

## Trump Fails on COVID-19 and Global Warming

Trump's complete failure to contain the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a tremendous increase in COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. Trump's most grievous blunders include his late response in acknowledging the seriousness of the pandemic, failure to provide a scientific based containment plan that includes adequate testing, contact tracing, and site specific containment of hot spots.

In January 2020, many other countries began procurement of PPE, and formulating testing, and containment plans. Conversely, in late March 2020, Trump was still stating that "it's no big deal", "it will magically blow away in a month or two", and his favorite go-to defense - "it's fake news."

Trump has failed to enact the Defense Production Act for the production of reliable test kits, because he knows that if the general public and state governors realize that the virus is still on the rise, they will delay the opening up the states' restrictions. That will greatly impede the recovery of our economy and eliminate any chance of his re-election. He could care less about the increase of COVID-19 deaths.

Another blunder that Trump and his ultra-conservative Republican cronies are making is the complete denial of global warming. Trump's response is "global warming is a hoax promoted by the Chinese." That blunder could present an even greater crisis to future generations. The global devastation caused by sea level rise and climate change could make the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic look like a cake walk. This is just another indication that Trump is a very dangerous, incompetent and corrupt president. Please remember this in November.

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## Curbing COVID-19

Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson famously observed in 1949 that the U.S. Constitution is not "a suicide pact." What he meant was that while certain fundamental rights and liberties are guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, they can't be interpreted in such a way that causes harm to others.

Religious freedom is one of our core rights. But it is not absolute. Religious freedom, for example, can't be used as a shield to excuse criminal activity. Nor can it be used to cause harm to others. Similarly, you can't threaten the health and well-being of your neighbors or community just because you believe your faith commands it.

To curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, government officials have issued stay-at-home orders, exempting essential activity. Additionally, gatherings larger than 10 have been banned.

Most religious leaders have responded with grace and creativity because they know that holding services would be dangerous to their congregants. But a small number of religious leaders are behaving irresponsibly and continue to hold in-person services. Several COVID-19 outbreaks have been traced to events held in houses of worship.

The U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that laws designated to protect public health and safety are legal as long as they are applied in a neutral and equal fashion. Thus, if all other public gatherings are shut down but those of a religious nature are exempted, it gives religious events a benefit that is not available to similarly situated secular events. That's unconstitutional.

No one likes the current situation and we all want to get back to normal life as soon as possible. As we've seen, religious leaders are quite capable of adapting to our current situation without neglecting their faith communities. Those who are resisting bans on large gatherings are making that more difficult by facilitating the spread of COVID-19.

No one at any level of government should allow that to continue.

Janean Lanier

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Doll's Left-Wing Bias Exposed

Julie Doll's March 22 op-ed portrayed Republicans as encouraging people to ignore the COVID-19 precautions, and her Democrat Party biases were readily apparent. She implies that the American populace should value the opinions and advice of so-called experts (since experts are always right and never wrong).

Doll implies that we should not ever question experts--especially if their opinions and advice align with the Democrat Party propaganda. It's not what the Democrats like Doll tell you. It's what they don't tell you that you need to be concerned about.

For example, Doll likes to "flavor her coffee" by saying how wrong conservatives (Republicans) like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Trish Regan, and Fox News are, while giving passes to such "unbiased" liberals as Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, Adam Schiff, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, and the "unbiased" news "reporting" of Rachel Maddow, Don Lemon, Anderson Cooper, et. al. at MSNBC and CNN.

Doll excoriates the aforementioned Republicans as "chuckleheads" because she says they weren't "advising Americans to take precautions to avoid illness" (from COVID-19).

And now for the "rest of the story", as the late Paul Harvey would say. What Doll intentionally and conveniently doesn't tell you is that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi on Feb. 24 told her California constituents and tourists to come to Chinatown since COVID-19 wasn't that big a threat. Mayor de Blasio on March 13 said that COVID-19 wasn't worse than the ordinary flu. And even "expert" Dr. Anthony Fauci initially downplayed how serious COVID-19 was. In this op-ed, Doll refers

to Republicans as “chuckleheads.” Then Democrats must be “knuckleheads.”

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Groundwork to Tyranny

Every day some commentator tells us what we already know, that we are going to make it through this virus. My concern is will we recover our civil liberties from heavy-handed predominantly leftist governors who have used this overreaction to abuse our constitutional liberties.

When I see a mother harassed for arranging a play date for her child in Wisconsin, a man in cuffs because he dared walk in a public park or public beaches closed by California's governor-thug who has an unnatural fondness for illegal aliens, I realize why we have a second amendment.

The groundwork to tyranny is being laid like it always is, in the name of the people. Ask the shop owners who are being driven out of business what tyranny looks like. Look at the statistics for states that didn't lock down in contrast to the ones that did and the pandemic modeling of alleged experts that proved to be so wrong. What is taking place is a power grab by leftist authoritarians who, in my opinion, place greater value on the Chinese paradigm than that of our founders and are potentially more virulent than the virus itself.

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Regression

We have regressed to the horrors of the 1800's when factory workers had no rights and were worked in terribly dangerous conditions. If they died they were easily replaced. They had no personal value. And here we are again, let them die, there are plenty more of them available. We – the “inspiration of the world” We – the “champions of Christ's teachings”. Really?

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Kindness being shown

So many acts of generosity, so much kindness has been shown during this time of pandemic.

There have been countless hours of caring for people ill with the virus, of weeping as they die, alone except for the presence of their caregivers.

We have seen so much self-giving by the parents of children now excluded from regular schooling by this dreaded scourge.

We empathize with all of them, especially those who have had to endure confinement alone, the elderly and prisoners who had no one to even talk to them.

May our joy be full one day as we celebrate the end of the COVID-19 virus. And to God be all the glory, now and forever, Amen.

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Can we be more considerate please?

Considerate is defined as: "Careful not to cause inconvenience or hurt to others. Ex: "the quietest, most considerate tenants possible." Syn: unselfish, thoughtful, patient, sympathetic."

I hope we can start being more considerate, no matter our views of individual freedoms. And not just safe distancing and wearing a mask to protect others. I'm talking about ordinary public behavior.

As a start: drivers using neighborhood side streets as thru-traffic shortcuts vs designated thoroughfares like Main, 17th, Lorraine, 30th Avenue. It's selfish and inconsiderate.

Neighborhood streets are neither designed nor purposed for thru traffic. They are for access to, and use of, the residents that live in that neighborhood. Period. It doesn't matter if you're taking your kid to school, going to/from work, whatever. There's no excuse for using them as a thru-traffic shortcut to get where you are going.

It's also unsafe. Those residents like using their streets to walk, jog, walk dogs and baby strollers, ride bikes, etc., which they have a right to do more than you have a right to be inconsiderate.

And don't get uppity if you get dirty looks from them. Remember, you're not supposed to be there. You wouldn't like it if they disrupted your neighborhood while you wanted to relax.

Plus, wherever you enter or exit their neighborhood, it disrupts the flow of traffic for those properly using the thoroughfares, and doesn't save you much time anyway, making you inconsiderate and stupid.

Finally, if you're aware of the problem and in a position of personal or civic leadership power to do something about it but deliberately dismiss it to avoid helping, that is also inconsiderate.

I vow to be more considerate by not using your neighborhood as a shortcut. Will you do the same for others?

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## The People Behind Flynn's Removal Exposed

Former U.S. President Barack Obama and people in his administration have been exposed due to the release to the American public of documents by at least 39 members of his administration—headlined by his vice-president and presumptive Democrat Party presidential candidate Joe Biden. Other top officials who were complicit in this greatest scandal in American history were John Brennan, James Clapper, Andrew McCabe, Susan B. Rice, Peter Strzok, and others who unmasked former National Security Advisor, Mike Flynn. Flynn held this job for less than a month due to a crooked and rigged setup against him largely orchestrated by McCabe and Strzok.

A good name for this crooked setup is Spygate or Obamagate. There is no way that Obama didn't know about this. Flynn was definitely spied upon by members of Obama's administration.

Trump's 2016 presidential election has interrupted the socialist-Marxist Democrat Party's agenda to eliminate the influence of Judeo-Christian values. They also want to do away with our Constitution's 2nd amendment which gives Americans the right to own guns.

The Democrat Party relies on the propaganda of TV networks ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC, and CNN as well as the New York Times and Washington Post to politicize the facts of this revelation.

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