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Merry Christmas: One of the best times of the year...but let's not forget... Jesus is the reason for the season!

Resist: Seriously, how about results. The Democrats in Congress just want to play politics. They "resist" President Trump and his allies at every step. I may have preferred we "play" the game in DC differently, but it's hard to argue with results. President Trump is succeeding and his opponents are furious.

America is on a comeback, and like it or not, much of the credit has to go to President Trump for his leadership, style and willingness to fight back.

Thank you Mr. President...and Merry Christmas!

-Saul Anuzis

### Macron's Defeat in Paris Sounds Alarm for Europe

Less than a month ago, French President Emmanuel Macron staked his claim as the flag-bearer for globalism. In a speech to 60 world leaders at the Arc de Triomphe, he eulogized the United Nations and declared nationalism the "betrayal" of patriotism.

Last Saturday, tear gas and cobblestones flew in the same part of Paris as protesters trashed the iconic monument and demanded Macron's embattled government withdraw a proposed fuel-tax increase. For the first time in his presidency, he backed down. It was a humbling moment for opponents of the populist revolts that spawned Donald Trump.

Europe has seen many a critical juncture in recent years, from the Greek debt crisis to the anti-immigrant backlash against refugees and Britain's Brexit vote. Rarely, though, have so many political vultures been circling around one leader with so much at stake for the world order.

## Republicans don't need their own version of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. They have Dan Crenshaw

At first glance, Rep-elect Dan Crenshaw looks and sounds a bit like many of the Republicans who make up the Congressional Veterans Caucus. He did three tours overseas. He talks first principles. He comes from Texas. What makes him different, though, is his attitude and his talent for mixing it up instead of regurgitating talking points.

If the Right keeps betting on young guns in rolled-up sleeves, it loses the future. Lucky for Republicans, Crenshaw doesn't talk supply-side economics in front of whiteboards. He shoots from the hip on "Face the Nation" and does pretty well. He roasts comedians on "Saturday Night Live," an ability developed among enlisted troops in Iraq instead of donors at cocktail parties. He just gets it. He is real, not manufactured. And Crenshaw isn't a one-to-one match for Ocasio-Cortez. He is significantly better.

The bartender-turned-politician has a martyr complex fed by an indulgent and sympathetic media. She has talent but whines as often as she says nonsensical things about the benefits of her discredited ideology. The soldier-turned-legislator, in contrast, actually understands what he talks about. And Crenshaw has a smart strategy when personally attacked, as one commentator summed up nicely: "engage, don't rage."

Crenshaw doesn't enjoy the fawning media attention Ocasio-Cortez receives. He will have to scrape out an audience one viral moment at a time. But he can do it, and Republicans should help him. Crenshaw is the best thing they have to offer anyone under 40.

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## Mueller's Got Nothing. His probe has yet to uncover evidence of actual criminal acts by the president.

The revelations of the last few days are, though disguised, the crash in ignominy of the Robert Mueller putsch. But they are far from the end of the story. While the sire of the Mueller hit-squad assault, former FBI director James Comey, declared 245 times at last Friday's House Judiciary Committee hearing that he did not recall events that occurred in the last several

years, the president's official enemies confessed that the best they could do to show collusion between Russia and the Trump presidential campaign was that lawyer Michael Cohen, who had almost nothing to do with the campaign, had received a message in 2015 from someone promising "synergy" between Russia and a Trump presidency. Cohen did not respond to the message. There is no evidence of such collusion, as chief FBI bloodhound Peter Strzok acknowledged to his intimate colleague Lisa Page in 2016, and collusion is not a statutory offense anyway, unless it is for an illegal purpose. Despite 29 months of mighty investigative effort, not a shred of evidence of such wrongful collusion has been adduced.

Collusion to rig the presidential election was cited by Hillary Clinton, along with being "shivved three times by Jim Comey," as the reasons for her election loss, in her post-electoral memoir, *What Happened*. The first didn't occur, and of the three administrations of the shiv, two were dubious exonerations about which the former FBI director now, under oath, has suffered a merciless attack of amnesia. An optimist could at least celebrate the end of this malignant idiocy of impeaching Trump for collusion with Russia, but there is something about the Trump phenomenon that is only now becoming clear: His support is irreducible and his enemies are inexhaustible, so, in the worst imaginable application of the tired phrase, the show must go on. His enemies hate him so fanatically, they cannot accept the absence of evidence against him.

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## Roger Stone associate Jerome Corsi sues Mueller, Justice, CIA, FBI, NSA for \$350 million

The conservative writer and conspiracy theorist Jerome Corsi filed a lawsuit on Sunday accusing special counsel Robert Mueller of blackmailing him to lie about President Donald Trump in the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

The suit, which seeks \$350 million in actual and punitive damages in U.S. District Court in Washington, was filed six days after Corsi entered a formal complaint with the Justice Department alleging prosecutorial misconduct by Mueller.

Corsi, 72, the former Washington bureau chief of the conspiracy website InfoWars, accuses Mueller's office of having illegally leaked secret information from the grand jury investigating Russian election interference.

The suit also accuses the special counsel's office of

having threatened him with prison unless he agreed to testify falsely that he served as a liaison between WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and the Republican political strategist Roger Stone, who was an adviser to Trump's presidential campaign.

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## Reps. Jim Jordan and Mark Meadows: Build the wall -- do what we said we'd do

We make the job of serving in Congress way too complicated. It's pretty basic. What did we tell the voters we were going to do when they elected us to represent them? That's what we should do.

Voters elected President Trump to shake up Washington. In his first two years, the president has kept his promises. Now it is Congress's turn. We have three weeks to help him deliver on his biggest promise: securing the border and building the wall.

The situation at the southern border is critical. The recent caravan was only the first of many. They're coming because they have a reason.

A series of loopholes in our immigration laws have led to a policy called "catch and release." When illegal aliens are caught at the border, these loopholes often allow them to enter our nation to wait for an immigration hearing. Sometimes these hearings are years in the future. All too frequently, they don't even show up...

...Democrats do not want to bring attention to their extremist positions on immigration. They are for open borders and abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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## Judge: Clinton's private emails are 'one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency'

A federal judge Thursday called former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server for government business "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

Judge Royce Lamberth blasted the Justice and State Departments for responses to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit dating back to 2014 for Clinton's Benghazi-related emails.

"At best, State's efforts to pass off its deficient search as legally adequate during settlement negotiations was negligence born out of incompetence," Lamberth wrote. "At worst, career employees at the State and Justice Departments colluded to scuttle public scrutiny of Clinton, skirt FOIA, and hoodwink this court."

In a 10-page opinion, Lamberth ordered the government and Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog group which brought the lawsuit, to come up with a discovery plan in 10 days.

Lamberth said the plan should examine if Clinton used a private email "to evade FOIA," if the State Department attempted to settle the case "despite knowing the inadequacies of the initial search constituted bad faith," and if State's searches for relevant records "have been adequate."

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## Why Poor People in the Freest Nations Have Incomes 8x Higher Than Poor People in the Least Free

Everyone interested in classical liberalism is familiar with the left-wing narrative that free markets undermine democracy and make the poor poorer. Those who perpetuate these fallacies often describe free market advocates as defenders of the greedy rich while painting socialists as heroes for the common good who bravely dare to challenge the interests of big corporations and protect the impoverished. That is a nice story. A dangerously inaccurate one. One that can be easily undone by reading facts instead of fiction.

Examine how economic freedom affects the income of the poor. According to the 2018 Economic Freedom of the World Report by the Fraser Institute, the income share earned by the poorest 10 percent of the population is mostly unaffected by the degree of economic freedom worldwide. However, the actual income earned by the poorest 10 percent in the most economically free countries is an astonishing eight times greater compared to the income earned by those living in the least economically free countries. What this means is that in countries with lower taxes, fewer regulations, and a strong rule of law, the poor are actually much wealthier...

...Socialists are wrong. Their narrative is wrong. Reality is much different. Not only do free markets make people wealthier, but they also lead to many more political rights and civil liberties. The burden of proof is now on the other side—those who want to restrict liberty and resort to violence—to prove their righteousness. Those who wish to make their own economic decisions on how to spend their salary should not have to first beg permission from the government. Instead of facts, all we see from collectivists are lies and immoral correlations between the free market and fascists regimes based on unsubstantiated feelings.

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## A Most Unpredictable Road to the 2020 Democratic Nomination

Not a day goes by when I don't get asked who I think the Democratic nominee will be in 2020. My answer of "I don't have any idea," is not always satisfying. But, it's the only honest answer. There are simply too many unpredictable factors involved in the nomination process this time around to feel confident about any predictions this far out from the nomination. Here are five of those unpredictable factors:

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