alternative für Deutschland Strikes Fear in Rest." The fear that so worried the *Times* back then was that this new party, AfD, might win a shocking 5 percent of the vote in German elections, which would give it a voice in the Reichstag.

Today, such a result would be shockingly low.

A quick glance over the past few years reveals how dramatic the explosion of this brand-new populist party has been. Since 2013, the AfD has become much more right wing, its rhetoric far more controversial—and its popularity has soared.

Not only did it win a stunning 24 percent of the vote in the East German state of Saxony-Anhalt, but it also scored 15.1 percent and 12.5 in two West German states. Although the figures for these two states are lower, they may be more important. Right-wing populist parties have previously had some success in East Germany only to be comprehensively rejected in the West. By breaking through in these

prosperous West German states, the AfD has proven that it is far more than just a party of East German protest.

The political shift demonstrated in Germany by these elections goes far beyond Angela Merkel.

In the run-up to the election, Lili Bayer of Geopolitical Futures wrote, "Berlin is facing a multitude of interlocking crises that are contributing to the fragmentation of Europe. ... Despite its position as the largest economy in Europe and the leading political power on the Continent, Germany is finding itself unable to effectively address Europe's crises, and is struggling to maintain its influence in some regions. At the same time, Germany's economic vulnerabilities are coming to the fore. We can expect many more challenging weeks for Berlin in the months ahead" (March 11).

Europe has a slew of unresolved crises, and they threaten to hit Germany the hardest. Each one will only add to the political instability. The March 13 elections revealed where Germany's political system is already—yet the crises are only just starting to bite.

"We are seeing a normalization of right-wing populist movements in Germany just like elsewhere in Europe, even if here, it takes on a special form because we can't ignore Germany's past," said contemporary history professor at Mainz University Andreas Rödder,

according to Agence France-Presse (March 13; emphasis added). Similarly, German political analyst Wolfgang Merkel told *Tagesspiegel*, "Until now, right-wing populist or extreme-right parties are considered taboo, considered like aliens in the political sphere."

"This is a tectonic shift in the political landscape in Germany," said Bavarian State Premier Horst Seehofer.

*Spiegel* sees the breaking of this taboo as part of the rise of a whole new political system. Before the election, it described how Germany's postwar second republic was giving way to a "third republic." "Germany Enters a Dangerous New Political Era" was its headline.

"Stability used to define Germany's political system," said the article's quip. "But the refugee crisis has fundamentally changed the country's party landscape. The rise of the fringe has eroded the traditional centers of power" (March 8).

Here is how the article began: "Seven or eight months ago, Germany was a different country than it is today. There were no controversial political issues demanding immediate action, and Chancellor Angela Merkel's leadership was uncontested. It was quiet and comfortable. But then the refugees began streaming into Europe and the country's sleepy tranquility came to a sudden end. Since then, disgusting



the borders. We still do not know who is coming into our country” (ibid).

The Germans are restless. They want somebody to speak out! Because of bold comments like these, there is talk of Stoiber having a SPECTACULAR RESURRECTION. *Süddeutsche Zeitung* said his resurrection has been “almost as spectacular as that of Lazarus” from the biblical account (January 18).

However, it is unlikely that Stoiber will become the end-time German leader the *Trumpet* has long been watching for. The more significant “resurrection” is that of Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, Germany’s former minister of defense.

Mr. Stoiber is apparently close friends with Guttenberg. Both men are members of the CSU.

On February 26, after an extensive interview with Guttenberg, the *Financial Times*’ chief foreign affairs commentator, Gideon Rachman, wrote: “There was a time when Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg was widely tipped to succeed Angela Merkel as chancellor of Germany. ... And then ... in

early 2011, his gilded career fell apart after it was revealed that he had plagiarized large parts of his doctoral thesis. ... Shortly afterwards, he left for a career in business in the U.S. ... Now, with Chancellor Merkel in deep political trouble over Germany’s refugee crisis, might this be a time for him to resurrect his political career? As political pundits run through the rather thin list of possible leaders in a post-Merkel era, some eyes have begun to stray over the Atlantic—to the baron across the water.”

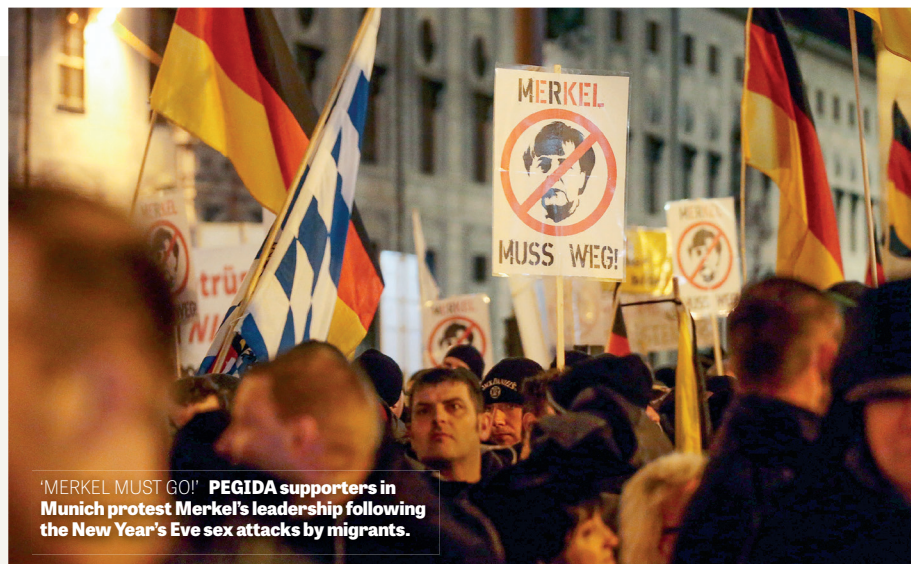
Despite having his eye on him, Rachman speculated that Mr. Guttenberg may not become the *very next* leader: “Malcontents within Merkel’s own CDU-CSU grouping see [making her the next UN secretary general] as a graceful way to ease the chancellor out—with the obvious replacement being Wolfgang Schäuble, Germany’s finance minister. But Schäuble is 73 years old and not in perfect health. He would probably just be an interim appointment, which might just open the door for a younger man ....”

eruptions of xenophobia have come in quick succession, a right-wing populist party is on its way to holding seats in several state parliaments, Merkel has gained approval from the center-left Social Democrats and from the Greens, some conservatives want to throw her out, and the state is overwhelmed. Does anyone know what is happening? What is wrong with this country?”

Ms. Merkel’s career is at stake. But much more than that is on the line. How will these crises change Germany? What will the post-Merkel nation look like—a nation where a borderline xenophobic party can win a quarter of the vote in a major election?

*Spiegel* is not the only publication sounding the alarm. “It was a night in which you could see, in a few hours, how much the country changed—and one could feel how much it is still changing,” wrote *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. “The old ways, which determined the political landscape of the Federal Republic for decades, no longer apply. What was once certain is now uncertain. What was once considered impossible now seems likely” (March 14; *Trumpet* translation).

The Local, an English-language news website that focuses on Germany, published an article titled “Why German Politics as We Know It Is Crumbling.” Talking about the Green Party’s victory



‘MERKEL MUST GO!’ PEGIDA supporters in Munich protest Merkel’s leadership following the New Year’s Eve sex attacks by migrants.

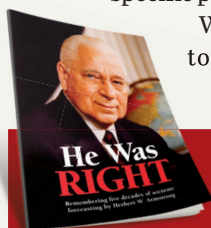
in Baden-Württemberg, it reported, “This was the first time in post-1945 Germany that a party outside the big two took the largest amount of votes at a state election.” It summarized *Süddeutsche Zeitung*’s position this way: “Voters are no longer tribally attached to the two main parties and will switch from one party to the next based on current political issues or their attachment to specific politicians” (March 14).

When Germany’s top news publications

warn of the rise of a new era in Germany and the end of the political system that has brought Germany one of its longest periods of relative peace in history, we should all take note.

The *Trumpet* has long warned of a radical political transformation coming to Germany and all of Europe. Although these German writers cannot see where it is leading, this transformation is already making headlines.

**STEPHEN FLURRY  
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To see what the Bible says about this new political system coming to Europe, read the opening chapter of our free booklet **He Was Right, “Is a World Dictator About to Appear?”**

# The Hitler-Stalin Pact: Is I

BY GERALD FLURRY

**W**E ARE SEEING A CONNECTION DEVELOPING BETWEEN some rising German leaders and Russia. This development brings to mind some disturbing history.

Remember that on Aug. 21, 1939, the government of Nazi Germany and the government of the Soviet Union agreed on “a pact of nonaggression” with each other. Two days later, the infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop pact was official. Some people call it the Hitler-Stalin Pact, which it essentially was.

*Just a week after this pact was signed, Germany invaded Poland, officially igniting World War II!*

This history is crucial to remember because *Germany and Russia are now getting cozy again*. That is an indication that **WAR IS COMING**, because these two powers **DO NOT** love each other. This is purely a marriage of convenience.

In the *Trumpet's* October 2008 issue, I wrote: “I believe Germany may well have been complicit in Russia’s plan to attack Georgia.” That statement was backed up by events that happened later. In January 2009, after Moscow shut down its supply of natural gas to Ukraine and Georgia, German Chancellor Angela Merkel met with Russia’s Vladimir Putin and appears to have joined him in forcing Ukraine to back down. The Germans also tacitly supported Russia when it marched into Georgia and virtually took control of the country.

What is going on behind the scenes?

In June 2009, then German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier praised the relationship between Russia and Germany, calling Russia “an *indispensable partner* for Germany and the European Union” and touting “German-Russian cooperation as a model of interaction, so that *both sides will benefit if our potential is united*” (emphasis mine throughout).

Stratfor commented on the significance of those statements: “One cannot fault the rest of the world if it takes Steinmeier’s comments with a bit of apprehension. The last time Germany and Russia ‘united their potential,’ the result was the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, which carved up Eastern Europe between the Soviet Union and the Third Reich in 1939. ... The last-minute assist by the Kremlin [referring to a business deal that saved German carmaker Opel] might be the first glimpse of a *new political alliance developing in Europe*” (June 11, 2009).

The September 2009 *Trumpet* said “this forming Russian-German axis is one of the most significant and underrated trends on the world scene.” It truly is!

In World War II, these two powers were interested in **GETTING** other people’s land and anything else they could possibly **GET**. That is what they were doing!

But at least one modern leader doesn’t seem at all ashamed of his country’s legacy with that bloody pact.

## Putin’s Version of History

In November 2014, Putin shocked the world by saying nothing was wrong with the Soviet Union signing that blood-spattered deal. “Serious research must show that those were the foreign-policy methods then. The Soviet Union signed a

This is an ideal time for somebody to come into power by using flatteries. Someone could undermine the ruling CDU-CSU coalition. Doing this and getting everything in place for a new coalition could take several months. But the weakening of Chancellor Merkel presents a rare opportunity to begin that process.

## Guttenberg’s Europe-Wide Focus

Stoiber’s proposed solution to the refugee crisis concerns only Germany, but Guttenberg is thinking more broadly—about all of Europe. Guttenberg is a brilliant man. He looks at the whole picture and wants to have *one policy* for all of Europe.

In an article cowritten with Xerion CIO Daniel Arbess, Guttenberg said that to solve the refugee crisis in Europe, the source of the crisis—the Middle East—must be stabilized. And that stabilization must be accomplished with *many nations* working together: “A serious allied strategy will have to trace

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—KARL-THEODOR ZU GUTTENBERG



and counter jihad from every identified source, bypassing sectarian and national boundaries, and without regard to national borders or even historical alliances. ... Establishing the peace will require an exceptional international collaboration ...” (Center for Strategic and International Studies, February 12).

Who should take the lead in this “exceptional international collaboration”? Guttenberg says the best choice would be a country without much colonial history—in other words, **NOT AMERICA**: “While the United States, Russia and some of the former colonial powers in the region must of course play a critical role in the process, *the conveners and agenda setters should include nations that are less burdened with the baggage of the last century’s colonialism and self-interest*” (emphasis mine throughout).

Who fits this description? Guttenberg names two countries that are well fitted for a leadership role. He said, “Germany and China are relatively free of recent adverse experience in the Muslim world and maintain well-established relations with both Sunni and Shiite leaders.”

But for the solution he’s advocating to work, he said, **“GERMANY WILL HAVE TO OVERCOME ITS MODERN CULTURE OF LEADERSHIP RETICENCE OUTSIDE OF EUROPE.”**

Guttenberg also recognizes that the real adversary is not the Islamic State (IS), but the broader problem of radical Islam. “IS is by no means a unique adversary; it’s only today’s manifestation of a multi-headed hydra: Decapitate IS, like al Qaeda, degrade or even destroy it, and expect to see another known, or as-yet unknown, iteration step up to proclaim itself the leader of the supposed sharia caliphate increasingly impervious to physical and digital boundaries.”



# s History Repeating Itself?

nonaggression treaty with Germany. People say: ‘Ach, that’s bad.’ But what’s bad about that if the Soviet Union didn’t want to fight; what’s bad about it?”

But the Hitler-Stalin Pact was no declaration of pacifism! And Putin’s historic revisionism won’t make it so! Putin knows very well that the pact included secret protocols that divided Poland, Romania, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland into “spheres of influence” for Germany and for the Soviets. Until 1989, the Russians denied these protocols existed, but since then THEY HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THEM.

As a direct result of the protection from each other granted by the pact, both the Soviets and the Nazis ravaged Poland. The USSR captured and executed more than 20,000 Poles in the 1940 Katyn massacre, and the Germans started a campaign that ended up slaughtering around 3 million Polish Jews.

Is that behavior justified because “those were the foreign-policy methods” at the time? Putin’s endorsement of that pact should sober us all. It should wake us up to how dangerous the world is again becoming!

## Cooperation in Ukraine War

The world was astounded in 2014 when forces from Russia invaded Ukraine with *significantly* upgraded operations, remarkably sophisticated technology, and enough operational security to prevent even America’s finest intelligence agencies from seeing it coming.

How did the Russians advance their capabilities so quickly since the days of the Cold War?

The Daily Beast reported on April 22, 2014, that it was thanks in large part to *help from Germany*: “In 2011 ... the German defense contractor Rheinmetall signed a \$140 million contract to build a combat simulation training center in Mulino, in southwest Russia, that would train 30,000 Russian combat troops per year. While the facility wasn’t officially scheduled to be completed until later this year, U.S. officials believe that Germany has been training Russian forces for years. ... Top defense officials are now acknowledging that Russia’s military has been revolutionized in recent years.”

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) reported on April 26, 2012, that Rheinmetall’s partner in the agreement was Russia’s state-owned Oboronservis (Defense Service) company. Together, the two were working to build a training center modeled after one used by the German military. Rheinmetall considered it to be “the most advanced system of its kind worldwide.”

“The German company appears to view the deal as a precursor to additional contracts, stating that ‘In light of the plans to modernize the equipment of the Russian armed forces, the opportunities for follow-on order from the Russian Federation are considerable,’” the CRS wrote.

The Daily Beast said American officials were “privately expressing anger and frustration about the German work with the Russian military. ... [T]hese officials look at the radical upgrade of Moscow’s forces—especially its special-operations forces—experienced since they last saw major action

in 2008’s invasion of Georgia. The U.S. officials believe that some of the German training over the last few years was given to the GRU Spetsnaz, the special operations forces that moved unmarked into Crimea and who can now be found stirring up trouble in eastern Ukraine” (op cit).

Even after Russia used its new know-how to annex Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula, Rheinmetall defended its training projects with Russia!

“It’s unfortunate that German companies were directly supporting and training Russia’s military even during the attacks against Ukraine,” one senior Senate aide told the Daily Beast.

As the significance of the warming German-Russian relationship becomes clear, we will all see that it is far more than “unfortunate”!

## Links With Bavaria

One interesting aspect of the increasing German contact with Russia is that almost all of it is coming from the Christian Social Union (CSU). The CSU operates *only* in the German state of Bavaria. I believe something must be happening behind the scenes to make even the Russians understand that Germany’s real power is going to come from Bavaria. That is where Edmund Stoiber was in power. That is where Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg is from and where he remains staggeringly popular. Guttenberg recently said he has been traveling to Germany about once per month, and it looks like the bulk of these visits are to Bavaria.

We can’t know all that is going on in Germany or Russia, but we do know that Germany will need some kind of a pact like the old Hitler-Stalin agreement before it unleashes its military power. And the Bible prophesies that this is just what Germany is going to do. (For proof, read our e-book “Germany’s Secret Strategy to Destroy Iran” at [theTrumpet.com/go/gss](http://theTrumpet.com/go/gss)).

Last September, Bavarian State Premier Horst Seehofer said the Syrian situation could not be stabilized without Putin’s help. In a February 12 Center for Strategic and International Studies article, Guttenberg made similar statements: “The West will have to work with ... the ‘least bad’ partners in this enterprise [a proposed coalition against jihad], including Russia, and define tactical arrangements for specific goals, including simultaneous joint air strikes, no-fly zones and house-to-house clearing.”

There is a reason these men are working toward such cooperation. When German and Russian leaders start talking about cooperating, and working toward modern equivalents of the old Hitler-Stalin pact, then you need to think about the potential for an imminent WAR!



In this world of shortsighted leaders, this is rare insight! Guttenberg's ideas and brilliance are not going unnoticed. Things are looking up for him. He certainly has a lot of potential to make a comeback in German politics.

### Enter Russia

A highly unusual aspect of the revival of these two men is that they have attracted the attention of one of the most powerful men in the world: Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Stoiber, along with Horst Seehofer, the state premier of Bavaria, made a trip to Moscow on February 4 where they met with Putin. The trip was planned and arranged by Stoiber.

Ahead of the visit, Germany's Deutsche Welle said this meeting was "not in Merkel's interest." I think that was an understatement. The article said: "Seehofer is Merkel's most dangerous critic. For months he has been bombarding the chancellor with ultimatums. He finds the chancellor's refugee policy to be utterly flawed, not just in the details, but funda-

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mentally. He may be flying to meet Putin as the state premier of Bavaria, but he will be received in Moscow as a representative of one of Germany's three governing parties" (February 3).

Seehofer is apparently planning another trip to meet with Putin soon, and reports say he is inviting Guttenberg to join him. You can imagine that Putin would think pretty highly of Guttenberg. Maybe he thinks Guttenberg could be the leader he needs to deal with in the future.

At the same time Putin is meeting with Bavarian leaders, he seems to be engaging in a propaganda campaign to smear Merkel's leadership, especially the way she has embraced Muslim refugees. One purpose of this propaganda may be to weaken her power in hopes that one of the sons of Bavaria who is willing to make pacts with Russia can become Germany's leader instead (sidebar: "The Hitler-Stalin Pact: Is History Repeating Itself?", page 4).

### Merkel's Time Is Short

A famous question, usually attributed to Henry Kissinger, asks: "Who do I call if I want to call Europe?"

The comment was intended to show Europe's failure to present a unified front on the world stage. For many years, this has been the nature of Europe: fractious and disunited.

Well, Kissinger MIGHT JUST HAVE HIS ANSWER sometime this year! Things are going to speed up quickly as Germany takes steps toward having STRONG LEADERSHIP.

The refugee crisis and the turmoil within Germany's two conservative parties, the CSU and CDU, provide probably one of the greatest opportunities EVER for a new leader to come into power "by flatteries."

An important prophecy in your Bible says that in the end time, a strongman will rise up in Germany and obtain power,

not by conventional methods, but "by flatteries"—or *slipperiness* (Daniel 11:21). It's not going to be somebody who attacks his way in or beats up on the opposition the way Mr. Stoiber is doing. That is not the way this leader will win popularity among Germans. He will rise to power with flatteries and deceit! He will be very canny and shrewd, attractive to the German people.

To my knowledge, that fits what Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg is doing. Many are urging him to return to German politics, but for the time being, he is coyly refusing. It looks like he's using the old "playing hard to get" strategy.

Watch to see whether his countrymen push harder for him to return. There is a sense among some Germans that he would make a powerful leader. That is a critical issue.

The Bible makes clear that this man, whoever he is, is going to come under the influence of an evil spirit! Through this man, the devil is going to deceive and lie. Prophecy makes clear that this leader will be directing people not only in Germany, but in a mighty bloc of European nations! And then, he is going to wage war on a massive scale!

Daniel 8:24-25 explain: "And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power"—he will have help from an *evil spirit*—"and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many ...." This is describing the terrible Great Tribulation that is foretold in dozens of biblical prophecies. That nightmare is just ahead of us!

This all points to some very dark times in the near future. But it also points to good news just beyond the dark times that totally eclipses that negativity!

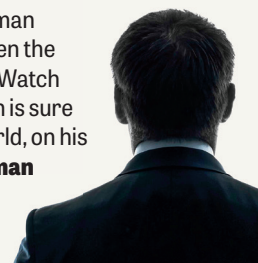
Daniel 8:25 concludes: "[H]e shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be BROKEN WITHOUT HAND"—that is, Jesus Christ will *supernaturally* destroy the terrible empire this man commands!

Jesus Christ is about to return to Earth to bring an end to the mayhem. He says in Matthew 24:21-22 that if He didn't return, no flesh would be saved alive! Mankind cannot stop the violence that is coming. But *Christ is going to return—AND HE CAN AND WILL STOP IT!*

Only Jesus Christ can give humanity the peace, joy and happiness that has always eluded us. That is what these shifts in Germany, and the Russo-German cooperation now building, will ultimately lead to. These developments show that end-time Bible prophecies are rapidly being fulfilled! ■

### A warning you'll get from no one else.

Nobody wants to talk about it, but German history has an explosive tendency. When the right leader comes to power, look out. Watch Gerald Flurry explain why a strongman is sure to come, and what it means for the world, on his *Key of David* program, "A Strong German Leader Is Imminent." Watch it at [theTrumpet.com/go/strongmankod](http://theTrumpet.com/go/strongmankod).





# Save Yourself From Screen Addiction

Beware. Your wired life is mushing your mind. Here's the remedy that will save your thinking—and even improve your physical health! **BY DENNIS LEAP**



**W**HAT IS THE QUALITY OF YOUR thinking? Do you think in text talk? Do you find it difficult to focus on a complex article more than five paragraphs long? When was the last time you picked up a real book and read it cover to cover? What about a challenging book you have to think deeply about? Do you feel the world is passing you by if you're not on your smartphone?



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If any of these questions give you a *ping* of concern, you are likely suffering from jelly brain caused by too much screen time. You need to implement an emergency reclamation project on your cerebral life—right now!

Some very smart people are beginning to recognize that all of our digitized gadgets—though marvels of modern technology—are actually a threat to living a quality life and are harming us physically.

“In 2012, Paul Miller, a 26-year-old journalist and former writer for *The Verge* [an American technology news and media network operated by Vox Media], began to worry about the quality of his thinking,” wrote James McWilliams for *The American Scholar*, Spring 2016.

“His ability to read difficult studies or to follow intricate arguments

demanding sustained attention was lagging,” continued McWilliams. “He found himself easily distracted and, worse, irritable about it. His long-time touchstone—his smartphone—was starting to annoy him, making him feel insecure and anxious rather than grounded in the ideas that formerly had nourished him. ‘If I lost my phone,’ he said, he’d feel ‘like I could never catch up.’ He realized that his online habits weren’t helping him to work, much less to multitask. He was just switching his attention all over the place and, in the process, becoming a bit unhinged.” Similar stories are popping up in newspapers, medical journals and books.

## Screen Timers Dilemma

David Denby, staff writer and former film critic for the *New Yorker*, laments a similar experience. “Lucky and generally content as a movie critic, I was nevertheless jangled by too many media images rattling around in my brain. I wanted my head to rattle with other things as well. I needed to go back to school. ... [The writing of *Great Books*], in part, became a search for myself, a movie critic who was feeling lost in a welter of media images and needed to read and think seriously again. It was something of a reclamation job,” writes Denby in his recently published book, *Lit Up*.

Denby’s book (whose subtitle is, “One Reporter. Three Schools. Twenty-Four Books That Can Change Lives”) expresses his concern about the impact screen addiction is having on teens, especially older teens, and their ability to think, reason and carry on conversations. He feels the greatest damage that society’s current rage with screen time has done is deemphasize the importance of reading in high schools, colleges and universities. Denby is quite honest. He saw a “reading crisis” in his own life—as an adult. He sees reading as the remedy to save our brains.

He is not alone. Miller’s story is very enlightening and confirms Denby’s concern. “More troubling was how his observations were materializing not as full thoughts but as brief tweets—he was thinking in word counts,” stated McWilliams. “When he realized he was spending 95 percent of his waking hours connected to digital media in a world where he ‘had never known anything different,’ he proposed to his editor a series of articles that turned out to be intriguing and prescriptive. *What would it be like to disconnect for a year?*” Miller’s boss accepted his challenge, and the young writer pulled the plug on his digitized world. We’ll tell you some of his experiences later in this article.

## Books Are Passé

Let me say from the outset, I am not against digitized screen devices. I own an iPad, a laptop and a smartphone. I do my day’s work on an iMac. However, when I am not traveling on an airplane, or when I do lengthy and detailed research, I rely on printed materials—books and magazines—and not on my iPad or searching the Internet. In fact, when I search the Internet, I download and print what I find helpful. Why? I know I retain more from what I read in print than just on a screen. My digital devices have their place in my work, but they are not my sole work tools.

I did not grow up in the digital age. I truly believe this gives me an advantage. I spent my school years from 1957 through 1975. To gain my education during those years, I relied on teachers and books. To research for homework assignments, I went to the school or public library and read magazines

and books. So did everyone else. My schoolmates and I valued books and the reading habit. Laptops, tablets and smartphones (which are minicomputers) were dreams of science fiction.

Compare my experience with today's young people. A 2014 Pew survey found that 46 percent of 16- and 17-year-olds said they read a book—including books for school—every day or almost every day. Most of these young people are students. This raises the question, what are the other 54 percent doing?

report going online daily—including 24 percent who say they go online ‘almost constantly,’” writes Denby. “In general American teenagers may be reading more sheer words than ever, but they are reading mostly on screens; they certainly aren’t reading many serious books,” states Denby with regret.

Denby suggests that students should take ample time off screens and read real books—with two covers and a dust jacket. Why? Books give teens a tactile experience that helps them focus

fellow workers. They can buy robots.”

Parents, one of the best things you can do for your teenagers is to encourage them to develop a love for, and the habit of, reading print materials. “[R]eading strengthens perception, judgment and character; it creates understanding of other people and oneself, maybe kindness and wit, and certainly the ability to endure solitude, both in the common sense of empty-room loneliness and the cosmic sense of empty-universe loneliness,” writes Denby with conviction. His book *Lit Up* is a very interesting study of three top schools that have adopted the same thinking about reading books.

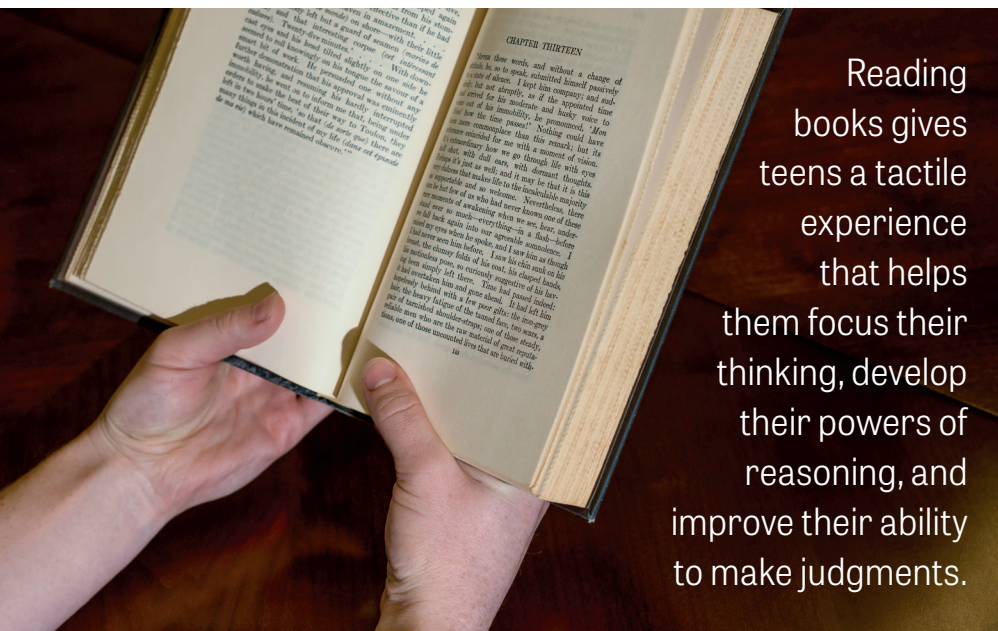
Evidence is growing that no human being can derive the same benefits from digital reading.

Paul Miller’s experiment with disconnecting from the world yielded interesting results. “For the first several months, the world unfolded as if in slow motion,” wrote McWilliams about Miller. “He experienced ‘a tangible change in my ability to be more in the moment,’ recalling how ‘fewer distractions now flowed through my brain.’ The Internet, he said, ‘teaches you to expect instant gratification, which makes it hard to be a good human being.’ Disconnected, he found a more patient and reflective self, one more willing to linger over complexities that he once clicked away from. ‘I had a longer attention span, I was better able to handle complex reading, I did not need instant gratification, and,’ he added somewhat incongruously, ‘I noticed more smells.’”

### Start Very Young

It is not easy to develop the love and habit of reading in older teens (and in ourselves). Denby believes it is a monumental task. Yet it can be done. In reality, the love and habit of reading is more easily begun in infants and young children.

When should you begin? Literally it can begin as soon as your infant can sit in your lap. This is a perfect time to pull out picture books, activity board books (which are practically indestructible), little animal books, even colorful ABC books. Your infant will associate reading with fond memories of you. Holding him and engaging him in activity gives



Reading books gives teens a tactile experience that helps them focus their thinking, develop their powers of reasoning, and improve their ability to make judgments.

Here’s the point: For half the teenagers in school today, books are passé. Denby relates how one student told his teacher, “Books smell like old people.”

### Digital Devices Dominate Education

The digitized world is dominating our modern school system. There has been a major drive by school administrators to put computers and other screen devices into the classrooms. In some school districts, blackboards have been replaced by touch-screen computer boards, a marvelous tool at first observation. However, these devices promote even more screen time for children. Are educators unconsciously reinforcing a prejudice against books?

“A more recent Pew survey, issued on April 9, 2015, reported that ‘aided by the convenience and constant access provided by mobile devices, especially smartphones, 92 percent of teens

their thinking, develop their powers of reasoning, and improve their ability to make judgments. Combined with classroom discussion, it teaches them how to engage in a well-thought-out conversation—person to person, face to face.

### Help Your Teen

Educators and parents are getting too far away from encouraging a good liberal arts education, thinking it is a waste of time. Many educators and parents want students to go after high-paying jobs in business, science and technology. Now there is a glut of business, science and technology graduates in the market for jobs. “[E]mployers have repeatedly said that they want to hire people with a good liberal arts education,” states Denby—“people who can think, judge and express themselves; they want people who can follow complicated instructions, talk in a meeting, understand



**A**BOUT ONE IN THREE AMERICAN adults is obese. That is more than 78 million people with a body mass index (BMI) of at least 30—the official definition for obesity used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Add those who are overweight to that figure (those with a BMI of at least 25), and more than two thirds of the U.S. population, almost 240 million people, suffer from an unhealthy weight.

The dangers of obesity are far worse than skin-deep. They are actually some of the leading causes of preventable death.

What is causing this epidemic?

### Not-So-Secret Causes

The expanding rates of obesity can easily be traced to high intake of sugar, unhealthy fats and simple carbohydrates. Junk food is cheap, portion sizes are huge, and unethical food companies are actively deceiving customers about the healthiness of their products.

As a result, Americans are doing an excellent job of eating themselves into obesity. According to the science journal *Cell Metabolism*, many of us basically stop eating only when we are sleeping.

All this food adds up, according to Barbara Gollman, a registered dietician and former spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. “Twenty-five years ago, the average American consumed about 1,850 calories each day,” she said. “Since then, our daily diet has grown by 304 calories (roughly the equivalent of two cans of soda). That’s theoretically enough to add an extra 31 pounds to each person every year.”

The vicious cycle starts young. Parents allow children to eat poorly and remain sedentary rather than being active, thus setting a lifelong pattern. Now *one third* of children and teens are overweight or obese. They are predicted to be the first generation with a shorter life expectancy than their parents.

The power of example also affects a child’s health. The President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition says fewer than 20 percent of adults meet federal guidelines for exercise.



## Why Are We So Fat?

Face the real cause of obesity.

BY JORG MARDIAN

Unsurprisingly, the number among adolescents is almost identical. It has been proven that, generally, children will not lose weight unless the entire family is involved in the intervention program.

The causes are fairly obvious: People who eat unhealthy amounts of unhealthy foods and who do not exercise their bodies very much become overweight and obese. Yet, despite these common-sense causes being so clear, the trend is only getting worse. Even with a huge body of evidence showing the causes of obesity and its dangers, people continue to eat heavily processed, calorie-dense, low-nutrition food that makes us obese. Why? We can’t get enough of the taste.

Meanwhile, one factor that in the past helped people control their appetites is losing its power: a sense of shame. The stigma once rightly associated with obesity is dissolving as

quickly as the fat is accumulating.

We are building a culture that treats the obese as *victims*. Rather than allowing the guilt of being overweight motivate us to change our *habits*, we are convincing ourselves that we need to change our *expectations* instead.

### The Truth Made Plain

Obesity kills, just like smoking. But we hesitate to acknowledge this fact because we are more concerned about pricking our emotions or bruising our self-esteem than about harming our health. Thanks to political correctness, we contort ourselves more and more to turn a blind eye to a huge, rapidly expanding, completely preventable problem: Our diets are terrible, and we don’t exercise. This is a deadly combination made far deadlier by our unwillingness to face it.

When we strip down all the noise and finger-pointing about unscrupulous food companies, too little activities in schools, and genes running amok, an uncomfortable truth becomes clear:

The obesity epidemic can only be solved through personal behavior change.

Our society has grown comfortable with obesity. You can even see where this was prophesied in biblical passages such as Deuteronomy 32:13-15. Politicians and food producers may recognize the problem, but they can only do so much. Giving individuals the skills and know-how to make healthier choices, while setting policy and infrastructure in place to support those choices, can help. But health initiatives and programs cannot magically suck fat particles out of our waistlines.

Face reality: Individually we must be motivated to stay healthy through diet and lifestyle. And we have to act on it. We have to forgo the fries and choose the salad. We have to resist that second helping. We have to suck it up and do a little exercise. The most cutting-edge cure for obesity is acknowledging reality, and acting on it. ■

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**H**ISTORIANS MAY LOOK back on Jan. 14, 2014, as a tipping point in American history. On that day, President Barack Obama urged his cabinet to help him identify ways to advance economic recovery by circumventing the legislature.

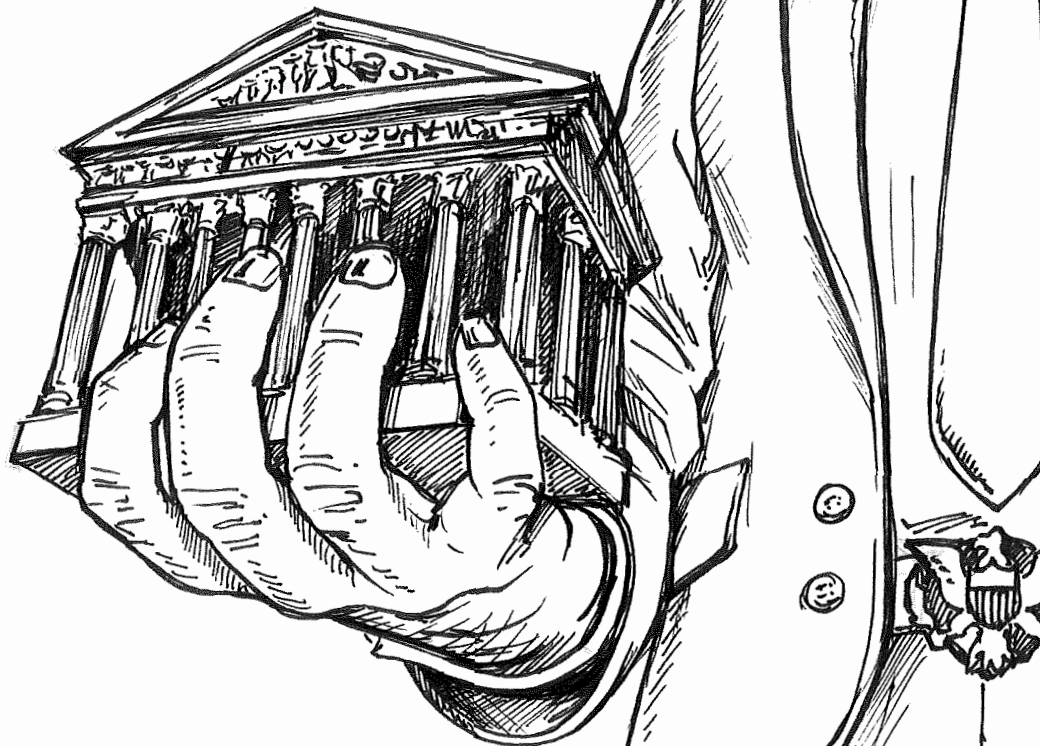
“We’re not just going to be waiting for legislation in order to make sure that we’re providing Americans the kind of help they need,” the president told reporters before his cabinet meeting. “I’ve got a pen, and I’ve got a phone. And I can use that pen to sign executive orders and take executive actions and administrative actions that move the ball forward in helping to make sure our kids are getting the best education possible, making sure that our businesses are getting the kind of support and help they need to grow and advance, to make sure that people are getting the skills that they need to get those jobs that our businesses are creating.”

No president since World War II has OPENLY justified executive overreach by saying that it was necessary to circumvent legislatures because they refused to do what he wanted!

In saying this, President Obama was articulating the philosophy that has increasingly defined his presidency: *I can’t wait for Congress to do its job, so where it won’t act, I will.*

Two weeks later, during his State of the Union address, President Obama notified both houses of Congress of his decision to go it alone in areas where they refused to act to his satisfaction. One would think an announcement in such blatant violation of America’s tripartite system of checks and balances would elicit an outcry, or at least stunned silence. Instead, the floor of the House of Representatives erupted in thunderous applause. It really looked like America’s lawmakers were delighted at the notion of a president usurping unprecedented and unchecked powers at their expense.

Georgetown law professor Jonathan Turley, a political liberal, was one of the few legal minds at the time warning of the danger behind this executive power grab. “The system of separation



# RISE OF THE SUPERPR

of powers was not created to protect the authority of each branch for its own sake,” he wrote in a *Los Angeles Times* editorial. “Rather, it is the primary protection of individual rights because it prevents the concentration of power in any one branch. In this sense, Obama is not simply posing a danger to the constitutional system; he has become the very danger that separation of powers was designed to avoid” (March 9, 2014).

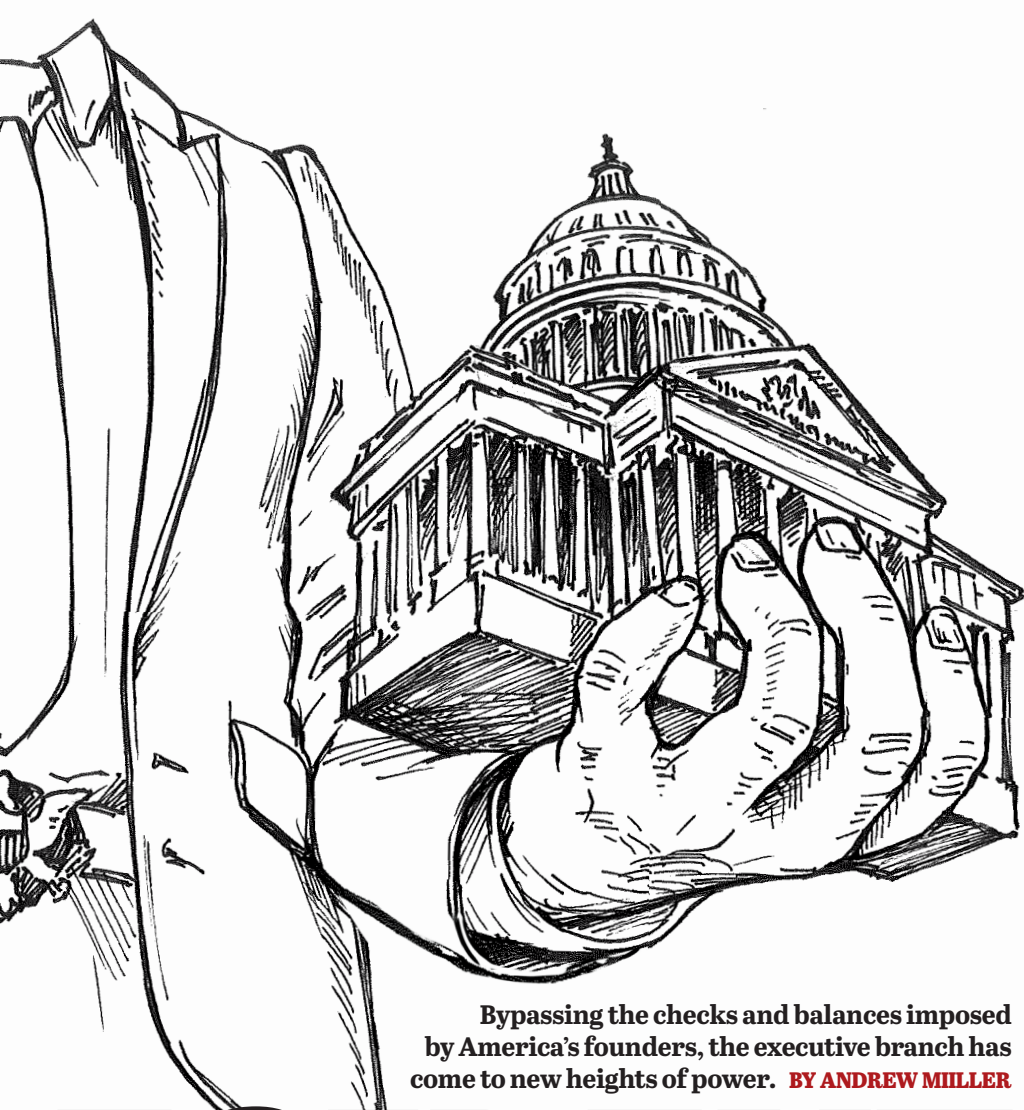
In the same editorial, Turley warned: “The United States is at a constitutional tipping point: the rise of an *über-presidency* unchecked by the other two branches.” America has moved into a dangerous era where the only constraints on presidential power are no longer constitutional—*merely political.*

## Expanding Executive Privilege

As president, Mr. Obama has modified and ignored various provisions of the Affordable Care Act with barely a pretense of legality. He has launched a military campaign in Libya without congressional approval. He has appointed “czars” as a means to evade the constitutional requirement that the Senate confirm high-level government officials. He has asserted the right to kill American citizens without due process if a “high-level official” says they pose an imminent threat to the nation.

When confronted in 2014 about his record of executive overreach, the president taunted his critics: “Middle-class families can’t wait for Republicans in Congress to do stuff. So sue me.”





**By passing the checks and balances imposed by America's founders, the executive branch has come to new heights of power. BY ANDREW MILLER**

# RESIDENT

To make it harder for the courts to rein in executive decisions, President Obama has been substituting “executive actions” for executive orders. Unlike executive orders, which are issued as an official cataloged transcript, executive actions are informal orders from the president to his underlings in the executive branch. Judge and judicial analyst Andrew Napolitano recently warned that issuing executive actions instead of executive orders could make it “more difficult and cumbersome” to legally challenge the president’s decisions.

In November of 2014, President Obama issued executive action on immigration policy. He instructed the executive branch of government to offer temporary legal status to millions

of illegal immigrants. This order unilaterally enacted immigration reform that congressional lawmakers wouldn’t enact themselves.

When hecklers interrupted one of his speeches by demanding an immediate end to all deportations, the president responded by saying, “What you’re not paying attention to is the fact that I just took an action to change the law.”

Apologists for the Obama administration will claim this executive action was no different from previous executive actions enacted by former U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. What they fail to notice is that both Reagan and Bush were instructing the executive branch to enforce somewhat ambiguous aspects of immigration

law that had already been passed by Congress. President Obama’s action was truly historic in that Congress had already *declined* to pass an immigration reform bill. As he himself admitted, his executive order truly did take “an action to change the law.”

Under the U.S. Constitution, Congress writes laws, the court interprets laws, and the president enforces those laws. Executive action is not illegal as long as it falls within the parameters of enforcing laws already passed by the legislature. Creating new law via executive fiat, however, is the very definition of an imperial presidency!

In this case, a three-judge panel of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was able to strike down President Obama’s executive action on immigration reform as unconstitutional since it created *new* law. The case is currently awaiting an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The court ruling on the legality of President Obama’s power grab will be another defining moment for the American republic.

If the separation of powers has eroded to a point where a president can unilaterally enact legislation, then America is nothing more than an authoritarian monarchy where 51 percent of the people elect their king every four years!

## **Sprawling Bureaucratic State**

The president’s power to direct the executive branch to take *legislative action* is even more worrying when you realize how big, and dangerously off kilter, the executive branch has become over the last century. When certain U.S. presidents in the pre-World War II progressive era tried to circumvent Congress, they had nowhere near the executive power at their disposal that President Obama has today.

Today, there are about 30,000 federal employees in the legislature branch, 32,000 staff members in the judicial branch and an astounding 2,618,000 non-military workers in the executive branch.

While the country’s population has increased about 80-fold in the past two centuries, the size of the executive branch has exploded to almost 3,000 times its original size. In 1790, there

were about 1,000 non-military workers in the executive branch. Today, there are well over 2 million non-military civil servants in the executive branch—spread across 15 departments, 69 agencies and 383 non-military subcommittees!

“The growing dominance of the federal government over the states has obscured more fundamental changes

These adjudicatory proceedings conducted by administrative agencies are often a mockery of due process, based on one-sided presumptions and procedural rules favoring the agency over the accused.

In a telling speech given on Constitution Day in 2010, Harvard professor Michael Klarman condemned con-

bureaucracy to micromanage people’s lives to a level unprecedented in American history. The current administration has used the powers of the Internal Revenue Service to target the president’s enemies, mostly conservative and pro-Israel groups. It has used the powers of the Justice Department to seize the records of more than 20 Associated Press phone lines in what was called a “massive and unprecedented intrusion.” It has used the powers of the National Security Agency to conduct covert surveillance programs in violation of the Fourth Amendment, illegally keeping phone and Internet records of millions of Americans with the full cooperation of nine major Internet companies. The revelations just keep coming.

Four decades ago, U.S. President Richard Nixon was impeached on charges related to illegal *wiretapping* in the Watergate incident. Now, the Obama administration can use its National Security Agency to illegally spy on the private conversations of U.S. lawmakers without any serious opposition whatsoever!

“A growing crisis in our constitution system threatens to fundamentally alter the balance of powers—and accountability—within our government,” wrote U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson and Professor Turley in a joint *Washington Post* editorial. “This crisis did not begin with Obama, but it has reached a constitutional tipping point during his presidency” (June 27, 2014).

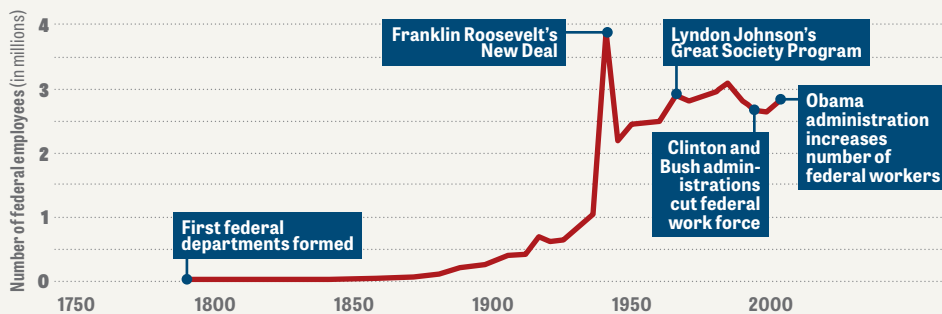
There is an unparalleled spirit of *lawlessness* behind all of these scandals. Congress and the courts are being sidelined by an out-of-control executive branch that is ruling via executive action and a vast army of bureaucrats.

### Nationalized Law Enforcement

As if this centralization of power in the hands of America’s chief executive weren’t enough, voices across the country are now clamoring for the Obama administration to nationalize local law enforcement.

Quite remarkably, the U.S. Constitution deliberately delegates law enforcement to the local level. Currently there are about 760,000 state and local police officers in America with power to make

## Growth of Federal Bureaucracy



within the federal government itself,” wrote Turley in a *Washington Post* editorial. “It is not just bigger, it is dangerously off kilter. Our carefully constructed system of checks and balances is being negated by the rise of a fourth branch, an administrative state of sprawling departments and agencies that govern with increasing autonomy and decreasing transparency” (March 24, 2013).

This so-called fourth branch of government *now has a larger impact on American citizens than the other three branches combined.*

The legislative branch no longer issues the vast majority of “laws” governing the United States. Instead, these “laws” are issued as “regulations” crafted by thousands of unelected, unreachable bureaucrats.

One study found that Congress only enacted 138 public laws in 2007, compared with 2,926 regulations enacted by federal bureaucrats working for the administrative state. A similar study found that federal judges conduct roughly 95,000 adjudicatory proceedings, including trials, each year, compared with 939,000 cases tried by administrative “courts” tied to individual federal agencies in the executive branch.

servatives of “constitutional idolatry,” citing the rise of the administrative state as both unconstitutional *and necessary* for the good of the country. “The framers set up three branches of government—executive, legislative and judicial,” he said. “But today we have a vitally important fourth branch—the administrative state—which is almost certainly unconstitutional in multiple ways according to the original design of the framers. Yet courts have legitimized administrative agencies, and it’s hard to imagine them doing otherwise.”

While it is true that federal agencies in this so-called fourth branch of government have a great deal of autonomy, the people who run them are still appointed by the U.S. president. So this administrative state *is really an outgrowth of the executive branch of government.*

When Congress has tried to rein back the growth of this sprawling federal bureaucracy in the past, it has found itself blocked by claims of expanding executive privilege.

The rise of the administrative state didn’t begin with President Obama. This dangerous problem has been growing for over a century, since the Woodrow Wilson administration at least. Yet the Obama administration has used the powers of the executive



arrests. Combined with the 120,000 federal officers in this country, the police compose a force roughly two thirds as large as the U.S. military.

The Constitution's intent is the reason for the approximately 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies in the United States. When law enforcement responsibilities are divided among 18,000 agencies accountable to directly elected local officials, it becomes extremely difficult for anyone to set himself or herself up as a tyrant. If a county sheriff abuses his or her office, it is much easier for the local community to elect a better sheriff than it is for that community to change the policies of unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

America's founders were deeply wary of standing armies in peacetime. They could have given the federal government a well-armed federal police agency to contain and reverse violent threats to domestic tranquility—but they deliberately didn't. Instead, they *limited* the power of the government, the federal government in particular. They wanted to reduce threats to individual liberty.

Above all else, the framers believed that government power should be decentralized so that no one person or branch of government could emerge as a force of tyranny. As James Madison said at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, "A standing military force, with an overgrown executive, will not long be safe companions to liberty."

Despite the reasoning of the founders, civil right leaders and Black Lives Matter activists are now calling for just such a standing army. After a white South Carolina police officer shot an unarmed black man last spring, racial activist Al Sharpton called for a nationalized police force. Never mind the fact that the officer was arrested and prosecuted at the local level. "There must be national policy and national law on policing," Sharpton said. "We can't go from state to state; we've got to have national law to protect people against these continued questions."

President Obama has admitted that he "can't federalize every police force in the country and force them to retrain." Despite this admission, however, he is working hard to violate the spirit of the

## The New Look of Environmental Protection

**F**or a century, the public face of federal law enforcement has been the Federal Bureau of Investigation. More recently, however, midnight SWAT-style raids are increasingly likely to come from other federal police forces working for a startling array of lesser-known federal agencies. The list of administrative agencies that now have their own military-style units includes: the National Park Service, the Postal Inspection Service, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

In October 2013, armed agents from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) showed up in a small Alaskan town to conduct "paperwork" inspections on a small mining operation. The president of the Fortymile Mining Association said that mine operators are accustomed to routine inspections from federal monitors but are frightened by EPA agents carrying M-16s and assault shotguns. The EPA later released a statement saying that the inspections were not raids but simply part of an "ongoing investigation" into potential violations of the Clean Water Act.

In April 2010, the Food and Drug Administration sent a paramilitary unit to arrest Dan Allgyer of Rainbow Acres Farm for illegally shipping unpasteurized milk to customers across state lines. Can you imagine what George Washington would have thought of machine-gun-toting SWAT agents arresting an Amish farmer for selling unpasteurized milk? Federal officers have made similar crackdowns on other milk sellers, as well as people selling cheese and elderberry juice.

law and force federal control over local police departments. The Obama administration released its Task Force on 21st-Century Policing plan last year to impose federal standards on state and local police forces. Critics of the plan have pointed out that it underhandedly works to nationalize and federalize



Increasingly, administrative agencies in the executive branch are setting themselves up as a government unto themselves. Unelected bureaucrats are making law via administrative regulations, trying violations of that law via their own adjudicatory proceedings, and making arrests with their own paramilitary police forces!

Between 2006 and 2016, regulatory administrative agencies have spent over \$71 million on items like body armor, riot helmets, cannon launchers and firearms. This figure doesn't include the \$330 million spent on such equipment by traditional federal law enforcement agencies like the FBI, Secret Service and Drug Enforcement Administration.

This militarization of the administrative state has been decades in the making, but it has drastically accelerated under the Obama administration. While the EPA was spending about \$10,000 per year on body armor during the final years of the George W. Bush presidency, it has spent \$200,000 on body armor so far under President Obama.

With over 2 million bureaucrats in the administrative state and some 120,000 federal law-enforcement officers, any U.S. president who wants to use executive action as a means to circumvent the checks and balances of our constitutional system certainly has the means to do so.

law enforcement by using federal tax dollars as bribes.

The Task Force on 21st-Century Policing was created via executive order. According to the plan produced by this task force, the Department of Justice will provide technical assistance and incentive funding to local police

agencies that decide to turn over police data to federal officials while submitting to federal training and oversight.

The practice of bribing state and local governments to interact cooperatively with the federal government in areas where the executive branch lacks the constitutional authority to act alone is called cooperative federalism. This strategy has been used extensively in America since the 1930s. The danger

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is that it is often impossible for local governments to regain their constitutionally sanctioned role in government after they have surrendered it to the feds in return for federal tax funding.

The Police Department of Ferguson, Missouri, recently found this out the hard way.

### **Who Runs Ferguson’s Police?**

After initially agreeing to cooperate with the Justice Department on police reform, the Ferguson City Council voted to change the terms of the deal after city officials realized the full monetary cost of implementing the agreement. The Justice Department issued a civil rights lawsuit against the city of Ferguson. The police department has now relented and agreed to pay the cost to overhaul its criminal justice system in accordance with federal standards.

Whether or not you agree with the specific police standards the federal government has imposed on this city, the fact remains that the local voters of Ferguson, Missouri, are no longer in charge of their criminal justice system. Bureaucratic members of the federal administrative state are now directing the Ferguson Police Department.

The Obama administration has selected six other cities as pilot sites for this plan to impose federal standards on local governments: Birmingham, Alabama; Fort Worth, Texas; Gary, Indiana; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Stockton, California.

Perhaps this is the type of force Mr. Obama referred to in his 2008 campaign remarks, when he said, “We cannot continue to rely only on our

military in order to achieve national security objectives we’ve set. We’ve got to have a civilian national security force that’s just as powerful, just as strong, just as well funded.”

### **Constitutional Tipping Point**

Under the current presidential administration, Congress has been reduced to an almost decorative element of America’s government. The erosion of the U.S. Constitution hasn’t happened because of a coup or a secret plot. It has happened because American citizens have changed. After two centuries of luxury and abundance, we have largely forgotten God and His laws. As a nation, we have trashed traditional values and morals. Great numbers of people have effectively become hostile to biblical principles like personal sacrifice and individual responsibility.

As a result, we have looked to the government to provide for us, instead of relying on God. By delegating more and more power to the central authority of a human-run government, American citizens have created an administrative state with the power to confiscate the freedoms of those who oppose it. A presidential administration that is

able to muster support from half the electorate can now operate without constitutional constraints!

In the book of Psalms, God warns: “Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help” (Psalm 146:3).

Americans have forgotten the maxim, *a government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take away everything you have.*

Only the law of God can bring true happiness and freedom to humanity. The framers of the U.S. Constitution understood this to a large extent. They crafted a document to *restrain* the power of carnal leaders who would seek dictatorial powers, guided only by their own human reasoning, to create their own version of utopia.

In his Farewell Address, President George Washington warned that if respect for the Constitution eroded to a point where the rule of law no longer restrained political parties, there would be no guarantee of liberty!

“It is, indeed, little else than a name, where the government is too feeble to withstand the enterprises of faction, to confine each member of the society within the limits prescribed by the laws, and to maintain all in the secure and tranquil enjoyment of the rights of person and property,” he said. “I have already intimated to you the danger of parties in the state .... The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries which result gradually incline the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of an individual; and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of public liberty.”

The rule of law has disintegrated to the point where the nation could descend into a civil war between feuding political factions that put their

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# THE REAL AGENDA BEHIND BLACK LIVES MATTER

PROTESTS APLENTY  
AN ACTIVIST IN A NEW YORK RALLY PROTESTS THOSE  
PROTESTING BEYONCÉ'S SUPER BOWL PERFORMANCE.

**Liberals in academia and in the judiciary have long fought legal battles to undermine the U.S. Constitution. Black activists are threatening to join the fight, but with real bullets. BY GERALD FLURRY**

**A**MERICAN POP SINGER Beyoncé Knowles brought a radical version of black liberation politics to the national stage during the Super Bowl half-time show in February. Along with a squad of backup dancers sporting Black Panther berets, Beyoncé performed her new song, “Formation.” At one point in the performance, the dancers raised their fists in a black power salute. At another point, they fanned into a giant X, seemingly paying tribute to radical black Muslim activist Malcolm X.

This was during the Super Bowl, the biggest television event of the year. The

television network giant ABC gave a huge national platform to this message!

It is important that you understand what was really behind that message, and how it is part of an extremely dangerous trend in America today.

### **Black Panther Party**

The Black Panther Party was a black nationalist and revolutionary Marxist organization. It was active in the United States from 1966 to 1982. Its core practice was sending out armed citizen patrols to confront local police officers. Between the autumn of 1967 and the end of 1970, nine police officers were killed and 56 were wounded in altercations with the Black Panthers.

Officer John Frey of the Oakland, California, Police Department was shot to death by Huey P. Newton, the cofounder and self-proclaimed “minister of defense” for the Black Panther Party. After Newton’s arrest, the Black Panther Party’s “minister of justice,” H. Rap Brown, actually praised his actions.

“Huey Newton is our only living revolutionary in this country today,” Brown declared at a “Free Huey” birthday rally on Feb. 17, 1968. “He has paid his dues. How many white folks did you kill today?”

The Black Panther Party became famous for its antipolice chants. Its Oakland chapter was commonly heard shouting, “The Revolution has come; it’s time to pick up the gun. Off the pigs!”

Why would a wealthy American pop singer like Beyoncé want to portray a group like the Black Panthers in a positive light?

Few people are even asking important questions like this. Far too many are absorbed in a fantasy world and do not recognize how serious the problem of race relations in America is becoming.

### Black Lives Matter

The Super Bowl halftime show was only one of several moves by Beyoncé and her husband Jay-Z to link their names with the Black Lives Matter movement. Jay-Z's streaming music service, Tidal, donated \$1.5 million to Black Lives Matter and other social justice organizations in February.

Beyoncé's music video for "Formation" contains sequences involving white police officers harassing black youth and includes an image of graffiti that reads, "Stop Shooting Us." At one point, it shows police officers with their hands up, surrendering to a hooded teenager.

What is Black Lives Matter all about? This movement started in 2012 after George Zimmerman shot and killed African-American teenager Trayvon Martin. On the surface, it can look like a simple racial justice movement. Like Beyoncé, however, many Black Lives Matter activists are resurrecting the violent symbolism and antipolice rhetoric of the Black Panthers!

Alicia Garza, one of the three founding members of Black Lives Matter, candidly cites Assata Shakur as a key influence. Shakur is an African-American activist who was a member of both the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation Army. After killing a New Jersey state trooper, she fled to Cuba and received political asylum from Fidel Castro. Despite the fact that Shakur is on the FBI's Most Wanted List, she still receives asylum in Communist Cuba.

President Obama recently opened full diplomatic relations with Cuba—in spite of such abominable crimes continuing to this day!

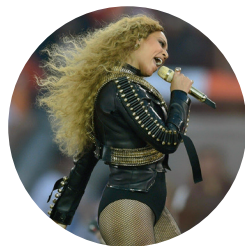
Still, most of the supine U.S. media and a lot of Americans support the president's action.

Bible prophecy proclaims that Americans are going to bitterly regret doing so. The end result is going to be diabolical!

"Assata Taught Me How to Fight" is now a common placard seen at Black Lives Matter protests.

Like the Black Panthers, the Black Lives Matter movement is also becoming known for its chants comparing American police officers to pigs. "Pigs in a blanket, fry 'em like bacon," is one variation used prominently at a rally in Minnesota last year.

The leaders of this movement are scrutinizing and magnifying the issue of racism among America's law enforcement officers for evil purposes. They are using it dishonestly to justify some terrifyingly dangerous behavior! They



**"BEYONCÉ COULD NOT BE A BETTER ROLE MODEL FOR MY GIRLS BECAUSE SHE CARRIES HERSELF WITH SUCH CLASS AND POISE."**

—PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

are stirring up emotion and anger—but none of it is intended to solve the problem. They want REVOLUTION and WAR!

Do you recognize how dangerous these trends really are?

People in communities are developing a mistrustful, hostile, antagonistic attitude toward law enforcement. In extreme cases, they are even killing police officers. Meanwhile, police are pulling back from doing their jobs for fear of attack, or losing their jobs or going to prison for doing anything that could be perceived as racist. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS UNDERMINING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STRIPPING IT OF POWER IN AN EFFORT TO CENTRALIZE POLICING POWER ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

### Democratic Party Support

Beyoncé and Jay-Z are good friends with President Barack Obama. The couple threw a fund-raiser for the president in 2012 that raised \$4 million. "Beyoncé could not be a better role model for my girls because she carries herself with such class and poise and has so much talent," the president said.

PRESIDENT OBAMA IS ALSO A STRONG SUPPORTER OF BLACK LIVES MATTER. He skipped the funeral of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia on February 20 but made time earlier that week to meet with Black Lives Matter leaders. "They are much better organizers than I was when I was their age, and I am confident that they are going to take America to new heights," President Obama said of Brittany Packnett, DeRay Mckesson and other activist leaders he met with that day.

Mckesson is an activist recently hired by Yale University to give a two-day lecture on the Black Lives Matter movement. In his lecture, he taught students that looting is a *justifiable form of protest!*

WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON HERE? Is it OK for some of our top leaders—including the president—to support Black Lives Matter?

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders have both come out with strong verbal support for the Black Lives Matter movement. During a speech he gave at Liberty University, Senator Sanders even went so far as to claim that *America was founded "on racist principles."* Many Black Lives Matter activists would agree with Senator Sanders on this point.

Alicia Garza was paraphrased during a February 18 event at Mizzou University as saying, "The goal of the Constitution was to make an agreement between factions known as states, which were built on the backs of black slaves." She described constitutionalism as racist, saying: "The people vowing to protect the Constitution are vowing TO PROTECT WHITE SUPREMACY AND GENOCIDE."

That is a satanic lie! The truth is that America's Constitution has given more freedom to more people than any other

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him a positive experience that he will associate with reading for the rest of his life. Remember, it is the emotional attachment to you that is most important during your child's infancy. There is no need to try to teach a six-month-old the letters of the alphabet.

As your children grow, change the books you read with them to be appropriate for their age. Dr. Seuss books were a favorite of our four daughters when they were toddlers. Particularly if you are expressive while reading, your children will associate "fun" with reading. If you do this consistently, even every day (we did it just before bedtime), your children will have the love and habit of reading books by the time they are ready for school.

Yet you cannot surrender your responsibility to your child's teacher at that point. Continue reading at home. Make it a family affair. Spend time reading books with your children as they progress through school. My wife read books such as *Little House on the Prairie* along with our daughters. All of our daughters are still book readers today. Even though they no longer live at home, we often discuss what books we are currently reading.

As a word of caution, most pediatricians do not recommend screen devices for young and middle-school-age children as a reading tool. In a 2015 article titled "5 Reasons Physical Books Might Be Better Than E-Books," reported *mentalfloss.com*, "In a study of middle schoolers, West Chester University researchers found that students who read on iPads had lower reading comprehension than when they read traditional printed books. They discovered that the kids sometimes skipped text in favor of interactive features in the e-books, suggesting that certain multimedia in children's e-books can be detrimental to the practice of reading itself."

### **It Begins With You**

"A recent summary of studies cited by Common Sense Media indicates that American teenagers are less likely to read 'for fun' at 17 than at 13," writes Denby. This is important information. Younger children have a natural desire to read interesting and fun books. If

you observe that your younger teenager still loves to read, be sure to encourage that habit. Get involved with him and make that interest a passion. Why? It is inevitable that your teen will associate with other teens who think reading is *not cool*. Unless your teen has a strong desire to read, his "cool" peers could steer him away from the reading habit.

The way you influence your older teen to acquire the reading habit is to make sure *you* have one. If you are spending your off-work hours gaming, surfing the Internet, watching DVDs and television, you can hardly expect your older teen to become an avid reader. Your teen will follow your example, good or bad!

## **Studies have shown that reading over the course of a lifetime—or even starting to read consistently when you're well into your 60s and 70s—can prevent mental decline.**

Denby's admission that his job as a movie critic jangled his brain with a sea of media images is quite telling. For adults to preserve good mental health, we need to rest our brains from excessive screen time. Reading a book is one of the best activities to do this. Now by saying this, if you're not a regular reader I don't suggest you pick up and start reading Tolstoy's *War and Peace*. Be smart: Start small and light with a subject of interest to you.

### **Books: Good for Your Mental Health**

In my off-work time, I only read from books. Since reading is a large part of my job, on weekends, I go after tougher classics and nonfiction I am interested in personally. For mental relaxation, I like reading a selection from the Hardy Boys' *Mysteries* series. After I am done with one, I pass it on to my grandson.

On Oct. 2, 2015, the Huff Post Books blog featured a worthwhile article titled "Drop That Kindle! Ten Reasons Print Books Are Better Than E-books." Point number nine reads, "Print books are better for your health. A Harvard Medical School study last year found that reading a light-emitting e-book before bed interferes with your ability to sleep, with your alertness the following morning, and with your overall

health." There are numerous studies in print today about the dangers of sleep deprivation on adult health. Reading from an e-book right before bed tells your brain it's time to wake up. Reading a paper book can calm your mind and make you relaxed and drowsy.

"Reading in and of itself has plenty of benefits for our minds," wrote Lecia Bushak for Medical Daily. "Studies have shown that reading over the course of a lifetime (or even starting to read consistently when you're well into your 60s and 70s) can prevent mental decline. Along with keeping your mind sharp and enlarging your knowledge base, reading can expand

your sense of empathy, too. A 2013 study found that when people were transported into the emotional travails of books' characters, they grew to become more empathetic in real life" (Jan. 11, 2015). Here Ms. Bushak is referring to the importance of reading nonfiction, not just fiction.

The Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation reports: "Reading books and magazines, writing and participating in other mentally stimulating activities, no matter your age, can help to keep memory and thinking skills intact, a new study suggests. The findings add to growing evidence that mental challenges like reading and doing crossword puzzles may help to preserve brain health and stave off symptoms of Alzheimer's in old age."

Much more can be said about the importance of reading throughout life. One way you can stay informed about reading and books worth reading is to tune in to one of Trumpet Radio's newest programs: *Just the Best Literature*. The program's goal is to not only have you read printed materials, it is designed to encourage you to read only the best literature. It is broadcast on KPCG.fm Monday mornings at 8 a.m. CDT. Stream it at any time by visiting [theTrumpet.com/go/jbl](http://theTrumpet.com/go/jbl). ■

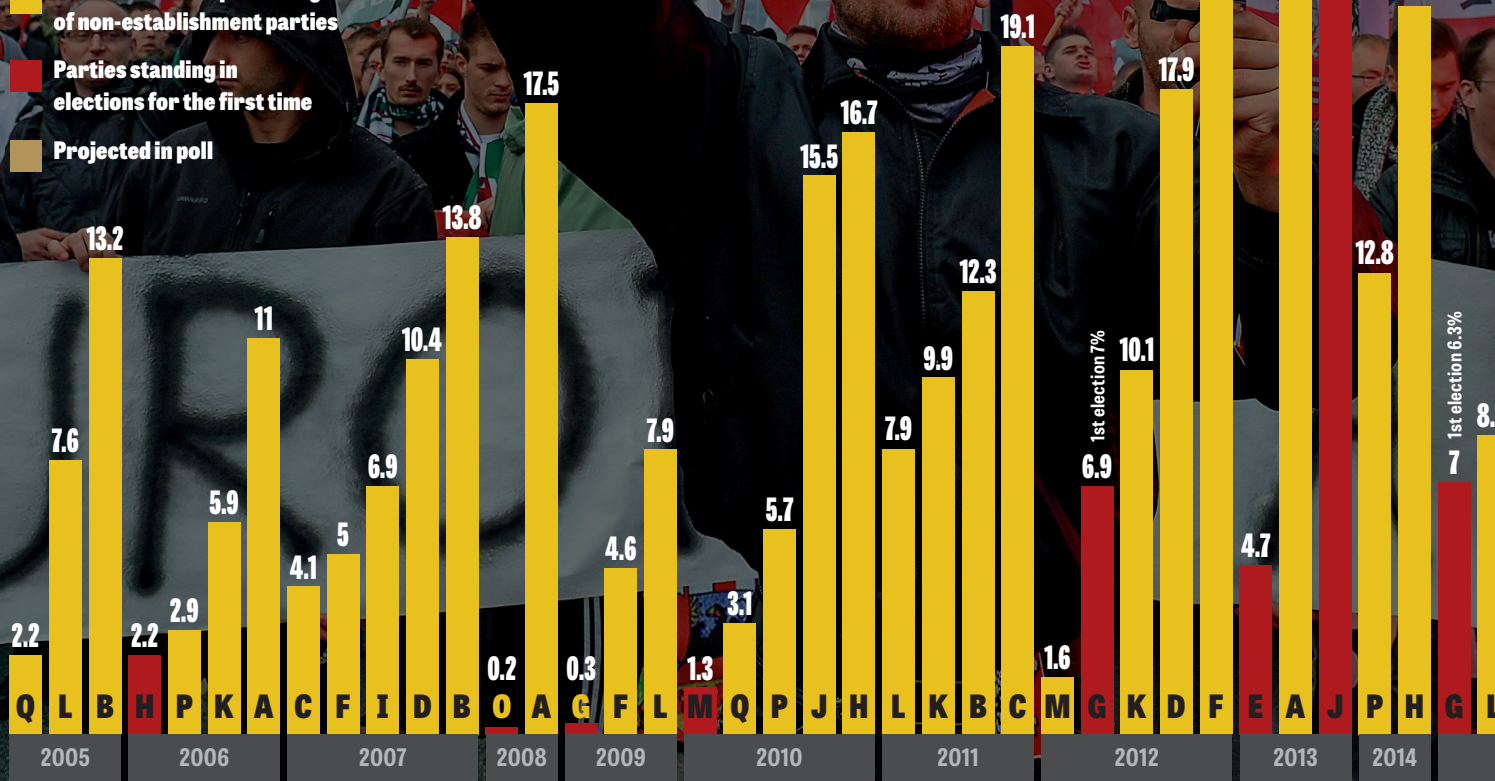
# The Fringe Is In

In European politics, yesterday's novices and outcasts are today's elected officials.

More and more voters are turning to Europe's non-mainstream parties. The result has thrown the political system into turmoil—and reminds many of the prelude to World War II.

Below are trends from 15 countries where fringe parties are surging. Some (like UKIP) do not hold extreme views. Others are genuine neo-Nazis (like the People's Party—Our Slovakia). But all are nonestablishment parties that are attracting millions more votes.

- General election percentages of non-establishment parties
- Parties standing in elections for the first time
- Projected in poll



## AUSTRIA

**A FREEDOM PARTY OF AUSTRIA** Right-wing populist, euroskeptic, anti-immigration. Originally more mainstream, but recently more fringe right.

## DENMARK

**B DANISH PEOPLE'S PARTY** Right-wing populist, euroskeptic, conservative. Opposes immigration; champions Danish cultural heritage.

## FINLAND

**C FINNS PARTY** Right-wing populist, euroskeptic. Formerly known as "True Finns." Promotes Finnish culture and heritage. Opposes the EU.

## FRANCE

**D NATIONAL FRONT** Socially conservative, economically socialist, euroskeptic. Formerly extreme and anti-Semitic, now more mainstream.

## GERMANY

**E ALTERNATIVE FOR GERMANY** Right-wing populist, Euroskeptic, anti-immigration. Originally organized to oppose the euro, now much more right-wing in the face of the migrant crisis.

## GREECE

**F SYRIZA** Far-left, mildly euroskeptic. Rose to power for its ultimately unsuccessful opposition to the terms of the EU bailout.

## G

**GOLDEN DAWN** Far-right, neo-Nazi, anti-immigration. Symbol closely resembles the swastika. One of this list's most extreme parties.

## HUNGARY

**H JOBBIK** Right-wing populist, euroskeptic, anti-immigration. Linked to anti-Semitism and to a banned militia group. Considered far-right and neo-Nazi.

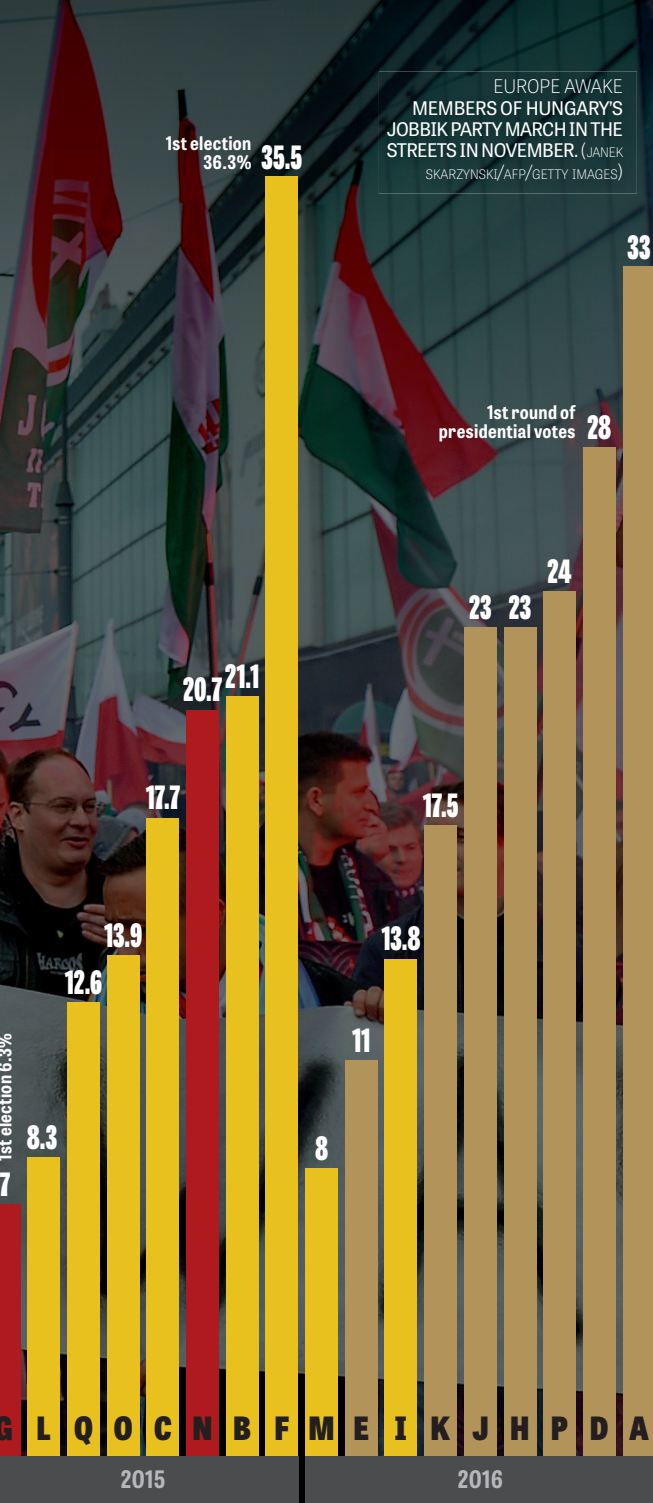
## IRELAND

**I SINN FEIN** Left-wing, nationalistic. Linked to the Provisional Irish Republican Army terrorist group.

## ITALY



EUROPE AWAKE  
MEMBERS OF HUNGARY'S  
JOBBIK PARTY MARCH IN THE  
STREETS IN NOVEMBER. (JANEK  
SKARZYNSKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES)



## The 1930s Again

European election results are showing an ominous trend. Around the time of the Great Depression, fringe parties began surging. Several factors worked against this trend: The buildup to World War II delayed and prevented many elections; many fringe parties were suppressed by non-democratic governments; and some ignored the electoral system and attempted to overthrow their governments by force. Still, those elections that did take place resemble those of the early 21st century.

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

■ SUDETEN GERMAN PARTY

### GERMANY

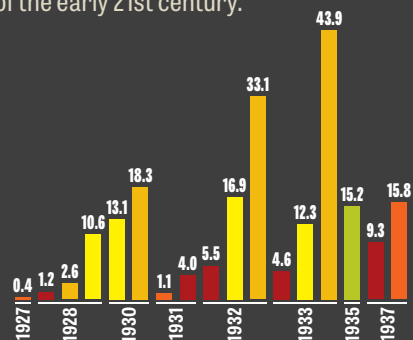
■ COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY

■ NAZI PARTY

### ROMANIA

■ IRON GUARD

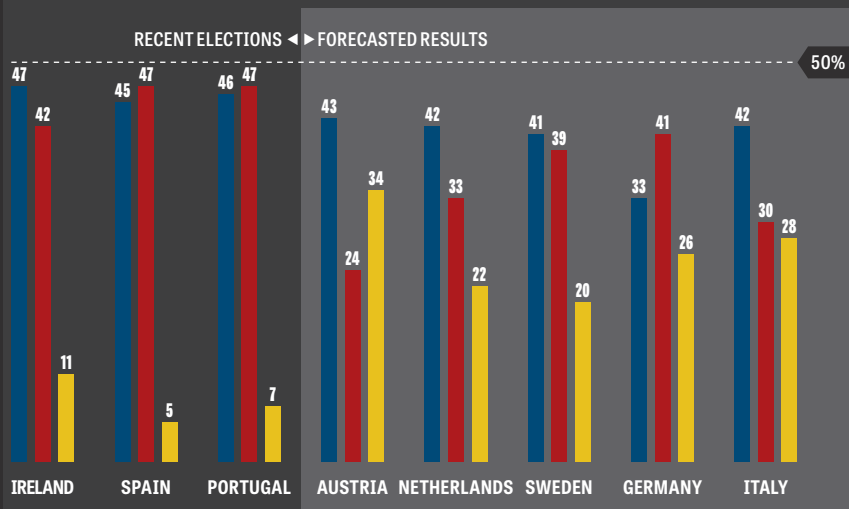
■ NATIONAL-CHRISTIAN  
DEFENSE LEAGUE



## Unstable Parliaments

The increasing power of new parties is undermining political systems across Europe. No group of left-wing or right-wing mainstream parties can form a government themselves. This forces them to either create unstable, unpopular right-left coalitions or invite parties into government that were once considered too new or too extreme.

■ Left-wing votes ■ Right-wing votes ■ Fringe party votes



**J STAR MOVEMENT** Euroskeptic, environmentalist, populist. Supports ending corruption in Italian politics via direct democracy.

### NETHERLANDS

**K PARTY FOR FREEDOM** Right-wing populist, euroskeptic, anti-immigration. Focuses on opposing Islamic extremism and the spread of Islam.

### PORTUGAL

**L COMMUNIST PARTY** Marxist-Leninist, anti-euro. Founded in 1921, but—until last year—considered too extreme for any governing party to work with.

### SLOVAKIA

**M PEOPLE'S PARTY—OUR SLOVAKIA** Neo-fascist, euroskeptic, anti-Roma (gypsy). Leader has called living under Slovakia's Nazi-sponsored regime as "like living in heaven." That regime killed 75,000 Slovak Jews.

### SPAIN

**N PODEMOS** Left-wing. Founded in 2015. Grew out of anti-corruption "Indignados" protests.

**O CITIZENS** Economically and socially liberal. Opposes Catalan nationalism. Often described as both center-left and center-right.

### SWEDEN

**P SWEDEN DEMOCRATS** Right-wing

populist, euroskeptic, anti-immigration. Has risen in popularity as Swedish voters deal with the fallout of mass immigration.

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Q UKIP** Euroskeptic, socially conservative, anti-immigration. Dedicated to the single issue of getting Britain out of the EU. In recent years, the party has tried to expand its scope.

Unstable Parliaments poll sources: Austria—average of major polls taken in the 1st 2 weeks of March. Polls by Gallup and Market, seat projection by newval.com; Netherlands—average of polls conducted in the 1st 2 weeks of March. Peil.nl, Ipsos; Sweden—average of polls conducted in the first 2 weeks of March. Skop, Sentiovote, Sifo projection by electrograph.com; Germany—average of major polls taken in the 1st 2 weeks of March. Polls done by Forsa, INSA and Emnid; Italy—SWG Poll

# WHY IS THE POPE MEDDLING IN AMERICAN POLITICS?

We need to see Pope Francis's criticisms of Donald Trump, as well as America's immigration and economic policy, in context.

BY GERALD FLURRY



INFLUENTIAL VISITOR **Pope Francis** visits President **Obama** at the White House in September.

**N**O MOMENT OF THE POPE'S VISIT TO Mexico in February was more powerful and symbolic than his trip to the American border.

Here, the pope walked up a concrete ramp and bowed before a large cross overlooking the United States-Mexico border. In the background, barbed wire fences were everywhere. The Rio Grande, which marks the border at this point, is hemmed in with cement, and looks more like a moat than a river.

Soon the pope descended to give the first-ever Catholic mass that straddled the border between two countries. About 200,000 people watched from the Mexican side of the border, and around 50,000 from the U.S.

The global media loved it. "Pope Francis is the pope of mercy, he is the pope of the poor, he is the pope that visits inmates, he is the pope who wants to be where there is pain, and this is exactly where we find him now," gushed CNN correspondent Rosa Flores.

"This is the culmination of Pope Francis's trip," Flores said. "The border is very near and dear to his heart, as we learned from the Vatican. And so this is a very emotional moment for the pope. ... Probably the most powerful moment of Pope Francis's visit, we just witnessed, and that was him praying,

having a moment of silence, in a place where so many have perished, where so many have died, in his words, 'trying to reach a dream, trying to achieve a dream across the border.'"

This visit provided the most iconic visual from his trip. It was also OVERTLY POLITICAL, DIRECTLY AIMED AT INFLUENCING AMERICAN POLITICS.

## Political 'Meddling'

The United States is in the process of choosing its next president. Immigration is right at the heart of that debate.

If there was any doubt that the pope wanted to affect America's coming election by praying with immigrants on the U.S.-Mexico border, he put it to rest on his trip home. During his flight, a journalist brought up comments by presidential candidate Donald Trump about immigration. "He has said that if elected, he would build a 2,500-kilo-meter-long wall along the border. He wants to deport 11 million illegal immigrants, thus separating families, etc.," said the journalist. He wondered "*if an American Catholic can vote for someone like this*" (emphasis mine throughout).

The pope replied, "A PERSON WHO THINKS ONLY ABOUT BUILDING WALLS, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, AND NOT BUILDING BRIDGES, IS NOT CHRISTIAN."

"This is not in the gospel," the pope continued. "As far as what you said about whether I would advise to vote or not to vote, I am not going to get involved in that. I say only that this man is not Christian if he has said things like that."

For him to say he wouldn't advise how to vote is dishonest. He made it very clear what he thought of Trump and his policies. He is clearly trying to affect the presidential race—AND HE KNOWS IT!

This pope is very politically minded, and he says so himself. Even as he spoke about Trump, the pope called himself a "political animal." Back in 2013, he said, "A good Catholic meddles in politics." He sees it as part of his religious duty.

American commentators seemed surprised by the pope's remarks. Many criticized him for blurring the line that is supposed to exist between church and state. EVEN JEB BUSH AND MARCO RUBIO, TRUMP'S RIVAL REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AT THE TIME, TOOK THE SIDE OF THE LOATHED TRUMP OVER THAT OF THE BELOVED POPE.

But this kind of intervention by the pope shouldn't surprise anyone. It is not unusual. Back in Argentina before he became pope, he often supported or opposed political causes. And political "meddling"—to use the pope's term—is hardly exclusive to Francis. The Vatican



often meddles in European political matters. It is heavily involved in Italian politics, for example, even helping certain lawmakers decide how to vote.

Politics is a fundamental part of the role the Catholic Church believes it must play in the world.

### **No Church-State Separation**

Separation of church and state is widely cherished in America, but the Catholic Church does not believe in it.

In 1864, Pope Pius IX officially set out the Catholic Church's response to liberal democracy in his "Syllabus of Errors." *He declared the following statements wrong and heretical:*

- The church ought to be separated from the state, and the state from the church.
- In the present day, it is no longer expedient that the Catholic religion should be held as the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all other forms of worship.
- Every man is free to embrace and profess that religion which, guided by the light of reason, he shall consider true.
- The church has not the power of using force, nor has [it] any temporal power, direct or indirect.
- Catholics may approve of the system of educating youth unconnected with the Catholic faith and the power of the church.

The pope called these statements *heresy!* According to this official Catholic teaching, the church *should* play a role in politics. Further, CATHOLICISM SHOULD BE THE ONLY OFFICIAL STATE RELIGION—EVEN THE ONLY ALLOWED RELIGION. THE CHURCH CAN EVEN USE FORCE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

But this is not just the teaching of a papal document from 1864—THIS IS THE WAY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS OPERATED FOR NEARLY 2,000 YEARS! IT HAS A LONG HISTORY OF IMPOSING ITSELF ON PEOPLE, EVEN THROUGH FORCE!

Later, the Vatican II Council did say that people of other faiths should be allowed religious freedom. But Pope Pius's statements are official pronouncements on morals and doctrines from the pope and are thus, according to Catholic doctrine, infallible. The pronouncements of Vatican II are also regarded by many Catholics as infallible.

Catholic scholars can "sort out" these contradictory statements, but the church's history speaks for itself.

Official Catholic teaching rejects the separation of church and state. The only reason the Vatican has largely stayed out of American politics so far is merely a case of tactics. Historically, many Britons and Americans have been suspicious of the Catholic Church, so the church ducked out of politics in these nations until it could gain their trust.

## **The question is, what does the pope want to accomplish with this meddling? Will it be good for America?**

Anyone who is surprised by the way Pope Francis is now stepping out and meddling really lacks a sense of history. *This is simply the Vatican returning to its more traditional role as a political power and a kingmaker.*

The real question is, what does the pope want to *accomplish* with this meddling? Will it be good for America?

People may disagree about the answer to that last question. But if you look objectively at the statements and actions of the pope, you can clearly see their real intent.

### **A Double Standard**

"Is a border now un-Christian?" asked Silvio Canto Jr., himself a Catholic, for *American Thinker*. "HOW DID WE GET TO THE POINT THAT DEFENDING BORDERS AND PROMOTING LEGAL IMMIGRATION IS NOW INHUMANE?" (February 19).

As Mr. Trump's campaign famously pointed out, the Vatican itself is surrounded by a massive wall and has one of the most restrictive immigration policies in the world.

In Europe, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, chairman of the German bishops' conference, said in February, "As a church, we say that we need a reduction in the number of refugees." But when it comes to America, keeping migrants out is "un-Christian."

Did the pope say this simply because he loves migrants? Contrast his statements against Donald Trump with the way he has treated other world leaders.

"El Papa just visited Cuba," Canto continued. "He hugged and embraced Raúl Castro, a man who has executed priests,

harassed religious leaders, and closed Christian schools years ago. Did he call the Castro brothers un-Christian?"

When the pope visited Cuba in 2015, he "refrained from issuing even coded criticism of the Communist government," as the *Telegraph* put it (Sept. 20, 2015). The Patriotic Union of Cuba, a pro-democracy group, complained, "The pope did not utter a phrase of solidarity with the victims of repression and, when traveling from Cuba to the

United States, told the press that he did not know about the detention of pacifist dissidents" (Sept. 23, 2015).

To use the pope's own words, THIS IS NOT IN THE GOSPEL.

The Castro brothers aren't the only authoritarian leaders the pope has refrained from criticizing. "One relationship Francis has patiently cultivated is with Putin," wrote *Foreign Affairs* (Sept. 25, 2015). Italy's *L'Espresso* magazine wrote that "Francis has always done all he could not to annoy the patriarchy of Moscow and the imperial politics of Vladimir Putin, even at the cost of sowing the strongest disappointment among the bishops, clergy and faithful of the Catholic Church in the region" (February 12).

He won't criticize these men, but he is quick to condemn the U.S. What does that say about the pope's worldview?

### **'Dung of the Devil'**

Americans should be deeply concerned that this institution is trying to push itself into U.S. politics. The Vatican plainly does not have America's best interests at heart.

Pope Francis has made clear he wants to topple the global system of free-market capitalism. "Some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world," he wrote in *Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium*), his November 2013 apostolic exhortation. "[T]his opinion ... expresses a crude and naive

trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power.”

Francis called free-market global capitalism “a new tyranny” and condemned it as “a financial system which rules rather than serves.” He has also called it “the dung of the devil.”

Which nation is the front-runner of free-market global capitalism? The United States of America.

If Pope Francis is to be taken at his word, he could not possibly wish for the leader of the capitalist system to thrive and prosper, continuing to inflict its “tyranny” on the world. If he believes the free market is a force of destruction, then he would feel not only justified, but *obligated* to use his power to weaken it.



POLITICAL STATEMENT  
POPE FRANCIS PRAYS AT THE U.S.-  
MEXICO BORDER ON FEBRUARY 17.

## “A good Catholic meddles in politics.”

—POPE FRANCIS

The pope’s visit to America could not have been more different from his visit to Cuba. Here he met with prisoners and illegal immigrants. In Cuba, the pope refused to meet or even acknowledge people who were locked up for nothing more than what they had said. He refused to draw global attention to these victims of tyranny. Yet in America, he tried to paint people jailed for actual crimes as if they were victims of an oppressive system. “It is painful when we see prison systems which are not concerned to care for wounds, to soothe pain, to offer new possibilities,” he said.

This is a pope who will hug dictators, and then reserve his harshest criticism for the world’s most powerful democracy that has led the world in promoting true freedom.

By no means are all Catholics anti-American. In fact, many of the

pope’s strongest critics, like Canto, are themselves Catholics. The overwhelming majority of American Catholics are far more loyal to America than they are to the Vatican—which is why the Vatican has been unable to influence America’s political system much so far. Almost all Catholics in America would support the separation of church and state. Many are unaware that their church’s doctrine condemns this view, and even if they knew, they would continue to disagree.

Nevertheless, this pope has made clear that he is staunchly opposed to some of America’s foundational ideals.

The Catholic Church is still the same institution it has been for hundreds of years. The church has always worked with authoritarian leaders. As recently as World War II, it signed agreements with both Mussolini and the Nazis. In courting Putin, hugging Castro and rebuking America, the pope is treading familiar paths.

You might not realize this, but the Bible actually has some strong things to say about a powerful church that thinks it should be involved in politics all around the world.

### A Woman in Prophecy

Revelation 17 describes a striking spectacle: a woman “with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication” (verse 2).

Key portions of the Bible are written *in symbol*. The Bible is full of passages where God uses a physical object to portray a spiritual truth or concept. For example, Jesus Christ called Himself the bread of life; the Holy Spirit is symbolized by water; angels are referred to as stars; and so on.

In biblical symbolism, a woman is a *type of a church*. You can see this in passages like Ephesians 5, which pictures the relationship between Christ and His true Church as being like that between a husband and wife. Revelation 12 describes this same Church as a woman who was forced to flee into the wilderness for 1,260 days—picturing a 1,260-year period when the Church that Christ founded had to go into hiding to escape persecution. Later in this chapter, that Church is described as being supernaturally protected from a satanic attack in the very end time.

The woman in Revelation 17 is not the true Church of God, which is described as being a radiant woman in white linen (e.g. Revelation 12:1; 19:7-8). This woman is a “great whore ... arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication,” and “drunken with the blood of the saints” (Revelation 17:1, 4, 6). This pictures a great and mighty *false* church.

This church holds significant political influence with “the kings of the earth.” Such a description could only apply to one church in human history—a church that has exercised power over many great leaders, that has been deeply enmeshed in national politics and international affairs.

If you want to know how God sees it when an organization that claims to represent Him mixes itself in with the politics of this evil, satanic world, think deeply about the way those relationships are characterized in this chapter of Revelation!

The Bible exposes this church as fornicating with the kings of the Earth! I realize that such a statement requires abundant proof. And abundant proof exists! We will gladly send you a free copy of our book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*, which shows step by step how the prophecies about this organization were fulfilled during the last 2,000 years of history—and how even more are being fulfilled right now!

And the greatest horror ever is imminent!

### An Attack on America

When this biblical truth is viewed alongside Pope Francis’s recent activities and statements, it becomes clear why this should deeply concern us all. But most people are asleep to the danger.

Fifty or 60 years ago, no pope would have dared say some of the things this pope has said. Intervening in America’s political system would have provoked a major backlash. Today, it has stirred little more than amused talk about Donald Trump versus the pope.

“Opposition of Protestant bodies in America and Europe and Britain to Roman Catholicism is melting away,”

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government charter in history! It was the system this document built that allowed the United States to become one of the first societies in history to completely abolish slavery. The U.S. Constitution is a *noble* document that has inspired and enabled so many to attain accomplishments that any other system anywhere else in the world would have denied them!

These comments from leaders of the Democratic Party and the Black Lives Matter movement amount to a contemptible attack on the U.S. Constitution—the *supreme law of the land!* Maybe they are only saying such things to get votes. Regardless of the motive, however, such vile statements are stirring up a lot of anger and bitterness against the system of government established by America’s framers.

### **Attack on the Constitution**

Blake Simons, a University of California–Berkeley student and Black Lives Matter activist, wrote a chilling article on November 4 peddling the same lies.

“Our Black Lives Matter protests have stormed the country, yet cops continue to kill us daily, and the judicial system continues to justify our deaths with acquittals, non-indictments and light sentences—all in the name of upholding the Constitution,” he wrote for the Afrikan Black Coalition group.

How is the Constitution even relevant in the discussion about racism within law enforcement?

Maybe, in the minds of these activists, the founders’ determination to keep law enforcement on the local level is the issue. The Founding Fathers wanted to prevent the federal government from having centralized policing authority in order to curb potential abuses of power. Today, activist critics claim that local law enforcement is fundamentally racist, and that the solution is federal intervention. There is *no evidence* to support this criticism—and *no evidence* that federal policing would solve anything. It really amounts to a **FEDERAL POWER GRAB!**

So what is this activist’s problem with the Constitution? He explained: “I have come to realize that **THE CONSTITUTION IS THE ROOT OF VIRTUALLY ALL**



OUR PROBLEMS IN AMERICA” (emphasis mine throughout).

“In order to understand the injustices against black folks in United States, we must look back to its foundation,” Simons continued. “*The U.S. is a country that was founded on slavery, genocide, rape and white male patriarchy.* The colonizers that we condemn for enslaving Afrikans [*sic*] and murdering indigenous peoples are the same people that produced and upheld the document we use to govern our nation to this day. Our bloodshed is rooted in this nation’s founding document, the Constitution. A body cannot be separated from its head and remain living. The Constitution and all the evil that it allows to be perpetuated are the head of White America, or more so corrupt America. Racist America. If you separate the head, the racism will die.”

Where is this kind of thinking leading? This question is especially concerning when you consider the attacks on the Constitution in recent years—along with divisive and racist rhetoric—coming from some of **THE HIGHEST LEADERS IN THE LAND!**

The authors of the Constitution, wrote Simons, “owned black people as slaves and participated in calculated genocidal tactics against the black race. ... *A constitution written by only white men will never serve the interests of black people.* The Constitution was written for the ruling class of white men which constructed whiteness to be more valuable than any other race. When we discuss institutional racism,

it is essential that we realize **THE CONSTITUTION CREATED IT.**”

The reality is almost precisely the opposite! It was initially a hypocritical *failure* to apply the central principles of America’s founding documents that enabled slavery to exist. It was the language of the Declaration of Independence and the legal structures of the Constitution that helped *undo* the injustices of slavery. Abraham Lincoln begrudgingly tolerated slavery while it was legal in the Southern states, until he was able to invoke Article v of the Constitution to *emancipate slaves* and make them full citizens of the United States!

### **Black Panther Constitution**

Toward the end of his article, Simons revealed his **TRUE AGENDA** in attacking the U.S. Constitution.

He quoted the Declaration of Independence, a document written by some of the same men who authored the Constitution: “Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.”

“Do we not have the right to abolish the laws that oppress us?” Simons asked. “It is time to claim the Declaration of Independence and apply it to our struggle as colonized black people in America. The United States has declared war against us; it is time *we demand a new*

constitution of TELL AMERICA THAT SHE WILL GET THE BULLET.”

This man is not content that the United States is led by an African-American president, and that African-Americans hold so many important leadership positions.

This is the kind of toxic thinking coming from the Black Lives Matter movement that is being endorsed by President Obama. The president promised to bring us together. He has done the exact opposite!

JUST WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT’S AGENDA? MOST PEOPLE ARE TOO DECEIVED OR TOO COWARDLY TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION!

These are the kinds of attitudes and problems that are bringing this country to its death! (If you want proof of that statement from biblical prophecy, request our free booklet *Lamentations: The Point of No Return.*)

Not many other nations are ruled by minority groups—not even in Africa! Does Blake Simons believe he would be better off in any African nation?

He wants to abolish the Constitution and replace it with a new one, an idea developed by the Black Panther Party in 1970: “We must pick up where the Black Panthers left off and declare a new constitution, or it will be the bullet. ... If America truly wants to be a nation that values the lives of all people, it has

one option, and the option is a national constitution convention. This is the last hope America has to become whole. If America fails to allow all people of this nation to write a new constitution, then it will be the bullet.”

The Black Panthers convened their Revolutionary People’s Constitutional Convention in 1970. At the convention, Huey P. Newton spoke of the need for a socialist revolution.

Now—whatever your race, whether black, white, yellow or any other color—WOULD YOU REALLY WANT TO LIVE UNDER A BLACK PANTHER CONSTITUTION?

The Black Lives Matter movement, despite its leaders harboring such radical ideas, is rapidly moving from the fringes into *mainstream America*. To whatever degree this kind of dangerous thinking moves along with it, this nation will suffer for it!

### **A Strategy for Destruction**

During the height of the American civil rights movement, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote from a unique perspective—not white or black, but based on the eternal truths of the Holy Bible. For decades, he warned that the sins of the American people would allow political leaders to come to power who would stir up race hatred as a tool to undermine the rule of law!

Race is a highly charged subject in the United States today, and in many other nations. Past wrongs and present inequalities create fertile ground for hurt, frustration and anger. Many prominent leaders, both black and white, are deliberately fueling those grievances for their own political gain. **THEY ARE USING RACE AS A DEADLY WEAPON! THE PROBLEMS THAT WILL RESULT ARE FAR MORE DANGEROUS THAN THEY REALIZE.**

Mr. Armstrong wrote in his March 1969 *Plain Truth* personal: “WHY are our people unable to recognize the Communist line—the Communist plan and conspiracy—in college and university riots, in propaganda accusing ‘police brutality,’ in ‘black power,’ ‘black panther’ and other slogans, even in ‘civil disobedience’ and ‘nonviolent’ movements of protest which lead to VIOLENCE?” He answered with this shocking truth, “The guiding hand in student revolt is the COMMUNIST PARTY. Many students, their emotions stirred and enraged to violence, do not themselves realize this. Yet, actually, these young leaders of the ‘NEW LEFT’ movement are going BEYOND the Communist Party. Their plan is to stir up college-age students to revolt first, and the teenage high school adolescents. If they can corrupt and/or win over tomorrow’s students, they will gain control.”

## **The Deadly Lie Behind Black Lives Matter**

**T**HE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT IS FOUNDED ON THE false premise that racist police officers are selectively targeting innocent black Americans and killing them.

“Every 28 hours, a black person is murdered by police,” said activist Cherno Biko in an interview with Fox News political commentator Megyn Kelly. “It feels like we’re in a war.”

If this statement is true, racist police are systematically murdering an average of 313 innocent blacks every year. Even leaving aside the charge of unjustified murder for a moment, this estimated death toll is more than double the actual figure. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), police killed 140 blacks and 386 whites in 2012.

Over the 13-year period from 1999 to 2011, the CDC reports that 1,130 blacks were killed by police officers. That averages out to 87 fatalities per year, compared to an average of 165 whites killed by police each year for the same period. The number of blacks killed by police actually declined 40 percent between 1968 and 2011, even as the African-American population rose by 22 million.

While the death of even one person is a tragedy, almost any reasonable person will admit that police officers occasionally do have to shoot in self-defense. Given the extensive media coverage of almost every black American shot by police, most people are surprised to hear that, relative to whites, blacks are shot by police at a much lower rate than their involvement in crime would suggest.

“Adjusted for the homicide rate, whites are 1.7 times more likely than blacks to die at the hands of police,” says sociologist and former police officer Peter Moskos. “Adjusted for the racial disparity at which police are feloniously killed, whites are 1.3 times more likely than blacks to die at the hands of police.”

African-Americans make up 13 percent of America’s population, yet commit 38 percent of homicides. Between 2004 and 2013, according to Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics, 43 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO KILLED POLICE WERE BLACK. Many black fatalities at the hands of the police have undoubtedly been justifiably done in self-defense.



The New Left was a powerful political movement that swept through the nation in the 1960s and 1970s. Agitators and educators worked to bring about changes in homosexual rights, abortion, gender roles, drugs and other issues. The movement was closely tied to the hippie movement, and it achieved many of its *lawless* goals. The New Left was almost identical to the Communist Party.

The champions of the movement had stunning success in working their way into key positions in today's Democratic Party!

These leaders are still using phrases like "police brutality" and "black power" to further their agenda.

In a 1950s tract titled "And Not a Shot Is Fired," Czech Communist Party theoretician Jan Kozák wrote about how Communists took over Czechoslovakia through parliamentary maneuvers. The strategy he described required pressure for radical change from two directions simultaneously: from the upper levels of government and from provocateurs in the streets.

The Obama administration is using a similar strategy to fundamentally transform America. The president met with a street provocateur that advocates looting as a form of protest! Liberals in academia and the judiciary have long fought legal battles to undermine the Constitution. Now black

activists are threatening to join the fight in the streets—some threatening to use real bullets!

Stirred up by our highest leaders and by pop culture icons like Beyoncé, discontent and protests are spreading across the nation. Riots and acts of racist violence are becoming more common and widespread. Where will this end? What happens in America as major groups of angry, violent people are mobilized? What will you have when the Constitution is destroyed?

The U.S. Constitution has probably brought about more racial justice than any other document in world history, aside from the Bible. The people leading the Black Lives Matter movement are not promoting a plan that will bring about more racial justice. Their plan can only end with the overthrow of our constitutional republic!

### An Evil Spiritual Force

The Bible prophesies this about America in the near future: "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers" (Isaiah 1:7). I explain this important prophecy in my article "Your Cities Are Burned With Fire" ([theTrumpet.com/go/12629](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12629)).

Even those who see there is a real problem in America today don't

recognize its full extent. There is an *evil spiritual force* that seeks to destroy America. That spirit is working in these young people to fulfill that goal. A great evil spirit is leading these young people to destruction and leading them to accelerate this nation's death! People are surrendering to this hateful, evil thinking. It is terribly racist—but it is even worse: It is aligned with *satanic will*. That is what is truly happening here!

If you have never proved this truth, you need to do so. We will gladly send you a free copy of my booklet *America Under Attack* to help you recognize the dangerous direction our nation is heading.

Those individuals who respond and heed God's warning, He will protect. God doesn't want people to suffer through the calamities that are coming. And we must all see that these burning cities are prophesied to occur in the *very last days* of America's existence as a strong world power—which is actually right before the Messiah comes to this Earth to rule it! Yes, America's burning cities presage the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to this Earth! When He returns, He will *end* all racism and injustice permanently! ■



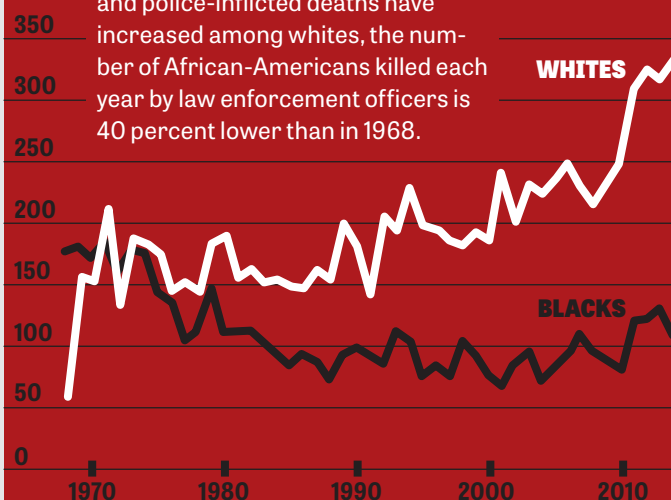
One study conducted at Washington State University confirmed that police were more likely to feel threatened in scenarios involving black people. Yet the participants actually showed a bias *in favor of* black suspects, taking longer to pull the trigger against them than against armed white or Hispanic suspects.

No doubt there have been some cases of police officers shooting black Americans unjustifiably. Some of these cases may have even been for racist reasons. Such isolated cases of police abuse are wrong and should be swiftly dealt with via the rule of law. The notion that racist police officers are systematically gunning down innocent black Americans en masse, however, is one of the deadliest lies in the United States today. The riots, looting and police killings that have been inspired by the deplorable falsehood that black Americans are being hunted in the streets like animals are a tragedy. Perpetuating the lie that police officers are systematically hunting minority youth will only lead to more violence.

ANDREW MILLER

## Killed by the police

Even as the U.S. population has risen and police-inflicted deaths have increased among whites, the number of African-Americans killed each year by law enforcement officers is 40 percent lower than in 1968.



# A CONVERSATION WITH A BRITISH EUROSKEPTIC

a lot of Britons want out, including political economist Rodney Atkinson. A widely published commentator, journalist and author—as well as a former parliamentary candidate and ministerial adviser—Atkinson has argued against Britain's part in the EU for decades. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**T** **rumpet:** How would you summarize your main problems with the European Union project?



**Rodney Atkinson:** Well, any objective observer today of Europe would find disturbingly too many comparisons between today and 1941, which was the high point of the Nazi and fascist domination of the European continent. This might sound incredible, and indeed, it *should* be unheard of, but in fact because of the

surrender of democratic sovereignty by so many nations of Europe to this notion of a United States of Europe, the desires of the Nazis and fascists in the 1930s and '40s have, to a large extent, been reproduced in what was supposed to be a peaceful alternative to that very same fascist Europe.

**T:** There's so much about Europe that has the appearance of democracy. You're arguing very differently.

**RA:** Indeed, because the sovereign rights of the peoples of Europe emanate from the national parliaments, and all those national parliaments today are pretty well powerless. Instead we have a German- (at best a German- and French-) dominated technocracy or

On June 23, the people of Britain will vote on whether or not the United Kingdom should remain in the European Union. British Prime Minister David Cameron is arguing that Britain should stay, but

bureaucracy in Brussels .... The form of the European Parliament ... is grotesquely undemocratic by any normal national standards. And of course, the 17 or 18 of those 28 countries have, in addition, surrendered their currencies to the euro. Of course, once you surrender your currency, you cannot really exist as a sovereign country.

**T:** Viewing the popular discontent and unrest in Greece, Italy and other European Union nations, do you see a certain inevitability to the average citizen feeling like they have really lost something?

**RA:** Yes. It's taken rather a long time for them to realize it—20, 30, 40 years depending on how long each country has been a member—but now of course the economic and democratic conditions are so horrendous that even the average person has begun to realize what a mistake it all was. I mean we have 23 or 24 million people unemployed in the European Union. That's over 10 percent of the population, and this level of unemployment has gone on now for *decades*. ... [But] it's not just the unemployment; it's the social decline, the collapse of health and social systems, the mass migration of young people, particularly from the Mediterranean countries to the center, to Germany and Holland and Luxembourg in the north .... We've seen a social, economic and, of course, democratic collapse due to this hubris,

this grotesque imperial idea, which has been dressed up as a peaceful solution after the Second World War.

**T:** Could you give us a more specific sense of how this represents a modern manifestation of Nazi ideals?

**RA:** Well, if we look at the 1941–42 plans of the Nazi regime for the whole of Europe—which they called the European Economic Community, which is exactly the name given to the European Union when it was first founded in the late '50s ...—of course, they always start off, these imperialists, in the same way. They have the trade agreements, and then customs unions, and economic union, and then it gradually becomes political union, and then of course they've created an imperial state. So that process has been going on *since* the 1950s. ...

If you look at Europe today we see it looks *remarkably* like the Europe of 1941, which was the sort of height of Nazi fascist aims and ambitions. We see, for instance, the breakup of Yugoslavia into Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo, with many names from the fascist period being used by modern-day activists. We see the breakup of Czechoslovakia, just as we did then, into Slovakia and the Czech Republic. We've seen a move to overturn a democratically elected government in Ukraine, just as in 1941, of course, Hitler assembled the biggest army in history, 4 million men, to invade Russia through Belarus and Ukraine. And we see today, after these decades of mass unemployment and bankruptcy, how Germany now dominates Europe. Because 28 nation-states have been destroyed democratically. Twenty-eight constitutions, 28 parliaments have effectively no power. Nineteen currencies, 19 central banks have been disposed of. And the German dominance is through the Frankfurt European Central Bank and its currency. Germany has one of the biggest trade surpluses in history: 8 percent of GDP. It's a *massive* surplus. And that, of course, is reflected in the massive deficits by other parts of the world and other parts of the European Union.



This economic power has given Angela Merkel enormous *political* power. We've just seen how she's bulldozed Europe into coming to an agreement with Germany's old ally from the First World War, Turkey. And we see the nervousness of Russia and Putin, who rightly sees what most East Europeans also see, which is a movement to the east by a German-dominated superstate, not accountable to democratic control because the cradle of democratic control has always been the nation-state, and those nation-states have effectively been eliminated. ...

East Europeans know this. Russians know this. And gradually, thank God, more and more people in Britain and the rest of Europe know it, as well. Unfortunately they tend then to vote for extremes of one side or the other, in desperation. But that's *precisely*, of course, what happened in Germany in the 1920s and '30s in the Weimar Republic. They were desperate, and you've got millions of people joining the Nazi Party, and then they were disappointed with them, and they then joined the Communist Party, then they went back to the Nazi Party, and they had this enormous swinging pendulum. And you're getting *exactly* the same today with extremist parties like Syriza in Greece, like Podemos in Spain.

**T: How much is Germany able to do what it's doing simply because of the ignorance of the people?**

**RA:** Well, it's principally the ignorance of the political *leaders*. ... In Britain, you know, which is one of the cradles of democracy, we have a democratic constitution which in various forms [challenges] the absolute rule of the king, goes back 800 years to Magna Carta in 1215. ... It's interesting that the freedoms that were granted then to the people of England by the barons forcing the king to sign the Magna Carta ... also arose out of the *conflict* between King John, who signed the Magna Carta, and the pope in Rome. Of course, the Vatican then—as now, incidentally—does not hold much truck with independent nation-states. They don't *like* the idea

**“The whole system has got out of kilter because democracy has been destroyed, and democracy's been destroyed because nation-states have been destroyed.”**

of individual countries going their own way. Indeed, most of British history is a litany of attempts by the Vatican to destroy the sovereignty of the British people. Of course, there was a time when sovereignty just meant the sovereignty of the king; now, of course, it means a democratic society—the democratic rights of the people to appoint, to vote for, their own lawmakers. So you need to know history, preferably, 800 years ago.

**T: A lot of people have called for a referendum on Britain leaving the EU for a long time. What has changed, in your view, to make this happen now?**

**RA:** Well, these protest parties have become more and more powerful, more and more threatening of the establishments. In the case of Cameron, his Conservative Party's claim to represent conservatives has been challenged. Certainly the UK Independence Party appeals also to socialists, who no longer have faith in the socialist party, the Labour Party in Britain. And this has now risen to such a crescendo that the established parties are worried. ...

**T: How optimistic are you about the outcome of that referendum?**

**RA:** Well, first of all, I think no matter what way the vote goes, the pro-EU side has lost because they've never had such opposition as they have today. We have really quite substantial leading members of the Conservative Party, also of the Labour Party, actively campaigning to get our country back, to leave the structures of the European Union. And I think the British people *will* vote to leave. ... But even if there's a narrow victory for staying in the European Union, things will never be the same

again, and effectively the Euro-fanatics will have lost even if they've won.

**T: What do you think the future for Europe is?**

**RA:** It will gradually break down. It's already broken down. This massive migration crisis has led to the reimposition of national border controls. The economy: The European Central Bank today has agreed to another great wave of money-printing. They've reduced interest rates even more, from minus 0.3 percent to minus 0.4 percent, I think. This is all economic nonsense of the highest level. Because it's not lack of money in the system that's the problem. It's the lack of money in the pockets of the people to spend—that's where all industry and commerce and prosperity begins. Without people to spend money, business has no reason at all to borrow, to invest. That is an elementary thing. And of course, they've destroyed the distribution of capital in Western economies. They've concentrated it all in the kind of big businesses who are now dictating to us that we have to stay in the European Union. ...

The whole system has got out of kilter because democracy has been destroyed, and democracy's been destroyed because nation-states have been destroyed. And the very people who were so supportive of Hitler personally and the German Europe of the 1940s—the very corporations—are back again today in support of the European Union, which is also collapsing. ■

Rodney Atkinson's articles can be found on his website, [freenations.net](http://freenations.net). His most recent book, *And Into the Fire: Fascist Elements in Post-War Europe and the Development of the European Union*, is available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

SAFE HARBOR?  
SYRIAN MIGRANTS  
ARRIVE IN GREECE  
FROM TURKEY.

# Germany ignores human rights law in deal with Turkey

**G**erman Chancellor Angela Merkel arranged a new deal with Turkey in March designed to solve Europe's migrant crisis. The core of the deal is an agreement that migrants who cross from Turkey to Greece illegally, as the vast majority of current migrants do, will automatically be sent back to Turkey. For every migrant who is returned to Turkey, the European Union will take in a migrant from a refugee center in Turkey.

The trouble is, the deal is illegal. Europe's human rights law guarantees asylum for all refugees who did not come to the EU from a "safe third country." Turkey does not meet the directive's detailed criteria for a safe third country. "The rules are clear, and there is little space for legal gymnastics," wrote Duncan Robinson for the *Financial Times* (March 9). The EU is attempting some of these gymnastics, but it remains to be seen how they will fare in the courts.

The merits of the EU human rights law are debatable, but ignoring law altogether is a major cause for concern. In addition, the EU is making this illegal deal with a leader who is sharply reducing his own people's human rights. Just days

before Merkel agreed to the deal, the government of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan shut down the nation's biggest daily newspaper, *Zaman*, and arrested its journalists. The day after the deal, the government went on to shut down the Cihan news agency, further reducing Turkey's free press to a handful of small media organizations.

In the past, these dictatorial

illegal, the deal won't work. The longer the migrant crisis goes on, the more concessions Turkey can extract. It has little incentive to make the crisis go away. Meanwhile Europe may struggle to meet its part of the bargain and redistribute migrants directly from Turkey.

"Postwar Europe was built to value collaboration and cooperation," wrote *Trumpet*

actions would have earned rebuke and sanctions from the EU. But the EU has supported Erdoğan by negotiating with him on immigration and providing him with billions of dollars. Last year, the EU produced a report that sharply criticized Erdoğan; however, its publication was conspicuously delayed until after Turkey's elections.

Besides being

writer Brad Macdonald as the migrant crisis began to build last year. "It was designed to be enlightened, multicultural and tolerant. It has positioned itself as the world's moral authority. ... Perhaps the greatest effect of the refugee crisis, together with Russia's dramatic resurgence and Europe's rolling financial problems, is the way it is causing Europe to shed this postwar veneer and return to its past. Being tolerant feels good, until hundreds of thousands of foreigners enter your nation and expect you to foot the bill ... " (November-December 2015).

This is what we are seeing in Germany's deal with Turkey: major signs of Europe peeling off its "postwar veneer." When this deal fails, the situation will become even more desperate. It will push Europe to take more radical measures, moving further away from the left-wing, human-rights-loving, multicultural EU the world is accustomed to.

## No great expectations for Afghanistan

**A**fghanistan will be a "success" if it barely survives 2016. That was the somber assessment of Nicholas Haysom, the United Nations' top envoy in the war-ravaged nation.

"Some may criticize this benchmark as being low," Haysom told the UN Security Council in New York on March 15. "Yet Afghanistan must overcome each and every one of these five hurdles to avoid severe consequences": economic meltdown, intensifying violence and insurgency, fractious elites, diminishing foreign aid, and an elusive peace.

In 2012, coalition forces expected that a liberated Afghanistan would earn \$1 trillion from its mineral wealth

and that its economy would grow by 8 percent annually. "It is now clear" that none of that will happen, assessed Haysom. Unemployment is high, and Afghans are migrating en masse.

The war in Afghanistan killed or maimed 11,000 Afghan civilians last year. According to United States National Intelligence Director James Clapper's congressional testimony, "fighting in 2016 will be more intense than 2015."

Additionally, corrupt Afghan officials have wasted more than \$700 million of developmental aid from the U.S., according to the office of the Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction.

And while the U.S. and other supporting nations have urged



CHANGING STRIPES? TALIBAN FIGHTERS TURN OVER THEIR WEAPONS TO AFGHAN AUTHORITIES.

the Afghan government to extend an olive branch to the Taliban, the terrorists want jailed fighters freed, their top members removed from UN blacklists, the full withdrawal of foreign troops, and a continuation of the war for control of Afghanistan. The situation is a remarkable illustration of the prophesied curse in Leviticus 26:20, "[Y]our strength shall be spent in vain."





## Billion-dollar bargain

**S**uffering from economic sanctions after taking over Crimea and from historic lows in the price of oil, Russian President Vladimir Putin stunned the world last September when he announced a new military mission into the Middle East. At the time, Washington warned that Putin's venture into Syria would

inevitably get Russia stuck in a "quagmire," and number crunchers wondered how he could afford such a mission.

Six months later, when Putin announced the withdrawal of his forces from Syria on March 14, he confidently declared "mission accomplished." Putin often speaks with braggadocio, but in this case, he was telling the truth.

## Europe's covert war in Libya

**S**atellite imagery released by Stratfor on March 9 indicates that European special operations forces are present in Libya. The images depict military preparations typical of Western deployments to conflict zones. However, the nationality of the troops is unknown, and no European nation has acknowledged a military buildup in Libya. Stratfor suggests that France is responsible for the mission, and in February, unconfirmed reports alleged that about 180 French troops were in the region.

On February 25, the French newspaper *Le Monde* reported that France was waging a "secret war" in Libya and that President François Hollande had authorized "unofficial military action" by French special forces and intelligence commandos. A senior French defense official who spoke to *Le Monde* said, "The last thing to do would be to intervene in Libya. We must

avoid any overt military engagement, but act discreetly" (February 24).

Since NATO helped depose former dictator Muammar Qadhafi in 2011, chaos has engulfed Libya. Multiple factions are fighting for control, and now the Islamic State is infiltrating.

France, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States have all discussed sending troops. At a February 2 summit on Libya, European leaders proposed an Italian-led European force of about 6,000 troops to stabilize Libya. But to date, no country has been authorized to wage war or has acknowledged waging war in Libya—at least not publicly.

The U.S. is unlikely to commit further troops to Libya. President Barack Obama has indicated that Libya had descended into chaos because the Europeans who convinced him to lead the 2011 invasion

By some estimates, Russia's total bill for its six-month venture in Syria was about \$1 billion, 2 percent of Russia's official defense budget for 2015. For that investment, Putin received several big benefits:

*He ensured the survival of the regime of Bashar Assad.* This protects Russia's ability to project power into the Mediterranean through its military base in Tartus, which Assad has long guaranteed for the Russians.

*He displayed Russia's military wares.* Some analysts called the Syria engagement a Russian weapons expo: Its cruise missiles, Su-34 strike fighter and T-90 battle tank all performed admirably. The display reportedly intrigued potential customers; several nations expressed interest in new weapons contracts that

alone will probably recoup Putin's \$1 billion outlay.

*He exposed the U.S. as a weak power in the Middle East.* As George Friedman wrote in *Geopolitical Futures*, "Syria was not about Syria .... Reshaping perceptions of Russian power and demonstrating that it was prepared to deploy, solve a problem, and leave was. In contrast to the Americans who deploy, stay and sink in the mud, the Russians did what they came to do and are now leaving" (March 15). To be fair, Russia's rules of engagement are looser. Reports indicate Russians killed about 2,000 civilians. World opinion would consider this outrageous if it occurred at U.S. hands.

*He announced that Russia is a resurgent power in the Middle East.* As America shrinks from its role as Middle East mediator, Russia has handled itself well in a foreign theater. It showed its allies that it will come to their aid, and its enemies that Russia is willing to put skin in the game in foreign lands if need be.

*He reshaped his image after Ukraine.* After invading Crimea and destabilizing Ukraine, Putin was largely anathema to European powers and the U.S. Now he has proved himself a stabilizer in the most volatile of regions. He is also pulling out of Syria immediately before peace negotiations begin, indicating a willingness to pressure Assad to make some concessions to the Syrian opposition.

Not a bad list of accomplishments for a billion dollars.

*Trumpet* readers will not be surprised to see Putin's efforts paying off. The *Trumpet* has drawn attention to biblical prophecies of a strong Russian leader in this end time that Putin looks to be fulfilling. You can read about this in "Is Vladimir Putin the Prophesied 'Prince of Rosh'?" at [theTrumpet.com/go/11228](http://theTrumpet.com/go/11228).



failed to see the mission through. In an interview with the *Atlantic*, Obama blamed "free riders" in Europe who were unwilling to "put skin in the game."

The satellite images might indicate that Europe is taking more ownership of the mess in Libya, albeit covertly. While the amount of military hardware on-site suggests limited combat operations, as Stratfor noted, it serves as a "preliminary foothold [that] could facilitate a rapid buildup of the base in the future."

As the Islamic State's presence in Libya grows, Europe will likely act more overtly. For a big-picture analysis of these events, read "The Next War in Libya" ([theTrumpet.com/go/13562](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13562)). ■



CONNECTED Iranian officials applaud the arrival of the first train from China on February 15.

# China's Silk Road reaches Iran, pushes toward Europe

**T**he first train on China's "Silk Road" railway arrived in Tehran on February 15, making the 5,900-mile journey in a third of the time required by a sea voyage.

The name Silk Road recalls an ancient network of trade routes that connected Southeast Asia to the Mediterranean—especially the lucrative trade of Chinese silk. In 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping unveiled his plan to revive the Silk Road with his One Belt, One Road initiative, and that transport network has now reached Iran.

Beijing says the initiative "aims to promote the connectivity of Asian, European and African continents" while "strengthening partnerships" along the path of the ancient Silk Road.

"Some people say there are only 65 countries involved, but that's a misunderstanding," says Zhao Changhui, an analyst at China Export-Import Bank. "It's a new method of development for China and the world."

But the train routes don't stop in the Mideast. A diesel locomotive can already make the 8,100-mile journey from China's east coast to Spain. Leaders in Europe, including Britain's prime minister and Germany's chancellor, have lauded the initiative and expressed enthusiasm to participate. Many European

countries showed their desire to cooperate when they joined the China-sponsored Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

The *Diplomat* wrote, "For centuries, the long distance between Europe and China has been a natural obstacle to strengthening bilateral trade relations. As the [One Belt, One Road] project concentrates on enhancing connectivity and transport infrastructure, there is huge potential to enlarge and accelerate the movements of goods between China and Europe" (April 9, 2015).

To learn about how this Euro-Chinese cooperation fulfills biblical prophecy, read "The Silk Superhighway" at [theTrumpet.com/go/7579](http://theTrumpet.com/go/7579). ■

## Obama crosses Cuban redline

**O**n March 20, Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Cuba since 1928. He met with President Raúl Castro, highlighting the normalization of U.S.-Cuban relations.

This past December, Obama said he would only visit the Communist island nation if he saw more freedom for Cuban citizens. But liberty in Cuba never improved, it got worse. The

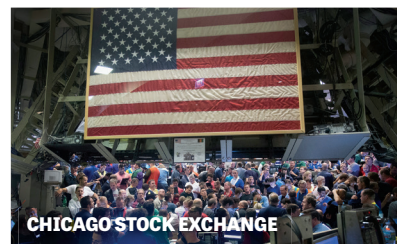
## China buying Chicago Stock Exchange

**I**t emerged on February 5 that a Chinese company is buying the Chicago Stock Exchange. On Capitol Hill, members of both parties denounced the takeover, calling for the Treasury Department to investigate the proposed sale.

The founder of the Chongqing Casin Enterprise Group (Casin Group), which is buying the exchange, assured regulators that his interests were purely financial. Yet the Casin Group is owned in part by the Chinese government. "This proposed acquisition would be the first time a Chinese-owned, possibly state-influenced firm maintained direct access into the \$22 trillion U.S. equity marketplace," members of Congress wrote in a letter to the Treasury Department.

Consider many recent revelations of Chinese cyberattacks and cyberespionage against American targets, does it make sense to give China direct access to our financial markets?

The stock exchange isn't the only infrastructure China is after. In the first two months of this year, Chinese companies



CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE

committed \$39 billion to buy 36 American corporations. Last year, they spent a record \$17 billion to buy 114 companies; 2014 was a record year too. In China, any company seeking to buy a foreign company must first receive government approval. That means the Chinese government is approving a record number of acquisitions.

Last August, China surprised the world by initiating the greatest single-day devaluation of the yuan in China's history (2 percent). Within a week, the yuan dropped a total of 4.8 percent. This devaluation coincided with China's record corporate buying spree. Beijing not only approved for Chinese companies to purchase foreign assets, it encouraged them to do so—before it devalued the yuan.

China shock-devalued its currency once. With its struggling economy, will the pressure mount for it to do it again? Whatever the case, the Chicago Stock Exchange won't be the last Chinese takeover. ■

Castro regime arrested 1,474 dissidents in January alone, the second-highest number in years. Just hours before the president's arrival, Cuban authorities arrested more than 50 dissidents in Havana marching for improved human rights.

These two countries have had strained relations for over 50 years, during which Raúl and Fidel Castro worked with the Soviet Union to undermine the U.S. and attempted to place nuclear-capable missiles on the island, only 90 miles from

the American mainland. President Obama has pressured American lawmakers to strike down a decades-old commerce embargo against Cuba, but so far he has been unsuccessful. Yet American tourism to Cuba has surged, Cubans can now open U.S. bank accounts, and record numbers of Cubans are streaming into Florida and over the border from Mexico. The Castro regime, especially its military, stands to reap most of the benefits from increased U.S. trade and investment. ■



## ADHD—or immaturity?

If the youngest child in a classroom is diagnosed with attention-deficit hyperactivity/disorder (ADHD), there is a good chance he or she *actually* has what was once known as “immaturity.” This is what a Taiwanese study of 400,000

students ages 4 to 17 suggests, as published in the *Journal of Pediatrics* (March 10).

The term ADHD is often used for a collection of behavioral problems linked to poor attention span, including impulsiveness, restlessness and inability to concentrate.

Researchers found that the youngest children in classrooms were nearly twice as likely to be diagnosed with ADHD as the oldest. The study found that parents, teachers and doctors who suspect a child may have ADHD may be forgetting their child is less mature because

they are a year younger.

The study also found that as children reach the adolescent stage, the influence of their birth month has less of an impact. This is to be expected: The older a child is, the less effect an age gap has on maturity.

Studies in the United States, Canada, Spain and Sweden have found the same trends, with the respective cutoff months having the highest rates of ADHD diagnosis.

The prevalence of ADHD around the world ranges widely—from up to 15 percent in the U.S. to around 5 percent in European countries. Other studies have shown treatment drugs such as Ritalin and Concerta have no long-term benefits. Some neuroscientists believe the condition does not exist at all, arguing that most people will display some or all of the signs during their lifetime. ■

## Australia’s tip of the ‘ice’-berg

Australian police seized AU\$1 billion worth of the drug “ice,” Australia’s Justice Department announced on February 15. Discovered in a shipment in late December, the catch was one of the biggest drug seizures in Australia’s history. Valued at approximately US\$700 million, it was the world’s largest seizure of liquid methamphetamine ever, equivalent to 3.6 million individual doses of the highly addictive drug.

The drugs were discovered and tracked from Hong Kong, leading to the arrest of four men in January. But the seizure is just the tip of the iceberg.

“Methamphetamine poses by far the greatest threat to the Australian public of all illicit drug types, and by a significant

margin,” said Australian Crime Commission N.S.W. State Manager Warren Gray.

Authorities are locked in a deadly war to prevent ice and other destructive

overstatement to say that it could bring us to our knees as a nation,” wrote Australian Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione in Australia’s *Daily Telegraph* (March 31, 2015).

Highly purified meth can enslave users on a single

few can break free; and those who do, carry the mental and physical scars.

According to the Australian Drug Foundation, 7 percent of Australians age 14 and older have tried methamphetamines one or more times. On average, young Australians between 14 and 24 try meth for the first time at 18.6 years old. Of 12-to-17-year-olds, 2.9 percent have tried amphetamines.

There is a key to winning the drug war, as *Trumpet* managing editor Joel Hilliker wrote June 25, 2008: “We must lead, and provide our own children with, a life worth living. Nurture their dreams and encourage their ambitions. Expose the empty, violent, seedy

wasteland that is substance abuse. Give them hope and a spiritual foundation upon which to build a productive life.” ■



illegal narcotics from hitting Australian streets. “[I]f we don’t adequately address this problem, it’s not an

hit. While addicts often have themselves to blame for the addiction in the first place, even if they have a change of heart,

trust not in a legal framework that protects their freedom, but in authoritarian politicians.

We must see what is happening in America as God does. He does not blame Barack Obama or any other politician to the same extent that many

political commentators do. In the end, these nation-destroying problems are actually *correction from God* to help us see our sins and repent. The spirit of lawlessness that has taken hold in America can only end in the erosion of our freedoms. We must realize that there is no freedom without law. We

must also realize that there is no hope in man. Once the failures of human rule have reached their climax, God will intervene. “The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ” (Revelation 11:15). Then God be able to teach us the way to true peace, joy and prosperity! ■



**M**ANY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES REPUBLICAN Party are yearning for the day when one of their own can undo the unconstitutional reforms of the Democrats’ über-presidency. In their quest to fight against the agenda of President Barack Obama, many Republicans are turning to real-estate developer and reality TV celebrity Donald J. Trump.

In his campaign, Trump has painted himself as a man on a white horse, a hero who can save America through strength, cunning and the art of the deal. He has not pointed people back to the Constitution or any other legal framework. He has only asked people to trust him to make better decisions than President Obama.

During a speech Mr. Trump gave at a Super Tuesday rally, a reporter asked him how he would deal with Congress if he became president. In light of the dangerous precedents set in the current presidency, Trump’s response was sobering. “I’m going to get along great with Congress,” he said. “Paul Ryan, I don’t know him very well, but I’m sure I’m going to get along great with him. And, if I don’t, he’s going to have to pay a big price.”

Instead of trying to return America to constitutional principles and the rule of law, it seems a huge number of America’s voters want to fight fire with fire. Instead of trying to reverse the concentration of power into the office of an über-president, supporters of Trump hope to use that power for their own agenda. Why else support a man who publicly promises to use tactics of demagoguery to circumvent constitutionally elected members of the legislature?

It seems Congress wouldn’t be the only organization “to pay a big price” if Mr. Trump is elected. At a rally in February, Trump vowed revenge on the U.S. press, promising to enact strict libel laws if elected. “I’ll tell you what, I think the media is among the most dishonest groups of people I’ve ever met,”

he said. “They’re terrible. ... I’m going to open up our libel laws so when they write purposely negative and horrible and false articles, we can sue them and win lots of money. We’re going to open up those libel laws. So that when the *New York Times* writes a hit piece, which is a total disgrace, or when the *Washington Post*, which is there for other reasons, writes a hit piece, we can sue them and win money instead of having no chance of winning because they’re totally protected.”

At another rally, Trump bragged that he could get away with murder. “I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn’t lose voters,” he said at a campaign event in New York City in January. Even joking about something like this reveals an attitude of being above the law. When voters start supporting “their” candidate above the rule of law, the nation is in grave danger.

While Mr. Obama’s policies may not carry over to the next president, the powers of the über-presidency will!

In the ancient Roman Republic, a demagogue named Lucius Cornelius Cinna almost became dictator of Rome. To stop him and his successors, the Senate eventually appointed Lucius Cornelius Sulla Felix as *dictator legibus faciendis et reipublicae constituendae causa* (dictator for the making of laws and for the settling of the constitution).

The Romans found out the hard way that you can’t return to limited government by electing a strongman. Sulla used his dictatorial powers to slaughter his political rivals, setting the stage for a civil war that led to the rise of Julius Caesar. In less than a century, Rome morphed from a *constitutional republic* to a *dictatorship of god-emperors*.

A grand lesson we can learn from history is that once the habit of disregarding legality begins to spread, the RULE OF LAW begins to collapse. The end result is always the tyrannical RULE OF MEN.

**ANDREW MILLER**



# A Solid, Simple Nutrition Principle

Want to eat healthy? Eat whole. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**C**ONFUSED BY ALL THE CONFLICTING ADVICE ON FOOD AND nutrition out there? Don't be. Healthy eating is simple. Here is one rock-solid principle to remember:

As much as possible, eat foods that God created you to eat, the way He created them.

God created us to need food, and He created food to fulfill that need. He made our bodies to benefit the most from food that is in the form He created it. Man cannot make anything that God made any better.



**JOEL HILLIKER**

For example, God made apples. An apple is a wonderful food. Ingredients list: apple.

If you want to make apples more of a treat, make applesauce. Just slice the apples, cook them for about eight hours, season them if you wish with cinnamon or nutmeg, puree and enjoy.

Food manufacturers, however, are more interested in *profit* than in your *health*. They will use anything they can to make their food look better, taste better, last longer, and cause you to crave more. Mott's "Strawberry Flavored Applesauce" has these ingredients: apples, high fructose corn syrup, water, strawberry puree, natural flavor, ascorbic acid, Red 40. That is a not-so-wonderful "food" engineered to benefit Mott's stockholders more than your body.

As much as possible, avoid processed, refined foods: refined sugar, white flour, refined vegetable oils, canned foods (unless you do your own canning), condensed milk, pasteurized milk, skim and low-fat milk, hydrogenated fats, additives and artificial sweeteners. Most of these are loaded with chemicals, preservatives, taste enhancers and colorings that God did not create for us to consume. *People* have created them to sell food and make money.

When you are at the store, remember: If it is in a can or a box that came out of a factory, it probably comes with problems.

Read nutrition labels. Many of them contain a long list of unpronounceable ingredients that come from chemistry laboratories, not grandma's kitchen (even though it may say "Grandma's Kitchen" on the front): emulsifiers, polysorbate 20, potassium propionate, azodicarbonamide enzymes, propylene glycol alginate and so on.

If you do buy something that comes in a box or a can, choose the product with the fewest ingredients—preferably six or fewer recognizable, pronounceable ingredients.

Modern food production has created a lot of allergies. Food sensitivities and allergies can wreak havoc on your system.

You might be suffering from food allergies without realizing it, so you are hurting yourself every time you unknowingly eat an allergen.

This even extends to basic foods that God created but that have been processed by food factories, especially these items: milk, eggs, wheat, soy, peanuts, tree nuts (almonds, cashews, walnuts) and fish (bass, cod, flounder). If you are often unwell, try getting off all of these ingredients and see how you feel. Then add them back one at a time to see which one makes you worse.

"Eat only those natural foods that will spoil, and eat them before they do," wrote educator Herbert W. Armstrong. If you keep this rule in mind, you will eat far less refined food and processed food loaded with preservatives. You'll eat far more fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meats and whole grains.

Educate your taste buds to enjoy food as God made it. Train yourself to enjoy whole food for desserts (fruit and nuts, for example) and healthier desserts—cakes and cookies with whole flours and whole sweeteners. The more you eat them instead of processed junk food, the more you will enjoy them.



When you eat whole foods, your body will assimilate nutrients better. For example, when you eat whole grain whole wheat, you are eating the bran and germ that contains almost all the vitamins, minerals and enzymes that help you digest the starchy part (the endosperm). When you eat refined wheat, your body still needs those vitamins, minerals and enzymes to digest the starchy part, but they have been removed; only the starchy part remains. This means that your body has to pull those vitamins, minerals and enzymes from your own bones, tissues and organs in order to digest it. When you eat a refined product, not only are you missing out on the wonderful nutrients God created in it, you are actually robbing your body of those nutrients!

God's whole foods give you nutrients. Man-made counterfeits take nutrients from you. Eat whole wheat rather than refined flour, whole grain pasta, brown rice rather than white rice, whole fruits and vegetables with the skins.

Don't let the cacophony of conflicting nutritional advice confuse you. Start simple: **EAT WHOLE FOODS.**

**Surely if you believe in an Almighty God who is both omnipotent and all-powerful, then you have to accept that the death of Scalia had something to do with Him (“Scalia’s Death and the ‘Living Constitution,’” [theTrumpet.com/go/13614](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13614)).**

**Phil Harris**

**Iran’s nuclear deal**

Most clear and concise description of how bad this deal is that I have seen (“The Worst Foreign-Policy Blunder in American History,” [theTrumpet.com/go/13615](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13615)). Thank you.

**J.T.**

Mr. Flurry, I believe that you are 100 percent right about Iran and its evil intentions. Why can’t our leaders see it? Is it because of their greed and lust for power? I think so. Mankind has to live through its darkest day before it can see its brightest.

**Daniel Pawlak** GEORGIA

**Playing God**

It is so true: We start out wanting only the good, but when the threats start or the possibility of more for the self presents itself, as humans we will most likely give in to the pulls (“Genetically Modified Humans Coming Soon,” [theTrumpet.com/go/13616](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13616)). Also, the likelihood that the military already has scientists working at a fast pace to come up with their own answers to the threat or possible benefits is very high as it would be naive not to.

**Deborah Rush** BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Frightening! Instead of obeying God, once again scientists are trying to play God. Man can’t regulate what he has and now this.

**Rory Harper** BAHAMAS

**Getting along**

Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind (“A Greater Role for Nuclear Weapons,” [theTrumpet.com/go/13618](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13618)). When you go into other nations and create coups and destabilization you will only create hatred and more wars—not less.

**Katherine**

**Love story**

One of the greatest love stories I have ever read! (“The Man Who Moved a Mountain,” [theTrumpet.com/go/13619](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13619)). He has true love for his wife and family and true love for his fellowman. That Dashrath Manjhi would selflessly give away 22 years of his life, despite personal hardship and ridicule, to so many others has humbled me, and brought me to tears. Now I love this man, whom I have met only through this publication. And I know that at least a little good still exists in this world.

**Anna Maria Wendy Matyas**



What a beautiful and inspiring story of sacrifice, service and giving! Thanks for bringing it to us. Indeed there are many lessons for us to learn from this account of one man and his dedication to a goal firmly fixed in his mind to achieve.

**Anita Underwood** AUSTRALIA

Absolutely astonishing. Thank you so very much for sharing this story. It is amazing just what a person is able to accomplish when they have their mind completely set on something. Very moving, wonderfully written.

**Georgia Frost** FLORIDA

**Bloody Charlemagne**

It is such a great deception that many want a leader and a government like the bloody Charlemagne (“Looking to Charlemagne,” [theTrumpet.com/go/13623](http://theTrumpet.com/go/13623)). When it arises, the pope will give his blessing. They will cause the death of billions. What is the spirit that guides them?

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# Free Money for Everyone!

Is this a bogus scam or Canadian public policy?  
It's both. **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

**W**HAT IF THE GOVERNMENT PAID YOU JUST TO EXIST? You could just sit on your couch year round, and paychecks would just magically arrive: \$20,000 per year. Sounds like another fraudulent “make money from home” sham cluttering your e-mail inbox.

But Ontario is hoping to make this reality.

During its last budget, the Canadian province of Ontario announced that it will begin testing a guaranteed basic income scheme. It plans to send every citizen in a yet to be announced city a government check. Premier Kathleen Wynne said her government would “test a growing view at home and abroad that a basic income could build on the success of minimum-wage policies and increases in child benefits by providing more consistent and predictable support in the context of today’s dynamic labor market.” Canada’s freshman Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says he is interested in extending the concept nationally.

Supporters say that in an age of increasing technology where jobs are being replaced by machines and many people are unable to compete, the government must redistribute the wealth. They say basic income schemes will *reduce* welfare budgets by simplifying and eliminating bureaucracy. All other welfare programs—food stamps, housing aid, utility supplements, etc.—will be replaced with a single lump check to each citizen to spend as they please.

But who is going to pay for it? Advocates say high-income earners and corporations should pay a little more to the government, then the government can finance the lives of its citizens. Forget that higher taxes means slower economic growth, which means fewer jobs, which means higher unemployment. After all, who needs to work when you get a government check?

How many people would keep working if they could instead go fishing or watch movies all day?

Don’t worry, say advocates—there is no proof free money leads to laziness. In fact, one project conducted during the 1970s in Dauphin, Manitoba, found that people actually become healthier when they were given free money. The government cash resulted in fewer work-related injuries and emergency room visits due to car accidents or domestic

abuse. There were also far fewer mental-health-related visits to doctors. The researchers aren’t quite sure why it happens, but it does, they assure us.

Another study found that giving parents of poor children an extra \$4,000 per year caused the children to have fewer behavioral and emotional disorders. It made them more conscientious and agreeable. Again, researchers don’t understand the connection, but they know it’s there.

And to top it off, every place on Earth where a basic income has been tried, it has been a resounding success. The *Independent* cites two villages in India and “some parts of South America” that were “all successful.”

So now our eyes are on Ontario. But other nations are experimenting too. Switzerland is set to vote on adopting a basic income: \$2,500 per month for adults and \$625 for children. Denmark, Finland and the Netherlands have similar schemes in various stages of planning. Even in America, home of individualism and free-market capitalism, the calls for a basic income are growing. What is free college and paying off student loans, if not a free government check?

Former United States Labor Secretary Robert Reich says a basic income scheme “would allow people to pursue whatever arts or avocations provide them with meaning, thereby enabling society to enjoy the fruits of such artistry or voluntary efforts. We would thereby create the kind of society John Maynard Keynes predicted we’d achieve by 2028—an age of

technological abundance in which no one will need to work” (emphasis added).

Won’t it be great if no one has to work?

You can know the answer if you have a basic understanding of human nature. How many parents give their kids several hundred dollars per month, regardless of

what they do, to spend on their hearts’ desires? Responsible parents know what the obvious result would be. They want their children to learn that success and failure is related to drive, resourcefulness, education, being goal-oriented, health and perseverance. They want their children to be happy—but they know that financing a life of license and leisure is the straight path to the rehab center or correctional system.

Common sense is backed up by the Bible, which teaches that work is an essential aspect of social development and character building. King Solomon warned that poverty comes to those who don’t work hard (Proverbs 6). The Apostle Paul wrote, “If you don’t work, you don’t eat.” In 1 Timothy 5:8, he wrote that if a man doesn’t provide for his own household, he has denied the faith.

When we depart from biblical principles, disaster ensues. That’s a law that can’t be avoided. True at the personal level, it is amplified at the national level.

This grand experiment called the basic income scheme will not produce more prosperity or happiness. It is guaranteed to produce the very kinds of social ills society wishes to avoid. Even if you really, really want one, there is no such thing as a free lunch. A “free” basic income will come at a very high cost. ■



wrote Herbert W. Armstrong back in 1961. "There is much talk of cooperation. THAT IS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT!" (*Plain Truth*, October 1961). That trend has rapidly accelerated in recent years. In America, Protestant opposition to the pope has melted away to a dramatic degree. The Catholic Church is making great strides in unifying different Christian groups in Europe.

Other biblical prophecies reveal that the United States is in grave danger! Believe it or not, Satan the devil is unleashing a multipronged attack on what has until recently been the most powerful single nation in history. He is working within the population by encouraging sin and perversion. He is turning factions within our people against one another, stirring hatred and violence that are tearing us apart. He is working from within the nation through leaders that are destroying America's values and embracing lawlessness and corruption. At the same time, he is fomenting hatred among America's enemies, empowering them to aggressively work against the nation's interests.

Through all of these means, the devil is working to cripple this once-great nation and bring it to its knees.

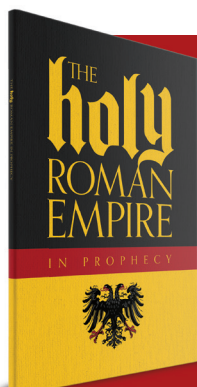
And when the time is right, he will inspire a new global superpower to deliver the knockout blow!

"If you look at the whole story in biblical prophecy, you see that Satan has a three-pronged attack," I wrote in my free booklet *America Under Attack*. "First, he attacks God's Church. Second, he tears down the values within the nations of Israel. Finally, he will bring the Holy Roman Empire to destroy those nations in the Great Tribulation. That is Satan's master plan for destroying spiritual and physical Israel!"

Biblical prophecy reveals the mortal threat that a Vatican-inspired, unified Europe will pose to the United States in the near future.

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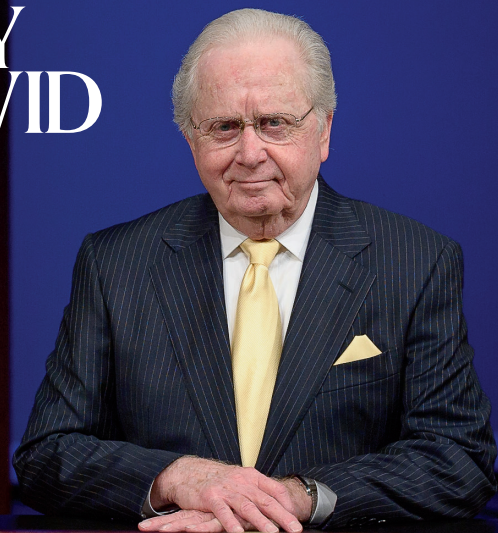
The pope is making an extremely dangerous foray into American politics. Bible prophecy shows us how dangerous this institution is. When it makes a power play like this, we must sit up and pay attention, and recognize the seriousness of the times!



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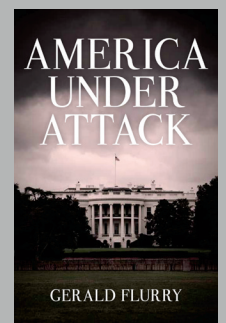
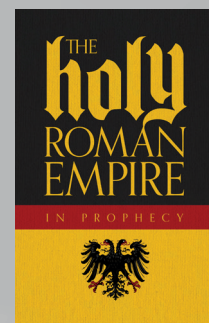
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