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Guilty!—But Not Really Guilty?

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In 2011, then-Homeland Security Advisor to President Obama, John Brennan, swore before Congress that drone-targeted assassination missions near the Pakistani border had not led to "a single collateral death."

That was an obvious lie with grave consequences, given that Brennan was sworn under oath and was one of the top officials in the US national security community. Yet there were no subsequent repercussions.

In fact, the opposite occurred. Brennan was subsequently rewarded with a 2013 appointment at CIA.

But the next year, once again, Brennan lied to Congress, assuring the Senate Intelligence Committee that his CIA had not secretly accessed senate staffers' computers. Again, there were no consequences for his repeated lies. Instead, Brennan, upon retirement, went on to be an MSNBC/NBC analyst who helped to promulgate the Russian collusion/laptop disinformation hoaxes.

In 2013, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper also lied under oath to Congress when he laughably stated that the National Security Agency did not spy on American citizens. Later, when called out by senators, Clapper fudged in

a televised interview. "I responded in what I thought was the most truthful, or least untruthful, manner by saying no." Try that contortion with the IRS.

Some members of Congress referred a criminal complaint of perjury against Brennan to then-Attorney General Eric Holder. Nothing happened. Again, one of the chiefs of the American national security community was exempted after lying to members of Congress.

Clapper went on to a lucrative position as a CNN national security analyst, and at one point he claimed that Trump was a Putin "asset."

As far as Eric Holder, he had earlier defied a congressional subpoena and was held in contempt by the House. The Department of Justice, however, chose not to pursue the complaint. Later in the Trump administration, Trump adviser Peter Navarro would be sentenced to four months in jail for similarly resisting a congressional subpoena. Was it a crime or not to resist a congressional subpoena?

The Justice Department's Inspector General concluded that Andrew McCabe, the former FBI deputy director and interim director, had lied repeatedly to a variety of officials, including FBI Director James Comey, various FBI agents, and officials of the Office of the Inspector General.

On some of these occasions, McCabe was sworn under oath.

Yet in 2020, the Department of Justice chose not to pursue the IG's criminal referrals. McCabe went on to become an outspoken CNN News contributor. Note that Gen. Michael Flynn, Trump's National Security Advisor, was indicted—and convicted—for similarly lying to the FBI in 2017.

In 2016, an FBI investigation found that Hillary Clinton, as Secretary of State, had violated the law by transmitting and receiving classified information over an unsecured private server.

Subsequently, she destroyed thousands of emails and some devices, some of which were under subpoena. FBI Director James Comey found that "any reasonable person" should have known it was illegal to transmit classified information in such a sloppy fashion.

Comey, however, found that "Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information, our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case."

Translated, that meant Hillary Clinton had likely broken the law. Still, it was unlikely that any prosecutor like Comey would indict the then-current Democratic nominee for president and former Secretary of State—at least in the fashion that state and federal prosecutors would later file over 90 indictments against Donald Trump.

In 2018, the now-former FBI Director James Comey on some 245 occasions claimed under oath to Congress that he did not know or could not remember essential facts in the FBI Crossfire Hurricane investigation of Donald Trump, which he had authorized.

In addition, the Office of the Inspector General of the Justice Department found that Comey had broken the law by violating both DOJ and FBI policies, as well as the FBI's employment agreement—especially by retaining in his personal safe copies of four bureau memos concerning a confidential conversation with President Trump.

Elements in the memos from that meeting likely contained classified information. Yet Comey leaked it to a friend without a security clearance to

make it public. Despite the damning IG report, the Department of Justice chose not to prosecute Comey.

Is there a pattern here of likely guilt that is contextualized into a not guilty assessment—and not guilty due to the prosecutorial psychoanalysis of the jury—that a guilty verdict would be difficult to obtain?

Or, sometimes prosecutors assume that there was no criminal intent on the part of such a well-known public figure or that the crime was relatively inadvertent.

In other words, the above suspects were guilty of breaking laws, many of them felonies, but prosecutors chose not to prosecute them. And this same exemption reappears in the two most recent cases of felony exemption due to extenuating political or ideological circumstances.

Special Counsel Robert Hur—charged with examining whether President Joe Biden unlawfully removed classified documents, crimes for which the other special counsel, Jack Smith, was concurrently indicting Donald Trump—recently found the President culpable for removing classified files.

Hur noted that Biden had unlawfully and knowingly removed and retained classified files since his senate days—or possibly over a half-century. Biden had also removed the files to multiple locations, few of which were secure.

Hur compiled photos of the mess in Biden's garage, where files were stored in delipidated boxes. Moreover, Biden removed them not inadvertently. He did so to further his political career and to profit by providing a ghostwriter with classified material to enhance his memoirs—which had garnered an \$8 million advance in a book deal.

Biden, as a senator and vice president, had no legal authority to declassify any of these classified files. Hur further found that Biden made the files' presence and contents known to his ghostwriter, Mark Zwonitzer. The latter had no security clearance to view such documents.

In addition, Biden was on tape at least as early as 2017, admitting that he violated the law. Yet he did not come forward for nearly six years. And when he did contact authorities, it was only in fear that his own DOJ's special counsel was soon to indict Trump for the very same exposure—willfully retaining files at his home that he knew were classified.

Worse still, ghostwriter Zwonitzer willfully destroyed state's evidence when he erased his incriminating tapes (recovered partially by Hur through forensics and transcripts). Yet, mysteriously, he was never prosecuted for obstruction of justice or destroying requested materials.

After reviewing Biden's culpability, Hur chose not to prosecute him. As he put it, "Our investigation uncovered evidence that President Biden willfully retained and disclosed classified materials after his vice presidency, when he was a private citizen."

And why the exemption? Hur explained his reasons further:

"We have also considered that, at trial, Mr. Biden would likely present himself to a jury, as he did during our interview of him, as a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory. Based on our direct interactions with and observations of him, he is someone for whom many jurors will want to identify reasonable doubt. It would be difficult to convince a jury that they should convict him—by then a former president well into his eighties—of a serious felony that requires a mental state of willfulness."

Translated, Biden was likely guilty but, in Hur's view, too cognitively challenged and thus too sympathetic a figure to be found guilty—but apparently not enough impaired to serve as President of the United States.

Finally, we come to the case of Fulton County, Georgia, prosecutor Fani Willis. Judge Scott McAfee chose not to remove her from leveraging a racketeering charge against Trump despite clear evidence that she had lied under oath and was likely guilty of obstruction of justice, witness tampering, and fraud.

Two associates of Fani Willis testified that she had a romantic relationship with a clearly unqualified Nathan Wade before she appointed him as her chief special Trump prosecutor. Wade had no criminal trial experience, was sexually involved with Willis, and took her on expensive junkets in quid pro quo fashion.

Telephone records located Willis and Wade at her residence during times when they had sworn there was no romantic relationship. Thousands of personal texts between the two confirmed their intimacy. Willis produced no proof she had ever paid Wade back for the expensive trips he took her on, lamely pleading that she had reimbursed him with cash—although she produced no records to that effect.

Willis had campaigned for office and raised money on promises to get Trump. She had come up with the novel idea of using a racketeering charge to indict him for questioning the 2020 Georgia balloting. Both in her testimony and a church appearance, Willis played the race card, alleging that she was the victim of racial bias.

Yet despite lying under oath, colluding with Wade to produce near-identical testimonies, and having no clear defense of her free trips from Wade, Judge McAfee chose not to dismiss her from the case, despite giving her the option to remove Wade.

That was an incoherent decision, given that Willis had hired Wade, had become romantically involved with him, and had collated their testimonies. Willis, not Wade, was the architect of the deceit and yet remained free to continue her prosecution of Trump.

As in the Hur case, in a compensatory fashion, McAfee editorialized about the roguery of the two. Also, as in the Hur case, the judge essentially exempted Willis from the legal consequences that her criminality had earned.

"However, an odor of mendacity remains. The Court is not under an obligation to ferret out every instance of potential dishonesty from each witness or defendant ever presented ... Yet reasonable questions about whether the District Attorney and her hand-selected lead SADA testified untruthfully about the timing of their relationship further underpin the finding of an appearance of impropriety and the need to make proportional efforts to cure it."

In the end, the judge gave Willis the choice to remove herself or her paramour Wade from the prosecution; she chose Wade.

But apparently forgotten was the reality that Willis, not Wade, appointed such an unqualified boyfriend as her chief counsel and established his compensation. It was Willis, not Wade, who was the recipient of free trips and perks. It was Willis, not Wade, who was most contradicted by other witnesses. And, of course, Willis, not Wade, was the driver behind the entire prosecution of the ex-president and current leading contender for the presidency.

What are the common denominators of such exempted criminality?

First, we can start by identifying those who were not exempted due to an asymmetrical application of our laws. Trump advisor Peter Navarro was convicted and sentenced to jail for failure to obey a congressional subpoena in the manner that both Eric Holder and Hunter Biden were not.

Trump was indicted for making false statements in a manner that Brennan, Clapper, Comey, Wade, and Willis were not. Biden disclosed classified materials. Comey likely did as well. And Clinton clearly violated the law by knowingly using an unsecured server for classified material. None were indicted.

Second, in such high-profile cases, prosecutors and judges find ways to justify not charging or pursuing those they deem guilty of breaking the law, either by claiming—in the fashion Comey did in the Clinton case or Hur did with Biden—a jury, in their opinion, would not convict them.

But since when do such prosecutors with ample funding and resources predicate guilt or innocence, not based on the facts of the case, but whether the defendant would appear sympathetic to a jury or perhaps too powerful to risk such a controversial indictment?

Third, to excuse their laxity or unequal application of the law, judges and prosecutors blast the soon-to-be excused defendant, as if such editorialization makes up for preferential exemption. So Joe Biden is not prosecuted for clearly unlawfully removing classified files. But as a booby prize, Hur offers up the sting of Biden as "a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory."

Judge McAfee, more or less, does not pursue a clearly guilty Willis but offers us the compensatory, "However, an odor of mendacity remains."

Almost all the prosecutorial decisions not to pursue these guilty parties—a McCabe, a Comey, a Brennan—are couched with excuses and contextualizations rarely if ever offered to most Americans.

Fourth, all these people are an incestuous lot. Holder did not prosecute Clapper or Brennan, but himself was not prosecuted for resisting a congressional subpoena. Comey lets Hillary off, but he himself is let off after leaking a likely classified document. A Biden-administration-appointed special prosecutor exempts Biden, but another Biden prosecutor indicts Trump. After receiving their

exemptions, the posts Brennan, Clapper, Comey, and McCabe all turn up on cable news blasting the kettle Trump.

What is the common explanation for all this madness?

Our criminal justice system no longer treats the accused equally under the law. If the defendant is deemed a conservative, like a Michael Flynn, Peter Navarro, or Donald Trump, then the full force of prosecution falls upon them.

But if a Biden, Brennan, Clapper, Clinton, Holder, or Willis, then the state contorts itself to find excuses, exemptions, and mitigating circumstances not to pursue justice—and so often to the point of absurdity and the erosion of Americans' confidence in their laws. In these high-profile cases in this polarized era, a cynical public now expects any accused prominent leftist to remain unindicted. At the same time, any non-leftwing target will be indicted, convicted, and jailed—for the same alleged offenses.

Ballot Manufacturing,
Not Ballot Harvesting,
Will Determine 2024
Republicans are a Cargo Cult adopting part of what Leftists do,
but not the important part.

By: Jay Valentine Omega4America March 14, 2024 (Emphasis added) The hapless Republican Party is the modern manifestation of a Cargo Cult. Republicans are like Pacific islanders after World War 2, who built bamboo aircraft replicas and parked them on abandoned military airstrips in the jungle - expecting planes would land with food and goods. After all - during the war, planes landed all the time - so why not copy what worked then?

Republicans are doing precisely the same thing with ballot harvesting - and hiring armies of lawyers. The RNC and state parties are following a "chase the ballot strategy" – which Leftists used for decades - but they left out the most important part!

What the RNC misses is the Ballot Manufacturing Strategy the Leftists also use to juice up ballot harvesting. If one implements a ballot harvesting strategy, it will always lose to a ballot harvesting PLUS ballot manufacturing strategy. 100% of the time.

Ballot manufacturing is the long-term aggregation on voter rolls of fake people, real people at fake addresses, real people at real addresses who are ineligible, like a Walmart, and illegal aliens who will never show up - but will get a mail-in ballot.

Ballot manufacturing has a single objective – creating lists to which physical ballots can be tied when needed. Those lists exist to be used, if necessary, to make up any margin the Republicans pick up by ballot harvesting at Kiwanis Clubs and evangelical churches.

The Leftists, and our team, with the Undeliverable Ballot Database – develop those lists - for 26 states - including every swing state.

How do you stop the steal in 2024?

It is way too late to win any lawsuit that isn't already deep in the court process. Even if you win, it will be appealed or quashed by a higher court. The RNC is hiring "an army of lawyers" it is reported. Lawyers are "after the fact" actors - who try to fix something already broken. Republicans never win election lawsuits of substance - it's another false strategy.

The Republicans, now awake, are suing states like Michigan about the scores of counties where there are more voters than people - or something like that.

Look, we get it. They need to do something. But is there a sentient person on the planet who thinks in deep blue Michigan there is any court that will remove voters from the rolls 230 days before the "most important election in history?"

Those of us in the software world call this an "activity trap." An activity trap is when you have some loser sales rep, with no idea how to generate business - so they set up lots of meetings with customers, and do all kinds of network events - all activities that sound great - but lead to no tangible result. It's a desperation move - for the sales rep and the RNC. If you have no clue what to do, activity is always the answer! So it is with trying to sue Michigan into compliance - in the Leftist court system - in 230 days!

Say it out loud! When you say it out loud, it's really scary how out of touch the new RNC is! Tens of millions have been wasted on national voter integrity organizations with dopey donor dollars - all useless - because as we show

regularly in videos - they have zero ability to find phantoms - on the rolls for DECADES. It is too late to get all these fake names or name/address combos off the voter rolls - if it hasn't been done in 36 months - they aren't coming off.

How do you stop illegal aliens who are today - being registered via driver's licenses - in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and other states? How do you identify the 250,000 phantoms who are about to be registered in Houston, Milwaukee, Phoenix, and Detroit, just in time for the election; who will disappear right afterward?

That is why the "ballot harvesting" and the "get-out-the-vote" and hiring armies of lawyers are nonsensical strategies for the Republicans – you cannot outrun the numbers of ineligible voters on every voter roll for whom Leftists will cast a 2024 ballot – if needed. Nor can you remove them in 230 days!

It's a particular problem for Republicans because the **RNC data rolls - are over 52% incorrect**! The RNC data we tested is over 52% incorrect – thus for 2024, Republicans are hamstrung by the RNC Data team – who use the same relational technology featured in Texas, Georgia, Minnesota, Kansas, and Mississippi - that is why we are doubtful President Trump can win the 7 swing states unless he wins each by a 5% or greater margin.

Kari Lake is unlikely to win Arizona – unless she can win by 7% or more AND have real-time visibility to Maricopa County voter rolls up to the day of the election.

Neither is likely.

In Arizona, as we showed in countless Zoom calls, the government, in 2022, added over 22,000 voters at the last minute – in a single county alone, and they changed the zip codes of 33,000 people around the time mail-in ballots went out – and Lake lost by 17,000 votes. This was invisible to Kari Lake and her data team - they used obsolete relational/SQL technology.

So tell me, in 2024, how is ballot harvesting going to help Kari Lake when the Arizona government can jack with the official election data rolls - add tens of thousands of voters at the last minute - and the RNC relational database technology is just blind to it?

People - this is BALLOT MANUFACTURING. It comes in many variants - but it is creating the identities needed to win!

Leftists do it. State governments (Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin) do it. NGOs do it (Georgia)

How do you stop it?

In every swing state, Fractal now takes "*snapshots*" of the voter rolls monthly to check for these anomalies. In Pennsylvania, each voter roll has over 7 million rows, 19 million in Texas. We compare every snapshot - every cell in snapshot A with every cell in snapshot B. This has never before - as in never in history – been done because there is not the economical computer power to do it.

Fractal, a quantum computing stack, does it on a computer you can hold in your lap. The result, instantaneous, on your phone, shows every voter living in an ineligible address - like a gas station. Fractal identifies every person voting from

a laundromat, Walmart, or Manchurian Restaurant - and as the Wisconsin team did in 2022 - winning a Senate election - they stopped mail-in ballots from going to illegitimate addresses.

The Wisconsin team did not stop ballots to illegitimate PEOPLE.

Let me say that again for the slow reader.

You do NOT challenge a person's right to vote - especially weeks before an election - even if he is 3 feet tall, green, has antennae for ears, and is from Mars.

VYOU CHALLENGE THE ILLEGITIMATE ADDRESS.

VTHE ADDRESS HAS NO RIGHTS.

VIT HAS NO LAWYERS.

vIT HAS A PHOTO - ON GOOGLE MAPS - AND EVEN THE MOST RINO PERSON WILL BE REPELLED TO SEE A BALLOT GOING TO A WALMART OR TARGET FOR A VOTER.

In every swing state, particularly North Carolina, Arizona, and Pennsylvania - we run a REAL TIME quantum system evaluating voter rolls daily. So when Kari Lake's campaign learns from the real-time system that 22,000 new voters were just added, after October 11th at 5:00 PM, making that an illegal data addition - she can shut it down BEFORE THEY VOTE - NOT LITIGATE AFTERWARD.

In Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan - the illegal alien new voters aren't going to vote. They are hiding. They are just a name on a voter roll tied to an address. The Leftists know they will never show up, so they are the perfect phantom voter - they have a mail-in ballot cast in their name.

So how is ballot harvesting going to stop this? How can ballot harvesting outrun it? How can an army of lawyers even find these people if the national voter integrity organizations - with over \$100 million in spending over the last few years cannot find them?

We can show you how to find them - using some of the same technology we used to build the TSA No-Fly List. Once you find them - with only 230 days to go - you CANNOT GET THEM OFF VOTER ROLLS.

You can only do what the Wisconsin team did - go to the registrar of every county - show them the ineligible addresses - and let them know if they send ballots to clearly ineligible addresses - you will have them prosecuted.

It worked in 2022 - it is the only strategy that can work in 2024 with the time left to strike.

You can change the RNC management, but you cannot fix their current technology – you need to scrap it entirely. You cannot fix 20 years of inattention to new technology, accurate data, and real-time computer systems operating at quantum speed.

The numbers of fake voters, real voters at fake addresses, real voters at real addresses who are ineligible in Michigan, Arizona, Nevada, Georgia,

Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Wisconsin are so great – they enable a ballot manufacturing operation at an industrial scale.

In our videos - we show them to you - by address - linked to names and voter ID.

Several blue states are adding illegal aliens to the voter rolls – via driver's license applications – and in an upcoming Substack we will show you how we are working with officials in Minnesota and Wisconsin to identify these with the advanced A.I. we developed in the TSA No-Fly List.

2024 will not be won by lawyers - unless they are Leftist lawyers.

2024 is a stretch for President Trump in the key 15 counties in the 7 swing states - because the ballot manufacturing operation - visible to the Leftists and via our videos - will overwhelm anything up to around 7% margins. So maybe it's time to think through if hiring after-the-fact lawyers or ballot harvesting at evangelical churches is the way to go - with 230 days left.

Perhaps one might look at an alternative - that is now in hand - of stopping mailin ballots from going to ineligible ADDRESSES before they are counted against President Trump.

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Run For the Border:

Who'd Have Thought Mexican Drug Cartels

Would Be Leading DEI Activists?

As Jimmy Durante Said, "Everybody Wants to Get Into The Act!"

Follow The Money and You'll Find Even Jimmy Lo-balled His Guess

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Back some 40 years ago, when we were raising our two kids in the town where Richard Nixon was born, and the beautiful Presidential Museum is located, we had convenient access to just about everything, including the relatively new fast-food stops. Taco Bell was one of them, and the "hook" in their advertising was "Run for the Border!"

It caught on big time and, truth be told, their offerings were pretty darn good, especially considering the prices, which seemed more or less like pocket change back then.

My wife was a stay-at-home Mom, and I was traveling frequently on business, generally for the whole week when I did. So, Mom and the two kids felt free to have dinner however they wanted. I remember calling her at the end of my day and often hearing how they "ran for the border!"

Nowadays, while Taco Bell is still in business, "Run for the Border" has a completely different, more consequential meaning.

Instead of chasing after an enjoyable, affordable meal of tacos, burritos, or whatever, thousands of unknown, undocumented, and unvetted individuals are

"running for the border," alright, that border being the one that supposedly makes America a "sovereign nation state." As we see every day, that's no longer the case; our ruling class has intentionally abandoned their basic obligation of controlling who enters our United States.

Those "running for the border" currently embrace the lyrics from West Side Story, written in the '50s by Steven Sondheim to the music of Leonard Bernstein. One of the more memorable numbers went "I want to be in America, everything free in America!" And our national anthem includes the words "the land of the free....," though it's supposed to mean something else.

Ironically, Steven Sondheim gave us the memorable "Send in The Clowns," which should now be played every time Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, or Alejandro Mayorkas is introduced, for their culpability in inviting and free-passing the current stampede upon our borders. Even as they ask us "Who you gonna believe, us, or your lying eyes?" as they insist the border is secure.

I'm not sure there's ever been a more obvious, criminally negligent lie repeated almost daily by the highest echelon of the Executive Branch, the very repetition of which ought to be sufficient to demand their resignations. Sadly, the integrity, honor, and ethics of our governing elites have long since been abandoned, without the barest trace of shame on their faces as they repeat the lies as easily as they scratch their nose or rub their cheeks.

Perchance their motivation for allowing the uncontrolled, unmeasured stampede, right before our lyin' eyes, is because of their overarching commitment to DEI: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Their sacred commitment to this cultural mandate transcends any law-and-order principles, or considerations for truth telling and honoring oaths of office.

You want Diversity? Over recent weeks, we repeatedly heard that those coming through the border turn-styles were from 160 countries; lately, we've heard it's more like 200. Including thousands and thousands coming from Russia, Iran, China, and North Korea, our widely acknowledged global enemies. How's that for Diversity? C'mon down, MS-13, Colombian gangs, and the rest! Send us your murderers, sex offenders, pedophiles, criminally insane, and empty your lockups of your most violent and depraved! We're here for you!

We're not judgmental! Join with your criminal brethren as they destroy the quality of life that once defined America as "the shining city upon the hill." It's becoming ever more clear that the stampede is not because of the attraction of our quality of life, since it's disappearing before our eyes, but the opportunity to join in the plunder of our nation as it abandons the law and order that once ensured our ordered liberty.

You want Equity? We've got that for you by the truckload. We'll house you in our hotels, complete with maid service, meals tailored to your personal needs, and anything else you desire. No need to work. We'll kick our kids out of their schools if we need more room to keep you safe and warm and well fed. And don't forget the free health care! Is this a great country, or what? And if you still aren't getting what you need, just go find it and take it; help yourself! If anyone resists, just kick the crap out of them; bring your friends along to join in the fun. You won't get into any trouble for this; the worst that can happen is a slap on the wrist and a \$500 gift card so you can "buy" what you want. NYC says it's spending \$387 per day on each and every new, uninvited "visitor."

Why, right here in our "richest little town in America," sixty brand new apartments are nearing completion, constructed by some new public-private "partnership." I have my suspicion what that really means, you can make your own guess. It's already been announced that the new "asylee" tenants will be

given free rent for the first two years. In round numbers these days, that's about a \$40,000 gift, for brand spanking new digs. What will happen at the end of two years? Wanna guess? And just for fun, another 150 or so new units are in the plans here in town as well.

You want Inclusion? You won't believe the welcoming counselors greeting you as you get off your free bus rides, or airplane rides, taking you to your desired destination at no charge. Just tell them what you need, and they'll see to it. Your criminal record will not be examined, so you won't be excluded because of your past behavior. And if you want to go into human trafficking, drug trafficking, or child-trafficking on our side of the border, no problemo! Just think of the business opportunities open to you; you have readymade opportunities galore. And don't forget that you can "fence" (ha ha) all those grab and run products on Amazon, Ebay, and various other outlets that will burnish your entrepreneurial skills. You'll be given free smart phones to help you navigate your way around our land, and help you implement your business "ventures."

You won't need any proof of vaccinations for diseases that were conquered long ago; no matter what afflictions or contagions you bring with you, You'll be welcome to all our country, sanctuary cities, and states have to offer. You may find, at times, that the demand for these things has been so great that our capacity for providing them is temporarily overwhelmed. But don't despair; we're juggling our budgets and printing more money so we can restock to meet your demands, no matter how great they may be. We're willing, when necessary, to reprogram those benefits sustaining our existing needy residents to your more pressing and deserving needs.

Now it's time to think about Jimmy Durante's old line, but we'll update it to reflect current reality: "Everybody wants to get into the money." Which is a variation on the primary principle of socio-political analysis: "follow the

money. "I came close to paraphrasing a line from a Browning Sonnet, but I know how you hate it when I go all gooey.

Let's start with these basics: somewhere between six and ten thousand, seen and unseen, are crossing our border on most days. The latest estimates are that they're paying \$10,000 per person to the cartels to transport them to the border and help them across. That could mean as much as \$100 million a day in revenue for the cartels, or \$3 billion a month. That's some serious jingle, even in the big spending US of A.

The first thing that crosses a businessman's mind is how this revenue stream might be used to keep the "business" humming along, with no serious competition or threats to its operation. Perhaps a third of the monthly revenue might be paid to Mexican government officials to guarantee OPSEC (operational security) for the business. You'd think a billion a month would be enough to generate considerable devotion and loyalty to the primary business. Far be it from me to suggest that somehow, portions of this cash flow might find its way into the hands of certain American officials to encourage them to keep the cross-border commerce humming along. There's more than enough cash money involved here to hold the interest of who knows how many "silent" partners.

And we haven't even touched upon the revenue from the distribution of the drugs carried across the border primarily by got-aways. I can't begin to guesstimate what level of cash flow might be involved here, but one would think it could easily be in the tens of billions a month. Just managing the cash flow physically is a gargantuan task; counting it, securing it, protecting it, and distributing it calls for major financial management prowess. Wondering how much influence it could buy boggles the mind.

There's another aspect to this business "sector," and that's the huge cost avoidance in the sourcing countries. Policing, prison operations, mental patient confinement, schools, health care, and social welfare programs, to the extent any are funded in these countries, are eliminated for those who make it across the border.

It's clear incentives are everywhere, and given the current Biden administration posture on the immigration issue, disincentives are virtually non-existent for the global community. We shouldn't forget that immigrants that settled in and found employment were known to make considerable remittances to their friends and relatives in their homelands, bolstering the economies there, if only marginally. There really are no trade-offs in play for any country except the USA, and it's all too apparent that Biden and the Democrats think things balance out in their favor for obvious, and not-so-obvious reasons.

Domestically, we have too many entities benefiting directly from the immigration crisis. Let's begin with NGO's, like Catholic Charities, and the numerous others that make their livings welcoming and aiding the illegals, with funding from Washington and the several states. I'm guessing they're being serviced by well-connected lobbyists working their interests in the right places. New construction, and renovation of old unused facilities, provide significant cash flow to favored, connected contractors. Hotels, many of them closed, are being reopened and filled to the limit with guaranteed room payments from Washington and the states. Untold other second and third tier players are thriving on taxpayer funding through numerous channels. We're told that in recent months 300,000 illegals were flown from locations in Mexico to various cities in the US. Who knows how much those charter airlines charged to leap-frog their passengers over the border, completely avoiding all the normal security procedures imposed on US residents when they want to travel by air, especially

if it's to other countries. Passports, luggage inspections, customs screening, and all the rest make it a real effort. But not for those with open invitations from Washington, and the funding to get them here and support them.

This has to be boring you at this point, so I'll wrap things up with a few closing thoughts. And a reminder, as I just realized while proof-reading, that I didn't begin to address the potential for the development of major terrorist cells and quasi-military forces of our enemies right here inside our borders. No longer are we isolated and protected by oceans. We're welcoming the barbarians inside our gates and giving them sustenance and freedom of access.

It's often said that organizations take on the characteristics of their leader. Imagine Joe Biden's dynamic leadership style infusing itself throughout the monstrous US bureaucracy, which is getting much larger day by day, and far into the future with his newest budget proposal. Could you imagine him managing the borders in a rational way, even if he wanted to? He couldn't manage a few dogs, let alone millions of illegals invading our borders, south, north, and coastal at increasing rates with no end in sight.

It's also sometimes said that dogs tend to take on the personality of their owners. That may offer insight into the behavior of Major and Commander.

Finally, I'll leave you with this --

Takeaway:

Biden's open border tramples Law & Order!

There Goes Latin America: Iran's Regime in America's Backyard

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A threatening development has been brewing largely under the radar of the Biden administration and the mainstream media attention: Iran's calculated expansion into Latin America, from Argentina to Mexico.

With alarming nonchalance, the Biden administration appears to have turned a blind eye to the Iranian regime's concerted efforts to establish a military foothold right in America's backyard. The ramifications of this complacency are profound. The Iranian regime, which, since it began in 1979, has been calling for "Death to America," now has ballistic missiles which it says can reach the US, and claims to have a hypersonic missile that, according to one report, "Can Destroy US In 40 seconds."

Historically, Iran's playbook in the Middle East involved the arming and sponsoring of proxies and terror groups such as Syria, Hezbollah, and Hamas, with the ultimate aim of annihilating Israel and has carried out more than 180 attacks just since October 7 on U.S. interests in the region.

Now, Iran seems to be mirroring its same "*ring of fire*" policy to threaten the United States from Latin America. Iran, for instance, has been cozying up to like-minded socialist regimes such as Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia, and Cuba, and providing them with weapons and military support, seemingly with the sinister objective of posing a threat to the United States.

Venezuela, near the US, emerges as a key player in Iran's Latin American ambitions. As a potential launching pad for attacks on the U.S., Venezuela appears to have willingly embraced Iran's overtures. Reports from sources such as ProPublica have highlighted the establishment of a joint intelligence program between Iran and Venezuela. This cooperation would encompass arms trafficking; issuing IDs, passports, and bank accounts; intelligence sharing, and

logistical support. The Venezuelan Armed Forces, with Iranian assistance -- indicating a dangerous escalation in their military capabilities -- have also integrated armed drones into their arsenal.

Iran's growing military capabilities, with ballistic missiles and armed drones capable of reaching states such as Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas from Latin American soil, already pose a direct threat to the United States.

The Iranian regime, in addition to Venezuela, has evidently also been exploring avenues for military cooperation with Nicaragua and Cuba. Both appear to have fallen under Iran's sway. Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi's visit last year to those nations underscored the deepening ties between Iran and its Latin American partners. Iranian warships docking in Brazil shortly after President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's inauguration also signifies Iran's intent to expand militarily in the region and sets a precedent that should be a concern for what appears increased collaboration between Iran and more Latin American countries.

Another troubling development is Bolivia's recent defense agreement with Iran, one that includes the transfer of drones. Bolivia's alignment with Iran should raise alarm bells about the potential for proliferation of Iranian military technology across the southern hemisphere. As Raisi emphasized during his recent visit, the cooperation agreements signed with Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba span various sectors, from energy to biotechnology -- highlighting the multifaceted nature of Iran's infiltration of Latin America.

Additionally, recent reports of four Iranians apprehended trying to cross the US-Mexico border, who were considered a terrorist threat, add another dimension to the urgency of addressing the Iranian threat in Latin America. This incident serves as a distasteful reminder of the potential consequences of allowing Iran to establish a foothold in America's vicinity.

Latin American countries have also been serving as fertile ground for Iranian covert intelligence operations and terror groups, with Venezuela emerging as a particularly troubling case. Revelations linking Venezuela to the issuance of passports to individuals associated with terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah raise serious questions about the extent of Iran's influence in the region and its ramifications for U.S. security.

US Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar pointed out that, instead of turning a blind eye to this new geopolitical romance, the Biden administration should actively support political forces that share its commitment to combating terrorism and promoting regional stability.

She added:

"Iran has been aggressively strengthening its ties to the Western Hemisphere through like-minded socialist regimes in Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba. They are also looking for opportunities elsewhere, and it's no coincidence that Iranian ships are docking in Brazil just a month after a socialist retook power in the country."

Iran's involvement in past terrorist attacks, such as bombing the Israeli Embassy and Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, are also examples of the dangers of Iran's expansionist agenda. Iran's vows since 1979 of "*Death to America*" -- coupled with its fondness for terrorism and its new chumminess with China and Russia, both hostile to America -- should also be cause for concern.

The Iranian regime's efforts to expand its military strongholds and the presence of its terror groups in Latin America should be seen as forming a clear and present danger to U.S. security. Iran's activities, from arming adversarial regimes to fueling anti-American sentiments, demand urgent attention. Failure to confront Iran's encroachment so close to North America could have catastrophic consequences. It is critical now to recognize the gravity of this exponentiating national security threat.

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