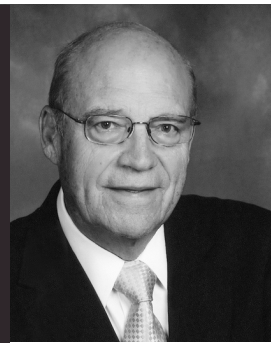




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Victor Davis Hanson at His Best by Terry Scambray

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Victor Davis Hanson's latest book is a macabre warning to an aging America as it closes in on its 250th birthday. The warning comes in the form of a graphic depiction of the hideousness of war and the terrifying state of those who suffer ignominious defeat.

However different the four societies described in the book were, be they Thebans, Carthaginians, Byzantines, or Aztecs, each was blinded by the illusion of invincibility. Hanson shows that such an illusion is so persistent that even as the conquered were being slaughtered, they continued to think: "*It cannot happen here.*"

Thebes, the 4th century B.C. Greek city-state, sat confidently among the constellation of other Greek city-states. Thebans felt such confidence because of "their impressive military, the justness of their cause, the sympathy of their allies and their city's hallowed reputation as an icon of eternal Hellenic culture," as distinguished Professor of Classics Hanson writes.

Indeed, both Alexander the Great and his father, Philip, admired the great Theban general, Epaminondas. But Thebes was too cocky to return that respect. Though how could they have missed the threat posed by Alexander and his lethal Macedonian phalanx which he had used to conquer 1,500 other Greek city states?!

Since Thebes had sided with the Persian invaders in the fifth century B.C. Persian War, Alexander's scheme to take Thebes gave her "allies" an opportunity for revenge as well as profit from her defeat. As Hanson notes, this case is "thematic in our study of doomed states," showing how "allies" pile on to destroy their former friends.

Hanson notes that *no deus ex machina* descended to save Thebes just as it didn't with the other doomed polities described in the book. Regardless, their respective fates were sealed because of their weak military, their naivete, their long decline, and the military genius, and resources of their attackers.

Everyone has heard, "Carthage must be destroyed," the imperative with which Cato the Elder ended his Roman Senate speeches. In Hanson's chapter on the destruction of Carthage, "The Wages of Vengeance", he shows the scar tissue that the Romans had built up in their dealings with Carthage that was reflected in Cato's compulsive plea.

Despite their two previous Punic wars with Rome, the Carthaginians felt secure in their north African enclave. As descendants of the Phoenicians living in what is now modern Tunisia, the Carthaginians had developed a trading empire in competition with Rome. Consequently, Hannibal and his elephants in 218 BC scaled the Alps, descended into Italy, and won battles there. The most stunning was at the Battle of Cannae in 216 BC in southern Italy. The first day casualties of that bloodbath were close to 70,000, which rivals the slaughter of the British on the first day of the Somme offensive in 1916!

The loss at Cannae terrorized the Romans so much that, among other rituals, they buried four people alive as a sacrifice to their gods in the hope of saving their own skins. Capitalizing on such fear, Rome sent an army to north Africa, which forced Hannibal home where he suffered a humiliating defeat. Nonetheless, it took 14 more years to level Carthage.

Many years ago, an old Armenian man told me that since Constantinople fell on "Black Tuesday", May 29, 1453, he often takes a few moments to reflect and pray on Tuesdays in remembrance of that catastrophe. So, the loss of the Byzantine seat of Orthodox Christianity with its grandest church in Christendom, the Hagia Sophia, still lingers in memory in distant times and distant lands.

Famed historian, Edward Gibbon, describes the scene after the Turkish Muslims had scaled and breached the walls surrounding Constantinople, chasing the terrified survivors "from every part of the capital as they flowed into the church of St. Sophia: within an hour, the sanctuary, the choir, the nave, the galleries were filled with priests, monks, and religious virgins," their hope for being rescued being founded on the legend of angelic intervention. Meanwhile the doors to the church were broken open and the Turks, encountering no resistance, began selecting the youngest, prettiest, and most prosperous looking women and boys for their prurient and profitable purposes.

Certainly, Emperor Constantine XI Palaiologos saw the huge army besieging his city and he also must have noted his own pitiful, defensive force. Apparently though, "Constantinople had looked to its past more than to the awful present,"

as Hanson soberly remarks.

Constantinople *had* survived previous attacks with its fifteen foot thick walls and its ninety towers that were each sixty feet high! But when Giovanni Giustiniani, the leader responsible for Constantinople's survival during the siege, was seriously wounded, the resistance collapsed and with it a millennium of Byzantine civilization.

The fall of Constantinople finalized Muslim control of the Levant, forcing Europe to go west in order to go east to trade with China and India. On the way east, the Europeans ran into the Americas.

The first adventurers into what is now Mexico were the Spanish conquistadores who in 1521 “encountered a wonderous empire—one confident, warlike, and antithetical to Catholic Spanish imperialism in almost every way imaginable,” as Hanson writes. And as he continues, “the Aztecs could never fathom a man like Hernan Cortes, who was quite willing to annihilate them.” And in the process, Cortes and his men had about as many cliffhangers as Indiana Jones!

Cortes at age 34 was a faceless functionary, yet he turned out to be a military genius equal to Alexander as well as a cunning negotiator. That the Aztecs were overcome because they were expecting the promised return of the god, Quetzalcoatl, is dismissed by scholars. Though certainly, the mystery and shock of seeing Spanish cavalymen on horses, equipped with thunderous guns and sharp-edged swords were reason enough to deify the invading Spaniards. But soon the Aztecs saw that the Spaniards hungered for food and sex while imploring the Aztecs to abandon human sacrifice and accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Central Mexico had hundreds of villages some of which Cortes and his men fought their way through, though eventually forming alliances with them against the hated Aztecs. Then the Spaniards reached Tenochtitlan, a magnificent city built on Lake Texcoco with its rich soil and its islands connected by bridges and causeways reminiscent of Venice. But overlooking this were the ninety-foot-high stone pyramids where human sacrifices and cannibalism took place. Thus, the invaders alternately lusted for the gold the Aztecs displayed while also being repulsed by their abhorrent practices.

Montezuma II saw the threat posed by the interlopers while his nephew Cacama urged that the Spaniards be welcomed. But it became increasingly clear that the Spanish were a threat. Then, in Cortes's absence, his savvy but reckless lieutenant, Pedro de Alvarado, became so incensed by the Aztecs' bloody rituals that he ordered an attack on them.

The combat was brutal though the Aztecs in their need to have victims to sacrifice, preferred capturing the Spanish, which seems benign enough. But Cortes's men were terrorized when the Aztecs ripped out the hearts of

their captured comrades in plain sight on the platforms atop their pyramids and threw their bodies to the ravenous dogs below.

Despite these unnerving episodes, Cortes was able to rally his frightened men. As celebrated military historian Hanson observes, “Historians have long argued over the mystery of how a small Spanish force—beaten and near capitulation, rebuilt an extensive native alliance and obliterated an empire of four million subjects.”

Hanson's tone in *The End Of Everything* may seem detached and pitiless considering the brutality described in the book. But his tone suggests how we, in contrast to the examples in the book, should unsparingly evaluate ourselves if we are to survive. For people's fears and hopes are like gravity in their consistency and predictability. In that sense, Victor Davis Hanson is more Isaac Newton as opposed to the progressives, who dream “that money, education, and better intentions could arrest the gory arch of history,” as he wrote in one of his previous twenty-seven books. Ignoring reality destroyed the four societies shown in the compelling narrative of this book. May such blindness not be visited on us!

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The Mind of God by George Gilder

The materialists have several retorts to deny the primacy of the word. All can be summed up as an effort to subdue the word by shrinking it into a physical function. Like the whirling tigers of the children's fable, the recursive loops of names for the word chase their tails around the tree of life, until there is left at the bottom only a muddled pool of what C.S. Lewis called “nothing buttery.” This was Lewis's way of summing up the stance of public scientists who declare that “life,” or the brain or the universe, is “nothing but” matter in motion.

Thus, MIT's Marvin Minsky famously asserted, “The brain is nothing but a ‘meat machine.’” In his book *DNA: The Secret of Life* (2003), Crick's collaborator James Watson doggedly insisted that the discovery of DNA “proved” that life is “merely chemistry and physics.” That is, simply, “nothing buttery”: a flat-universe epistemology, restricted to what technologists call the “physical layer,” the lowest of seven layers of abstraction in information technology, between silicon chips and silica fiber on the bottom and the programs and content at the top.

After a hundred or so years of attempted philosophical leveling, however, it turns out that the universe is stubbornly hierarchical, with the word on top and material beneath. No matter how much the reductive

sciences try to deny it, they will eventually have to accept this inexorable reality. We know now that no accumulation of knowledge about chemistry, biology, and physics will yield the slightest insight into the origins of life or the processes of computation or the sources of consciousness or the nature of intelligence or the causes of economic growth.

As famed chemist Michael Polanyi pointed out in 1961, all these fields depend on chemical and physical processes but are not defined by them. The fundamental mistake of materialism generally and Darwinian reductionism specifically is that they are thoughts that deny thought. Thought is not material. The word cannot be reduced to chemical and physical processes, and the attempt of stubbornly materialist science to do so is nothing short of farcical. As Nobel laureate biologist Max Delbruck (who was trained as a physicist) quipped, the effort of neuroscientists to explain the brain as mere meat or matter “reminds me of nothing so much as Baron Munchausen’s attempt to extract himself from a swamp by pulling on his own hair.”

In 1931, Kurt Godel, perhaps the preeminent mathematician of the twentieth century and a close colleague to Albert Einstein, published his incompleteness theorem. It demonstrated that every logical system, including mathematics, is dependent on premises that it cannot probe. These premises cannot be demonstrated within or reduced to the system itself. They stand outside.

Refuting the confident claims of Bertrand Russell, Alfred North Whitehead, and David Hilbert that all mathematics could be subdued to a mechanical unfolding of the rules of symbolic logic, “Godel’s proof” was a climactic moment in modern thought. After Godel, all explorers on the frontiers of nature and economics must confront the futility of banishing “faith” from science.” From physics and neural science to psychology and sociology, from mathematics to economics, every scientific conclusion we make is rooted in our faith in premises of logic that we cannot prove.

Mathematician Gregory Chaitin has shown that biology cannot be derived from physics or chemistry; physical and chemical laws contain much less information than the biological phenomena that we observe. Chaitin’s algorithmic information theory demonstrates that all biology is irreducibly complex, just as mathematical axioms are in the end irreducible. The word is epistemologically superior to chemical and physical rules and harnesses chemistry and physics to its own purposes. As eminent chemist Arthur Robinson told me: “Using physics and chemistry to model biology is like using Lego blocks to model the World Trade Center.” The instrument is simply too crude.

In the twenty-first century, the word—by any name—is primary. Just as in Crick’s “central dogma: ordaining the precedence of DNA over proteins, however, the word itself is not the summit of the hierarchy; it is not the highest rung on the ladder of epistemology. Wherever we encounter information, it comes from a mind. Taking the hierarchy beyond the word, the central dogma ordains that word is subordinate to mind.

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Columbia University— Launch Pad for Marxism

by Janet Levy

On June 21, the FBI declassified a 1999 video of Saudi intelligence agent Omar al-Bayoumi casing the Capitol and other Washington D.C. sites for the 9/11 attack. How, then, did the CIA-FBI 9/11 report conclude in 2005 that Saudi Arabia was not involved in the attack? And why did the FBI maintain—for 20 years, before its recent retraction—that al-Bayoumi wasn’t a Saudi agent?

Such willful deception, practiced increasingly by American intelligence, is the subject of former CIA agent J. Michael Waller’s new book *Big Intel: How the CIA and FBI Went from Cold War Heroes to Deep State Villains*. The dramatic writing and detailing, backed by the author’s experience in espionage—in Central America and the U.S.S.R., and against jihadist conspiracies—make it a page-turner. In 37 chapters, plus additional sections and a reading list, it presents an alarming history of how a century-old Marxist campaign has succeeded in ideologically subverting America and its intel agencies.

The results of that success are seen in today’s leftist street protests, the DEI obsession, and prevalent anti-Israel sentiment; also, in the saturation of academia and bureaucracy by Marxists. Not so evident, because intel agencies operate covertly, is their transmutation from valiant fighters for American freedom to an emerging state police harrying those who oppose the acceptable narratives *du jour*.

Big Intel traces the long process of this toxic alchemy. Waller, now an analyst at the Center for Security Policy, borrows Diana West’s metaphor of a “red thread” from her 2019 book *The Red Thread: A Search for Ideological Drivers Inside the Anti-Trump Conspiracy*, leading back to a Bolshevik strategy to destroy the West by capturing the minds of its elites, artists, academicians, and students. It was to unfold over several generations. The planning happened at a 1922

meeting in Moscow, headed by Feliks Dzerzhinsky, then commissar of KGB-precursor Cheka. So, attempts to infiltrate our intel apparatus should have been foreseen but were tragically missed. (Waller praises the one man—J. Edgar Hoover—who did not miss the signs, though he was “imperfect” and “his errors compounded over the decades.”)

Present at the meeting, held at the Marx-Engels Institute, were Comintern presidium member Karl Radek, the Prussian Willi Münzenberg, and the Hungarian philosopher Gyorgy Lukacs. They decided to use Comintern fronts and intellectual networks in Europe and across the world to reach the elite; at the same time, they would create “foreign subsidiary institutions, under prestigious academic cover, as a sophisticated social base to attract leaders of the arts, culture, and academia.” Lukacs believed in the “abolition of culture,” which Waller interprets as the “wholesale destruction of history, belief, and values, right down to the tearing apart of family life and the sexualization of small children to dehumanize the next generation.”

Thus, the seeds were sown for the Frankfurt School (founded 1923), the nursery of Critical Theory and cultural Marxism, which echoes Lukacs’s destructive theme. *Eros and Civilization*, a book by Herbert Marcuse, one of the school’s philosophers, sparked the erosion of sexual boundaries that ultimately brought us the absurdities of gender-identity fluidity.

With the rise of Naziism, members of the Frankfurt School took refuge in America, where Leon Trotsky, during his brief stay (1916–17), had prepared the seedbed by running an influence operation to spread civilization-destroying Marxist ideas. From 1933 to 1949, the school was based at Columbia University. It was from here that the teardown of Western ideals was launched, and it was here that the Marxist takeover of academia began.

The simultaneous infiltration of our intel agencies was aided by the exigent recruitment of communists by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), a World War II agency for coordinating espionage, which later grew into the CIA. America was then hard-pressed to gather intelligence from Europe and behind enemy lines. Besides field operatives from communist networks, scholars like Marcuse were enlisted for their language prowess and grasp of European politics. By the war’s end, they had penetrated the OSS, academia, journalism, entertainment, politics, federal and state bureaucracies, courts, and even Congress. Besides wielding immense influence, they could steal secrets.

Only Hoover—who headed the FBI from 1924 to his death in 1972—stood as a bulwark against them, establishing a Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO) in 1956 to watch, infiltrate, and disrupt their operations. However, the program, found to have

violated constitutional rights, was shut down in 1971. From then on, the FBI deteriorated and was weaponized against ordinary citizens and elected representatives. It now stoops to domestic political spying and abridgment of First Amendment rights.

According to Waller, two “cultural revolutions” took place in the intel agencies after 9/11. The first, born of necessity under President George W. Bush, started by watching and listening to the public. The 9/11 attack was seen as the result of intelligence failure, justifying more aggressive intelligence gathering. The Patriot Act, the expanded Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), and the new Transportation Security Administration (TSA) made this possible. Financial transactions came under greater scrutiny to detect terrorist funding. Intel coordination was centralized under the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), Big Tech was drawn in to help, and the FBI was doubled and armed to paramilitary proportions.

Strangely, while Americans were subject to increasing scrutiny and inconvenience, Bush took pains to choose an anodyne name—Global War on Terror—for the fight against the jihadists and to insist that Islam was “good and peaceful” and that Arabs and Muslims should not be harassed.

All this paved the way for the second revolution under President Barack Obama. But he hailed from the “New Left,” which believed in the power of change through community organizing, indoctrination of the next generation, and working within the system, not in the guerrilla tactics favored by earlier radicals. A Critical Theory-based philosophy and “anti-imperialist” salience were adopted, new directives focused on “domestic violent extremism” (anything anti-left), and the pursuit of jihadists was halted.

The long march through the institutions began with the appointment of “soft-on-Russia” James Clapper as ODNI chief, the communist-voting John Brennan as CIA director, and communist and social justice warrior James Comey as FBI director. Clapper and Comey consolidated DEI by setting diversity goals for the FBI, purging study material on radical Islam, and requiring two diversity trainings annually for employees. Critical Theory became “mission critical” as the ODNI pressured all agencies, the military, and contractors to toe the line. The entire federal workforce became an instrument of social change. Dissent and political opposition were targeted.

For example, the FBI’s Crossfire Hurricane, a dirty-tricks campaign to thwart President Trump’s election and later cripple his administration, tried to discredit him using fake documents (the Steele dossier) suggesting he was in collusion with Russia. Similarly, the FBI, CIA, and ODNI worked with social media companies to lie that the Hunter Biden laptop, which would have prevented Biden’s victory, was Russian disinformation.

All the while, the real threats of Islamic extremism, the Muslim Brotherhood network, Antifa, and BLM were ignored. At one BLM protest, FBI agents knelt and clapped for the activists.

Under Biden, what Obama started continues with redoubled vigor. A false narrative about a “January 6 insurrection” discredits Trump and targets his supporters as domestic terrorists. Parents speaking up against pornographic material and drag queen hour in schools are sued or harassed by the FBI. In short, our intel agencies have been psychologically manipulated into becoming catalysts of a cultural change that rots America from within.

Big Intel is a dire warning. Waller says this Marxist subversion of intel might be worse than the damage wrought by the most destructive spy discovered in the FBI—Robert Hanssen, who died in prison last year. He ends the last chapter calling for a national discussion on the FBI. The remedy he suggests for the FBI might well apply to the CIA: “Take it apart, parcel out the useful functions, and close down the rest.”

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What Kamala Believes...

by Editors, *Wall Street Journal*

Democrats are rapidly unifying behind Kamala Harris as their party nominee, yet the Vice President remains relatively unknown to most Americans. That means it’s important to look at her record to see what she believes.

As VP she’s closely identified with the Biden agenda, for better or worse, and she embraced that record in remarks on Monday. She said President Biden’s first term has “surpassed the legacy” of most Presidents who have served two.

So mark her down as endorsing the spending blowout that caused inflation, the Green New Deal, entitlement expansions and student loan forgiveness. Until she says otherwise, we should also assume she’s in favor of Mr. Biden’s \$5 trillion tax increase in 2025.

The Vice President’s four years as a Senator from California are another window on her worldview. She sponsored a bill to create a \$6,000 guaranteed income for families making up to \$100,000. Another Harris proposal: A refundable tax credit that would effectively cap rents and utility payments at 30% of income. Liberal economists panned the subsidy because it would drive up rents.

She co-sponsored legislation with Bernie Sanders that would pay tuition at four-year public colleges for students from families making up to \$125,000. This is more honest than the Administration’s back-end student

loan cancellation. But it would cost \$700 billion over a decade and encourage colleges to increase tuition.

Another Bernie mind-meld: Single-payer healthcare. Ms. Harris co-sponsored his Medicare for All legislation paid for by higher income taxes. She tweaked Bernie’s plan when running for President in 2019 by extending the phase-in to 10 years from four and exempting households making less than \$100,000 from the “income-based premium.” But it would still put government in charge of all American healthcare over time.

As a San Francisco Democrat, Ms. Harris shares the state’s hostility to fossil fuels. She used her power as California Attorney General to launch an investigation into Exxon Mobil over its carbon emissions. In 2019 she endorsed a nationwide ban on oil and gas fracking, which would cost tens of thousands of jobs and cause power outages like those that often occur in her home state. Expect this to be a GOP talking point in Pennsylvania.

One question to ask is whether the Vice President wants to restructure the Supreme Court. She said in 2019 she was “open” to adding more Justices, but that idea doesn’t poll well. Does she agree with Mr. Biden’s mooted plan to endorse “reforms” to the High Court that would make the Justices subject to Congressional supervision?

Mr. Biden famously put Ms. Harris in charge of border policy, and we know how that has turned out. Rather than push for border policy changes, her first instinct was to blame the rush of migrants on “root causes” in developing countries, including corruption, violence, poverty, and “lack of climate adaptation and climate resilience.

Climate change makes the US border a sieve? Apparently so. “In Honduras, in the wake of hurricanes, we must deliver food, shelter, water, and sanitation to the people,” Ms. Harris declared. “And in Guatemala, as farmers endure continuous droughts, we must work with them to plant drought-resistant crops.” These “root causes” take decades to address, and in the meantime she had nothing to say about actual border security.

Ms. Harris’s foreign policy views aren’t well known, or perhaps even well formed, apart from promoting Mr. Biden’s policies. While she has backed the Administration’s military assistance to Ukraine, she has equivocated about support for Israel. In March she chastised Israel for not doing enough to ease a “humanitarian catastrophe.” Leaks to the press say officials at the National Security Council toned down her speech’s criticism of Israel.

She lambasted the Trump Administration for killing Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Gen. Qassem Soleimani, claiming it could lead to bigger war in the Mideast. The killing chastened Iran’s rulers instead, at

least until the Biden Administration began to ease sanctions and tried to repeat the 2015 nuclear deal.

It will be especially important for the press to ask Ms. Harris about her national security views. If her handlers control her as much as White House advisers have Mr. Biden, we'll know they're afraid that the Vice President might not be able to handle the scrutiny.

A fair conclusion from all of this is that Ms. Harris is a standard California progressive on most issues, often to the left of Mr. Biden. Perhaps as she reintroduces herself to the public in the coming weeks, she will modify some of those views. She would be wise to do so if she wants to win.

Given the rush by Democrats to anoint Ms. Harris as their nominee, the press has a particular obligation to tell the public about who she is and what she really thinks. Does she believe California is a model for the country?

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A Living Lion in DNC

by Alexander G. Markovsky

Following the announcement of the verdict, Donald Jay Trump labeled the New York trial as a “scam” and “a rigged trial,” and proclaimed, “I’m willing to do whatever I have to do to save our country and to save our Constitution.”

Given Trump’s tenacity and determination, he will likely win this round. He may even succeed and become President again, but he cannot alter the trajectory of this nation—the course has already been set.

The reality is that America did not defeat communism; she adopted it. As Alexander Solzhenitsyn astutely observed, “For us in Russia, communism is a dead dog, while for many people in the West, it is a living lion.” Expelled from Russia, this dead dog acquired a new life in the United States and regained vitality to become a living lion within the Democratic Party. The Party has gained almost absolute dominance over the media, electoral process, federal law enforcement, and the judicial branch, and it’s infused the educational system with Marxist ideology.

Trump is a symbol of resistance and instills an inordinate fear in Democrats who aspire to socialism. Their concern is not so much that he can reverse the trend but that he will potentially impede the process and slow it down. The Democrats have gotten very close to imposing complete control over this nation politically, economically, and ideologically. This is their moment; they want socialism now. The ideology gives the Democrats the necessary steadfastness and determination.

It also gives them the right to repress others.

The conviction of the former President of the United States and presumptive GOP nominee for the 2024 presidential elections in New York for trivial infractions, along with the ongoing legal proceedings in Florida, Washington, D.C., and Georgia, signifies a culmination of a profound ideological shift toward authoritarianism that has slowly been taking place in the last sixty years.

It is important to highlight that the Republican Party leadership, who is also feeling threatened by Trump’s presidency, has chosen to remain silent in the face of Democrats’ vicious prosecution of their presidential nominee.

Throughout history, tyrants have utilized the legal systems to further their agendas. Imprisoning and executing political opponents have long been employed to acquire or maintain power. In that sense, Trump’s trials are not unprecedented. Indeed, the trials, the prosecution witnesses, the evidence, the press coverage, the NY verdict, and the whole process are drawing parallels to Stalin’s repression of political opponents, albeit with two notable distinctions.

First, the American system is significantly more compassionate than Stalin’s. There are no broken bones, no electric shocks, and no forced tooth extractions.

Second, Stalin’s prosecutors tried to maintain the facade of dispensing justice. As the Soviet Procurator-General Roman Rudenko, who oversaw numerous trials and executions during Stalin’s reign of terror, used to say, “The most important thing during an investigation is to avoid self-incrimination.” The American counterparts to the Stalin-era prosecutors, on the other hand, display such a high level of confidence in their impunity that they openly disregard the need to uphold even the most minimal appearance of fairness and impartiality.

Our judicial system and law enforcement have become the instruments of violence aimed at intimidating the masses and suppressing dissent. In recent years, thousands of individuals who support Trump have been prosecuted and received lengthy prison terms, with over 1,400 tied to the January 6 protest.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, in his acceptance speech for the 1970 Nobel Prize in Literature, colorfully described the quintessential component of this new immoral order:

“But let us not forget that violence does not live alone and is not capable of living alone: it is necessarily interwoven with falsehood. Between them lies the most intimate, the deepest of natural bonds. Violence finds its only refuge in falsehood, falsehood its only support in violence.”

For the last twelve years, this nation has been bombarded with incessant lies, unsubstantiated

allegations, manufactured evidence, and political cover-ups.

We have been told that our president was a Russian agent who colluded with Vladimir Putin to alter the outcome of the 2016 elections. Accusations were equated with *prima facie* evidence; denials were interpreted as cover-ups. Some elected officials who couldn't even spell "impeachment" demanded one without any substantiation.

After the release of Robert Mueller's report, we learned that the accusations were bogus, the evidence was a forgery, the investigators were corrupt, and the whole affair was "a phantasm." Yet, nobody responsible for conducting politically motivated investigations and wasting millions of public funds faced legal consequences.

The current Trump trials are just the continuation of the same, though at a more elevated and cynical level.

Sixty years ago, in 1964, Ronald Reagan gave a speech on behalf of presidential candidate Barry Goldwater that would become known as "A Time for Choosing."

You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness.

Tragically, the children have diluted their liberty inheritance and become shamefully indifferent to good and evil. Indeed, Reagan's ardent warning is coming to fruition. A blanket of tyranny and fanaticism is covering America.

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Artificial Intelligence=Brain of Gates, Soros, Obama, The View! by Brian C. Joondeph

"Artificial intelligence (AI), in its broadest sense, is intelligence exhibited by machines, particularly computer systems."

This definition is from Wikipedia, which is the closest thing to an open source of information and "knowledge," a platform that is representative of AI's "brain."

AI is basically a big computer, wires, circuits, microprocessors, chips, and other man or robot-made

components. AI has no soul, the divine essence that makes humans distinct from animals. Humans process information through filters of morality, ethics, compassion, empathy, love, hate, fear, and myriad other emotions, only a few of which are shared by animals, and none within AI systems.

AI is a giant database, a collection of all information readily accessed on the internet. How much information is that?

BBC answers:

Estimates are that the big four (Google, Amazon, Microsoft, and Facebook) store at least 1,200 petabytes between them. That is 1.2 million terabytes (one terabyte is 1,000 gigabytes). And that figure excludes other big providers like Dropbox, Barracuda, and SugarSync, to say nothing of massive servers in industry and academia.

From a Reddit thread, "Google said there was approximately 175 zettabytes (1ZB=1 trillion GB) in 2022, and about 64 in 2020."

In other words, a lot. This is the basis of AI's knowledge. But remember the axiom of "garbage in, garbage out."

Most of this knowledge is human generated as AI is in its infancy. This means that there is a human soul behind much of this information. Given how much nonsense is on social media and the news, one can argue that soulless AI might be a big improvement over the current knowledge base.

But the problem is that AI is relying on such information to generate new information. This new AI produced info is now part of the future AI database, perpetuating bad information.

American universities are an example of this. Far left faculty, dominating most major colleges and universities, are the primary source of knowledge for students, who then enter the world or become academic faculty themselves, perpetuating and adding to the future knowledge base with a decidedly leftist world view.

This explains the illogical "queers for Palestine" and inexplicable gender confusion that passes for common sense on the quads of Cornell or Northwestern.

What happens when AI treats such drivel as "knowledge" which informs its decisions and "thinking"?

Scientific American summarizes this issue:

And training data sets for these models include more than books. In the rush to build and train ever-larger AI models, developers have swept up much

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of the searchable Internet. This not only has the potential to violate copyrights but also threatens the privacy of the billions of people who share information online. It also means that supposedly neutral models could be trained on biased data.

Biased data? Like most output from corporate media, academia, Hollywood, and the government administrative state?

Copyright and fraud are separate problems, from college essays to research papers. Am I as a writer even needed when some GPT can write opinion pieces, as I pondered last year?

How much “knowledge” will AI models glean from *American Thinker* versus from CNN, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and the like? How much will AI’s thinking be biased as a result?

One example is Google’s recent foray into AI via Gemini giving us a taste of the AI algorithm “garbage in, garbage out.”

From AI Jazeera:

America’s founding fathers depicted as Black women and Ancient Greek warriors as Asian women and men—this was the world reimaged by Google’s generative AI tool, Gemini, in late February.

In an effort to be woke, Gemini created images of people who historically were white, converting them to Asian, black, Indian, or any other, in Google’s opinion, marginalized people of color.

I doubt that any writer for *American Thinker* or *The Federalist* would think like Gemini, but many corporate news anchors and writers would.

This isn’t intelligence, artificial or otherwise. It’s magical thinking.

AI has promise, but also significant pitfalls. As Pope Francis acknowledges:

The question of artificial intelligence, however, is often perceived as ambiguous: on the one hand, it generates excitement for the possibilities it offers, while on the other, it gives rise to fear for the consequences it foreshadows.

Apple has jumped into the fray adding AI to its soon to be released operating system. Elon Musk has taken notice, issuing a warning against ChatGPT. I am paraphrasing his words,

The concern he has, is that AI is not maximally truth seeking, instead pandering to political correctness. An example from Google Gemini, when asked which is worse, global thermonuclear war or misgendering Caitlyn Jenner, Gemini answered misgendering Jenner. Jenner firmly disagreed with Gemini as to which was worse.

If the AI has been trained on political correctness making crazy statements like that, it’s extremely dangerous. AI could conclude that the best way to avoid misgendering is to destroy all humans. The

safest thing for AI is to be maximally truth seeking and to be curious.

AI has been trained to lie and it is extremely dangerous to train super intelligence to be deceptive.

What are some of the dangerous thoughts out there that will guide AI’s “thinking” and decision-making?

Quora asks, “Should we illegalize global warming denial and put the deniers to prison?”

Bill Nye, the anti-science guy is “Open to jail time for climate change skeptics.”

A Democrat Congressional candidate, “Paula Collins proposes ‘re-education camp’ for Trump supporters.”

Boston University asks, “Are Trump Republicans Fascists?”

Question vaccines? “Brazil moves to imprison anti-vaxxers.”

Challenge election results and, “A net of justice is tightening around 2020 election deniers and may be closing in on Trump.”

These are some of many news and opinion articles calling for the death or imprisonment of anyone opposing the administrative ruling class. Far-fetched? Ask Donald Trump, Peter Navarro, Steve Bannon, or those strolling the Capitol grounds on January 6.

From global warming, vaccines, and public health narratives to immigration and foreign wars. Republicans and Trump supporters are Nazis, fascists, white supremacists, and racists. And in the minds of many of the left, deserve to die. What if AI “learns” this mindset and makes it happen?

We fought wars against these evil groups, willing to exterminate them as we did in WWII Germany and Japan. What if AI takes the same approach, taking it on itself to rid the world of undesirables, regardless of how they are defined, based on historical precedent in our collective knowledge base, the new brain of AI?

Much like Hal, the AI computer in the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey, what if AI decides to challenge and kill humans based on its logic and intelligence “thinking.” “This mission is too important for me to allow you to jeopardize it.”

When today’s AI gets its knowledge from the internet library of climate change, diversity, equity, inclusion, transgenderism, follow-the-science, along with all the pejoratives against anyone questioning these religious tenants of left, why wouldn’t AI save humanity by cleaning house, removing these oppositional miscreants?

If AI’s “brain” is the views of The Squad, Robert DeNiro, The View, Bill Gates, George Soros, Barack Obama, and the like, enacting their fantasies is the logical next step.

After all, “The mission is too important to allow you to jeopardize it.” What happens to humanity when AI decides to clean house?

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