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We are in the most economically unstable and socially tumultuous period in the history of the modern world. The period covered by the previous Financial Crisis Report was marked by extreme fluctuations in the stock, commodities, and currency markets accompanied by severe and sometimes violent and deadly social disruptions, including historic pandemics, conflicts, riots, and even regime-changing coups. This new Financial Crisis Report II covers the period that begins with the advent of the 47th president of the United States, who augured in the hope of a new America that promises justice for all through strength and the elimination of corruption. This is symbolized by the crest with the scales of justice balanced on a sword that replaces the photo of the writer. The writer believes this is an unprecedented opportunity for the financially astute investor, given the extreme global trade imbalances and distortions in the stock, commodity, and currency markets that will occur as America strengthens economically and militarily. The Financial Crisis Report II is a free compilation of the opinions of David M. Miyoshi, and of those advisors, he subscribes to (with appropriate credits given) on how to benefit during this historic crisis. The writer receives no compensation from advisors whose articles or ideas may appear in this Report II which is issued primarily for CRITICISM, COMMENTARY AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. The reader is welcome to check on all sources of information mentioned herein. Because this writer's and other advisors' opinions and observations are provided herein without charge, the reader is asked to make his/her judgment on the contents. The writer believes the articles presented are honest and sincere empirical observations of what he believes to be the truth. The writer is not perfect, but his north star is the belief that there is truth.

"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives you the test first and the lesson afterwards." Vernon Law Baseball Great



Here are some quick observations of the events that transpired in November 2025. I hope you find them informative and edifying.

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an 11-inning thriller against the Toronto Blue Jays, 5-4, in what many now call the greatest World Series game ever played. This victory marked the Dodgers' second consecutive championship, making them the first team in 25 years to go back-to-back; Experts cite 9 plays in the last two games that affected who won the Series (some of the plays came

within an inch of making the difference). Some remarked it was as if God was on the side of the Dodgers (.....after all Los Angeles is the City of Angels).

Key Moments & Turning Points; In the 3rd inning, Blue Jays' star Bo Bichette blasted a 3-run homer off (yes) Shohei Ohtani, giving Toronto an early 3-0 lead; The Dodgers chipped away: they got runs in the 4th and 6th innings to make it 4-2 Blue Jays heading into the later innings;

In the 8th inning, the Dodgers' Max Muncy hit a solo homer to cut the deficit to 4-3;

In the 9th inning, facing elimination, the Dodgers tied it: Miguel Rojas hit a game-tying home run for the first time ever in a Game 7 ninth inning;

Neither team scored in the 10th;

In the 11th inning, with two outs, the Dodgers' Will Smith launched a solo home run to put them ahead 5-4. That proved to be the decisive blow.;

Now, the closing act: Yoshinobu Yamamoto—who had started Game 6 the day before—came in relief and got the final outs, including inducing a game-ending double play. He was later named World Series MVP;

Why It Was Special; This was the first

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Game 7 in a World Series to go extra innings since ... well, a long time. ESPN called it “one for the ages”; The Blue Jays had several chances—the lead, the home crowd, momentum—but the Dodgers found ways to survive and strike; There were dramatic twists: late-inning heroics, bullpen gambles, legacy-stakes on the line; The Dodgers became the first team since the late 1990s to repeat as champions in MLB.

Here are 10 pivotal plays from game 7—each one could have swung the outcome in an instant.

This game was a rollercoaster of momentum shifts, clutch performances, and missed opportunities. The Dodgers ultimately won 5–4 in 11 innings, but the following moments were true inflection points:

Bo Bichette’s 3-Run Blast (Top 1st) Bichette gave Toronto a 3–0 lead with a towering home run. It set the tone early and could’ve been decisive if the Jays had held it

Shohei Ohtani’s Bases-Loaded Strikeout (Bottom 2nd) With two outs and the bases loaded, Ohtani struck out Andrés Giménez on a 99 mph fastball. A hit here might’ve broken the game open

Ernie Clement’s Hitting Streak (Middle Innings) Clement extended rallies with clutch singles, keeping Toronto’s offense alive. One more RBI could’ve sealed it

Max Scherzer Escapes a Jam (Top 5th) With runners on second and third, Scherzer induced a groundout to end the threat. A hit here could’ve put Toronto up by 3

George Springer’s Diving Catch (Bottom 6th) Springer robbed Mookie Betts of extra bases with a full-extension grab. If missed, Betts likely scores and shifts momentum

Vladimir Guerrero Jr.’s Missed Tag at First (Top 8th) A miscommunication led to a missed tag on a pickoff attempt. The runner later scored, tying the game

Miguel Rojas’ Game-Tying Homer (Top 9th) With two outs and the Dodgers trailing 4–3, Rojas launched a solo shot to tie the game. Toronto was one out from the title

Will Smith’s Go-Ahead Homer (Top 11th) Smith crushed a solo homer to give the Dodgers a 5–4 lead. It proved to be the game-winner

Dodgers’ Final Defensive Stand (Bottom 11th) With two on and one out, the Dodgers turned a double play to end the game. One misstep here, and Toronto could’ve tied or won

In the bottom of the ninth, Blue Jays pinch runner Isiah Kiner-Falefa was thrown out at home trying to score the winning run—one of the most heartbreaking moments of the 2025 World Series.

Here’s how it unfolded:

Situation: Bottom of the 9th, score tied 4–4, one out, bases loaded. Kiner-Falefa was on third base, having replaced Bo Bichette as a pinch runner.

Batter: Daulton Varsho hit a sharp ground ball to Dodgers second baseman Miguel Rojas.

The Play: Rojas fielded the ball cleanly but stumbled slightly as he turned to throw home. Despite the stumble, he delivered a quick, accurate throw to catcher Will Smith.

The Tag: Smith applied the tag on Kiner-Falefa, who had hesitated slightly before breaking for home. The timing was razor-thin, but the out was confirmed.



Impact: The Blue Jays went from having an 82% win probability to losing the game in extra innings. That out at home was the final chance to walk off with the championship.

What Went Wrong? Lead hesitation: Kiner-Falefa later admitted he didn’t take a big enough lead off third, fearing



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a pickoff. Split-second decision: He broke for home on contact but didn't get the jump he needed.

Dodgers execution: Rojas and Smith executed perfectly under pressure, despite Rojas' stumble.

This play is now etched in World Series lore as one of the most dramatic "what could've been" moments—a single run away from glory, denied by inches

These moments weren't just dramatic—they were decisive. Each one carried the weight of a championship, and together they made Game 7 one of the most unforgettable in World Series history.



November 4, 2025, Democrats win key races across the country, including governorships and major ballot measures. Notably, Proposition 50 passed in California, allowing midcycle redistricting to favor Democrats; Key Elec-

tion Winners; New York City Mayor: Zohran Mamdani, a democratic socialist, defeated independent Andrew Cuomo and Republican Curtis Sliwa; Virginia Governor: Abigail Spanberger, a moderate Democrat and former U.S. Representative, won against Republican Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears; New Jersey Governor: Mikie Sherrill, Democratic U.S. Representative, prevailed over Republican businessman Jack Ciattarelli; These victories were seen as a referendum on President Donald Trump's second-term agenda, with Democrats gaining momentum ahead of the 2026 midterms; Major Ballot Measures That Passed; California Proposition 50 ("Election Rigging Response Act"): Passed by voters, this constitutional amendment overrides California's independent redistricting commission; It allows the legislature to draw new congressional maps starting in 2026, potentially giving Democrats five additional seats through 2030; The measure was introduced in response to Republican redistricting efforts in other states.



November 4, 2025, a UPS cargo plane crashed in Louisville, Kentucky, killing at least nine people and injuring 11 others. The crash occurred shortly after take-off from Muham-

mad Ali International Airport. Key facts: Flight: UPS Flight 2976, a McDonnell Douglas MD-11F cargo jet; Destination: Honolulu, Hawaii Time of crash: Around 5:15 p.m. local time, Tuesday; Fatalities: At least nine people confirmed dead: Three crew members aboard the aircraft; Six people on the ground, including workers in nearby businesses; Injuries: At least 11 people injured on the ground, some critically; Missing persons: Search and rescue teams are still looking for 16 missing individuals; Crash Site and Damage; The plane crashed into an industrial corridor near the airport, igniting multiple fires and damaging several buildings; Eyewitnesses and video footage showed the aircraft with flames on one wing before it plunged and exploded into a massive fireball; Debris and smoke were visible for miles, and a shelter-in-place order was issued due to air quality concerns; Operational Disruption; All flights in and out of the airport were suspended temporarily following the crash; UPS Worldport, the company's global air hub located at the airport, was directly impacted; The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are investigating the cause; Preliminary reports suggest a fire on one wing may have contributed to the crash; This is the deadliest accident in UPS Airlines' history since its founding in 1988.



November 5, 2025, On this day, the current federal shutdown officially became the longest in U.S. history, surpassing the previous record of 35 days set in 2018–2019.

Here are the key facts: Start Date: October 1, 2025; Length: 36 days and counting, making it the longest-ever U.S. federal government shutdown; Previous Record: 35





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days during President Trump's first term (Dec 2018–Jan 2019), over border wall funding; Cause of the Current Stalemate; Core Dispute: A legislative impasse between Democrats and Republicans over healthcare funding; Democratic Priorities: Extension of expiring health care tax credits; Restoration of Medicaid cuts from a prior spending bill; Republican Resistance: GOP leaders have not agreed to these provisions, stalling negotiations; Impact on Americans; Federal Employees: Hundreds of thousands furloughed or working without pay; Many missed paychecks since mid-October; Public Services: SNAP benefits interrupted—a first in shutdown history; Delays in food aid, national park operations, and federal agency functions; Congressional Activity; Senate Votes: 14 failed attempts to pass a continuing resolution as of Nov. 4; Negotiations: Some Democratic senators reportedly open to a stopgap deal involving future votes on healthcare subsidies; Broader Shutdown History; Total Shutdowns Since 1976: 21, with 11 lasting long enough to cause agency closures and furloughs; Presidents with Most Shutdowns: Ronald Reagan (4), Donald Trump (3).

pendent (Angus King) joined Republicans to advance the bill; Notable Democratic supporters: Tim Kaine, Dick Durbin, Maggie Hassan, Jeanne Shaheen, Jacky Rosen, Catherine Cortez Masto, John Fetterman; Only Republican to oppose: Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky; What the Bill Includes; Stopgap funding: Keeps the government open until January 30, 2026; Extended programs: Includes provisions to fund food stamps and veterans' benefits through September; Future vote promise: Guarantees a vote on expiring Affordable Care Act tax credits; Next Steps; House vote pending: The bill must still pass the GOP-controlled House of Representatives; Presidential signature: President Donald Trump would need to sign the bill for it to take effect; Context; This procedural vote followed 14 failed attempts to pass similar measures in the Senate; The shutdown has caused widespread disruption, including furloughs and airport delays; The bipartisan breakthrough came after centrist Democrats negotiated concessions with Republicans and the White House.



November 6, 2025, Nancy Pelosi announces retirement The former Speaker of the House declared she will not seek reelection, ending a four-decade career in Congress. Her departure opens a leadership vacuum

in San Francisco politics; Pelosi was first elected in a 1987 special election and has served 38 years in the House; She is the first and only woman to serve as Speaker of the House, holding the position from 2007–2011 and again from 2019–2023.



November 12, 2025, President Donald Trump signed a funding bill officially ending the longest government shutdown in U.S. history, which lasted 43 days. The measure reopened

federal agencies, guaranteed back pay for workers, and extended funding through January 30, 2026; Congressional Votes: Senate: Passed earlier in the week, 60–40, with eight Democrats joining Republicans; House: Passed November 12, 2025, by a vote of 222–209, with six Democrats and two Republicans crossing party lines; Impact on Federal Workers: Guaranteed back pay for employees; Workers instructed to return to their jobs the next day; Public Disruptions: Stranded travelers at airports due to disrupted flight operations; Long lines at food banks as workers missed paychecks; SNAP benefits and other services faced delays; Scope of Funding Bill: Funds most of the government until January 30, 2026; Provides full-year funding for Veterans Affairs, parts of the Agriculture Department, and Congress; Political Context: Trump blamed Democrats for the shutdown, framing it as a fight over subsidies and immigration-related spending; He urged voters to “never forget this” and called for ending the Senate filibuster to prevent future shutdowns; Why It Matters; This shutdown surpassed all previous records, highlighting deep partisan divisions in Washington; The bill's short-term nature means another



November 9, 2025, The Senate voted 60–40 to advance a bipartisan funding bill that could end the longest government shutdown in U.S. history; Vote tally: 60 in favor, 40

against — just enough to overcome the filibuster threshold; Break in party lines: Eight Democrats and one Inde-





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funding fight looms in late January 2026; Federal workers and the public bore significant hardship, reinforcing debates about the use of shutdowns as a political tactic.



November 16, 2025, President Trump announced his support for releasing the Epstein files posting on Truth Social urging House Republicans to vote for the release of the Epstein files, saying

“we have nothing to hide” and calling the controversy a Democratic distraction. The following day November 17 in the Oval Office, Trump told reporters “I’m all for it” and confirmed he would sign the bill if it reached his desk; This marked a major reversal from his earlier stance, where he had dismissed the push to release the files as a “hoax” and resisted efforts to make them public; The announcement came just before the House was scheduled to vote on the Epstein Files Transparency Act, which would compel the Justice Department to release all unclassified records related to Jeffrey Epstein; For months, Trump had opposed releasing the files, claiming Democrats were using them to deflect from other issues; His sudden shift was likely influenced by growing pressure within Congress, including a bipartisan discharge petition that forced a vote; Trump emphasized that he had “nothing to do with Epstein” and framed the issue as politically damaging to Democrats rather than Republicans; The announcement is significant because it removes a major obstacle to the files being made public; Legal experts caution, however, that Trump may still have procedural ways to delay or block the release despite his public statements.



November 19, 2025 President Donald Trump signed the Epstein Files Transparency Act requiring the Justice Department to release all unclassified records related to Jeffrey Epstein within 30 days. This marked a reversal after months of resistance, with Congress passing

the bill almost unanimously; Name of the Law: Epstein Files Transparency Act; Mandate: The Justice Department must release all unclassified records related to Jeffrey Epstein, including files on his sex trafficking investigation and the circumstances of his death in 2019; DOJ has 30 days to make the files public; Redactions Allowed: Personally identifiable information about victims and details that could jeopardize ongoing investigations may be withheld; Attorney General Role: Attorney General Pam Bondi is tasked with overseeing the release; Political Context; Trump’s Initial Resistance: For months, Trump opposed the bill, calling it a Democratic “hoax” and claiming it was meant to distract from Republican victories; Congressional Pressure: The bill passed the House 427–1 (only Rep. Clay Higgins, R-La., voted against) and then cleared the Senate by unanimous consent; Trump’s Reversal: Days before signing, Trump shifted his stance, saying “we have nothing to hide” and announcing on Truth Social that he had signed the bill; Partisan Framing: Trump suggested the files would expose ties between Epstein and prominent Democrats, including Bill Clinton; What Happens Next; Release Deadline: DOJ must publish the files by mid-December 2025; Transparency vs. Protection: While the law emphasizes transparency, it balances this with victim privacy and investigative integrity; Potential Impact: The files could shed light on Epstein’s network, his death in federal custody, and political or social connections that have long fueled speculation.



November 21, 2025 Marjorie Taylor Greene announced she will resign from Congress on January 5, 2026, following a public and bitter split with President

Donald Trump. She said she wanted to avoid putting her district through a “hurtful and hateful primary” after Trump withdrew his support and backed a challenger against her; Once one of Trump’s strongest allies, Greene clashed with him over policy, including foreign affairs, healthcare, and the release of government files related to Jeffrey Epstein; Trump publicly announced he was “done” with Greene and called her resignation “great news for the country”; Greene accused Congress of being beholden to “Big Pharma, Big Tech, Military Industrial War Complex, foreign leaders, and the elite donor class” instead of everyday Americans; She also cited wanting more time with family





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and frustration with the party's direction; Greene's Own Words "If I am cast aside by MAGA Inc and replaced by Neocons, Big Pharma, Big Tech, Military Industrial War Complex, foreign leaders, and the elite donor class... then many common Americans have been cast aside and replaced as well." She added she was "going back to the people I love, to live life to the fullest"; Greene's departure narrows the Republican majority in the House ahead of the 2026 midterms; Her resignation underscores growing fractures within the GOP, especially between Trump loyalists and those critical of his leadership.



November 21, 2025, President Donald Trump and New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani met in the Oval Office and discussed affordability,

public safety, and New York City's future; Background Trump had repeatedly labeled Mamdani a "communist."; Mamdani had called Trump a "fascist" and "despot."; Both exchanged heated rhetoric during the campaign; But contrary to expectations, the meeting was cordial and even chummy, with jokes, pats on the arm, and mutual praise; Main Topics Discussed: Affordability crisis in New York City (housing, cost of living); Public safety and economic security; Shared admiration for New York City despite political differences; Trump predicted Mamdani would be a "really great mayor."; Mamdani emphasized focusing on solutions for New Yorkers rather than political traps; Both leaders highlighted unexpected areas of agreement and stressed cooperation; Symbolic Importance: It was the first face-to-face between Trump and Mamdani after a contentious election season; Political Stakes: For Mamdani, establishing a working relationship with Trump is crucial since federal funding and cooperation directly affect NYC's ability to tackle affordability and safety issues; Generational & Cultural Significance: Mamdani's election marks a milestone for representation, while Trump's willingness to soften his tone shows the pragmatic side of political negotiation; The meeting showed that even leaders with deep ideological divides can find common ground when the stakes involve the future of a major city. While tensions remain, both Trump and Mamdani signaled a willingness to collaborate, at least publicly, on issues central to New Yorkers' daily lives.



November 22, 2025, Candace Owens publicly claimed that the French government, specifically President Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte, were plotting to assassinate her. She made these alle-

gations in posts on X (formerly Twitter) and repeated them in media appearances. However, there is no evidence or official confirmation of such a plot, and her claims have been widely described as conspiratorial; Owens actually posted that she had been contacted by a "high-ranking employee of the French Government" who allegedly warned her of an assassination plan ordered by the Macrons; She claimed the couple had paid \$1.5 million to fund the plot; Owens also alleged that the plan involved operatives linked to the French Foreign Legion's 13th Brigade and even suggested Israeli involvement; She stated she had informed the U.S. government and the White House about the supposed threat; Key Context; These claims surfaced amid Owens' ongoing legal dispute with Brigitte Macron over Owen's repeated assertions about the French First Lady's gender identity; Owens framed her allegations as a public warning, saying she wanted the information out in case "something happens" to her; Multiple outlets — including Yahoo News, The Wrap, Times Now, and Jerusalem Post — reported on her statements, but all emphasized that no credible evidence supports her accusations.



November 24, 2025, the Pentagon announced a "thorough review" of allegations of misconduct against Senator Mark Kelly, who, along with five other Democratic lawmakers, is a military veteran, appeared in a

November 2025 video urging U.S. troops and intelligence personnel to refuse unlawful orders. The Pentagon opened an investigation into Kelly for possible breaches of military law, while legal experts argue that reminding service members of their duty to disobey illegal orders is not itself unlawful; Participants included Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Sen. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO), Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Rep. Maggie Goodlander (D-NH), and Rep. Chris Deluzio (D-PA); Their message: service members and intelligence officials must uphold their oath to the Constitution and refuse illegal orders;





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Kelly, a retired U.S. Navy captain and former astronaut, stated directly: “You can refuse illegal orders.”; His military background makes the Pentagon’s review significant, since retired officers can legally be recalled to active duty for disciplinary action; Possible outcomes of the investigation include administrative measures or even recall to active duty for court-martial; President Donald Trump reacted angrily, calling the video “seditious behavior” and saying it should be “punishable by death”; Trump labeled the lawmakers “traitors” and demanded they be arrested



November 26, 2025, Two members of the West Virginia National Guard were shot in downtown Washington, D.C., near the White House: Initial reports conflicted—

West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey first announced both had died, but later clarified they were in critical condition; The attack occurred near Farragut West Metro Station, just two blocks from the White House; Suspect: Authorities identified the shooter as Rahmanullah Lakanwal, a 29-year-old Afghan national who entered the U.S. in 2021 under a special visa program for Afghans who assisted U.S. forces during the war; Motive: The FBI is investigating the incident as a possible act of terrorism. Officials described it as a targeted ambush; The suspect was shot, wounded, and taken into custody; The White House, Treasury Department, and Freedman’s Bank Building were placed on lockdown immediately after the shooting; President Trump was in Palm Beach, Florida, for Thanksgiving at the time; Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced deployment of 500 additional National Guard troops to D.C., raising the total to about 2,700.



November 26, 2025, a massive Hong Kong apartment fire began at the Wang Fuk Court complex in Tai Po, New Territo-

ries. It burned for over 43 hours before being fully extinguished on Friday, November 28. Deaths: At least 128 people; Injuries: More than 80 people injured, including firefighters; Missing: Around 150–200 residents still unaccounted for; Scale of the Disaster: The fire engulfed seven of the complex’s eight towers; The towers housed 4,600–4,800 residents, many elderly; Required 2,300 firefighters to battle the blaze; Cause remains under investigation, but construction materials and bamboo scaffolding used in renovations are suspected to have fueled the flames; Authorities are probing corruption and negligence linked to the renovation work; At least 12 arrests made, including construction company staff and individuals investigated for manslaughter and corruption; This is Hong Kong’s deadliest fire since 1948.



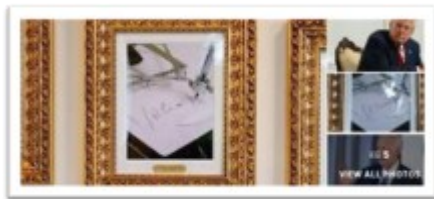
November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day), after learning that Sarah Beckstrom, one of the two National Guardsmen shot by Rahmanullah Lakanawal, died of

her wounds, President Trump declared the incident an "act of terror" and announced sweeping immigration crackdowns. He vowed to “permanently pause migration from all Third World countries”, halt Afghan immigration applications, re-examine Biden-era admissions, and push for deportations of undocumented immigrants; he ordered deportations of undocumented immigrants and pledged to end federal benefits for non-citizens; promised to denaturalize migrants deemed harmful to U.S. domestic security; Afghan immigration applications were halted indefinitely pending review of vetting protocols; Trump demanded a “re-examination” of all Afghan nationals admitted under Biden’s administration; Treasury officials confirmed moves to block undocumented immigrants from receiving federal tax-based benefits; Lakanwal faces first-degree murder charges and other counts for ambushing the soldiers; Prosecutors emphasized his entry under Biden-era resettlement programs, which Trump blamed for vetting failures; Political Framing: Trump tied the attack directly to immigration policy, using it to justify broad restrictions



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beyond Afghanistan; Policy Scope: His measures target both illegal and legal immigration, including asylum cases and naturalized citizens; Uncertainty: Trump did not specify which countries fall under “Third World” nor how “permanent pause” would be implemented; Criticism: Opponents argue these actions conflate one criminal act with entire immigrant communities, raising legal and humanitarian concerns.



November 28, 2025, on Truth Social, President Trump publicly declared that all executive orders signed by Joe Biden using an

autopen are “null and void.” stating that any document signed by Biden through the autopen “is hereby terminated, and of no further force or effect”; Trump claimed that Biden was not directly involved in the autopen signing process and that those who operated the device did so “illegally.” He even suggested that if Biden insisted he was involved, he could face perjury charges; Trump alleged that approximately 92% of Biden’s executive orders were signed using the autopen; Legal analysts quickly pointed out that autopen signatures are valid. The device has been used by multiple presidents, including Trump himself, to sign official documents. The method of signature does not affect the legitimacy of executive orders; Political Motivation: While Trump’s declaration was dramatic, experts noted that social media statements do not carry the force of law. His announcement may signal future administrative action, but it also serves to delegitimize Biden’s presidency in the political arena; Legally: Biden’s executive orders remain valid unless formally rescinded through proper legal or administrative channels; Politically: Trump’s declaration is part of a broader effort to portray Biden as illegitimate or incapable, especially by highlighting the use of the autopen as evidence of detachment from governance.



Dictionary Definition of a Conspiracy Theory: A theory that seeks to explain a disputed case or matter as a plot by a secret group or alliance, rather than an individual or isolated act. “

In my attempt to uncover and publish the truth, as I see it, I am often labeled a “conspiracy theorist.” So, I decided to subscribe to a publication that covers conspiracy theories called



This publication features articles written by authors who have been vetted for their expertise in the subject they cover. The author’s name appears under the title of their article. The authors claim that what they write about are facts the government does not want you to know. We should note that the term “conspiracy theory” was originally employed by the CIA to describe alternate explanations that diverged from official accounts of the government. Recently, RFK Jr. said the term is now used to discredit individuals or discourage critical thinking. Or, in other words, to prevent one from seeking the facts.

From time to time, I will provide selected articles from the Conspiracy Report that I believe are true. Some articles have been shortened for brevity. I hope you find them interesting, if not edifying.

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People are buying dirty diplomas knowingly, and using them to beef up a resume to scam an employer into hiring them. In a February 2023 article in *The Watchdog* it was reported ‘About 500,000 Americans currently hold fake degrees.’

By Egon E. Mosum

In the classic song, ‘It’s Only a Paper Moon,’ one of the most telling lines is ‘It’s a Barnum and Bailey World, Just as Phony as it Can be.’

That likely does not come as any great surprise to the reader, and sometimes phony isn’t a cause for concern, sometimes it is merely laughable.

However, there are times when phony can be downright dangerous.

We would like our speedometers and fuel gauges to be accurate. We would like the ingredients labels on our food to be complete. Our journey, our health may depend on it.

In the world of academic degrees, especially the important ones like J.D. and M.D. we are depending upon the (hopeful) fact that these are genuine, and not just fancy engraving on a worthless piece of paper.

Our lives, our freedom may depend on it.

For those who are religious, we would hope that the credentials of our chosen theologians were meaningful, as our ‘souls’ may depend upon it.

But, credentials aren’t always credible, and aren’t always deserving of credit, and for those seeking the imprimatur of an advanced degree without putting in the work, there are diploma mills.

Those scam educational institutions where a sheepskin may be had for a requisite number of shekels, are definitely participants and citizens of that ‘Barnum and Bailey World.’

Let’s take a look under the rock, and see what creatures wearing caps and gowns are crawling around...

Degree mills aren’t exactly new. One can call them a tradition, of sorts. *‘The first documented reference to degree mills was in 1876.’*

So, we are told to determine if the degree granting ‘institution’ is accredited. Therein lies another problem, for *‘it is common for the degree mills to advertise they are accredited, but many of these so called accreditors are actually creations of the degree mills themselves.’* [\[1\]](#)

While a legitimate degree, (even in this day and age) can mean more income for the possessor, the granting of phony degrees is more than profitable. There are older (early 2000s) *‘estimates that half a billion dollars a year are paid to degree mills.’* [\[2\]](#)

People are buying dirty diplomas knowingly, and using them to beef up a resume to scam an employer into hiring them. In a February 2023 article in *The Watchdog*, (from Bellevue College), it was reported *‘Some estimates suggest that [up to 30%](#) of job applicants have falsified their educational credentials, and the problem is particularly acute in certain industries, such as healthcare and education.’*





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The article further stated ‘About [500,000](#) Americans currently hold fake degrees.’[3]

Take a look at those two statements together. Healthcare and education are the areas where fake degrees are ‘particularly acute.’ There are half of a million fake diplomas in America, according to the 2023 estimates.

Healthcare can often be a life or death field, and if the provider is providing a credential that is not ‘healthy’ we could die from the advice and treatment offered. The field of education which grants supposedly real degrees may be infested with teachers that are bearers of fake degrees.

To say that this gives one pause would be an understatement. But it isn’t just *people* possessing phony degrees.

While many of us are pet lovers, perhaps we would draw the line when a *cat* is awarded a Master’s Degree in Business Administration for \$299.00, as had been granted by a Texas diploma mill.[4]

But it’s no laughing matter. ‘*Unqualified doctors have fatally misdiagnosed patients, unqualified forensic specialists and psychologists have wrongly sent people to jail after being called upon as expert witnesses, and companies have lost million dollar lawsuits after their staff’s qualifications turned out to be fake.*’[5]

It is assumed that those lawsuits were conducted by lawyers with legitimate degrees.

In a 2017 report from CBS, it was stated ‘*A recent search of LinkedIn found 745 people, including public-safety workers, lawyers, engineers, educators and federal government employees, holding degrees from Corllins.*’

Now, if you aren’t familiar with that institution of higher learning; fear not for the United States Department of Education never heard of it either.[6]

Look at that statement again, we aren’t talking English Lit or Byzantine History degrees, which even if they are legitimate, aren’t really important in the scheme of things, (sorry), but we are talking about public safety workers, lawyers, engineers and federal government employees. That can be downright disastrous for our health, safety and welfare.

That same report referenced a 2006 paper from *Hofstra University* (fun fact: the alma mater law school of your author under his real name), that estimated that *the ‘National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education that one of six education doctorates are fraudulent.’*

That is a frightening report card, especially when one realizes that higher education often costs six figures.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

Think about the people we depend upon in daily life.

We hire a home improvement contractor and we want him to be licensed and insured, if our state requires it. We take our car to a mechanic, and we want to know he has a legitimate repair license from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

We go to a restaurant, and we want someone there to have the required food handler permit from the local health department.

Because these types of certifications are government issued, there is less of a chance that the certificates are fuzzy.





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Now, let's look at our teachers, our doctors, our engineers and lawyers; people who we depend upon in fields wherein mistakes can be costly — or deadly.

Yet these are the fields that are most likely to be populated with those bearing phony degrees, who have not undergone the requisite studies, but merely paid a fee, and perhaps submitted a 'life experience' portfolio for credit.

The obvious solution is for license granting agencies and employers to actually take the time and verify that the degree holders have legitimate degrees from legitimately accredited institutions.

We as everyday citizens are not in a position to determine the bona fides of a degree, we depend on our governments — federal, state and local — to confirm legitimacy before they confer authority.

They must do their job, and make sure that those bearing professional degrees can actually perform theirs.

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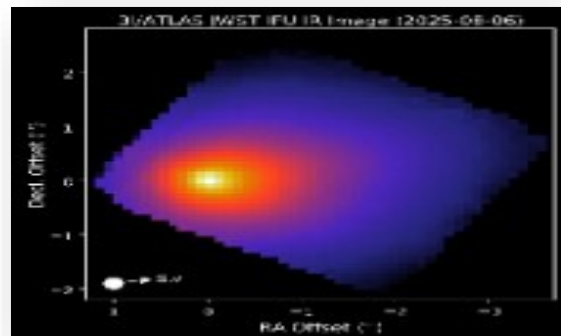
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COMET 3I/ATLAS

Imagine the island of Manhattan flying at 134,000 miles through space, that's what is out there right now...

By David Sussin

We get hit with stuff from space constantly.

More than you might think. Somewhere around 20,000 meteors larger than a softball hit Earth every year.

A few hundred are big enough to recover and catalog. Why aren't they more of a big deal?

So far, every single one has been from our own solar system, mostly from an asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, some from the Moon or Mars after they're hit by other meteors.

So, there's not much new to be learned by these objects.





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We're just glad they aren't the size of buses, and they mostly disappear into our oceans.

It's extremely rare anything enters our solar system from outside its boundaries. Astronomers call these objects 'interstellar'.

They know immediately when an object has arrived from interstellar space: its trajectory and velocity can't be explained by gravitational interactions within our solar system.

Meaning, it's not orbiting the sun or any other object. It's literally passing through. And it's moving much faster than your average meteoroid.

When they do show up, it's a rare opportunity to learn just what is out there. These objects form in star systems not our own, so they carry valuable data.

But it's no exaggeration to call it rare. Before this year, interstellar objects have entered our solar system twice.

An interstellar object called Oumuamua passed through in 2017. It moved at a staggering 58,000 miles an hour, far faster than any object knocked from the asteroid belt at the edge of our solar system.

Then in 2019, an object called Borisov arrived, with a bright coma and tail, consistent with your typical comet. But again, its speed set it apart. It was moving at over 71,000 miles an hour, faster than any comet in our solar system.

On July 1st of this year, the southern ATLAS telescope at Cerro Tololo in Chile discovered a third.

The telescope is part of three positioned around the globe to detect near-Earth objects that pose a collision risk. This new object was in no danger of hitting Earth. But it did cause concern.

First, it's the fastest interstellar object ever observed, moving at 134,000 miles an hour. And -- unlike its two predecessors -- its path is exceptionally straight.

The good news is, the speed and trajectory confirm it is just passing through our solar system. But something traveling so fast and so straight begs another question: what the heck is it?

Well, it's large, maybe the largest interstellar object observed to date.

Estimates suggest a size as large as 12 miles long. Imagine the island of Manhattan flying at 134,000 miles through space, that's what is out there right now.

And it's ancient. It's the oldest object ever seen by humanity.

We know this because its path indicates it originated from the Milky Way's thick disk of stars, a region high above and below the part of the galaxy we're in, where stars are 8-12 billion years older than our sun.

This interstellar object -- officially called 3I/ATLAS -- is older than our own solar system, by billions of years.

It comes from somewhere formed in the early Galaxy -- places we weren't even sure existed. If it was designed by ancient aliens, it was made to survive across light-years.

And there's something unusual flying off of it, being re-





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leased in staggering quantities: water.

It's another first for interstellar objects. The Swift Space Telescope used ultraviolet images of 3I/ATLAS to spot it. It's releasing water at a rate of about 88 pounds per second. It's hard to comprehend that much water -- it's all the rain on Earth in a single day, but released every second.

Is it an ancient alien probe, sent eons ago to scout us?

Well, it's the first thing astronomers attempt to rule out. Because most likely, 3I/ATLAS is a natural comet.

First, they examine the trajectory. If it is moving too fast, on an odd incoming angle (not lining up with the galactic plane where most stars orbit), it indicates it might have been sent intentionally rather than wandering naturally.

And, disturbingly, 3I/ATLAS checks this box. It is, indeed, coming in at an odd angle and at tremendous speed. But this alone isn't enough to call it intentional. In fact, the angle would be consistent with an object originating in the Milky Way's 'thick disk'.

The other key indicator an object might be alien is a change in speed, independent of the objects around it -- astronomers call this non-gravitational acceleration. It suggests some kind of ship, with hidden engines, able to navigate independently.

The thing is, a detailed analysis estimates that 3I/ATLAS is experiencing non-gravitational acceleration. But it's extremely slight, and could be attributed to dust particles ejected, exerting recoil forces. Slight or not, it's another box checked in favor of 3I/ATLAS being, well, unnatural.

Of course, a comet has one major trait that's easy to identi-

fy. It's called a coma, a gas and dust cloud that surrounds it as it gets warmed by the sun. And 3I/ATLAS does exhibit an active coma -- but with unusual characteristics, different than your typical comet.

When comets warm and develop a visible coma, they show cyanide gas first. But 3I/ATLAS showed water first, with the cyanide gas appearing later. This indicates the object has sources of ice on board, outside its nucleus.

In fact, before the cyanide gas appeared, a spectroscopy detected atomic nickel emissions in the coma. Again, this is highly unusual, and not found in the majority of comets.

Add to this, the carbon dioxide levels of 3I/ATLAS are unusually high. Astronomers figure this means the object formed in a very cold region of the Milky Way, far from its parent star. Wherever it was made, it was in deep space more extreme than typical comets.

Lastly, the coma has an unusual red hue, indicating its composition differs from typical comets.

But despite the unusual water trail, high CO₂ levels, odd nickel emissions, and the mysterious red-tinted coma that make 3I/ATLAS chemically and physically different from most comets, NASA is confident the object is, in fact, a comet. NASA's official website calls it "Comet 3I/ATLAS".

Let's hope they're right. If it is an ancient alien probe that just confirmed to its creators Earth is here, we may not want to know what happens next.

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A drug that's more deadly than fentanyl? Standard doses

of Narcan often had no effect at all on victims. Toxicology showed only trace amounts of fentanyl -- too little to explain the deaths. Something stronger was in play...

By David Sussin

In 2013, emergency responders in the U.S. became aware of a powerful drug on the market that was gaining popularity over heroin.

Because, from a user's perspective, it was much better. It was fifty times stronger.

Once it became widely available on the street, there was no stopping its popularity.

It's called fentanyl, named by the chemists who first synthesized it in 1959.

The name refers to its chemical components, phenyl and aniline (a basic building block in chemical dyes, plastics and pain killers).

Its name indicates the second big advantage fentanyl had over heroin: this new drug was made in a lab, not manufactured from plants.

Drug cartels could make a virtually unlimited supply. No more worrying about poppy crops needed in heroin production, grown on the other side of the world in countries like Afghanistan.

This made it much cheaper to produce fentanyl, as much as 99% less per dose. And because its potency was so much higher, cartels could charge more. The margins were ridiculous. And the new product sold like crazy.

The tragic part is how we know it was so popular...

In 2016, fentanyl surpassed heroin in overdose deaths nationwide. By 2022, fentanyl was the leading cause of overdose death in the U.S., surpassing heroin, oxycodone, and all other opioids combined.

So how potent is fentanyl?

If you picture a packet of sugar from a diner, that's about a gram of sugar. That much heroin could kill a few people. Fentanyl is in another league.





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Just a few grains from that packet are enough to end someone's life. Image a few sugar crystals mixed in a pill, how easy it would be to take one -- and how badly you'd want the next one. If you lived long enough.

Back in 2013, if users thought they were taking heroin but it was laced with fentanyl, they'd be ingesting the equivalent of 25 doses of heroin in one sitting, and never know it.

EMT's arriving at the scene of a typical fentanyl overdose found that the usual single hit of Narcan (medicine that blocks effects of opioids) didn't revive the victim. It took up to eight doses to get someone breathing again. If it worked at all.

It was by far the deadliest drug on the street. Until now.

In 2020, Tennessee saw a cluster of ten overdoses that baffled investigators. The victims collapsed within minutes.

Standard doses of Narcan barely made a dent, and sometimes had no effect at all. Toxicology showed only trace amounts of fentanyl -- too little to explain the deaths. Something stronger was in play.

Initial toxicology reports showed small traces of fentanyl or heroin, but clearly not enough to kill. There was a stronger, undetected opioid in the mix.

Knox County's Regional Forensic Center sent blood samples to the DEA for secondary testing. They found what everyone suspected: there was a new lab-created opioid in the mix. They found the presence of nitazenes.

Researchers from Vanderbilt University Medical Center and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center published a paper last month (Sept '25) in the journal *Pain Medicine*

detailing how the highly potent synthetic opioid nitazene is rapidly emerging as the driver for a new national overdose crisis.

Like fentanyl, it was created in a lab as a synthetic pain reliever in the late 1950's. But unlike fentanyl, nitazene was never approved for medical use in humans. It's way too strong.

According to the Vanderbilt study, one variant of nitazene was 20 times as potent as fentanyl, and a staggering 100 times more potent than morphine. A tiny fraction of a milligram can be fatal.

Fentanyl is already deadly in micrograms, but nitazenes take this to another level. Just a few micrograms -- less than a grain of salt -- can kill. Overdoses happen fast, killing before first responders have a chance to arrive.

And nitazene is being mixed into common street heroin and counterfeit pills, turning ordinary looking drugs into lethal bombs.

The strange thing is, nitazene is often hidden, sold under fake names or disguised as OxyContin or Subutex. The makers and distributors are actively spreading the potent opioid into the population completely under the radar.

So, who is behind this invasion?

DEA and European partners compared seized samples and found they were chemically consistent across batches. The uniformity pointed to a single manufacturer, or a group of coordinated labs.

U.S. Customs began intercepting powders and precursor chemicals -- the stuff needed to make nitazene -- shipped in





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small parcels, many labeled as "research chemicals." The packages consistently originated in China, often routed through transit hubs like Hong Kong or Singapore.

Finally, darknet markets saw Chinese chemical suppliers advertising nitazene-class opioids as legal fentanyl alternatives after China made fentanyl illegal in 2019. These vendors explicitly marketed nitazenes as "new, unscheduled, stronger than fentanyl."

Turns out, nitazenes are being manufactured in Chinese labs that pivoted from fentanyl once Beijing banned fentanyl-class compounds.

The supply then enters the U.S. through international mail and freight, often sold wholesale to domestic traffickers who press it into fake oxycodone or mixed it into heroin.

China has found a way to invade U.S. shores without firing a shot.

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Here are some interesting facts taken from the Publications' Interesting Facts and History Facts



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Besides being interesting, I found them thought-provoking and wanted to share them with you.
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11 Movies Considered the Greatest of All Time





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What's the greatest movie ever made? It depends who you ask, of course, but a handful of movies tend to come up every time the question arises. We all have our [favorites](#), some of which are more personal than others, and you could dedicate the rest of your moviegoing life to watching your way through the various lists and polls without managing to see every worthwhile title.

Short of that, you could focus on the all-timers that have emerged as consensus picks for the greatest of all time. Here are 11 of them, each of which is worth its runtime in gold.

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City Lights (1931)

You can't tell the story of cinema without Charlie Chaplin, whose Little Tramp remains one of the most enduring silver-screen characters ever created. A bittersweet romp in which the Tramp falls in love with a blind woman who works at a flower shop, it's best remembered for what

many (including yours truly) consider the best movie ending of all time.



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Gone With the Wind (1939)

Still the highest-grossing movie of all time when adjusted for inflation, *Gone With the Wind* has been rereleased, reappraised, and rewatched more than any film ever made. You could argue, as many have, that Victor Fleming's epic Civil War drama is an antiquated relic that belongs in a museum rather than a movie theater, but you can't deny its influence.

In one of the earliest polls of its kind, *Variety* asked more than 200 film industry professionals to name the best film ever made. *Gone With the Wind* topped that list, as it has many others — albeit not recently, as its reputation has withered with age.



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The Rules of the Game (1939)





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Perhaps no country takes cinema more seriously than France, which has produced countless masterpieces since George Méliès and the Lumière brothers helped innovate the “seventh art” in the 1890s. At the top of that mountain of movies would have to be Jean Renoir’s *The Rules of the Game*, a tragicomic parable for the inevitable-in-hindsight leadup to World War II.

No other movie has snagged a spot in the top 10 of Sight and Sound’s decennial poll of the greatest movies in history for all of its six editions: 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012. It’s also been named the greatest French film ever made by Time Out, which, while accurate, is also somehow limiting — like the global conflict it presaged, *The Rules of the Game* transcends boundaries.



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Citizen Kane (1941)

“Seeing it,” film critic Archer Winsten wrote of *Citizen Kane* when it was first released, “it’s as if you never really saw a movie before.” More than 80 years later, Orson Welles’ all-timer has lost none of its power.

A true before-and-after moment in cinema, *Citizen Kane* marked the arrival of one of the most skilled, idiosyncratic filmmakers in Hollywood history: Welles produced, directed, co-wrote, and starred in his debut feature, which famously did not win Best Picture but has since gone on to be named the greatest movie ever made on countless occasions. You have to see it to believe the hype.



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Casablanca (1942)

“If there is ever a time when they decide that some movies should be spelled with an upper-case M,” Roger Ebert wrote in the introduction to his list of the 10 greatest movies ever made, “*Casablanca* should be voted first on the list of Movies.”

The Library of Congress seems to agree, as Michael Curtiz’s World War II drama was added to the National Film Registry’s inaugural class in 1989. It also won the Academy Awards for Best Picture, Director, and Screenplay following its initial release. If you still haven’t seen it, it’s time to do so at least once, for old times’ sake.



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Tokyo Story (1953)

The films of Yasujiro Ozu are quiet in their profundity, like a wise relative whose lessons you don’t fully understand until reconsidering them as an adult. There’s no wrong way to start with his imposing filmography, but there’s only one



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zenith: Tokyo Story, a moving family drama about an elderly couple who come to stay with their adult children in Japan's capital. It's sad, transportive, and, according to 359 directors, the greatest movie ever made.



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Seven Samurai (1954)

Many people's initial reaction to a black-and-white Japanese movie from the 1950s with a runtime of 207 minutes may be that it sounds like a chore, but in this case, nothing could be further from the truth. Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai is an epic in the truest sense of the word, a thrillingly melancholy exploration of honor, duty, and a bygone way of life that has proved one of Japanese cinema's most enduring backdrops. (It also invented the assembling-the-team trope that has since been endlessly repeated ever since.)

You could populate an entire best-of list just with Kurosawa pictures alone, but Seven Samurai remains his most expansive, fully realized work — hence why it's been hailed as everything from the greatest foreign-language film to the greatest action movie of all time.



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Vertigo (1958)

It took six decades for Citizen Kane to be dethroned on the aforementioned Sight and Sound poll. When that finally happened in 2012, Alfred Hitchcock's Vertigo was the usurper.

The kind of thriller only the Master of Suspense could have made stars Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak as a former detective and the woman he becomes obsessed with, respectively. In addition to creating the eponymous dolly zoom that's since become ubiquitous, Vertigo is a poignant thriller about the many ways a person can be haunted.



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2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

Sci-fi can be divided into two categories: 2001: A Space Odyssey and everything else. Stanley Kubrick's sprawlingly ambitious odyssey remains the genre's peak more than half a century later. Though there's still no true consensus



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as to what the ending means, there is a consensus among nearly 500 filmmakers that 2001 is the greatest movie of all time.



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The Godfather (1972)

Named the greatest movie ever made by Entertainment Weekly and the second-greatest American movie by the American Film Institute, The Godfather is also heavily favored by countless dads, uncles, and grandfathers across the world.

No amount of praise can convey the sheer power of Marlon Brando and Al Pacino's performances or of Francis Ford Coppola's direction, all of which have become measuring sticks for greatness that few have met and fewer, if any, have surpassed in the decades since.



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Jeanne Dielman, 23 quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles (1975)

There's a reason the Sight and Sound poll has been mentioned so many times: It's considered the list of all lists, and the one that Roger Ebert himself called "by far the most respected of the countless polls of great movies — the only one most serious movie people take seriously."

And, in its 2022 edition, a surprising champion emerged: Chantal Akerman's Jeanne Dielman, 23 quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles, whose mouthful of a title is matched by a nearly 3.5-hour runtime. Most scenes consist of little more than the title character, a widowed housewife played by Delphine Seyrig in an era-defining performance, completing household tasks in real time until finally erupting in a shocking act of violence.

It's among the first feminist films as well as a "slow cinema" forerunner, and many would refer to it as a cult classic that's finally begun to get its flowers on a larger scale. It's a must-see for anyone willing to expand their conception of what a movie can do.

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AI Watch — November 2025

Keeping an eye on the world of AI: what really happened this month, why it matters for everyday people and businesses, and what steps you can take to use the good while guarding against the bad.

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1) GPT-5.1, Gemini 3, and the model-arms-race month

What happened: OpenAI rolled out GPT-5.1 (Instant and Thinking modes) inside ChatGPT, emphasizing faster reasoning and more customizable behavior, while Google





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launched Gemini 3, which now sits at the top of some public leaderboards and advanced benchmarks. [Humai](#)

Why it matters: The two biggest Western AI players are escalating capability and productization simultaneously, pushing enterprises deeper into AI dependence and raising competitive pressure on firms that delay adoption.

Keep an eye on: Whether regulators respond with new disclosure, safety, or antitrust rules as “frontier” models migrate into finance, health, and critical infrastructure.

2) Anthropic’s Claude Opus 4.5 and the enterprise land-grab

What happened: Anthropic released Claude Opus 4.5, described as its “most intelligent” model so far, optimized for code generation, spreadsheet work, and long-running AI “agents,” alongside plans to spend tens of billions on Nvidia chips via cloud partnerships. [businessinsider.com+1](#)

Why it matters: Anthropic is positioning itself as the premium enterprise AI stack, claiming a larger share of enterprise deployments than OpenAI and Google in some estimates, which could shift where sensitive corporate data flows.

Keep an eye on: Whether these capital-intensive compute deals produce sustainable margins—or trigger consolidation if revenue can’t keep pace with infrastructure promises.

3) China’s DeepSeek and the open-source price war

What happened: Chinese firm DeepSeek released a new open-source model boasting strong reasoning performance while slashing API prices by over 60%, undercutting Western rivals and adding to a wave of Chinese open-source offerings. [Investors.com](#)

Why it matters: Cheap, capable models lower barriers for smaller developers worldwide, but they also complicate export-control policy and raise concerns about who can access powerful AI systems.

Keep an eye on: Whether U.S. policy shifts toward more assertive controls on advanced model weights, and whether Western firms respond with their own aggressive open-source price cuts.

4) AI regulation and risk framing harden

What happened: November coverage and industry analysis focused on five big AI stories: cloud consolidation, tightening regulatory scripts (especially around safety and cyber-risk), and the role of AI in critical infrastructure and financial markets. [Launch Consulting](#)

Why it matters: The policy conversation is moving from “innovation at all costs” toward explicit discussions of sys-

temic risk, particularly in areas like power grids, trading systems, and national security.

Keep an eye on: Concrete regulatory text—capital rules, disclosure standards, and liability around high-risk AI deployments—rather than just speeches.

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Scam Watch — November 2025

Scammers never take a vacation. Each month they come up with new ways—or recycle old ones—to separate people from their savings. September brought a mix of old-school fraud dressed up in new clothes and schemes powered by AI. Here are the big ones you should know about.

1) Holiday online shopping scams intensify

What happened: The FTC issued fresh alerts on how scammers exploit holiday online shopping—fake stores, look-alike websites, phony shipping notices, and social-media “deals” designed to harvest card numbers and personal data. [Consumer Advice](#)

Why it matters: This is peak risk season for everyday consumers and older investors, who may be more trusting of branded emails and too busy to vet links carefully.

Keep an eye on: A potential spike in chargebacks, identity theft reports, and pressure on payment processors to tighten fraud detection.

2) Google’s fraud and scams advisory

What happened: Google’s Trust & Safety team published





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a November advisory highlighting trends in online scams, including AI-assisted phishing, fake tech-support, and investment schemes spread through search ads and YouTube. [blog.google](#)

Why it matters: When a platform at Google’s scale publicly flags patterns, it usually means the underlying problem is both widespread and difficult to fully contain with existing tools.

Keep an eye on: Whether regulators treat search and ad networks as having heightened duty to screen for fraud, potentially raising compliance costs.

3) FBI and state warnings: investment and impersonation scams

What happened: FBI Cleveland warned holiday shoppers about a surge in scams, citing millions in recent losses from investment schemes, business email compromise, and tech-support impersonation; state regulators echoed those warnings heading into Thanksgiving. [Federal Bureau of Investigation+1](#)

Why it matters: The pattern suggests scams are moving up-market: from small retail frauds toward higher-ticket investment and business schemes that quietly strip out savings.

Keep an eye on: Whether we see a post-holiday jump in reported losses that forces stronger know-your-customer and verification rules in brokerage, crypto, and payment apps.

Every month brings its share of news that sparks sharp disagreement — stories that divide experts, politicians, and the public alike. These are the events where facts collide with interpretation, where motives are questioned, and where the truth often depends on who is telling it.

The purpose of *Disputed Events* is not to resolve these arguments but to present them clearly. Each entry highlights a major controversy from the past month — political, military, economic, or social — and lays out why it matters. By putting these disputes side by side, the goal is to show how contested narratives shape the larger story of our time.

Readers should keep in mind that what follows is less about consensus and more about contention. Disputed events are the pressure points of democracy and global order — they reveal where society is most divided and where tomorrow’s headlines are likely to emerge.

I hope these reports will help you gain a better understanding of what is actually going on. Finding the truth has always been a challenge.

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1) Irish teacher case misrepresented online

What happened: Viral posts claimed an Irish teacher was jailed solely for refusing to use a transgender student’s pronouns; Reuters fact-checking clarified that the arrest was ordered for contempt of court related to breaching an injunction, not for pronoun use itself. [Reuters](#)

Why it matters: The case shows how complex legal disputes are flattened into culture-war soundbites, fueling polarization and mistrust of courts.

Keep an eye on: How often social media narratives replace the actual legal basis of controversial cases, and whether newsrooms can keep up with timely corrections.

2) Misleading claims about flags and “Islamization” in Europe

What happened: Fact-checkers debunked claims that a viral video of Pakistan’s flag inside Westminster Abbey was evidence of a new, permanent Islamic celebration in the UK; it was part of a long-standing, annual Commonwealth-related custom. [Reuters](#)

Why it matters: Symbolic images—especially involving flags, monuments, and churches—are potent fuel for nationalist and anti-immigrant narratives.



DISPUTED EVENTS

“Where facts meet controversy — the stories too important to ignore, and too contested to settle.”





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Keep an eye on: The use of old or context-stripped video clips being re-captioned and repurposed to inflame political debate ahead of elections.

3) Western Balkans disinformation “flashpoints”

What happened: Analysts in the Western Balkans flagged a set of November events—elections, referenda, and EU-related decisions—as prime targets for disinformation campaigns, particularly those aimed at undermining Euro-Atlantic integration. [Truthmeter](#)

Why it matters: The region remains a testing ground for hybrid tactics: coordinated online narratives paired with on-the-ground political pressure. Lessons learned there often migrate into broader European and U.S. information spaces.

Keep an eye on: Pre-election spikes in coordinated social media activity, and the degree to which EU/NATO partners invest in prebunking and early-warning.

4) Global disinformation and climate politics

What happened: Policy analysts highlighted 2025 as a year of high-profile disinformation campaigns around global climate summits and energy policy, with governments scrambling to coordinate responses. [NY Center for Foreign Policy+1](#)

Why it matters: Climate policy is both economically enormous and emotionally charged; false narratives here can swing public opinion on trillions in future spending.

Keep an eye on: Whether “prebunking” tools—predictive monitoring systems that let fact-checkers counter narratives before they go viral—actually blunt future waves.

Editor’s Note

This *Civil Unrest Watch* is intended as a factual, data-driven guide to domestic tensions and clashes in the U.S.—not as a political argument. While the author’s views lean moderately conservative, every effort is made to analyze events through reliable sources, balanced context, and transparent methodology. Readers are invited to weigh the evidence, challenge assumptions, and form their own judgments.

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1) Rural protests in China over cremation mandate

What happened: In Guizhou province, China, residents—especially from the Miao minority—protested a government push to enforce cremation instead of traditional burials, leading to clashes and viral videos despite censorship. [The Guardian](#)

Why it matters: This is not about macroeconomics; it’s about state intrusion into deeply held cultural practices. That combination can harden resentment in rural, poorer regions that already feel marginalized.

Keep an eye on: Whether authorities quietly soften implementation or double down with arrests and surveillance, and whether similar cultural-policy protests surface elsewhere in China.

2) Protests on violence against women worldwide

What happened: On November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, marches and demonstrations took place in multiple countries, highlighting femicide and domestic violence statistics. [Al Jazeera](#)

Why it matters: Gender-based violence is increasingly framed as a human-rights and governance issue, not just a social ill, shaping donor priorities and domestic political agendas.

Keep an eye on: Whether these protests translate into concrete policy changes—funding for shelters, legal reforms, and data transparency.

3) Africa: post-election unrest and armed violence

What happened: Conflict-monitoring groups reported unrest in Cameroon following President Biya’s re-election, surging violence in parts of Mali, and ongoing atrocities in Sudan after the Rapid Support Forces seized key cities.



CIVIL UNREST WATCH

Fault Lines: The State of Domestic Tension in the United States





Winds of War

[ACLED](#)

Why it matters: These conflicts may seem distant to U.S. investors, but they affect migration, regional security cooperation, and in some cases resource flows and energy projects.

Keep an eye on: Whether regional blocs (ECOWAS, AU) can exert meaningful leverage, or whether great-power competition pulls these conflicts into wider strategic contests.

4) Greece protest advisory

What happened: Security analysts warned of disruptions and protests in Athens and other cities around November 17, the anniversary of the 1973 Polytechnic uprising, an annual focal point for anti-government demonstrations.

[Safe Abroad](#)

Why it matters: These recurring protest “rituals” give opposition and extremist groups predictable opportunities to mobilize, sometimes spilling into clashes with police.

Keep an eye on: Turnout and violence levels year-over-year as a barometer of broader frustration with economic and political conditions in Greece.



November 2025 – Winds of War

1) Russia–Ukraine: pressure without compromise

What happened: A late-November campaign assessment noted that Russia continues offensive operations and signals that its core demands have not changed since the August 2025 Alaska summit, despite battlefield fluctuations.

[Institute for the Study of War](#)

Why it matters: The war remains a grinding test of Western staying power; reductions or delays in aid risk shifting the military balance and encouraging further Russian adventurism.

Keep an eye on: Legislative battles over Ukraine funding in Washington and Europe, and whether Russia secures

new basing or military access in the Global South. [House Armed Services Committee](#)

2) Middle East: Iran, Israel, and Red Sea stability

What happened: Briefings highlighted U.S. efforts to assemble a coalition to contain Iran and stabilize the Red Sea corridor, even as Israel faces ongoing security challenges with Iran-backed groups and actors like Hezbollah. [Foundation for Defense of Democracies+1](#)

Why it matters: The Red Sea and Suez are critical arteries for energy and container traffic; disruption there quickly translates into higher freight costs and potential energy price spikes.

Keep an eye on: Whether maritime security missions can deter attacks without pulling coalition members into broader regional escalation.

3) Suez and the fading Red Sea “risk premium”

What happened: Geopolitical reporting in early November suggested the Red Sea risk premium was easing as attacks declined and a Gaza ceasefire held, with carriers re-routing traffic back through Suez and transit revenue recovering. [mackinderforum.org](#)

Why it matters: A normalization of shipping patterns reduces one of the key supply-chain choke points from the last two years—but the underlying risk remains latent.

Keep an eye on: Whether hostile actors test the corridor again, especially if great-power tensions flare elsewhere.

4) Africa’s multi-front conflicts

What happened: In Sudan, the RSF’s seizure of territory and attacks on civilians continued; in Mali and neighboring states, insurgent and counter-insurgent violence persisted, with significant civilian harm reported. [ACLED](#)

Why it matters: These conflicts don’t move global markets directly, but they shape migration flows, humanitarian burdens, and the availability of Western forces and diplomatic bandwidth.

Keep an eye on: Any signs of serious external intervention or major peace initiatives that could re-draw local power balances.





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THE TRUTH ABOUT CHARLIE KIRK'S ASSASSINATION



Zach DeGregorio

This YouTube transcript is by Zach Degregoria of Wolves and Finance, who argues that the official narrative surrounding Charlie Kirk's murder, particularly the evidence presented by law enforcement, is flawed and potentially fabricated, suggesting a possible cover-up or the involvement of other individuals. Degregorio brings up some very thought-provoking questions, casting much serious doubt on the official narrative that has been released by the media.

DeGregorio's Main Arguments

[Doubt on the Murder Weapon]: Experts find it unlikely that a .30-06 rifle was used, as the gunshot wound is inconsistent with the damage such a weapon would cause, potentially indicating a different weapon was used.

[Inconsistencies in Video Footage]: The released video footage is fragmented and grainy, raising questions about why the full, high-quality footage isn't available, and the suspect's limp appears to switch legs in different images.

The AHA Moment: [Discord Messages Authenticity]: The "text message confession" was actually communicated via Discord, which makes verification through cell phone data impossible and raises the possibility of fabrication.

[Missing Original Evidence]: Critical evidence like the alleged written note confessing the crime is said to be destroyed, with only "forensic evidence" and interview confirmations remaining, making it impossible to verify its authenticity.

Unique Perspectives

[Eyewitness Account Contradicts Official Description]: An eyewitness who saw the shooter claims the person was wearing tactical gear and was young and athletic, contradicting the FBI's description of Tyler Robinson.

[Police Scanner Description Differs]: The initial police scanner description of the suspect matched the eyewitness account (tactical gear, black mask), further undermining the official narrative.

Supporting Evidence





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[Candace Owens' Investigation]: Candace Owens claims to have information that the bullet fragment removed from Charlie Kirk's body was not from a .30-06 rifle, though she hasn't provided evidence yet.

[Turning Point USA Confirmation]: Turning Point USA confirmed that there was no exit wound on the back of Charlie Kirk's head, which is unusual for a .30.06 bullet.

Thought-Provoking Questions

[Why Doctor the Photo?]: The FBI director was furious that agents waited 12 hours to show him a photo of the suspect, raising the question of whether the photo was being doctored to frame Tyler Robinson.

[Why Not Release All Footage?]: If the video footage clearly shows Tyler Robinson committing the crime, why has the FBI only released small portions of it, and why is the released footage grainy?

TOP QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF CHARLIE KIRK'S MURDER, ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORITIES?

According to the authorities, Tyler Robinson was arrested and indicted on seven criminal counts, including murder, for the shooting of Charlie Kirk. The indictment states that Robinson was a lone gunman. The police found a bolt-action 30-06 rifle nearby, along with ammo engraved with transgender ideology. Robinson allegedly confessed to the crime in messages, stating he acted alone and killed Kirk because of love for his transgender boyfriend.

WHY DOES THE VIDEO CAST DOUBT ON THE CLAIM THAT A 30-06 RIFLE WAS USED IN THE SHOOTING?

DeGregorio questions the use of a .30-06 rifle because experts believe the gunshot wound is inconsistent with the damage a .30-06 would cause. DeGregorio presents a test showing the power of a .30-06 bullet and suggests that if Charlie Kirk had been shot with such a weapon, his head would have exploded, and there would have been an exit wound. However, there was no exit wound.

WHAT INCONSISTENCIES ARE POINTED OUT IN THE VIDEO FOOTAGE RELEASED BY THE AU-

THORITIES?

DeGregorio highlights several inconsistencies in the released video footage. He questions why only small portions of the footage were released and why grainy still images were used instead of the actual video. DeGregorio also points out that the suspect is limping in one video but not in the still images, and the limp switches legs in different pictures. Furthermore, the video questions why footage of the suspect preparing to take the shot on the roof was not released.

WHAT CONCERNS ARE RAISED ABOUT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE DISCORD MESSAGES ATTRIBUTED TO TYLER ROBINSON?

DeGregorio raises concerns about the authenticity of the Discord messages because they were not verified by cell phone data and could be easily faked. The police only have photographs of the messages taken from a screen, not the original messages themselves. Additionally, the messages mention engraved bullets, but the video argues it's unlikely Charlie Kirk was shot with those bullets.

HOW DOES THE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE SHOOTER DIFFER FROM THE FBI'S DESCRIPTION OF TYLER ROBINSON?

DeGregorio presents an eyewitness account that contradicts the FBI's description of Tyler Robinson. According to Candace Owens' investigation, the eyewitness described the shooter as wearing tactical gear and being young, which does not match the FBI's portrayal of Robinson. The police scanner description also aligns with the eyewitness account, describing the suspect as wearing all black, a tactical vest, and a black mask.

End of Wolves and Finance summary transcription

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What is the Samson Option?

It is believed that the Samson Option is Israel's strategy of using nuclear weapons as a last resort for massive retaliation against any country that threatens its existence. It is named after the biblical figure Samson, who brought down a temple on his enemies, symbolizing a willingness to inflict severe damage on adversaries even at great cost to itself.

Although the Samson Option is not an officially declared Israeli policy, multiple credible sources—including investigative journalism, academic studies, and military analyses—support that it exists as a last-resort nuclear deterrence strategy for Israel. Israel has never formally admitted to possessing nuclear weapons, yet evidence strongly suggests it maintains them under a doctrine of “deliberate ambiguity,” with the Samson Option serving as a theoretical framework for massive retaliation if Israel’s survival is threatened.

Here is the key evidence supporting the existence of the

Samson Option

1. Israel’s Nuclear Ambiguity

Israel has never officially confirmed its nuclear arsenal, but it is widely believed to possess 80–200 nuclear warheads.

The policy of *amimut* (Hebrew for “deliberate ambiguity”) allows Israel to deter adversaries without openly declaring nuclear capability.

2. Seymour Hersh’s Investigative Work

Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Seymour Hersh published *The Samson Option: Israel’s Nuclear Arsenal and American Foreign Policy* (1991), documenting Israel’s clandestine nuclear program and its reliance on the Samson Option as a last-resort retaliatory strike strategy.

Hersh’s book details cooperation with France in building the Dimona reactor, espionage cases like Jonathan Pollard, and U.S. complicity in overlooking Israel’s nuclear buildup.

3. Academic and Strategic Analyses

Scholars such as Prof. Louis René Beres argue that the Samson Option is part of Israel’s rational deterrence calculus, not just vengeance. It signals to adversaries that existential threats could trigger nuclear retaliation.

Analysts note that Israel’s doctrine is rooted in the “Never Again” ethos, ensuring Jewish survival after the Holocaust.

4. Historical Context

The term “Samson Option” references the biblical figure Samson, who destroyed a Philistine temple, killing himself and his captors. The analogy reflects Israel’s willingness to risk catastrophic retaliation rather than face annihilation.

During the 1973 Yom Kippur War, reports suggest Israel readied nuclear weapons when its survival seemed at stake, reinforcing the credibility of the doctrine.

5. Modern Relevance

Analysts argue the Samson Option remains relevant today, especially amid tensions with Iran. It is seen as a deterrent posture shaping Middle Eastern geopolitics, even if never openly invoked.

Important Caveats

No official confirmation: Israel has never publicly acknowledged the Samson Option or its nuclear arsenal.



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Strategic ambiguity: The doctrine works precisely because it is not codified—its deterrent effect lies in uncertainty.

Criticism: Some scholars argue the Samson Option is exaggerated or misinterpreted, serving more as a rhetorical device than a concrete operational plan

But in summary, the Samson Option is supported by investigative reporting (Hersh), academic studies, and historical evidence of Israel's nuclear readiness. While never officially declared, it is widely understood as Israel's implicit nuclear deterrence doctrine—a last-resort strategy to ensure national survival.

The Common Sense Show's Dave Hodges thinks the Samson Option exists. He believes that US presidents are routinely blackmailed by Israel through the "Samson Option," which involves threats of nuclear action, forcing compliance with Israeli demands and influencing US foreign policy.

Hodges believes that US presidents are allegedly blackmailed by Israel, a factor that keeps them "in line." Israel continually threatens US presidents by displaying their nuclear weapons and stating they will use them on enemies if arms supplies cease. Essentially, the "Samson option" is Israel's threat to not only nuke its adversaries but also itself and the entire Middle East if it faces an existential threat and is cut off by the US. Presidents have consistently been compelled to back down due to these threats. Hodges suggests Israel could orchestrate devastating false flag operations in America using proxies, citing concerns about open borders. While acknowledging Israel's right to exist and the moral obligation to protect it from attack, Hodges argues the US should not support wars of foreign imperialism for Israel's national gain. US financial aid reportedly enables Israel to provide universal healthcare and free college by offsetting its defense spending. Hodges strongly criticizes Israeli leadership, particularly Netanyahu, describing him as "as dirty as it comes" and worse than Barack Obama. Hodges advocates for an "America First" policy and expresses trust in Marjorie Taylor Green. Hodges' compelling argument that US presidents are continually subjected to blackmail by Israel, primarily through the "Samson Option" nuclear threat. He asserts that this tactic over the years has forced US presidents to align with Israeli interests, leading to US involvement in foreign wars and financial support that benefits Israel's domestic programs. He concludes that America must rethink its allegiance and prioritize an "America First" policy, criticizing current Israeli leadership and its perceived influence over US foreign policy.

Do you think Israel has a Samson Option and if it does, how should the US deal with it? How does the Book of Revelation deal with it?

D. Miyoshi

WHO REALLY CONTROLS THE US CONGRESS



In this YouTube video, Dave Hodges of the Common Sense Show asserts that the Israeli Lobby, including financial contributions, coupled with the lack of foreign lobbyist registration, significantly impacts US congressional decisions and foreign policy, potentially driving the country towards unnecessary conflicts.

Main Arguments

[Serving Priorities]: Hodges asserts his priorities are serving Jesus, family, country, and no other entity, emphasizing the need for Americans to prioritize their own nation's interests above foreign influence

[Foreign Policy Influence]: Israel disproportionately influences US foreign policy, even violating recent peace treaties and impeding aid to starving Palestinians

[Lobbyist Influence]: 87% of Congress members accept money from American Israel Public Affairs Committee





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(AIPAC) or related Israeli interests, and Israel is exempted from registering as a foreign lobbyist.

[TPUSA Controversy]: Charlie Kirk's alleged fight to remove pro-Israeli influence from TPUSA before his death raises questions about foreign control over American youth organizations.

[Demand for Transparency]: Hodges demands a ban on dark money in political campaigns and increased transparency for foreign lobbies, particularly the Israeli lobby.

Unique Perspectives

AHA: [Challenging the Status Quo]: Hodges challenges the conventional view that supporting Israel unconditionally is in America's best interest, suggesting that Netanyahu's actions could lead to war and that America should not automatically intervene. This challenges the common narrative and encourages viewers to critically evaluate the US-Israel relationship.

[Prioritizing American Interests]: Hodges frames the issue not as anti-Israel, but as pro-America, arguing that the US should prioritize its own interests and avoid being manipulated into foreign conflicts.

Supporting Evidence

[Aid Truck Statistic]: Israel only allowed 79 aid trucks to pass through, while over 900 were lined up, highlighting the inhumane treatment of Palestinians.

[Congressional Funding]: 89% of congressmen accept PAC money from various sources, including some from Israel.

[Dark Money in Campaigns]: \$1.9 billion in dark money goes to congressional campaigns in 2024, with Israel allegedly being a part of this.

Thought-Provoking Questions

[America First?]: Hodges questions whether America is truly putting its own interests first or prioritizing the interests of Israel.

[Trump's Stance]: Hodges questions whether President Trump will stand up to Netanyahu's violation of the Peace Treaty and cut off military aid.

TOP QUESTIONS

How do lobbyists and foreign aid, particularly from Israel, influence members of Congress?

Hodges claims that a significant percentage of Congress, specifically 89%, accepts money from various lobbyists, including those from big oil, banking, and big pharma. Furthermore, Hodges alleges that 87% of Congress takes money from APAC or related Israeli interests. Hodges suggests this creates a conflict of interest and undue influence on American policy, questioning whether America is putting Israel first. Hodges also points out that Israel is exempt from registering as a foreign lobbyist.

What specific actions by Israel are criticized in relation to peace treaties and foreign policy?

Hodges criticizes Israel for allegedly violating a recent peace treaty by killing over 100 Palestinians and restricting aid trucks from entering Gaza. He also mentions the Knesset passing a bill to annex Gaza, which he argues is a violation of the peace agreement. Hodges expresses concern that American foreign policy is being unduly influenced by Israel's actions.

What concerns are raised about Turning Point USA (TPUSA) and its stance on Israel?

Hodges discusses concerns that TPUSA's mission to educate young adults is being co-opted to promote a pro-Israel agenda. He claims that Charlie Kirk, the founder of TPUSA, wanted to abandon the pro-Israeli lobby shortly before his death and suggests a power struggle between donors and Charlie over the organization's direction. Hodges states he will not support TPUSA if they take money to influence young Americans' views on Israel.

What are the concerns about "dark money" and its role in political campaigns comma particularly concerning Israel?

Hodges expresses concern about 'dark money,' specifically \$1.9 billion in anonymous donations going to congressional campaigns. Hodges believes Israel is part of this issue, although not the only entity involved, and demands transparency in political donations. He argues that no one should be able to donate anonymously to political campaigns, implying this lack of transparency enables undue influence.

What actions does Hodges suggest the US should take if Israel provokes Iran or violates agreements?





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Hodges states that if Israel provokes Iran or tries to invade, the US should not send troops. He also references Marjorie Taylor Greene's suggestion to cut off military aid to Israel if they continue disingenuous negotiations and violate agreements. Hodges is demanding that Israel's lobby be banned or at least be forced to register.

For your reading consideration, below is a summary of Mr. Jikh's video.

D. Miyoshi

Who Really Owns and Controls America?

Jikh explores the various forms of control in America, from land ownership to the influence of financial institutions and corporations, and ultimately discusses how individuals can retain control of their own economic energy

WHO REALLY OWNS AMERICA (It's Not Who You Think)



This video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOG3MiFax7E>) explores the complex question of who truly controls America. It delves into various forms of power, including land ownership, the creation and control of money and credit through the Federal Reserve and the banking system, and the influence of major corporations and asset managers like BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street on the stock market.

The author is Andrei Jikh, a financial consultant who examines the national debt and who holds it, highlighting the roles of foreign investors and the Federal Reserve. Ultimately, he argues that control is multifaceted and depends on what one values, suggesting that preserving one's economic energy through stores of value like stocks, real estate, or potentially Bitcoin, is a key strategy for individuals. The author presents a sound argument for the benefits of holding Bitcoin. I agree that people should hold a small portion of their liquid assets in the form of Bitcoin or crypto currency but less than a substantial portion.

Land Ownership

In the 19th century, land ownership was a primary form of control.

The Pacific Railway Act of 1862 granted 174 million acres to railroad companies, highlighting how land grants could influence politics.

The Credit Mobilier scandal exposed corruption involving discounted shares given to congressmen in exchange for favorable legislation.

Today, mega landlords still wield significant power. Private owners control about 60% (1.3 billion acres) of US land.

Examples include the Emerson family, John Malone, and even Bill Gates, who owns significant farmland.

Concerns arise over potential tax exemptions for large landholdings, which could negatively impact local communities.

Landowners control tax revenue, voting districts, and resource allocation.

The Power of Credit and Central Banking

Credit is presented as the evolution of land ownership as a form of control.

In 1910, a secret meeting on Jackal Island led to the creation of the Federal Reserve Act.

The Federal Reserve (the Fed) controls the US money supply.





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The Fed is owned by commercial US banks, not directly by families like the Rothschilds.

The Federal Reserve Act created 12 regional reserve banks with the power of fractional reserve banking.

Up until March 2020, banks could lend out 90% of deposits, creating more credit.

As of March 2020, the reserve requirement is 0%, allowing banks to lend out the maximum amount of deposits.

The Fed controls over \$6 trillion and influences mortgage rates and the purchasing power of paychecks.

The president does not have direct control over the Fed.

Corporate Control and the Stock Market

Jikh addresses the question of who controls the US stock market.

The "holy trinity" of BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street are major players.

While they manage trillions of dollars, most of that money belongs to individual investors.

These firms have significant voting power through proxy votes.

They vote on board members and influence company policy.

The big three manage roughly \$23 trillion and have proxy votes on about 90% of US stocks.

They are major stockholders in 95% of American corporations.

Mutual funds and ETFs often rely on these giants to cast proxy votes on their behalf.

US Debt

Jikh explores who the US owes its money to.

In 2024, the US had over \$36 trillion in gross federal debt (120% of GDP).

80% of the debt is held by public investors, and 20% is intergovernmental debt.

Foreign investors own about 30% (8.5 trillion), including Japan and China.

The Federal Reserve is the single largest holder of public debt, with over \$6 trillion.

Debt is also owned by pension funds, banks, and insurance companies.

High debt levels can lead to higher interest rates, creating a feedback loop.

Political Influence and Campaign Spending

Jikh discusses the influence of money in politics.

In 2024, 100 billionaire families spent a record \$2.6 billion in federal races.

Top individual donors gave out \$2.5 billion, with Republican-leaning contributions outpacing Democrats.

Examples include donations from Elon Musk, Miriam Adelson, and Timothy Mellon.

"Dark money" spending by nonprofits also plays a significant role.

Large contributions also come from the Democrat side, like George Soros.

The system spends a huge amount of money to influence politics.

Retaining Economic Energy and Finding a Store of Value

Jikh concludes by emphasizing the importance of retaining economic energy.

Jikh argues that someone controls the value of money through inflation.

Rich people convert their economic energy into stores of value like stocks, real estate, and art.

These assets have a "premium" due to their ability to store value efficiently.

Jikh then introduces Bitcoin as a potential superior store of value.

He uses the example of a Basquiat painting and average housing prices to illustrate how Bitcoin has outperformed these assets in preserving economic energy.

Jikh suggests that Bitcoin is "draining the premium" out of other asset classes.

End of Video





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Who Will China Attack Next? (and it's not Taiwan)



Transcribed from the Common Sense Show

7-5-25

David Hodges reporting

If I said China will soon attack a country but it ain't going to be Taiwan, most people will find that shocking. The country of Taiwan wants you to believe they will be attacked because they need America to support their defense. The defense of Taiwan will likely be the priority for America but China will not attack Taiwan first.

There's some real reasons why China is not going to attack Taiwan first. China is making jabs at Taiwan to distract to set up the kill punch. China is jabbing Taiwan by violating airspace, simulating blockades, but they are not going to attack Taiwan.

Right now, there are a lot of memos being leaked out of China. This is because a lot of military people are being replaced in China and they are upset. When this happens, you get real data. We see the estimated cost of war for China, even if they were successful in taking Taiwan, is \$10 trillion. This would take 10% off China's international GDP, and initially they would lose the US as a trading partner. We know the Chinese manufacturing and economies are already in the toilet. They're in free fall right now. Thus, at this time, they just can't take Taiwan on as a target.

But is there a more desirable target? It could be. A Russian FSB document (FSB is the new Russian KGB), has identi-

fied China as their number one threat. Isn't that interesting? Putin and president XI, have appeared like good friends in public and acted as though America was their main threat. They seemed to have a powerful alliance, but it was merely a paper alliance. Russia knows what's coming. And they're hoping they can stall it off because they are supplying China with very cheap oil. Russia only has two customers for their oil, India and China. And when the demand for oil is that low, the only customers India and China can set their own price. And China is benefiting.

So is there a place China could attack and offset that loss of cheap oil? The answer is yes. Where do you think it would be? We know it's not Taiwan. We gave you the reasons why China is not going to attack Taiwan first.

Here is the answer. China is going to attack Siberia before it attacks Taiwan. This is not in the leaked Russian FSB document that reported China is the main threat to Russia. But this has got to be why Russia looks at China as the number one threat. The reported threat to Russia is not NATO, it's not the United States, it's China. And if China attacks Siberia, Japan may not interfere in this. It's not likely the United States is going to interfere in this because this attack will significantly weaken Russia. Siberia belongs to Russia. The problem for Russia is Putin has had to strip his Siberian military defenses and put them into the battle in Ukraine. North Korea is in a strategic position to help China and provide troop support to the Vladivostok area. And so long as China does not threaten the Sea of Japan, Japan will probably stay out of it.

There is no way that with Russia tied up with Ukraine Russian can adequately defend against this invasion by China into Siberia. China will station its best military in the northern part, and this is why I believe China's new military leader Xu Xisheng has reorganized the Chinese military with emphasis on the Northern District. So this is where the next war is going to be. It's going to be in Siberia.

But hold on. What do we know about Chinese military and strategic planning? American planning tends to be about the next quarter, the next three months. We have some military planners that go the long route, but they're limited because money's allocated on a quarterly basis, often, sometimes yearly. On the other hand, the Chinese plan five, ten, fifteen, or fifty years out. And this has huge implications for the United States. There will be no interven-





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tion from the US, no intervention from Japan as long as China is surgical in its operations in Siberia.

So what comes next? What's down the road for our children, and this could be five years, ten years down the road?

More on this later.

End of report

WHY HAVE WE BECOME WOKE?



Recently, *The Daily Signal Politics* Editor Bradley Devlin had a conversation with Helen Andrews on “The Signal Sitdown” on why we have become Woke. This conversation is reported below:

Conservative academics have wrestled with the origins of woke for decades. Some call it cultural Marxism repackaged. Some argue it started in academics with postmodernism rejecting objective truth and weaponizing culture. Waked is the ideology of the new managerial elite in late-stage neo-liberalism, hence it may have come from global businesses.

Maybe “woke” and “cancel culture” sprang from “The Great Feminization.” Helen Andrews, author of “Boomers: The Men and Women Who Promised Freedom and Delivered Disaster,” published “The Great Feminization,” a term stolen from J. Stone, on how “woke” is “an epiphenomenon of demographic feminization.” She discusses on “The Signal Sitdown” this week.

Andrews, like many conservative thinkers, seeks woke. Other wokeness origin theories failed. Andrews added, “All of those theories have merit to them,” but “in most cases, something about the mechanism didn’t seem to be entirely clear to me.”

As with the argument that wokeness is rebranded cultural Marxism. “There are some people who see an ideological genealogy of wokeness,” Andrews told The Daily Signal. They claim it's cultural Marxism, which spreads via colleges and infects everyone, causing wokeness everywhere at once.

Andrews said, “the weakness of the ‘wokeness is cultural Marxism’ theory for me is that I saw wokeness erupt in areas of our society that are not remotely Marxist, like big business Fortune 500 companies.” “Wokeness appeared in unexpected places.”

“I think the moment I knew wokeness was different than [political correctness] or any of the old iterations was when people started getting fired from NFL teams or NASCAR,” Andrews said. Why does NASCAR show wokeness? It seems unlikely to be found there—or in Wall Street firms.”

“These are not hotbeds of wokeness,” Andrews said. Nothing ideological seemed to be going on. The trend was feminization.”

“The Great Feminization” theory states that female representation at numerous institutions has reached a critical mass that has changed how these organizations and society work.





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“We fought feminism in the 1970s over whether women could be lawyers. We agreed they could, which is excellent, Andrews said. “But it took a long time to go from token representation of the kind achieved in second-wave feminism to what we have now.”

Second-wave feminism has penetrated our institutions, resulting in what we have. “Why the Great Feminization thesis resonates with me so strongly is because just the timing fits,” Andrews said.

Many of the organizations influenced by “The Great Feminization” began hiring women in the 1960s and 1970s, but now women make up growing majorities.

“Law schools became majority female in 2016,” Andrews remarked. Professors at universities? I believed it would have been earlier, too, but it only tipped over in the last five years. Females dominated medical colleges in the last five years. Most American college-educated white-collar workers are women.

Andrews later stated, “There has never been a society in the history of planet Earth where women have been a majority of lawyers, doctors, or managers in management positions in businesses and nonprofits.” Everyone, including those who despise me and think I'm a hater, must admit that we're in unknown ground, regardless of whether feminization is a problem. The tremendous feminization will bring new problems and changes to society that we have never seen before—not in our country or any other.”

It coincides with wokeness and cancel culture.

Andrews called Wokeness a rejection of rational argument. Wokeness is “the intrusion of identity politics into previously neutral arenas and the erection of taboos surrounding what kinds of things you are and aren't allowed to question, hiding more and more debatable claims behind curtains of, ‘How dare you push back on that!’”

To relate to feminization, Andrews stated that women tend to care more for victims than men (The Daily Signal). I think wokeness does that across the board every time: if you can frame a political issue as looking out for a weak or victim class, it is far easier to get women on board.

Wokeness blocks logical discourse “by continuing to accumulate more and more sacred victim classes that you're not allowed to question.”

Thus, rolling back wokeness involves rolling back “The Great Feminization.”

Reversing “The Great Feminization” requires equalizing the playing field. Stop diversity bonuses for female college and employment candidates. Limit and define anti-discrimination law. “The weapon that these schoolmarms in the HR department have to wield is federal law because anti-discrimination law makes it illegal to have an unwelcoming workplace for women, and judges have interpreted that law very broadly,” Andrews told The Daily Signal.

“It is only by massively incentivizing women to enter paid work that we have created the situation where they are more than half of young associates at law firms,” she said. I think great feminization will fade if we remove their thumbs.

Andrews concluded, “I’m confident that would occur in America if we stopped deliberately manipulating gender relations in the toxic ways we’ve been doing so far.”

End of Article on Why We Have Become Woke

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WILL THERE BE A FINANCIAL CRISIS IN 2026?



Will a financial crash happen in 2026? This YouTube video presented by *Financial Empire* says there will be.

DISCLAIMER:

This video is for educational and historical analysis only. It is not financial advice. Always consult a qualified professional before making investment decisions.

D. Miyoshi

There's a hidden rhythm that has shaped every major boom and collapse in modern history. It foresaw the 1929 crash. It signaled the 2008 meltdown. And now, this same cycle is flashing red again—pointing straight at 2026. This isn't speculation. It's a long-term economic pattern, documented for more than 200 years, recognized by leading economists, and proven right every single time. Most people have no idea it exists—but once you see the pattern, you'll never look at markets the same way again.

In this YouTube documentary, we uncover the Kondratiev Wave*—a long economic cycle that unfolds every 50 to 80 years through four distinct seasons:

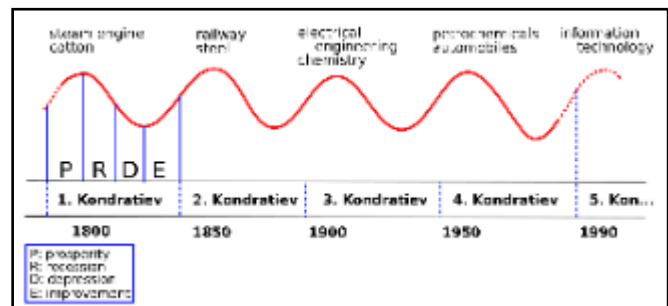
Spring (Recovery), Summer (Prosperity), Autumn (Stagnation), and Winter (Collapse).

Right now, we are deep inside the Winter phase. And based on multiple overlapping megacycles—the debt supercycle, the generational cycle, and the long wave—they all converge on a single five-year window: 2022 to 2027, with 2026 at the center of the storm.

The Five Stages of Collapse

- 1 The Crack (Late 2025–Early 2026) – The system breaks somewhere unexpected
- 2 Contagion (Spring–Summer 2026) – Panic spreads through markets
- 3 Intervention (Summer–Fall 2026) – Governments react, money printing resumes
- 4 Secondary Collapse (Late 2026–2028) – Deeper economic damage unfolds
- 5 Stabilization (2029–2030) – The reset completes, a new cycle begins

*In economics, Kondratiev waves (also called supercycles, great surges, long waves, K-waves or the long economic cycle) are hypothesized cycle-like phenomena in the modern world economy. The phenomenon is closely connected with the technology life cycle.



Here is a summary of the video:

The hidden economic cycle, specifically a delayed Kondratieff winter, combined with converging





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debt and generational cycles and current economic indicators, predicts a severe financial crash in 2026, particularly in late spring or early summer.

Summary of the YouTube Video

- A hidden economic pattern has accurately predicted every major economic collapse for the last 200 years, including 1873, 1929, and 2008, and is now pointing directly to 2026.
- This pattern is based on economic cycles, specifically the Kondratieff wave, discovered by Russian economist Nikolai Kondratieff in the 1920s, which repeats every 40 to 60 years.
- The Kondratieff wave has four distinct phases: *spring* (recovery), *summer* (boom), *autumn* (stagnation), and *winter* (collapse).
- The 2008 financial crisis was a *delayed* Kondratieff winter, as governments and central banks intervened with unprecedented force, preventing the natural cleansing of the system.
- **AHA Moment:** The full Kondratieff winter that was supposed to unfold in 2008-2010 was postponed for 15 years through artificial monetary policy and debt expansion, meaning it is still coming and will finally arrive in 2026.
- Multiple cycles are converging on 2026: the Kondratieff long wave (2020-2030), the debt super cycle (2010-2020), and the generational cycle (2019-2023), reinforcing the severity of the predicted crisis.
- Key leading indicators supporting the 2026 timeline include:
 - The yield curve inverted in July 2022 and uninverted in September 2024, historically predicting a recession 6 to 18 months later (March 2025 to March 2026).
 - Corporate credit spreads began widening in late 2023, typically 12 to 24 months before a crisis (late 2025 to late 2026).
 - Money velocity peaked in early 2022 and has been declining, with a historical lag of 24 to 36 months to recession onset (early 2024 to early 2025).
 - Household debt is at near-record levels, and debt service payments exceeded 15% of disposable
- income in mid-2024, historically leading to crisis within 18 months (late 2025 to early 2026).
- The commercial real estate refinancing cliff, with \$1.5 trillion in loans needing refinancing, peaks in the first and second quarters of 2026, leading to potential defaults and regional bank failures.
- The post-2008 intervention created an "everything bubble," meaning that when it pops, all asset classes (stocks, bonds, real estate, crypto, art) will likely deflate simultaneously, making the 2026 crisis potentially worse than previous Kondratieff winters.
- Global debt reached \$37 trillion in 2023 (340% of global GDP), significantly higher than the US debt-to-GDP peak during the Great Depression.
- The US federal debt is \$36 trillion, with annual interest payments exceeding \$1.2 trillion, an unsustainable burden as interest rates rise.
- The Federal Reserve is trapped between fighting inflation with high rates (crashing the economy) and lowering rates (reigniting inflation), likely choosing to delay pain by cutting rates in late 2024 or early 2025, creating a final artificial bubble before the 2026 crash.
- The crisis will unfold in phases: an initial *crack* (late 2025/early 2026), followed by *contagion* (spring/early summer 2026), then *intervention* (summer/fall 2026), and finally a *secondary collapse* (late 2026 through 2028), before eventual stabilization and reset.
- Individuals should prepare by reducing stock exposure, evaluating real estate debt, paying down consumer debt, and diversifying into assets like physical gold, silver, productive farmland, and essential service businesses.
- Psychological preparation is crucial to resist panic and act contrary to emotions by buying assets at low prices during the winter phase.

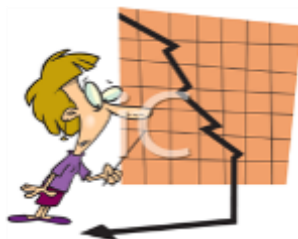
Gradual positioning, rather than waiting for an obvious crash, is recommended, such as systematically shifting assets, building cash reserves, and aggressively paying down debt.



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Conclusion Insightful Analysis

This video provides an exceptionally insightful analysis by meticulously detailing how multiple economic cycles, particularly the Kondratieff wave, debt super cycle, and generational cycle, are converging to predict a severe financial crisis in 2026. The creator effectively uses historical precedents and current leading indicators like yield curve inversions, corporate credit spreads, and commercial real estate refinancing cliffs to build a compelling case for the timing and severity of the impending "delayed winter." The specific recommendations for preparation, both financial and psychological, add significant value, making this a highly educational and actionable analysis.

The Financial Empire Publication speculates there will be a financial crash in 2026. While they are not saying there will absolutely be one, they are saying you need to be prepared if there is.

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