

In Praise of Pat Buchanan

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Pat Buchanan celebrated his 87th birthday on November 2, and this makes it a fitting occasion to assess this remarkable figure in American politics. Pat is a hero because he spoke truth to power, politically challenged the corrupt US Uniparty system when he ran for president three times, defended the sovereignty of America, and warned us about the collapse of Western Civilization.

As Kevin Roberts and Riley Moore say, "In 1963, when President John F. Kennedy gave the Presidential Medal of Freedom its name, he said that 'in a period when the national government must call upon an increasing portion of the talents and energies of its citizens, it is clearly appropriate to provide ways to recognize and reward the work of persons, within and without the government, who contribute significantly to the quality of American life.'

"Today, our country is in even greater need of such virtuous citizens—of heroic men and women who can serve as examples of what it means to defend the republic, renew our culture, and reclaim America's destiny. That's why we are calling on President Donald Trump to grant the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor, to one of the most prophetic voices of conservatism: Patrick J. Buchanan.

"Pat Buchanan is a towering figure in American statesmanship. Six decades of public service—from his early days as a young speechwriter for Richard Nixon to his hard-charging campaigns for the presidency—would alone qualify him for the nation's highest honor.

"But what sets Buchanan apart, what makes him uniquely deserving of this recognition, is that he is one of the great pioneers of what we now call America First conservatism. He foresaw, long before others, nearly every political crisis and cultural challenge that animates the country today.

"When the political class was busy declaring 'the end of history' in the 1990s, Buchanan was warning that mass migration would erode our national identity, that reckless interventions abroad would sap our strength.

"Looking back now, his speeches read like prophecy. His famous 'Culture War' address to the 1992 Republican National Convention—derided by elites at the time—warned of the relentless advance of the Left's social agenda: abortion on demand, the degradation of religious liberty, women in combat units, and the redefinition of the family.

Awarding Pat Buchanan the Presidential Medal of Freedom would not just honor a man—though doing so would be long overdue. It would also send an unmistakable message that the era of conservative timidity is over, that the movement which once censored and sidelined its boldest voices is gone for good.

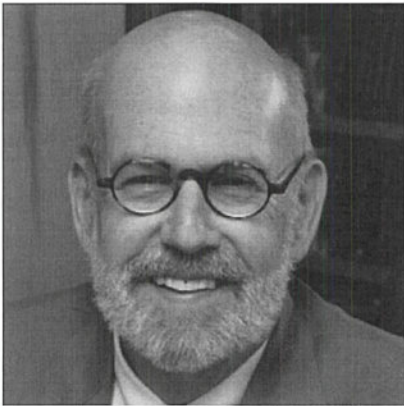
"From now on, we will not apologize for loving this country. We will not apologize for defending its sovereignty, its borders, its families, its faith. And from now on, we will celebrate—not shun—the great Americans who paved the way for our renewal.

"Pat Buchanan belongs among the conservative movement's greatest heroes. President Donald Trump should award him the Medal of Freedom. And every American who loves this country should stand and cheer when he does."

You might object to my praise for Pat Buchanan in this way. Doesn't he favor high tariffs and other deviations from the free market? Can supporters of the free market still favor him? In answer to that, it should be clear that although he does favor some economic policies we disagree with, he is by no means an enemy of a free economy. On the

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contrary, he denounced Barack Obama for his socialistic policies. Here is what he said in 2009: "In his campaign and inaugural address, Barack Obama cast himself as a moderate man seeking common ground with conservatives. Yet, his budget calls for the radical restructuring of the U.S. economy, a sweeping redistribution of power and wealth to government and Democratic constituencies. It is a declaration of war on the Right. The real Obama has stood up and lived up to his ranking as the most left-wing member of the United States Senate. Barack has no mandate for this. He was even behind McCain when the decisive event that gave him the presidency occurred — the September collapse of Lehman Brothers and the market crash. Republicans are under no obligation to render bipartisan support to this statist coup d'état. For what is going down is a leftist power grab that is anathema to their principles and philosophy. Where the U.S. government usually consumes 21 percent of gross domestic product, this Obama budget spends 28 percent in 2009 and runs a deficit of \$1.75 trillion, or 12.7 percent of GDP. That is four times the largest deficit of George W. Bush and twice as large a share of the economy as any deficit run since World War II. Add that 28 percent of GDP spent by the U.S. government to the 12 percent spent by states, counties and cities, and government will consume 40 percent of the economy in 2009. We are not 'headed down the road to socialism.' We are there."



Let's see what Murray Rothbard said about the "purity" issue: "We can already hear the small Modal voices bellyaching: But Buchanan's not a purist, e.g., he's weak on free trade: To this we say: Come off it! To call for purity in a Libertarian Party candidate makes sense; the whole point of a libertarian political party is to expound a consistent doctrine. But to expect libertarian purity in a real-world candidate comes close to imbecility. On television and in his column, Pat has expressed forceful views on hundreds if not thousands of political, social, and cultural topics. Do we agree with every one of them? Of

course not, and so what? That misses the point. The point is that Pat Buchanan is strongly infused with libertarian principle, and that he is as close as any real-world candidate could possibly come to paleo-libertarianism. All of us should be proud and delighted to work as hard as we can for a Buchanan presidency. We have a dream: and perhaps someday it will come to pass. (Hell, if M.L. King can have a dream, why can't we?) Our dream is that one day, we Buchananites can present Mr. and Mrs. America, and all the liberal and conservative and centrist elites, with a dramatic choice. We can, in the scintillating terms of Tom Wolfe, 'Mau-Mau the Flak Catchers,' except usually it's leftists Mau-Mauing liberals."

We have left the most essential point for last. For Rothbard, war was the most important political issue, and Pat Buchanan has always supported peace. As Rothbard said, "The libertarian's basic attitude toward war must then be: it is legitimate to use violence against criminals in defense of one's rights of person and property; it is completely impermissible to violate the rights of *other* innocent people. War, then, is only proper when the exercise of violence is rigorously limited to the individual criminals. We may judge for ourselves how many wars or conflicts in history have met this criterion." Pat Buchanan opposes the Ukraine war, a nuclear confrontation with Russia, which could easily destroy the world, and a confrontation with China. And of course, and most famously, he opposes American involvement in the Middle East. He is against the Iraq War, sanctions and attacks on Iran. and aid to Israel or any other country in that region. He has not hesitated to condemn the neocon warmongers, becoming the target of their obloquy and hate. Let's do everything we can to celebrate this American hero and join him in his opposition to war.

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Tolkien's Insights into the Feminine Soul (3)

Contrary to popular opinion and the portrayals in film adaptations of his *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy — including those by Peter Jackson, the recent *Rings of Power* Amazon Prime series, and *The War of the Rohirrim* animated movie — J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973) had a great love for women. He was neither a feminist nor a misogynist. For him, a woman is good *as a woman*, not just when she tries to impersonate a man. Tolkien's deep appreciation for what's called the "feminine genius" is reflected throughout his nonfiction writings, private correspondence, and works of fiction.

The greatest female influence in Tolkien's life was his mother, Mabel. She raised him and his brother, Hilary, as a single parent after her husband's untimely death and instructed them in the faith following her conversion to Catholicism. She endured persecution from her anti-Catholic relatives, finally succumbing, as Tolkien recalls, to "heroic sufferings and early death in extreme poverty" — passing away from diabetes when Tolkien was only 12. Her example inspired him for the rest of his life. "My own dear mother," he said, "was a martyr indeed, and it is not to everybody that God grants so easy a way to his great gifts as he did to Hilary and myself, giving us a mother who killed herself with labour and trouble to ensure us keeping the faith" (quoted in Humphrey Carpenter's *J.R.R. Tolkien: A Biography*, 1977).

Tolkien learned from a young age to respect the intellectual capacity of women. "It is to my mother who taught me (until I obtained a scholarship at the ancient Grammar School in Birmingham) that I owe my tastes for philology, especially of Germanic languages, and for romance," he wrote. Before he entered school, she had already instilled in him a lifelong love of botany, taught him to read, and instructed him in Latin, French, and German. Tolkien continued to advance women's education by tutoring many female students while an Oxford professor and encouraging his daughter Priscilla's learning.

More well known is Tolkien's devotion to his beloved wife, Edith, to whom he remained faithful from the time he met her until her death (he passed away shortly after she did). C.S. Lewis once described Tolkien as "the most married man I know" (quoted in Holly Ordway's *Tolkien's Faith: A Spiritual Biography*, 2023) for the great comfort he took in being a husband and father. Despite their occasional tensions, Tolkien cared for Edith through her many health struggles and always provided for her needs.

Though these women, and many others unmentioned here, were significant influences, the most important woman in Tolkien's life was the greatest of all women and Mother of the Church: the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Tolkien explained to his friend Fr. Robert Murray, S.J., "I think I know exactly what you mean by...your references to Our Lady, upon which all my own small perception of beauty both in majesty and simplicity is founded."

Tolkien did not, however, idolize women. He understood that women, no less than men, are fallen, their intellects darkened and their flesh stricken with concupiscence by Original Sin. Because of this, he wrote to his second son, Michael, "There is no consonance between our bodies, minds, and souls." He thus cautioned Michael against the idolatrous idealization of women in the chivalrous medieval tradition of courtly romance. "The woman is another fallen human-being with a soul in peril," he wrote. Chivalrous romance "takes, or at any rate has in the past taken, the young man's eye off women as they are, as companions in shipwreck not guiding stars." But "the romantic chivalric tradition," Tolkien continued, when "combined and harmonized with religion...can be very noble," as it was "long ago," when it produced "much of that beautiful devotion to Our Lady that has been God's way of refining so much our gross manly natures and emotions."

As Tolkien mentions, men and women share a single human nature, in which their dignity and spiritual capacities are equal, but they participate in this nature in distinctly masculine and feminine ways, with distinct strengths and sin-caused weaknesses. Generally, it could be said that men are especially prone to three faults — malice, lust, and envy — while women are particularly susceptible to deceit, vanity, and jealousy. Not every man or woman will exhibit these tendencies, but they must be ever vigilant against them, especially in a culture like ours that tends to deny not only sin but human nature itself. Just as men can fall prey to mocking, pornography, and greed, women can become manipulative, narcissistic, and conceited. When women try to impersonate men, as feminists encourage them to do, they can even fuse their own faults to those of men (just as effeminate men can combine their manly faults with those of women). As Tolkien warned Michael: "You may meet in life (as in literature) women who are flighty, or even plain wanton," women who are "actually so depraved as to enjoy 'conquests,' or even enjoy the giving of pain — but these are abnormalities, even though false teaching, bad upbringing, and corrupt fashions may encourage them."

For those familiar with Tolkien's stories of Middle-earth, it could seem that he idealized women. There are no female villains in *The Lord of the Rings* (Shelob the spider notwithstanding), and the women who do show some weaknesses, such as Galadriel (a royal Elf) and Éowyn (a noblewoman of Rohan, a kingdom of men), are still central heroines who overcome their faults without apparently succumbing to them. There is, perhaps, some truth to this impression, though as he aged, Tolkien became a bit wiser in his estimation of women. Nevertheless, it is worthwhile to take a closer look at Galadriel and Éowyn and Tolkien's brilliant if subtle insights into the feminine soul.

Galadriel is one of the greatest women in the history of Middle-earth — the “mightiest and fairest of all the Elves,” as she is described in *The Silmarillion* — the one Tolkien most explicitly connected to the Virgin Mary. She is thus Tolkien’s chief exemplar of femininity, in both its special gifts and vulnerabilities, revealed most clearly in her interactions in Lothlórien, the realm she established with her husband, Celeborn, with the Fellowship, a brotherhood of Free Peoples who band together to destroy the One Ring. As Tolkien scholar Richard Purtill explains,

Galadriel demonstrates the virtues that come most naturally to women, especially “gentleness, understanding of personal relationships, [and] compassion” (*J.R.R. Tolkien: Myth, Morality and Religion*, 1987). Purtill also points out that, in Galadriel’s descriptions of herself, she makes clear that “it is not her task...to decide or plan for others.” Instead, for each member of the Fellowship, she “has made their [available] choices explicit and concrete.”

Despite being one of the most powerful creatures in Middle-earth, a ring-bearer capable of wresting the One Ring away from the evil Sauron’s control, and an Elf of unequaled antiquity and wisdom, Galadriel does not seek to rule or dominate others. She submits to Celeborn, both as her king and husband, and simply helps the Fellowship decide which paths to take, while imposing nothing on them herself. Tolkien called this “the servient, helpmeet instinct” — something that could get him “canceled” today and is neglected in the film adaptations mentioned above.

Just as every good man is in some way a father, so every good woman is in some way a mother, and Galadriel, by her wise guidance, humble submission, gentle nurturing, and courageous defiance of evil through purity of heart and strength of will, exemplifies motherhood in heroic fashion. Galadriel, however, is no less powerful or intelligent for her feminine submissiveness — in fact, it is her greatest asset. Her total lack of pride allows her to see into the mind of Sauron and, unlike Denethor and Saruman, resist his seductions over many centuries, never disclosing the location of her ring or any other secrets to him.

As an Elf and a female, Galadriel also exemplifies beauty. This is another difficult concept for modern people, eliciting accusations of “fat-shaming” or presumptions of vanity and ostentation. But while men and women both naturally love beauty, women have an innate affinity for it, modestly allowing it to shine forth in their figures, personalities, and adornments. The beauty of women has something “faërie” about it that is endlessly enchanting. Men cherish this, and it inspires in them a clarity, nobility, and delicacy they rarely experience in their workaday labors. And though it can lead to the idolization of women, as Tolkien warned Michael, it can also, in better men, point them to the Virgin Mary and, through her, to God, who is Beauty itself.

In her time with the Fellowship, Galadriel also endures and overcomes her greatest temptation and, in her own words, reveals the hardest trial for all women. As Purtill explains:

Tolkien pictures Galadriel’s temptation as the temptation to be universally, irresistibly, loved.... The light the ring sheds is *only* on her, “leaving all else in darkness.” Envy, the desire to be preeminent, is a traditional masculine vice; jealousy, the desire to be loved uniquely and exclusively, is a traditional feminine vice. Galadriel imagines herself the focus of everyone’s possessive love; since she cannot belong to everyone, “all shall love me and despair!”

Whether or not they admit it (just as men rarely admit their own faults), this is the most common temptation for women, something that ensnares many and can even ruin marriages and families. But how does Galadriel (indeed, any woman) overcome it? It is done through a lifetime of inculcating wisdom and virtue, as well as “previous thought and resolve.” Purtill observes:

The words in which Galadriel refuses the temptation are both beautiful and significant: “I will diminish...”: she can face losing power, becoming less than she is, as Denethor or Saruman could not. Next, “and go into the West”: she will leave the Middle-earth she loves, give up her fight to preserve an Elvish remnant in Middle-earth. Finally, “and remain Galadriel”: she will retain her true self, be her own woman and not the tool of the evil power in the Ring.

A strong argument could be made that the most complex — and misunderstood — character in *The Lord of the Rings* is Éowyn. Like Galadriel, Éowyn, precisely because she is a woman, has a distinctly Marian role as the only one capable of defeating the Witch-king of Angmar, a subordinate of Sauron. Similarly, God chose the Virgin Mary, through the prophetic Protoevangelium of Genesis 3:15, to crush the head of Satan by becoming the Mother of God, the tabernacle of the Incarnation of her Son, whose Cross would destroy the dominion of the Devil forever.

Many have made another comparison: Éowyn seems to be similar to Joan of Arc, the medieval French saint who received visions from God and inspired the knights of France to claim victory over the English in the Hundred Years’ War. For these actions, Joan is often appropriated as a feminist icon, an example of a woman overcoming the “patriarchal” standards of her time and achieving “equality” with men, fighting alongside them and leading troops into battle. It is, however, unlikely that Joan ever personally led troops or fought in battle; she was primarily a strategist, advisor, and inspirational figure. Further, as a medieval Catholic, she was certainly not a proto-feminist. Rather, she wore men’s clothing and armor primarily to preserve her virgin-

ity against the multiple instances of attempted rape — a primary reason (among others) why her actions are ordinarily inappropriate for women.

Éowyn, on the other hand, *can* be compared to feminists in some ways. For unknown reasons, by the time she is introduced in *The Two Towers*, Éowyn has developed a mentality of fatalism and despair. She longs for what the mavens of the Sexual Revolution call “women’s liberation,” to “vie with the great Riders [of Rohan],” as she later remarks (in *The Return of the King*), and “take joy only in the songs of slaying.” In a word, she desires to act like a man, to forsake her natural femininity in the hope that, by physical prowess, she could feel some kind of freedom. She places no value on her womanhood, seeing it, as feminists do, as a form of weakness that leads to enslavement to men. She thus says, practically echoing feminist mockery of housewives, “Shall I always be left behind when the Riders depart, to mind the house while they win renown, and find food and beds when they return?”

This same spirit also causes Éowyn to shirk her responsibilities to Rohan, not only by abandoning its capital, Edoras, to accompany the Riders heading to Gondor (contrary to her king’s orders), but also by trying to join Aragorn, the lost heir of Gondor, on his journey through the Paths of the Dead. “I have waited on faltering feet long enough,” Éowyn says. Then she pointedly asks, “Since they falter no longer, it seems, may I not now spend my life as I will?” Aragorn offers a profound correction: “Few may do that with honour.” This is, as Joseph Pearce rightly observes, “a perfect riposte to all those who demand their rights over their responsibilities, doing their ‘own thing’ to the detriment of the common good” (“Revisiting ‘The Return of the King,’” *The Imaginative Conservative*, Oct. 5, 2019).

Feminist appraisals of Éowyn generally leave out her final rescue, not only by the ministrations of Aragorn but even more so by the love of Faramir, son of the steward of Gondor. The Witch-king’s black breath is not the only cause of Éowyn’s subsequent torpor; she also succumbs to the shadow of suicidal despair and self-loathing, which has haunted her for many years and inspired both her hero-worship of Aragorn and her deceptive impersonation of a man so as to ride with the knights of Rohan. She does not break free from these by “empowerment” or “asserting her independence,” as feminists would recommend. Instead, she rediscovers her true femininity, revealed and affirmed by Faramir, a good man who loves her as a good woman. Whereas upon first meeting him she says, “Shadow lies on me still. Look not to me for healing! I am a shieldmaiden and my hand is ungentle,” now, after spending many days with him in Minas Tirith, she is finally set free:

Then the heart of Éowyn changed, or else at last she understood it. And suddenly her winter passed, and the sun shone on her. “I stand in Minas Anor, the Tower of the Sun,” she said;

“and behold! the Shadow has departed! I will be a shieldmaiden no longer.... I will be a healer, and love all things that grow and are not barren.” (*The Fellowship of the Ring*)

Pearce argues that it would be a “gross and grotesque error to see her change of heart as a defeat of her powers as a woman. Her status as the slayer of the Witch-king is not diminished, nor is the fact that the Witch-king’s defeat could only be accomplished by a woman negated” (“Hobbits and Heroines,” *The Imaginative Conservative*, Jan. 6, 2016).

God can bring good even out of our wrong choices, and He uses the despair and disobedience of Éowyn to bring about the downfall of the Witch-king. Similarly, Tolkien observes, “Though not a ‘dry nurse’ in temper, [Éowyn] was also not really a soldier or ‘amazon,’ but like many brave women was capable of great military gallantry at a crisis.”

Though it is unfitting for women to serve in combat roles, whether in the police force or the military, they can still act with exceptional heroism in times of need, just as women during the World Wars worked men’s jobs with great productivity until they could return to their most natural and fulfilling roles as wives and mothers when their husbands returned home — for those whose husbands were fortunate enough to return. The true issue, which is difficult to grasp in an age like ours that is obsessed with individual rights and practical freedoms, is not what women *can* or *may* or even *must* do, but what they *should* do — what is best and most fitting according to their natural femininity. The same applies to men in their natural masculinity. Both should do what promotes and most fruitfully employs their God-given gifts for the common good of the family and society and for their authentic happiness.

In a letter to Michael offering advice for attending Mass during the liturgical disintegration of the 1960s, Tolkien laments the presence of “women in trousers and often with hair both unkempt and uncovered.” Why, someone today might ask, would he have a problem with women not wearing dresses or skirts and without veils at Mass? The reason is precisely because Tolkien loved women *as women*. He was not simply a “product of his time,” holding onto “outdated chauvinist values,” as some have claimed. Quite the opposite. He wanted clear distinctions between men and women, so both could be valued according to God’s distinctive design for them. A woman wearing a skirt or dress and veil at Mass with her family is a perfect image of the Virgin Mary, an earthly icon of she who is most blessed among women. This is what Tolkien cherished and strived to uphold and what can even today illuminate the home, the family, the Church, and all of society with God’s beautiful gift of femininity. ■

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Senior IDF Official Arrested After Leaking Footage Exposing Israeli Torture Of Palestinian POWs

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Although the Netanyahu regime launched its ground offensive into the Gaza Strip with the aim of destroying Hamas, the conflict has proven to have done more to destroy Israel's reputation on the world stage than it has to defeat terrorism. **Scenes showing the hell on Earth that Gaza has become throughout the course of the years-long war have exposed how Israel's claims that it is defending its right to exist are little more than a facade it hides behind to justify committing a genocide against the Palestinian people.** With a tentative "peace" (by Israeli standards) now in place, the pain of the war in Gaza has given way to the woe of its aftermath. With the fog of war dissipated, the full scope of the atrocities committed by the IDF has come into a sharpened focus.

Calls for the IDF and top Israeli officials to be brought to justice for their rampant human rights abuses have not come from the international community alone. They have also come from within the Israeli government itself. Yet, **those within Israel's body politic who call for justice are met with the same vehement disdain as the nations that have condemned the country for committing war crimes against the people of Gaza.** The latest casualty of this genocidal mass formation psychosis highlights how no person, even one within the highest ranks of the Israeli government or military, is safe from the bloodlust of the architects of the war in Gaza.

After coming into the crosshairs of ministers within the Netanyahu government for not sanctioning their brazen disregard for the human rights of the Palestinian people, Major-General Yifat Tomer-Yerushalmi has resigned from her position as the chief legal officer of the Israeli military. In her resignation letter, **Tomer-Yerushalmi admitted that she approved the release of a video revealing institutionalized acts of torture committed by the IDF against Palestinian prisoners of war that took place in the Sde Teiman detention camp in July 2024.** While the IDF has faced a backlash over the acts of torture that have been committed at Sde Teiman, that outrage has come to pale in comparison to the backlash faced by the Israeli officials like Tomer-Yerushalmi and those operating under her directives tasked with bringing its perpetrators to justice.

Sde Teiman has long held the reputation of being the Israeli equivalent of Abu Ghraib, the Iraqi prison notoriously known as the site of sadism under the tyranny of dictator Saddam Hussein, and ironically, the locus of torture and abuse of detainees held by the American forces "liberating" the country from his despotism. The transgressions taking place in the Israeli detention camp in the heart of the Negev Desert were thrust into international spotlight, bringing ignominy to the IDF in July 2024 **when several reservists were arrested for the brutal rape of a Palestinian prisoner.**

Following the arrests, Sde Teian was taken under siege by a mob of Israelis who broke into the prison to attack military investigators questioning IDF soldiers about the torture allegations. **The site where the soldiers who were arrested were being detained also became descended upon by a mob aligned with the furthest right-most factions in Israel's political landscape, led by Israeli National Defense Minister and self-avowed Jewish supremacist Itamar Ben-Gvir.** The mob, serving to do the bidding of Ben-Gvir, called for the immediate release of the detained IDF reservists, demonstrating the turmoil within the inner machinations of Israel's political system as members of Netanyahu's ruling coalition pitted themselves against the country's military command.

The Thanksgiving Heritage of America

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From the earliest days of America's history, our forebears offered frequent and fervent prayers of thanksgiving to God. In our giant compilation of America's great historical documents, called THE FREEDOM DOCUMENTS, we include the very first Thanksgiving Proclamation rendered in this new land. The date was June 20, 1676. On this day, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the blessings of Divine Providence that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving, America's first. America's first Thanksgiving Proclamation says in part (spelling in the original):

The Council has thought meet to appoint and set apart the 29th day of this instant June, as a day of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God for such his Goodness and Favour, many Particulars of which mercy might be Instanced, but we doubt not those who are sensible of God's Afflictions, have been as diligent to espy him returning to us; and that the Lord may behold us as a People offering Praise and thereby glorifying Him; the Council doth commend it to the Respective Ministers, Elders and people of this Jurisdiction; Solemnly and seriously to keep the same Beseeking that being perswaded by the mercies of God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and souls as a living and acceptable Service unto God by Jesus Christ.

I don't think it was coincidental or circumstantial that one hundred years from this day (almost to the day) the Continental Congress received Richard Henry Lee's resolution for a Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. (We have Richard Henry Lee's *Resolution for Independence* in THE FREEDOM DOCUMENTS as well.)

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The first Thanksgiving Proclamation issued by the revolutionary Continental Congress was on November 1, 1777, and authored by Samuel Adams. It reads in part:

FORASMUCH as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to Him for benefits received . . .

It is therefore recommended . . . to set apart THURSDAY the eighteenth day of December next, for SOLEMN THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE: That at one time and with one voice, the good people may express the grateful feeling of their hearts, and consecrate themselves to the service of their DIVINE BENEFACTOR: and that, together with their sincere acknowledgments and offerings, they may join the penitent confession of their sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor; and their humble and earnest supplications that it may please God through the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance . . . That it may please him . . . to prosper the means of religion, for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth "IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE Holy Ghost." {Quoting Romans 14:17}

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Remember, Sam Adams penned this Thanksgiving Proclamation in the midst of the Revolutionary War, when the sufferings from war were at their worst—and when the outcome of the war was very much in doubt.

After our War for Independence had been successfully concluded and our Constitution and Bill of Rights had been adopted, a motion was made in Congress to initiate the proclamation of a National Day of Thanksgiving.

Mr. Elias Boudinot (who was the President of Congress during the American Revolution) said he could not think of letting the congressional session pass over without offering an opportunity to all the citizens of the United States of joining with one voice in returning to Almighty God their sincere thanks for the many blessings He had poured down upon them. Mr. Roger Sherman (a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution) justified the practice of thanksgiving on any signal event not only as a laudable one in itself but as warranted by a number of precedents in Holy Writ. This example he thought worthy of a Christian imitation on the present occasion, and he would agree with the gentleman who moved the resolution.

The following is taken from the Congressional Record (U.S. Senate), September 26, 1789 (the House version passed on September 25):

Resolved, That a joint committee of both Houses be appointed to wait on the President of the United States, to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed, by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a constitution of government for their safety and happiness.

Ordered, That Messrs. Boudinot, Sherman, and Sylvester be appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

Resolved, That the Senate do concur in the above recited resolution, and that Messrs. Johnson and Izard be the committee on the part of the Senate.

This resolution was delivered to President George Washington, who readily agreed with its suggestion and put forth the following proclamation by his signature:

Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th. day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable

and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

Given under my hand at the city of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. George Washington

America's Pilgrim and Patriot forebears led our country in offering continual prayers of thanksgiving to God. They genuinely believed that America's independence, peace and prosperity were due to a divine work of providence from the hand of a merciful, benevolent Creator and Redeemer.

Tragically, the spirit of humility and thanksgiving that birthed this great country has all but vanished. When expressions of thanksgiving are extended, they are not rendered to a gracious Divine Providence but to self-aggrandizing politicians. And for the most part, politicians are not humble servants of the people but proud, arrogant, self-serving charlatans. They respect neither the Natural Laws of God nor the constitutions of the people who elected them. Even worse is the fact that many (if not most) professing Christians seem to prefer their politicians that way.

But only people who are filled with the spirit of humility and gratitude can expect the favor and blessing of Heaven. As one reads America's history, he or she must be impressed with the spirit of humility and gratitude that commonly resided within the hearts of the great men and women who birthed and built this once-free nation.

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The only freedom which counts is the freedom to do what some other people think to be wrong. There is no point in demanding freedom to do that which all will applaud. All the so-called liberties or rights are things which have to be asserted against others who claim that if such things are to be allowed their own rights are infringed or their own liberties threatened. This is always true, even when we speak of the freedom to worship, of the right of free speech or association, or of public assembly. If we are to allow freedoms at all there will constantly be complaints that either the liberty itself or the way in which it is exercised is being abused, and, if it is a genuine freedom, these complaints will often be justified. There is no way of having a free society in which there is not abuse. Abuse is the very hallmark of liberty.

— Lord Hailsham, *The Dilemma of Democracy* [1978]

Confessions of carnage: Israeli soldiers admit to war crimes in Gaza

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TEHRAN – The war in Gaza, which erupted on October 7, 2023, has become a defining crisis of our time – not only for its staggering human toll, but for what it reveals about the erosion of ethical boundaries in modern warfare. More than 69,000 Palestinians have been killed, many of them women and children. Despite a ceasefire announced last month, Israeli military operations have continued unabated. What began as a response to a Hamas attack has evolved into a campaign that many international observers now describe as genocidal.

Recent reporting by The Guardian, based on the ITV documentary *Breaking Ranks: Inside Israel's War*, offers rare insight into the war's inner workings – not from external critics, but from Israeli soldiers themselves. Their testimonies expose a culture of impunity, where civilians were killed arbitrarily, homes destroyed without justification, and human shields used as tactical tools. These confessions are not only morally damning; they are legally incriminating.

Soldiers interviewed in *Breaking Ranks* describe Gaza as a free-for-all, where the rules of engagement were replaced by suspicion and personal discretion. Civilians were shot for walking too fast or too slow. Aid seekers were gunned down at food distribution sites. One soldier recounts how a man hanging laundry was mistaken for a spotter and killed by a tank shell. Another describes the widespread use of Palestinian civilians as human shields.

These actions violate the Geneva Conventions and customary international humanitarian law, which prohibit targeting civilians, using human shields, and destroying civilian infrastructure without military necessity. The consistency of these violations suggests not isolated misconduct but a systemic breakdown of legal and ethical norms.

Genocide allegations and legal action

In September, the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry concluded that Israel had committed genocide in Gaza. The commission cited incitement from Israeli leaders, including President Isaac Herzog, who declared that the entire Palestinian population bore responsibility for the October 7 attack. Such rhetoric, the UN argued, helped establish the intent required under the Genocide Convention.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has since issued arrest warrants for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant. The charges include war crimes and crimes against humanity, such as starvation as a method of warfare and deliberate attacks on civilian infrastructure. These legal actions mark a turning point in global accountability for atrocities.

The GHF and the politics of humanitarianism

The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF), backed by the United States and Israel, was created to provide aid during the conflict. Yet testimonies in *Breaking Ranks* describe GHF distribution sites as militarized zones where civilians were shot while seeking food. This undermines the foundation's humanitarian mission and raises questions about U.S. complicity. By sponsoring GHF, the U.S. appears to be deflecting attention from its role in enabling Israel's military campaign.

GHF's presence became emblematic of a broader problem: the politicization of aid and the use of humanitarian infrastructure to mask military aggression. When food lines become kill zones, the moral failure is not just tactical – it is systemic.

A reckoning for Israel, allies

The war in Gaza has revealed not only the brutality of Israel's military strategy but the fragility of international law when confronted with powerful state actors. The testimonies in *Breaking Ranks*, the findings of the UN, and the actions of the ICC converge on a single truth: Israel has committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

Justice demands more than condemnation. It demands accountability – for Israel, for its leaders, and for the international actors who have enabled this devastation. The time for reckoning is now.

What Is a Lawful Order?

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And Does Putin "Own" Trump?

I wanted to highlight a couple of responses I've made to probing comments by readers.

The first is about what constitutes a lawful order. Here are some big picture thoughts on that:

Your question about what is an "unlawful" order gets to the heart of the issue. Because powerful people--with diverse motives--make the laws, and what may be "lawful" on paper may be immoral (or worse) in practice.

Trump, like Nixon, seems to think that if the president orders it, that makes it legal. What is unlawful to Trump is when someone resists or disobeys his orders. The other "law" that seems to rule here for Trump is the law of the jungle, of might making right. The strong do what they will--the weak suffer what they must. The "law" of the bully. That law means a lot to Trump.

Whereas Constitutional and international laws mean far less to Trump. They exist to be exploited and violated. They apply only when convenient to the needs and whims of the most powerful.

Where corruption has been made legal, the rule of law is no longer a safeguard to democracy. When the Supreme Court is openly biased and transparently partisan, the law is just another politicized set of rules to empower the powerful and oppress the powerless.

Again, this is big picture, and I'm not a lawyer. Laws only mean something—they only have real authority—when powerful entities are held to account. If only the weak are subject to laws, whereas (for example) powerful countries can commit or enable genocide with impunity, there is no justice. In this case, the law is a fiction, a chimera, a ruse, even another tool of oppression.

Justice often isn't blind, and those scales may be tipped

The U.S. is supposed to be a constitutional republic where the law of the land applies equally to all. We are far from that today. We are more of a corporatist-imperialist enterprise in which the "law" of the land is full-spectrum dominance and the unbridled pursuit of profit. In this land, a "lawful" order may indeed be what powerful entities say it is, irrespective of the Constitution and international law.

And Trump may know this grim reality better than almost anyone.

The second comment suggested that Trump's peace plan for the Russia-Ukraine War shows how he's "owned" by Putin. I had this reply:

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Appreciate your response and critique.

I'd point out that the U.S. has provided Ukraine roughly \$200 billion in weapons and aid since the war began almost four years ago, and that the Trump administration has continued that support. This suggests Putin doesn't "own" Trump.

I don't understand how it's "sedition" against the U.S. to propose a peace plan for Russia and Ukraine.

I'm also skeptical that the U.S. can claim to be a principled democratic leader of the free world--just look at the genocide in Gaza that the U.S. has enabled, to cite only one example.

Also, was Russia's invasion of Ukraine completely unprovoked? Don't get me wrong: I've denounced Putin's invasion. But "unprovoked" suggests Putin just woke up one morning and decided to invade Ukraine for no reason other than his own greed and megalomania.

For the sake of consistency, one could argue the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 was "unprovoked" (no WMD) and that it too represented a betrayal of democracy.

Speaking of the rule of law, consider the Iraq War again. Note how senior leaders in the U.S. like the recently deceased Dick Cheney were never held responsible for torture and other war crimes. Recall how President Obama, a constitutional lawyer, said America had to look forward, effectively absolving Cheney and crew of any violations of the law.

Where the rulers are above the rule of law even as they make the laws in their favor, you don't have democracy. Injustice is not justice.

Where graft and graft are celebrated as greatness, even "lawful," backed up by the coercive power of heavily armed police forces, super-max prisons, detention centers, and the like, you do not have a land of the free.

What this suggests about America's future is grim indeed.

I would have government defend the life and property of all citizens equally; protect all willing exchange; suppress and penalize all fraud, all misrepresentation, all violence, all predatory practices; invoke a common justice under law; and keep the records incidental to these functions. Even this is a bigger assignment than governments, generally, have proven capable of. Let governments do these things and do them well. Leave all else to men in free and creative effort.

Tolstoy: Freedom from the State's Conception of Existence

Leo Tolstoy, one of humanity's authentic literary geniuses, wrote the masterpiece on Gospel Nonviolence, *The Kingdom of God is Within you*, which upon reading it was the critical and final step in Gandhi's conversion to nonviolence, as well as in the conversions of untold numbers of other human beings to explicitly Gospel Nonviolence. Tolstoy was also a seasoned beekeeper. Throughout his writings he employs bees and their ways to illuminate a deeper understanding of or solution to seemingly intractable human spiritual and practical problems. For example, below he addresses one of the most insoluble and destructive of the conundrums facing humanity

"Men in their present condition are like a swarm of bees hanging in a cluster to a branch. The position of the bees on the branch is temporary, and must inevitably be changed. They must start off and find themselves a habitation. Each of the bees knows this, and desires to change her own and the others' position, but no one of them can do it till the rest of them do it. They cannot all start off at once, because one hangs on to another and hinders her from separating from the swarm, and therefore they all continue to hang there. It would seem that the bees could never escape from their position, just as it seems that worldly men, caught in the state's conception of life, can never escape it. And there would be no escape for the bees, if each of them were not a living, separate creature, endowed with wings of its own. Similarly there would be no escape for men, if each were not a living being endowed with the faculty of entering into the Gospel's conception of life.

If every bee who could fly, did not try to fly, the others, too, would never be stirred, and the swarm would never change its position. And if the man who has mastered Jesus' conception of life would not, without waiting for other people, begin to live in accordance with this conception, mankind would never change its position. But only let one bee spread her wings, start off, and fly away, and after her another, and another would follow, and the clinging, inert cluster would become a freely flying swarm of bees. Just in the same way, only let one man look at life as the Gospel teaches him to look at it, and after him let another and another do the same, and the destructive enchanted circle of existence in the state conception of life, from which there seemed no escape, will be broken through.

But men think that to set all men free by this means is too slow a process, that they must find some other means by which they could set all men free at once. It is just as though the bees who want to start and fly away should consider it too long a process to wait for all the swarm to start one by one; and should think they ought to find some means by which it would not be necessary for every separate bee to spread her wings and fly off, but by which the whole swarm could fly at once where it wanted to. But that is not possible; till a first, then a second, then a third then a hundredth bee spreads her wings and flies off of her own accord, the swarm will not fly off and will not begin its new life. Till every individual man makes Jesus' conception of life his own, and begins to live in accord with it, there can be no solution of the problem of violence and war, enmity and deception in human life, and no establishment of a new form of life."

Question:

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Have you personally taken one or many steps away from the state's conception of existence with its use and justification of violence and war, enmity and deception? Have you taken one step or many steps away your violent religion's spiritual and moral endorsement of, support of and fostering of the state's conception of existence?

Has the step or have the steps you have taken away from the state's conception of existence only been mental and intellectual or did they have physical and incarnational components to them?

Does anyone outside yourself—even if your steps have been only mental or intellectual— know of your steps away from the swarm of ceaseless violence that is the condition of the state, which follows automatically from the state's conception of existence.

Inflation

By Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.

November 27, 2025

Writes Bill Madden:

Rising prices are the result of inflation which is caused by increasing the money supply in excess of the goods and services available in the marketplace. Surplus budgets cause the economy to contract while deficit budgets stimulate economic expansion. Since we are controlled by very wealthy families owning most of Corporate America's stock, we have enjoyed mostly deficit budgets since the end of WW II and, as a consequence, the wealthy families have enjoyed healthy quarterly profit distributions.

When we have an economic contraction, many assets like homes, automobiles, etc. are lost to the lenders via bankruptcy on loans created from nothing like our \$38 trillion national debt. It has been alleged that the Great Depression was engineered by the wealthy owners of our country by flooding the economy with easy money during the "roaring twenties" and then tightening the money supply too much too soon resulting in the economy tightening too much. Whether engineered or not, many people lost many assets on loans created from thin air.

Our Constitution is clear as to whom should control our money (our fiat currency, actually). Whenever an institution like the Fed owned by people with an interest in free asset accumulation is provided an opportunity to manage anything where mismanagement is far more profitable than good management, the institution will most likely engage in mismanagement. No matter the true cause of our many problems, the people always pay like in 2008 when we bailed out the gigantic gambling losses incurred by the banking industry.

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America Had the World's Most Racist Government Until Hitler Came Along.

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This was first pointed out by Yale's professor of comparative and foreign law, James Q. Whitman, on 13 December 2016, under the headline **"Why the Nazis studied American race laws for inspiration"**. It opened:

On 5 June 1934, about a year and half after Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of the Reich, the leading lawyers of Nazi Germany gathered at a meeting to plan what would become the Nuremberg Laws, the centrepiece anti-Jewish legislation of the Nazi race regime. The meeting was an important one, and a stenographer was present to take down a verbatim transcript, to be preserved by the ever-diligent Nazi bureaucracy as a record of a crucial moment in the creation of the new race regime.

That transcript reveals a startling fact: the meeting involved lengthy discussions of the law of the United States of America. At its very opening, the Minister of Justice presented a memorandum on US race law and, as the meeting progressed, the participants turned to the US example repeatedly. They debated whether they should bring Jim Crow segregation to the Third Reich. They engaged in detailed discussion of the statutes from the 30 US states that criminalised racially mixed marriages. They reviewed how the various US states determined who counted as a 'Negro' or a 'Mongol', and weighed whether they should adopt US techniques in their own approach to determining who counted as a Jew. Throughout the meeting the most ardent supporters of the US model were the most radical Nazis in the room.

The record of that meeting is only one piece of evidence in an unexamined history that is sure to make Americans cringe. Throughout the early 1930s, the years of the making of the Nuremberg Laws, Nazi policymakers looked to US law for inspiration. Hitler himself, in Mein Kampf (1925), described the US as 'the one state' that had made progress toward the creation of a healthy racist society, and after the Nazis seized power in 1933 they continued to cite and ponder US models regularly.

He expanded that in 2017 into his book from Princeton University Press, **Hitler's American Model: The United States and the Making of Nazi Race Law**.

In the article, he observed that

the reality is that, in the early 20th century, the US, with its vigorous and creative legal culture, led the world in racist lawmaking. That was not only true of the Jim Crow South. It was true on the national level as well. The US had race-based immigration law, admired by racists all over the world; and the Nazis, like their Right-wing European successors today (and so many US voters) were obsessed with the dangers posed by immigration.

The US stood alone in the world for the harshness of its anti-miscegenation laws.

Since he teaches comparative and foreign law, he writes with an authority on this topic (the comparative status of America's versus other nations' laws regarding race) which falls within his specialty as a historian. Consequently, it is no longer credible to assert that prior to Hitler coming into power in Germany, America's Government was less racist than was Germany's. Something in America's historical background had produced the world's most racist Government, and Hitler greatly admired that aspect of this Government. I shall hypothesize what the source of this racism might have been:

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Although Abraham Lincoln was successful in ending American slavery, the former Dixie states, the Confederacy of slave-states, continued with their racist-supremacist cultural ideology, and at a national level this country needed constantly to make compromises with them in order to proceed together with them as one country. Consequently, "the South" has been and actually is America's ideological leader. Consequently, too, lynching was legal in America until it was made illegal in the U.S. by the Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act of 2022, which made it a federal hate crime. This was passed and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 29, 2022. Maybe Hitler would not approve of today's American Government. However, **Joe Biden had been the leading Democrat in the U.S. Senate to block enforcement of the 1954 Brown versus Board of Education U.S. Supreme Court decision** that was supposed to (but that, due to Biden and Senate Republicans still has *failed* to) end institutionalized racial segregation in America's schools. So, even *he* had a mixed record on this. (And, of course, Trump is even worse than the Democrats, on all issues of racism.)

In any case, America's Founders aren't to blame for this. Most of the Members at the U.S. Constitutional Convention **wanted to eliminate slavery, but doing that would have meant southern states rejecting the Constitution**. So, the slavery problem had to wait until Abraham Lincoln to become resolved. And, at the deeper level of American culture, a substantial amount of racism still persists; and so, in a government that uses popular votes in order to select Government officials, people such as Joe Biden are elected, and people like Teddy Kennedy (who led the opposed side, which favored *implementing* Brown v. Board of Education) **become passed over for higher office** (as the lifelong anti-segregationist **Bernie Sanders did** in his race against Biden).

America's Founders would still be dissatisfied with what their country has achieved.

Interestingly, Whitman's father, **Martin J. Whitman**, led the struggle for honest corporate accounting standards in the U.S.; and, just like Teddy Kennedy lost his battle to enforce the Brown decision, Whitman **lost his battle against corporate corruptness**.

Furthermore: America's Founders were, themselves, deeply torn, within themselves, about the ethical issue of racism and supremacism, because in their own time, conservative values dominated throughout the world. On 31 May 1779, during the American Revolution, General George Washington **wrote** to Major General John Sullivan, who was leading the American Revolution in the western territories (where the indian tribes allied with the British King who had promised them protection in order to get them as allies): "It will be essential to ruin their crops now in the ground and prevent their planting more. ... You will not by any means listen to any overture for peace before the total ruin of their settlements is affected." He wasn't demanding their extermination, but he was demanding their support for the war against the King's forces. The indians there would either be subordinate to the United States or else killed. The colonists in these areas were settlers who were clearly stealing the land and property of indian families, taking indian towns, where some of the abodes were actual houses — not mere huts — and many of the indians were successful farmers. With this order from Washington, those people would have only what the American Revolutionists did not forcefully take from them — steal from them. Till this time, the Revolutionists had not formally been carrying out imperialism of their own — U.S. imperialism in order to help them defeat the British empire here — but, now, with this order from General Washington, they were. The American Revolution was in desperate straits where Americans would either allow the King to remain their ruler (and so become defeated themselves in a far worse tyranny than they had previously been subjected to from that King), or else they would subordinate the indians to the control by the new U.S. Government. Those two options had become the only realistic

possibilities. General Washington made the choice to subordinate the Indians. For a long time afterward, imperialism — to the extent that it existed in the U.S. Government — was more by necessity than by choice. However, after **25 July 1945**, imperialism has been entirely by the U.S. Government's *choice*.

It makes sense, then, that today's U.S. Government supports supremacism, *not* equality, of rights, all over the world, and that after **Obama's bloody U.S. coup hidden behind anticorruption demonstrations in Ukraine in February 2014, the U.S. installed pro-Nazis to run Ukraine**, and that today's Ukrainian regime is **raiding Russian Orthodox Churches**. There is **no freedom-of-religion in today's Ukraine**, and the U.S. Government has controlled Ukraine since February 2014. Today's Amerika is NOT what America's Founders had intended — not **the type of nation they thought and hoped that they had founded**.

America's **crucial turn into outright Hitlerism (but without the anti-Semitism) was made by President Harry Truman, on 25 July 1945**, barely three months after Hitler's suicide. That's when he picked up for America what had been Hitler's torch for Germany, of his nation's ultimate goal being to rule the entire world — not *mere* imperialism, but hyper-imperialism: the world's first-ever all-encompassing global empire, global "hegemony." **This has been the U.S. Government's aspiration ever since then.**

You can see the evidences for each allegation here by simply clicking onto the given allegation's link. I don't merely allege these things; I provide, to the online reader, *immediate access* to the evidences that stand *behind* my allegations, so that you can judge it for yourself.

Clearly, then, there is something rotten in the state of America. No one yet has figured out a way to eliminate that rottenness at America's core. It started out with slavery, but persists to this day. Sadly (because of Truman's having picked up Hitler's supremacist torch on 25 July 1945), it still runs deep — it became institutionalized as America's Deep State, America's being **ruled ever since by the agents for (on behalf of) its billionaires**. This will be the condition of America until (if ever) such foreign usurpations by its Government as its many foreign coups and many purely aggressive foreign invasions and aggressive lie-based foreign sanctions and all other types of foreign aggressions, will not only cease, but be publicly admitted as having *been* the character of the U.S. Government ever since 25 July 1945. For example, President Trump would have to publicly admit that the war in Ukraine was started not on 24 February 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine, but instead on 20 February 2014 when the U.S. coup, under President Barack Obama, **grabbed control over and installed the rabidly anti-Russian government that has existed in Ukraine from that time till now**. He would have to admit that the aggression there was by the U.S. Government, not by the Russian Government when it finally responded to that by invading there to replace the U.S.-created-and-controlled government of Ukraine. I don't expect him to do this. Russia will thus need to defeat that U.S.-created-and-maintained Ukrainian government on Russia's doorsteps, militarily, in order to free itself, to free the Russian people, from that U.S. threat to Russia's vital national security. America needs to apologize. Who will do it? Hardly (I think) Trump. He is hardly the type of person who would drop the imperialist, supremacist-nationalist, torch, that Truman had picked up from Hitler.

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Last week's surprise release of a draft Ukraine war peace plan has raised hopes that the nearly three-year bloody conflict may finally come to an end. Ukraine has suffered horrible losses that may change the demographics of that country for decades to come.

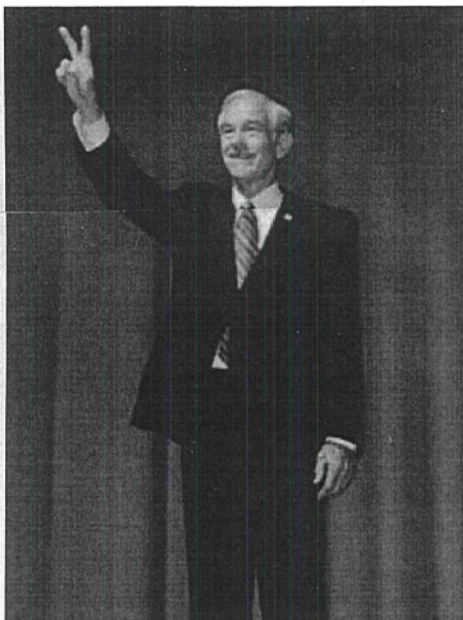
If this peace plan can be negotiated in a way that satisfies all sides and the guns finally go silent, I will be the first to cheer. However, the continued failure to understand the nature and origin of the current conflict leaves me skeptical that a real peace can be reached this way.

From the Orange Revolution in the early 2000s to the Maidan revolution in 2014, the US and its NATO partners have been interfering in Ukraine's internal affairs in attempt to manipulate the country into a hostile position toward its much larger and more powerful neighbor, Russia.

We must remember how directly coordinated the 2014 coup was by the United States. US Senators, including John McCain and Lindsey Graham, were on the main square of a foreign capital demanding that the people overthrow their duly elected government. Victoria Nuland was caught on a telephone call planning who would run the post-coup government.

Outside intervention led us to the terrible situation of today. This peace deal is another chapter in that same intervention, with the US and its partners desperately trying to manage and solve a problem that they created in the first place. Can you solve a problem created by outside intervention with more intervention?

For the entirety of this conflict politicians and the media have been unwavering in blaming Russia entirely for what has occurred. I agree that they're no angels. But the real villains here are the US neocons and their European counterparts who knew it was suicidal for Ukraine to take on Russia but pushed Ukraine to keep fighting anyway. Early in the conflict a deal was on the table and nearly signed that would end the war, but the neocon former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson demanded that Ukraine keep fighting.



Ukraine is the victim here, I agree. But it is as much a victim of the US and European neocons as of the Russians. They believed they could put NATO on Russia's doorstep and face no consequences. If the tables were turned and a hostile China set up a new Latin American military alliance with the US as its designated enemy, would we sit by idly as military bases were constructed on our southern border? I don't think so.

President Trump promised he would end the war 24 hours after he was elected. It was an unrealistic boast, but he actually could have ended it rather quickly. The antidote to intervention is non-intervention. Biden drug us into the war, that is true. But Trump could have pulled us out by quite simply

ending all US involvement. No weapons, no intelligence, no coordination. No need for sanctions or the threat of sanctions, no need for elaborate peace plans.

A real peace deal would realize that it was always idiotic to believe that Ukraine could stand up to Russia's war machine – even with NATO's backing. It is unimaginably cruel to demand that Ukraine keep fighting our proxy war down to the last Ukrainian.

No 28-point plans can fix this. The real fix is much simpler: walk away.

Does the term “Judeo-Christian” point to a spiritual or merely a political reality?

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Since the October 7 attacks of 2023, I’ve heard more about “Judeo-Christian values” than I have about the Beatitudes. Every pundit and politician now drops the phrase like it’s a secret handshake. Say it, and you’re in the club. Don’t say it, and suddenly you’re suspect. The message is simple: a good Westerner waves two flags—one for your country, one for Israel—and calls it theology.

Catholics should know better. The Church was preaching the Gospel long before the phrase “Judeo-Christian” ever existed. While the term originated in the 19th century, it was popularized in the 20th century to sound inclusive, but now it’s used to demand obedience. Every air strike, every embargo, every border wall must be blessed with holy water. You’re not allowed to ask whether any of it aligns with Christ’s teachings. Instead, you’re told to clap, donate, and move along.

“Judeo-Christian” first crept into public life in the 1930s, mostly among American Protestants who wanted a catch-all moral cause against fascism and communism. It was meant to sound broad enough to gather Jews and Christians under one civil umbrella—less a creed than a cultural alliance.

By the 1950s, it became political shorthand in Washington. Presidents invoked it to contrast the “godly West” with the “godless East.” Theologians warned even then that it blurred both faiths into a kind of patriotic pudding. But politicians adored it because it turned religion into a recruitment tool. You could rally voters, sanctify capitalism, and baptize the Cold War all in one phrase.

After 9/11, the term enjoyed a second baptism. It was used to frame a new crusade—“the Judeo-Christian West versus radical Islam.” The script hardly changed. We were still the righteous ones, the others still barbarians. And after October 7, it’s back again, this time tying Western virtue to Israeli policy—and propaganda.

As I write this, Israel’s influence machine has found a **new mission field**: the American church. With millions poured into PR firms and “faith outreach,” Tel Aviv is now geofencing worshippers’ phones, planting sermons, and staging traveling “10/7 experiences” to sanctify state policy. Pastors are courted, congregations conditioned, and Christ quietly replaced by a campaign. It’s not evangelism but engineering. When faith becomes a franchise, and worship a marketing plan, the line between devotion and deception begins to blur.

Many Catholics seem to have forgotten that the Church was born before modern Zionism, before Washington, before any of the alliances we’re told are eternal. Our faith isn’t a policy platform. It doesn’t come with a defense budget. The only kingdom Christ endorsed was not managed by men but martyred by them.

The phrase “Judeo-Christian” sounds tidy until you realize it’s being used to wrap tanks in Bible verses. It’s less a bridge between two faiths than a branding exercise for permanent war. And Catholics, of all people, should smell the incense of manipulation a mile away. We’ve seen this movie before. Emperors, kings, and presidents always love a Church that blesses their bombs.

It’s not anti-Semitic to say this; it’s historically literate. Christ was a Jew. The apostles were Jews. But the Church was built on the shock that the covenant was opened to everyone. That universality is the whole point. St. Paul didn’t risk his neck to form a focus group called “Judeo-Christian Outreach.” He preached that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, meaning faith had outgrown tribal lines. To now drag it back under political banners is regression disguised as reverence.

The term also **insults Jews**, though few will say it aloud. It turns Judaism into a backdrop, a prop for people who crave moral weight without spiritual discipline. Many Jewish thinkers have rejected it for precisely that reason. It’s less kinship than choreography, a performance disguised as piety. It cheapens both faiths, turning one into an ornament and the other into an obligation.

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What "Judeo-Christian" really means today is "don't question our foreign policy." You can be as faithless as you like at home—mock the Church, defund parochial schools, sneer at the rosary—but the moment you raise an eyebrow at the killing of women and children, you're accused of betraying "our shared values."

Catholicism, on the other hand, demands consistency. You can't preach love of neighbor and cheer for civilian casualties. You can't call yourself pro-life and fund cluster munitions. You can't say, "Thy will be done," and then outsource your conscience to the Pentagon.

If anything, Catholics should be allergic to this phrase because it's a linguistic Trojan horse. It sneaks politics into the pulpit and replaces theology with talking points. Once you start measuring faith by military alliances, you've already traded the cross for a flagpole.

The first Christians didn't equate holiness with strategic partnerships. They followed a man who told Peter to put away his sword, not sharpen it for the next preemptive strike.

The sad truth is that "Judeo-Christian" has become a nervous tick for Western politicians who don't believe in either. It's what they say when they want the shine of faith without the burden of it—like a dieter ordering dessert "for the table."

Catholics don't need to borrow anyone's values. We already have a catechism, a creed, and a calling. That's enough. We don't need to glue someone else's politics onto our Gospel. We don't need to cheerlead for governments to prove our faith. The only loyalty that matters is to truth, and truth doesn't require an embassy.

