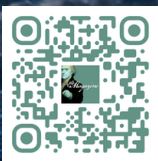


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**DOES THE
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**Is America a Refuge for the
Persecuted, or Has it
Become the Persecutor?**



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Has the Beacon of Liberty Become a Searchlight?

For 250 years, the United States of America has offered an answer to people fleeing persecution, seeking a fresh start or yearning for unfettered opportunity. Even those brought here in chains—most notably enslaved Africans—or transported under harsh systems of indentured servitude—like the Irish—found advocates who fought and even died to end slavery in the Anglosphere.

Yet slavery did not disappear with American emancipation. It persisted in parts of Africa and the Muslim world long after the United States abolished it—and it continues today. An estimated 8.7 million people across Africa and the predominantly Muslim Arab states remain trapped in forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, domestic servitude, sex trafficking and hereditary slavery. The highest prevalence rates occur in Eritrea, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, South Sudan, Jordan and Syria, while Nigeria has the region's largest estimated total—1.6 million victims. China adds another estimated 5.77 million, including Uyghurs subjected to state-imposed forced labor and women and children exploited through forced marriage and sex trafficking.

Marxism's deliberate distortion of history and relentless demonization of our national identity have helped drive political persecution to levels once unthinkable in America itself. Constitutional protections are routinely pushed aside by politicians, prosecutors and judges who place “progressive” ideology above justice. It should shock every American that our nation has locked up thousands of political prisoners and prisoners of conscience—and that the atrocity continues.

Americans increasingly find themselves beneath the searchlight of an emerging police state—while predatory organizations, hostile foreign powers and incompatible ideologies infiltrate, supplant and ultimately destroy the nation that once served as the world's foremost beacon of liberty.

America has long welcomed the world's persecuted and offered them asylum. But where can Americans go when their own government becomes the persecutor? Open border policy deliberately created unprecedented opportunities for cartels, traffickers and foreign adversaries—including from these modern enslaving nations—to exploit a vast new population of vulnerable people. And they would enslave us if we let them.



“That which the most in their churches maintain as truth in profession only, we must bring into familiar and constant practice; as in this duty of love, we must love brotherly without dissimulation, we must love one another with a pure heart fervently. We must bear one another’s burdens. We must not look only on our own things, but also on the things of our brethren....Now the only way to avoid this shipwreck, and to provide for our posterity, is to follow the counsel of Micah, to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. For this end, we must be knit together, in this work, as one man. We must entertain each other in brotherly affection. We must be willing to abridge ourselves of our superfluities, for the supply of other’s necessities....We must delight in each other; make other’s conditions our own; rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together, always having before our eyes our commission and community in the work, as members of the same body. So shall we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace...For we must consider that **we shall be as a city upon a hill**. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world. We shall open the mouths of enemies to speak evil of the ways of God, and all professors for God’s sake. We shall shame the faces of many of God’s worthy servants, and cause their prayers to be turned into curses upon us till we be consumed out of the good land whither we are a going. -John Winthrop 1630 sermon, A Model of Christian Charity

George Washington, 1788: “I had always hoped that this land might become a safe and agreeable asylum to the virtuous and persecuted part of mankind.”

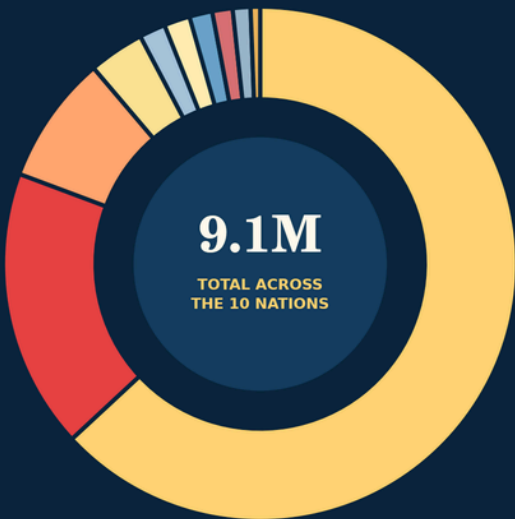
Donald Trump, 2017: “America remains a **beacon of liberty** and hope around the world.”

Ronald Reagan, 1989: “As a **beacon of freedom and opportunity** that draws the people of the world, no country on Earth comes close.”

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Estimated people living in forced labor or forced marriage — 2021



COUNTRY		ESTIMATED PEOPLE
1	China	5.771M
2	Nigeria	1.611M
3	Saudi Arabia	740K
4	Eritrea	320K
5	Syria*	151K
6	Mauritania	149K
7	United Arab Emirates	132K
8	South Sudan*	117K
9	Jordan	102K
10	Kuwait	55K

CHINA AND NIGERIA ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 80% OF THE TOTAL SHOWN

Source: Walk Free, Global Slavery Index 2023 (national estimates for 2021).
* Syria and South Sudan totals calculated from reported prevalence and population; rounded estimates.



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An Inheritance That Will Neither Spoil Nor Fade
We must strive to preserve what God has given us for our children

KELLY WALKER
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There came a time when the colonists' countless appeals to the British Crown led nowhere. Patriots like John Hancock were wealthy, successful, and could easily have "played the game" indefinitely. But they reached a moral line they could no longer cross—a point where corruption, abuses of English Common Law, and violations of the Anglosphere's heritage of liberty made silence intolerable.

I find myself at a similar crossroads. Yes, I have the skills and ability to rebuild my life

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IN MEMORY OF **BOONE CUTLER**

A First Anniversary Memorial by Dr. Jeffrey Horelick

One year after Boone Cutler's passing, I remember a man whose life cannot be reduced to one title or collaboration. Boone was a United States Army paratrooper, Psychological Operations specialist, broadcaster, author, Warfighter advocate, and Battle Buddy. He took what war and institutional failure had done to him and transformed it into a mission to help others survive.

During his 2005 deployment to Sadr City, Baghdad, Boone served on a four-man PsyOp team where understanding human behavior could be as important as any weapon. That experience became the foundation of his later work in cognitive warfare, strategic communication, and fifth-generation warfare. CallSign Voodoo remains, for me, his most revealing book because it presents that experience in his own voice. His later books with Lieutenant General Michael Flynn extended knowledge Boone had already earned through service, sacrifice, observation, and survival.

The war did not end when Boone returned home. He described his time at Walter Reed Army Medical Center with two unforgettable words: Chemical Prisoner. He understood traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress, prescription-drug dependency, isolation, and the danger of a Warfighter believing there was no mission left. Through his writing, broadcasting, outreach, and direct advocacy, Boone turned private pain into practical warnings and service.

At the center of his legacy is the Spartan Pledge: "I will not take my own life by my own hand without talking to my Battle Buddy first. My mission is to find a mission to support my Warfighter family." Boone did not claim to own those words. He considered himself their messenger. The pledge expressed what he believed: speak before surrendering to despair, then find renewed purpose by serving someone else.

I was fortunate to speak with Boone by telephone and later meet him at a General Michael Flynn movie release in Florida. While I spoke with two acquaintances, Boone quietly approached from behind and placed both hands on my shoulders. I turned, recognized him with genuine happiness, and Boone embraced me. He said, "Come, let's take a walk." He led me away from the public gathering into a large room filled with empty seats. We sat alone and spoke privately for an extended period. That memory captures Boone as I knew him: warm, direct, generous with his time, and more interested in a genuine human conversation than a public performance. There is no photograph of that moment, but I do not need one to remember it clearly.

Boone should be remembered as a whole man. His collaborations mattered, but they did not create his courage, experience, or independent voice. He had earned those qualities in uniform, in Sadr City, during recovery, behind a microphone, in his books, and in every conversation through which he tried to keep another Warfighter alive. His legacy lives whenever someone calls a Battle Buddy instead of surrendering, whenever a veteran finds a new mission, and whenever a citizen learns to question a narrative and defend his own mind.

Isaiah 6:8 offers the words that best describe Boone's life: "Here I am. Send me." He answered that call repeatedly as a soldier, PsyOp operator, author, broadcaster, advocate, and friend. Boone, you are remembered not only for what you endured, but for what you chose to do with it. You spoke when silence would have been easier. You served when you had already sacrificed enough. You reminded Warfighters that they were not alone and that they still had a mission.



Rest in peace, Boone Cutler. Your mission continues.

THE BALKANIZATION OF AMERICA

Realigning our System With its Purpose

By Aaron Miller



There is a popular phrase in systems theory: “The purpose of a system is what it does.” While this is largely applicable to the more objectively based fields of engineering, evaluation, statistics, and so on, it is also very much applicable to other fields, such as the political sciences. In short, the phrase means that the end result of a system, be it an organization, policy, or even an entire nation, dictates what its purpose is.

This heuristic completely ignores the original or stated intent of the system, because if the system is not producing something pursuant to that expressed intent, then the intent is not fit for the purpose. If a factory was built to produce automobiles, but it produces tanks, then the production of tanks is the factory’s purpose. If a church purports to provide charity to those in need or to otherwise serve

the community, but only produces riches for its lead pastor, then the purpose of that church is to enrich the lead pastor. If advocates for a particular national policy espouse the virtues of multicultural assimilation and the American Dream, but it produces cultural enclaves of foreigners that maintain their native culture and religion while remaining highly dependent on government handouts—if not flagrantly committing fraud against the honest intent of the American taxpayer and government—it fails its stated purpose. This is not to posit that the dismissal of original intent in this heuristic is useless; to the contrary, comparing a policy or organization’s intended goals to its outcomes is the easiest way for even a layman to evaluate whether or not that entity is functioning properly.



This is the crux of the current national conversation around immigration. The narrative is that the United States is, has always been, and always will be “a nation of immigrants.” The lack of historicity around this narrative aside (the phrase was not even coined until JFK used it in his 1958 book of the same title at the behest of the ADL), the wider narrative described hard-working, productive individuals and families that came to the United States from overseas “looking for a better life,” seasoned with anecdotes about teaching their children to only speak English in the home, to work hard and build businesses or pursue higher education, to become an integrated part of the cultural fabric of American culture and society because they wanted to be Americans.

But is that the case today?

Over 53% of immigrant-led homes are on welfare, with a large number of diasporas reaching as high as 93% of all households living almost entirely on the largesse of the American taxpayer. American amusement parks and similar cultural and social centers post signs in four, five, or six foreign languages to facilitate foreign-language-speaking diasporas; grocery stores and restaurants specifically catering to foreign cultural cuisines sprout up around ethnically homogeneous neighborhoods like mushrooms after a rainstorm; hundred-foot-tall golden statues to foreign demon-gods are erected to gaze across the American landscape. This is, objectively, not what assimilation looks like. This is what foreign colonization looks like.

Naturally, the normalization of relaxing the cultural and social expectations of the immigration system and those that benefit from it is not without cost. Hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars are spent every year to support these policies and individuals. More importantly, it has a direct cost on our children. Immigrants, regardless of their merit, intent, action, or origin require the same things that everyone else in any country needs: housing, healthcare, jobs, and education. They use roads, place their children in schools, and sit in emergency rooms. They buy houses, take up seats in public universities, and work in roles across industries in the US economy.

This presents a basic problem, one necessitated by the Law of Scarcity: if they are using these resources, that means there are fewer resources for our children and grandchildren to use.

This isn't an abstract problem, either. The median homebuyer age is now 50. The average age of a first-time home buyer is 45. Half of Americans under 30 live with their parents. 12% of Americans under 30 own a home and are married. 90% of jobs created in the US since the COVID pandemic have gone to people that were not born here. This is not an emotionally laden argument against immigration, full of hatred and vitriol. Rather these are objective facts that have been manifested by intentional policy and enforcement choices that are actively harming our own children and grandchildren.

As Christians, we are commanded to avoid harboring hate in our hearts for our fellow man, as we are all equally fallen creatures made in the image of God. We are also commanded to save up an inheritance for our children, and our children's children. In fact, Scripture tells us that the man that does not provide for his family is worse than a non-believer in the eyes of God. We must care for our children first. Not only in a financial sense, or a spiritual sense, or in how we raise them, but also in how we work to provide a country and policies in which and with which they can flourish.

Thankfully, these commandments are not mutually exclusive. But it means making difficult decisions, drawing and enforcing lines and expectations for those that wish to share a country with us. It is, in fact, an act of love for all to draw and enforce such lines, to create and enforce such standards, to create a harmonic system that allows only the best, brightest, most virtuous, and most culturally advantageous to enter our land to live among and integrate with us, and to encourage the cultural assimilation, work ethic, and values that made this country great. But if we fail to do these things, then we are furthering the already existing mechanisms necessary to create a national decline and balkanization that will serve neither our children, nor the newcomers that came here in good faith.

The silver lining of the purpose of a system being what it does, is that what it does can be changed and placed back into alignment with its stated purpose. But the window to do so is closing fast.





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Northern Ireland's New Culture War Is Coming for America

The new 'troubles,' and what it foreshadows for America.

By A.J. Rice

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There are certain conversations that are difficult to have in America because they sound too strange until they happen somewhere else first. Then there is Northern Ireland.

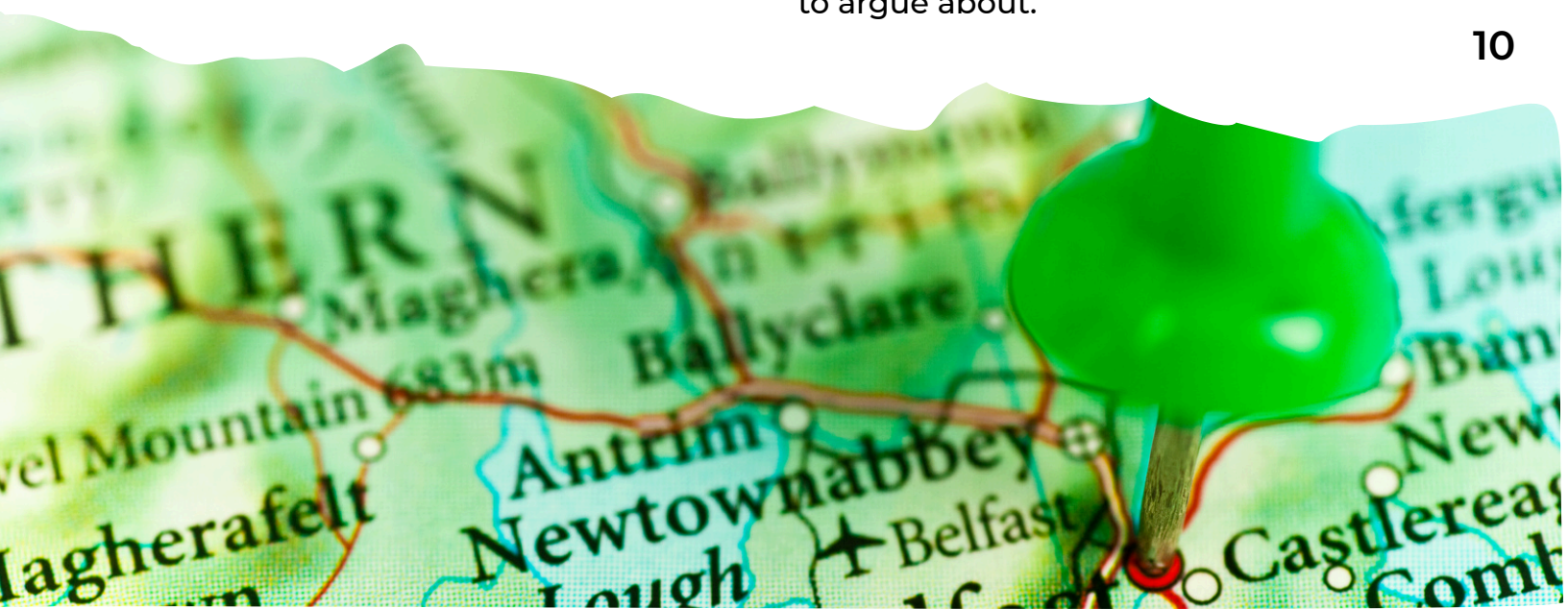
When I sat down with Jim Dowson, a Northern Irish political activist, media strategist, and ordained Calvinist minister, I expected a conversation about immigration, censorship, and the increasingly strange political weather blowing across the U.K. and Ireland. I got all of that. What I did not expect was to come away thinking that the most important thing happening in Northern Ireland may have very little to do with the old fight between Catholics and Protestants.

Something else is happening. The old enemies from "the troubles" are beginning to recognize that they may have a larger enemy in common. That matters in America.

It matters even more now that President Donald Trump has publicly said he would like to see a united Ireland. The remark, made during his recent visit to Dublin, immediately became an international headline. The BBC noted that former Trump envoy Mick Mulvaney and Democratic Rep. Brendan Boyle both said

the comment did not represent a change in American foreign policy or Washington's commitment to the Good Friday Agreement. Trump may have been answering a question in his characteristically unscripted fashion, but the remark landed on an island where questions of identity, sovereignty and demographics are already being argued with increasing intensity. And that is precisely why the conversation with Dowson was so interesting.

I am Irish Catholic enough to know that suggesting Catholics and Protestants should simply put centuries of grievances behind them is a dangerous way to begin an evening. My own family history is tangled up in that old world, as is Dowson's. Yet somewhere between the Orange and the Green, something has changed. Dowson, a Protestant originally from Scotland, but living in Northern Ireland, told me he now spends much of his time working alongside Irish Catholics who share his concerns about immigration, cultural preservation, and the future of the West. The old rivalry, he argued, is becoming less important than the question of whether there will be a recognizable Western civilization left to argue about.



You heard that right, A Scottish born Calvinist minister is working with the Irish Catholics in Northern Ireland.

That is a remarkable development. For generations, people on that island were taught to see one another as the problem. Now, at least among some people, the argument is that the problem has changed. Dowson sees mass immigration, collapsing birth rates, secularization and what he regards as political censorship as parts of the same larger transformation. Whether one agrees with every conclusion he reaches is almost beside the point. The underlying question is unavoidable: What happens to a civilization when it loses confidence in its own right to exist?

That question is not uniquely Irish. It is British. It is European. And increasingly, it is American.

Dowson's argument is blunt. Western societies have simultaneously become less willing to have children, less willing to defend their inherited religious traditions, and more willing to import enormous populations from societies with very different demographic and cultural trajectories. At some point, mathematics becomes politics.

That is the part Americans should understand. Immigration is usually debated as a question of borders, labor markets, asylum policy, or citizenship. Those are important questions. But there is another question underneath all of them: What kind of country do you expect to have in 50 years?

That question becomes particularly uncomfortable when fertility rates collapse. A country cannot indefinitely compensate for demographic decline simply by importing people. Nor can governments manufacture a shared culture through legislation. A nation is more than a labor market. It is a collection of memories, customs, loyalties, institutions, religious traditions, families and stories that are Passed from one generation to the next.

If the transmission stops, something eventually takes its place. This is where Dowson's religious argument becomes more interesting than his political one. He believes the demographic crisis is ultimately a crisis of faith. During our conversation, he repeatedly returned to the family, children, church, and the idea that young men are beginning to search for something deeper than the consumer culture and digital isolation that have defined so much of modern life.

That phenomenon deserves considerably more attention than it receives. There are young men going back to church. Some are rediscovering traditional Catholicism. Others are finding Orthodox Christianity, Calvinism, or older Protestant traditions. They are looking for discipline, community, marriage, children and meaning. They are beginning to ask questions that the smartphone or AI cannot answer.

The problem, as Dowson sees it, is that Western institutions have spent decades teaching people to regard those things as burdens rather than blessings. You can disagree with his diagnosis. But you cannot easily dismiss the symptoms.

And this is where Northern Ireland offers America an unexpected lesson. The old sectarian divisions were never erased by pretending they did not exist. They were managed, negotiated, and eventually subordinated to a larger political settlement. Now a different generation is asking whether those old divisions still make sense when the cultural landscape itself is changing.

That does not mean Catholics and Protestants suddenly agree about everything. Of course they do not. They are Irish after all. But perhaps that is the point. You do not have to agree with someone about everything to realize you have something worth defending together.

That principle extends beyond Ireland. Conservatives in America routinely fight among themselves over religion, immigration, nationalism, economics and foreign policy.

Europeans fight the same fights in slightly different accents. Meanwhile, the institutions that once transmitted Western culture have weakened: churches empty, families fracture, birth rates fall, and the definition of citizenship becomes increasingly detached from any meaningful concept of national belonging.

Then comes the other half of the equation: speech.

Dowson told me that police had questioned him over flags displayed at his property. He described a British system increasingly obsessed with what authorities classify as offensive or hateful speech, and he contrasted that experience with America, where even our increasingly aggressive censorship battles still leave considerably more room for people to say outrageous things without the police showing up at their door. His own social-media operation had previously been shut down after British political pressure, something he attributes to his willingness to say things the establishment considered unacceptable.

This is where Dangerous Laughter comes in. Humor is not merely entertainment. Humor is one of the oldest ways human beings test authority. You can tell a joke about the king because the joke asks the question the court does not want asked: What happens if we stop being afraid of him?

That is why free speech matters even when the speech is ugly, obnoxious, or wrong. Once people become afraid to speak, they stop arguing in public and start whispering in private. And once people start whispering in private, politics gets dangerous.

The Irish have historically been very good at refusing to whisper. That may be why I enjoyed this conversation so much. Dowson has a particular Northern Irish combination of religious conviction, historical memory, belligerence and humor. He is perfectly comfortable discussing theology one minute and telling me that the Irish are going to wake up and terrify Europe the next.

I laughed. But I also listened. Because beneath all the bluster is a serious question that Americans would be foolish to ignore.

What happens when people who spent centuries fighting each other finally look around and realize that the argument has changed?

Trump's comments about Irish unity may or may not amount to anything politically. The BBC is right to note that there has been no change in American policy toward Northern Ireland. But the broader cultural question is not going away.

Northern Ireland may be showing us something.

A civilization does not survive merely because its borders remain on a map. It survives because its people still believe the civilization is worth inheriting.

That means having children. It means remembering history. It means maintaining faith. It means building families. It means defending the right to speak, joke, worship, and argue. And sometimes, perhaps, it means putting aside an old grievance long enough to recognize the person standing beside you.

The Irish and the Protestants have spent a very long time learning that lesson. America may want to start listening.

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ENOUGH LIGHT FOR THE STEP I'M ON

It is somehow helpful to me that the Bible is brutally honest about suffering.

If Scripture presented something resembling a prosperity gospel worldview—one in which sufficient faith inevitably produces health, wealth, comfort, and success—I would dismiss it out of hand. That simply isn't the world we inhabit.

Instead, the Bible warns that those who follow the path of righteousness will be persecuted. It has the audacity to declare that we are blessed when we suffer for righteousness' sake. Jesus even takes it to the point of seeming absurdity: "Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad." (Exceedingly glad? Really?!!)

Yet Scripture also makes allowance for our humanity.

Paul admitted that he and his companions were

"burdened beyond

measure, above

strength," to the

point that they

"despaired even

of life." Jeremiah

became so distraught

that he launched into a long

lament about wishing he had never been born. (Today he'd be referred for counseling...and perhaps some Prozac.)

These were not perfect saints wearing painted smiles, but exhausted, wounded human beings who experienced fear, depression, betrayal, and despair. Yet they continued to speak against evil and corruption. Their pain did not invalidate their faith; it revealed how costly faithfulness can be.

The most shocking truth of all is that God Himself entered this broken world, born into poverty during an age without running water, antibiotics, refrigeration, or even—gasp—ChatGPT. He came as a servant when everyone expected a king.

Many still don't understand. His Kingdom is not of this world; His throne is *not* in Washington, D.C., Israel or any human kingdom, but in the hearts and minds of His people.

Standing against evil as Ambassadors of that Kingdom has cost many of us dearly. My own family continues struggling to survive after being targeted and persecuted for refusing to bow to corrupt power and lies.

Those losses are not inconsequential. They cannot be brushed aside with platitudes and positive affirmations. For some Christians, "God has a plan for you" has included being sawn in half, burned alive, or fed to lions. The plan for the Son of God meant enduring the most painful and humiliating death the ancient world could devise.

Yet none of those atrocities has silenced the message of hope, salvation, and the ultimate triumph of good over evil—the promise that one day every tear will be wiped away.

Though my soul would not have chosen this road, the only way past suffering is through it. The One

who staked His life upon the hope beyond the pain claims that the reward will justify the painful journey. He would know.

Those who take the broad path leading to destruction may seem to be the lucky ones.

They prosper through lies, cruelty, compromise, and corruption.

But at what cost? Everything.

They have their reward now and it's as evanescent as the morning dew.

I continue to pray for restoration in this life—that what we have lost confronting the monsters and demagogues of this shattered decade will somehow be restored. I'm weary of waiting, of wondering how we will survive another month.

I turned 57 on the 14th. I would like whatever years remain to be lived in abundance. Yet I cannot always look thirty years ahead when I am simply trying to navigate today. For now, I have only enough light for the step I'm on.

But when my last day comes, I will know that I lived a true life—that I allowed Him to work through even my weakness, weariness, and doubt. There may be no earthly awards for our unseen battles, but God knows. God sees.

There is a crown waiting for those with the courage and commitment to stand before the tyrannical kingdoms of this world and say, "no."

Carry on, warrior, and lift your eyes. Those who prosper through evil have only darkness ahead. Your redemption—and your reward—await.



Nowhere to Run.🔊

**America offers political sanctuary to everyone
...except our own citizens.** By Kelly John Walker

America has long offered refuge to people fleeing political persecution. But what happens when *Americans* need sanctuary from our own government?

I was discussing this question back in 2023, including in a FreedomTalk show with Seak Smith and Bryce Eddy. For those who have personally experienced political targeting, this is not theoretical, hyperbolic, or partisan. It is a matter of survival.

Smith came to America as a refugee. Her father escaped communism and genocide in Cambodia during the 1970s. A soldier in the Cambodian army and a musician, he embodied precisely the kind of person the Khmer Rouge marked for elimination—someone connected to the previous culture and influenced by the West.

Under Cambodia's communist regime, wearing glasses could identify someone as educated. Possessing professional wedding photographs could suggest wealth. People learned to conceal their histories, relationships, and identities to avoid becoming targets.

Tyranny advances by dividing people into groups, stigmatizing those who resist, and teaching ordinary citizens to participate in their neighbors' persecution.

Smith recognized familiar warning signs during COVID. While living in Los Angeles, she watched government officials encourage residents to report neighbors who gathered in defiance of lockdown orders—with threats to cut off their water and electricity.

Civilization, Eddy observed, is “a very thin veneer.” People assume their society is too enlightened for tyranny—until fear exposes how quickly neighbors can turn upon one another and institutions can abandon their purpose.

Eddy raised the question Americans must confront: “Where can you flee?”

Previous generations escaping communism, fascism, and genocide could look toward America. But if America abandons liberty—and similar authoritarian impulses spread across the Western world—what refuge remains?

We already recognize sanctuary as a legitimate political concept. States and cities have declared themselves sanctuaries for illegal immigrants, abortion providers, and those seeking transgender procedures.

Whether one supports those policies or not, they establish an important principle: state and local governments sometimes claim an obligation to shield people from laws they consider unjust.

Why, then, is there no sanctuary for American citizens who can demonstrate that the legal system is being weaponized against them because of their political beliefs?

We believe in the rule of law—but not rule by law. Law exists to restrain power, protect the innocent, and preserve our God-given rights. When officials selectively investigate, prosecute, punish, or financially destroy political opponents, the law ceases to be a shield and becomes a weapon.



The Presbyterian Rebellion

The term Presbyterian Rebellion has been used to emphasize the undeniable influence that the religious clerics of the Revolutionary times had in rallying support for the American Revolution with their sermons. One writer has explained that the American ministers and clergy were referred to as the “Black Regiment” due to their black robes, and that it was the sermons and preaching of the Black Regiment that motivated their fellow patriots to fight the American Revolutionary War of 1776.[i]

Even John Adams noted the indispensable support religion had in the foundation of this nation. In a letter written in 1821, Adams expressed his firm belief that without those ministers, specifically “Huss, Wycliffe, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Melancthon, and all other reformers,” and “their great exertions & severe sufferings, the USA had never existed.”[ii]

To the spiritually literate person, it is easy to understand how the churches became the lifeblood of the American Revolution, since the scriptures teach us that “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LIBERTY.”[iii] Clearly, the Colonial ministers were filled with the Spirit of the Lord. They carried the torch of liberty with them while they proclaimed liberty throughout the Colonies where it swept through the hearts of every freedom-loving patriot like wildfire.

Unfortunately, today’s churches appear to have lost the Spirit of Liberty, and it doesn’t appear by their compliance with

governmental edicts that they will be lighting those fires anytime soon. Although the First Amendment prohibits Congress from passing any law that establishes religion or prohibits the “free exercise thereof,” the government has been able to lull away our churches into an amorphous segment of society which lacks substantive influence in matters of freedom and liberty. In other words, they’ve sold their birthright for the proverbial mess of pottage.

It should come as no surprise that LBJ, along with Congress, created a de facto control over religion and speech through tax exemptions. Known as the Johnson Amendment, it is a provision in the U.S. Tax Code, introduced in 1954, that prohibits all 501 non-profit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates. In other words, as long as the churches keep quiet about politics, then the government will allow them to keep all of their money! This exemption is patently unconstitutional, and the churches should never have submitted to such tyranny. Yet, they all willingly gave up their rights to freedom of religion and speech.

The churches of the Revolution spoke out against the policies of the Monarchy and actually motivated the citizens of the country to stand up to tyranny. Yet, our churches today are silent too often on the topics of liberty and freedom because they don’t want to lose their money.

It's not just the tax exemptions either. Remember when the Biden Administration used the tech sector to make another end run on the First Amendment in order to silence any and all opposition to their COVID tyranny? The government told us that we had to take their experimental "vaccines", and the churches went right along with the narrative telling their parishioners that the "vaccines" were "safe and effective." The government told us that we had to wear masks and to keep our distance, and the churches went right along with their tyranny. The government even went so far as to close down church meetings, while leaving businesses such as liquor stores open, and the churches complied once again.

Our churches have also stayed silent in the face of other acts of governmental tyranny. Whenever U.S. presidents ignore our Constitution's mandate that the Congress must issue a Declaration of War before engaging in war and sending our sons and daughters off to die, the churches who supposedly preach the Gospel of peace

won't speak up against those unconstitutional wars.

Whenever the government pays religious charitable organizations to bring in millions of people illegally through our borders, the churches actually participate and speak on behalf of the illegals, destroy our constitutional structure, and help erase our borders thereby putting out our light on the hill.

In the beginning, the torch of liberty was lit by the churches. In the beginning, the churches stood up to tyranny. In the beginning, they inspired the hearts of the American Patriot to fight against tyranny. Yet, in the end, the government knew they could emasculate the churches with money and keep them silent except to fill our ears with platitudes so that liberty would die.

Madame Publius

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THE LAMP OF LIBERTY RUNS ON AMERICAN OIL

By Geno Young

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."

Those immortal words, inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, captured America's promise to the world: a nation where liberty remains available to those willing to respect its laws, embrace its principles, assimilate to its culture and values; then contribute to its future.

For generations, America has served as a beacon of hope—not merely for those born here, but for immigrants who came lawfully, including countless Hispanic Americans who pursued the American Dream through hard work, faith, and perseverance.

Their stories remind us that patriotism is not determined by ancestry, but by allegiance to the ideals that make this nation exceptional. The key, though, is through assimilation.

History is not kind to nations that lose their national identity through reckless immigration policies. America cannot survive the culture clash that it currently finds itself in. It's not designed for it. In fact, one of our founders, John Adams, famously stated, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

With that statement alone, Adams dispelled the fictitious modern notion that anyone and everyone can be, or should be ALLOWED to be an American. Yes, that statement also implies that our country is wholly inadequate for certain political ideologies (even those masquerading as a religion—namely Islam) which hold uniquely contradictory views to this nation's constitution.

120 years later, President Theodore Roosevelt took it a step further stating, "We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans, of American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding-house." President Roosevelt deeply believed that assimilation was a necessity to preserve our Republic, and its culture.

Sadly, these warnings were not heeded and America has let a swath of unassimilated (often illegal) immigrants into the nation who not only refuse to assimilate to our country, but deeply despise everything that this nation stands for. That is why it is incumbent on our government and citizens to further and expand President Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration. Don't get me wrong, this is not a matter of ethnic cleansing, but rather a fatal matter of self-preservation on America's 250th year.

All of this requires action from red-blooded Americans. Biblically, we know that faith without works is dead (James 2:26), so we understand that liberty is never self-sustaining. We must do our part, and remain vigilant — most of all, carefully selecting and watching those who rule over us. A government established to protect the rights of its citizens can become a threat when political power is weaponized against the very people it is meant to serve. When citizens are selectively prosecuted, institutions are manipulated, and justice becomes subordinate to political interests, we must ask a sobering question:

Does the lamp of liberty still burn—or are we allowing its flame to dim beneath the weight of our own complacency?

The answer is not found in surrendering our principles, or abandoning our borders. It is found in reaffirming the rule of law, protecting individual rights, and ensuring that government remains accountable to the people—not political parties, bureaucrats, or ideological movements.

America can welcome those who cherish its freedoms while remaining vigilant against those who would exploit its generosity or undermine its sovereignty. These principles are not contradictory. They are essential to preserving the nation that makes freedom possible.

And perhaps no American symbol captures this responsibility more powerfully than

Philadelphia's iconic Liberty Bell, cast in 1752. The Liberty Bell might be worn and cracked, but it still tolls for liberty in the hearts of those who righteously seek it. Its crack represents the fact that liberty can be evasive, and the road toward it is not perfect. But even still, once it's obtained, no matter how ragtag it might appear on the outside, it will stand through all time.

The bell's imperfections do not erase its meaning. They remind us that freedom requires constant repair, vigilance, and courage.

America remains a beacon of liberty—but only if we refuse to let its light go dark...or be snuffed out by those who seek its destruction from within...

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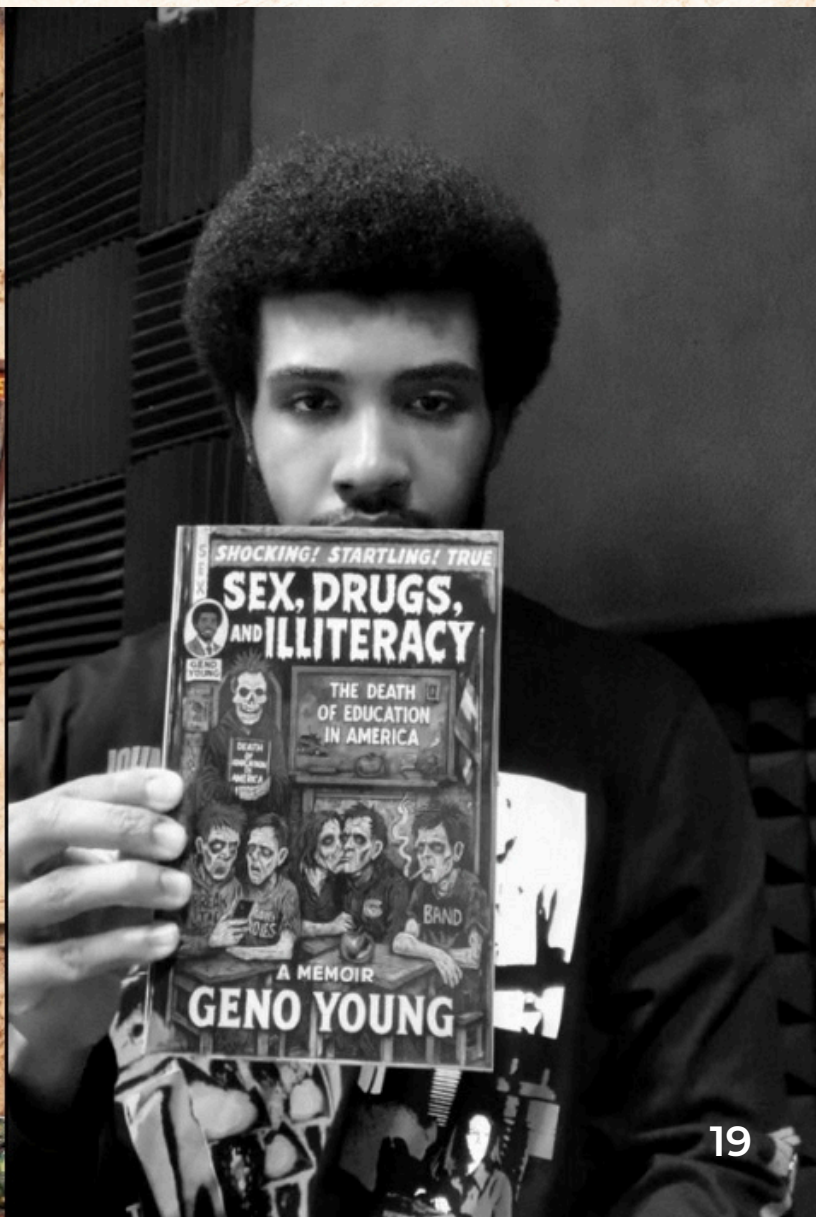
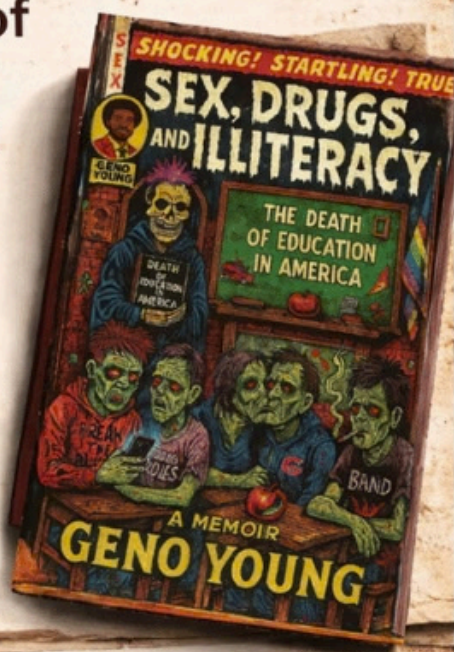
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WE MUST NOT TAKE THE LIGHT OF LIBERTY FOR GRANTED

By Mike Arnold

As a lifelong student of history, and having traveled to the four corners of the world, I've eventually come to realize that, from one very important perspective, the sum total of human history can be defined as a struggle for freedom and against oppression.

Growing up in America, it's easy to take our freedoms for granted. For most of my life I was guilty of that. But as long as human beings have inhabited earth, freedom is perhaps the one thing that is never, ever, simply granted. It must be taken by force and vigilantly defended.

Most today fail to truly appreciate the unimaginable vision, selflessness, bravery and brilliance of our Founding Fathers. No, they weren't perfect, but the system they gave us came closer than anything conceived by mankind before or since. Second only to the willing sacrifice made by Jesus Christ, their gift of liberty to us is the greatest blessing imaginable.

No king, no ruling class, no totalitarian dictators, no paternalistic government functionaries; they devised a system that allowed governing power only by informed consent of the governed. Considering the blood shed in its establishment and defense, this was an experiment of the highest stakes. And in the generations that followed, its breathtaking brilliance was proven.

No nation has ever sacrificed more for liberty. None has been more benevolent, righteous or prosperous. In the thousands of years of our dark recorded history, none has ever burned brighter than our relatively short-lived system. America is indeed exceptional.

It breaks my heart that current generations have lost sight of this. Because they have, our light has dimmed, and we face the very real threat of it being extinguished. In the past 250 years, we've been the last line of defense against tyranny. If our light burns out, humanity faces a dark future indeed.

No foreign enemy could ever take us down. America is too strong, even today. No, our threat lies within. And I don't mean just within our borders; it lies within ourselves.

Today, true freedom, objective truth and the inherent values that have formed the bedrock of our society are disappearing. And when they go, so too will liberty disappear off the face of the earth. Many still value these things, but it seems that—in the narrow-sighted quest for “likes” and more of life's luxuries—not many are willing to speak up, fight, sacrifice, and die if necessary to defend them.

In just the past few decades, the size and overbearing control of our government—at every level—has grown exponentially. Even in my small, rural hometown of Blanco, Texas, our ordinances, regulations, restrictions, permits, fees, budgets, bureaucracy, taxes, etc., have exploded in size over the past 10 years. Multiply this in every governmental entity at every level, and you can see why our light is being snuffed out.

I'm sure most of the people driving this trend have meant well, but the fact is they're clueless about what has made our nation the greatest in history. I'm baffled how they seem to think our greatness and prosperity over the past 250 years of freedom are but some accident, and now it's up to them to somehow

take control and limit our freedoms to protect us from ourselves. They are oh-so-sincere, but the arrogant ignorance of their mindset is breathtaking. Because of this, they're the greatest and most insidious threat to liberty today.

After defeating the British, George Washington was offered the role of King of America, and he steadfastly refused. How far we've fallen! Today, it seems that everyone in government, at every level, would eagerly grab this role for themselves if they could. They sure as hell act like it! It takes courage, wisdom and genuine selflessness to have power, and yet refuse to use it to dictate how others should live. Let us all pray for more leaders like George Washington, who use their influence to expand liberty instead of exerting control. We need that today more than ever.

America's bright light of freedom has been but a quick flash, when seen on the long timeline of human history. It was bought with the blood of selfless sacrifice. We can never take it for granted.

If our generation doesn't wake up and fight back, at every level, then we are to blame if it burns out.

Stand up for your values. Proclaim your faith. Never shy from speaking the truth, and never back down. Push back against the growth of government, and anyone who would seek to control your life and limit your God-given dreams and potential.

Liberty is not partisan or political; it's bigger and more important than that. Let's not be the ones who lose it. It's worth whatever it costs, for our generation and all those to come.

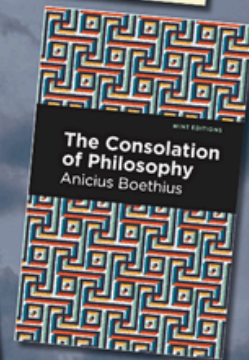
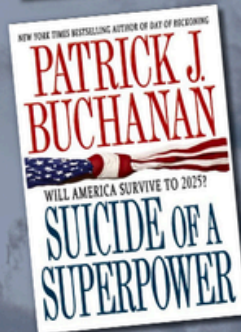
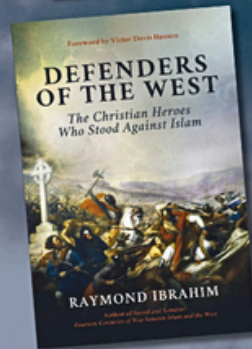
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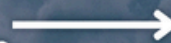
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By Dr. Robert Renteria

People succeed and stay strong when they work together, but they fail and become weak when they fight or separate. We are in a very critical point in history, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to truly come together as one nation under God.

This is a big idea whose time has come, look what happened at the 2024 elections were 42% to 48% of the Hispanic and Latino American voters cast their ballots for securing a historic political comeback for Donald Trump to become the 47th President after previously serving as the 45th President of our United States of America.

This is living proof that we *can* UNITE and need to examine whether America remains a refuge from political prosecution or has itself become the prosecutor of citizens and immigrants alike.

The question. "Does the lamp of liberty still burn?" is a poetic and metaphorical way of asking whether the core values of freedom, democracy, and individual rights are still alive and active within a group of people, a nation, or a generation.

I ask that together we look forward to becoming one people, one party. I believe that we must stand together and also weave into the beautiful fabric of Hispanic American communities. People are trying to prosecute us for our values, it should NOT now or ever be about age, race, religion or economic background and especially NOT about the color of our skin.

Marxism is a social, political, and economic philosophy that analyzes historical development through class conflict and critiques capitalism.

As we head toward the midterms this November 3rd, I ask you respectfully to embrace our Hispanic American brothers and sisters and join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month which is held September 15th through October 15th.

This celebration honors the history, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

I am advocating for unity and inclusiveness not exclusiveness with the Republican Party. The past three years I have been witness to a lot of the ugliness which is a quality of being unpleasant, unattractive, or being offensive to the senses, representing or negative of beauty.

I have personally spoken to multiple of conservatives not only here is Illinois but across the country and as I have previously written in past articles that we must once and for all address the elephant in the room and no longer only appear to be the Republican Party for only the white people.

My Hispanic Americans have strong conservative values and are aligned to our political and social philosophy that emphasizes preserving traditional institutions, customary practices, and established social order.

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We as Hispanic Americans share the same core values, tradition and order, family structure, personal responsibility, limited government, free markets, rule of law and defense, peace through strength, fiscal responsibility and human dignity.

The Republican Party (GOP) national racial and ethnic breakdown is 79% white, 9-11% Hispanic/Latino American and 2-3% Black American and Asian American/other/mixed races 7%.

In Illinois regardless of what gala, breakfast, lunch or dinners/events with the Republican Party that I have attended personally you will sadly find that 98-100% of every function have been and is always only white people.

The brand has a lot of room for improvement, Both the Black Americans and the Hispanic Americans are ready to vote Republican but the mere fact that the GOP having little to no ground game or show any real interest in these communities is definitely sending the wrong message. As I have mentioned before, we must build relationships and not have the entitlement belief system that we have the unjustified privileges that the minorities should come to us. Black and Hispanic Americans do not actually need us, we need them.

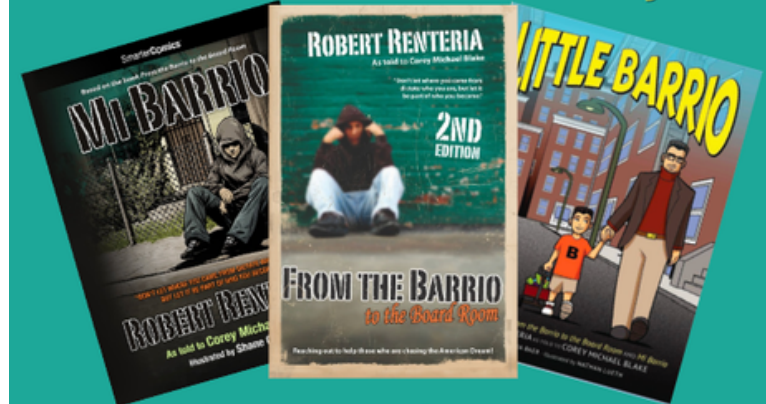
Please do reach out to me personally so we can have a conversation on the various ways we can be inclusive can collaborate, I am truly here to help.

Remember, if we break bread we go RED!

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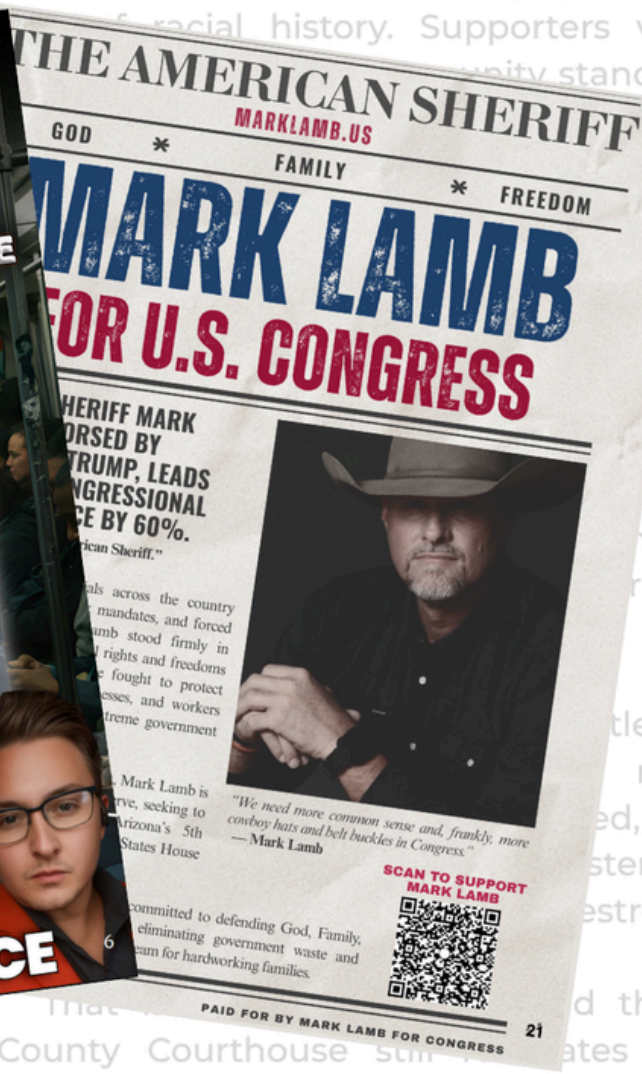
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