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Good Morning, Patriots!

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Voter nullification

The Deep State elite in Washington, DC conspire to remove a sitting president. His crime? None.

They simply don't want *him* to change the status quo, as he *promised* he would do -- what voters *elected* him to do.

Establishment types don't like the arrangement, democratic process or not. Trump has to go.

The elite say he's illegitimate, without proof. It's apparent that facts and elections don't matter.

Right to choose

"You players in the NFL can go ahead and try to continue stealing the stage of the NFL if you want. You can take the example of Kaepernick and you can try to get some news coverage, you can draw attention to yourself. But you run the risk of obliterating the stage on which you perform that earns you your living and gives you the opportunity to succeed beyond your wildest dreams. The National Football League is on TV. It can easily be turned off. The National Football League is sponsored by beer and cars and soft drinks that can easily be not purchased. It's not that hard."

~ Rush Limbaugh

Many NFL fans are turning off the set. Colin Kaepernick is unemployed; the NFL must choose: an ideologue or their market.

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200 days of Trump

A recent cover of *Newsweek* magazine brought "Fake News" to new heights (or depths, depending on perspective) when it pictured President Trump slouched back in an easy chair recliner, with chips and a soft drink, clutching a TV remote. The words, "Lazy Boy" are emblazoned on the chair.

As with other anti-Trump slander, the picture and message *Newsweek* intended could not be further from the truth. Of course, truth wasn't the purpose of this magazine cover. Another sleazy character assassination of a sitting president? Yes.

An accomplished businessman, a builder and a doer with high expectations who expects a job well done, the president's attitude and character is far from those portrayed in this propaganda.

Consider what this president has accomplished in the 200 short days he's been in office, with only moderate help from a do-nothing Congress...

* Illegal border crossings down 64%; arrests at the border down 53% from 2016.

* Arrests of criminal illegal aliens in the country is up 40%, nearly 400 per day; more difficult in sanctuary cities.

* Support for the RAISE Act in the Senate, sponsored by Senators Tom Cotton (R-AR) and David Perdue (R-GA), which would cut yearly legal immigration numbers in half, along with other common sense controls based on merit.

* Dramatic reduction of crushing regulations; 860 regulations rescinded, suspended or delayed.

* Moving forward on applications for oil and natural gas drilling with solid gains in U.S. oil production.

* Keystone XL pipeline and Dakota pipeline approved for completion.

* First new coal mine in decades opened in Pennsylvania; coal miners going back to work in West Virginia.

* 30% of territory captured by the Islamic State has been reclaimed in six months.

* Signed law easing the rules for firing wayward employees at the VA; their system cleaned up so medical records can now be shared between facilities.

* Aggressive plans to rebuild U.S. Military

* Pressured NATO countries to step up and pay their share of NATO expenses.

* Appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States.

* Toyota and Mazda jointly building a \$1.6 billion assembly plant in the U.S.

* FoxConn spending \$10 billion on a manufacturing facility in Wisconsin.

* Pulled the U.S. out of the lopsided Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement (TPP). Negotiations for new trade agreements will now be done to benefit the U.S.

* U.S. withdrawn from the Paris Climate Accord, saving Americans billions of dollars and tens of thousands of jobs.

* Consumer confidence at a 16-year high.

* Market gains of over \$4 trillion.

* Food stamp use down by over 4 million.

And I am certain I've missed at least another dozen gains and achievements...

James Freeman of the *Wall Street Journal* noticed a new survey conducted by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, which gauged new hiring at the country's small businesses. It found that hiring had hit a 19-year high, as "U.S. small businesses added more workers in July and plan to ramp up hiring in coming months."

You won't find this discovery or any of the achievements listed above in leftist media coverage of the Trump administration, nor any credit given *him*. Even if the gains are acknowledged it would be in a negative, derogatory manner.

Although the achievements are strong, Progressives don't like *progress*...

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Reversing the tide

A statement made in 2015 by Dr. Everett Piper, president of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, bears repeating in the present-day college “snowflake” culture:

“Our culture has actually taught our kids to be this self-absorbed and narcissistic. Any time their feelings are hurt, they are the victims. Oklahoma Wesleyan is not a ‘safe place,’ but rather, a place to learn: to learn that life isn’t about you, but about others...

“This is a place where you will quickly learn that you need to grow up. This is not a day care. This is a university.”

Here was a place, beside Hillsdale College and Grove City College (neither of which accept federal funding and are therefore free to actually t-e-a-c-h), where students would be taught the realities of life and what to expect as they navigate a harsh world, post-graduation, as *adults*. They would be instructed in reaching maturity, knowledgeable of the world that *exists*, not coddled in a day care bubble.

However, we are living with the results of decades of educational indoctrination at all grade levels; instruction that teaches there are no absolute truths; things one can depend on that are always right or always wrong. The guardrails for impressionable youngsters have been removed but there’s always a safety net to catch you. Do-overs, micro-aggressions, and “safe spaces.”

A rigid intolerance of free thought has been imposed through strict speech codes and a rejection of any ideas foreign to the “accepted ideology.”

But there’s new evidence the tide can be reversed. I was encouraged, reading the commencement address delivered to the first graduating class of Founders Classical Academy, a classical K-12 charter school which operates under the auspices of the Hillsdale College Barney Charter School Initiative, in Leander, Texas.

Hillsdale Trustee and Vice Chairman Pat Sajak’s address to the graduates warned them of identity politics and other pitfalls within most college education. I’m certain the chances of becoming new “snowflakes” has been greatly reduced, thanks to Pat Sajak.



Trouble with leaders who won't lead

Ditch Mitch?

The anger felt across the Republican Party voter base at failures of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is serious and growing. Although there are many Republican adherents to the “slow Trump down” scheme, including Never Trumpers in Senate ranks, McConnell IS the Majority Leader and is expected to *act* that way. When three Republican senators kill an initiative by acting like Democrats, there are things the Leader can do; possibly painful for the turncoats, but effective. Mitch didn’t.

In a recent press session, Mitch described his take on the situation: “Our president has never been in this line of work before...” (No, he was in a line of work that actually *accomplished* things.) He called President Trump’s concerns at the lack of speed in moving legislation through Congress, “*excessive expectations*.” He used this description in response to questions concerning Trump’s desire to repeal Obamacare “as soon as possible.” McConnell seemed to infer that he does not recognize “as soon as possible” on the scale of the U.S. Senate speedometer.

McConnell added that the president set unreasonable timelines considering “legislative procedures,” emphasizing how long the Senate takes to “deliberate.” But the president *didn’t* set the timelines – Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan did. McConnell and Ryan told the president *what* they could do and *when* they could get it done. On December 16, 2016 the Senate Majority Leader promised the incoming president that “We’ll start legislation to repeal Obamacare on Day One.” Mitch created the president-elect’s expectations of “Day One.”

Mitch already had the legislation; the repeal bill that passed *both* houses of Congress in 2015, the last of several iterations that Obama refused to sign, was sitting there collecting dust. So what happened? Mitch had to confer with Democrat leaders and dozens of K Street lobbyists in the insurance industry first. It seems like he was waiting for their input on the Obamacare replacement, or whether to repeal it at all, for the entire seven years.

How can you *lead* your team to victory when you’re not playing to win?

And it appears that McConnell has had difficulties keeping promises before...

Mitch has promised to defund Planned Parenthood, prominently and publicly, but the taxpayer gift of \$500,000 per year stays.

Stating repeatedly since 2015 that he would defund/defeat the Barack Obama illegal executive amnesty for 5,000+ illegal aliens (never once calling out Obama for giving 100,000 “green cards” to illegals, illegally, printed by former Kentucky Congressman Ed Whitfield’s lobbyist wife’s company), Mitch backed off.

Speaking out against Barack Obama’s *illegal* DACA program (amnesty for “Dreamers”), he refused to kill it.

Despite ranting over the years against out-of-control spending, he lifts no fingers to cut federal programs, opposing every conservative measure to cut spending. He’s definitely not familiar with scissors.

For years, Mitch has proclaimed he would repeal Obamacare, ripping it out “root and branch.” Apparently, he does not know what that shrub looks like, or how to uproot it if he does. His efforts in this matter have been weak indeed.

This 30+-year denizen of the U.S. Senate has picked up the moniker, “King of the Swamp.” That’s very apropos, concerning his dedication to survival of that swamp.

Mitch may covet the title of King of the K State (Kentucky). In reality, he has long been the King of *K Street*. There, apparently, is where his loyalties lie. It seems he’s more interested in what he delivers to his donors than his constituents.

It seems that “excessive expectations” has been the experience of the Kentucky voters who have kept McConnell in office. How great the dismay of those duped souls who actually believed the words and promises of Senator Mitch McConnell.

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