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Mueller & Rosenstein Indictments: No collusion and even worse, NO hacking! No arrests, no American co-conspirators, no seizure of property or servers? This crack Special Counsel indicted 12 Russians for "meddling" in the elections...12 Russians who will never be extradited or jailed. The DNC servers/computers were NOT hacked, staff got sucked into email scams that exposed their accounts. When Mueller's team and the FBI asked to investigate the DNC's servers, they refused. So there is NO proof of any hacking, just an email phishing scam.

P.S. all of this occurred during the Obama Administration's "leadership". Not to mention Clinton's email scandal. Where was the "enforcement" or "concern" then??? Obama's order "stand down". Hypocrites!

Think about it, Hillary Clinton illegally deleted 30,000 emails and obstructed justice... and nothing!?!

Why are the Europeans, Liberals and Mainstream Media Upset?: President Trump went to the NATO Summit representing the American TAXPAYERS. His great "sin" was to demand that Europe pay its fair share, 2% of GDP in defense spending, versus having the United States carry that burden on it's TAXPAYER's backs. That's it. If you listen to the liberal pundits and mainstream media you would think President Trump created chaos in the "New World Order".

In 2014, only three allies—the United States, the United Kingdom and Greece—met the 2% target. This year, its expected that number to rise to eight, adding Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania. Furthermore, a majority of allies have plans to meet their 2% commitments by 2024.

Stand strong Mr. President...taxpayers appreciate your leadership!

The Democrats "new" Socialist Pltch: Economist Thomas Sowell said it very well "There is much discussion of the haves and have-nots, but very little discussion of the doers and the do-nots, those who contribute and those who merely take." He wasn't referring to those who need our help and can't fend for themselves, rather those who prefer to rob Peter in order to Paul and his allies.

Are you Better Off Today?: The House Republicans have put together some great information to share with your friends, family and neighbor in answering the

rhetorical question of are you better off today under Republican leadership than 2 years ago? The answer and results are impressive...check it out.

<https://www.betteroffnow.gop/>

-Saul Anuzis

### Ignore the spin — still no evidence of Trump collusion

"They caught the witches." Those were the celebratory words of John Podesta, chairman of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, in response to the indictment Friday of 12 Russian military intelligence officers for hacking efforts linked to the 2016 election. Only hours before, President Donald Trump repeated his favorite mantra, calling the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller a "rigged witch hunt."

Trump always has been wrong about the Mueller investigation, which many supported after he fired then-FBI Director James Comey. As this investigation once again proves, there be witches in those woods. The question, however, is the type of witches we were hunting.

The problem with hunting witches is that you can quickly forget what sent you on the hunt, or gradually view most everyone as a witch. In Salem, Mass., in 1763, Mary Easty was convicted by deranged girls yelling "O Goody Easty, O Goody Easty, you are the woman." That was it. Witch.

The problem in the Russian investigation is that we have plenty of crimes but not necessarily plenty of colluders.

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### Trump isn't attacking NATO. He's strengthening it.

As President Trump put Germany and other allies on notice for the harm they are doing to NATO with their failure to spend adequately on our common defense, Democrats in Washington came to Germany's defense. "President Trump's brazen insults and denigration of one of America's most steadfast allies, Germany, is an embarrassment," Senate Minority

Leader Charles E. Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said in a joint statement.

Sorry, Trump is right. The real embarrassment is that Germany, one of the wealthiest countries in Europe, spends just 1.24 percent of its gross domestic product on defense — in the bottom half of NATO allies. (The U.S. spends 3.5 percent of GDP on its military.) A study by McKinsey & Co. notes that about 60 percent of Germany's Eurofighter and Tornado fighter jets and about 80 percent of its Sea Lynx helicopters are unusable. According to Deutsche Welle, a German parliamentary investigation found that "at the end of 2017, no submarines and none of the air force's 14 large transport planes were available for deployment due to repairs," and "a Defense Ministry paper revealed German soldiers did not have enough protective vests, winter clothing or tents to adequately take part in a major NATO mission." Not enough tents?

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## Trump Fires at NATO: US Taxpayers Paying Too Much, Other Countries Not Paying Enough

In a departure from the diplomatic tone that has generally marked the beginning of previous NATO summits, U.S. President Donald Trump kicked off this week's meeting in Brussels, Germany, with an airing of grievances in front of journalists' cameras.

Trump expressed particular criticism of the host nation and its leader, Chancellor Angela Merkel, at the beginning of the two-day summit on Wednesday.

He spoke to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg during a preliminary group meeting, blasting Germany's plan to increase the amount of gas it receives from Russia, as reported by Fox News.

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## Trump asks NATO nations to DOUBLE their defense spending to 4 percent after lambasting them for failing to live up to a 2024 goal of 2 percent GDP

- Donald Trump raised expectations for NATO member nations even higher on Wednesday in Brussels, asking them to double their defense spending
- Asked them to raise it to 4 percent of their varying GDPs from 2 percent
- Only eight nations, including the U.S., were on track to hit 2 percent in 2018
- NATO nations made a commitment in 2014 to reach 2 percent spending by 2024
- It's just a guideline, though, and the U.S. has no way of enforcing the pledge
- Trump's big ask in Brussels was revealed to press by the Bulgarian president

President Donald Trump raised expectations for NATO member nations even higher on Wednesday in Brussels, asking them to double their defense spending to 4 percent of their varying GDPs.

His demand was revealed to press by the president of Bulgaria.

Trump's White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders then confirmed the ask to reporters, claiming that it was not a new position for the U.S. president.

Just last week, Defense Secretary James Mattis wrote to the U.K. government, which meets the 2 percent watermark, and asked it to raise its contribution closer to the United States' financial sacrifice.

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## Ryan threatens ex-FBI lawyer Lisa Page with contempt of Congress

Speaker Paul Ryan said Wednesday he is willing to hold former FBI attorney Lisa Page in contempt of Congress if she continues defying a congressional subpoena to answer questions about anti-Donald Trump text message exchanges.

"I am very disturbed by this," Ryan told reporters at a news conference. "Congressional subpoenas for testimony are not optional. ... She was a part of a mess that they have uncovered over at DOJ. She has an obligation to come testify."

Ryan later added: "If she wants to come plead the Fifth, that's her choice. But a subpoena to testify before Congress is not optional. It's mandatory. She needs to comply."

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## RNC fights blue wave by already contacting 20 million voters

Heading into the summer with a major cash advantage over the Democrats, the Republican National Committee says its efforts to contact voters ahead of the November midterms are on pace to match, and in some categories have already surpassed, the 2016 presidential election.

The RNC told NBC News it has already made 20 million traditional voter contacts by phone or door knocking this election cycle, a large number for a nonpresidential election year.

That's just part of the total 487 million contacts it says it has already made this cycle, including emails opened (250 million), calls made for data gathering purposes (183 million), digital petitions or surveys completed (19 million), direct mail sent (9.6 million), and get-out-the-vote calls made (5.6 million).

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## The top 15 Democratic presidential candidates for 2020, ranked

We're now just four months, practically speaking, from the effective launch of the 2020 Democratic presidential primary season. As soon as the 2018 midterm election is in the books — win or lose — you'll probably see a handful of the dozens of prospective candidates making moves or even launching campaigns to challenge President Trump.

So as we do every quarter, we're updating you on what the candidates have been up to and where they stand in our updated (and highly scientific) rankings.

Below is the latest installment of our top 15 contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020. To see the last one, [click here](#).

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## FBI Bias - Powerful MUST see video

The most powerful, straightforward and blistering commentary by Congressman Gowdy on FBI bias. A must watch and share video!!!

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## Peter Strzok is absolutely shameless

FBI agent Peter Strzok was full of indignant outrage Thursday as he testified before Congress, and all sides reacted accordingly.

Heck, The New York Times didn't even wait for him to say Word One before posting a story

headlined, "FBI Agent at Center of Russia Probe Turns Tables on GOP."

But then, the Times knew Strzok planned to say that the mere fact of his being questioned is a "victory notch in Putin's belt."

This, from a guy who's been slammed by the Justice Department inspector general for his highly unprofessional conduct while serving on the investigations of Hillary Clinton and the Trump campaign.

His worst breach of ethics was to conduct an affair with another member of the team. That relationship couldn't help but compromise his judgment, and hers.

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## Sorry Bernie Bros But Nordic Countries Are Not Socialist

As the American left embraces a platform that continues to look more and more like a socialist's dream, it is common for those on the right to counter with the example of Venezuela as the nightmare of socialism in reality. A common response from the left is that socialism (or democratic socialism) works just fine in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. It is certainly true that Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark are notable economic successes. What is false is that these countries are particularly socialist.

The myth of Nordic socialism is partially created by a confusion between socialism, meaning government exerting control or ownership of businesses, and the welfare state in the form of government-provided social safety net programs. However, the left's embrace of socialism is not merely a case of redefining a word. Simply look at the long-running affinity of leftists with socialist dictators in Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela for proof many on the left long for real socialism.

To the extent that the left wants to point to an example of successful socialism, not just generous welfare states, the Nordic countries are actually a poor case to cite. Regardless of the

perception, in reality the Nordic countries practice mostly free market economics paired with high taxes exchanged for generous government entitlement programs.

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