

**TRUMP TRIUMPHS:  
OUTSIDER MOGUL CAPTURES THE  
PRESIDENCY, STUNNING CLINTON  
IN BATTLEGROUND STATES**

(11/9/16 The New York Times)

# **The Elite Got It Wrong. Trump's Supporters Want You to Know Why** (NBC News 11/9/16)

The polls were wrong — all of them. So were the experts, the political consultants and the seasoned officials in both parties who predicted Donald Trump would lead his party to ruin. So were the markets, which had anticipated a Hillary Clinton victory and crashed overnight as her electoral firewall caught ablaze. So was every living president and past presidential nominee of both parties, save Bob Dole, all of whom opposed Trump. So was this reporter and so many like him — and Trump told me as much. When Trump appeared at an early New Hampshire showcase for likely presidential candidates in April 2014, the only reference I made to him in my story was a snarky passing mention that he spoke along with the “top-tier” contenders. Later, he sent me a handwritten note saying he “got the biggest response (by far) + standing ovation.” Trump went on to win the New Hampshire primary with ease.

# Donald Trump Is Elected President in Stunning Repudiation of the Establishment

(NYT 11/9/16)

Donald John Trump was elected the 45th president of the United States on Tuesday in a stunning culmination of an explosive, populist and polarizing campaign that took relentless aim at the institutions and long-held ideals of American democracy. The surprise outcome, defying late polls that showed Hillary Clinton with a modest but persistent edge, threatened convulsions throughout the country and the world, where skeptics had watched with alarm as Mr. Trump's unvarnished overtures to disillusioned voters took hold. The triumph for Mr. Trump, 70, a real estate developer-turned-reality television star with no government experience, was a powerful rejection of the establishment forces that had assembled against him, from the world of business to government, and the consensus they had forged on everything from trade to immigration.

# **Victory for Life: Trump Wins - and so do our Children!** (11/9/16 Operation Rescue)

Washington, D.C. - In a blow to the corrupt political establishment that has for years propped up a failing Abortion Cartel, Donald J. Trump has seized an unlikely, but welcome victory in the 2016 Presidential Election. Operation Rescue favored the Trump/Pence ticket because of detailed promises to appoint pro-life justices to the Supreme Court, defund Planned Parenthood, ban abortions after 20 weeks, and permanently encode the Hyde Amendment to block the use of tax money to pay for abortions. With Republicans also maintaining control of the House and Senate, roadblocks to thrown up by the pro-abortion Obama Administration over the past eight years that have thwarted pro-life legislation have now been removed. "Trump's victory is a victory for every American and for every child yet to be conceived in our great nation," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "We are relieved and grateful to the American people for their wisdom in rejecting Hillary Clinton's radical and barbaric abortion agenda in favor of the Trump-Pence pro-life platform. This gives us great hope for the future.

# **The Clinton dynasty has come to an end**

(11/9/16 McClatchyDC)

With Hillary Clinton's stunning defeat, a force in American political life for nearly four decades comes to an abrupt end.

Bill and Hillary Clinton, a husband-and-wife duo unmatched in U.S. history, brought people across the country into politics, created a vast fundraising network and shaped the nation by holding some of the highest offices in the land.

Clinton, 69, who has made two failed bids at the presidency, is unlikely to be on the front lines of politics again. Her husband, Bill Clinton, 70, a former president who was widely expected to be the first husband to accompany his wife to the White House, likely will return to philanthropic efforts at his family's foundation.

# **Trump Reveals Policy Goals: "Building That Wall", End "War On Coal", Repeal Obamacare, Dismantle Dodd-Frank**

(11/10/16 Zero Hedge)

On his transition website GreatAgain.gov, the Trump team has laid out the framework of his initial policies with policies focused i) on American Security including as Defense and National security, Immigration Reform and Building That Wall, and Energy Independence; ii) Getting America Back to Work Again including Tax Reform; Regulatory Reform; Trade Reform; Education; Transportation & Infrastructure and Financial Services Reform; and iii) Government for the people including Healthcare Reform (Obamacare), Veterans Administration Reform and Protecting Americans' Constitutional Rights.

# WikiLeaks not letting up on Clinton, Podesta

(11/9/16 Washington Examiner)

WikiLeaks on Wednesday published a 36th batch of emails from Hillary Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta, just hours after the presidential election concluded with Donald Trump's victory over Clinton. The release, which includes 225 emails obtained from Podesta's personal Gmail account, brings the total released by WikiLeaks to 58,660. The organization began releasing the messages in early October, and claimed at the time to have around 50,000 on hand... The last tweet from WikiLeaks about the messages before the release, sent before polls closed on Tuesday, highlighted a Feb. 23, 2015 exchange in which members of Clinton's campaign discussed "vulnerability study groups" aimed at determining how to deal with Clinton's perceived weaknesses as a presidential candidate.

# Blocks Of Anti-Trump Protest Buses Caught On Tape

(11/14/16 Zero Hedge)

Now, courtesy of a Zero Hedge reader, we have visual confirmation of how a substantial portion of these professional, paid protesters arrive at the site of the protest, in this case Chicago. As our reader notes, "I have a video of 5 city blocks on the West side of Chicago lined with busses from Wisconsin (Badger Bus Lines) bringing in protestors. The Sears tower is visible in the background." The video was taken at 3:30pm on South Canal Street in Chicago on Saturday. As our reader points out, hundreds of the participants that took part in the downtown Chicago protests from November 12 were bused in using these vehicles. Other arrived by train.

# Top Democrat: Trans-Pacific Partnership Dead

(11/10/16 WND)

This year, Donald Trump has not even taken the oath of office and some of those consequences are apparent. For one, Obama's long-sought dream of the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal apparently is dead. That's according to Sen. Chuck Schumer, who likely will be the top Democrat in the incoming Senate.... "Schumer, who has voiced concerns that the deal doesn't do enough to crack down currency manipulation, told CNBC's John Harwood in mid-October that he thought the TPP 'may well get' 51 votes if Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., brought it to the floor in the lame-duck session," the report said. However, with Trump now preparing to move into the Oval Office, his well-known opposition to TPP is exerting more influence. He said last summer, during the heat of the campaign, there appears to be "no way" to fix the deal.

# Donald Trump's victory averted World War Three, top Putin aide claims

(11/11/16 Independent)

One of Vladimir Putin's closest advisors has claimed Donald Trump's victory has averted a third world war. Speaking after Mr Trump won a shock victory over Hillary Clinton on Tuesday, Kremlin advisor Sergei Glazyev said the Democrat politician was a "symbol of war" and under Mr Trump the US had "a chance to change course". He told Russian news wire RNS: "Americans had two choices: World War Three or multilateral peace. "Clinton was a symbol of war, and Trump has a chance to change this course". Relations between the two countries have sunk to their lowest point since the Cold War after Russia was accused of interfering in the election with the strategic leak of emails which were damaging to Ms Clinton and the Democrat party.

# **With Trump in Power, the Fed Gets Ready for a Reckoning** (11/12/16 NYT)

WASHINGTON — ...Today, a Democratic Fed leader is once again bracing to see whether victorious and emboldened Republicans will try to overhaul the central bank. In almost three years as the Fed's chairwoman, Janet L. Yellen has led an aggressive campaign to stimulate economic growth. Donald J. Trump, the president-elect, has embraced criticism that the Fed is causing more problems than it is solving, and he has surrounded himself with advisers who would like to rein in the institution that has the greatest influence over the direction of the nation's economy. Mr. Trump can fill a majority of the Fed's seven-member board with his own nominees over the next 18 months, including replacing Ms. Yellen in February 2018. He also could work with Congress on new constraints, including some form of an old idea on the right that a formula should dictate the Fed's movements of interest rates.

# Why President Trump Will Fumigate the Fed

(11/11/16 [mises.org](http://mises.org))

Starting in January, President-elect Donald Trump will have a unique opportunity to pack the Federal Reserve with hard money officials. There are currently two open Board of Governors seats, which will most likely not be filled before the end of President Obama's tenure. Additionally, both Chair Janet Yellen and Vice-Chair Stanley Fischer's terms will be up by 2018. Crunch the numbers and you will see that Trump has the opportunity to replace a majority of the Board of Governors and a third of the FOMC with monetary policy hawks during his presidency. Call me crazy, but assuming that the Republican-controlled House and Senate stands behind him, I believe that Trump just may shock the financial world by shifting this country's monetary policy in a more hawkish direction.

# Populism against global elite rising worldwide

(Infowars 11/19/16)

The majority of Europeans said they believe “things are going in the wrong direction,” from 41% to 54%, an increase of 13% from 2015, according to an EU commissioned poll. “Europeans feel that their voice counts less and less, both at national and at European level. However, in 26 of the 28 Member States, they felt that their voice counts more in their own country than at the EU level,” the poll, called the Parlemeter, states. On average only 37% of people feel their voices heard in the EU. And in some countries, like Greece, only 31% believe EU membership is beneficial to their country. The UK voted to leave the EU in June, sending a massive blow to the status quo. With rising nationalism driving events like Brexit and the Trump presidency, the global elite are bracing for more countries to abandon their EU membership in the coming months as key elections are decided. Marine Le Pen, leader of France’s nationalist movement, says the momentum from Trump’s stunning victory has greatly increased their chances of winning the upcoming 2017 presidential election.

# **TRUMP POISED TO REVERSE OBAMA'S Politicized "Global Warming" Policies Plans To Bring Energy Jobs Back To Americans**

(11/21/16 SourcesNews)

President Obama's eight-year effort to rein in the energy and mining industries with environmental regulations will likely come to a halt under President-elect Donald Trump, who is poised to green-light key job-creating projects from the Atlantic Coast to Alaska.

With the election of Donald Trump — and a transition team that includes GOP energy lobbyist Mike McKenna and outspoken climate change skeptic Myron Ebell — both sides now see their fortunes reversing amid Trump's promise to rescind Obama's signature Clean Power Plan and jump-start oil, and natural gas projects.

# Man arrested for plotting terror attack on Times Square

(11/21/16 NYPost)

An Uber driver from Brooklyn was busted for plotting a Nice-like attack on Times Square and trying to join ISIS at least five times, feds charged Monday.

Mohamed Rafik Naji, 37, traveled to Turkey and Yemen between March and September of last year in an effort to join the terror group — and soon became obsessed with waging a “violent jihad” after returning to the US, prosecutors said.

In the days after the deadly July 14 truck-and-guns attack in France, Naji was caught on wiretaps discussing carrying out a similar strike in Times Square, the Brooklyn federal court complaint says.

# **New Texas Rules: Aborted Babies Must Now Be Buried or Cremated** (12/1/16 New American)

The Texas Department of State Health Services finalized rules this week that will require healthcare facilities to treat the remains of aborted babies with dignity by requiring that they be buried or cremated and not disposed of in landfills. Pro-life advocates contend that the rules are a step in the right direction in changing how people view abortion, by reminding citizens that an abortion results in the termination of a human life. “Human life is not a commodity or an inconvenience,” Governor Greg Abbott told the Texas Tribune, adding, “I believe it is imperative to establish higher standards that reflect our respect for the sanctity of life. This is why Texas will require clinics and hospitals to bury or cremate human and fetal remains.”

# The war on 'fake news' is all about censoring real news

(NYPost 12/4/16)

Scrambling for an explanation for Donald Trump's victory, many in the media and on the left have settled on the idea that his supporters were consumers of "fake news" — gullible rubes living in an alternate reality made Trump president. To be sure, there is such a thing as actual fake news: made-up stories built to get Facebook traction before they can be debunked. But that's not what's really going on here. What the left is trying to do is designate anything outside its ideological bubble as suspect on its face. In October, President Obama complained that we need a "curating function" to deal with the "wild-wild-west-of-information flow." Who would be doing this "curating" is unclear — but we can guess: "Obviously," Noah Feldman writes at Bloomberg View, "it would be better if the market would fix the problem on its own ... But if they can't reliably do it — and that seems possible, since algorithms aren't (yet) fact-checkers — there might be a need for the state to step in."

In other words, censorship. And whom might the government look to target in this crackdown?

# **The Electoral College plan to stop Trump explained** (Colorado Independent 12/6/16)

The Hamilton Electors believe Trump is unfit for the presidency for a variety of reasons and so they believe they can use their positions in the Electoral College to keep him from becoming president— if enough of them agree to help. Their plan is this: Persuade enough fellow electors to join them in rallying around someone else. Because more national electors are Republicans, they assume the alternative would have to be a Republican. And even as Democrats they are OK with that because it's likely a Republican they might choose— Ohio Gov. John Kasich's name was at the top of the list — would be better than Trump. (Kasich shot down a trial balloon already, saying in a Dec. 6 statement that while the effort is well-meaning, he thought it would divide the country even further. “The election is over,” he said. “Now is the time for all of us to come together as Americans.”) In other words, censorship. And whom might the government look to target in this crackdown?

# Veterans Ask for Forgiveness at Standing

**Rock** ([forbiddenknowledgetv.net](http://forbiddenknowledgetv.net) 12/8/16)

What happened in a ceremony last week may have been too little, too late but it was nonetheless an unexpected, yet a very welcome moment of healing at the Lakota Sioux Standing Rock Reservation. Dozens of US military veterans officially traveled there and asked Native elders for forgiveness, for genocide, stolen land and endless broken treaties, on behalf of the US Military with the Lakota Nation, from the the 19th century to the present. Quoting Wes Clarke, Jr., the son of former Presidential Candidate, US Army General Wesley K. Clark: “We fought you. We took your land. We signed treaties that we broke. We stole minerals from your sacred hills. We blasted the faces of our presidents onto your sacred mountain... We didn’t respect you, we polluted your Earth, we’ve hurt you in so many ways but we’ve come to say that we are sorry. We are at your service and we beg for your forgiveness.”

# **Black Homeless Woman Says Trump Allowed Her to Live in Trump Tower Rent Free For 8 Years** ([beforeitsnews.com](http://beforeitsnews.com) 12/9/16)

A homeless black woman reveals that she has been living in Trump Tower for eight years with the blessings of the Donald himself. Filming from her hotel window, the woman says she originally snuck in the building before becoming a squatter in one of the empty rooms. Police arrived the next day and told the woman to leave or she'd be arrested. "When I told them I would not go, they contacted Mr. Trump over the phone and he came down here. Instead of evicting me off the property, he said that I can stay and it's been eight years I've been here," the woman reveals. "Not only did he not evict me off the property, he made sure that I ate three meals a day by room service and that I get a delivery of fresh flowers every week," she adds. The African-American woman expresses her displeasure at the characterization of Trump as a "bad guy". "If it weren't for him I'd be homeless – I'd be dead right now, I'd be in the street," she says, adding that Trump hasn't asked her to pay a dime.

# Donald Trump Is Building the Most Conservative Presidential Cabinet In U.S.

## History (Newsweek 12/9/16)

A lot was written during the presidential campaign about the end of norms. It was a norm for a presidential candidate to release his or her taxes; now it isn't. It was a norm to divest one's assets and put them in a blind trust; now it isn't. It was a norm for a president-elect to sit through daily or almost daily intelligence briefings; now it isn't.

To understand the new ground that Donald Trump is plowing in terms of his cabinet, look at the Labor Department. The department was established more than 100 years ago under President Howard Taft, a Republican, to separate the labor bureau from the business-oriented Commerce Department, in part to assuage the concerns of a growing union movement. A single secretary of labor and commerce, one union leader said, "was like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Taft was no fan of the department, but he reluctantly signed the law anyway during his last hours in office..

# Joe Biden tamps down 2020 talk: 'Four years is a lifetime in American politics'

(Washington Times 12/11/16)

Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. walked back Sunday his recent comments about eyeing another White House run in 2020, saying that four years is a "lifetime in American politics." Mr. Biden, 74, who has run for president three times and flirted with a run this year, said his age could be an issue and the political landscape could shift dramatically before the next election. "Age could be very much an issue and it could not be. It depends on the state of my health and the health of whomever is running," he said in an interview on CNN's "State of the Union." Mr. Biden ignited speculation about his presidential ambitions last week, when he made a quip to reporters about a run and then left it open to interpretation whether he was joking.

# **Bill Gates says Trump has the opportunity to be like JFK**

(CNBC 12/13/16)

President-elect Donald Trump has an opportunity to establish "American leadership through innovation," Bill Gates told CNBC on Tuesday. "A lot of his message has been about ... where he sees things not as good as he'd like," the billionaire Microsoft co-founder said on "Squawk Box." "But in the same way President Kennedy talked about the space mission and got the country behind that," Gates continued, "I think whether it's education or stopping epidemics ... [or] in this energy space, there can be a very upbeat message that [Trump's] administration [is] going to organize things, get rid of regulatory barriers, and have American leadership through innovation."

# Small Business Owners' Optimism Skyrockets Following Trump Victory

(Bloomberg 12/13/16)

Small businesses seem to like a unified Republican government. President-elect Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. elections is a giant leap for small businesses, according to a survey of their owners. The November reading of the National Federation of Independent Businesses' small business optimism index jumped to 98.4 from 94.9 — its sharpest surge since 2009 — with all of the increase in sentiment coming after the U.S. elections held on Nov. 8. “This month we bifurcated the data to measure the results before and after the election,” explained Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. “The November index was basically unchanged from October's reading up to the point of the election and then rose dramatically after the results of the election were known.”

# Georgia secretary of state says cyberattacks traced to DHS addresses

([wsbtv.com](http://wsbtv.com) 12/15/16)

The Georgia Secretary of State's Office now confirms 10 separate cyberattacks on its network were all traced back to U.S. Department of Homeland Security addresses.

In an exclusive interview, a visibly frustrated Secretary of State Brian Kemp confirmed the attacks of different levels on his agency's network over the last 10 months. He says they all traced back to DHS internet provider addresses.

[WATCH: Sec. of State's office waiting to hear back from Trump administration over apparent hacking]

"We're being told something that they think they have it figured out, yet nobody's really showed us how this happened," Kemp said. "We need to know."

# **Top US Spy Agency Refuses To Endorse CIA's Russian Hacking Assessment Due To "Lack Of Evidence"**

**([conservativenews247.com](http://conservativenews247.com) 12/11/16)**

When the WaPo posted last Friday's story about a "secret" CIA assessment that Russian cyber attacks were aimed at helping Republican President-elect Donald Trump win the 2016 election, the readers of the Bezos-owned publication took it as gospel, despite, as we promptly noted, there being no evidence provided by the CIA, and as we learned today, the FBI openly resisting the CIA's assessment. It now appears that once again the WaPo may have been engaging in "partial fake news", as it did with its Nov. 24 story about "Russian propaganda fake media." According to Reuters, the so-called overseers of the U.S. intelligence community as it supervises the 17 agency-strong U.S. intelligence community, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), while not disputing the CIA's analysis of Russian hacking operations - something which would be unprecedented for the US spy industry and would telegraph just how partisan and broken the country's intelligence apparatus has become - has refused to endorse the CIA's assessment "because of a lack of conclusive evidence" that Moscow intended to boost Trump over Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton.

# IBM offers to hire 25,000 US workers next year (CNBC 12/13/16)

IBM said it will make some heavy investments in its U.S. workforce, hiring 25,000 staffers and spending \$1 billion in training over the next four years, the CEO wrote in the pages of USA Today. But to CNBC, the company said the offer was not a hard commitment, rather a plan to hire up to that many if business conditions allow over coming years. IBM in May told The Wall Street Journal it had more than 20,000 open positions, amid restructuring that reportedly resulted in thousands of layoffs. CEO Ginni Rometty wrote in USA Today that 6,000 IBM workers would be hired next year alone, as Big Blue looks toward an evolving future of work. She said she envisions "new collar" jobs that don't necessarily require an advanced education, but rather could be learned in a modified high school education.

# More Electors Tried To Defect From Hillary Clinton Than Donald Trump (12.19.16 NPR)

Donald J. Trump will be the next president of the United States. That's been the case since Nov. 8, when Trump won 306 electoral votes, despite losing the national popular vote to Hillary Clinton by nearly 3 million. And on Monday, the result was ratified by Electoral College voters, who gathered in state capitols across the United States to formally vote for president. That voting continues, but by early evening, Trump went over the 270 needed, according to the Associated Press, which tracked results from capitol to capitol. That was despite a pitched effort by some on the left who wrote letters to Trump electors trying to persuade them to switch their votes or not vote at all and keep Trump short of the 270 needed. Not only did it not happen, but more electors tried to defect from Hillary Clinton Monday than from Trump, by a count of seven to two, as of Monday afternoon. Three Democratic electors tried to vote for Bernie Sanders instead of Clinton — one in Maine, one in Minnesota and one in Colorado. The electors' votes, however, were disallowed because of state rules binding them to the statewide popular vote winner.

# **Economy Grows at 3.5% Pace in 3Q**

(Foxbusiness 12/22/16)

The U.S. economy grew faster than initially thought in the third quarter, notching its best performance in two years, amid solid consumer spending and a jump in soybean exports. Gross domestic product increased at a 3.5 percent annual rate instead of the previously reported 3.2 percent pace, the Commerce Department said in its third GDP estimate on Thursday. Growth was the strongest since the third quarter of 2014 and followed the second quarter's anemic 1.4 percent pace.

# Trump challenges the world order

(Politico 12/23/17)

President-elect Donald Trump is alarming critics by not only threatening to dispatch with political correctness but also disregarding the basic tenets of world order surrounding nuclear weapons. With a single tweet Thursday and then a follow-up chat with a television broadcaster on Friday, Trump entered the holiday weekend shaking up global affairs by stating an interest in vastly expanding the U.S. nuclear arsenal, even if it means restarting an arms race with Russia. While Trump's statements so far lack much by way of detail, his staff have tried to walk them back, and he also hasn't said how he'd get a Republican-controlled Congress to go along with him. The president-elect has nonetheless alarmed skeptics who warn of a possible major reversal ahead on decades-old U.S. nonproliferation policy.

# Trump Preparing To Rock UN: Strip Organization of Funding, Power For Supporting Palestine, Abortion (IJR 12/26/16)

On Wednesday, the New York Times reported that the Trump administration had begun to craft two executive orders addressing the United Nations and other international organizations, and it looks like they mean business. The first order, titled “Auditing and Reducing U.S. Funding of International Organizations” would eliminate U.S. funding to international organizations that meet any of several criteria set forth in the order....The order also calls to decrease U.S. funding for international organizations by at least 40%, signaling an important shift towards Trump's promised “America first” policy. The second order, titled “Moratorium on New Multilateral Treaties” focuses on reviewing existing and pending treaties, and considering which treaties the United States should withdraw from. The order only applies to multilateral treaties, or treaties including three or more states, and is another push to fulfill Trump's campaign promises to decrease U.S. involvement in the international community in order to focus more on our problems at home.

# George Soros in Panic Mode, Calls Trump 'Con Artist' and "Dictator"

([constitution.com](http://constitution.com) 12/29/16)

If you want to read a breathtaking exercise in arrogance, hypocrisy and shameless self-glorifying propaganda, read this alarmist screed written by George Soros, who seems to be in a full-on panic because he knows that if he can't stop President Trump (whom he dubs a "con artist" and "would-be dictator"), his jig is up. As you would expect from a spectacularly wealthy leftist globalist with access to hordes of speech writers, what he says sounds good upon a passive reading, but any critical assessment that compares Soros' actual history with his palliative spin reveals the lies. "I find the current moment in history very painful," Soros writes. "Open societies are in crisis, and various forms of closed societies – from fascist dictatorships to mafia states – are on the rise. How could this happen?..." Soros laments Hitler and communism, and dictatorships in general, when an honest assessment of his activities over the years reveals he has devoted his life to keeping those legacies and systems alive. George Soros is the source of much of the very evil he claims to oppose. This is a man who will say and do anything at this point to keep the global empire he has been constructing from crumbling, which it began to do with Trump's election.

# CHRISTIANS' HOPES HIGH FOR TRUMP

(WND 12/31/16)

Cultural conservatives are breathing a thankful sigh of relief over the defeat of Hillary Clinton in 2016 and their expectations are sky high for Donald Trump on issues ranging from abortion to religious freedom. “I think that God gave us a second chance, gave us a reprieve and I think there’s a lot of people who believe we have got to take advantage of the first 100 days, the first year, the first two years of this new administration,” said Liberty Counsel Chairman Mathew Staver. But he says conservative activists are taking nothing for granted. “There is going to be high expectation. I don’t think there is going to be anybody sitting back and just assuming that everything will take place on its own. On the other hand, I don’t believe that Christian conservatives are going to be silent if there’s not action. In fact, the future of [Trump’s] presidency and many people in the conservative movement is hanging in the balance,” said Staver.

# Candidates for DNC Top Job: Obama Failed Us

(WSJ 12/22/16)

The top candidates to lead the Democratic National Committee are positioning their campaigns as a repudiation of what they see as the political legacy of President Barack Obama. Though they rarely mention the president by name or address his policies, Labor Secretary Tom Perez and Minnesota Rep. Keith Ellison have sent a clear message that Mr. Obama has left the party in a weakened state. Messrs. Perez and Ellison—along with state chairmen Jaime Harrison of South Carolina and Ray Buckley of New Hampshire, who are also candidates for chairman of the DNC—are seeking a mandate to reverse Obama-era tactics that cut funding and attention to local parties and left Democrats with far less power in Congress, governorships and state legislatures than when his presidency began. “This needs to be the very last cycle in which the presidential candidate takes over the DNC,” said Mr. Harrison, speaking at a forum for candidates earlier this month. “The DNC is not just about winning the presidency. Amen?” The audience, mostly Democratic state party chairs, responded “Amen.”

# China tycoon moves jobs to US, citing high taxes at home

(Yahoo 12/22/16)

Shanghai (AFP) - A Chinese auto glass tycoon has caused a stir by shifting part of his empire to the United States and setting up a factory in Ohio, citing high taxes and soaring labour costs at home. Cao Dewang's \$600-million investment comes after Donald Trump threatened to declare Beijing a currency manipulator and slap 45 percent punitive tariffs on Chinese imports to protect American jobs. The 70-year-old tycoon's decision to open a glass factory in the eastern American state of Ohio in October -- a rare case of jobs being exported from China to the US -- triggered an outpouring of criticism on social media.

# Creator of NSA's Global Surveillance System Calls B.S. On Russian Hacking Report

(Washingtonsblog 12/30/16)

...if Russia hacked the Democratic party emails (from the DNC and top Clinton aide John Podesta) – the NSA would have all of the records showing exactly who did it. We asked Bill Binney what he thought of the new report. Binney is the NSA executive who created the agency's mass surveillance program for digital information, who served as the senior technical director within the agency, who managed six thousand NSA employees, the 36-year NSA veteran widely regarded as a "legend" within the agency and the NSA's best-ever analyst and code-breaker, who mapped out the Soviet command-and-control structure before anyone else knew how, and so predicted Soviet invasions before they happened... Binney tells Washington's Blog: I expected to see the IP's or other signatures of APT's 28/29 [the entities which the U.S. claims hacked the Democratic emails] and where they were located and how/when the data got transferred to them from DNC/HRC [i.e. Hillary Rodham Clinton]/etc. They seem to have been following APT 28/29 since at least 2015, so, where are they?...Too many words means they don't have clear evidence of how the data got to Wikileaks.

# County Ends 'Sanctuary' Policy Before Trump Inauguration

(Breitbart 12/27/16)

A New York sheriff has announced that it will be reversing its sanctuary policy just ahead of President-Elect Donald Trump's inauguration. Suffolk County Sheriff Vincent DeMarco announced that his county will no longer demand a judge's order before detaining an illegal immigrant wanted by federal immigration officials, a major shift away from its previous sanctuary city policy, according to Newsday.

# **BILDERBERG WEBSITE HACKED: 'WE WILL FIND YOU AND WE WILL HACK YOU'**

(Infowars 12/30/16)

Hackers have compromised the website of the Bilderberg group and defaced its homepage. Bilderbergmeetings.org, the official website of the secretive forum, which hosts annual closed-door discussions between leading figures in politics, finance and academia, remained altered Friday with the hackers' manifesto. The hackers, who identified as members of Anonymous, relayed messages both to the public as well as the wealthy "1%." "Dear Bilderberg members, from now on, each one of you have 1 year (365 days) to truly work in favor of humans and not your private interests," the hackers wrote. "Each topic you discuss or work you achieve through your uber private meetings should from now benefit world population and not X or Y group of people."

# Trump is already delivering the jobs he promised America (NYPost 1/1/17)

This week marked another victory for President-elect Donald Trump and his partnership with the American worker. Two companies, Sprint, the wireless provider, and OneWeb, a satellite internet provider startup — both controlled by SoftBank founder and Japanese billionaire Masayoshi Son — announced that they will be adding thousands of jobs here in the US. Sprint will be moving 5,000 jobs to these shores; OneWeb will create 3,000 new jobs. Trump, the businessman, brokered the deal. The news comes a few weeks after the decision by Carrier — which had negotiated with Trump about the matter — to keep 1,100 Indiana jobs that were to move to Mexico. These are real jobs with real benefits. But wait, the naysayers scream. President Obama created 180,000 jobs a month. He did. But 94 percent of those jobs weren't full-time jobs with benefits. They were typically part-time, lower-paying jobs, mostly without benefits. People have to take two or three of those kinds of jobs just to make ends meet. That's not my opinion but the word from Alan Bennett Krueger and Lawrence Katz, whose meticulously researched paper, "The Rise and Nature of Alternative Work Arrangements in the United States 1995-2015," was published last March.

# Leaked audio: Obama wanted ISIS to grow

(WND 1/2/17)

As President Obama reflects on his legacy, a recording of Secretary of State John Kerry conversing with leaders of Syrian opposition groups is casting more light on his approach to ISIS, indicating his administration believed that allowing the Islamic State to grow would serve the White House's objective of ousting Syrian President Bashar Assad. The recording was leaked to the New York Times and reported Sept. 30, but the Conservative Tree House blog this week featured portions of Kerry's statements that were virtually ignored at the time. Regime change was Obama's only objective in Syria, Kerry indicates, and the administration not only hoped ISIS would carry out the task, it gave arms to the jihadist army and its allies, confirming WND's reporting.

# **Hidalgo Co. Deputies Notice Less Activity in Illegal Immigration Hot Spots** (krgv.com 1/3/17)

Local law enforcement said the number of people crossing the border illegally is on the decline. We met with Hidalgo County Precinct 3 deputy constable Joel Contreras for a ride along in Anzalduas Park on Tuesday. They patrol the area on their overtime shifts. During the trip, we found a mother and daughter from Honduras and a Chinese national had been detained by another officer, deputy constable Reynaldo Trevino. Contreras said it isn't unusual to find Chinese nationals crossing with Central Americans. He said many of them don't stay in the Rio Grande Valley, let alone Texas. "Mostly the southern states, and a lot of them (go to) California," he said. The deputy said mostly everyone is trying to reach family members already in the country. Contreras said the area is commonly used for human trafficking. He said it's been years since the last time drugs were found on the tract of land. He added the area is not what it used to be. Deputies noticed a decrease in people crossing towards the end of January.

# Democratic Party Is Losing Its Moderate Members, Says Gallup

(Breitbart 1/3/17)

The number of self-described political moderates in the Democratic Party is shrinking as white Democrats rush themselves to the left, according to a new survey from Gallup. In 2001, just after the departure of President Bill Clinton, self-identified moderates claimed 47 percent of the party, while liberals were only at 30 percent. In 2016, the numbers had flipped to put moderates at 41 percent, and liberals at 44 percent. That was a large 20-point shift, including a 12-point shift during President Barack Obama's two terms.

# **Ford cancels Mexico plant. Will create 700 U.S. jobs in 'vote of confidence' in Trump**

(CNN 1/4/17)

Ford is canceling plans to build a new plant in Mexico. It will invest \$700 million in Michigan instead, creating 700 new U.S. jobs. Ford (F) CEO Mark Fields said the investment is a "vote of confidence" in the pro-business environment being created by Donald Trump. However, he stressed Ford did not do any sort of special deal with the president-elect. "We didn't cut a deal with Trump. We did it for our business," Fields told CNN's Poppy Harlow in an exclusive interview Tuesday. The \$700 million investment will go to the Flat Rock, Michigan plant to produce more electric and self-driving cars. Ford believes electrified vehicles will outsell gas-powered vehicles within the next 15 years.

# "GRISLY, HARDNESS AND CALLOUSNESS TOWARD WOMEN AND INFANTS": THE DAMNING FINAL HOUSE REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO PLANNED PARENTHOOD (CNB 1/5/17)

"Grisly" findings have emerged from in a year-long investigation by the U.S. House of Representatives into Planned Parenthood's practice of selling baby body parts. The House Select Investigative Panel released its final report Wednesday. The investigation was made after pro-life journalist David Daleiden exposed the abortion giant's gruesome practice of selling fetal body parts in a series of undercover videos in 2016. The footage showed the relationship between tissue procurement companies, including StemExpress and several Planned Parenthood abortion clinics. The panel learned that StemExpress and certain abortion clinics may have violated the HIPAA privacy rights of vulnerable women for the sole purpose of increasing the harvesting of fetal tissue to make money. The report also revealed that Planned Parenthood's claims that it made no profit were false. "Over the last year, the Select Panel's relentless fact-finding investigation has laid bare the grisly reality of an abortion industry that is driven by profit, unconcerned by matters of basic ethics and, too often, noncompliant with the few laws we have to protect the safety of women and their unborn children. I have never shied away from my own pro-life views, but the findings of this panel should incense all people of conscience," said Rep. Diane Black, R-Tennessee.

# **Israel cuts \$6 million in U.N. funding over settlements resolution** (Reuters 1/6/17)

Israel said on Friday it would cut \$6 million in funding to the United Nations in 2017 in protest against a U.N. Security Council resolution that demanded an end to Israeli settlement building on land Palestinians want for an independent state. The United States abstained from the Dec. 23 vote, allowing the 15-member Security Council to adopt the resolution with 14 votes in favor. Israel and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump had called for Washington to wield its veto. Israel's mission to the United Nations said funding would be cut to U.N. bodies it described as "anti-Israel," including the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Division for Palestinian Rights...

# PEW RESEARCH FINDS: CONGRESS LOOKS A LOT LIKE IT DID IN 1961-MANY CHRISTIANS

(Charisma News 1/6/17)

Among the 293 Republicans elected to serve in the new, 115th Congress, all but two identify as Christians...

In 1961, John F. Kennedy had just been sworn in as the 35th president of the United States, the Cold War was becoming increasingly warm, the civil rights movement was launched, and the Space Race between the U.S. and Soviet Union was about to aim for the moon and beyond. The report's narrative states: The share of U.S. adults who describe themselves as Christians has been declining for decades, but the U.S. Congress is about as Christian today as it was in the early 1960s, according to a new analysis by Pew Research Center. Indeed, among members of the new, 115th Congress, 91 percent describe themselves as Christians. This is nearly the same percentage as in the 87th Congress (1961 to 1962, the earliest years for which comparable data are available), when 95 percent of members were Christian.

# Toyota announces \$10 billion U.S. investment days after Trump warning (Fox News 1/9/17)

Chalk up another win for the president-elect? Toyota is set to make a \$10 billion capital investment in the U.S. over the next five years, Toyota Motor North America chief executive Jim Lentz said during an interview at the Detroit auto show, Reuters reported. The \$10 billion figure matches Toyota's investments from the previous five years. The move follows similar commitments to U.S. production made by competitors Ford and Fiat Chrysler. Donald Trump on Thursday specifically targeted Toyota in a tweet. "Toyota Motor said will build a new plant in Baja, Mexico, to build Corolla cars for U.S. NO WAY! Build plant in U.S. or pay big border tax," Trump tweeted. On Monday morning, Trump lauded Ford and Fiat Chrysler for their recent announcements in a pair of tweets. "It's finally happening – Fiat Chrysler just announced plans to invest \$1BILLION in Michigan and Ohio plants, adding 2000 jobs. This after Ford said last week that it will expand in Michigan and U.S. instead of building a BILLION dollar plant in Mexico. Thank you Ford & Fiat C!" he tweeted.

# **AUSTRALIA'S FORMER PM CALLS TO CUT AID TO PA, MOVE EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM** (United With Israel 1/3/17)

Abbott added that another way Australia can "demonstrate its unswerving support for Israel, as the Middle East's only liberal, pluralist democracy, might be to join any move by the Trump administration to move its embassy to Jerusalem." The former leader of one of Israel's strongest allies is calling on his country to "demonstrate its unswerving support for Israel, as the Middle East's only liberal, pluralist democracy." Australia's former Prime Minister Tony Abbott has called on his country to cut its aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA) over their funding of terrorism and, if the US does so, to move the Australian embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

# **Alibaba job boom: Jack Ma chats with Trump about how to create 1 million US jobs over 5 years**

(CNBC 1/9/17)

President-elect Donald Trump said he had a "great meeting" with Alibaba executive chairman Jack Ma on Monday, when they discussed 1 million new U.S. jobs.

Ma said that Alibaba's expansion would focus on products like garments, wine and fruits, with a special focus on trade between the American midwest and southeast Asia.

"We're focused on small business," Ma told reporters. "We specifically talked about ... supporting 1 million small businesses, especially in the Midwest of America. Small businesses on the platform selling products — agriculture products and America services — to China and Asia, because we're pretty big in Asia."

**TRUMP ACCUSED SOROS: He is part of a “GLOBAL STRUCTURE OF POWER” that controls the world** (Investmentwatchblog 1/11/17)

Hungary has announced plans to ban billionaire globalist George Soros from the country following Donald Trump's victory in November. The Hungarian government will “crack down” on organizations connected to Soros, according to the deputy head of Prime minister Viktor Orbán's party... “I feel that there is an opportunity for this, internationally,” because of Trump's election, state news service MTI reported Nemeth as saying. Lawmakers will start debating a bill to let authorities audit NGO executives, according to parliament's legislative agenda... Trump also accused the 86-year-old billionaire of being part of “a global power structure that is responsible for the economic decisions that have robbed our working class, stripped our country of its wealth and put that money into the pockets of a handful of large corporations and political entities.”

# Hungary Plans to Crack Down on All Soros-Funded NGOs

(Bloomberg 1/10/17)

Hungary plans to crack down on non-governmental organizations linked to billionaire George Soros now that Donald Trump will occupy the White House, according to the deputy head of Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's party. The European Union member will use "all the tools at its disposal" to "sweep out" NGOs funded by the Hungarian-born financier, which "serve global capitalists and back political correctness over national governments," Szilard Nemeth, a vice president of the ruling Fidesz party, told reporters on Tuesday....Orbán, the first European leader to publicly back Trump's campaign, has ignored criticism from the European Commission and U.S. President Barack Obama's administration for building a self-described "illiberal state" modeled on authoritarian regimes including Russia, China and Turkey. In 2014, Orbán personally ordered the state audit agency to probe foundations financed by Norway and said that civil society groups financed from abroad were covers for "paid political activists."

# The New World Order Has Collapsed

(Lindsey Williams Newsletter 1/9/17)

The beauty of our current situation lies in the sheer unpredictability of it all. A lot of long-term plots and schemes got derailed this past year, and even one of the great architects of the project, Zbigniew Brzezinski, has declared the New World Order agenda obsolete. The Globalists went for too much, too soon, and inadvertently triggered a worldwide populist uprising. Heading into 2017, there are very few safe bets. Certain trends are evident, and a few projections can be made. Barring a wave of suicides and single-car accidents, a tsunami of tell-all books about the Hillary Clinton campaign should hit the shelves by spring. Every excruciating detail of working for a brain-damaged alcoholic closet lesbian psychopath will be revealed. Her vicious temper and open contempt for her staff will become the stuff of political legend. By November, it'll be hard to find anyone willing to admit that they voted for her. I doubt that we'll ever get to the bottom of the Podesta Pizzagate emails. Whatever he's referring to, it sure as hell isn't pizza. Maybe drugs, but it doesn't sound like it. I wouldn't want to be in close proximity to John Podesta. He looks unlucky to me...

# **Amazon says it will create 100,000 full-time jobs in U.S. by 2018** (USAToday 1/12/17)

Amazon will create 100,000 full-time jobs in the United States with full benefits over the next 18 months, the tech giant announced in a statement Thursday. The Seattle-based company says the positions are for workers across the country and across all skill and experience levels. Most of the positions will be at fulfillment centers, including new ones under construction in California, Florida, New Jersey and Texas. The new employees will also work in areas such as cloud technology, machine learning and advanced logistics.

"Innovation is one of our guiding principles at Amazon, and it's created hundreds of thousands of American jobs," Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos said in a statement. "These jobs are not just in our Seattle headquarters or in Silicon Valley — they're in our customer service network, fulfillment centers and other facilities in local communities throughout the country."

# **Lt. Gov. Michael Steele: Obama Left Democrats Decimated with No Bench, as They Continue to Alienate Voters**

(Breitbart 1/13/17)

Michael Steele, former RNC chair and lieutenant governor of Maryland, told Breitbart News Daily SiriusXM host Raheem Kassam that while President Barack Obama may believe his presidency was successful, “the problem is, the American people don’t feel that way.” “In many respects,” added Steele, “the 2016 election was in part a rejection of some of those policies and some of the things the President has done.” Steele said Trump was able to make that dissatisfaction “the cornerstone” of his campaign. As for where the Democrats stand as a whole, Steele said, “Over the eight years that he was President, Barack Obama did nothing to create a bench for the Democrats.” Steele characterized the Democrats’ current response to losing in November as, “Let’s do more of the things that alienated those voters,” predicting a “strong tilt toward the left.”

# **Confirmed: CIA Plans To Stop Trump Inauguration** (Alex Jones Channel 1/13/17)

Alex Jones references articles revealing CIA plan to stop Trump.

“Remedy for Russian meddling should be new election” The Hill.

“Can President Obama Stop Donald Trump From Being President? Martial Law, Faithless Electors, Executive Power Could Block Election Results” International Business Times

# Revealed: The Establishment's Plan to Stop President Trump ([infowars.com](http://infowars.com) 1/14/17)

The establishment is currently devising a multi-faceted plan in order to stop Donald Trump from becoming President of the United States. With less than one week left until the 2017 presidential inauguration, major moves are being made to inject chaos into the ceremony and to challenge the very legitimacy of Trump's election victory. Far left groups and Democrat lawmakers are already preparing and aiding protests that are expected to include tens of thousands of people in D.C. and nationwide. One of the groups, known as #DisruptJ20, has brazenly announced that it intends to stop the notion of a "peaceful transition of power." "We are making the argument that we can ruin the notion that this is a peaceful transition of power," the group's leader told the Washington Examiner. "The first part of the plan involves blocking 'all of the major ingresses into the city especially from the south,' meaning that the protesters intend to make entering the District from Virginia an 'absolute nightmare' by closing highways and stopping trains headed into the city," the Examiner adds.

# Globalists In Exile: 'Party of Davos' a Gloomy Event This Year After Brexit, Donald Trump's Win (Breitbart 1/15/17)

The globalists in world politics and international finance are celebrating a somber occasion in Davos, media reports indicate, as their influence on the global stage is waning rapidly in the wake of the U.K. referendum to leave the European Union and the U.S. election of Donald Trump to the presidency. "The global economy is in better shape than it's been in years. Stock markets are booming, oil prices are on the rise again and the risks of a rapid economic slowdown in China, a major source of concern a year ago, have eased," Reuters' Noah Barkin writes from Davos, Switzerland, at the annual summit of the world's elite. "And yet, as political leaders, CEOs and top bankers make their annual trek up the Swiss Alps to the World Economic Forum in Davos, the mood is anything but celebratory. Beneath the veneer of optimism over the economic outlook lurks acute anxiety about an increasingly toxic political climate and a deep sense of uncertainty surrounding the U.S. presidency of Donald Trump, who will be inaugurated on the final day of the forum." The Sydney Morning Herald's Clancy Yeates has a piece detailing how this year's World Economic Forum at Davos—at which Chinese president Xi Jinping will speak, but German Chancellor Angela Merkel will not—there is a focus on the "backlash" voters worldwide have delivered against globalization.

# National Black Leaders Condemn Promotion of 'Civil Unrest' Against Trump (Breitbart 1/16/17)

A coalition of black pastors is unveiling its national agenda and addressing what it calls “the current sabotage that is inspiring civil unrest against the new president.”

Led by Rev. William Owens (pictured), the Coalition of African American Pastors (CAAP) convened in Washington, D.C. Saturday to formally “denounce racial over tones against President-elect Donald Trump and challenge other black leaders to cease pushing division among people of Color for political expediency.” “Leadership has to be proven,” Owens said. “The current path by Democrats and some Republicans is aimed strategically to disrupt, where in the end, it’s the citizenry that will lose; we need strong leadership to move America forward.”

# Clinton Foundation Shuts Down Clinton Global Initiative (Political Wire 1/16/17)

The Clinton Global Initiative is coming to an end, due to plans to lay off its last group of employees in the next few months, the New York Observer reports. “Clinton partisans defended the organization’s charitable work, and dismissed claims that it served as a means for the Clintons to sell off access, market themselves on the paid speech circuit, and elevate their brand as Hillary Clinton campaigned for the presidency.” “But as soon as Clinton lost the election, many of the criticisms directed toward the Clinton Foundation were reaffirmed. Foreign governments began pulling out of annual donations, signaling the organization’s clout was predicated on donor access to the Clintons, rather than its philanthropic work.”

# **Britain's leader, in a major speech, backed a clean break from the E.U., its single market and its court system (NYT 1/17/17)**

In a speech that holds the potential to define Britain's relations with its neighbors for decades to come, Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday charted a course toward a clean break with the European Union after more than four decades of integration with the Continent. Mrs. May emphasized Britain's determination to regain control of migration from the European Union and rejected the supremacy of the /European court of Justice, even at the risk of losing unfettered access to the single market. The long-awaited speech was a shift for Mrs. May, who had dropped heavy hints about her thinking but had refused to outline publicly how Britain would leave the bloc after voters supported a withdrawal in a June referendum.

# **VP-Elect Mike Pence Will Take the Oath With His Hand on 2 Chronicles 7 in Reagan's Bible** (Charismanews 1/17/17)

Vice President-elect Mike Pence intends to send a message when he takes the oath of office on Friday afternoon, there can be no doubt about that. When he is sworn in, his hand will be on a Bible that hasn't been used in 32 years—the Reagan family Bible used by President Ronald Reagan for all of his swearing-in ceremonies as president and governor. Not only that, but the Bible will be turned to an important piece of scripture, 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

# WhiteHouse.gov Takes Down Climate Page, Puts Up 'America First' Energy Plan (Breitbart 1/20/17)

Observers on Twitter noted Friday afternoon that the White House's page on climate change, a creation of the Obama administration, appears to have been taken down shortly after Donald Trump assumed the nation's presidency. In its stead, the new White House published an explanation of what the Trump team is calling the "America First Energy Plan." At press time, the link to the White House page publicizing a plan to combat climate change leads to a blank page.

**January 20, 2017**

**Trump instituted a national day of patriotism for the country**

**Trump Administration ordered a regulatory freeze on all federal governmental agencies**

**Trump returned the bust of UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill to the Oval Office that Obama removed when he took office.**

**(Conservapedia)**

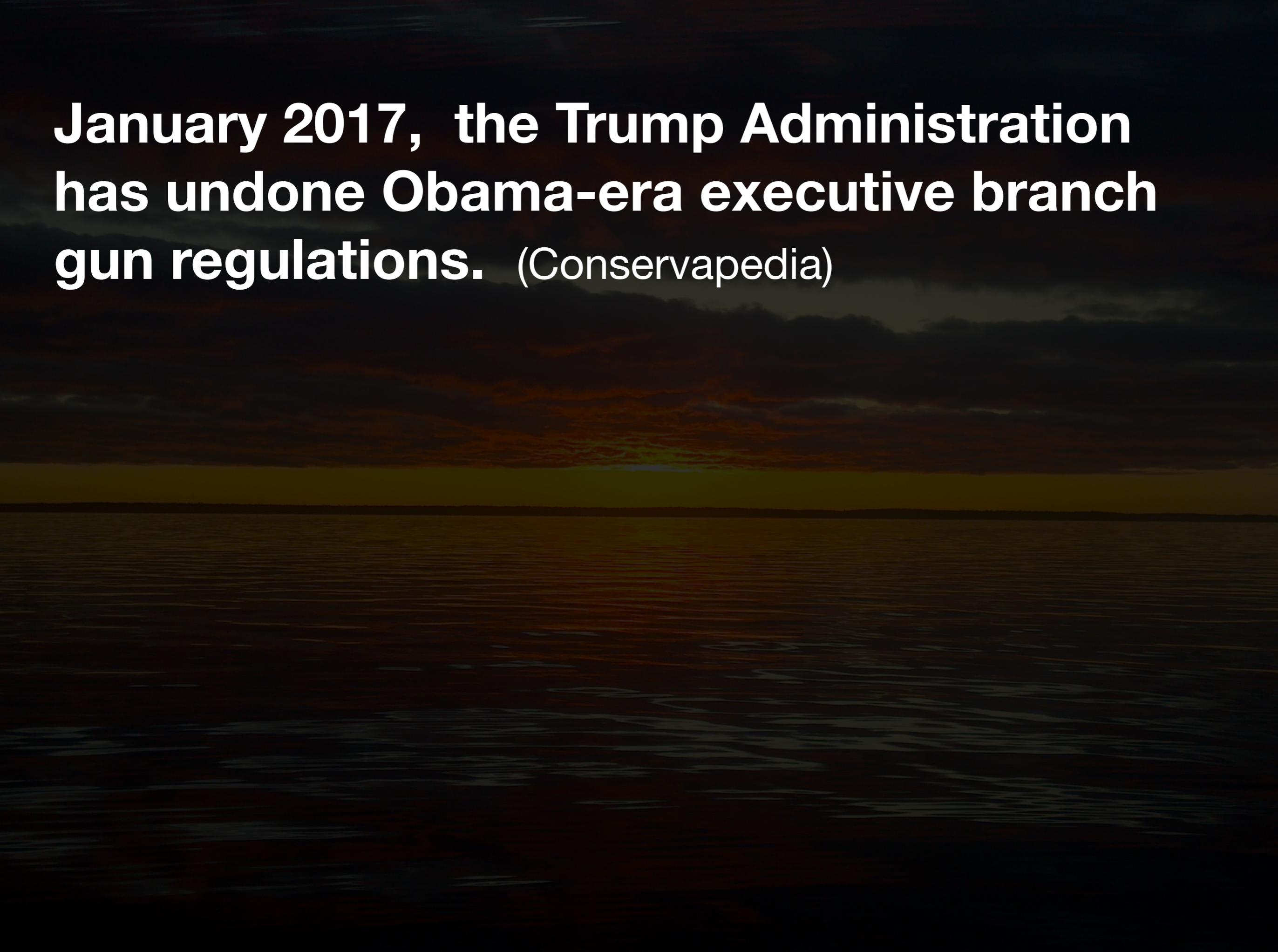
**January 20, 2017**

**Trump became the first president to say "radical Islamic terrorism" in his inaugural address.**

**On the same day as his inauguration, Trump filed for re-election in 2020, breaking the political norm, giving him a head start on campaigning, and giving him additional legal freedoms and flexibility.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**January 2017, the Trump Administration has undone Obama-era executive branch gun regulations. (Conservapedia)**

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# President Trump Keeps Promise, Signs Executive Order Targeting 'Obamacare' (ABC News 1/21/17)

Sitting at the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office for the first time, President Donald Trump signed an executive order "minimizing the economic burden" of Obamacare, and signed commissions for Secretary of Defense James Mattis and Secretary for Homeland Security John Kelly.

Standing at Trump's side were Vice President Mike Pence, senior adviser Jared Kushner, and Chief of Staff Reince Priebus.

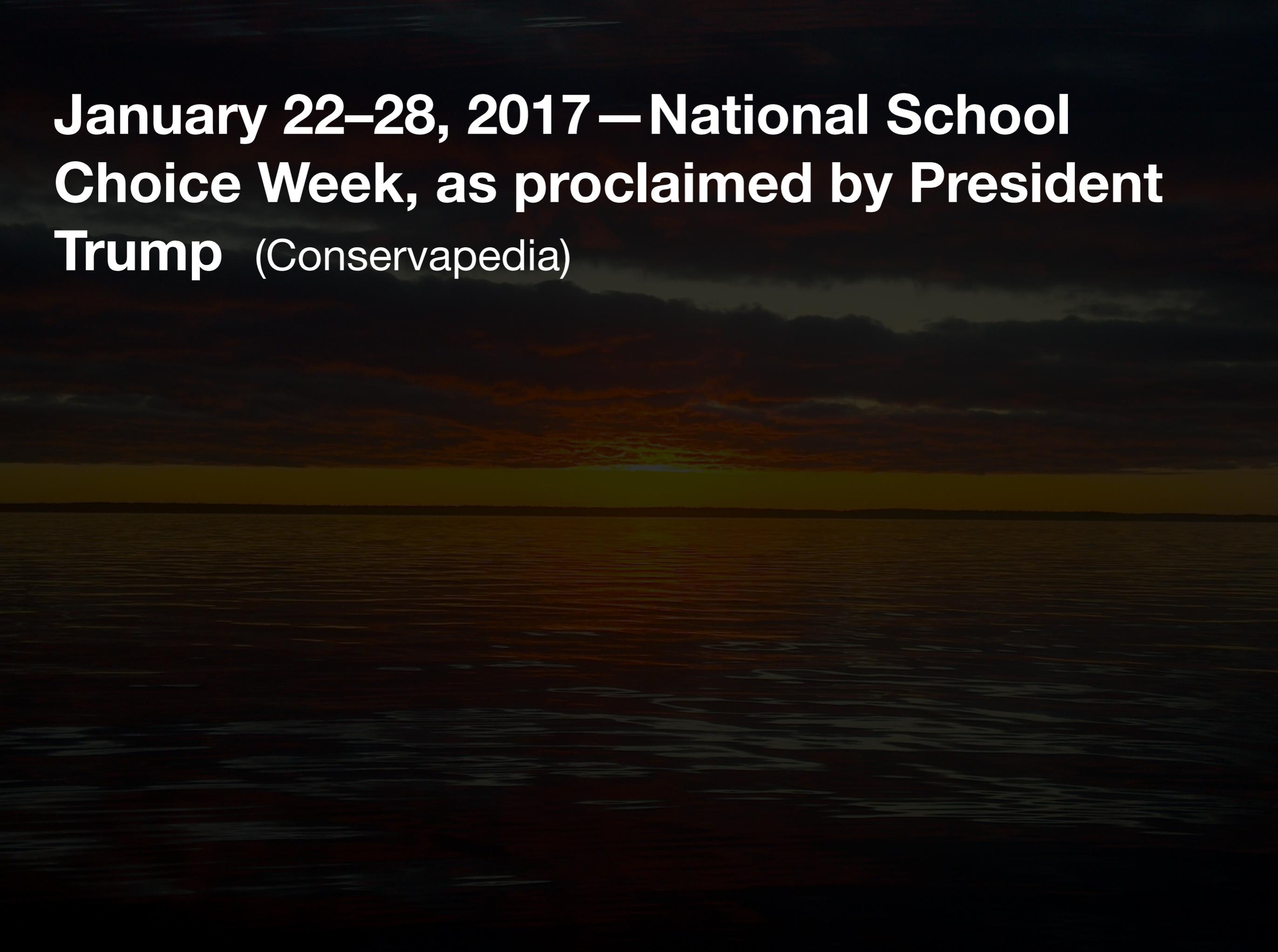
Priebus laid out the executive order on Trump's desk titled "Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Pending Repeal."

# President Trump Declares Independence

## His message to America (Patriotpost 1/21/17)

The inaugural address was utterly and uncompromisingly Trumpian. The man who ran is the man who'll reign. It was plain, unfancy and blunt to the point of blistering...Most important, he did not in any way align himself with the proud Democrats and Republicans arrayed around him. He looked out at the crowd and said he was allied with them. He presented himself not as a Republican or a conservative but as a populist independent. The essential message: Remember those things I said in the campaign? I meant them. I meant it all. The address was bold in its assertion of the distance in America between the leaders and the led: "For too long, a small group in our nation's capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost. Washington flourished — but the people did not share in its wealth. Politicians prospered — but the jobs left, and the factories closed. The establishment protected itself but not the citizens of our country." It was an unmistakable indictment of almost everyone seated with him on the platform. Then a stark vow: "That all changes — starting right here and right now." Jan. 20 "will be remembered as the day the people became the rulers of this nation again."

**January 22–28, 2017 — National School  
Choice Week, as proclaimed by President  
Trump** (Conservapedia)

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# Trump signs executive order withdrawing US from TPP trade deal (Foxnews 1/23/17)

Trump signs executive order withdrawing US from TPP  
Making good on a campaign promise, President Trump on Monday signed an executive order withdrawing the United States from the controversial Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal. He also signed two other orders -- one placing a hiring freeze on some federal workers and the other reinstating a ban on funding for international groups that perform abortions. The TPP, a giant and semi-secret 12-member free-trade agreement advocated by the Obama administration, aimed to deepen economic ties between the U.S. and 11 other Pacific Rim nations, cut taxes and foster trade to boost economic growth in the process. "We've been talking about this for a long time," Trump said, as he signed the document. He called the order to pull out of TPP a "great thing for the American worker."

# **Trump Strikes at Abortion With a Revived Foreign-Aid Rule** (The Atlantic 1/23/17)

The president has reinstated a contentious policy that blocks funding to international family-planning organizations unless they agree not to promote abortion. On Monday, just days after hundreds of thousands of women marched on Washington, as well as in hundreds of cities around the nation and the world, to call for, among other issues, the protection of women's reproductive rights, President Donald Trump signed off on the first anti-abortion policy of his term...

# Trump Orders Broad Hiring Freeze for Federal Government (NYT 1/23/17)

WASHINGTON — President Trump on Monday ordered an across-the-board employment freeze for the federal government, halting hiring for all new and existing positions except those in national security, public safety and the military.

In the two-page order, Mr. Trump said the directive was a stopgap way to control the growth of government until his budget director recommends a long-term plan to significantly reduce the federal work force through attrition. “In carrying out this memorandum, I ask that you seek efficient use of existing personnel and funds to improve public services and the delivery of these services,” Mr. Trump wrote in the memorandum, one of his first acts as president. “Accordingly, this memorandum does not prohibit making reallocations to meet the highest priority needs and to ensure that essential services are not interrupted and national security is not affected.”

# Netanyahu Welcomes Trump's 'Change of Approach' to US-Israel Relationship

([algemeiner.com](http://algemeiner.com) 1/23/17)

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday revealed further details of his self-described “very warm” 30-minute telephone conversation with new US President Donald Trump the previous day. Speaking at a Likud faction meeting, Netanyahu said the call reflected the “depth” of his longstanding relationship with Trump. “I congratulated him on his [inauguration] and thanked him for his unequivocal and resolute support of the state of Israel,” Netanyahu told Likud lawmakers. “President Trump believes peace will be achieved only through direct negotiations,” the prime minister went on to say. “Does that sound familiar to you? He noted he has an unprecedented commitment to Israel’s security and the war against radical Islamic terrorism. Does that also sound familiar to you?”

# Trump Declares "Build It Now" In Newly Issued Infrastructure Actions (Forbes 1/24/17)

Today marks an astounding reversal for supporters of infrastructure projects who have felt their voices were not heard during the Obama years. From the Oval Office, President Trump issued one Executive Order and four Presidential Memorandums today, declaring open season for those wanting to build new transportation, energy, and social infrastructure throughout the country. Administration officials say these documents help lay out President Trump's promise to re-build domestic infrastructure and they offer key glimpses into how the policies of the new administration will likely develop. The Executive Order, or "E.O." as they are commonly referred to, lays down an ambitious plan to prioritize and jumpstart infrastructure projects around the country. That document is titled, "Expediting Environmental Reviews and Approvals for High Priority Infrastructure Projects" and begins with the premise that, "Infrastructure investment strengthens our economic platform, makes America more competitive, creates millions of jobs, increases wages for American workers, and reduces the costs of goods and services for American families and consumers."

**January 24, 2017 — Trump signed three orders, one requiring the United States Secretary of Commerce make a plan within six months mandating all new or improved pipelines be made with American steel, another order requiring every federal agency to streamline manufacturing regulations, and the third allowing fast-track approval for important infrastructure projects. (Conservapedia)**

**January 24, 2017 – Trump signed two orders reviving consideration for the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipeline projects. On March 24, 2017, the Trump Administration approved the Keystone XL Pipeline. The Dakota Access Pipeline went into service by June 1, 2017. (Conservapedia)**

**January 25, 2017 – Trump signed an executive order that called for hiring an additional 10,000 federal immigration officers, re-establishing the Secure Communities Program and other local partnerships, making the deportation of criminal illegal immigrants a priority, directing the State Department to use leverage to ensure countries-of-origin take back illegal immigrants, and stripping federal grant money from sanctuary cities and states. (Conservapedia)**

**January 25, 2017 – Trump signed an executive order that included ordering the "immediate construction of a physical wall on the southern border," the hiring of 5,000 additional border control agents, and ending "catch-and-release" policies for illegal immigrants. (Conservapedia)**

# **Trump orders construction of border wall, targets sanctuary cities** (Foxnews 1/25/17)

President Trump signed executive actions Wednesday ordering the construction of a U.S.-Mexico border wall and targeting sanctuary cities, following through on campaign promises that energized his base – and outraged his critics – during the 2016 campaign. The orders cover a range of immigration enforcement measures. The marquee item is a directive to pursue a southern border wall. “A nation without borders is not a nation,” Trump declared after signing the measures, while speaking to employees at the Department of Homeland Security. “Beginning today, the United States of America gets back control of its borders.”

# **Trump orders weekly publication of crimes committed by illegals in sanctuary cities**

(American Mirror 1/25/17)

In order to better inform Americans about the impact illegal aliens are having on crime rates in sanctuary cities, President Donald Trump today ordered the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to publish a weekly list of crimes committed by illegals. In an executive order titled “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States,” Trump directed Secretary John Kelly to be transparent with citizens. “To better inform the public regarding the public safety threats associated with sanctuary jurisdictions, the Secretary shall utilize the Declined Detainer Outcome Report or its equivalent and, on a weekly basis, make public a comprehensive list of criminal actions committed by aliens and any jurisdiction that ignored or otherwise failed to honor any detainers with respect to such aliens,” the order reads. The same executive order “directs that federal funds be withheld from cities and counties that don’t cooperate with immigration officials,” Patch reports.

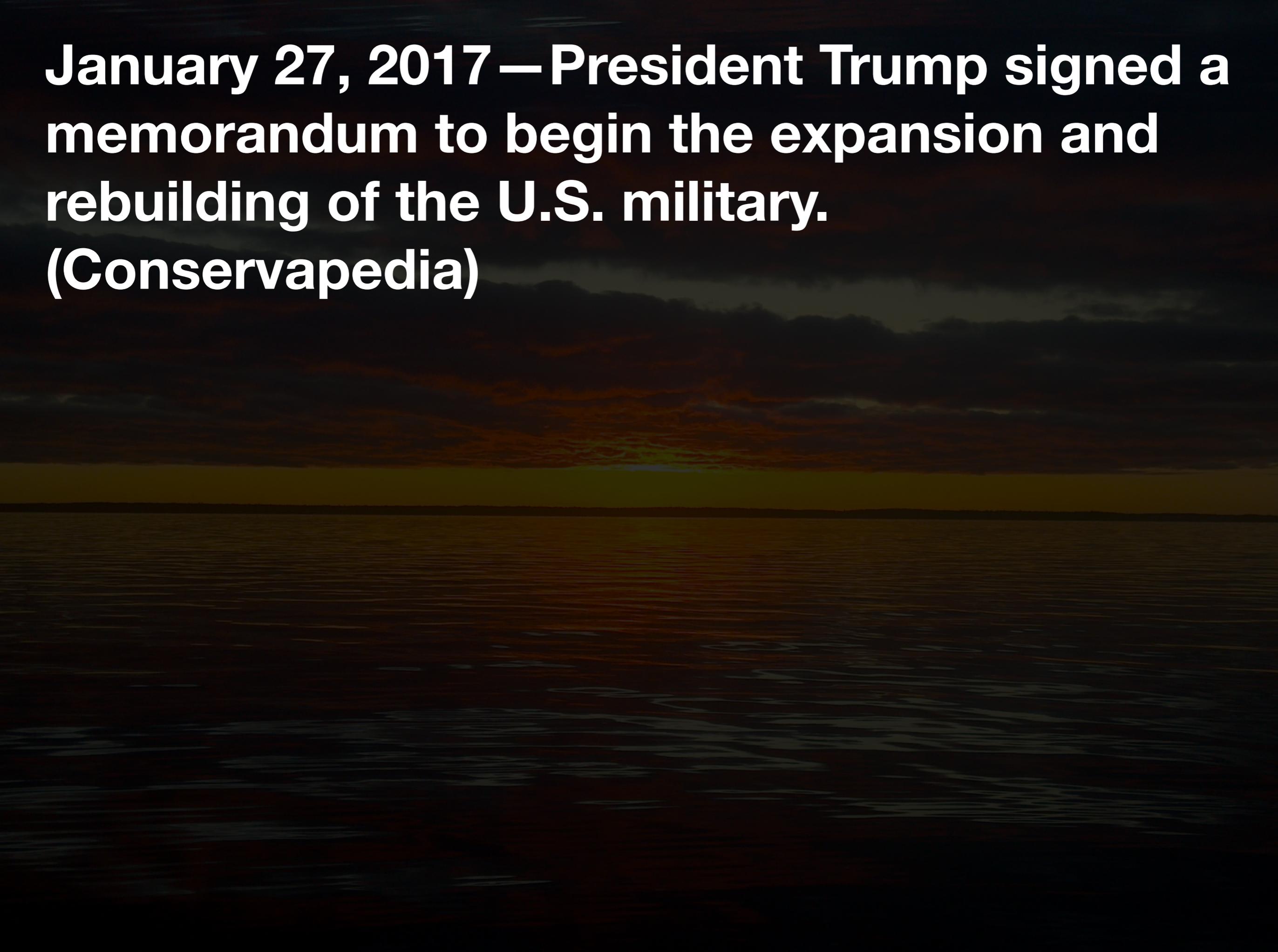
# **Trump announces leaders and CEOs to be part of 'Manufacturing Jobs Initiative'**

(Aol.com 1/27/17)

President Donald Trump announced on Friday his plans to launch a "Manufacturing Jobs Initiative" as part of his overall job creation agenda. The President will meet with a diverse range of business leaders to gain insights to best promote job growth and "get Americans back to work again," according to a White House release.

**January 27, 2017 – Vice President Mike Pence became the first vice president in United States history to speak at the annual March for Life march in Washington D.C. Additionally, Trump senior advisor Kellyanne Conway also spoke at the event, and Trump himself strongly expressed his support for the march.  
(Conservapedia)**

**January 27, 2017 — President Trump signed a memorandum to begin the expansion and rebuilding of the U.S. military.  
(Conservapedia)**

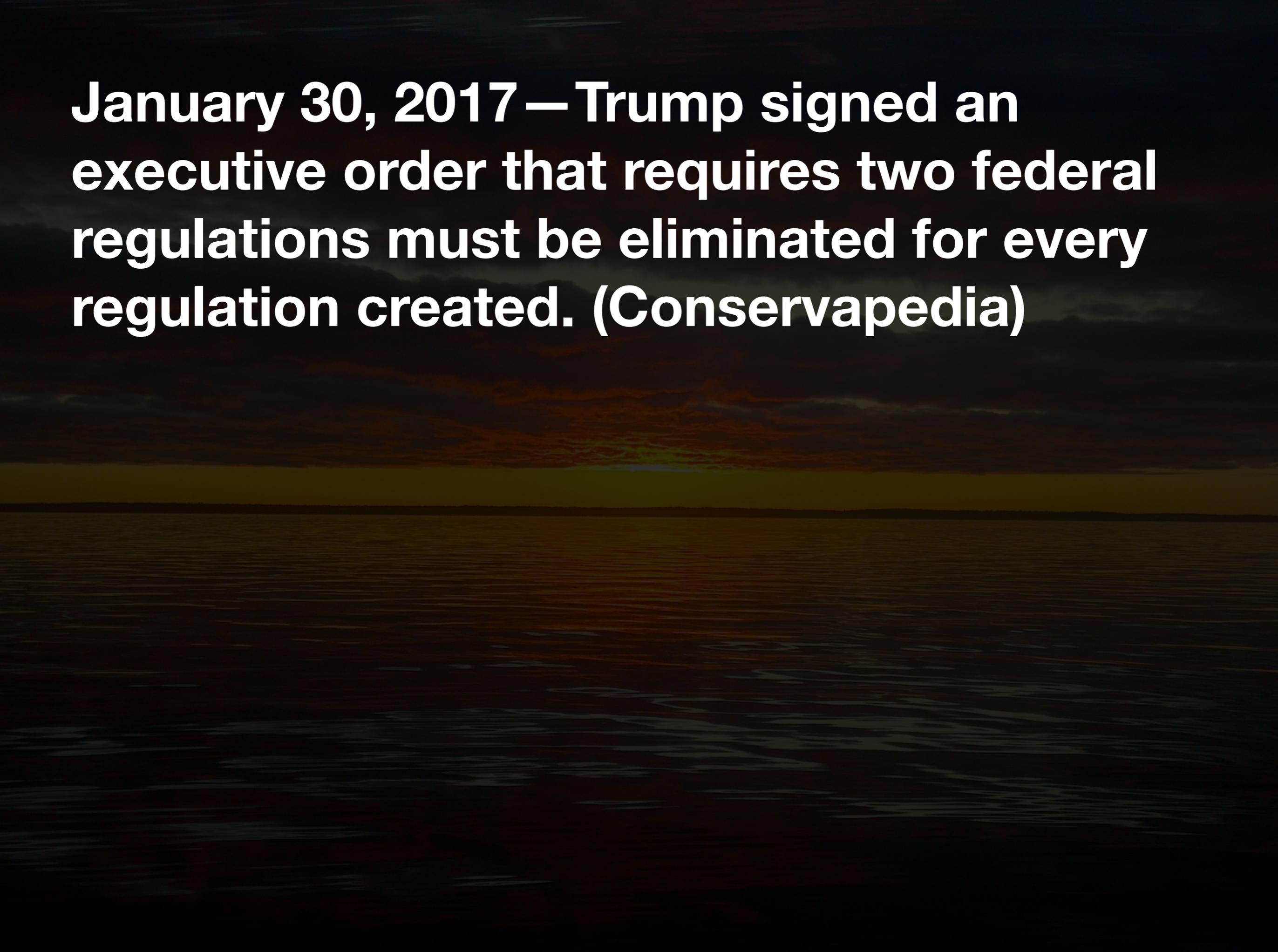
A dark, atmospheric landscape with a body of water in the foreground and a range of mountains in the distance under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a low sun or moon creating a faint glow on the horizon. The water in the foreground shows subtle ripples and reflections of the light from the sky.

**January 28, 2017 – Trump signed an executive order banning administration officials from lobbying their federal agencies for five years, as well as banning them for life from lobbying foreign nations and political parties. (Conservapedia)**

**FIRST WEEK IN OFFICE: President Trump  
Has Held or Scheduled 11 Conversations  
With Foreign Leaders To Promote  
American Interests Around The Globe**  
([Whitehouse.gov](https://www.whitehouse.gov))

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**January 30, 2017 – Trump signed an executive order that requires two federal regulations must be eliminated for every regulation created. (Conservapedia)**



# **New Mexico: Abortion Clinic Shuts Down after Pro-Life Advocates Launch Prayer Initiative** (Christianheadlines 1/30/17)

An abortion facility in New Mexico recently closed its doors, becoming the third surgical abortion facility in the U.S. to close in just the first month of 2017. LifeNews.com reports that the Whole Women's Health abortion chain moved from Texas, across the border into New Mexico where laws restricting abortion are extremely relaxed. The clinic even referred underage girls from Texas who wanted abortions to their New Mexico facility because New Mexico does not require parental consent. When they found out the abortion facility was moving to New Mexico, pro-life advocates began an intense campaign of prayer.

**January 2017—The stock market had its best week in five years due to the optimism of a Trump presidency. The stock market increased and the Dow Jones passed 20,000 points for the first time in its history. It had been only 42 days since the Dow Jones passed 19,000 points, making it the second-fastest 1,000 point move of the Dow in its history.  
(Conservapedia)**

# Trump could not have made a better Supreme Court appointment than Colorado's Neil Gorsuch (The Gazette 1/31/17)

Congratulations to President Donald Trump for nominating Boulder resident and 10th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Neil Gorsuch to fill the void left by deceased Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Opportunities don't get better than this. The Denver native's resume alone ranks Gorsuch among the cream of the top 1 percent of lawyers in the United States. He graduated with honors from Columbia University and Harvard Law School. He furthered his studies at Oxford University, earning a doctorate in legal philosophy... When Trump met with The Gazette's editorial board in July, we grilled the aspiring president about his promise to nominate only originalist judges vetted and recommended by the Federalist Society, an organization of legal scholars that opposes judicial activism and constitutional revision. We asked Trump to promise, pledge and make no exceptions. He gave us his word, saying replacement of Scalia could be his most important decision.

**February 2017—Two U.S. government-run media outlets began broadcasting in Russian in an attempt to counter Russian propaganda.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **Constructing the De-Regulatory State: Trump Executive Orders Aim to Reduce Regulation and Speed Project Development** (Dorsey 2/1/17)

Over the last week, President Trump has made good on his promise to take immediate action to reduce and streamline regulations he sees as inhibiting domestic industry and key construction projects. Through a series of executive orders and memoranda, he has charted a path forward on de-regulation, and in so doing, has created powerful new roles for the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). While the effectiveness and impact of these actions will depend on how they are implemented, they are a historic break from past administrations. The actions create significant opportunities for companies and investors developing energy, telecommunications, pipeline and other infrastructure projects or otherwise expanding operations, to engage with more compliant agencies.

# Ohio Pastor Claims Chicago Gangs Want To Work With Trump To Fight Crime

(Chicago.cbslocal.com 2/1/17)

Dr. Darrell Scott, senior pastor of New Revival Center in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was a guest of Trump's at an African-American History Month meeting at the White House. He said he is a "black Trump supporter," and claimed he was "contacted by some of the top gang thugs in Chicago for a sit-down." Taking a swipe at former President Obama, who began his political career as a community organizer in Chicago, Scott said the gangs "want to work with the administration ... they believe in this administration; they didn't believe in the prior administration. They told me this outta their mouths."

# **474 Arrested, 28 Sexually Exploited Children Rescued During Statewide Human Trafficking Operation: LASD (KTLA 2/1/17)**

Hundreds of people were arrested and dozens of sexually exploited children and adult victims were rescued across California during a statewide operation to combat human trafficking, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department announced Tuesday. More than 30 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and task forces, including the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, participated in the third annual "Operation Reclaim and Rebuild" enforcement operation, according to a sheriff's news release. The statewide operation took place over the three-day period between last Thursday and Saturday. In total, 474 arrests were made, including 142 males on solicitation charges, and 36 males on suspicion of pimping, according to figures provided by the Sheriff's Department. Additionally, 28 commercially and sexually exploited children and 27 adult victims were rescued.

**February 3, 2017 — After Iran tested a ballistic missile in apparent violation of a UN Security Council resolution, the Trump Administration instituted unilateral economic sanctions against 13 Iranian individuals and 12 companies.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**February 3, 2017 — The Trump Administration and Lockheed Martin reached a tentative deal that would purchase 90 F-35 jets at the lowest price in the program's history. The first 90 planes were about \$725 million below budget, with billions of more dollars of savings expected, and it saved at least one U.S. ally, Japan, \$100 million.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# Trump's F.C.C. Pick Quickly Targets Net Neutrality Rules (NYT 2/5/17)

In his first days as President Trump's pick to lead the Federal Communications Commission, Ajit Pai has aggressively moved to roll back consumer protection regulations created during the Obama presidency. Mr. Pai took a first swipe at net neutrality rules designed to ensure equal access to content on the internet....Last week, Mr. Pai said he disagreed with the move two years ago to declare broadband a utility. The reclassification of broadband into a service akin to telephones and electricity provided the legal foundation for net neutrality rules. Mr. Pai said he had not decided how he would approach the overhaul of broadband classification and net neutrality rules, but he faces legal hurdles. A federal court upheld the rules last year, and the commission could end up in a lengthy legal battle if he tries to scrap the rules... Mr. Pai will have the help of powerful members of Congress who have promised to attack the classification of broadband as a utility-like service.

# **Anonymous Just Took Down 1/5 Of Dark Web's Child Pornography** (Anonhq 2/7/17)

The hacktivists breached Freedom Hosting II — the largest host of Dark Web sites accessible only through Tor — downloaded gigabytes of data, and took down and defaced some 10,613 .onion websites. This means that the hack took down nearly a fifth of the Dark Web for hosting child pornography.

# Out of pocket, Italians fall out of love with the euro

(Reuters 2/8/17)

When the Italian central bank's deputy governor joined a radio phone-in show last week, many callers asked why Italy didn't ditch the euro and return to its old lira currency. A few years ago such a scenario, that Salvatore Rossi said would lead to "catastrophe and disaster", would not have been up for public discussion. Now, with the possibility of an election by June, politicians of all stripes are tapping into growing hostility towards the euro. Many Italians hold the single currency responsible for economic decline since its launch in 1999. "We lived much better before the euro," says Luca Fioravanti, a 32-year-old real estate surveyor from Rome. "Prices have gone up but our salaries have stayed the same, we need to get out and go back to our own sovereign currency." The central bank is concerned about the rise in anti-euro sentiment, and a Bank of Italy source told Reuters Rossi's appearance is part of a plan to reach out to ordinary Italians... The PD is due to govern until early 2018, unless elections are called sooner. The PD's prospects of victory have waned since its leader Matteo Renzi resigned as premier in December after losing a referendum on constitutional reform, and polls suggest that under the current electoral system no party or coalition is likely to win a majority. Italians used to be among the euro's biggest supporters but a Eurobarometer survey published in December by the European Commission showed only 41 percent said the euro was "a good thing", while 47 percent called it "a bad thing."

# **State Dept. insider exposes refugee program as 'full of fraud' (WND 2/8/17)**

A recently retired U.S. State Department veteran has published a whistleblower letter in the Chicago Tribune fingering the refugee resettlement program as fraught with “fraud” and “abuses.”

Mary Doetsch said the problems were apparent before President Obama took office but got worse under his leadership and that she “fully supports” President Trump’s executive order to temporarily halt the program to improve the vetting process...

Her letter affirms two-and-a-half years of reporting by WND, which has reported that the “vetting” of refugees from broken countries such as Somalia, Syria and Sudan often consists largely of a personal interview with the refugee. These countries have no law enforcement data to vet against the personal story relayed to the U.S. government about the refugee’s background. Sometimes even their name and identity is fabricated and they have no documentation, such as a valid passport, or they have fraudulent documentation.

# **Exclusive: Syria's Assad tells Yahoo News some refugees are 'definitely' terrorists (Yahoo 2/9/17)**

Syrian President Bashar Assad told Yahoo News that some of the refugees are “definitely” terrorists. In an exclusive interview with Yahoo News at a presidential office in Damascus, Assad said President Trump’s freeze on admitting refugees from his country — part of an executive order that has drawn widespread protests and is being challenged in federal court “is an American issue” on which he would not take sides. But asked if some of those who fled are “aligned with terrorists,” Assad quickly replied, “Definitely.” “You can find it on the Net,” Assad went on: “Those terrorists in Syria, holding the machine gun or killing people, they [appear as] peaceful refugees in Europe or in the West.” He said he couldn’t estimate how many there might be, but he added that “you don’t need a significant number to commit atrocities.” He noted that the 9/11 attacks were pulled off by fewer than 20 terrorists “out of maybe millions of immigrants in the United States. So it’s not about the number, it’s about the quality, it’s about the intentions.” As for the future of Syria’s 4.8 million refugees, Assad said, “For me, the priority is to bring those citizens to their country, not to help them immigrate.”

**February 9, 2017 — President Trump signed three executive orders pertaining to law enforcement. The first cracked down and strengthens the law against international crime organizations, the second deals with anti-law enforcement crimes, and third with finding a strategy for reducing crime in general, "including, in particular, illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and violent crime."**

**(Conservapedia)**

# 522 'johns' and 'pimps' arrested in Super Bowl sex trafficking sting (AOL 2/11/17)

During Super Bowl weekend 522 would-be sex buyers or sex traffickers were arrested across the United States. The arrests follow a massive sting operation involving 23 law enforcement agencies in 14 states taking part in the National Johns Suppression Initiative. The program started three weeks ago and culminated on Super Bowl Sunday. "Sex trafficking continues to destroy countless lives, and this broad national movement should send a strong message to prospective johns that their 'hobby' is much more than a 'victimless' crime," said Illinois Sheriff Thomas J. Dart in a press release. "It's particularly meaningful that this sting culminated on the day of the Super Bowl, which unfortunately has emerged as a prominent haven for sex trafficking." Police also rescued 73 adult human trafficking victims and 3 juvenile victims.

**February 2017, Illegal immigration dropped so much that U.S. Customs and Border Protection was able to close one of their temporary holding facilities.  
(Conservapedia)**

# **An Alleged Muslim Spy Ring - Is This Why Rex Tillerson Cleaned House?** (ZeroHedge 2/12/17)

Shortly after Trump took office, and before Rex Tillerson was even confirmed as Secretary of State, a slew of State Department officials were removed from their positions (or were forced to resign) as part of an effort to “clean house” at the State Department. The whole affair was haphazardly covered by the media, especially by Jeff Bezos’s blog, which insinuated that the departures were “an ongoing mass exodus of senior Foreign Service officers who don’t want to stick around for the Trump era.” Further analysis revealed that the officials were actually removed from their positions shortly after Tillerson visited the State Department office in Foggy Bottom prior to his confirmation: “Any implication that that these four people quit is wrong,” one senior State Department official said. “These people are loyal to the secretary, the President and to the State Department. There is just not any attempt here to dis the President. People are not quitting and running away in disgust. This is the White House cleaning house.”

# **President Trump: Cutting Red Tape for American Businesses** (Whitehouse.gov 2/14/17)

GETTING GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE WAY: Today, President Donald J. Trump signed legislation (House Joint Resolution 41) eliminating a costly regulation that threatened to put domestic extraction companies and their employees at an unfair disadvantage.

# Aetna CEO: Obamacare in 'Death Spiral'

(Bloomberg 2/15/17)

Aetna Inc. Chief Executive Officer Mark Bertolini escalated his criticism of the Affordable Care Act, saying Obamacare's markets are nearing failure as premiums climb and healthier individuals drop out. "It is in a death spiral," Bertolini said in a video interview with the Wall Street Journal that aired Wednesday on the newspaper's website. He predicted that more insurers will drop out of the market for 2018, following Humana Inc.'s decision to quit Obamacare entirely for next year. Aetna, too, is mulling whether to further reduce its presence in the markets set up by the ACA. The company cut its footprint to four states for this year, from 15, after losing about \$450 million on sales of ACA plans last year. Bertolini has been saying for months that the ACA's markets are deteriorating. In October, he said that rising rates would push healthy people away from Obamacare, leaving insurers with sicker customers, and forcing premiums even higher. The increasing burden of medical costs as fewer and fewer healthy customers enroll are among the conditions that create an insurance death spiral.

# PRISON TIME PREDICTED IN DEMS' NATIONAL-SECURITY SCANDAL

(WND 2/15/17)

Democrats may have a major national security hacking scandal on their hands that's on the brink of exploding into public view. Investigators, including Capitol Police, have been looking into whether classified or other sensitive information has been hacked by former information technology, or IT, staffers employed by Democrats in Congress. Now, a source has confirmed to WND that the problem is so big, it is being handled as a criminal matter. And the source says suspects will likely receive prison sentences. A House committee that deals with security-related issues is cooperating with Capitol Police in their investigation, according to the source. Politico initially reported two weeks ago that five House employees were under investigation for possible equipment theft and unauthorized access of House IT systems. Then the Daily Caller reported the focus has been on three brothers, Abid, Imran and Jamal Awan, "suspected of compromising the networks of Democrats on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and House Committee on Foreign Affairs." The Awan brothers were all barred from access to House computer systems then fired, apparently sometime in the last 10 days, after the story initially broke.

# **BREAKING: House Votes to Overturn Obama Regulation Forcing States to Fund Planned Parenthood** (BCN 2/16/17)

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 230 to 188 today to overturn former President Obama's "eleventh hour" HHS rule forcing states to give Title X money to organizations that commit abortions. (Photo via [LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com)) Title X money comes from the government to fund "family planning services," but technically not abortion. Before he left office, Obama pushed through an HHS regulation that essentially forces states to give Planned Parenthood Title X funding. Under this rule, states must give Planned Parenthood or abortionists Title X grants and may not choose to redirect those funds to comprehensive healthcare clinics. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider. It commits more than 300,000 abortions annually. Family Research Council president Tony Perkins called the Obama HHS regulation a "backdoor handout for the abortion industry." But thanks to the Congressional Review Act, Congress may overturn such agency regulations within 60 legislative days. Only 51 Senate votes are needed now that it has passed the House.

# **Secretary of State Tillerson FIRES the deep state 'shadow government/7th floor' traitors from State! (IWB 2/19/17)**

While Rex Tillerson is on his first overseas trip as Secretary of State, his aides laid off staff at the State Department on Thursday. Much of seventh-floor staff, who work for the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources and the Counselor offices, were told today that their services were no longer needed. It's a bloodbath at the State Department. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is cleaning house at the State Department, according to a report. Staffers in the offices of deputy secretary of state for management and resources as well as counselor were shown the door Thursday, according to CBS News. Many of those let go were on the building's seventh floor — top-floor bigs — a symbolically important sign to the rest of the diplomatic corps that their new boss has different priorities than the last one.

**February 22, 2017 — President Trump rescinded former President Obama's pro-transgender guidelines for schools receiving federal aid that are subject to Title IX. A day earlier, the Trump Administration announced it would discontinue Obama's pro-transgender policies. (Conservapedia)**

# Sweden Democrats: Trump was right

(Foxnews 2/23/17)

Trump unclear about Sweden, but did he have a valid point? Two leading Swedish politicians have a message for President Trump's critics: He's right. Per Jimmie Akesson and Mattias Karlsson, both leaders of the Sweden Democrats, penned a Wall Street Journal op-ed on Wednesday supporting Trump's characterization of a Muslim immigrant-led crime crisis in Sweden.

“Mr. Trump did not exaggerate Sweden's current problems. If anything, he understated them.”

- Per Jimmie Akesson and Mattias Karlsson, in Wall Street Journal op-ed

# Italy is Falling Out of Love with Europe

(Financial Times 2/23/17)

Foreigners often underestimate Italy's ability to sidestep calamity. That said, the stakes are higher now than in 1992. Solutions may prove harder to find. The reason lies in the radically different EU and Mediterranean contexts in which Italy finds itself. Some of contemporary Italy's challenges appear similar to those of the early 1990s. The party system is once again in fragments. The ruling centre-left Democratic party (PD) split last month. The right is divided. The most popular opposition party is the anti-establishment Five Star Movement. Since November 2011 four prime ministers have taken office not because voters chose them, but because of a financial emergency, factional squabble, party coup and failed constitutional reform. Matteo Renzi, the former premier and PD leader, suffered a blow this month when it emerged that Tiziano Renzi, his father, and Luca Lotti, a close political ally, had been caught up in a judicial probe into suspected graft in public procurement.

# NSA To Provide "Smoking Gun" Proof Obama Spied On Trump (Zerohedge 2/24/17)

Yesterday, Republican Devin Nunez Nunes held an explosive press conference outside the White House in which he told reporters that communications from the Trump team were picked up and disseminated within the government during the 2016 campaign. Not surprisingly, the comments ruffled some liberal feathers and the mainstream media launched an immediate smear campaign calling for Nunes to resign his post immediately. Now, according to Fox News sources, congressional investigators expect that a potential "smoking gun" from the NSA establishing that the Obama administration spied on the Trump transition team, and possibly the president-elect himself, will be produced to the House Intelligence Committee as early as tomorrow.

**February 24, 2017 — President Trump signed an executive order requiring every federal agency to create a "regulatory reform task force" to find unnecessary, burdensome regulations to repeal. This order was called "the most far reaching effort to pare back U.S. red tape in recent decades."**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **Trump: 'We Are Fighting' 'Fake News' – 'They Shouldn't Be Allowed To Use' Anonymous Sources, CNN 'Clinton News Network' (Breitbart 2/24/17)**

During his speech at CPAC on Friday, President Trump dubbed CNN the “Clinton News Network,” and said, “we are fighting the fake news.” And that he’s “against the people that make up stories, and make up sources. They shouldn’t be allowed to use sources unless they use somebody’s name.”

Trump reacted to some of the applause during his speech by saying, that the “dishonest media” would say he didn’t get a standing ovation because “everybody stood and nobody sat. So, they will say, ‘He never got a standing ovation.’ They are the worst.”

**February 28, 2017—President Trump announced that he did not plan on filling numerous government positions he considered unnecessary. According to one source, about 2,000 positions were vacant, and most of them were likely included in this list. As of April 4, 2017, President Trump did not make a nomination for nearly 500 positions requiring Senate confirmation.  
(Conservapedia)**

**Early in Trump's presidency, he and his administration took a much tougher tone against North Korea than his predecessors. While the deployment was first announced during the Obama Administration, the Trump Administration confirmed it would continue the plans to – and subsequently did – deploy the THAAD missile defense system to South Korea despite China's strong objections. THAAD was first used on May 14, 2017, and it was successfully tested on July 11, 2017. The Trump Administration chose to include a military option among a list of potential strategies in United States policy towards North Korea.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**March 1, 2017 - the day after Trump made his first address to a joint-session of Congress, the stock market rose dramatically with the Dow Jones passing the 21,000 mark for the first time in history. The stock market had one of the best performances in the first 100 days of Trump's presidency compared to the first 100 days of previous presidents in U.S. history. The stock market continued to perform well after President Trump's first 100 days.  
(Conservapedia)**

**March and April, 2017 — President Trump and the U.S. Senate approved Montenegro's accession into NATO, over Russia's objections. (Montenegro officially joined NATO on June 5, 2017)  
(Conservapedia)**

**March 2017 — After the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia authored a destructive and anti-Semitic report against Israel, the report and agency were strongly criticized by the United States and UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, and the executive director of the commission resigned in response.  
(Conservapedia)**

**March 2017 – President Trump successfully made use of Congressional Review to roll back Obama-era regulations – even more than expected. Prior to Trump's presidency, the Congressional Review Act had been used only once successfully, sixteen years prior. When the window to use the CRA for the 115th Congress ended, Congress had passed and Trump had signed 14 CRA resolutions repealing Obama regulations – significantly more than expected. These actions were estimated to have saved \$3.7 billion in regulatory costs and up to \$36.2 billion in compliance costs. (Conservapedia)**

# **GOP wants to eliminate shadowy DOJ slush fund bankrolling leftist groups** (Foxnews 3/1/17)

The Obama administration funneled billions of dollars to activist organizations through a Department of Justice slush fund scheme, according to congressional investigators.

“It’s clear partisan politics played a role in the illicit actions that were made,” Rep. John Ratcliffe, R-Texas, told Fox News.

“The DOJ is the last place this should have occurred.”

Findings spearheaded by the House Judiciary Committee point to a process shrouded in secrecy whereby monies were distributed to a labyrinth of nonprofit organizations involved with grass-roots activism. “Advocates for big government and progressive power are using the Justice Department to extort money from corporations,” Judicial Watch’s Tom Fitton told Fox News. “It’s a shakedown. It’s corrupt, pure and simple.”

**March 6, 2017—President Trump signed a second executive order regarding the temporary suspension of refugees and others from certain high-risk countries after the first one was blocked by the courts. The second order made some clarifications and minor improvements over the first, such as exempting green card holders from the ban and excluding Iraq from it as it had developed an acceptable vetting process. (after being blocked in federal courts, the Supreme Court on June 26, 2017, partially reinstated the ban and allowed key portions of it to continue pending a hearing on the ban's constitutionality in October). (Conservapedia)**

**March 13, 2017—President Trump signed an executive order to perform an audit on every executive branch agency in order to reduce spending and waste and improve services.  
(Conservapedia)**

# **WH on Global Climate Change: ‘We’re Not Spending Money on That Anymore ... A Waste of Your Money’ (CNS News 3/17/17)**

In line with campaign pledges that riled environmental activists and the Obama administration, President Trump is seeking to eliminate funding for global climate programs including the Green Climate Fund, which the White House on Thursday described as “a waste of your money.”

“Regarding the question as to climate change, I think the president was fairly straightforward,” Office of Management and Budget director Mick Mulvaney said in a briefing of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018.. “We’re not spending money on that anymore,” he said. “We consider that to be a waste of your money to go out and do that. So that is a specific tie to his – to his campaign.”

# **Trump Shutting Down Shadow Government Agencies That Implement Agenda 21 (IWB 3/19/17)**

Excerpt from Washington Post “In his budget outline for 2018 unveiled Thursday, none of the rural development agencies — the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, the Northern Border Regional Commission — would receive any money. In effect, it would eliminate these programs, which are completely subsidized by the federal government.’

**March 18, 2017 – The Trump Administration forced the G-20 to remove any mention of climate change from its joint statement.**

**March 18, 2017 – The Trump Administration forced the G-20 to remove its opposition to protectionism and its support for free trade from its joint statement.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**March 18, 2017, the Trump Administration successfully forced the G-20 to remove its opposition to protectionism and temper its support for free trade, and any mention of climate change from its joint statement. Later, in April 2017, the Trump Administration refused to sign the G7 joint statement because the other nations could not agree to include support for nuclear and fossil fuels without support for the Paris climate agreement. The G7, thus, went without a joint statement. (Conservapedia)**

# **Trump Wins: G-20 Drops 'Anti-Protectionist, Free-Trade, & Climate-Change Funding' Commitment** (Zerohedge 3/18/17)

After delays and hours of discussions amid tensions over 'trade' comments between the United States and the rest of The G-20, it appears President Trump has 'won'. While China was "adamantly against" protectionism, the finance ministers end talks without renewing their long-standing commitment to free trade and rejection of protectionism after US opposition. The world's financial leaders are unlikely to endorse free trade and reject protectionism in their communique on Saturday because they have been unable to find a wording that would suit a more protectionist United States, G20 officials said. This would break with a decade-old tradition among the finance ministers and central bankers of the world's 20 top economies (G20), who over the years have repeatedly rejected protectionism and endorsed free trade.

**March 21, 2017 — President Trump signed a bill into law not only funding NASA, but setting a goal of having humans visit Mars "in the 2030s" and potentially colonizing another planet. The bill also funded the agency, the first time such a bill was signed into law in seven years. (Conservapedia)**

**March 21, 2017 – The DHS instituted an electronics ban on 10 foreign airports for flights into the U.S. Due to this ban, many of the affected airports and airlines improved their screening methods enough to remove them from the list.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **Rockefeller, The King of NWO Has Fallen!**

## **What Happens Now?** (Globaltruth.net 3/21/17)

David Rockefeller, the banker and philanthropist with the fabled family name who controlled Chase Manhattan bank for more than a decade and wielded vast influence around the world even longer as he spread the gospel of American capitalism, died on Monday morning at his home in Pocantico Hills, N.Y. He was 101. A family spokesman, Fraser P. Seitel, confirmed the death.

# Sources: Susan Rice behind unmasking of Trump officials (WND 3/3/17)

Multiple reports indicate former National Security Adviser Susan Rice was the Obama administration official who requested the unmasking of incoming Trump officials. Fresh off his outdueling Scott Pelley on “60 Minutes,” author Mike Cernovich published an article in Medium on Sunday that said, “The White House Counsel’s office identified Rice as the person responsible for the unmasking after examining Rice’s document log requests.” Unmasking is the potentially illegal revealing of names within the intelligence community of U.S. citizens whose communications were monitored under surveillance. The unmasked names of people associated with Donald Trump were then sent to every member of the National Security Council, some officials at the Defense Department, then-Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and then-CIA Director John Brennan – essentially, the officials at the top, including former Rice deputy Ben Rhodes. Cernovich also reported that New York Times reporter Maggie Haberman has had the information about Rice for at least two days, but “has chosen to sit on it in an effort to protect the reputation of former President Barack Obama.”

# Judicial Watch Sues CIA, DOJ and Treasury for Records Related to Intelligence Leaks Regarding Investigation of General Flynn (Judicialwatch 3/6/17)

Judicial Watch announced today that it filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the United States Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury regarding records related to the investigation of retired United States Army Lieutenant General Michael Flynn's communications with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak (Judicial Watch v. Central Intelligence Agency et al. (No.1:17-cv-00397)). (The National Security Agency refused to confirm or deny the existence of intelligence records about communications between Gen. Flynn and Amb Kislyak.)...“President Trump is on to something. The Obama-connected wiretapping and illegal leaks of classified material concerning President Trump and General Flynn are a scandal,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Judicial Watch aims to get to the truth about these crimes and we hope the Trump administration stands with us in the fight for transparency.”

# **Wikileaks Unveils 'Vault 7': "The Largest Ever Publication Of Confidential CIA Documents"; Another Snowden Emerges (Zerohedge 3/8/17)**

WikiLeaks has published what it claims is the largest ever release of confidential documents on the CIA. It includes more than 8,000 documents as part of 'Vault 7', a series of leaks on the agency, which have allegedly emerged from the CIA's Center For Cyber Intelligence in Langley...A total of 8,761 documents have been published as part of 'Year Zero', the first in a series of leaks the whistleblower organization has dubbed 'Vault 7.' WikiLeaks said that 'Year Zero' revealed details of the CIA's "global covert hacking program," including "weaponized exploits" used against company products including "Apple's iPhone, Google's Android and Microsoft's Windows and even Samsung TVs, which are turned into covert microphones." WikiLeaks tweeted the leak, which it claims came from a network inside the CIA's Center for Cyber Intelligence in Langley, Virginia.

# **Breitbart Vs. Soros: News Agency's Investigations Causing Problems for Billionaire's European Operations (Breitbart 3/8/17)**

Investigations by Breitbart News into the global network run by George Soros have contributed to the negative atmosphere the billionaire has been facing in Europe, Politico reported on Tuesday. The news outlet reported the Hungarian government's move to minimize the influence of Soros's Open Society Foundations and other foreign-funded non-governmental organizations, or NGO's, is being "seemingly buoyed by U.S. President Donald Trump's election victory and the ascendance of the alt-right in Washington." Politico reported on the role of Breitbart News in exposing Soros, falsely labeling the news agency an "alt-right website." Breitbart News, recently ranked as the 29th most trafficked U.S. website by the Alexa rankings system, is an independent news website considered by many to be the largest conservative news site in America. It has no affiliation with the so-called alt-right movement.

# **Fix Is In: House Committee on 'Russian Hacking' Includes Only DNC-Hired Tech Experts** (Breitbart 3/9/17)

A list of witnesses scheduled to appear at a House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Open Hearing on “Russian Active Measures” contains a glaring problem: the only technical experts scheduled to testify are from CrowdStrike. CrowdStrike is a firm hired by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and has become the primary source of the narrative about “Russian hacking” of the 2016 election and has acted as a mouthpiece for the Democrats since last June. The initial witness list released by House Intelligence includes a number of intelligence officials, all appointed during the Obama administration, such as former CIA Director John Brennan, former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, and former Acting Attorney General Sally Yates, but the sole technical people on the invitation list are two representatives of CrowdStrike, President Shawn Henry, and the co-founder Dmitri Alperovitch.

# **BOMBHELL: Fox News Sources Say Obama Used Brits To Spy On Donald Trump**

(Dailywire 3/14/17)

While the American Intelligence Community (IC) plays "not us" when it comes to claims that the Obama Administration spied on President Trump (when he was both a candidate and President-elect), Fox News has learned that in order to avoid a paper trail, fingerprints, and pesky little details like the Bill of Rights, President Obama circumvented all of that by requesting the British spy on Trump. Appearing on Fox News this morning, Judge Andrew Napolitano dropped this bombshell that could finally help to explain a whole lot, including a January 19 New York Times report about the Obama White House looking at intelligence information based on "wiretaps" (their word, not mine).

# FIRST DEMOCRAT LEADER PLEADS GUILTY IN TRUMP'S PEDOPHILE RAIDS (American Today 3/21/17)

Former mayor of Hubbard, Ohio (D) Richard Keenan has admitted in court to raping a young child, as President Trump's urgent investigation into the elite pedophile ring that has infiltrated Washington D.C. and politics nationwide continues taking down high-profile perpetrators...According to court documents, the abuse began as early as September 2013 when the victim — who Keenan knew — was just 4 years old. “It gives the victim some closure. Obviously, keeps this young child from having to testify and I think it's a good result given all the facts and circumstances,” said Assistant Prosecutor Gabe Wildman.

He said prosecutors have a responsibility to do what's best for the victim and that they accomplished that Friday.

# Senate Republicans Eliminate Obama-Era Internet Privacy Rules (Dailycaller 3/24/17)

The Senate voted to repeal Obama-era privacy regulations Thursday that would have required internet service providers (ISPs) to obtain consent from consumers before using their secondary data for advertising purposes. The resolution passed 50-48 down party lines, with two lawmakers flagged as absent from the roll call vote. If the resolution makes it out of the House and is signed by President Trump, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) would be barred from not only implementing the privacy rules passed under Obama, but it would be banned from implementing similar changes in the future. Opponents of the rule applauded the Senate vote, arguing that the directive denied consumers consistent privacy protection online and that it violated competitive net neutrality principles. The argument from ISPs is that they are being put under a harsher regime, while the status of social media sites remains unchanged. Facebook and the like would have a clear advantage when it comes to digital advertising, while ISPs dispense the time and resources in compliance with new regulations.

**March 26 - May 6, 2017, ICE conducted a crackdown on gangs, including MS-13 and other illegal immigrant gangs, that arrested nearly 1,400 people – the largest such operation conducted up to that point. The Trump Administration also cooperated with Central American countries in order to combat MS-13 recruitment in the region.  
(Conservapedia)**

**March 28, 2017—President Trump signed a major executive order repealing several Obama-era environmental regulations unfavorable to coal. In addition to this, the order started an immediate review of Obama's Clean Power Plan, help create American energy jobs, bring American energy independence by stimulating domestic energy production, and giving authority back to the states.  
(Conservapedia)**

# WaPo in Pay-for-Play Scandal — Phony Experts Given Free PR, Leading to Questions about Money Changing Hands (medium.com 3/29/17)

The Washington Post's Ellen Nakashima is in the journalistic scandal of her career, with inquisitive journalists asking why she gave millions of dollars of free publicity to a discredited business that directly profited from the "Russian hacker" hysteria. Nakashima failed to disclose material information to her readers in several stories, with one blatant conflict-of-interest standing out. Let's begin at the end. CrowdStrike helped drive the narrative that Russian hackers were involved in the DNC leaks. No evidence was given other than their "expert judgment." Their judgment has since been called into question, as they were forced to retract a report after being accused of fraud...Indeed it was CrowdStrike that blamed Russia for the DNC leaks, a claim WaPo gladly spread far and wide...The Washington Post's Ellen Nakashima never disclosed that CrowdStrike had a motive to lie. Why would Nakashima omit this clear conflict-of-interest? Wouldn't a business that makes a profit by creating hysteria about Russian hackers have a motive to lie? Did Nakashima ever ask CrowdStrike about this conflict? Of course not!

# Tech Company Behind Russian Hacking Claims Forced to Roll Back Botched Reports

(Americanfreepress 3/29/17)

A U.S. cybersecurity firm employed by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to investigate alleged hacking carried out by the Russian government and its proxies during the 2016 presidential election campaign has been forced to retract key findings in a report it used to substantiate allegations of Russian meddling and interference in American domestic politics as well as Ukraine's conflict with pro-Russian separatists in the Crimea area. CrowdStrike, utilized by the DNC to manufacture claims of Russian hacking against the DNC and Clinton campaign more generally in an effort to help Donald Trump triumph in the heated 2016 presidential election, released a report in December of last year asserting, among other things, that Russian actors hacked into a Ukrainian artillery application resulting in heavy losses of Ukrainian howitzers. The CrowdStrike report was originally based on data and information provided by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), an influential think tank based in London that researches political and military conflict... CrowdStrike was one of the first cybersecurity firms to allege Russian actors were behind the hacking of the DNC. Dmitri Alperovitch, co-founder and CTO of CrowdStrike, has insisted a variant of the software utilized in the now discredited Ukrainian "hacking" was similar to the software utilized in the purported hacking of the DNC. The original report alleging Russian hacking into the Ukrainian artillery application, issued in December of last year and widely circulated and sourced in the mainstream corporate mass media, has now been significantly updated and revised as a result of media exposure.

# **Mike Pence breaks tie to allow states to defund Planned Parenthood (CBS 3/30/17)**

The Senate voted Thursday to let states block federal family planning money from going to Planned Parenthood affiliates and other abortion providers. Senators approved the Republican legislation 51-50. Vice President Mike Pence cast the tie-breaking vote after two GOP senators, Maine's Susan Collins and Alaska's Lisa Murkowski, voted with Democrats against the measure. The bill erases a regulation imposed by former President Barack Obama that lets states deny family planning funds to an organization only if it is incapable of providing those services. Senate approval means the measure will be headed to President Trump, who was expected to sign it. The House voted its consent last month.

# **BOMBSHELL: Obama Worked With Intelligence Officials To Thwart Trump BEFORE He Was Nominee** (constitution 3/31/17)

The candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump have had an incredibly galvanizing effect on American politics, with liberals going to absurd lengths to stymie the President. Never mind the #Resist “movement” that is currently underway, in which politicians and celebrities on the left have been working overtime in an effort to normalize the idea of thwarting a sitting, fairly elected President. It would be unrealistic to pretend that Donald J. Trump, businessman and reality television personality, is a conventional President. He’s not, and there is no one out there pretending that he is, but it is downright deplorable to wish ill on any American, let alone an elected official who will determine the prosperity and safety of your life.

**March 31, 2017, after talking tough against "sanctuary cities" and illegal immigration, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a plan to speed up the deportation of imprisoned illegals (Conservapedia)**

**March 31, 2017—President Trump signed two orders. The first order instituted a crackdown on violations of anti-dumping laws and help officials to collect penalties already owed to the U.S. The second order ordered a report by the Department of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative on the causes of the U.S. trade deficit due within 90 days.  
(Conservapedia)**

**March/April 2017, the Trump Administration cracked down on H-1B visas in a series of actions, making it much more difficult for entry-level programmers to enter the U.S., combating corruption in the program, and making sure that Americans were not discriminated against.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**The White House 2017 payroll was \$5.1 million lower than the Obama Administration's 2015 payroll. Additionally, the Trump White House employed 110 fewer employees than Obama, and it did not employ any policy "czars." In addition, President Trump donated his entire first-quarter 2017 salary to restore the Antietam National Battlefield.  
(Conservapedia)**

**April 3, 2017—Attorney General Sessions ordered the Department of Justice to review Obama's agreements with local police departments. Sessions made this order to give back local control to police departments. (Conservapedia)**

**April 4, 2017 – The Trump Administration halted U.S. funding of the United Nations Population Fund, which has links to inhumane abortion programs such as China's one-child policy. Instead, the \$32.5 million was shifted to the U.S. Agency for International Development. (Conservapedia)**

# US Defunds UN's Aid for Forced Abortions in China (CBN 4/5/17)

It's no secret that China's strict two-child policy has ended countless unborn babies' lives through forced abortions. Now, President Donald Trump is taking a stand against China's forced abortions by cutting funds to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). "This determination was made based on the fact that China's family planning policies still involve the use of coercive abortion and involuntary sterilization, and UNFPA partners on family planning activities with the Chinese government agency responsible for these coercive policies," the State Department said. The cuts amount to at least \$32.5 million. Instead, funds will be directed to the U.S. Agency for International Development, which provides medical care to families across the world. Fr. Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, praised the move, calling the United States' past funding of forced abortions a "disgrace." "The outrage of the Obama administration's 'see no evil' policy that financed forced abortions and coerced sterilizations in China and other dictatorships is finally over," said Fr. Pavone. "The United Nations Population Fund is a broker of oppression. That our country funded this organization in violation of federal law is a disgrace."

# At F.C.C., Obama-Era Rules on Chopping

**Block** (NYT 4/5/17)

WASHINGTON — When Congress voted to overturn internet privacy rules last month, the swift action by Republican lawmakers sent a clear message: They were just getting started. The next target is net neutrality, which is the guarantee that all internet content is equally accessible. That could be followed by cuts in broadband subsidies for low-income households and a relaxation in rules preventing media consolidation in local markets. Republican regulators and lawmakers have been waiting for this moment. Coordinating across the government, they are putting several telecommunications and technology policies created during the Obama administration on the chopping block. Already, Ajit Pai, the Republican chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, who was appointed to the agency by President Barack Obama and named to lead it by President Trump, has begun chipping away at the low-income broadband subsidy and net neutrality rules created by his Democratic predecessor.

# **White House Tallies \$10 Billion Saved by Repeal of Regulations** (Bloomberg 4/5/17)

The White House estimates it will save \$10 billion over 20 years by having rescinded 11 Obama-era regulations under a relatively obscure 1996 law that lets Congress fast-track repeal legislation with a simple majority.

The window to invoke the Congressional Review Act is April 28 and the Trump administration is hopeful that several other measures will pass both houses of Congress and reach the president's desk before that date, Marc Short, White House director of legislative affairs, told reporters Wednesday. "There was a huge risk to the economy," Short said of regulations passed under former President Barack Obama. He said the Obama administration authorized a historic number of regulations and President Donald Trump is trying to use the CRA to roll back rules as he promised before his election.

**April 7, 2017—A Presidential proclamation celebrated this day as "Education and Sharing Day USA" recognizing the conservative principles of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, to use values-based education to drive our Nation's children toward the American Dream. (Conservapedia)**

# **President Trump Appoints "Traditional Marriage" Christian as New Secretary of the Army (BCN 4/7/17)**

President Donald Trump recently announced a new "hire" to his administration that will likely send liberals' heads spinning. Although the announcement has not yet been formally made, several news outlets are reporting the president has selected Tennessee state Sen. Mark Green (R-Clarksville), the leading candidate for that state's governor in 2018, to become secretary of the Army. The West Point graduate was a medic for the special operations team that captured Saddam Hussein and wrote a book about the experience titled *A Night With Saddam*. He's also an evangelical Christian who holds to the Biblical definition of marriage. This is particularly relevant because he will be replacing the first openly homosexual civilian leader in the Army's history, Eric Fanning.

# **Trump Defunds Agency Responsible For Implementing Population Control Agenda Of The United Nations** (The Sleuth Journal 4/7/17)

All over the world, the United Nations Population Fund has been promoting abortion and sterilization as ways to slow down the rate at which the population of the planet is growing. In some cases, the United Nations Population Fund has actually partnered with countries that have conducted forced abortions and involuntary sterilizations. In other words, those procedures were being done to women against their will. The United Nations Population Fund is the tip of the spear when it comes to implementing the UN's twisted population control agenda, and so Donald Trump should be greatly congratulated for defunding them. The State Department made an announcement on Monday that this would happen, and it was reported by the mainstream media with little fanfare...The State Department said on Monday it was ending U.S. funding for the United Nations Population Fund, the international body's agency focused on family planning as well as maternal and child health in more than 150 countries. In a letter to U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker, the State Department said it was dropping the funding because the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA) "supports, or participates in the management of, a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization."

# **Toyota Makes Largest Investment in History At Kentucky Plant** (Western Journalism 4/10/17)

Toyota is investing \$1.33 billion to retool its factory in Georgetown, Ky., the Japanese automaker announced Monday. “This is the largest investment in our plant’s history and it speaks directly to the quality of our people and our products, as well as the partnerships we’ve forged in the local community and across the state,” Toyota Kentucky president Wil James. “This major overhaul will enable the plant to stay flexible and competitive, further cementing our presence in Kentucky.” James said the upgrades will position the plant “to compete globally for new models, build ever-better cars for our customers now and enable us to respond quicker and more capably to market demands.”

**April 10, 2017- Neil Gorsuch assumed office on the Supreme Court. The appointment and confirmation of Gorsuch within Trump's first 100 days in office was considered a major achievement for Trump. Immediately into his tenure on the Court, Gorsuch positioned himself as one of the most conservative justices. (Conservapedia)**

# Yellen: Unemployment Rate 'A Little Bit Below' Full Employment (USNews 4/10/17)

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Monday that America's unemployment rate had fallen "a little bit below" what she and some of her colleagues on the Federal Open Market Committee consider to be full employment. Yellen and her fellow central bankers have repeatedly suggested the labor market – which is currently in the midst of a record-setting 78 consecutive months of expansion – has been nearing an optimal level of sustainable health. But few have said explicitly that the jobs landscape had reached what the Fed refers to as full employment. But during a Q&A session Monday at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy, the Fed chief appeared to acknowledge as much, saying the country's unemployment rate – which in March fell to 4.5 percent, its lowest level since mid-2007 – had crept beyond the Fed's ideal target. "With an unemployment rate that stands at 4.5 percent, that's even a little bit below what most of my colleagues and I would take as a marker of where full employment is," Yellen said. "I'd say we're doing pretty well."

# Trump picks pro-life conservative to lead HHS civil rights office (Lifesitenews 4/11/17)

April 11, 2017 (LifeSiteNews) — President Trump has appointed social conservative Roger Severino to head the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in a choice celebrated by pro-family advocates and condemned by pro-LGBTQ leftists.

Severino, a Harvard Law School graduate who served as director of the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at the conservative Heritage Foundation, has written and published extensively against leftist “gender ideology” and the Obama administration’s promotion of transgenderism in the military.

His new boss at HHS is Tom Price, a conservative, pro-life former congressman from Georgia whose appointment, like Severino’s, has enraged pro-LGBTQ activists as well as the pro-abortion lobby.

# **NK Fleet Moves Back to Korea After Shocking Chinese Rejection (CT 4/11/17)**

North Korean ships are reportedly heading back home from China still full of one of the few products the country has that other countries want — coal. According to Reuters, sanctions China implemented in February have gone into effect, stopping North Korea from selling its most precious export to its biggest trading partner. This is a proverbial walk of shame for North Korea. “A fleet of North Korean cargo ships is heading home to the port of Nampo, the majority of it fully laden, after China ordered its trading companies to return coal from the isolated country,” Reuters reported. The ban on this North Korean export came after North Korea was found to be practicing long-range missile tests and continued to do so even after being warned. On Feb. 26, China banned all imports of North Korean coal, according to The New York Times. On Friday, China’s customs officials ordered the country’s traders to return all North Korean coal cargoes to their ships, Reuters reported. This news comes after United States President Donald Trump’s successful two-day summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

# **Trump's Meeting With China's Xi Ended in an American Victory (CT 4/11/17)**

The two-day summit between President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping ended with three major wins for the Trump administration, the Financial Times reported.

Chinese officials said that Xi offered major concessions on beef and grain imports as well as investing in China's financial sector. The concessions would avert a trade war between the two countries, keeping prices down for American consumers.

At the summit, held last week at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, Xi said he would lift the 13-year ban on American beef imports. Under the agreement, the Chinese would also buy more American agricultural products.

**April 11, 2017, Sessions issued a memorandum to U.S. attorneys, instructing them to enforce much stricter guidelines against immigration crimes, and he announced the Justice Department would hire 125 immigration judges in the next two years. As a result of Session's decision, the DOJ resumed the criminal prosecution of first-time illegal border crossers, something which the Obama Administration stopped. (Conservapedia)**

# **GOP wants Trump to reopen criminal probe into ex-IRS exec Lerner** (Washingtontimes 4/12/17)

Two top Republicans asked the Justice Department on Wednesday to take a new look at the evidence against former IRS senior executive Lois G. Lerner to see whether charges should still be brought against her for targeting Tea Party groups and losing key evidence in the case. Ms. Lerner was cleared after an investigation by the Obama administration but Reps. Kevin Brady and Peter Roskam, respectively the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and the panel's tax policy subcommittee, say there are plenty of questions with how that probe was run, and said that a new look by the Trump administration's Justice Department is warranted. "Taxpayers deserve to know that the DOJ's previous evaluation was not tainted by politics," the congressmen said in a letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

# **Feds Promise to Protect Half a Million American Girls from Genital Mutilation** (Breitbart 4/13/17)

An Indian-heritage woman doctor is facing a lifetime jail sentence for allegedly helping immigrant Somali mothers cut the genitalia from their two American seven-year-old daughters, and federal officials have promised to wipe out the imported practice which threatens more than half a million American girls and women. “The Department of Justice is committed to stopping female genital mutilation in this country, and will use the full power of the law to ensure that no girls suffer such physical and emotional abuse,” the acting Assistant Attorney General of the justice department’s criminal division, Kenneth Blanco, said April 13. “Female genital mutilation constitutes a particularly brutal form of violence against women and girls,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Lemisch said in a statement. “The practice has no place in modern society,” he claimed.

**April 13, 2017—Under the increased autonomy President Trump gave the Defense Department, the U.S. dropped a GBU-43B (also known as MOAB or the "Mother Of All bombs"), the largest non-nuclear bomb in existence at 21,000 pounds on a complex of Islamic State tunnels in Afghanistan. It caused much damage, being estimated to have killed at least 94 ISIS fighters, including four commanders – no civilians were killed. It also destroyed several of the tunnels as well as weapon stockpiles. The attack was reported as having dealt a heavy blow to ISIS's Afghanistan branch. (Conservapedia)**

**April 13, 2017 — The Justice Department prosecuted two doctors and one other for practicing female genital mutilation – the first such prosecutions under a federal law passed by Congress in 1996 prohibiting the practice.**

**April 14, 2017 — President Trump appointed Roger Severino, a strong defender of religious liberty, to the HHS Office for Civil Rights**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **Trump Signs Bill Overturning Obama Admin Rule Banning States From Defunding Planned Parenthood** (Christianneews 4/14/17)

President Trump has signed into law a bill that overturns a rule issued by the Obama administration that bans states from defunding the abortion and contraception giant Planned Parenthood. “On Thursday, April 13, 2017, the president signed into law H.J. Res. 43, which nullifies the Department of Health and Human Services rule prohibiting recipients of Title X grants for the provision of family planning services from excluding a subgrantee from participating for reasons other than its ability to provide Title X services,” the White House simply write in a brief press release on Thursday. As previously reported, the resolution passed the Senate on March 30 after Vice President Mike Pence was called in to cast the deciding vote in the midst of a 50-50 tie. It cleared the House on Feb. 16 230-188, mostly along party lines.

**April 14, 2017 — President Trump appointed two conservatives on immigration issues to senior positions in the Department of Homeland Security. Like Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Secretary of Homeland Security John F. Kelly also adopted a strong position against illegal immigration (Conservapedia)**

# **Haitians get word of Trump crackdown, slow flow to border by 97%** (Washington Times 4/16/17)

Sometime around November, word began to trickle back down the spine of Latin America: The U.S. was getting stricter about letting in Haitians at the border. Not only had the Obama administration begun deporting Haitians after a six-year humanitarian pause, but President Trump also had just been elected, presaging an even tougher policy. Many of those en route, such as the hundreds staged at migrant camps in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, figured they had gone that far and had little to lose by trying to finish the journey north. But for the tens of thousands of Haitians in Brazil, Chile and elsewhere in South America who had been planning to journey north, the news was devastating. In a matter of weeks, the northward stream of people dried up. It is one of the biggest among a plethora of success stories from the southwestern border, where illegal immigration appears to have nearly dried up in the two months since Mr. Trump took office.

**April 18, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order restricting the H-1B visa to give the hiring preference to American workers and enacting stronger enforcement of laws requiring the use of American-made materials in federal projects (Conservapedia)**

# Trump signs order to clamp down on visa program, enforce 'buy American' policy (Fox News 4/18/17)

President Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order that will make it harder for American tech companies to hire employees from foreign countries willing to work for less money than Americans. Trump signed the “Buy American, Hire American” order during his visit to the Snap-on Tools headquarters in Kenosha, Wis. The president called the order “bold new steps” toward making good on his campaign promises to generate more jobs for out-of-work Americans. Trump called the order “a powerful signal to the world” that “finally puts America first.”

“We are finally standing up for our workers and our companies,” Trump said.

**April 19, 2017—President Trump signed an extension of the Veterans Choice Act of 2014, which allowed veterans to seek medical care outside the VA system due to serious VA problems. (Conservapedia)**

**April 20, 2017 – President Trump signed a memorandum directing the Department of Commerce to investigate whether steel imports pose a threat to U.S. national security. (Conservapedia)**

# **IOWA HOUSE VOTES TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD** (CBN 4/21/17)

The Iowa House of Representatives voted this week to deny \$400,000 to 12 Planned Parenthood clinics in the state and redirect patients to other federally-qualified community health facilities. (Photo Credit: LifeSiteNews)

The \$1.77 billion health and social service budget must still go to the state Senate, but the Republican majority is expected to support it, as is Gov. Terry Branstad.

The bill does not specifically exclude Planned Parenthood, but it denies state family planning funds to organization doing abortions. Because Medicaid spending in this area is tied to state allocations, the defunding will cost the state nearly \$3 million in federal money.

**April 21, 2017 — President Trump signed one executive order and two memorandums. The order directed the Treasury Secretary Mnuchin to look at the U.S. tax code and recommend the removal of unnecessary regulations and the two memorandums directing the Treasury Secretary to conduct a review of portions of the Dodd-Frank law.**  
(Conservapedia)

**April 23, 2017, in response to the chemical attacks, the Trump Administration put sanctions on 271 employees of Syria's Scientific Studies and Research Center, which supported the nation's chemical weapons program.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**April 25, 2017 — President Trump signed an executive order ordering the Department of Agriculture to find and eliminate unnecessary regulations, in an effort to help farmers, particularly in the light of NAFTA and the trade imbalance with Canada.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**April 25, 2017 – After Canada changed its milk pricing policy, putting U.S. farmers at a severe disadvantage, the Trump Administration imposed tariffs at rates up to 24% on Canadian lumber imports.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **The Prayer and Bible Study that Are an Ongoing Part of the President's Cabinet**

(CBN 4/25/17)

Members of President Donald Trump's cabinet are gathering for prayer weekly. Vice President Mike Pence and eight cabinet secretaries sponsor the sessions, which occur weekly in Washington. It's led by the founder of Capitol Ministries, Ralph Drollinger, who started working on arranging the Bible study during the Trump team's transition to the White House. Sponsors include Vice President Pence; Secretaries Betsy DeVos, Ben Carson, Sonny Perdue, Rick Perry, Tom Price and Jeff Sessions; EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and CIA Director Mike Pompeo. These are some of the most influential people in the U.S. government gathering weekly to grow themselves spiritually.

**April 26, 2017 — President Trump signed an executive order ordering the Interior Department to review designations of national monuments from as far back as 20 years prior, with the intention of reversing federal overreach in land acquisition and returning power to the states.**

(Conservapedia)

**April 26, 2017 — President Trump signed an executive order ordering Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to review Department of Education regulations, with the intention of returning power to the states and local governments.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**April 26, 2017 – The Department of Homeland Security established the Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement Office (VOICE), created to help support victims of illegal immigrant crime, and it established the DHS-Victim Information and Notification Exchange, which was created to help those victims track the custody status of those criminal illegal immigrants.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **Analysis: It's not just droughts, but nearly all extreme weather is declining or at or near record lows (Climate Depot 4/27/17)**

On Eve of DC climate march, drought drops to record lows in U.S. as nearly all extreme weather is either declining or at or near record lows. "It is not just droughts that are at or near record levels. On almost every measure of extreme weather, the data is not cooperating with the claims of the climate change campaigners. Tornadoes, floods, droughts, and hurricanes are failing to fit in with the global warming narrative." The federal government has just released yet another key piece of scientific data that counters the man-made global warming narrative. The federal U.S. Drought Monitor report shows that droughts in the U.S. are at record lows in 2017. "Drought in the U.S. fell to a record low this week, with just 6.1% of the lower 48 states currently experiencing such dry conditions, federal officials announced Thursday. That's the lowest percentage in the 17-year history of the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor report," USA Today reported on April 27

**April 27, 2017 — President Trump signed an executive order creating an office in the Department of Veterans Affairs to investigate obstacles preventing the VA from firing incompetent employees, and to protect those who reveal cases of incompetence in the department. (Convservapedia)**

**April 27, 2017 — President Trump signed a memorandum opening a Department of Commerce investigation into whether the high level of aluminum imports constitutes a threat to U.S. national security.**

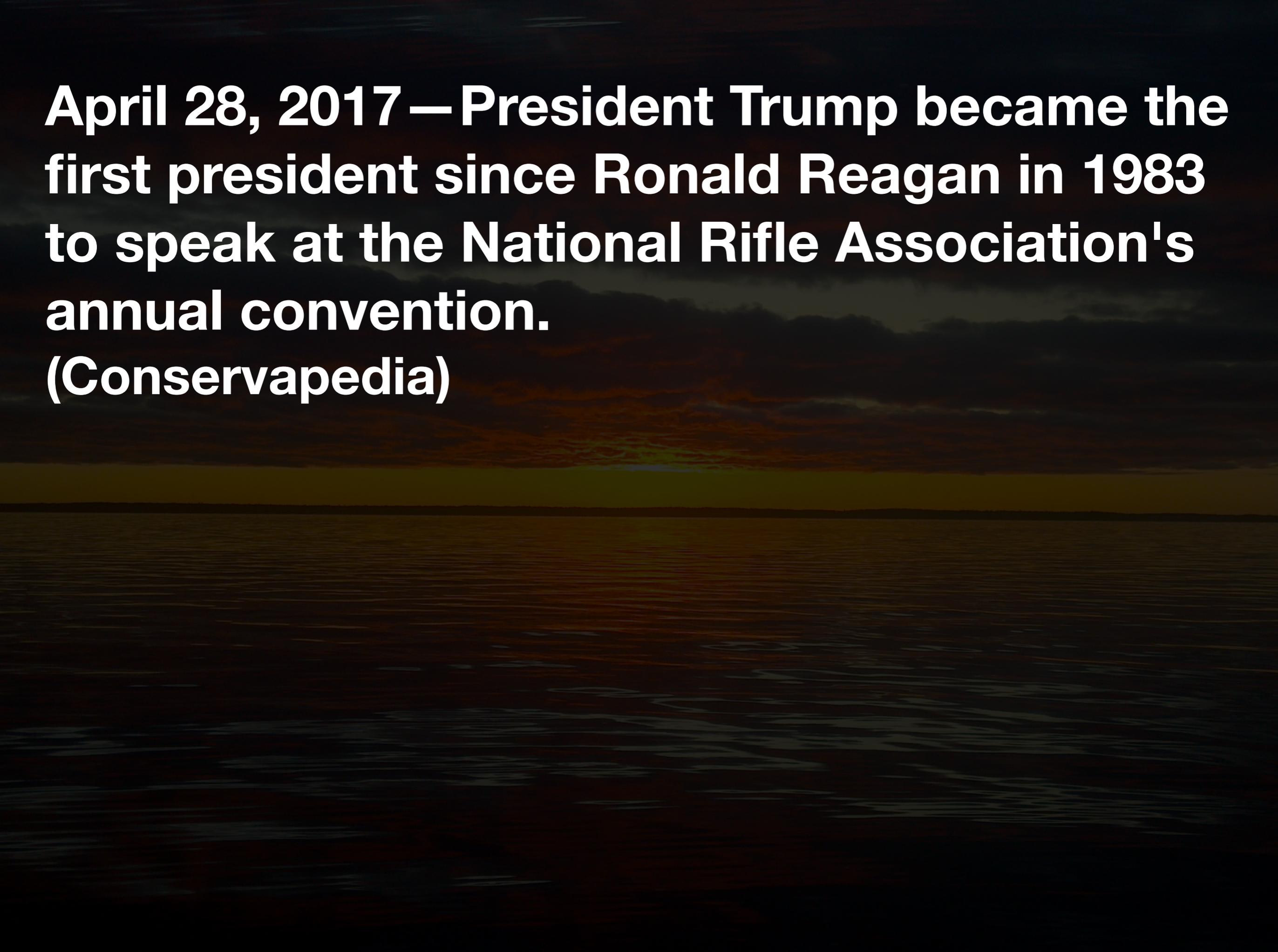
**(Conservapedia)**

**April 28, 2017, in an apparent victory for the pro-life movement, President Trump appointed Dr. Charmaine Yoest, a strong pro-life advocate and the former president of Americans United for Life, to the position of assistant secretary of public affairs for the Department of Health and Human Services, replacing a strong Planned Parenthood supporter. (Conservapedia)**

# **Sen. Menendez Ally Dr. Salomon Melgen Found Guilty on All 67 Counts of Medicare Fraud** (Breitbart 4/28/17)

Update: The Palm Beach Post just reported Melgen was convicted of all 67 counts. “A prominent Florida eye doctor has been convicted on all counts in his Medicare fraud trial, raising the possibility he could be pressured to testify in the bribery trial of New Jersey Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez,” the Associated Press reported on Friday afternoon: Jurors announced their verdict Friday for Dr. Salomon Melgen. He effectively faces a life sentence if no deal is struck. Menendez denies any wrongdoing. Prosecutors contended that the 62-year-old Melgen stole up to \$105 million from the federal insurance program between 2008 and 2013, by giving patients treatments and tests that couldn’t help them. Melgen’s attorneys argued that any billing issues were simply mistakes.

**April 28, 2017 — President Trump became the first president since Ronald Reagan in 1983 to speak at the National Rifle Association's annual convention.  
(Conservapedia)**

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water with subtle ripples. The middle ground shows a dark, silhouetted horizon line, possibly representing a range of mountains or hills. The sky is filled with dark, layered clouds, with a faint, horizontal band of light suggesting a low sun or moon, creating a moody and somewhat somber tone.

**April 28, 2017 — President Trump signed an executive order repealing a ban on offshore drilling signed by President Obama and directing the Interior Secretary to review U.S. drilling policy and regulations.  
(Conservapedia)**

**April 29, 2017 — President Trump signed two executive orders, one ordering the U.S. to review all of its free trade agreements including NAFTA, and the other establishing a White House trade policy office.  
(Conservapedia)**

**April 30, 2017 – Rather than spend his 100th day in office attending the White House Correspondents Dinner with its left-wing anti-Trump journalists and media figures, Trump went to Pennsylvania to hold a Trump Rally for his supporters. Trump became the first president since Reagan in 1981 to skip the dinner.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**April 2017 —• It was reported in late April 2017 that nine Trump Administration cabinet members, including Vice President Mike Pence, were participating in a weekly Bible study, and members of the House and Senate were also conducting their own Bible studies.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**The Trump Administration gave wider powers to the Department of Defense than it had under Obama. In April 2017, President Trump gave Mattis authority to set troop levels in Iraq and Syria for the fight against ISIS, and it gave military commanders authority to perform military actions without approval from Washington. The U.S. military made large advances against ISIS under their autonomy.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**In Trump's first 100 days in office, the U.S. national debt decreased by \$100 billion, as opposed to Obama, where the debt grew by \$560 billion by the same point in his presidency.  
(Conservapedia)**

# Trump: 'Illegal Immigration Down by Unprecedented 73%'

Speaking at a rally in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Saturday President Donald Trump discussed the severe decline in illegal immigration under his presidency. Following his assurance that a wall would be constructed along the Mexican border, President Trump spoke over chants of “build that wall,” saying “we have done so well at the border, a lot of people are saying, wow, maybe the president doesn’t need the wall.” He continued, “we need the wall to stop the drugs and human trafficking. We need the wall. In just 100 days, we have taken historic steps to secure our border, imposed needed immigration control like you have never seen before” said President Trump. (Breitbart 4/29/17)

**May 1, 2017—President Trump proclaimed that day as Loyalty Day, to "recognize and reaffirm our allegiance" to American values, such as "individual liberties, to limited government, and to the inherent dignity of every human being."**

**(Conservapedia)**

**The Trump Administration's rollback of regulations was described in May 2017 as its "biggest untold success." President Trump and Congress spent much time rolling back regulations, particularly those created by Obama. The federal agencies under Trump shifted their focus on cutting regulations rather than writing them. In the first six weeks of Trump's presidency, over 90 regulations were repealed whether through executive orders, Acts of Congress, or other means. (Conservapedia)**

**May 1, 2017, President Trump appointed Teresa Manning, a pro-life advocate who worked for the Family Research Council and the National Right to Life, to be the HHS deputy assistant secretary for population affairs. (Conservapedia)**

**May 5, 2017 — President Trump attached a signing statement to a five-month spending bill he signed, ignoring several liberal provisions, such as a statement ordering the administration not to enforce federal marijuana laws in states with medical marijuana. (Conservapedia)**

**May 5, 2017—ICE established a policy that would give illegal immigrants stays of removal only if the chairs the House and Senate Judiciary Committees or the relevant subcommittees requested them, as opposed to the earlier policy of issuing stays of removal whenever a private bill to legalize illegals was introduced in Congress. This would allow ICE to deport illegals without having members of Congress obstruct deportations.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**May 5, 2017 Trump signed into law H.R. 244 that provided an additional \$1.5 billion in border security funding, including money to repair 40 miles of existing border barrier sections and to increase funding for ICE and CBP, among other conservative achievements. (Conservapedia)**

# **Trump Nominates Ten Conservatives to be Federal Judges** (Breitbart 5/8/17)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Donald Trump unveiled a slate of ten judicial nominees to the federal courts on Monday who are mainstream conservatives, taking the next step to fulfill his campaign promise after his successful appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court.

When it comes to judicial nominations, the president is best known for his home-run victory in his nomination and confirmation of Gorsuch. But even if Trump gets the expected opportunity to nominate two more justices during his first term, those three picks will be less than two percent of his judicial selections over the next four years...

# ACLU LOSES THEIR CHALLENGE TO IOWA'S 20-WEEK ABORTION BAN

(BreakingChristianNews 5/8/17)

Last week, Iowa's governor signed a 20-week abortion ban bill into law. Now, the bill is being challenged, but it has been upheld in court thus far. Iowa's Gov. Terry Branstad signed the 20-week abortion ban on Friday. According to a report from ONeNewsNow.com, Iowa Right to Life spokeswoman Jennifer Bowen said the ban includes other restrictions on abortion as well, including a mandatory 72-hour waiting period for a woman seeking an abortion. "What that included was a 72-hour or three-day waiting period for a woman seeking an abortion, as well as the opportunity to view her ultrasound, view its heartbeat, [and] informed consent basic legislation was also added," said Bowen. However, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), along with Planned Parenthood, is arguing that such a restriction infringes on a woman's rights. The organization filed a lawsuit in Polk County District Court. The judge in the case, District Judge Jeffrey Farrell, ruled in favor of the abortion ban.

# Nigeria: Boko Haram Releases 82 Chibok

## Schoolgirls (Christian Headlines 5/8/17)

Eighty-two of the kidnapped Chibok schoolgirls have been released by their Boko Haram captors, according to a report from The Christian Post. The nearly 300 girls were abducted three years ago, and while several of them were released previously, were able to escape, or reportedly died, this marks the largest release of the captives. The Nigerian government has been under pressure to negotiate the release of the girls. The girls' parents and communities have not stopped campaigning for their rescue. The #BringBackOurGirls campaign received national attention. "I am very, very excited with this development. I cannot even sleep tonight," said Yana Galang, whose daughter, Rifkatu, was among those kidnapped. She added that it's not known yet if her daughter is among those who were released "but we're very happy that many have been freed ... I hope and pray that my daughter is among these released girls." Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari's government was able to negotiate the release of the girls in exchange for the release of suspected Boko Haram prisoners. "The President has repeatedly expressed his total commitment towards ensuring the safe return of the #ChibokGirls, and all other Boko Haram captives," said a statement from the president's office.

**May 9, 2017—The Department of Homeland Security reported that it had implemented tougher vetting policies at U.S. border crossings. (Conservapedia)**

# **PROMISE KEEPER: PRESIDENT TRUMP PICKS 10 NEW LIFELONG FEDERAL JUDGES, HERE'S THE LIST** (CBN News 5/9/17)

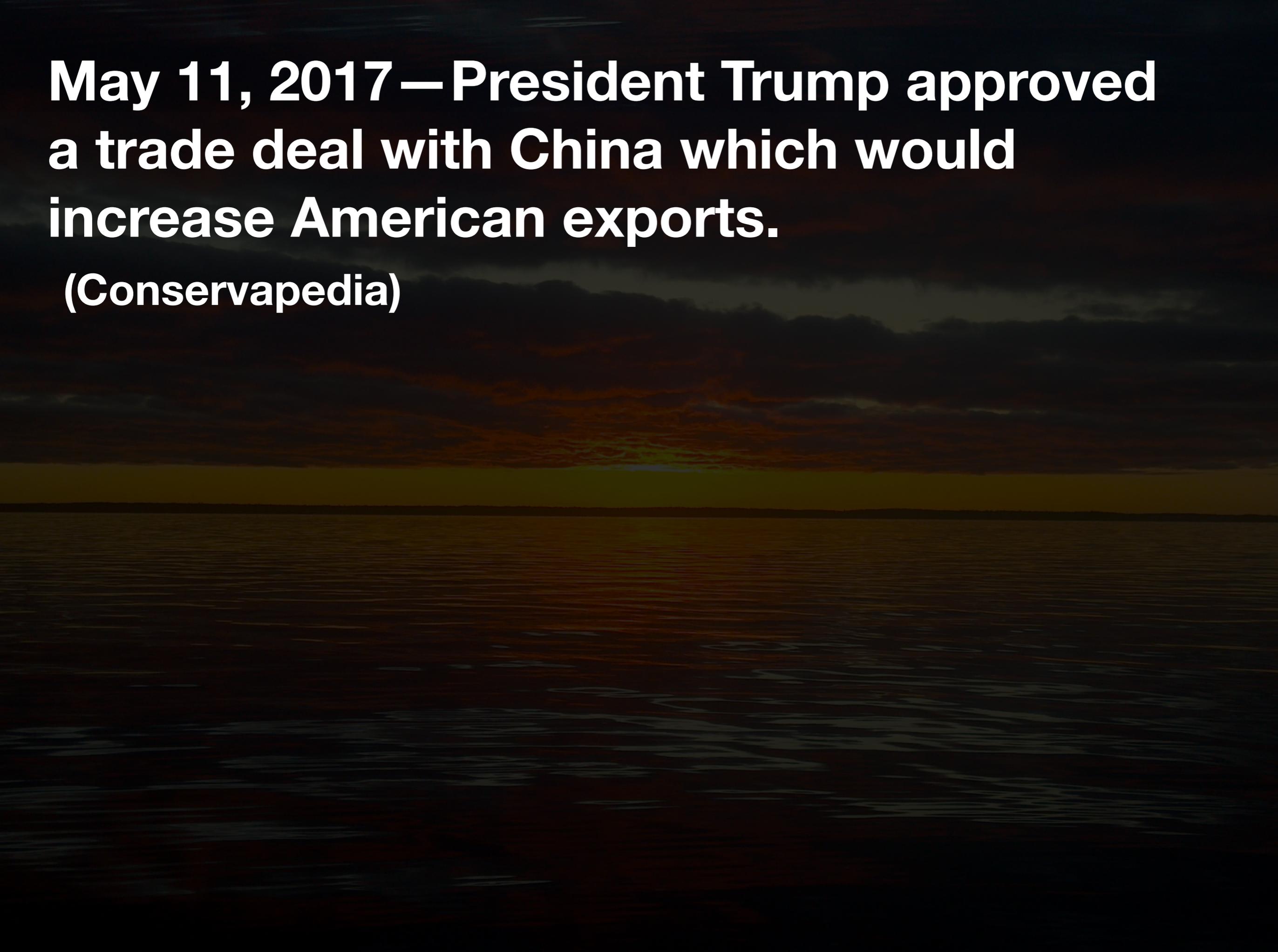
Trump is knocking it out of the park by fulfilling his campaign promise to appoint strong, principled judges. President Donald Trump nominated 10 people Monday for the lower federal courts. "These 10 individuals that the president has chosen, were chosen for their deep knowledge of the law and their commitment to uphold constitutional principles," said White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer. The White House announced that Justice Joan Larsen of Michigan and Justice David Stras of Minnesota are slated to fill the opens seats on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th and 8th circuits. Both have been pegged as potential nominees for the Supreme Court. Conservative groups like Judicial Crisis Network praised the president's nominees. Their chief counsel, Carrie Severino, told CBN News that Trump is knocking it out of the park by fulfilling his campaign promise to appoint strong, principled judges.

**May 11, 2017 – President Trump signed an executive order to review U.S. cyber security and hold the various federal departments accountable for ensuring the protection of valuable information.**

**May 11, 2017 – President Trump signed an executive order creating a commission, chaired by Vice President Mike Pence and vice-chaired by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, to review the extent of voter fraud and suppression in the United States. (Conservapedia)**

**May 11, 2017—President Trump approved a trade deal with China which would increase American exports.**

**(Conservapedia)**

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a body of water in the foreground and a range of mountains in the distance under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a low sun or moon creating a faint glow on the horizon. The water in the foreground shows subtle ripples and reflections of the light from the sky.

**May 11, 2017—Attorney General Sessions ended Obama and Eric Holder's policy of pursuing light sentences for criminals when he ordered federal prosecutors to pursue "the most serious and readily provable offense" committed by those under prosecution. (Conservapedia)**

**Election fraud: Trump created a commission to examine vulnerabilities in U.S. political systems and assess voter registration procedures. ([UPI.com](http://UPI.com) 5/11/17)**

**Cybersecurity: Trump signed an order to hold federal agency heads accountable for the cybersecurity of their networks and calls on government and IT leaders to step up defenses against automated attacks online. ([UPI.com](http://UPI.com) 5/11/17)**

**May 13, 2017—• While newly-inaugurated U.S. Presidents generally give their first commencement addresses at the University of Notre Dame, President Trump gave his at the conservative Christian Liberty University. (Conservapedia)**

# **Trump takes aim at Black Lives Matter, slams 'hostility and violence' against police**

(Washington Times 5/15/17)

Criticized for firing the FBI director, President Trump sought to reinforce his bond with law enforcement Monday, decrying the ambush-style killings of police last year during the Black Lives Matter movement, pledging to restore respect in the White House for police and even illuminating the White House in blue lights. At a memorial ceremony for fallen officers at the Capitol, Mr. Trump referred to the assassinations of police officers in Dallas, Texas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana during the peak of anti-police protests as “a stain on the very fabric of our society.” “We are living through an era in which our police have been subject to unfair defamation and vilification, and even worse ... hostility and violence,” Mr. Trump said. “More officers were slain last year in ambushes than in any year in more than two decades.”

**May 15, 2017 – The Trump Administration massively broadened the scope of the Mexico City Policy to restrict funding to any international health organization that performs or gives information about abortions, expanding the amount of money affected from \$600,000 to nearly \$9 billion.  
(Conservapedia)**

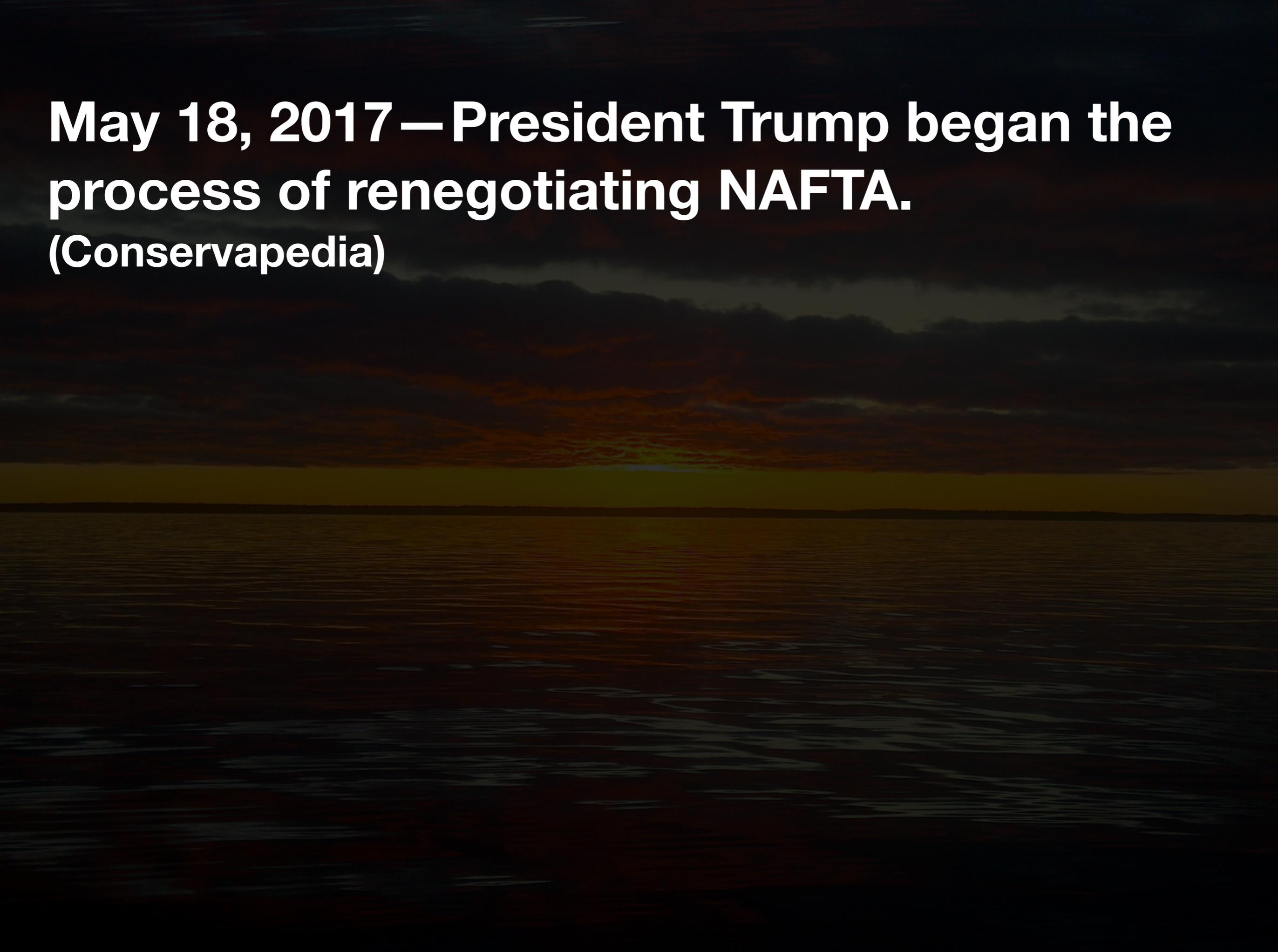
**May 17, 2017—The Trump Administration imposed additional sanctions on an Iranian national, an Iranian company, a Chinese national, and three Chinese companies (because of Chinese dealings related to Iran's nuclear program).  
(Conservapedia)**

# Democratic Leaders Try to Slow Calls to Impeach Trump (NYT 5/18/17)

WASHINGTON — When House Democratic leaders hastily called a news conference Wednesday to demonstrate their outrage at President Trump's latest dramatics, they took great pains to show they were not seeking to railroad him out of the White House.

“No one ought to, in my view, rush to embrace the most extraordinary remedy that involves the removal of the president from office,” said Representative Adam B. Schiff of California, the sober-minded senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. He warned that Democrats should not let their actions “be perceived as an effort to nullify the election by other means.”

**May 18, 2017—President Trump began the process of renegotiating NAFTA.  
(Conservapedia)**



# Biggest gang sweep in Charlotte history nabs 83 'Bloods' (Charlotteobserver 5/18/17)

North Carolina's largest ever crackdown on street gangs led to arrests in Charlotte and four states Thursday, with dozens of alleged members of United Blood Nation charged with a vast conspiracy of murders, assaults and other violent crimes. In all, 83 people, all believed to be part of a UBN wing known as "Nine Trey Gangsters" wing, were named in the federal indictments, including nearly 30 who were already jailed for other crimes...In North Carolina, the reach of the gang extends from small North Carolina towns like Concord and Shelby to the college mecca of Chapel Hill. UBN remains a powerful force in many of the state prisons. In one 2016 example, UBN members smuggled cellphones, narcotics, marijuana and razor blades into the Pasquotank Correctional Institution in Elizabeth City, authorities say. The indictment also details gang efforts to traffic heroin, cocaine, narcotics and firearms. In a new development, many of named in the indictment were charged with white-collar crimes such as identity theft and credit card fraud – a sign that gang members are become more sophisticated and diversified, authorities said.

# Former Congressman Anthony Weiner pleads guilty in sexting case (KDVR 5/19/17)

Former Rep. Anthony Weiner pleaded guilty Friday to transferring obscene material to a minor, according to the U.S. Attorney's office for the Southern District of New York.

As part of the plea agreement, he will have to comply with the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act. "Today, former Congressman Anthony Weiner admitted and pled guilty to sending sexually explicit images and directions to engage in sexual conduct to a girl he knew to be 15 years old," acting U.S. Attorney Joon H. Kim said in a statement. "Weiner's conduct was not only reprehensible, but a federal crime, one for which he is now convicted and will be sentenced."

# **New Revelations Shed Light on Extent of NSA Spying Under Obama** (Daily Sheeple 5/20/17)

In the waning years of the Obama administration, the National Security Agency (NSA) swept up and reviewed the communications of Americans to an extent previously unknown, in direct violation of the Constitution and its own revised guidelines, recently unsealed documents reveal... In 2011, FISA procedures for the masking of American citizens' identity were proving insufficient, most notably the use of identifiers of Americans as "selection terms" in NSA database searches. This prompted a rule change that "categorically prohibited NSA analysts from using U.S.-person identifiers to query the results of upstream Internet collection," a FISA court opinion said... "The rules from 2011 forward were simple: Do not use American identifiers," writes National Review's Andrew McCarthy. "Yet NSA used them — not once or twice because some new technician didn't know better. This violation of law was routine and extensive, known and concealed."

# **White House Budget Cuts Entitlements \$1.7 Trillion, Slashes EPA 30%** (CanadaFreePress 5/22/17)

The White House will release its “taxpayer-first budget” on Tuesday, which includes \$1.7 trillion in cuts for entitlement spending and a 30 percent reduction in the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) budget.

The Trump budget proposal will balance over the next ten years by cutting both mandatory and discretionary funding for agencies such as the EPA and State Department. The budget proposal assumes that the economy will grow at three percent compared to the 1.6 percent growth that America experienced in 2016. White House staffers explained that the proposal is a “post-policy” budget, meaning that the budget assumes that Trump signed the health care overhaul known as the American Health Care Act (AHCA) and tax reform into law.

**May 22–23, 2017 — The second country President Trump visited was Israel, and his trip marked the first time a U.S. president visited the country on their first foreign trip. He visited the country on the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War and Israel's capture of Jerusalem. His flight from Saudi Arabia to Israel was one of the rare flights taken between the two countries and the first of a U.S. president to fly from the former to the latter. (Conservapedia)**

**May 25, 2017 — At the 2017 NATO summit, President Trump strongly stated his position that the other NATO member states should meet their expected contributions to the organization. (Conservapedia)**

# **Largest sex trafficking prosecution in US history** (AP 5/25/17)

Hundreds of women were brought from Thailand to the U.S. and forced to be “modern day sex slaves,” according to an indictment unsealed Thursday that charges high-level members of what authorities called a sophisticated sex-trafficking ring that concealed millions of dollars in earnings.

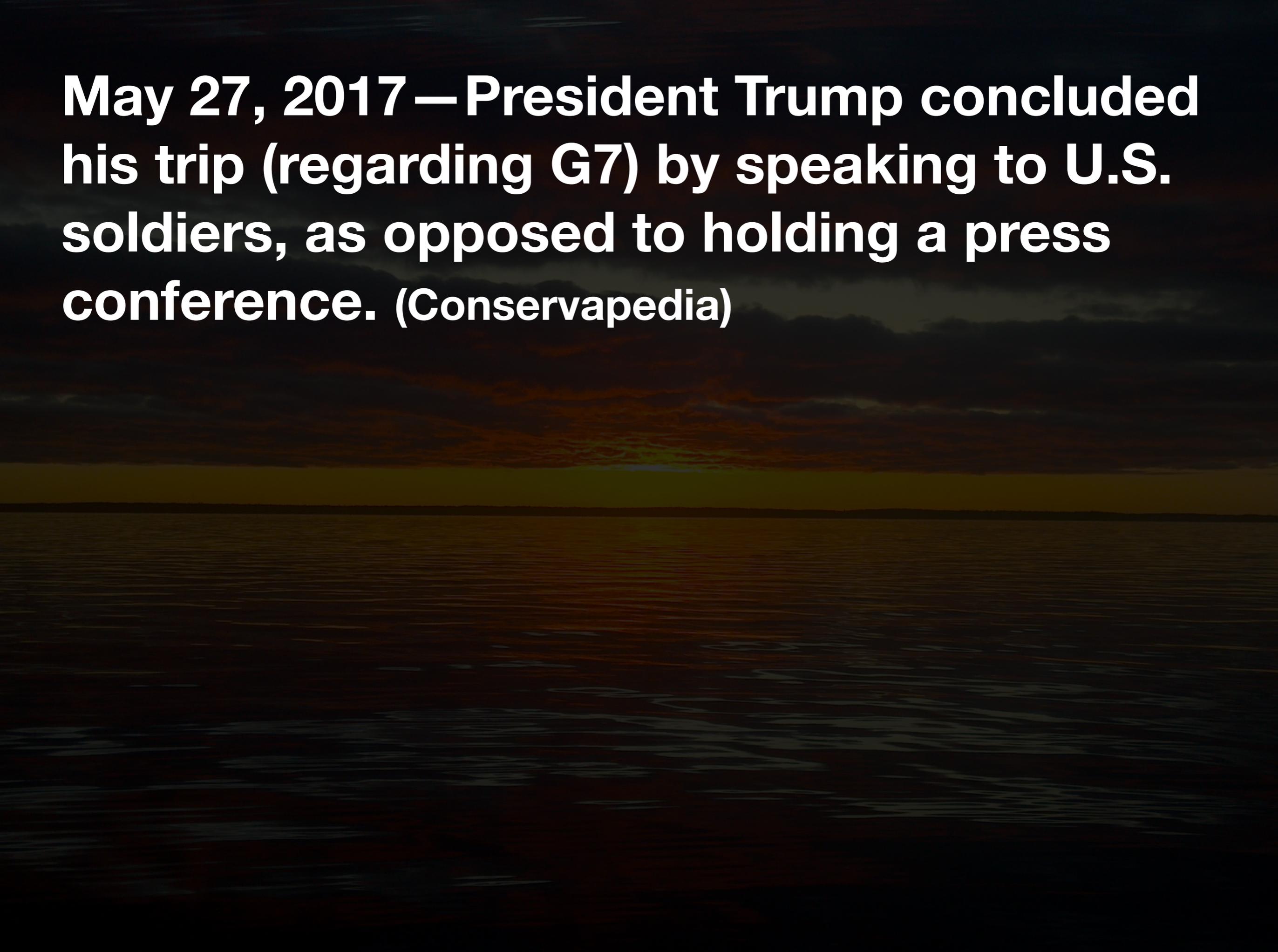
The indictment brings the total number of people charged to 38, making it one of the largest sex-trafficking prosecutions in the U.S., said Acting U.S. Attorney Gregory Brooker. Authorities say the operation lured Thai women to the U.S. with promises of a better life, then forced them to work as prostitutes until they could pay off often insurmountable bondage debts.

**May 26–27, 2017 — At the 2017 G7 conference, President Trump focused on terrorism rather than climate change... Much to the consternation of the G7 world leaders who lobbied for President Trump to accept the Paris climate agreement, Trump stood firm and refused to pledge commitment to the accords (Conservapedia)**

# **White House: 30,000+ Criminal Aliens Apprehended by ICE in 100 Days** (Breitbart 5/26/17)

The White House announced its tally of criminal aliens deported since President Donald Trump issued a series of executive orders aimed at stepping up their arrest and deportation. The announcement adds the 188 arrests U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) made in the Los Angeles area over the last week to a running total of over 30,000 criminal aliens taken into custody in the 100 days since President Trump's flurry of immigration executive orders came into effect. According to ICE, 169 of those caught in this latest operation had previous criminal convictions, only three of which were immigration related...The administration has made breaking up these "transnational criminal organizations," many of whose members are illegal aliens, a priority in its law enforcement strategy. MS-13 in particular has become known for exploiting weaknesses in American immigration enforcement to bolster its ranks, including through the use of DACA.

**May 27, 2017 — President Trump concluded his trip (regarding G7) by speaking to U.S. soldiers, as opposed to holding a press conference. (Conservapedia)**

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water with subtle ripples. A dark horizon line separates the water from a sky filled with dark, layered clouds. The overall color palette is muted, consisting of dark blues, greys, and blacks, with a slight glow on the horizon.

# Leading Democrat Arrested on Child

## Pornography Charges (Federalist Tribune 5/27/17)

Once again, Democrats have been shaken by yet another sex scandal this week after a leading young Democrat who works for New York Mayor Bill de Blasio was arrested on child pornography charges. Jacob Schwartz, 29, was arrested after investigators found more than 3,000 sickening images and 89 videos on his laptop. According to court papers, the videos and images show “young nude females between the approximate ages of 6 months and 16, engaging in sexual conduct... on an adult male.” Schwartz’ father, labor lawyer and Democratic insider Arthur Schwartz, described his son’s case as a “personal tragedy,” “I understand these are serious charges,” said Arthur, who watched his son get arraigned last night in Manhattan Criminal Court. “He’s already in therapy for this.”

# **Merkel Mad: Donald Trump Declines to Endorse Paris Climate Agreement** (Breitbart 5/27/17)

Despite heavy lobbying from G7 leaders, President Donald Trump declined to endorse the Paris Climate Agreement in a joint pledge of support for one of former President Barack Obama's signature achievements in office.

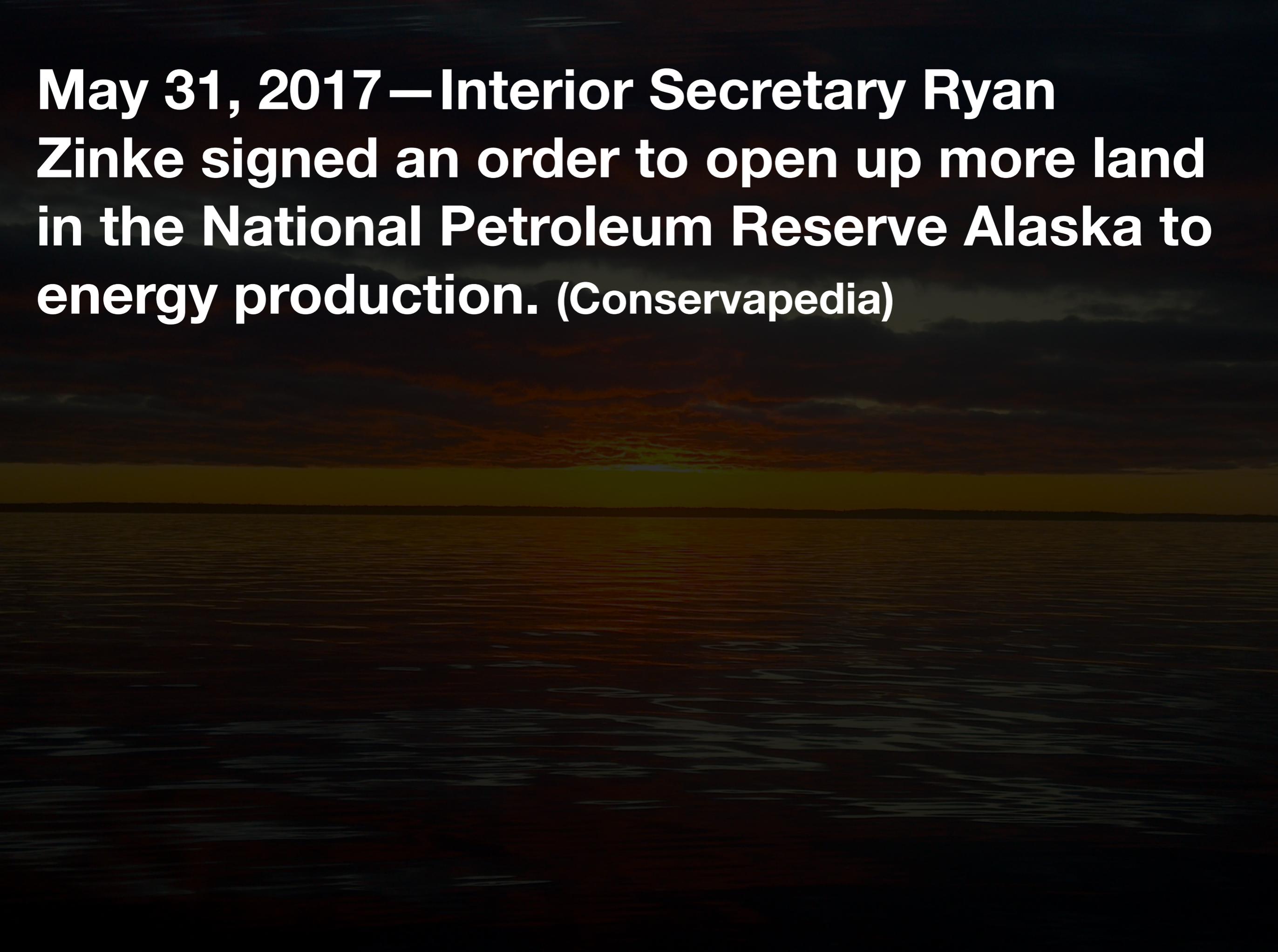
Trump's decision upset world leaders like German Chancellor Angela Merkel, desperate to convince the president of the agreement's merits.

“The Paris deal isn't just any other deal. It is a key agreement that shapes today's globalization,” Merkel said, describing discussions with Trump about climate change “very unsatisfying.”

# **Globalist Zbigniew Brzezinski, the Man Who Trained Osama Bin Laden, Dead at 89 (The Event Chronicle 5/28/17)**

Globalist Zbigniew Brzezinski, the man who trained Osama bin Laden in warfare, armed the Mujahideen in Afghanistan at the height of the Cold War, and basically turned Iran into an anti-Western nation, has died at the age of 89...He has been the evil spirit behind 5 US presidents, including Obama — and he was obsessed with but one thought: The US is to dominate a communist one world state. I have included Brzezinski, the co-founder of the Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg, and a permanent member of the Council on Foreign Relations (just like his children are today), on the list of “8 Biggest Threats to Humanity,” because of the dark roles that he played globalism and the shaping of American politics, which resulted in the invasion of many sovereign nations and the deaths of countless innocent civilians.

**May 31, 2017 — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke signed an order to open up more land in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska to energy production. (Conservapedia)**



# **Nearly two dozen Lucchese crime family members arrested (NYP 5/31/17)**

Top-ranking members of the Lucchese crime family – including ruling boss Matthew Madonna and his second-in-command Steven Crea Sr. – were busted Wednesday on federal racketeering charges, including murder, authorities said.

Madonna and underboss Crea Sr., aka “Wonder Boy,” as well as consigliere Joseph DiNapoli, and four others – Steven Crea Jr., Dominic Truscello, John “Big John” Castelucci and Tindaro “Tino” Corso – who served as captains or acting captains were among 19 charged in a superseding indictment unsealed Wednesday.

**May 2017 — President Trump embarked on an ambitious foreign trip, where he, among other accomplishments, visited the heartlands of the three Abrahamic religions, challenging the Muslim world to get serious about defeating Islamic terrorism, challenging the European leaders to contribute more to NATO, and isolating Iran...**

**...While in the Middle East, Trump, unlike Obama, took a strong stance against Iran and strengthened the United States's traditional alliances with Israel and the Arab nations, bringing them closer together. His trip was described as one that "flipped traditional U.S. foreign policy upside down."**

**May 2017- President Trump gave a major speech to leaders of 50 Islamic world leaders challenging them to fight Islamic terror. Trump gave a blunt speech, stronger than Obama's, and he did not mention democracy or human rights, rather speaking about "good vs. evil,".**

**(Conservapedia)**

**May 2017 - Unlike former President Obama, the State Department under President Trump described the Afghanistan Taliban as a terrorist organization without hesitation.  
(Conservapedia)**

**May 2017- Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates agreed to donate \$100 million to a women entrepreneurs fund proposed by Ivanka Trump. (Conservapedia)**



**May 2017- The U.S. and Saudi Arabia strengthened counterterrorism ties by enacting joint sanctions on two "global terrorists," and Saudi Arabia opened a center to combat Islamic terrorism. (according to President Trump, the commitment to combating Islamic terrorism was already being seen when several Arab nations cut ties with Qatar due to its support of Islamic terrorism and Iran; later, Saudi Arabia changed its royal succession plan, possibly in an attempt to please President Trump). (Conservapedia)**

**May 2017, Trump appointed Shannon Royce, who formerly served in the Family Research Council and the Southern Baptists' Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, to the HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.  
(Conservapedia)**

**May 2017 — The State Department introduced new and much stricter rules for vetting all people seeking a visa to enter the U.S., with the introduction of social media vetting being among the changes. (Conservapedia)**

**May 2017 – The Trump Administration signed agreements as a member of the Arctic Council, and it was later revealed that it successfully weakened the language regarding climate change and environmental policy.  
(Conservapedia)**

**May 2017 – In order to avoid misreporting and distortions by the media, ICE established a Spanish media presence.**

**May 2017 - The number of immigration arrests increased, with a 38% increase in Trump's first 100 days.  
(Conservapedia)**

**By May 2017, the Trump Administration also was able to reduce the number of countries "that habitually refuse to take back immigrants whom the U.S. is trying to deport" from 20 to 12.  
(Conservapedia)**

**May 2017, the Trump Administration began to undo Section 1557 of ObamaCare, which would have helped liberals gain transexual "rights" through the courts. (Conservapedia)**

**By June 2017, the economy was clearly improving and growing, and Americans' confidence in the economy rose. The economy rose faster than expected in July 2017, with 222,000 jobs being added. It was reported in early July that U.S. factory activity rose to its highest level since August 2014.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**President Trump strongly urged the other NATO members to increase their defense spending in order to meet their spending pledges. In late-June 2017, it was reported that Europe's NATO countries would increase their defense spending at the fastest pace in three years.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 1, 2017 – President Trump announced the U.S. would withdraw from the Paris climate agreement and immediately stop its implementation, including by ending payments to the U.N. Green Climate Fund. In his announcement speech, Trump made clear that "I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris," and that "our withdrawal from the agreement represents a reassertion of America's sovereignty."**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 2, 2017—President Trump signed a bill into law giving preference in federal grants to "federal and state law enforcement agencies that hire and train veterans"**

**June 2, 2017—President Trump signed a bill into law to reduce the backlog of families of fallen police officers waiting to receive benefits due to their status.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# Small Businesses Cheer 'New Sheriff in Town' After Climate Pact Exit (NYT 6/2/17)

As news that President Trump was pulling out of the Paris climate accord hit at a luncheon for small-business owners in Toledo, Ohio, on Thursday, an already happy crowd suddenly turned euphoric. "It was like a major win at a football game," said Rick Longenecker, a management consultant who had been among the 50 or so attendees who gathered to trade thoughts amid a rapidly improving local economy. While multinational corporations such as Disney, Goldman Sachs and IBM have opposed the president's decision to walk away from the international climate agreement, many small companies around the country were cheering him on, embracing the choice as a tough-minded business move that made good on Mr. Trump's commitment to put America's commercial interests first.

# **Trump targets Africa: Inside America's quiet war against terror** (Foxnews 6/3/17)

...President Trump was widely criticized when he proposed banning visas from seven Muslim-majority nations. But Somalia's government was more diplomatic. Schwartz said Mohamed was receptive to new vetting requirements, like biometric identification and even taking in deported Somalis, which has increased under the Trump Administration.

“Somalia used to be uncooperative and now they’ve shifted and they are being cooperative. We’re establishing a new equilibrium which will work better for both countries,” Schwartz said...

**June 5, 2017 – The Department of Veterans Affairs announced it would adopt the same medical records system as the Defense Department in order to bring better care for veterans.**

**June 6, 2017 – The Trump Administration appointed Valerie Huber, an abstinence education advocate, to the position of chief of staff to the assistant secretary for health at the HHS.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 7, 2017 — Attorney General Sessions ended a policy begun by Eric Holder where the Justice Department would reach settlements with companies that required them to pay third-party groups, many of which were left-wing organizations. (Conservapedia)**

# DOJ ends Holder-era 'slush fund' payouts to outside groups (Foxnews 6/7/17)

The Justice Department announced Wednesday it will no longer allow prosecutors to strike settlement agreements with big companies directing them to make payouts to outside groups, ending an Obama-era practice that Republicans decried as a "slush fund" that padded the accounts of liberal interest groups.

In a memo sent to 94 U.S. attorneys' offices early Wednesday, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said he would end the practice that allowed companies to meet settlement burdens by giving money to groups that were neither victims nor parties to the case.

Sessions said the money should, instead, go to the Treasury Department or victims.

**June 8, 2017—President Trump spoke to the Faith and Freedom Coalition, showing strong support for evangelical Christians and religious liberty. He repeated the statement he made at Liberty University: "in America, we don't worship government. We worship God."  
(Conservapedia)**

# **New Video Confirms That Planned Parenthood Is Fighting a Losing Battle (IJR 6/9/17)**

Ethically-challenged and less-than-comprehensive in its scope, Planned Parenthood may be fighting a losing battle for our money. We have been given more reasons than we need to finally redirect federal and state tax subsidies away from the abortion giant. Too many unsavory revelations about the real spirit that animates the corporation are available to too many voters with access to a web search engine. Another undercover video from David Daleiden at the Center for Medical Progress showed their doctors and executives speaking way too frankly at an industry meeting. Though the video was available online for only 24 hours before it was taken down due to legal wrangles over undercover journalism, news reports are doing enough damage to the already-tarnished reputation of the corporation. Dr. Uta Landy, founder of the Consortium of Abortion Providers of Planned Parenthood said: “An eyeball just fell down into my lap, and that is gross!” [laughter from the crowd] And from a Dr. Ann Schutt-Aine: “I might ask for a second set of forceps to hold the body at the cervix and pull off a leg or two, so it’s not a PBA (partial birth abortion).”

**June 10, 2017—The U.S. Senate confirmed Neomi Rao, who was noted for her position in favor of deregulation, as the administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). (Conservapedia)**

# First New Coal Mine of Trump Era Opens in Pennsylvania (Fox News 6/10/17)

President Trump lauded the opening of the nation's first new coal mine in recent memory. Corsa Coal Company will operate the mine in Somerset County, Pa. - outside of Pittsburgh. Corsa CEO George Dethlefsen said the mine will be a boon to the struggling local economy. He praised Trump's easing of regulations and encouragement for fossil fuel exploration. Dethlefsen told Leland Vittert that for the 70 positions available in the mine, 400 people applied. "It's a hard day's work every day, but it's worth it," one miner said. Vittert said the news contrasts with Hillary Clinton's message that she would "put a lot of coal miners out of work."

**June 10, 2017 - It was reported that President Trump had signed 37 bills into law, more than each of the previous four presidents, and the U.S. House had passed 158 bills, "making it the most productive in the modern-era," according to GOP House leaders. (Conservapedia)**

# 'Trump's Tough Talk': Illegal Border Crossings Down 64 Percent Vs 2016 (Fox News 6/10/17)

Illegal immigrant crossings at America's southern border have dropped 64 percent over the same timespan in 2016. Clayton Morris reported on "Fox & Friends" that President Trump's "tough talk" seems to have been enough to slow the flow of illegals coming in from Mexico. From February through May, about 76,000 people were captured by law enforcement at the border versus about 188,000 in 2016, according to the Daily Caller.

**June 12, 2017 – The Trump Administration formally rejected a G7 pledge to adhere to the Paris climate agreement.**

**June 12, 2017 – The U.S. and China made an agreement that would allow American beef products to be exported to China.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# Two Million Americans Drop Out of Obamacare Since Signing Up in January

(Breitbart 6/12/17)

Two million Americans withdrew from Obamacare insurance plans since signing up on a federal exchange in January. On Monday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published two reports detailing that nearly two million Americans had not paid their insurance premiums to maintain health insurance coverage. The Effectuated Enrollment Report explains that 12.2 million Americans selected an Obamacare plan at the end of the open enrollment period. However, only 10.3 million decided to pay the required premiums to maintain health insurance coverage as of March 15th. CMS Administrator Seema Verma explained, “Consumers are sending a clear message that cost and affordability are major factors in their decision to cancel or terminate coverage.”

# ICE Busts 39 MS-13 Members in New York Operation (Breitbart 6/15/17)

Law enforcement immigration officers and agents joined forces to round up 39 members of the hyper-violent MS-13 criminal gang. Six other people were also arrested during the operation. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents teamed up in Operation Matador to arrest a total of 45 criminal gang members. In addition to the 39 MS-13 members, the operation led to the arrest of two Sureños, one member of the 18th Street Gang, one Latin King, one Los Niños Malos, and one with Patria, according to information obtained by Breitbart Texas from ICE officials. Operation Matador was conducted over a 30-day period of time.

**June 15, 2017 – The Department of Energy closed its Office of International Climate and Technology in order to improve its organizational structure.**

**June 15, 2017 – President Trump signed executive orders to loosen federal regulations on job-training programs and to encourage apprenticeships and vocational learning.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 16, 2017—During a speech attended by opponents of Cuba's Communist regime, President Trump partially reversed Obama's pro-Cuba policies by restricting U.S. travel to Cuba and prohibit financial transactions that benefit the Cuban military. Additionally, Trump visibly took a much stronger position on Cuba to repatriate American criminal fugitives than Obama had done**

**(Conservapedia)**

**The Trump Admin successfully secured the release of several American prisoners held in foreign countries that the Obama Admin did not or could not release. It played a large role in successfully helping prevent CIA officer Sabrina de Sousa from being extradited to Italy. April 21, 2017, Egypt released an Egyptian-American who had been detained for three years. Additionally, according to the father of Otto Warmbier, who was held hostage in North Korea and then released in June 2017, the Obama Administration did not do enough to secure his release while the Trump Admin did secure his release. (Conservapedia)**

**June 18, 2017—In celebrating Father's Day, President Trump stated that "fathers have the ability and responsibility to instill in us core values we carry into adulthood. The examples they set and the lessons they impart about hard work, dedication to family, faith in God, and believing in ourselves establish the moral foundation for success that allows us to live up to our full potential." The Department of Education invited members of the Family Research Council and Focus on the Family to a Father's Day event. (Conservapedia)**

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**(Conservapedia)**

# STUDY SUPPORTS TRUMP: 5.7 MILLION NON-CITIZENS MAY HAVE CAST ILLEGAL VOTES (Washington Times 6/19/17)

A research group in New Jersey has taken a fresh look at postelection polling data and concluded that the number of noncitizens voting illegally in U.S. elections is likely far greater than previous estimates. As many as 5.7 million noncitizens may have voted in the 2008 election, which put Barack Obama in the White House. The research organization Just Facts, a widely cited, independent think tank led by self-described conservatives and libertarians, revealed its number-crunching in a report on national immigration. Just Facts President James D. Agresti and his team looked at data from an extensive Harvard/YouGov study that every two years questions a sample size of tens of thousands of voters. Some acknowledge they are noncitizens and are thus ineligible to vote. Just Facts' conclusions confront both sides in the illegal voting debate: those who say it happens a lot and those who say the problem nonexistent. The ODU professors, who stand by their work in the face of attacks from the left, concluded that in 2008 as few as 38,000 and as many as 2.8 million noncitizens voted.

**June 19, 2017 – The Environmental Protection Agency ended a \$1 million program where it gave gym memberships to its employees, ending the program due to an abuse of taxpayer money.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 20, 2017 – The same day President Trump met with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, the U.S. Treasury Department imposed sanctions on 38 Russian individuals and entities involved in the conflict with Ukraine.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 20, 2017 – Attorney General Sessions launched the National Public Safety Partnership as part of a wider DOJ effort at countering violent crime. (Conservapedia)**

**June 20, 2017 — In Georgia's 6th congressional district special election, Republican Karen Handel defeated her Democrat opponent in a highly-watched election despite Hollywood celebrities actively campaigning for the Democrat and their spending advantage (the House race was the most expensive U.S. House race in history). The election was a clear win for President Trump and his agenda and showed the weakness and poor messaging of the Democrat Party.**  
(Conservapedia)

**June 21, 2017 — President Trump signed an executive order, rescinding a guideline signed by former President Obama to speed up vetting times for people seeking visas, in order to improve vetting standards.**

(Conservapedia)

**June 23, 2017 – President Trump signed the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act into law (Trump described the law as "one of the largest reforms to the VA in its history), which expanded protections for VA whistleblowers, gave the VA the authority to end bonuses to convicted employees, made quicker and easier the process for firing, suspending, and demoting employees. (Conservapedia)**

**June 23, 2017 – The DOJ threw its support behind Texas's sanctuary city ban that was challenged in court.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **238 Arrested in Major Hollywood Pedophile Ring Bust (Neonnette 6/23/17)**

The Department of Justice has just conducted a series of raids across Los Angeles and arrested 238 people in connection with a Hollywood pedophilia network. According to police, the arrests included some "major Hollywood players" as well as politicians, white-collar professionals, a monk, and other high-ranking clergy members. The raids were conducted by the Los Angeles Regional Internet Crimes against Children task force, working directly with the Justice Department. Codenamed "Operation Broken Heart II", the sweeping raids targeted offenders wanted for the sexual exploitation of children, child prostitution, sex tourism and possessing and distributing child pornography, said Deputy Chief Matt Blake of the Los Angeles Police Department.

# Losing: The Failing New York Times Set to Lay Off More Staff, Including Reporters (Breitbart 6/24/17)

The Gray Lady, which many in the media class consider the pinnacle of the information business, is struggling so much financially that reporters are expected to be laid off from the publication, along with many editors, the New York Post reports.

“Reporters at the New York Times could soon be ‘vulnerable’ to the ax,” the Post’s Keith Kelly wrote. “If the ongoing round of voluntary buyouts being offered to editing staff does not get enough takers, the Gray Lady could begin another round, NYT Executive Editor Dean Baquet recently warned his top department editors.”

Kelly reported that as part of an ongoing restructuring at the Times—which has been happening since early 2017—a whopping 109 copy editors have already been terminated while only 50 new jobs are likely to be created as the paper shifts its focus to digital.

# **Bernie and Jane Sanders, under FBI investigation for bank fraud, hire lawyers (CBSnews 6/24/17)**

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, and his wife, Jane Sanders have hired prominent defense attorneys amid an FBI investigation into a loan Jane Sanders obtained to expand Burlington College while she was its president, CBS News confirms.

Politico Magazine first reported the Sanders had hired lawyers to defend them in the probe. Sanders' top adviser Jeff Weaver told CBS News the couple has sought legal protection over federal agents' allegations from a January 2016 complaint accusing then-President of Burlington College, Ms. Sanders, of distorting donor levels in a 2010 loan application for \$10 million from People's United Bank to purchase 33 acres of land for the institution.

# **Very Fake News: After Breitbart Investigation, CNN Retracts Conspiracy Theory Hit Piece Attacking Trump, Associates Over Russian Fund (Breitbart 6/24/17)**

CNN has admitted it printed what President Donald Trump calls “very fake news” and retracted a demonstrably inaccurate hit piece on the President and his allies after a Breitbart News investigation uncovered significant inaccuracies and flaws in CNN’s work. “On June 22, 2017, CNN.com published a story connecting Anthony Scaramucci with investigations into the Russian Direct Investment Fund,” CNN said in a statement late Friday night. “That story did not meet CNN’s editorial standards and has been retracted. Links to the story have been disabled. CNN apologizes to Mr. Scaramucci.” The statement was sent out very late Friday evening on CNN’s Twitter account.

**June 25, 2017 — It was reported that the DHS defunded several Islamic organizations supported by the Obama Administration and that were set to be funded under it.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# SCOTUS Lets Ruling Stand Protecting Second Amendment Rights Following Non-Serious Misdemeanors (Breitbart 6/26/17)

On Monday the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) let stand a Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Pennsylvania ruling which protects Second Amendment rights following non-serious misdemeanor convictions. The issue revolved around *Binderup v. the U.S. Attorney General*, a case brought by the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) on behalf of Daniel Binderup. He “pleaded guilty in 1996 to a misdemeanor charge related to a consensual relationship he had with a 17-year-old female employee,” receiving “three years’ probation and a \$300 fine.” Since the crime could have resulted in jail time of over one year—triggering a “federal gun law blocks firearms possession—Binderup sought protection of his Second Amendment rights. The Third Circuit handed down an en banc ruling in Binderup’s favor and Obama’s Department of Justice responded by seeking a “Supreme Court review.” The result of that review is that the Third Circuit decision stands.

# Three CNN Employees Resign Over Retracted Story on Russia Ties (The Wrap 6/26/17)

Three CNN employees have handed in their resignations over a retracted story linking President Trump to Russia, the network announced Monday.

The article was removed from CNN.com on Friday after the network decided it could no longer stand by its reporting.

“In the aftermath of the retraction of a story published on CNN.com, CNN has accepted the resignation of the employees involved in the story’s publication,” a network spokesperson told TheWrap in a statement.

# **‘Victory’: Donald Trump Celebrates Supreme Court Decision to Clear Parts of Travel Ban**

(Breitbart 6/27/17)

President Donald Trump celebrated the unanimous per curiam opinion by the Supreme Court, effectively clearing lower court attempts to stay his travel ban, calling it a “clear victory” for national security.

“Today’s unanimous Supreme Court decision is a clear victory for our national security,” the president said in a statement to reporters.

Trump’s ban sought to limit people from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen from entering the United States, citing a national security risk. Despite efforts from lower courts to block the ban, the Supreme Court decided that foreign nationals lacking a “bona fide” relationship with someone in the United States could be banned. Parts of Trump’s executive order, however, remain blocked. “As president, I cannot allow people into our country who want to do us harm,” Trump’s statement said. “I want people who can love the United States and all of its citizens, and who will be hardworking and productive.”

# **U.S. to See Lowest Average Independence Day Gas Prices Since 2005** (Gasbuddy 6/27/17)

BOSTON — June 27, 2017 — Motorists taking to the road for the July 4 holiday weekend will be benefitting from the lowest Independence Day gas prices since 2005, paying an average of \$2.21 per gallon, well under the 10-year average of \$3.14, according to GasBuddy, the only smartphone app connecting more than 65 million drivers with their Perfect Pit Stop.

# **EU Hits Google With Record \$2.7 Billion Antitrust Fine** (The Atlantic 6/27/17)

The European Commission has fined Google a record \$2.7 billion for the way it promotes its own shopping service over those of its rivals, and ordered the tech giant to change the way it shows the results or face further fines. “What Google has done is illegal under EU antitrust rules,” Margrethe Vestager, the European Union’s Competition Commissioner, said in a statement. “It has denied other companies the chance to compete on their merits and to innovate, and most importantly it has denied European consumers the benefits of competition, genuine choice and innovation.” Google in a statement said it “respectfully disagree[s]” with the ruling and will review it “as we consider an appeal.”

**June 28, 2017 – The DHS announced new measures to increase security in international airports and to protect flights to the U.S. from terrorist attacks.**  
(Conservapedia)

# Kentucky Public Schools Can Now Offer Bible Classes In Social Studies Curriculum

(HuffPost 6/28/17)

Public schools in Kentucky can soon begin teaching Bible literacy courses thanks to a new bill that goes into effect Friday. Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin held a ceremonial public signing of House Bill 128, which officially passed in April, at the state's Capitol on Tuesday. The bill grants schools the ability to establish elective social studies courses on the Hebrew scriptures and New Testament of the Bible. "The idea that we would not want this to be an option for people in school, that would be crazy," Bevin said during the ceremony. "I don't know why every state would not embrace this, why we as a nation would not embrace this." The bill will "require that the course provide to students knowledge of biblical content, characters, poetry, and narratives that are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, mores, oratory, and public policy."

# **NYT Finally Retracts Russia-gate Canard**

(Consortium News 6/29/17)

The New York Times has finally admitted that one of the favorite Russia-gate canards – that all 17 U.S. intelligence agencies concurred on the assessment of Russian hacking of Democratic emails – is false. On Thursday, the Times appended a correction to a June 25 article that had repeated the false claim, which has been used by Democrats and the mainstream media for months to brush aside any doubts about the foundation of the Russia-gate scandal and portray President Trump as delusional for doubting what all 17 intelligence agencies supposedly knew to be true.

# **Trump's 'feds' now in Chicago to fight gun violence 'epidemic'** (Fox News 6/30/17)

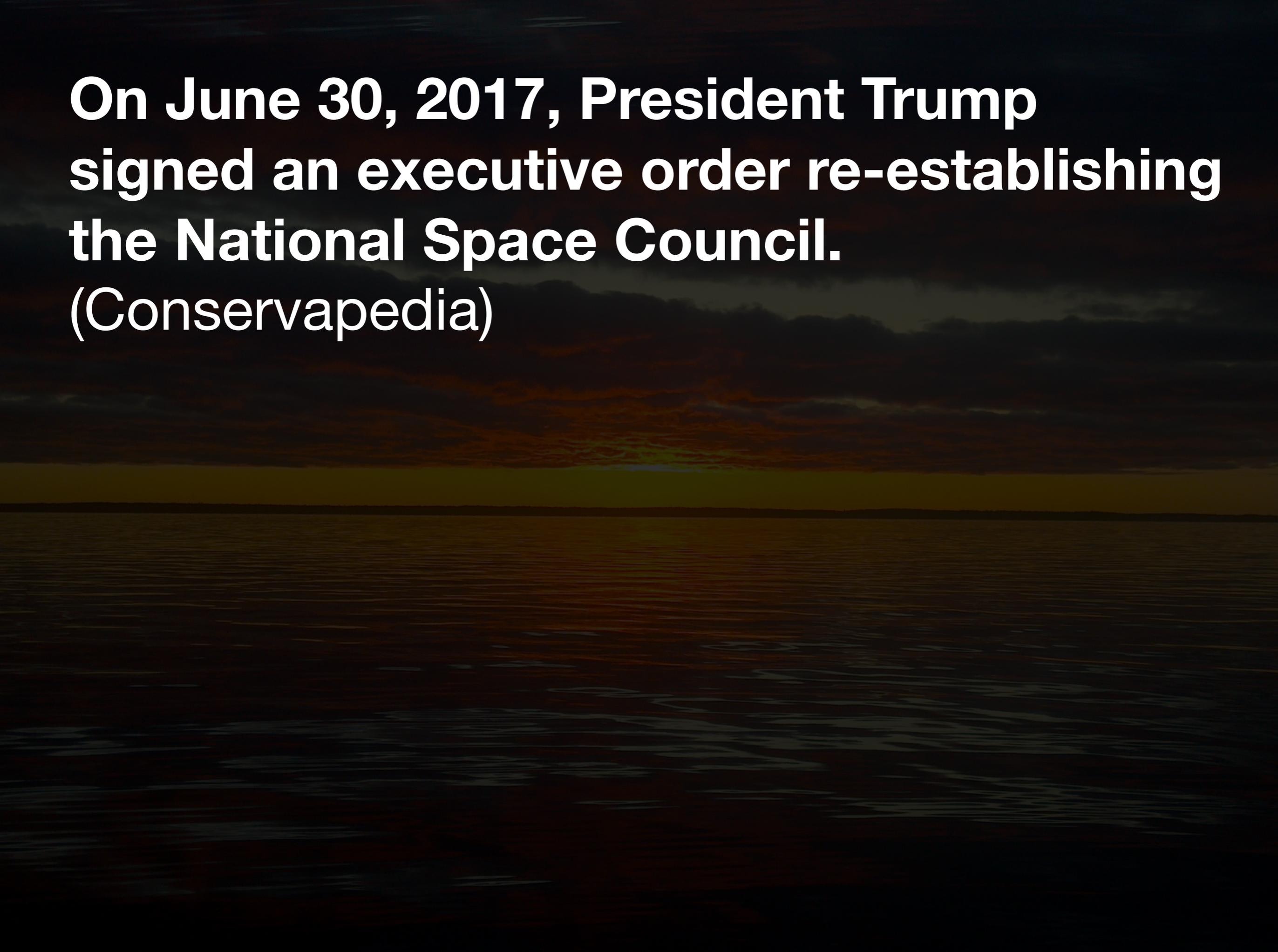
Months after taking to Twitter to say he would send in "the Feds" to help reduce Chicago's murder rate, President Trump's administration has sent in agents to combat the ongoing violence. The Chicago Sun-Times first reported that about 20 additional agents with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have been sent to the city. Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions confirmed Friday that the federal government is sending help, while decrying the crime epidemic on the city's streets. "Crime and killings in Chicago have reached such epidemic proportions that I am sending in Federal help. 1714 shootings in Chicago this year!" Trump tweeted.

**June 30, 2017 – It was reported that the Trump Administration was cracking down on illegal immigrant parents who paid to have their children smuggled into the United States.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 30, 2017 — The Trump Administration sent 20 ATF agents to Chicago to help the city fight gun violence. The local US Attorney said the same day that his office had already prosecuted more Chicago gun cases in 2017 than it had done throughout the entire year 2016. (Conservapedia)**

**On June 30, 2017, President Trump  
signed an executive order re-establishing  
the National Space Council.  
(Conservapedia)**

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water with subtle ripples. The horizon line is low, and the sky above is filled with dark, layered clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall color palette is muted, consisting of dark blues, greys, and blacks, with a slight hint of light near the horizon.

**June 30, 2017 — Despite a court ruling that the EPA did not need to take the loss of coal jobs into account when implementing regulations, it chose to follow that policy regardless.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 30, 2017 — It was reported that three conservative-leaning news outlets, Newsmax, One America News Network, and the Daily Mail, had been given permanent seats in the White House briefing room.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 30, 2017 — In an attempt to please President Trump, German Chancellor Angela Merkel weakened the G-20 climate plan.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 2017 – The Republican Party did not lose any of the special congressional elections held in early 2017 that were vacated by Republicans – the elections were framed as being referendums on Trump's presidency – despite attempts by Democrats to flip the seats.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 2017 - The DHS had arrested 66,000 illegal immigrants by late June 2017, and it was reported in early July that arrests had doubled from the Obama Administration (Conservapedia)**

**June 2017, the Trump Administration authorized the Defense Department to set troop levels in Afghanistan. The expanded authority given to the military could also be seen in U.S. operations in Somalia.  
(Conservapedia)**

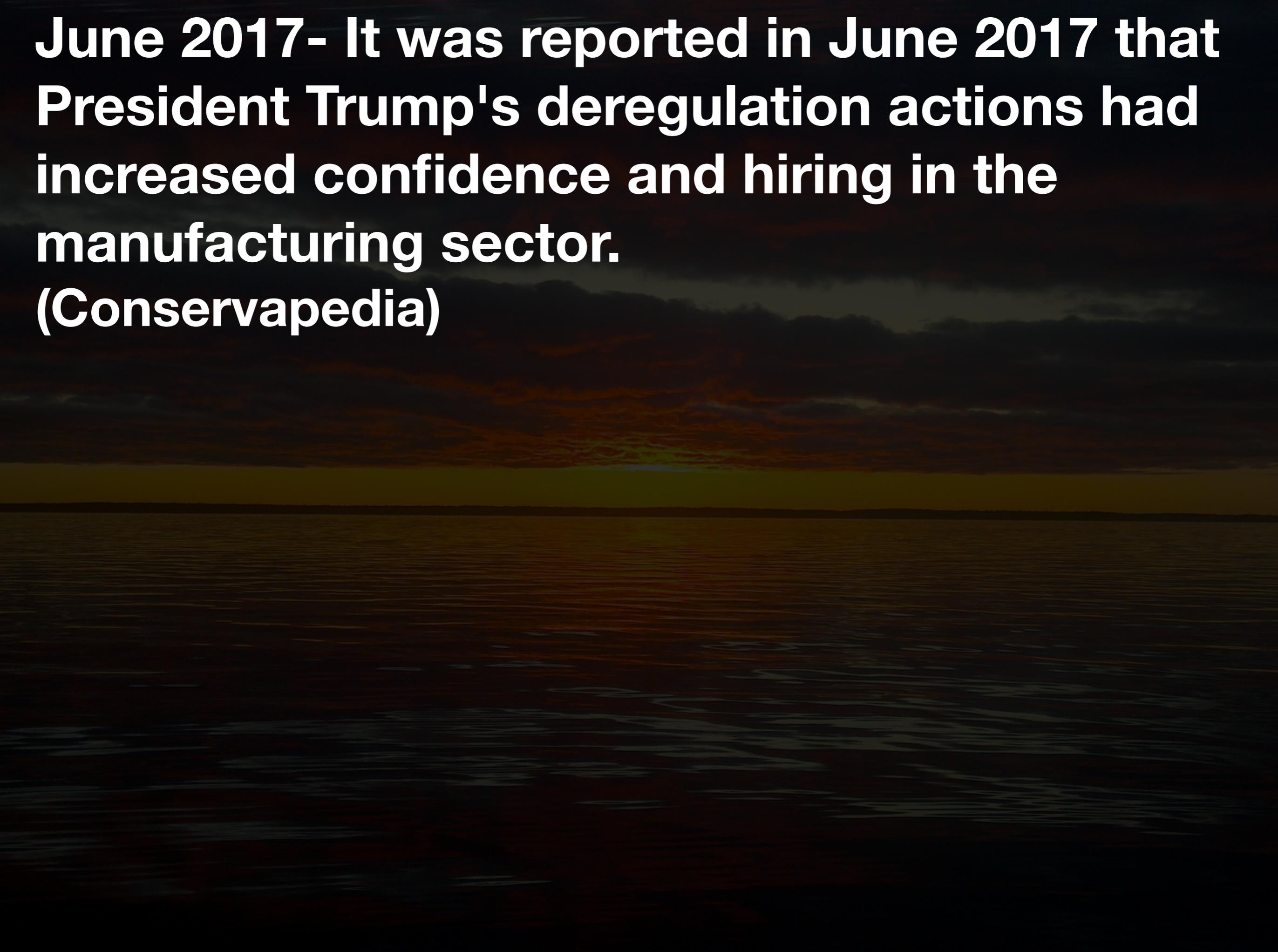
**June 2017 that the Trump Administration began repatriating illegal immigrants given "administrative closure" by the Obama Administration, a form of "quasi-amnesty." (Conservapedia)**

**June 2017 – The Department of Homeland Security ended a program where 21 officials cooperated with anti-deportation and pro-amnesty organizations, and reassigned those officials to the new VOICE office which helps victims of illegal immigrant crimes.  
(Conservapedia)**

**June 2017 - President Trump did not  
proclaim June 2017 as LGBT Pride Month,  
unlike former presidents Clinton and  
Obama.**

**(Conservapedia)**

**June 2017- It was reported in June 2017 that President Trump's deregulation actions had increased confidence and hiring in the manufacturing sector.  
(Conservapedia)**

A dark, atmospheric landscape with a body of water in the foreground and a range of mountains in the distance under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a low sun or moon creating a faint glow on the horizon. The water in the foreground shows subtle ripples and reflections of the light from the sky.

**June 2017 - It was reported in June 2017 that public trust in the Trump Administration in protecting the nation from terrorism increased to 70%, up from 55% in 2015.  
(Conservapedia)**

**June 2017 - Supreme Court ruled that a government ban on offensive trademarks was unconstitutional**

**June 2017 - Supreme Court ruled that states could not exclude churches from public aid for secular purposes.**

**June 2017 - Supreme Court affirmed that naturalized citizens could lose their citizenship if they gained it through lying.  
(Conservapedia)**

**July 1, 2017 — President Trump held a "Celebrate Freedom Rally" in Washington D.C. to honor veterans and celebrate Independence Day. In it, he spoke strongly in favor for religious liberty and stated that "since the signing of the Declaration of Independence 241 years ago, America always affirmed that liberty comes from our creator. Our rights are given to us by God, and no earthly force can ever take those rights away." (Conservapedia)**

# **Trump's Cabinet Becomes First in 100 Years to Hold Weekly Bible Study — Some Big Names Are Regulars (IJR July 2017)**

It's being called the "Trump Cabinet Bible study" and framed as a historical occurrence in the White House. Ralph Drollinger, founder of Capitol Ministries, told CBN News that some of the most powerful men in the United States are now holding weekly Bible groups to study the word of God.

Drollinger, a former NBA player, said it's the "best Bible study that I've ever taught in my life." "They are so teachable; they're so noble; they're so learned," he added. The list of "regulars," according to CBN News includes: CIA Director Mike Pompeo, Health Secretary Tom Price, Energy Secretary Rick Perry, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

# **New Jersey Homeland Security Officially Lists Antifa as a Terrorist Organization** (Infowars 7/3/17)

The Department of Homeland Security in New Jersey has officially listed Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization after a rash of violent attacks by the group targeting supporters of Donald Trump. Under the heading 'Anarchist Extremists: Antifa', the [njhomelandsecurity.gov](http://njhomelandsecurity.gov) website characterizes Antifa under the designation of "domestic terrorism". "In the past year, Antifa groups have become active across the United States, employing a variety of methods to disrupt demonstrations," states the advisory, before going on to list a number of violent disruptions, including Milo Yiannopoulos' speaking event at the University of California Berkeley on February 1st, which was cancelled after members of Antifa violently attacked free speech advocates.

# **EXCLUSIVE: Documents expose how Hollywood promotes war on behalf of the Pentagon, CIA and NSA** (Medium 7/4/17)

Tom Secker and Matthew Alford report on their astonishing findings from trawling through thousands of new US military and intelligence documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. The documents reveal for the first time the vast scale of US government control in Hollywood, including the ability to manipulate scripts or even prevent films too critical of the Pentagon from being made — not to mention influencing some of the most popular film franchises in recent years.

This raises new questions not only about the way censorship works in the modern entertainment industry, but also about Hollywood's little known role as a propaganda machine for the US national security apparatus.

**July 5–8, 2017 — President Trump made his second foreign trip, this time to Poland and Germany. President Trump promoted his "America First" policies during his trip.  
(Conservapedia)**

# **Trump Reinstates Criminal Prosecution for First-time Border-crossers** (Breitbart 7/5/17)

President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions reversed lax immigration prosecution measures put in place by former President Obama. Under Operation Streamline, a fast-track prosecution program for illegal alien border-crossers will seek criminal prosecution for first-time border-crossers. During the Obama years, only repeat border-crossers were prosecuted as criminals under Operation Streamline. Now, the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice seek to deter first-time illegal crossers.

# **Adam Shaw: Trump's Poland Speech is the Final Nail in the Coffin of the Obama Era**

(Breitbart 7/6/17)

At times Trump has struggled to outline a clear foreign policy. His campaign and inauguration speeches emphasized the importance of “America First” — in itself a break from Obama’s internationalist worldview which saw such blatantly nationalistic statements as vulgar. But in the first months of his presidency, a “Trump doctrine” has not been visible, in part because events on the world stage have gotten in the way. Like President George W. Bush, who advocated a pullback from the foreign adventurism of President Bill Clinton but was dragged into the Middle East by 9/11, Trump had his foreign policy aims scuppered by chemical warfare in Syria by the Assad regime and aggressive maneuvers by North Korea.

**July 6, 2017—Ahead of the G-20 conference, President Trump traveled to Poland. Trump's decision to visit Poland immediately before the G-20 summit was seen as a sign of support for its conservative and Euroskeptic government. Trump met with Polish President Andrzej Duda and stated that "we've never been closer to Poland than we are right now." He attended the Three Seas Initiative, an alliance of 12 nations in Central and Eastern Europe, and promoted the U.S. as an energy exporter. (Conservapedia)**

# President Trump Hosts Chibok Schoolgirls at the White House (Whitehouse.gov 7/6/17)

On the night of April 14, 2014, Boko Haram terrorists attacked the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. They broke in disguised as guards, and forced the girls to leave the school and come with them. According to several reports, the terrorists kidnapped between 200 and 300 girls. Tragically, it is widely believed that Boko Haram sold many of the girls into human trafficking rings across Africa. But approximately 50 of the girls have escaped, including Joy Bishara and Lydia Pogu, who visited President Donald J. Trump, and his daughter, Ivanka Trump, at the White House last Tuesday. The girls are recent graduates of Canyonville Christian Academy in Oregon, and they were accompanied by the school President, Doug Wead.

The President and Ivanka were both deeply moved by the girls' visit.

# Trump Vows Freedom From 'Foreign Coercion', Energy Independence at Three Seas Summit

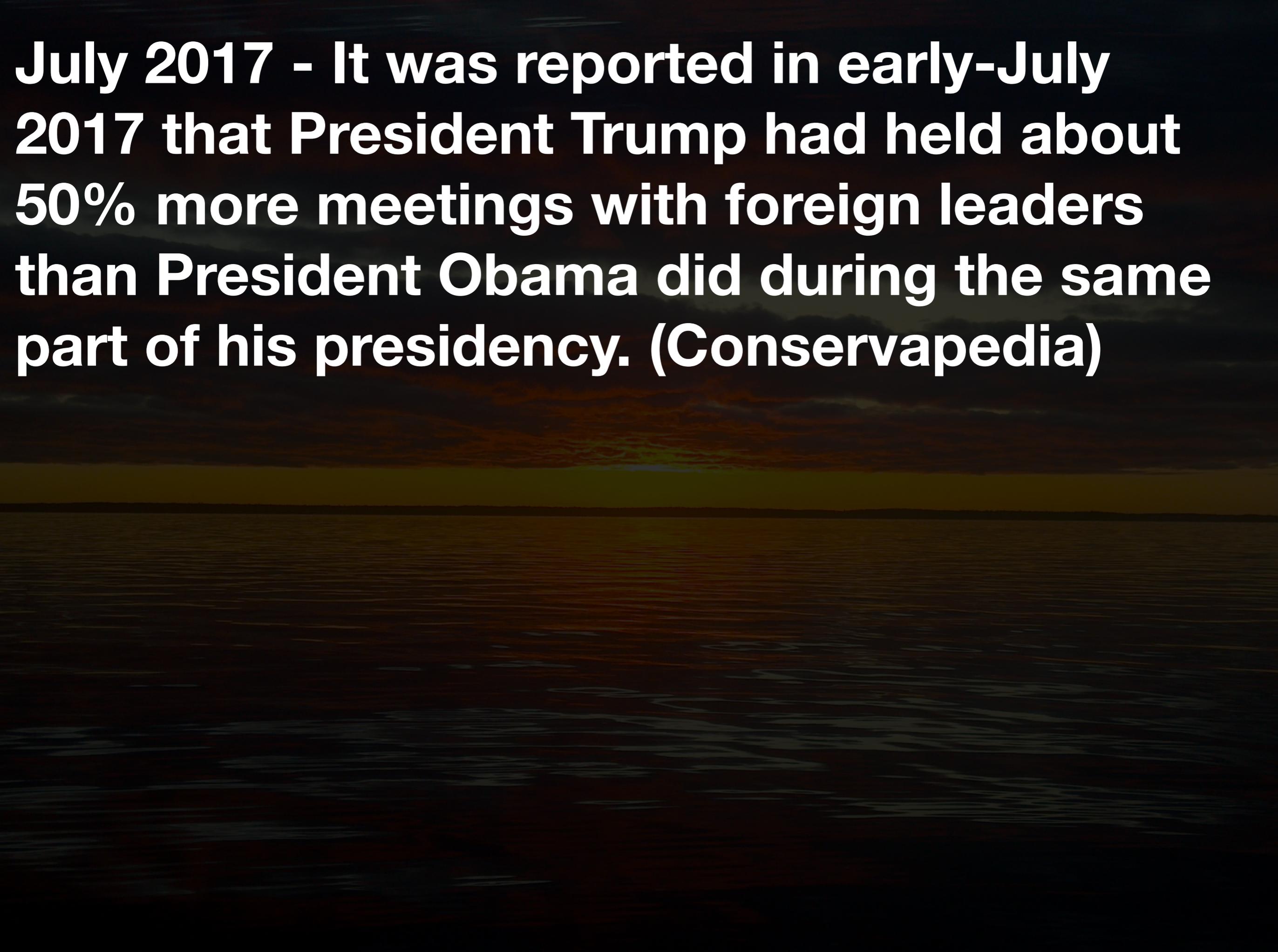
(Breitbart 7/6/17)

U.S. President Donald Trump emphasized the importance of energy independence for the Three Seas nations in order to “remain sovereign, secure, and free from foreign coercion” as he spoke to the leaders of the 12 nations situated between the Baltic, Black, and Adriatic Seas at a summit in Warsaw, Poland on Thursday. Trump’s message came at a time when Eastern and Central European country leaders, including Polish President Andrzej Duda and Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, have seen Russia halt gas exports during price disputes and winter months, as Reuters reports.

**July 6, 2017 — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke signed an order for his department to hold more lease sales and speed up permitting for oil and gas exploration. he signed the order because of delays in the approval process for federal lands. (Conservapedia)**

**July 6, 2017, President Trump gave a major policy address in front of 15,000 supporters in front of the famous Warsaw Uprising Monument. He promoted conservative, Christian, America First, and nationalistic values in his speech.  
(Conservapedia)**

**July 2017 - It was reported in early-July 2017 that President Trump had held about 50% more meetings with foreign leaders than President Obama did during the same part of his presidency. (Conservapedia)**



# While CNN Burns, Network President Jeff Zucker Rushes to New York Times for Damage Control (Breitbart 7/6/17)

While CNN withers amid the biggest journalistic scandal in the network's history, network president Jeff Zucker has turned to the New York Times for help. "I don't sleep that much anyway," Zucker told the Times' Michael Grynbaum in a rare interview in his office on the fifth floor of CNN's Midtown Manhattan, New York City newsroom. Grynbaum noted he is not "getting a lot of sleep lately," either — something that comes as the network faces what amounts to perhaps the biggest scandal in journalism history — but definitely the biggest in CNN history. Three senior editorial staffers at CNN — a Pulitzer Prize winning editor, a Pulitzer Prize nominated reporter, and the head of the network's investigative reporting unit — resigned over a week ago as a result of an embarrassing retraction of a very fake news hit piece on President Donald Trump and his associates.

# **CNN Faces A Class Action Racial Discrimination Suit That Is Growing ‘Exponentially’** (Huffington Post 7/6/17)

According to Breanna Edwards of The Root.com, CNN is facing a growing racial discrimination lawsuit that according to The Hollywood Reporter “may grow exponentially.” CNN’s ongoing lawsuit is explained in an April 5, 2017 piece titled “CNN Facing Racial-Discrimination Lawsuit Claiming African Americans Receive Lower Performance Ratings in Evaluations”: Another major news network is facing allegations in a racial-discrimination lawsuit, stemming from a proposed class action in Georgia federal court. In the lawsuit, plaintiffs claim that at CNN and other Time Warner units, African Americans receive lower performance ratings in evaluations, that there are huge discrepancies in pay between employees doing similar jobs but who are of different races, and that promotion for black employees is blocked by a “glass ceiling.”

# **Vatican Police Raid Drug-Infused Gay Orgy at Home of Cardinal's Aide** (Breitbart 7/6/17)

In a sordid new sex scandal, Vatican police raided the apartment of a 50-year-old priest, breaking up a gay orgy fueled by drugs and alcohol. During last week's blitz, Msgr. Luigi Capozzi, assistant to Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, was arrested by the Vatican gendarmerie and sent briefly to a Roman clinic for drug detox. The priest, a native of Salerno, is currently on retreat at an unspecified convent in Italy.

Capozzi's apartment where the raid took place is in the palace of the Sant'Uffizio within the Vatican City, where a number of high-ranking prelates have lived, including then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before being elected Pope.

# **New holes in Loretta Lynch's story on the Hillary probe** (NYPOST 7/6/17)

When former Attorney General Loretta Lynch testified last year about her decision not to prosecute Hillary Clinton for mishandling classified information, she swore she never talked to “anyone” on the Clinton campaign. That categorical denial, though made in response to a series of questions about whether she spoke with Clintonworld about remaining attorney general if Hillary won the election, could come back to haunt her.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which has launched a bipartisan investigation into Lynch for possible obstruction of justice, recently learned of the existence of a document indicating Lynch assured the political director of Clinton's campaign she wouldn't let FBI agents “go too far” in probing the former secretary of state.

# **Labor Market Roars: U.S. Economy Adds 222,000 Jobs in June** (Breitbart 7/7/17)

The U.S. labor market expanded at a blistering pace in June, adding more than 222,000 jobs, according to Friday's report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics That was far better than the 175,000 jobs expected by Wall Street economists. The unemployment rate rose slightly, from 4.3 percent to 4.4 percent, according BLS. This was actually good news because it reflected more Americans re-entering the labor market. The average hourly wage rose by 2.5 percent. Wage growth has been one of the key missing ingredients through much of the recent economic expansion.

**July 8, 2017 — In the final G-20 common statement the Trump Administration, which was ideologically opposed by the other G-20 nations, successfully received concessions from them in regards to climate policy, with the statement acknowledging the U.S.'s intention to withdraw from the Paris agreement and including language on the nation's intention to promote clean fossil fuels internationally and trade.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **GREAT AGAIN: Trump refuses to wear G20 pin — opts for American flag**

(American Mirror 7/8/17)

Donald Trump is making America exceptional once again. It's coming in small, yet proud ways, as evidenced at the G20 summit in Hamburg, Germany. As leaders were gathering for a photo op, most were sporting a G20 pin on their lapel. Not Trump. He was wearing an American flag.

# **Tillerson: Trump, Putin reach Syria ceasefire agreement (CNN 7/8/17)**

Washington (CNN)US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin reached an agreement on curbing violence in southwest Syria during their sitdown at the G20 meeting Friday in Germany, according to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Tillerson, who sat in on the discussion between the two leaders, told reporters the ceasefire was a "defined agreement" and could be a precursor to further cooperation in Syria. "This is our first indication of the US and Russia being able to work together in Syria," Tillerson said.

The two leaders had a "lengthy discussion of other areas in Syria where we can work together," he added.

# **G-20 Outcome Shows Trump's America Is Going Its Own Way** (Bloomberg 7/8/17)

World leaders forged a fragile compromise at a summit in Germany that failed to conceal the reality that Donald Trump's America is increasingly going its own way.

The Group of 20 nations meeting in Hamburg agreed to fight protectionism while tacitly recognizing Trump's concerns about excess steel capacity and what he says are unfair trade practices. On climate change, the U.S. was again isolated, with all 19 other members agreeing that the Paris accord on cutting harmful emissions was "irreversible."

# **153,168,000: Record Number of Americans Employed in June** (Free Beacon 7/8/17)

The number of employed Americans hit a record high of 153,168,000 in June, according to latest numbers released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There were 245,000 more Americans who gained employment over the month and more individuals joined the labor force as well. There were 361,000 more Americans who joined the labor force in June, while 170,000 fewer left. From May to June, the number of those in the labor force grew from 159,784,000 to 160,145,000. The number of Americans not participating in the labor force declined from 94,983,000 in May to 94,813,000 in June. The bureau counts those not in the labor force as people who do not have a job and did not actively seek one in the past four weeks.

# U.S. Moves to Deport Alien Sex Predators

(ABC News 7/9/17)

The government said today it has arrested nearly 90 illegal aliens who were still living in the United States after serving time for sex crimes against children. The arrests are the result of a weeklong sting involving a number of federal agencies, and authorities say they may have only begun to address the problem. Illegal aliens who are convicted felons are supposed to be kicked out of the country once they serve their sentences. But many of them walk out of prison and disappear into U.S. communities. Last month, the government found 89 convicted sex offenders — all foreign nationals from a variety of countries including Mexico, Peru, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Philippines — living illegally in the United States. For example: U.S. Customs and immigration agents in Massachusetts found Welyn Gomez, an illegal alien from the Dominican Republic who served time for raping a 7-year-old. At a news conference today, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said the government would be more vigilant in finding and deporting these criminals.

# **You're Fired! Trump's VA terminates 500, suspends 200 for misconduct (BPR 7/10/17)**

Five hundred and forty-eight Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employees have been terminated since President Donald Trump took office, indicating that his campaign pledge to clean up “probably the most incompetently run agency in the United States” by relentlessly putting his TV catch phrase “you’re fired” into action was more than just empty rhetoric. Another 200 VA workers were suspended and 33 demoted, according to data newly published by the department as part of VA Secretary David Shulkin’s commitment to greater transparency. Those disciplined include 22 senior leaders, more than 70 nurses, 14 police officers, and 25 physicians. Also disciplined were a program analyst dealing with the Government Accountability Office, which audits the department, a public affairs specialist, a chief of police and a chief of surgery.

**July 11, 2017—In an attempt to solve a diplomatic crisis between Qatar and several other Persian Gulf nations, the U.S. and Qatar signed an agreement for Qatar to increase its counterterrorism measures and to end funding for terrorist groups.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **U.S. and Iraq Declare Victory Over ISIS in Mosul** (NBC News 7/11/17)

WASHINGTON — Iraqi security forces have wrested control of Mosul from ISIS and are now clearing parts of the city's historic quarter of explosives and hidden enemy fighters, the U.S. military said Monday.

The announcement coincided with a triumphant speech by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, who called the battle "a victory over darkness, brutality and terrorism."

The announcements marked the end of a nine-month offensive to retake Iraq's second-largest city, which ISIS stormed in 2014 and proclaimed as a capital of its Islamic caliphate. Mosul is a main front in the war against ISIS; the other is Raqqa in Syria, which the terrorist group considers its second capital.

# **Democrats intentionally used disinformation from Russia to attack Trump, campaign aides** (Washington Times 7/11/17)

While the mainstream news media hunts for evidence of Trump-Russia collusion, the public record shows that Democrats have willfully used Moscow disinformation to influence the presidential election against Donald Trump and attack his administration.

The disinformation came in the form of a Russian-fed dossier written by former British intelligence agent Christopher Steele. It contains a series of unverified criminal charges against Mr. Trump's campaign aides, such as coordinating Moscow's hacking of Democratic Party computers.

# After 14 years, U.S. beef hits Chinese market (The Gazette 7/12/17)

During his Senate hearing to be confirmed as ambassador to China, then-Gov. Terry Branstad said he would prefer to serve Iowa beef — not cuts from Australia — at the U.S. Embassy there. He won't get that wish yet, but the prime rib he slices into Friday when joined in Beijing by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Chinese government officials to ceremonially mark the return of U.S. beef to China after a 14-year ban will be from closer to home — Nebraska. The meat shipped last week by a South Omaha meatpacker was reported to be the first shipment of U.S. beef to China since 2003 after officials sealed a long-sought trade deal this month. "This is a big deal. It's definitely very positive news," said Lee Schulz, an Iowa State University Extension livestock economist.

# **Winning: Domestic Wells Drilled in Second Quarter of 2017 up 62 Percent** (Breitbart 7/12/17)

The American Petroleum Institute is reporting a 62 percent increase in wells drilled and completed in the second quarter of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. “This includes a 41 percent increase in estimated development gas well completions and a dramatic 81 percent increase in total estimated oil well completions from year-ago levels,” API reported in its 2017 API Quarterly Well Completion Report for the second quarter.

“Growing well completion figures could lead to an increase in U.S. oil production, which rose 62 percent from 2010 to 2016, and U.S. natural gas production, which also increased 26 percent during the same time,” said the report from API, a national trade association representing the oil and natural gas industry. “Today’s report further solidifies the United States as a global energy superpower,” Hazem Arafa, director of API’s statistics department, said in a press release distributed to the press.

# **Michigan Passes Law Sending Female Genital Mutilators to Jail for 15 Years** (Geller Report 7/12/17)

A new law passed in quick-time in Michigan will send those found guilty of female genital mutilation to jail for up to 15 years. That includes doctors, parents and anyone who takes part in the procedure. The law was written and passed in the wake of a widely reported and horrific discovery of the procedure being conducted on two girls from Minnesota and four from Michigan allegedly by a doctor in Detroit. The federal government investigating the incident said the FGM was pushed in these instances by an India-based Muslim sect called Dawoodi Bohra. “Those who commit these horrendous crimes should be held accountable for their actions, and these bills stiffen the penalties for offenders while providing additional support to victims,” Gov. Rick Snyder said in a statement. “This legislation is an important step toward eliminating this despicable practice in Michigan while empowering victims to find healing and justice.”

**July 13, 2017 — The DOJ announced it had charged 412 people for health care fraud schemes that had defrauded taxpayers of \$1.3 billion.**

**July 2017 — It was reported that federal gun crime prosecutions by the DOJ in the preceding three months increased 23% over the same period in 2016, showing the Justice Department was taking a tough stance on gun crimes**

# More Christian Refugees Than Muslims Are Allowed in America Under Trump

(Conservative Tribune 7/14/17)

Former President Barack Obama received plenty of criticism for his apparent open-door policy regarding asylum-seekers and refugees, but received extra criticism for one particular group of refugees he didn't appear to welcome with open arms: Christians fleeing targeted Islamic persecution in the Middle East. It was expected that that peculiarity would change once President Donald Trump took office, and shortly after he was inaugurated he made clear that admitting persecuted Christian refugees into United States would be viewed as a top priority under his administration, according to a report in January from CNN...A recent study by Pew Research of U.S. State Department refugee data found that Christians made up more than half of all refugees entering the U.S. over the past six months, a stark reversal from prior trends under the previous administration. Starting from Trump's first day in office through the end of June, some 9,598 Christian refugees have entered the country as compared to 7,250 Muslim refugees. Indeed, the trend can be seen reversing itself just over the span of five months — February to June.

# Trump vows to protect 'Made in America' products (RT 7/17/17)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump promised on Monday he would take more legal and regulatory steps during the next six months to protect American manufacturers, lashing out against trade deals and trade practices he said have hurt U.S. companies. Trump climbed into an American-made fire truck parked behind the White House, took a swing with a baseball bat in the Blue Room, and briefly donned a customized Stetson cowboy hat in front of cheering manufacturing company executives from all 50 states gathered to hear him praise their products. "I want to make a pledge to each and every one of you: No longer are we going to allow other countries to break the rules, steal our jobs and drain our wealth," Trump said.

**July 17, 2017 – The Trump Administration, in a break with the Obama Administration's refusal to do likewise, gave \$2.3 million to the state of Texas so its military patrol could continue patrolling the border with Mexico.**

**July 2017 – A month after allowing the U.S. to export beef, China allowed the U.S. to export rice to the nation.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# **Trump Ends Covert Aid to Syrian Rebels Trying to Topple Assad (NYT 7/19/17)**

President Trump has ended the clandestine American program to provide arms and supplies to Syrian rebel groups, American officials said, a recognition that the effort was failing and that the administration has given up hope of helping to topple the government of President Bashar al-Assad. The decision came more than a month ago, the officials said, by which time the effort to deliver the arms had slowed to a trickle. It was never publicly announced, just as the beginnings of the program four years ago were officially a secret, authorized by President Barack Obama through a “finding” that permitted the C.I.A. to conduct a deniable program. News of the troublesome program soon leaked out.

# Department of Justice Rolls Out New Asset Forfeiture Directive (Breitbart 7/19/17)

The Department of Justice made good on promises to issue a new procedure for federal “adoptions” of local and state civil asset forfeitures Wednesday with a new policy directive aimed at reintroducing the practice while combating abuses.

Speaking to reporters at the main DOJ building, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said that so-called “adoptive seizures” were an “important tool” for local law enforcement. “It’s an important tool to see that the proceeds of crime are not returned to criminals. It’s also important to use it fund law enforcement,” the DAG said...

Wednesday’s announcement affects only a relatively small corner of the asset forfeiture universe, the practice of adoption, whereby cash and other assets taken by local and state law enforcement agencies during criminal investigations are taken up by the Justice Department, which then handles the legal aspects of the seizures. The proceeds then are, in part, used to fund programs that provide crime-fighting resources to those local police.

# Obama's secret plan to deploy the military on Election Day (NYP 7/20/17)

The Obama administration was poised to send armed federal agents to polling places, deploy the military and launch full-scale counter-propaganda measures in case hackers disrupted the vote on Election Day, according to a report.

The 15-page playbook, produced in October, outlined the “enhanced measures” the government was prepared to take in the event of a “significant incident,” Time magazine reported Thursday, citing a copy of the document.

“In almost all potential cases of malicious cyber activity impacting election infrastructure, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, to include their law enforcement agencies, will have primary jurisdiction to respond,” it says.

# Voter Fraud Database Tops 1,000 Proven

**Cases** (DailySignal 7/20/17)

As the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity convenes its first meeting on Wednesday, the issue of voter fraud in American elections has become even more contentious and hyperbolic. One of the left's main arguments against reform is that voter fraud simply does not occur. How liberals arrive at this conclusion, we cannot say. Time and again, studies and analyses point to one incontrovertible conclusion: that voter fraud is a real and pressing issue that deserves serious solutions, and The Heritage Foundation has the evidence to prove it. On Thursday, The Heritage Foundation is releasing a new edition of its voter fraud database. Featuring well over 100 new cases, the database documents 1,071 instances of voter fraud spanning 47 states, including 938 criminal convictions...Andrew Spieles, a former James Madison University student, pleaded guilty to a charge stemming from his false submission of 18 voter registration forms during the summer of 2016.

# Trump revokes over 800 Obama Legislations

([wikifactsweb.com](http://wikifactsweb.com) 7/20/17)

President Trump differs from President Obama in a lot of ways. One of which is that Obama put up stifling regulations that crippled businesses, while president trump is removing them and making better laws. From Free Beacon, “The White House said Thursday it had withdrawn or removed from active consideration more than 800 proposed regulations that were never finalized during the Obama administration as it works to shrink the federal government’s regulatory footprint. In a report, the Trump administration said it had withdrawn 469 planned regulatory actions that had been part of the Obama administration’s regulatory agenda published last fall. Officials also reconsidered 391 active regulatory proceedings actions by reclassifying them as long-term or inactive “allowing for further careful review,” the White House said.” President Trump again shows his dedication to make america great again by creating regulations that support the growth of our economy and boldly removing every other one that is retrogressive.

# **\$4 Billion Investment and 4,000 Jobs from Corning, Merck, and Pfizer Initiative**

([whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov) 7/20/17)

On Thursday, the CEOs of Corning, Merck, and Pfizer pharmaceutical companies were welcomed to the White House by President Donald J. Trump, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, and Assistant to the President for Intragovernmental and Technology Initiatives Reed Cordish, to announce a new pharmaceutical glass packaging initiative. Corning, Merck, and Pfizer have joined forces to return the pharmaceutical glass manufacturing to the United States through modernization and innovation. This partnership will drive significant United States manufacturing and job creation, investing \$4 billion and creating more than 4,000 new high-tech jobs for Americans in the coming years. Corning has developed the pharmaceutical glass packaging technology for storage and delivery of injectable drugs called “Valor Glass.” The initial investment by the three companies will cover the expansion of Corning facilities, as well as the building of a new high volume manufacturing plant in the Southeast to support the new, safer, and innovative manufacturing process of pharmaceutical glass. 98% of the \$4 billion industry had previously been done overseas, making this an important stride in American employment and technology advancement.

# Study: 8,471 Cases of Double Voting

## Uncovered in 21 States (Breitbart 7/25/17)

As the debate over President Donald Trump's voter fraud commission intensifies, a new study has found 8,471 instances of double voting during the 2016 elections occurring in 21 states. The nonpartisan Government Accountability Institute (GAI), which was cofounded by Breitbart News Senior Editor-at-Large Peter Schweizer and former Breitbart Executive Chairman Stephen K. Bannon, analyzed data from 21 U.S. states and found that 7,271 ballots were cast in more than one state by individuals with the identical first and last name, middle initial, birthdate, and partial Social Security number. Another 1,200 double votes meeting the same criteria were detected within the same state. Given the high methodological bar employed, GAI says the statistical "probability of correctly matching two records with the same name, birthdate, and Social Security number is close to 100 percent." The 37-page study is unique in that while most past voter fraud analyses have used statistical models to project fraud rates, the GAI report identified actual matches of real votes cast using public voter information rolls. "There are currently no government agencies or private entities that compare all state voter rolls to detect duplicate voting fraud," states the report. GAI says the reason it only examined 21 states is because the government watchdog group encountered numerous hurdles in gathering state voter data, including: "exorbitant costs," woefully disorganized and incomplete data, and "outright rejected requests" from states. Still, "extending GAI's conservative matching method to include all 50 states would indicate an expected minimum of 45,000 high-confidence duplicate voting matches," says the report.

# Judge allows Trump's voter fraud commission to collect voter information (RT 7/25/17)

A federal judge has rejected a temporary restraining order filed against President Donald Trump's commission to examine voter fraud, allowing the collection of detailed voter information from states. In Monday's ruling, US District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly denied a request to block the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity from collecting voter information from the states, as long as any information made public by the commission will be "de-identified." "Defendants have represented that they are only collecting voter information that is already publicly available under the laws of the states where the information resides; and Defendants have clarified that such information, to the extent it is made public, will be de-identified. All of these representations were made to the Court in sworn declarations, and needless to say, the Court expects that Defendants shall strictly abide by them," Kollar-Kotelly wrote. However, Kollar-Kotelly added that "to the extent that factual circumstances change – for example, of the de jure or de facto powers of the Commission expand beyond those of a purely advisory body – this determination may need to be revisited."

# Trump announces \$10 billion Foxconn plant in Wisconsin (Foxnews 7/26/17)

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump said Wednesday that Electronics giant Foxconn will build a \$10 billion factory in Wisconsin that's expected to create 3,000 jobs. The announcement comes at a critical juncture for a Trump administration that pledged to generate manufacturing jobs but has struggled to deliver results as quickly as the president promised. Trump's plans for health care and tax cuts face an uncertain future in Congress, while his administration is bogged down by an investigation into Russia's possible ties with his presidential campaign. The factory will produce liquid-crystal display panels that are used in televisions and computer screens, according to a senior White House official who insisted on anonymity to discuss the announcement. Foxconn will locate its plant in the congressional district of U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, although the official declined to provide a specific location.

# **3 charged in bust of massive sex trafficking ring** (CBSnews 7/27/17)

LOS ANGELES -- Three people have been charged with pimping eight teens for commercial sex work in a ring that operated in California, Nevada and Texas, authorities said Thursday. The teens, between 15 and 17, were lured into the commercial sex operation that solicited customers through postings on the internet, Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell said. Quinton Brown, 30, Gerald Lavell Turner, 32, and Mia McNeil, 32, face a total of 54 charges that include sex trafficking, pimping and identity theft, authorities said. It wasn't immediately clear if they had attorneys who could comment on the allegations. McDonnell, who was joined by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreaux at a press conference, said the suspects "sought to exploit children while defrauding their victims and other unsuspecting people." "Law enforcement agents throughout the state work tirelessly every day to ensure that Californians are safe from exploitation and do not become victims of human trafficking," state Attorney General Xavier Becerra said.

**July 31, 2017 – The United States and Ukraine agreed to have the U.S. export coal to Ukraine, so the latter could gain energy independence from Russia.**

**July 2017 - U.S. coal exports to Europe and Asia rose 60% in early 2017 compared to the previous year**

**(Conservapedia)**

**August 2, 2017 — The DOJ launched opioid fraud and abuse unit to fight opioid prescription abuses and the opioid crisis**

**August 2, 2017, the Dow Jones closed above 22,000 for the first time in its history, after six days of consecutive record highs.**

(Conservapedia)

# Trump Boom: Dow Jones Hits 22,000 for First Time (CBSnews 7/27/17)

The Dow Jones Industrial Average achieved yet another milestone Wednesday, hitting 22,000 for the first time in history.

Despite falling back a bit from that high, the Dow is up 20 percent since President Donald Trump's election.

The rally will likely continue, too. Drexel Hamilton analyst Brian White said he expects more to come.

“[W]e believe investors will now feel more confident in owning the stock for the upcoming iPhone 8 cycle that is expected to begin this fall, while also benefitting from the company's capital distribution initiative, attractive valuation and potential new innovations,” White told CNBC.

**August 3, 2017 – The Trump Administration added several new services to the VA's telehealth program, making it easier for veterans to obtain health care services such as through letting them conduct medical examinations remotely and giving them the ability to schedule appointments electronically. (Conservapedia)**

# **Under Trump, gains against ISIS have 'dramatically accelerated'** (WashPost 8/4/17)

Nearly a third of territory reclaimed from the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria since 2014 has been won in the past six months, due to new policies adopted by the Trump administration, a senior State Department official said Friday. Brett McGurk, the State Department's senior envoy to the anti-Islamic State coalition, said that steps President Trump has taken, including delegating decision-making authority down from the White House to commanders in the field, have "dramatically accelerated" gains against the militants. Combined Islamic State losses in both countries since the group's peak control in early 2015 total about 27,000 square miles of territory — 78 percent of militant holdings in Iraq and 58 percent in Syria. About 8,000 square miles have been reclaimed under Trump, McGurk said in a briefing for reporters.

**August 4, 2017 — President Trump signed a bill into law that gave the U.S. Capitol Police Memorial Fund the ability to help its police officers in the case of injury on the line of duty (Conservapedia)**

# **Milestone for Trump: 1 million new jobs in six months** (CNN 8/4/17)

America has added more than a million jobs since President Trump took office. The U.S. economy added a strong 209,000 jobs in July, more than economists had expected. The unemployment rate fell to 4.3%, matching a 16-year low. Just after the Great Recession in 2009, unemployment peaked at 10%. "The economy is looking pretty good," said Cathy Barrera, chief economic adviser at ZipRecruiter, the job posting site. Many economists say the United States is at or near "full employment," meaning the unemployment rate won't go down significantly more.

## **4.3 percent unemployment rate matches a 16-year low** (Review Journal 8/4/17)

Wage growth in the nation's economy looks better when compared to a more subdued inflation as the U.S. economy continues to improve, Stephen Miller, UNLV economics professor and director for the Center for Business and Economic Research, said Friday.

Miller's comments came in the wake of a nationwide jobs report that showed U.S. employers added 209,000 jobs in July, a second straight month of robust gains even as the debate over wage growth persists.

The unemployment rate slipped to 4.3 percent from 4.4 percent, matching a 16-year low first reached in May, the Labor Department said early Friday.

# **West Virginia governor, a Democrat, to switch to Republican (AP 8/4/17)**

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice announced Thursday he's switching parties to join Republicans as President Donald Trump visited the increasingly conservative state. Justice told about 9,000 Trump supporters at a rally in Huntington that he will be changing his registration Friday. He recently visited the White House twice with proposals on manufacturing and coal, neither he nor Trump are politicians and they both ran to get something done, he said. "This man is a good man. He's got a backbone. He's got real ideas," Justice said. "He cares about America. He cares about us in West Virginia."

**August 4, 2017 – Attorney General Sessions and the DOJ cracked down on illegal leaks of classified information from within the government, taking actions such as actively pursuing three times more investigations in the first six months of the Trump Administration than had been open at the end of the Obama Administration and by creating a counterintelligence unit in the FBI for these investigations.**

**(Conservapedia)**

# Optimism of Small-Business Owners at Highest Level Seen in Decade

(Freebeacon 8/6/17)

Optimism for small-business owners about their business situation is at the highest level seen in a decade, according to a poll from Gallup. Business owners were asked about their current business situation and how they felt about their businesses' future. While business owners are historically more positive about the future than their current situation, the results from this poll show a large uptick in how businesses feel about their current situation. "The overall increase in the index this quarter is mainly the result of an uptick in present situation ratings, rather than expectations about the future," Gallup states. "The present situation score rose from +36 in the second quarter to +45 in the third quarter." Twenty-one percent of small-business owners said they increased the number of jobs, which is one point below the all-time high of 22 percent seen in 2007. Only 10 percent of business-owners said the number of jobs has declined in the past year, which is the lowest level seen since 2006.

# **More Than 1.1 Million Fewer Americans on Food Stamps Under Trump** (Breitbart 8/7/17)

More than 1.1 million Americans dropped off the food stamp rolls since President Trump took office in January 2017, according to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) statistics on food stamp enrollment. Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) dropped to 41,496,255 in May 2017, the most recent data available from the USDA, from 42,691,363 in January 2017 when Trump took office. According to the latest data, SNAP enrollment during the first few months of Trump's presidency decreased by 2.79 percent. Food stamp participation on average in 2017 has dropped to its lowest level since 2010, and the latest numbers show that this trend is continuing. Trump proposed cuts to SNAP in his 2018 budget proposal, suggesting that states match up to 20 percent of federal money allotted for the food stamp program and expand work requirements for able-bodied adults receiving food stamps.

**August 7, 2017 – The EPA ended its backlog of reviews of 600 new chemicals that existed when EPA Administration Pruitt assumed office in February of that year – an important goal for him (Conservapedia)**

**August 8, 2017 – The Trump Administration placed a punitive import tax on Chinese aluminum foil imports after to a preliminary determination that the country was illegally dumping the product into the U.S**  
(Conservapedia)

# **ICE officers arrest 32 sex offenders on Long Island as part of 'Operation SOAR'** (Foxnews 8/8/17)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers arrested 32 foreign sex offenders on Long Island during a 10-day undertaking termed "Operation SOAR." "Operation SOAR," the acronym of which stands for Sex Offender Alien Removal, and which ended on Aug 3., was part of an effort to eradicate foreign nationals who were sex offenders living in the Nassau or Suffolk County areas of Long Island, according to an ICE press release. Enforcement and Removal Operations officers arrested 32 people, of whom 12 were registered sexual offenders. "ICE's continuing commitment to making our communities safer is underscored by operations like this one targeting sexual offenders. These actions focus our resources on the most egregious criminals and promote public safety in the communities in which we live and work," Thomas R. Decker, field office director for New York, said in a press release. "ERO officers are out there every day enforcing immigration law with targeted enforcement actions. ICE will not waiver in its promise to arrest and remove criminal aliens from our neighborhoods."

# **UN launches blitz reform campaign as 'absolutely essential' protection against Trump Administration** (FoxNews 8/8/17)

United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres is on a blitz campaign to streamline the U.N.'s underperforming bureaucracy, give more authority to its outlying branches, and greatly expand his ability to shuffle money around in the U.N.'s regular biennial budget (just part of its total cost)—all in the next 18 months. On paper, at least, it amounts to perhaps the most ambitious effort at U.N. reform in 20 years, before the world organization floundered into the vast Oil-for-Food scandal, and a subsequent array of administrative fiascos and largely failed reform attempts under Guterres' predecessor, Ban Ki-moon. Guterres' chief motivation, though he won't say so explicitly, is the Trump Administration. Instead, Guterres is arguing to U.N. member states what he told a town hall meeting of U.N. staffers in late July: that his version of reform is “an absolutely essential instrument for the protection of the U.N.” amid increasing international skepticism about the organization's efficiency, effectiveness, and even its reason for existence—all of which also happens to be true.

# **DHS: 23% of all federal prisoners are illegals, just 7 of 42,034 saved from deportation**

(Washington Examiner 8/9/17)

Nearly one-quarter of all federal inmates are illegal immigrants and virtually all are in deportation proceedings or already face removal orders, according to a new Homeland Security report.

The Justice Department's Bureau of Prisons, fulfilling a presidential executive order requiring transparency on prisoner immigration status, said that it houses 187,855 inmates of which 42,034 are foreign born. The DHS report said that only seven of those 42,034 have been granted deportation "relief." According to DHS:

**August 12, 2017—President Trump signed a bill which, in addition to extending the department's Choice Program for an additional six months, authorized \$1.8 billion so the VA could lease and open 28 medical facilities and so it could implement a new hiring program. (Conservapedia)**

# North Korea Backs Off Guam Missile-Attack Threat (WSJ 8/14/17)

SEOUL—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has decided not to launch a threatened missile attack on Guam, Pyongyang's state media reported on Tuesday, but warned that he could change his mind "if the Yankees persist in their extremely dangerous reckless actions." he report, published early Tuesday, could help dial back tensions that had spiraled last week following an exchange of threats between North Korea and U.S. President Donald Trump. Mr. Trump warned Pyongyang last week that the U.S. military was "locked and loaded" and could engulf the North in "fire and fury," while North Korea, through its state media, had threatened to fire four missiles in a bid to surround the U.S. territory of Guam in "enveloping fire."

# China must stop forcing U.S. firms to share intellectual property: Trump trade official (USA

Today 8/14/17)

When a U.S. company turns over technology in exchange for access to today's Chinese market, it creates a Chinese competitor in tomorrow's global markets. President Trump is scheduled to sign an executive action Monday directing the United States Trade Representative to determine whether to investigate any of China's acts, policies or practices that may be harming American intellectual property, innovation and technology by encouraging or requiring the transfer of American technology to China. With this action, the president is demonstrating his strong commitment to using all appropriate means to ensure that foreign countries do not plunder American's treasure trove of IP. From business processes to software codes, as well as other patents, trade secrets and copyrights, America's IP is being forcibly transferred or stolen at an alarming rate. According to the 2017 report of the Commission on the Theft of American Intellectual Property, the annual cost to the United States economy of IP theft alone "could be as high as \$600 billion." General Keith Alexander, former director of the National Security Agency, has called this "the greatest transfer of wealth in history." Allowing such behavior to continue unchecked will imperil America's current position as a leader in technology and the world's most innovative economy.

**August 15, 2017—President Trump signed an executive order to speed up environmental reviews for infrastructure project approvals.**

**August 16, 2017—The National Park Service ended a policy begun during the Obama Administration that encouraged national parks to ban the sale of water in disposable bottles, stating that it would let visitors decide what container they want their water in while still promoting reusable containers.**  
(Conservapedia)

**August 16, 2017—President Trump signed a bill into law expanding GI benefits for veterans, including removing a 15-year time limit on using GI benefits and giving veterans additional payments for science, engineering, and technology courses at universities, among other provisions.**

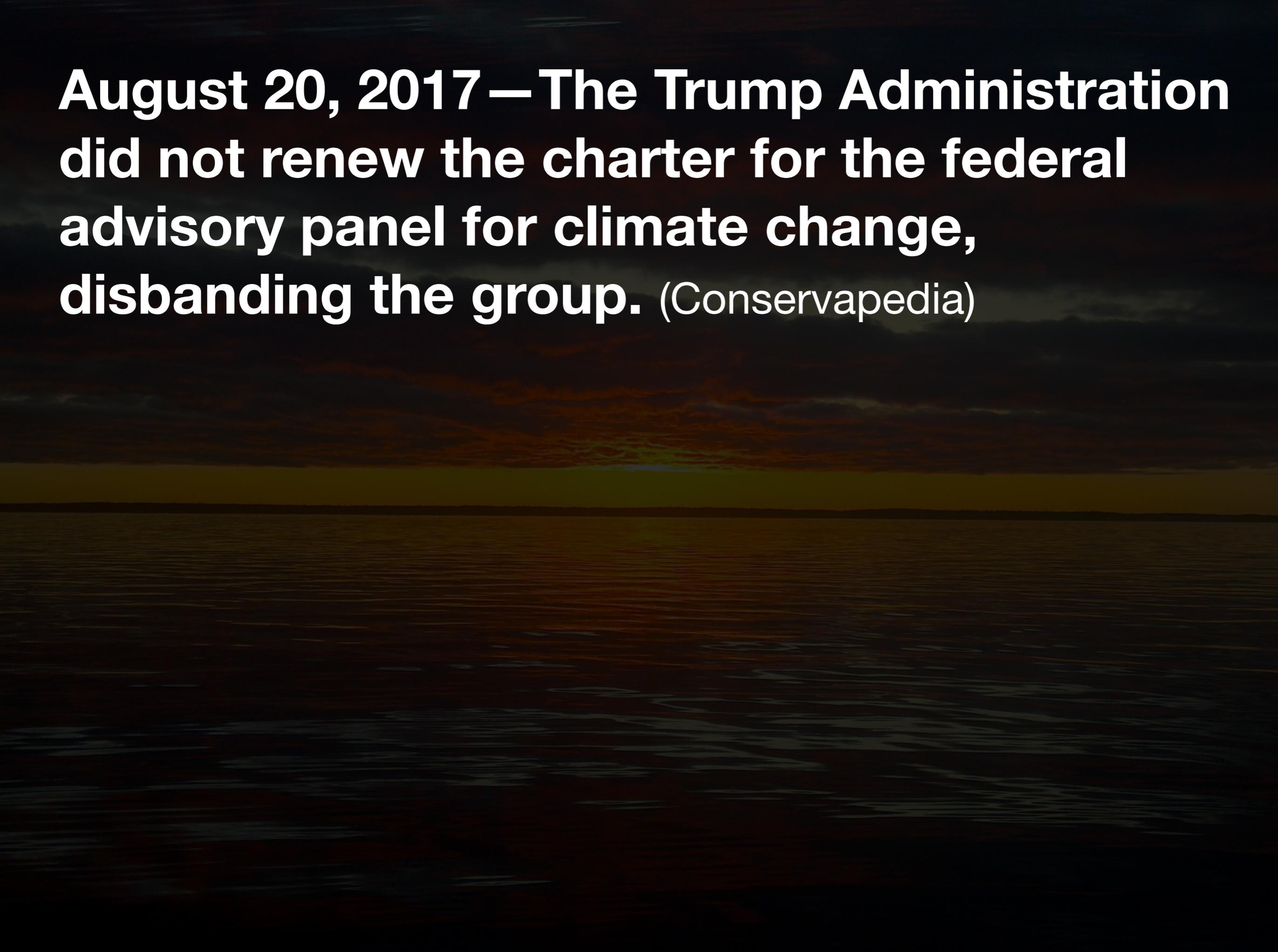
(Conservapedia)

**August 16, 2017 – The Justice Department terminated Operation Choke Point, a program started during the Obama Administration that existed to encourage banks not to do business with "high risk" businesses and that was criticized by conservatives as unfairly targeting gun dealers and other businesses not looked favorably upon by liberals. (Conservapedia)**

# **BREAKING: FBI “Reopening” ACLJ FOIA Request on Clinton-Lynch Meeting After being Caught in a Lie** (aclj.org 8/16/17)

After being caught hiding the truth from the American people, the FBI has just “reopened” our FOIA case. The ACLJ just received a letter from the FBI bureaucracy informing us that it has “reopened” our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request into the clandestine meeting between former Obama Attorney General Lynch and former President Clinton while the Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI were conducting a criminal investigation of Hillary Clinton. The FBI’s letter – dated one week after we publicly excoriated the FBI for lying to us when the Comey-led FBI told us last October that it had “no” records responsive to our request – now states that “records potentially responsive to your request may exist.” ... We have also posted a timeline and the full documents that we have received, which show evidence of: Obama Attorney General Loretta Lynch’s secret email alias; Numerous redactions, including main “talking points,” in circumvention of FOIA; Comey-led FBI lies on the existence of requested documents; DOJ-Media collusion; A White House connection; and Revelations that Obama-loyalists are now investigating themselves.

**August 20, 2017 — The Trump Administration did not renew the charter for the federal advisory panel for climate change, disbanding the group. (Conservapedia)**



# Trump Debuts Afghanistan Strategy: 'We Are Not Nation-Building Again, We Are Killing Terrorists' (Breitbart 8/21/17)

President Trump unveiled his plan for Afghanistan after seven months of deliberation Monday evening, announcing tweaks around the edges of the current strategy instead of a different approach.

He announced five “core pillars” to the approach: getting rid of any timelines for how long U.S. troops would remain in Afghanistan; using all elements of power, including diplomatic and economic; getting tougher on Pakistan; getting India to help more with economic development; and expanding authorities for U.S. forces to fight terrorists.

What the president did not announce was how many more U.S. troops would head to Afghanistan, which he decided earlier this year to leave up to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to determine.

**August 23, 2017 – President Trump signed a bill into law streamlining and making more convenient the process for veterans to appeal disability benefit claims. (Conservapedia)**

# Hundreds of Pastors in Former Confederate Capital Unite in Repentance against Racism

(BCN 8/23/17)

(Richmond, VA)—[CBN News] Hundreds of pastors from Richmond, Virginia have signed a new statement of unity, rejecting the ideology of white supremacy and affirming that every human being is created in the image of God. (Photo: via CBN News)

"As pastors and ministry leaders in Richmond, Virginia, we desire to express, with a unified voice, our sorrow over last weekend's tragic events in Charlottesville.

"These events underscore the broken state of our commonwealth, our country, and our world. Richmond, Virginia has long been a significant location in the dark history of racism and violence in America. As Christian leaders in this city, we declare, with a unified voice, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks clearly and relevantly in this particular moment," the statement reads.

# Berkeley Chancellor Announces Commitment to Free Speech in Email to Students

(Breitbart 8/24/17)

UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ has reaffirmed the institution's commitment to free speech in an email that was sent to students on Wednesday morning. "Berkeley, as you know, is the home of the Free Speech Movement, where students on the right and students on the left united to fight for the right to advocate political views on campus," Christ said in her email. "Particularly now, it is critical that the Berkeley community come together once again to protect this right. It is who we are," Chancellor Christ wrote.

Christ also announced that former Breitbart Tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos has been invited to return back to campus this fall. His previous visit, which occurred at the beginning of 2017, left the campus ablaze after student protesters bashed windows, set fires, and pepper-sprayed attendees.

# Obamacare architect 'fired for fraud'

(WND 8/28/17)

Former MIT economist Jonathan Gruber, described by many as the chief architect of Obamacare who infamously declared the law was adopted because of the “stupidity” of American voters, has been “fired for fraud.” ... Later, he was caught on video saying: “Lack of transparency is a huge political advantage. And basically, call it the stupidity of the American voters or whatever, but basically that was really, really critical for the thing to pass.” ... “For years, we’ve not only exposed his lies, but have detailed his ongoing self-dealing relationships with Obamacare and state government programs to implement it. He created the program’s problems and then has been richly rewarded for trying to ‘fix’ it.” The report continued: “Gruber ... finds himself no longer employed at his latest job ‘as a taxpayer-funded economic consultant for [Vermont’s] health care system.’ Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan – who concluded that Gruber’s conduct violated the Vermont Civil False Claims Act – ‘reached an agreement to settle the state’s potential legal claim that Gruber submitted false [personal services contract] claims to the state.’”

# **We Still Have Zero Evidence That Trump Colluded With Russia** (Federalist 8/29/17)

Russia always interferes in American elections, but the degree to which they did is important, and up for debate. CNN counterterrorism analyst Phil Mudd, who worked for the FBI when now-special counsel Robert Mueller was the director, should have caused a bigger stir when he appeared to threaten President Trump: “Let me give you one bottom line as a former government official, the government is going to kill this guy.” That’s because the president “defends Vladimir Putin,” Mudd said. After a few comments of agreement, CNN’s Jake Tapper made sure Mudd was speaking in a “metaphor.” “Obviously,” Mudd replied. “What I’m saying is government — people talk about the deep state — when you disrespect government officials who’ve done 30 years, they’re going to say, ‘Really?’”

# **Feds: 30% surge in illegals losing DACA freedom for crimes, gang violence** (Washington Examiner 8/29/17)

On the eve of President Trump deciding the status of the Obama era program deferring deportation for nearly 800,000 mostly Latin American young adults, federal immigration authorities are revealing a surge in those losing their freedom "due to criminality or gang affiliation concerns." Officials told Secrets that the number has surged 30 percent this year. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said that 622 had their deferred action status pulled this year due to criminal activity. The numbers on revocations and terminations:

2013 -- 56.

2014 -- 153.

2015 -- 460.

2016 -- 848.

2017 -- 622.

Total -- 2,139

# **Donald Trump Ends Obama Effort to Waive Work Requirements for Welfare** (Breitbart 8/30/17)

Under the Department of Health and Human Services, The Office of Family Assistance issued a memorandum to states notifying them of the restoration of work requirements, rescinding a 2012 Obama-era loophole allowing states to request a waiver. “Re-emphasizing the work requirements in the welfare program means once again promoting gainful employment and economic independence as goals for every family,” said Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families Steven Wagner in a statement. “The waiver option offered by the Obama administration is being replaced today by an expectation that work should always be encouraged as a condition for receiving welfare.”

# **Strong Revision Upgrades US Economic Growth to 3% in Second Quarter** (Breitbart 8/30/17)

Washington (AFP) – The US economy grew at its fastest pace in more than two years in the second quarter, much faster than initially estimated, official data showed Wednesday. Hitting the White House growth target for the first time in Donald Trump's presidency, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased three percent in the April-June period, the Commerce Department reported. The figure was revised up by an unusually-large four tenths from the growth estimate published last month, due to higher consumer spending and business investment than in the initial report. The rate surpassed analyst expectations, which called for an increase of 2.7 percent.

**August 2017 – The Trump Administration named Cathy Stepp, a conservative skeptic on human-caused climate change, to lead the EPA Midwest regional office**

(Conservapedia)

# **U.S. Factory-Sector Activity Hits Six-Year High** (WSJ 9/1/17)

Manufacturing activity in the U.S. reached a six-year high in August, with factories continuing to register a big rise in sales and boosting hiring in response. The Institute for Supply Management said Friday its index of factory activity rose to 58.8 in August from 56.3 in July, hitting the highest level since April 2011. A reading above 50 indicates sector expansion, as measured by factors such as sales, output, and hiring.

# Fewest Monthly Refugee Arrivals in August Since 2002 (Breitbart 9/1/17)

Nine hundred and ten refugees were resettled in the United States during the month of August, the lowest monthly total since October 2002, when only 421 refugees were resettled. During the first eleven months of FY 2017, a total of 51,389 refugees have been resettled, according to the State Department interactive website as of 8:00 a.m. eastern time on September 1. If the number of refugees resettled in September is similar to the number resettled in August, FY 2017 will close out with less than 53,000 refugees resettled in the country, the lowest total since FY 2007 in the George W. Bush administration when 48,282 refugees were resettled. Only 24 percent of the refugees resettled in August, or 217 out of 910, were Muslim, significantly less than the 46 percent of refugees resettled in the first seven months of FY 2017 who were Muslim. In FY 2016, the last full year of the Obama administration, that same percentage of refugees--46 percent, or 39,098 out of 84,995-- were Muslim.

# **Attorney General Jeff Sessions Officially Rescinds DACA, Leftists Go Crazy**

(Constitution.com 9/5/17)

On Tuesday, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the Trump administration was eliminating Obama's DACA rule, though they would slowly roll back the program over the next 6 months. President Trump put the ball into Congress' court and told them that the legislature should be the one to fix the DACA mess, and he's signaled that he'll sign a new DACA law... IF Congress can pass one.

# NYT Fails to Mention Bob Menendez Is a Democrat in Story on Corruption Trial

(Fox News 9/6/17)

The New York Times on Monday night published a lengthy story about Sen. Bob Menendez's (D-N.J.) corruption trial, but they neglected to mention his Democratic Party affiliation. The story, titled "Menendez Trial Set to Begin With Tensions High and Washington Watching," referred to Menendez as "Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey," "Mr. Menendez, a senior senator," "Mr. Menendez" and "the senator," but it did not include the word "Democrat." After taking extensive criticism on social media, the Times updated the online version of the story to include Menendez's party affiliation in the fourth paragraph. The author of the story, Nick Corasaniti, tweeted that the omission in the original story was "just an oversight on my part after drafts."

# **EPA Workforce Approaching Lowest Levels Since Reagan** (Freebeacon 9/6/17)

The Environmental Protection Agency will soon employ the lowest number of workers since the Ronald Reagan administration. Hundreds of employees have accepted buyouts and taken early retirement since President Donald Trump's inauguration, according to an EPA official... Last month, 374 employees took buyouts. An additional 33 employees are retiring at the end of September, and 45 others are considering early retirement offers. If half of those individuals also choose to leave the agency, EPA employment levels would fall below 14,440. The last time EPA was at an actual employment level of 14,440 was in 1988, when Ronald Reagan was president... Scott Pruitt, the EPA administrator, said the agency is dedicated to shrinking the size of government. The Trump administration's goal is to cut the EPA workforce by 25 percent.

# **Pelosi, Feinstein admit it's time to stop attacking Trump. What's next... pigs flying?**

(FoxNews 9/7/17)

In the last week, there have been reports of several pigs flying by various windows in every city. Pigs only fly when there's been a unique occurrence, and we certainly have had a few. For weeks after the riot in Charlottesville, Virginia, almost everyone in the political and media establishments refused to acknowledge the violence and nature of the anarchist group antifa. More than two weeks later, that dam broke, and newspapers and politicians finally admitted that antifa was an obscenely violent group and condemned them. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi was one of the first to publicly denounce them, a day later House Speaker Paul D. Ryan played catch-up and did the same. Then a bombshell report from Politico revealed as early as spring 2016, the Department of Homeland Security classified antifa as using domestic terrorist violence. There is only one thing that politicians like Mrs. Feinstein and Mrs. Pelosi care about: their jobs. This sudden turnaround tells us one thing: The Democrats realize their scorched-earth policy not only isn't working; it's backfiring.

**September 7, 2017 – The DOJ announced that cities that did not have "sanctuary" status would have priority in receiving money for the COPS grant program**  
(Conservapedia)

# Investors Haven't Been This Optimistic Since The Peak Of The Dotcom Bubble (Zero Hedge 9/11/17)

As US stock benchmarks smashed through one record high after the next this year, bank CEOs and celebrated fund managers have responded to their performance with trepidation. Valuations are out of whack, they've said, and the market is running out of excuses to keep the party going. Whether the Trump administration can get tax reform passed by year's end remains to be seen. And the Federal Reserve has said it will soon begin unwinding its massive balance sheet. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank is rapidly running out of bonds to buy. In the US, investors have been yanking money from the biggest market-tracking ETFs while global central banks have purchased trillions in dollars of assets. Undergirding all of this is the fact that gains are increasingly driven by a small concentration of mega-cap stocks. And while investors don't appear to be too concerned with the situation in North Korea, the US, China and the UN Security Council are preparing to tighten the noose of international sanctions against both the country's economy and its government, something that will only make Kim Jong Un more desperate.

# Crackdown Begins: Chinese Banks Are Suspending North Korean Transactions

(ZeroHedge 9/11/17)

In what may be a major breakthrough in the diplomatic and political stalemate over North Korea if confirmed officially, Japan's Kyodo newspaper reported overnight that Chinese state banks have started suspending transactions through accounts held by North Koreans, making it nearly impossible to do business between the two countries. Furthermore, Kyodo News has confirmed that branch offices of at least three major state banks - the Bank of China, China Construction Bank and Agricultural Bank of China - in the northeastern border city of Yanji have also banned North Koreans from opening accounts. The Chinese banks have yet to freeze the accounts, meaning that North Koreans can still withdraw money from them - similar to bitcoins held in Chinese exchanges - but they are now prevented from making deposits or remittances, according to the sources quoted by Kyodo. "This is being influenced by international sanctions against North Korea," an employee of one bank said. The bank restrictions, which the sources said from April were also starting to be put in force in Liaoning Province - the main region of trade between China and North Korea - suggest that China may have become more serious about curbing its nuclear ambitions, something we hinted at last week in "It Looks Like North Korea Is No Longer Playing To The Chinese Script". The restrictions also appear to be intended to help major Chinese banks avoid being hit by sanctions imposed by the United States and other countries.

# Forget media tales of woe: Standard of living soars to 'best of decade,' says new Gallup

**poll** (Washington Times 9/12/17)

“Americans’ ratings of their standard of living are on pace to be the best in Gallup’s 10-year tracking history,” writes Jim Norman, a Gallup analyst who reveals that two-thirds of the public now says their living circumstances are getting better, 80 percent of the nation say they are “satisfied” with their current standard of living, and the pollster’s complex but revealing “well-being index” now stands at 54, a record high. “This year’s rise in the overall index is driven by an increase in Americans’ outlook for their standard of living. The percentage of Americans saying their standard of living is getting better has risen from 62 percent in 2016 to 64 percent so far this year, with a corresponding drop in the percentage saying it is getting worse, from 22 percent to 19 percent. The strongly positive expectations Americans now have for their standard of living is a far cry from the situation in 2008, when as many thought their situation was getting worse as thought it was improving,” Mr. Norman said.

# At Least 11 Mayors Accused Of Child Sex-Related Crimes Since 2016

(The Daily Caller 9/13/17)

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray resigned on Wednesday after a fifth man publicly accused the Democrat of molesting him as a child. But Murray isn't alone. At least 11 then-current and former mayors have been accused of child sex abuse-related crimes since 2016. The allegations range from child porn to physical abuse. The alleged victims were as young as four years old. Stillwater, New York Mayor Rick Nelson resigned earlier this month after being arrested on child porn charges. Nelson has a decades-long history of alleged sexual misconduct involving teenagers and children. The child porn charges marked the fifth such accusation against Nelson, the Times Union reported, including allegations of rape and sodomy. Nelson was never convicted for the previous alleged abuses, which allegedly included inappropriate behavior with a five year old in 1982 on the school bus that Nelson was driving at the time. Nelson is the father of Patrick Nelson, a Democratic 2018 congressional candidate who served as one of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' delegates at the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

# Trump Blocks China-Backed Lattice Bid

(Bloomberg 9/13/17)

Fourth presidential block of foreign takeover in last 27 years

President Donald Trump blocked a Chinese-backed investor from buying Lattice Semiconductor Corp., casting a cloud over Chinese deals seeking U.S. security clearance and spurring a call for fairness from Beijing.

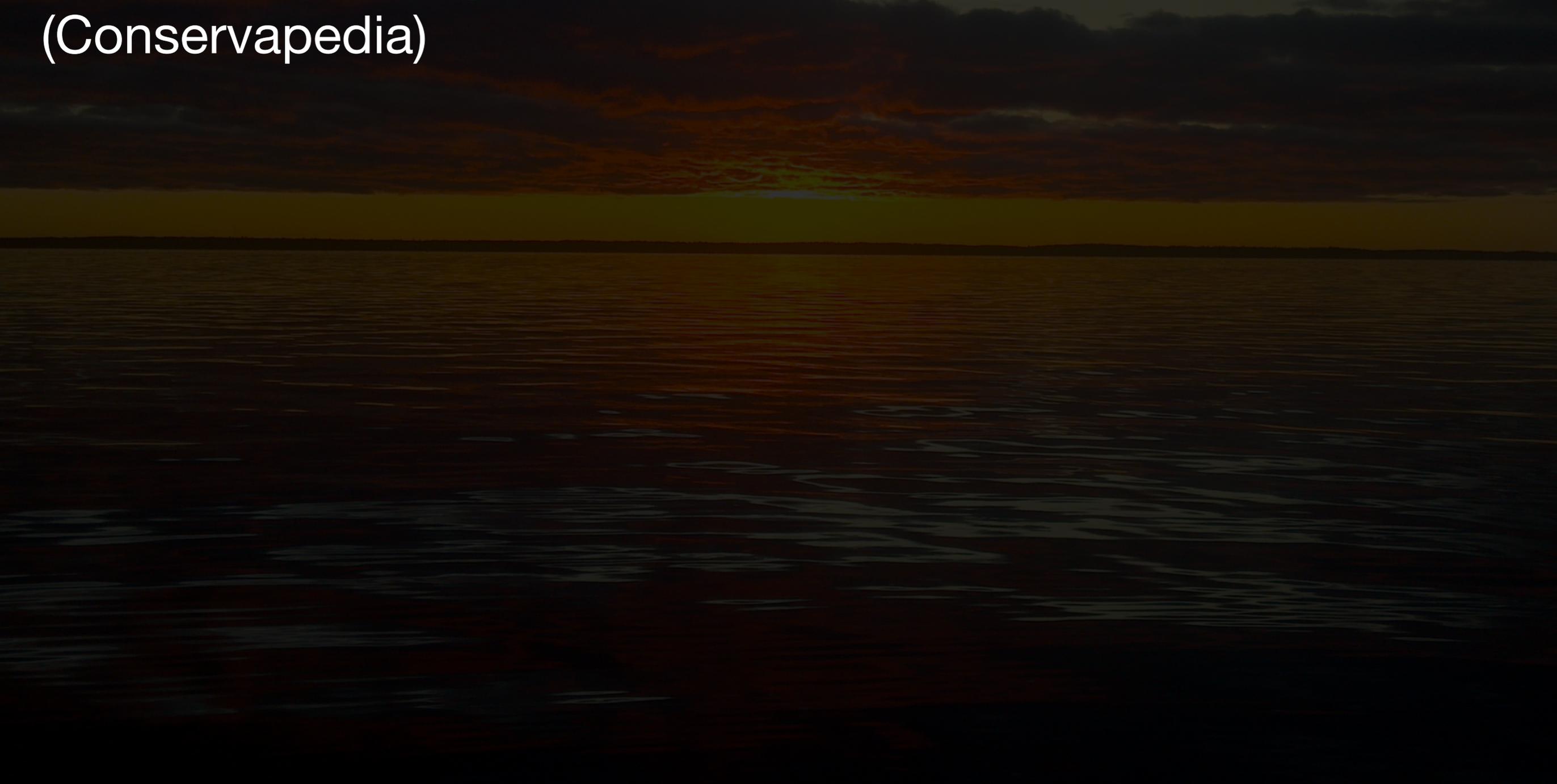
It was just the fourth time in a quarter century that a U.S. president has ordered a foreign takeover of an American firm stopped on national-security concerns. Trump acted on the recommendation of a multi-agency panel, the White House and the Treasury Department said Wednesday. The spurned buyer, Canyon Bridge Capital Partners LLC, is a private-equity firm backed by a Chinese state-owned asset manager.

# **US slaps sanctions on four nations for refusing to take deported nationals (Fox News 9/14/17)**

The U.S. government has imposed sanctions on four countries that it says have refused to accept their deported citizens as part of the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the four countries – Cambodia, Eritrea, Guinea, and Sierra Leone – are facing the sanctions for “lack of cooperation” in accepting the deported citizens. Cambodia is in Southeast Asia while the three other countries are in Africa. The plan to sanction the four countries had been circulating since last month, though the extent of the sanctions and the timeframe for enacting them remained unknown. At the time, officials hinted that U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson would not ban all visas issued to the four countries, but instead target just government officials and their families.

**September 15, 2017 – Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke signed an order expanding the access that hunters and fishers have to lands maintained by the Interior Department.**

(Conservapedia)



# **Justice Dept. overhauls program to tackle violent crime rather than police use-of-force concerns** (Washington Times 9/15/17)

The Justice Department will no longer use a program meant to improve police-community relations to address concerns about officer use of force, instead focusing the initiative on reducing violent crime. The DOJ announced the changes Friday to the program run by its Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Law enforcement agencies had been able to request aid from the COPS office to make organizational and policy reforms that would improve trust between departments and the communities they serve. During the Obama administration, at least nine departments used the process to address use of force concerns. Among them were the North Charleston Police Department in South Carolina, where city officials requested a review after officer Michael Slager was videotaped fatally shooting a black man, Walter Scott, in the back as he ran away from the officer. The St. Louis County Police Department also did a review that included use of force issues after the 2014 riots in Ferguson, Missouri.

# **Pakistan To Ask US To Hold Talks With Afghan Taliban** (Tolo News 9/17/17)

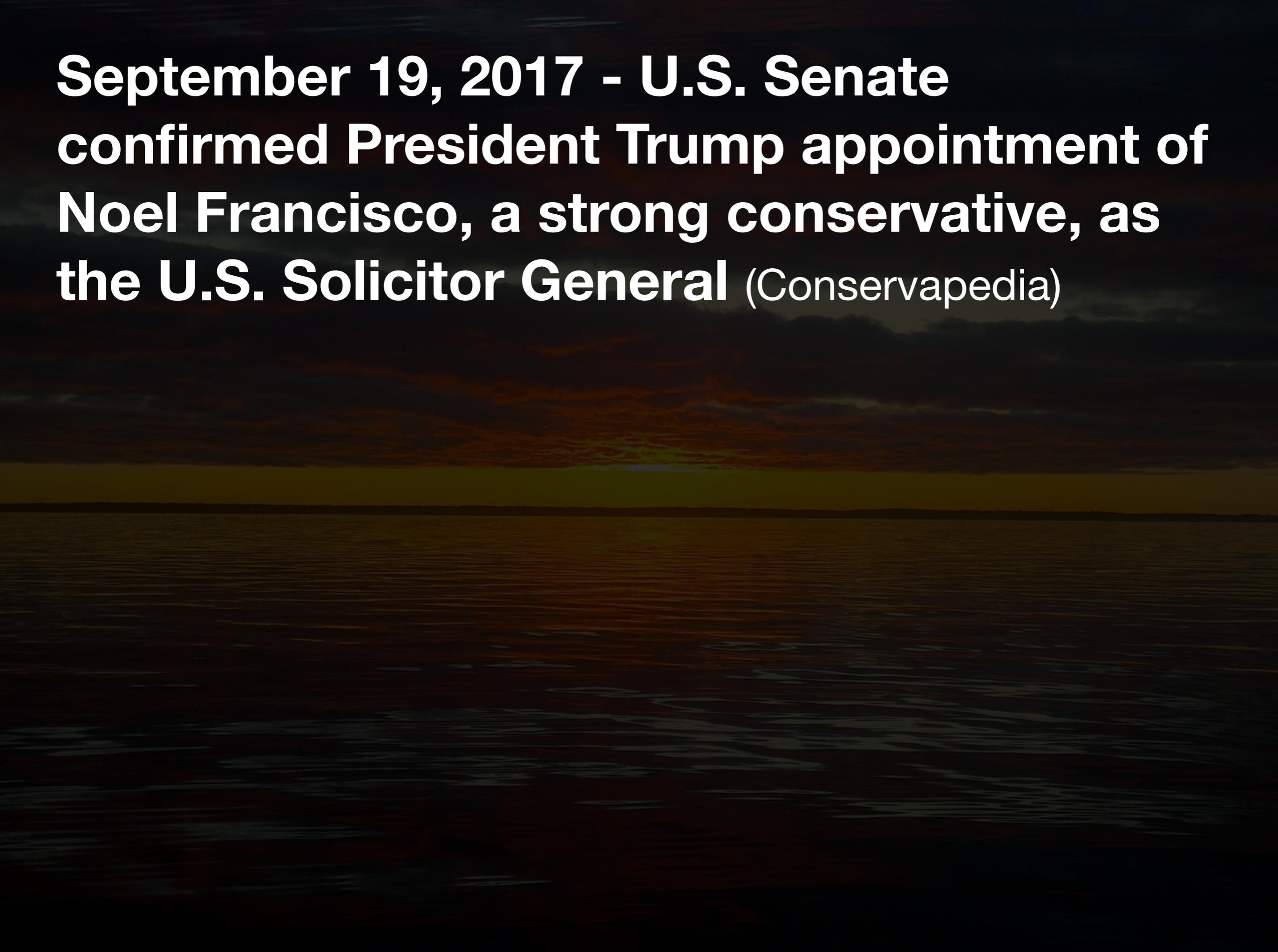
Pakistan's Foreign Affairs Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said he would call on US President Donald Trump's administration to change its military-oriented policy to one of dialogue and hold talks with the Afghan Taliban in a bid to bring peace and security to the war-ravaged country. He also stressed the need for a role to be considered for other countries, especially Iran and Russia, in the Afghan peace process, saying these countries have a major influence on the Taliban. "Peace talks with the Taliban could be arranged if Washington works with countries in the region that have influence over the militant group", Pakistan Radio quoted Asif, as saying. The statement comes amid heightened tension between Afghanistan and Pakistan. Asif is also expected to meet US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and other high level officials from the Trump administration.

# Trump Vindicated: Report Says Obama Government Wiretapped Trump Campaign

(Breitbart 9/18/17)

U.S. investigators wiretapped President Trump's campaign chairman Paul Manafort, according to a report by CNN that vindicates the president's earlier claims, which were mocked as a conspiracy theory. Breitbart News editor Joel Pollak had reported the day before Trump's tweet that the Obama administration "sought, and eventually obtained, authorization to eavesdrop on the Trump campaign: continued monitoring the Trump team even when no evidence of wrongdoing was found." Trump's claim, and Breitbart News's report, were mocked as a conspiracy theory, and other news outlets reported that there was no basis to the claims. CNN itself at the time called the idea that Trump was wiretapped "incendiary."

**September 19, 2017 - U.S. Senate confirmed President Trump appointment of Noel Francisco, a strong conservative, as the U.S. Solicitor General (Conservapedia)**

The background of the image is a dark, atmospheric landscape. It features a horizon line that separates a dark, rippling body of water in the foreground from a dark, cloudy sky above. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, blacks, and dark greys, with a subtle orange-brown glow near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of this image.

# **WATCH: Trump Slams Socialism At U.N., World Leaders Refuse To Clap**

(Dailywire 9/19/17)

In his speech at the United Nations on Tuesday, President Donald Trump ruffled the feathers of many world leaders when he attacked socialism as a “failed ideology.”

**“The problem in Venezuela is not that socialism has been poorly implemented but that socialism has been faithfully implemented,” Trump said.**

Trump paused for a moment for applause — an applause that didn’t come as world leaders were not amused that he attacked the fundamentally flawed ideology that many of them are actively trying to implement in their own countries.

# AG Sessions Touts Record-Breaking Drug Seizure in San Diego (Breitbart 9/20/17)

Attorney General Jeff Sessions traveled to San Diego, California, Wednesday to tout the record-breaking amount of drugs seized in Fiscal Year 2017. During the visit, Sessions watched as Coast Guard officials unloaded more than 50,000 pounds of cocaine and heroin seized from drug traffickers at sea. The drugs are worth an estimated \$680 million, according to FOX 5 San Diego. Overall, in the 2017 Fiscal Year, officials revealed that a record-breaking 455,000 pounds plus of drugs had already been seized. In 2016, that number amounted to 443,000 pounds. The 2017 haul is worth an estimated \$6.1 billion. “By preventing overdoses and stopping new addictions before they start, enforcing our drug laws saves lives,” Sessions said in a statement. “I commend every service member who has helped us in our mission to keep the American people safe, and I thank them for this indispensable contribution to public safety.”

# Trump's New Travel Ban Is Standard Security Policy (Daily Signal 9/25/17)

If the recent announcement limiting travel to the U.S. from eight countries came from the pen of any other recent president, it would hardly make news. But in the case of President Donald Trump, the issue has blown up. Nevertheless, this administration's policies have largely been right in line with what the U.S. has consistently done to thwart terrorist travel since 9/11. After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington, the U.S. largely adapted a "risk-based" approach when it came to allowing travel to the homeland. In essence, this meant constantly monitoring how terrorists were attempting to travel, assess their security procedures and vulnerabilities, and updating policies and safeguards to try to stay ahead of the threat.

This approach has largely worked. The Heritage Foundation maintains a database of known Islamist terrorist plots aimed at the U.S. since 9/11. Although the number of plots is nearing 100, few of those plots over the past decade originated overseas.

# DOJ Files Lawsuit Accusing Company of Discriminating Against American Workers

(Free Beacon 9/29/17)

Sessions: 'Where there is a job available, U.S. workers should have a chance at it before we bring in workers from abroad'. The Department of Justice has filed a lawsuit accusing an agricultural company of discrimination for refusing to hire American citizens for seasonal positions...The complaint states that Crop Production Services discriminated against three Americans, Ramiro Torres, Ramiro Salinas, and Javier Salinas, "based on their citizenship status."...The company instead filled all its positions with "H-2A visa holders from Mexico." "In the spirit of President Trump's Executive Order on Buy American and Hire American, the Department of Justice will not tolerate employers who discriminate against U.S. workers because of a desire to hire temporary foreign visa holders," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement announcing the lawsuit. "The Justice Department will enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act in order to protect U.S. workers as they are the very backbone of our communities and our economy."

# **Manufacturer Optimism Hits Record High After Tax Reform Plan Revealed** (Free Beacon 9/29/17)

Manufacturer optimism is at a record-high after President Donald Trump's tax reform plan has been revealed, according to a survey from the National Association of Manufacturers. Optimism for small and large manufacturers over the last three economic quarters has averaged a record high of 90.87 percent, which is the highest seen in 20 years. It's also significantly higher than 59.77 percent optimism seen in the first three quarters of 2016. The survey found that 64.3 percent of manufacturers said the promise of tax reform would allow them to expand their business, 57.3 percent said they would hire more workers, and 52.2 percent said they would increase wages and benefits for employees.

# **Current Congress is one of the most productive in 30 years: Report** (Washington Examiner 9/29/17)

The 115th Congress is one of the most productive in three decades, according to the Pew Research Center. But the bulk of the Republican-controlled legislature's work has been undoing the Obama administration's regulatory legacy, the think tank reports. Congress has passed 46 substantive measures — which Pew defines as bills that do not rename buildings, award medals, commemorate historic events or take "other purely ceremonial actions" — that have been signed into law by President Trump in 2017 before Labor Day. This achievement ranks the 115th Congress alongside the 110th Congress for the fifth-highest count of laws compared to the past 16 sessions of Congress.

# **3,800 Gang Suspects Charged in US-Central American Six-month Roundup** (Voice of America 9/29/17)

U.S. and Central American law enforcement authorities announced Friday that they have charged more than 3,800 members of the MS-13 and 18th Street gangs in coordinated law enforcement action since March.

The charges, announced in Miami by acting Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Blanco and the attorneys general of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, reflect a stepped-up effort by the Trump administration to root out transnational criminal gangs in the United States.

**September 29, 2017 – President Trump disbanded the federal labor-management council, which was created by President Obama, due to it being a waste of time and taxpayer dollars (Conservapedia)**

# **U.S. Factory-Sector Activity Hits 13-Year High -- 2nd Update** (Fox Business 10/2/17)

Manufacturing activity in the U.S. reached a 13-year high in September, as strong demand and order growth rode out a severe hurricane season.

The Institute for Supply Management said Monday that its index of manufacturing activity climbed to 60.8 last month from 58.8 in August, hitting its highest reading since May 2004. A reading above 50 indicates sector expansion as measured by factors such as sales, output and hiring.

The reading exceeded economist expectations and suggests the factory sector is weathering the impact of three recent major Atlantic hurricanes -- Harvey, Irma and Maria.

# **Cold War radiation testing in US widespread, author claims (ABCNews 10/2/17)**

Three members of Congress are demanding answers after a St. Louis scholar's new book revealed details of how the U.S. government sprayed, injected and fed radiation and other dangerous materials to countless people in secret Cold War-era testing. The health ramifications of the tests are unknown. Lisa Martino-Taylor, an associate professor of sociology at St. Louis who wrote "Behind the Fog: How the U.S. Cold War Radiological Weapons Program Exposed Innocent Americans," acknowledged that tracing diseases like cancer to specific causes is difficult.

But three congressmen who represent areas where testing occurred — Democrats William Lacy Clay of Missouri, Brad Sherman of California and Jim Cooper of Tennessee — said they were outraged by the revelations.

# **Exclusive: House Passes Bill to Stop Abortion After Unborn Child Can Feel Pain**

(Breitbart 10/3/17)

WASHINGTON, DC—The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday passed H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act—which now goes to the Senate—and President Donald Trump promises to sign the bill if it reaches his desk.

Medical science has confirmed in recent years that an unborn child consciously feels physical pain by the twentieth week of pregnancy. This has led pro-life leaders to call for consensus by ending abortions after that point, arguing that even pro-abortion Americans should agree to find common ground in prohibiting a practice when a sentient life form can actually feel the agony of being torn apart.

# **Poll: 70% support Trump's immigration policies, want Americans hired first**

(Washington Examiner 10/9/17)

Most Americans support President Trump's immigration reform plans that aim to cut illegal entries and boost the hiring of legal Americans, according to a new survey just being circulated.

Despite charges from Democratic leaders like Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Nancy Pelosi that the "vast majority of Americans" decry Trump's America First focus, the new survey shows that many of the president's policies are supported by 70 percent to 80 percent of the public. And they reject the media's description that the new White House list of immigration reforms issued Sunday night is "hardline."

# **Trump Takes Down Over Two Dozen Elite Pedophiles Including Celebrities & Politicians** (sgtreport.com 10/10/17)

In June I reported that President Donald Trump is zeroing in on the elite pedophile rings. There are dozens of politicians, government officials and celebrities – including Harvey Weinstein, Jeff Epstein, Anthony Weiner, Mark Salling and eleven Democratic mayors – who have been arrested or are currently embroiled in major sex or pedophilia scandals since Trump's election victory. The powerful peers of these sexual predators and pedophiles have vigorously protected them for decades; however, now they're no longer safe. Trump is fully committed to exposing and stopping the sexual criminality and child sex trafficking that's run rampant in DC and Hollywood for far too long...

# **After Atheist Challenge, Court Rules the House Can Still Open in Prayer** (townhall.com 10/11/17)

The House of Representatives can continue to open its sessions in prayer, a U.S. District Court ruled Wednesday.

The practice was challenged by Freedom From Religion Foundation Co-President Dan Barker last year after he was told he could not deliver a secular invocation. He sued U.S. House Chaplain Patrick Conroy for "violating his rights" under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) and the Constitution. The FFRF filed the lawsuit on the National Day of Prayer.

# **US announces withdrawal from UNESCO, cites 'anti-Israel bias'** (timesofisrael.com 10/12/17)

The United States announced Thursday that it is withdrawing from the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), citing financial considerations, the need for reform and the organization's "continuing anti-Israel bias."

In a statement, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said that the decision was "not taken lightly and reflects US concerns with mounting arrears at UNESCO, the need for fundamental reform within the organization and continuing anti-Israel bias at UNESCO."

# **Trump pulls U.S. out of pro-abortion, pro-LGBT UN agency** (Lifesitenews 10/12/17)

President Trump is pulling the United States out of a UN agency that advocates for abortion, homosexuality, and radical sex education for young children.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has for years pushed for pro-abortion and pro-LGBT topics to be taught to children.

The U.S. is concerned about “mounting arrears at UNESCO, the need for fundamental reform in the organization, and continuing anti-Israel bias at UNESCO,” State Department Spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement this morning. “This decision was not taken lightly.”

# Trump administration: 'Life begins at conception' (WND 10/12/17)

The Department of Health and Human Services has published a draft of a new strategic plan that states in its introduction that life begins at conception.

The personhood of the unborn child is central to the abortion debate — as even the justice who wrote the landmark *Roe v. Wade* opinion has acknowledged — because, if established in law, it would nullify a “right” to abortion.

The largely overlooked HHS strategic plan for 2018-22 states the agency “accomplishes its mission through programs and initiatives that cover a wide spectrum of activities, serving and protecting Americans at every stage of life, beginning at conception.”

# **The Great Unraveling: Amazon Studio Chief Accused of Sexual Misconduct** (Breitbart 10/12/17)

Amazon Studios executive Roy Price has been suspended following accusations of sexual harassment against a television producer. “Roy Price is on leave of absence effective immediately,” a representative for Amazon said in a statement Thursday night.

Original story: Just hours after actress Rose McGowan launched a broadside against Amazon CEO (and Washington Post owner) Jeff Bezos with the accusation that the richest man in the world was “funding rapists, alleged pedos, and sexual harassers,” one of Bezos’s top executives, Roy Price, was publicly accused of harassing television producer Isa Hackett.

# **After UNESCO bombshell, US envoy Haley warns UN of more trouble ahead**

([timesofisrael.com](http://timesofisrael.com) 10/12/17)

Hours after the Trump administration announced the US would be withdrawing from UNESCO, the United States ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, warned the world body that all its agencies are under similar scrutiny.

The State Department announced Thursday that the US is withdrawing from the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), effective December 31, 2018, citing financial considerations, the need for reform and the organization's "continuing anti-Israel bias." The Israeli government promptly announced that it would follow suit.

# Trump halts 'massive' Obamacare subsidies in surprise late-night announcement

(WND 10/12/17)

WASHINGTON – Thwarted over and over in his effort to repeal and replace Obamacare by a unified Democratic Party and a handful of Republicans, President Trump is using his executive power to at least partially fulfill his major campaign promise. Trump plans to halt payments to insurers under the Affordable Care Act “immediately,” in a major blow to Obamacare that is likely to draw a legal challenge. The president used the overnight decision to ramp up pressure on Democrats to negotiate a “fix” to the “imploding” health-care law. “The Democrats ObamaCare is imploding. Massive subsidy payments to their pet insurance companies has stopped. Dems should call me to fix!” he said in a pre-dawn tweet on Friday.

# Trump Cracks Down On Sexual Harassment At The National Park Service

(DailyCaller 10/13/17)

Interior Department Secretary Ryan Zinke announced a new plan to combat the “widespread and pervasive culture of harassment and discrimination” at the National Park Service, according to a release. Zinke and National Park Service (NPS) acting director Mike Reynolds held an all-staff meeting at Grand Canyon National Park where they unveiled a series of policies aimed at preventing and rooting out sexual harassment. Zinke’s announcement comes as Hollywood deals with sexual harassment accusations against prominent film producer Harvey Weinstein. Dozens of women, including famous actresses, have come forward with allegations against Weinstein. NPS has been mired in sexual harassment cases for years, especially among Grand Canyon employees.

# **FINALLY! Nineteen GOP Congressmen Call For Hearings on Mueller to “Bring His Team Out of the Shadows”** (GatewayPundit 10/13/17)

The letter sent to House Judiciary Committee chairman Bob Goodlatte and Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Chuck Grassley opens up by pointing out that every U.S. Attorney has to be confirmed by the Senate. This process brings forward any conflicts of interest, bias or questionable past conduct. Mueller and his team arguably have more power yet have not gone through any such process.

# Trump To Values Voters: In America 'We Don't Worship Government, We Worship God' (NPR 10/13/17)

President Trump spoke to one of the most faithful blocs of his base on Friday, telling attendees of this year's Values Voter Summit that in America "we don't worship government, we worship God."

Trump was the first sitting president to address the annual gathering of Christian conservatives, and while he has had trouble enacting some of his campaign promises legislatively so far in his term, he has ticked off many boxes with the evangelical voters who helped propel him to the Oval Office.

"We know that it's the family and the church — not government officials — who know best how to create strong and loving communities," Trump said.

# **Weinstein Sex Scandal Hurts Michael Moore and Quentin Tarantino Projects** (The Federalist Papers 10/14/17)

Hollywood film makers Michael Moore and Quintin Tarantino are facing serious problems now that Harvey Weinstein's sex scandal has hit the news...The Weinstein Company owns the rights to Moore's upcoming anti-Trump documentary Fahrenheit 11/9. The documentary uses a play on Moore's previous success, Fahrenheit 9/11 which criticized President Bush and the War on Terror...The Weinstein Company bought the worldwide rights for the anti-Trump film under their Fellowship Adventure Group and they were to bankroll the launch. Those funds now appear to be in doubt...The Weinsteins were such fervent supporters of Moore's new anti-Trump documentary, they proudly told Hollywood last spring when they announced the anti-Trump doc, "There is no greater part of what we can do right now than to have the power to bring Michael Moore to a mass audience," according to Variety.

# **AP: Bannon Enlists Troops for War Against GOP Establishment** (Breitbart 10/14/17)

JACKSON, Mississippi (AP) — President Donald Trump's former chief strategist Steve Bannon has declared war on the Republican establishment, and now he's amassing his troops. They include a convicted felon, a perennial candidate linked to an environmental conspiracy theory, and a Southern lawmaker known for provocative ethnic and racial comments.

Bannon is promoting challengers to GOP incumbents and the party's preferred candidates in next year's midterm elections. It's an insurgency that could imperil Republican majorities in the House and Senate.

# Harvey Weinstein's Fall Opens the Floodgates in Hollywood (NYT 10/16/17)

LOS ANGELES — Harvey Weinstein is certainly not the first powerful man publicly and credibly accused of sexually harassing or abusing women in recent years. Since 2015, the Fox News chairman Roger Ailes, the Fox News prime-time host Bill O'Reilly and the comedian and actor Bill Cosby have suffered professional, financial or reputational setbacks after numerous women told stories of their sexual misconduct. Those stories dominated news cycles, to be sure, but the outcry accompanying Mr. Weinstein's downfall seems louder and more impassioned — perhaps because Mr. Weinstein's accusers include stars like Ashley Judd, Angelina Jolie and Gwyneth Paltrow. "I think this is a watershed moment," said the producer Gail Berman, who had top jobs at Paramount Pictures and the Fox network.

# **FBI uncovered Russian bribery plot before Obama administration approved controversial nuclear deal with Moscow**

(The Hill 10/17/17)

Before the Obama administration approved a controversial deal in 2010 giving Moscow control of a large swath of American uranium, the FBI had gathered substantial evidence that Russian nuclear industry officials were engaged in bribery, kickbacks, extortion and money laundering designed to grow Vladimir Putin's atomic energy business inside the United States, according to government documents and interviews. Federal agents used a confidential U.S. witness working inside the Russian nuclear industry to gather extensive financial records, make secret recordings and intercept emails as early as 2009 that showed Moscow had compromised an American uranium trucking firm with bribes and kickbacks in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FBI and court documents show.

# **Raqqa: Isis completely driven out of Syria 'capital' by US-backed forces** (Independent 10/17/17)

US-backed militias have completely taken Isis' de facto capital, Raqqa, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) said on Tuesday, in a major symbolic blow to the jihadist group.

The fall of Raqqa, where Isis staged euphoric parades after its string of lightning victories in 2014, is a potent symbol of the movement's collapsing fortunes. The city was used as a base for the group to plan attacks abroad.

The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), an alliance of Kurdish and Arab militias backed by a US-led international alliance, has been fighting Isis inside Raqqa since June.

# **Mitch McConnell Folds Under Populist Pressure, Extends Senate Workweek** (Breitbart 10/18/17)

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) finally cracked under pressure from conservatives and populists alike and decided to extend the Senate's workweek into Fridays and even the possibly the weekend. Conservatives and populists urged McConnell to extend the Senate's work hours to carry out President Donald Trump's agenda, which includes confirming judicial nominees and passing vital legislation such as a budget resolution and tax reform. Conservatives chastised the Senate's light work week, which typically spans from Monday evening to early Thursday afternoon. GOP sources say that the Senate's work schedule will start to mirror the average Americans'; the Senate will now work on Fridays and possibly the weekend to complete their legislative priorities.

## **277 arrested in human trafficking, online prostitution sting in Polk County ([wtsp.com](http://wtsp.com) 10/18/17)**

The Polk County Sheriff's Office announced Tuesday the arrest of 277 people for crimes related to human trafficking and online prostitution. The sheriff's office along with several other area law enforcement agencies conducted "Operation No Tricks, No Treats" at two undisclosed county locations from Oct. 10-16. "We are committed to fighting human trafficking, by arresting those who engage in prostitution and trying to identify human trafficking victims," Sheriff Grady Judd said in a news release. Fifty-one of the arrests made were for those who advertise as prostitutes online. Some 209 of the arrests were for those who solicited undercover detectives who posted ads posing as prostitutes. Seventeen of the arrest were made of those who derive proceeds from prostitution. The Polk County Sheriff's Office said several suspects drove to Polk County from other states.

# **84 Children Found After Sex Trafficking Bust Ends In Arrest Of 120** (Western Journalism 10/19/17)

The FBI has rescued 84 children from the hands of 120 traffickers who were arrested Wednesday amid a nationwide crackdown on child trafficking, the agency said in a statement. The sting, dubbed “Operation Cross Country XI” was a multi-state operation focused primarily on the recovery of children and taking out the “pimps” who run human trafficking rings. “We at the FBI have no greater mission than to protect our nation’s children from harm. Unfortunately, the number of traffickers arrested — and the number of children recovered — reinforces why we need to continue to do this important work,” FBI Director Christopher Wray said.

# **Mueller team criticized by fellow attorneys for history of questionable tactics (FoxNews 10/20/17)**

Special Counsel Robert Mueller and his team running the Russia collusion probe are being accused by fellow attorneys of employing aggressive and questionable tactics in past cases, potentially putting a dent in his straight-shooter image. As the investigation heats up and key players like former White House chief of staff Reince Priebus and press secretary Sean Spicer are interviewed by investigators, several attorneys with experience in federal cases spoke out with their concerns this week. Harvey Silverglate, a criminal defense attorney in Massachusetts, wrote an opinion piece accusing Mueller of once trying to entrap him when Mueller was acting U.S. attorney in Boston. "I have known Mueller during key moments of his career as a federal prosecutor," Silverglate wrote for WGBH News. "My experience has taught me to approach whatever he does in the Trump investigation with a requisite degree of skepticism or, at the very least, extreme caution."

# Tech Pours Millions Into Lobbying While Pressure Mounts in Washington (Bloomberg 10/20/17)

Technology companies including Facebook Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. spent more than \$10 million on federal lobbying in the third quarter, as Washington ratcheted up pressure on issues ranging from child sex-trafficking to Russia's alleged meddling in the 2016 election.

Amazon spent \$3.41 million -- its biggest quarter in at least nine years -- on tax policy, cloud security and computing, and others, according to lobbying disclosures posted Friday for the three months ending Sept. 30. Facebook spent \$2.85 million, while Alphabet Inc.'s Google paid out \$4.17 million. Twitter Inc. spent \$120,000.

# 'Czech Trump' clinches election victory, eurosceptics boosted (Yahoo.com 10/21/17)

Prague (AFP) - With voters upset over traditional parties and orders from Brussels, billionaire populist Andrej Babis, dubbed the "Czech Trump", clinched victory in the Czech Republic's election on Saturday, while eurosceptics and an anti-Islam group backed by France's National Front made strong gains. State election officials citing results from 99.9 percent of polling stations said Babis's anti-corruption and anti-euro ANO (Yes) movement won with 29.7 percent support (78 parliament seats) followed by the eurosceptic right-wing ODS party on 11.3 percent (25 seats). Turnout was at 60 percent. Despite the country's economic success, analysts say many Czechs who are heavily in debt or working long hours for low wages feel they have been left behind and are turning to populist, eurosceptic and far-right anti-EU parties to vent their ire.

# Hollywood Ending: Big Studios Cutting Losses This Weekend, Pulling Flops From Theaters Earlier Than Usual

(showbiz411 10/21/17)

It's a bizarre season in Hollywood. Almost nothing is "working," and the studios can't afford to waste any more money hoping things will turn around. They're pulling flops from theaters earlier than usual. This weekend, for example, Warner Bros. is putting out a white flag on "Blade Runner" after three tough weeks. They've cut the number of theaters showing Denis Villeneuve's beautiful film by 855. So far, "Blade Runner" has made just \$66 million. Audiences have not clamored to it. And now, week by week, Warners will quietly take it away. Warner's isn't alone. Universal is pulling Tom Cruise's "American Made" from 539 locations after a month in release. The Doug Liman directed thriller has made just \$43 million. Good reviews haven't helped push Cruise fans to theaters. One problem was lack of promotion since Cruise wasn't available. Also, audiences may have just soured on him after "The Mummy" and other flops. With both studios, it wasn't for lack of trying.

# Trump Says He Will Release Final Set of Documents on Kennedy Assassination

(NYT 10/21/17)

WASHINGTON — President Trump has decided to release a final batch of thousands of classified government documents related to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Mr. Trump announced in a tweet on Saturday morning. “Subject to the receipt of further information, I will be allowing, as President, the long blocked and classified JFK FILES to be opened,” Mr. Trump said on Twitter. The release of the information being held in secret at the National Archives — including several thousand never-before-seen documents — was mandated to occur by Oct. 26 under a 1992 law that sought to quell conspiracy theories about the assassination.