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Memorial Day

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things that sustain us. **Memorial Day** is a day when we pause to give thanks to God for the people who died to sustain our *nation*.

Today, remember the words in President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address... "that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

That government is today being tested. Not on the field of battle as in Lincoln's day, but in a battle none the less. A battle is underway to defeat an ideology that threatens the very survival of our country... from within.

Let us honor those who died to preserve our nation, as founded, and let us not fail them.

Arrested development

It appears that liberal parents are fine with their children not growing up, extending adolescence far beyond the start of adulthood. Nearly seventy-five percent of those parents admit that they contribute to pay the expenses of their adult children.

Adding up all those Millennials who still live under a parent's roof, it seems that dependency isn't innate... it's taught.

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Criminal aliens are a growing threat to public safety

Animals

According to research done by the organization National Gang Intelligence, MS-13 is a violent, transnational criminal organization, originating in El Salvador but spreading rapidly across the U.S. in the last fifteen years and tied to drug cartels. It's estimated that there are now over 30.000 members world-wide; at least 10,000 in the U.S. Their motto, "Kill, Rape, Control," is exercised religiously. MS-13 activities have been recorded in at least 40 states and the District of Columbia and usually involve rape, torture, or murder. MS-13 savages are known for their preferred weapon, the machete, their victims' heads severed and their bodies quartered, or worse.

but many are immigrant Salvadorans. They assign no value to human life and many "chapters" require prospective members to kill first; acceptance into the organization comes after the murder is confirmed. "Bloodthirsty barbarians" has been said to be an apt description, as have colorful profanities. Those who have seen the human carnage done by MS-13 would have to search for a description severe enough.

Since TPS (Temporary Protected Status) was instituted years ago, 200,000 Salvadorans were given TPS status to remain here in the U.S. – temporarily. Among them were dozens of MS-13 members, arriving with the refugees, after their nation was decimated by earthquakes in 2001. Their numbers have grown exponentially through recruitment. The damage to their nation has been repaired, so it's time for them to return: the "temporary" status to end. But Democrats don't think so. The Salvadorans can be future Democrat voters. In the Democrat rule book, nothing is so permanent as that which is temporary, including MS-13 savages. To the Left, all's fair in identity politics and gang warfare.

Sadly, the MS-13 trail of blood doesn't translate for Democrats and their U.S. Prav-

da media. No sooner had President Trump's comments describing MS-13 as "animals" left his lips than the press propaganda wheels churned out vitriol... the Left defending the MS-13 gang members and blasting President Trump for his insensitivity in misnaming the savages.

On May 16 the *Huffington Post* blurted: "Trump Refers to Immigrants as 'Animals.' Again." A *New York Times* headline on May 17 read: "Trump Rants on Unauthorized Migrants: 'These Aren't People, These Are Animals.'" The New York *Daily News* headline shouted: "Trump Hurls Pure Hate at Immigrants."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) chimed in, tweeting: "When all of our great-grandparents came to America they weren't 'animals,' and these people weren't either." (It's really sad that some senators can't master *distinction...*)

The show "New Day" on CNN sunk even lower: "A very slippery slope when you start dehumanizing people this way. It's what the Nazis did. It's what slave owners did. It's not what Americans do." How can one even dignify *those* comments?

"Andrea Mitchell Reports" on MSNBC noted that, "President Trump, dashing out during an immigration roundtable at the White House... stirring controversy over his harsh rhetoric toward immigrants, branding them animals during the discussion with state and local leaders on so-called sanctuary laws..." Yes, immigrants equal animals, at least in the press translation.

Trump's label of MS-13 members as *animals* turned out to be apropos last week, when an MS-13 savage was sentenced to 40 years for murder. And the criminal alien's nickname? *Animal*.



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Members of the Greatest Generation fought valiantly in World War II and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. How many will be remembered this Memorial Day by our young, as they are "processed" by our government school system?

A recent letter I received from General P. X. Kelley, former Commandant of the Marine Corps under President Reagan, expressed his worry that, "Most young Americans have been raised with virtually no understanding of the sacrifices that were made by the millions of heroes who fought during World War II."

General Kelley gave reasons for his deep concern. He mentioned a recent study of American high school students, where only one in four could name Great Britain as our ally in WWII. The same study found that one in seven thought that the United States of America started WWII when it dropped an atomic bomb on Japan!

Our children are intentionally being kept ignorant of American history by a "number of historians, writers, teachers, politicians, journalists and community organizers who ignore or distort the heroic achievement of 'our boys' in WWII," said General Kelley. He named some academic culprits:

"The American Journey, one of the nation's most popular high school history textbooks, devotes an entire page to Elvis Presley and two pages to the poet Maya Angelou – but only gives General Patton and Admiral Nimitz one line each.

"A People's History of the United States, which has sold more copies than any other history textbook in America, declares that the only reason the U.S. fought in World War II was to 'expand its empire.'

"The organization that creates the lesson plans for 'Advanced Placement' high school history courses in all 50 states recently released its revised curriculum," which, in 155 pages, "didn't mention Dwight D. Eisenhower once, and devoted less than a page to explaining World War II."

We are losing hundreds of WWII veterans each day as those heroes pass into eternity. Sadly, the values and principles they fought and died for are now completely foreign to most of our young.



Doing their best to push us over the edge...

Progressive mischief

Using another progressive failure

Bryan Sharpe, a conservative comedian, used Starbucks' latest sensitivity crisis to get free coffee as "reparation" for supposed racial injustice committed toward two black men arrested in a Philadelphia Starbucks coffee shop. Mr. Sharpe happens to be black so he figured he would capitalize on Starbucks' misfortune for employing young, clueless leftists as baristas.

In *one* store, two men were asked to leave because they hadn't bought any product. They were waiting to meet someone and one of the two had asked to use the restroom. Store policy was that restrooms were for the use of paying customers only. They objected, the police were called, they were ejected from the store, and cries of "racism" poured forth. The purchase of one cup of java would have avoided the issue.

As a result, Starbucks plans to close its 8,000 stores for a half-day tomorrow, May 29, for "unconscious bias" training.

One employee in one store made a decision based on that store's policy and every Starbucks employee at 8,000 stores is subject to sensitivity (attitude adjustment) training... because it's the politically correct, collectivist thing to do.

Would this isolated incident have made the national news if the two men had been of European or Asian descent? It's doubtful.

Now Starbucks has a new corporationwide policy: Use the restrooms, even if you have not purchased product, and stay as long as you like. (There has been no discussion of what Starbucks will do with loitering teenagers or homeless "visitors.") This will be embarrassing, and very expensive, for Starbucks.

New, improved, gender-neutral Scouts

The new name for the former Boy Scouts of America (BSA), now officially "gender neutral," is *Scouts BSA*. They are dropping the "boy" from their name so they don't confuse the girls pouring into their ranks. That's correct; girls have been invited to join the boys.

When the BSA didn't accept homosexual scoutmasters in the early 1990s, they were driven from public venues they had used for meetings and scouting events for decades. The BSA was shunned for its "homophobia" and "non-inclusiveness."

So they surrendered to progressive demands for homosexual membership and BSA enrollment fell 12%. They now will abandon their original purpose: instructing young boys how to be <u>men</u>. Girls are being pressed into the Boy Scouts, so soon the original organization will be toast.

Another male institution in the U.S., around for 100+ years, has been demolished by progressivism. "We all need to be the same." Boys can be girls and girls can pretend they're boys. The war on masculinity continues; now it's the Boy Scouts' turn.

"No problem; it's all good."

Brennan's diagnosis

John Brennan, ex-CIA director under President Barack Obama, gave his diagnosis of the "national problem" in a forum at the Aspen Institute recently, calling President Donald Trump "a painful, large national kidney stone."

Brennan then poked fun at the Trump campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again." It was a "divisive slogan." He perceived Republican division as a result of the party losing its "North Star." (Funny... the only "star" Brennan would recognize is the red star of the Communist Party USA. He once supported the CPUSA candidate, Gus Hall, for president of the U.S.)

And *who* in America defines "Make America Great Again" as a *divisive* slogan? The answer, of course, is: Progressives.

The MAGA phrase, championed by Donald Trump as his campaign slogan, unites Americans in a cause; a banner, if you will. This is anathema to American radicals such as John Brennan who, using Saul Alinsky, employ transference as a second language: Brennan accuses Trump of doing what HE has actually done.

