

So much universe, so little time



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April 13, 2026**Dear Patriot,**

Oh, how wonderful it was to see the Artemis II gently plop into the ocean with four happy and healthy astronauts aboard.

The left does not talk much of this amazing accomplishment. After all, Obama and Biden shut down space exploration. Why spend all the money on the future when Somali illegals can steal it from us now?

President Trump knows that humans need to explore and be challenged by the world. He has laid the groundwork for men and women to test the limits of knowledge and science. The future has no bounds. It is delightful to have a president who believes that too.

Check out these stories...

- another example of what makes a successful country.
- Texas is rocking the oil business.
- the cure for poverty.
- Rules for Failed Radicals.
- Bumper to bumper traffic in Gulf of America.



1- A reminder that communism fails EVERY time it's tried.
Conservative capitalism works EVERY time we are allowed to try it.
Read all of the success of Argentina at the link.

[American Greatness](#)

The Bloodbath That Wasn't: Milei Proves His Doubters Wrong

QUOTE: We were promised an absolute bloodbath.

During the 2023 election in Argentina, politicians, academics, journalists, and commentators lined up to denounce populist candidate Javier Milei and his plan for "shock therapy," symbolized by the chainsaw he had taken to brandishing ominously on the campaign trail while shouting, "¡Viva la libertad, carajo!" ("Long live liberty, damn it!")

Just days before Argentina went to the polls, more than a hundred economists, including superstar Thomas Piketty, published an open letter. They said a win for Milei would "inflict further devastation and social chaos" on a country that was already devastated and in chaos. His plans for dollarization and severe cuts to public spending would "increase already high levels of poverty and inequality and could result in significantly increased social tensions and conflict."

Others were blunter in their predictions. There were claims Milei would "bring ba

a modernized version of the brutal fascist regime of General Jorge Rafael Videla, which ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983 and was responsible for the disappearance of at least 30,000 people. Members of the Peronist government shouted in unison, "If Milei does what he has said, there will be dead people and blood."

It was even claimed that Milei would start harvesting the organs of Argentina's poor to give to rich donors after comments he made about the need for a "free market in organs."

A bloodbath, like I said.

Milei, of course, took it all in his stride. The former tantric-sex guru with the wild hair and even wilder eyes cared little about the opinions of a man—Thomas Pike—he had already called a "turd" and a "criminal disguised as an intellectual," or people he derided as "communist pieces of sh-t." Nor, it seems, did the Argentine electorate care very much—or at least enough of them to guide the wild man to historic win.

More than two years after Milei became president, we now have a pretty clear idea of who was right and who was wrong.

This week, in response to new figures from Argentina's statistics agency, The Washington Post declared, in an op-ed, "Free market Argentina proves capitalism the answer to poverty."

The new figures show Milei has reduced the country's poverty rate from 53 percent to 28 percent—a massive reduction.

By drastically cutting state subsidies and laying off 60,000 public-sector workers,

Argentina achieved its first-ever fiscal surplus in 123 years. Inflation collapsed from an insane 200 percent to 33 percent. Growth is at 4.4 percent and predicted to outpace the average rate in Latin America over the next two years.



2- WhooooWeeee! There is some real action in the energy lane. (Check out the pict in item #5 for more evidence.)

Energy is the key to the future and Trump is making sure we are all topped off!

[Just The News](#)

Texas energy efforts advancing: New power stations, new semiconductor institute

QUOTE: Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday participated in groundbreaking ceremon highlighting Texas' energy expansion in both oil and gas and semiconductor manufacturing.

In Port Arthur, Abbott joined Entergy Corporation CEO Drew Marsh and Entergy Texas President and CEO Eli Viamontes and others at a groundbreaking ceremon for Entergy Legend and Lone Star power stations.

The new power stations will expand Texas' energy capacity by adding 1,200 MW power to supply electricity to more than 300,000 homes.

In 2023, Abbott broke ground with Marsh and Viamontes at its Orange County Advanced Power Station, a combined-cycle power plant, built near Bridge City next to Entergy Texas' Sabine Power Plant, The Center Square reported.

Entergy Texas provides electricity to nearly 500,000 customers in 27 Texas counties. It's a subsidiary of Entergy Corporation, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in New Orleans, which provides electricity to 3 million customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

"No state provides more power generation than the great State of Texas," Abbott said. "Today, we are expanding that leadership by breaking ground on two new massive power generation stations. We thank Entergy for investing in our state and for powering our future."

Texas leads the U.S. in energy and electricity production and oil and gas production among other energy sources, The Center Square has reported.



3- We have been gaslit for generations about the evils of oil and gas. The fact is energy is what lifts people from poverty.

Venezuela is not the only Latin American country that is thriving, in large part to shrugging off the yoke of the leftism and developing what God created for us to us

[Vijay Jayaraj at Townhall](#)

Oil, Faith, and Freedom: Lifting Latin Americans Out of Poverty

QUOTE: Latin America remains one of the most Christian regions on earth. More than 620 million people in Latin America identified as Christian in 2025.

For decades, ordinary families across South America battled volatile economies, hyperinflation, and brutal drug wars. You have likely watched these nations struggle to secure basic needs while their governments chased conflicting priorities. Cartel violence in places like Colombia and staggering debt crises in Argentina created cycles of deep despair.

Now, these communities are finally witnessing their countries embrace booming oil and gas economic growth. Open minds and proactive policies rooted in energy realism are driving this change. They are rejecting the anti-development models previously imposed by wealthy Western nations and choosing a path of genuine flourishing.

When nations utilize their natural resources, human flourishing always follows. You can see the direct results in the economic data. Poverty in Latin America fell to historic lows near 25 percent by 2025, down from 30 percent just three years earlier amid post-pandemic recovery.

What is fueling this massive poverty reduction? Hydrocarbons. Capital flows are heavily directed toward the energy sector, bringing 45 to 50 billion USD per year into South American upstream investment. These projects serve as primary growth drivers, proving that reliable energy access is the bedrock of societal advancement.

Look specifically at Guyana. Commercial oil production began in 2019 and now exceeds 800,000 barrels per day in 2025. The results are nothing short of

spectacular. The nation achieved real GDP expansion of nearly 47 percent from 2022 to 2024. Life expectancy increased by 2.5 years over the past decade. The government channels high fiscal revenues through a Natural Resource Fund, financing massive public investments in roads, ports, health facilities, and schools.

The shift toward energy abundance—beginning with the Industrial era in the West and now in places like South America and Africa—is not a betrayal of creation. It is a return to biblical common sense. God placed coal, oil, and gas in the ground along with sunlight, wind, uranium, and every other source of energy. The dominant mandate in Genesis calls humanity to cultivate and use the earth's resources responsibly, not to leave them untapped while children grow up in the dark.



4- No doubt you have heard of Saul Alinsky's book, *Rules for Radicals*. This book is a blueprint for all policy and procedure for hard core, evil leftists, notably Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. But like all leftist/socialist/communist efforts, they do not lead to prosperity, happiness or success long term.

They always fail. It is built into the system. But, along the way, it does tremendous damage. We can all see this so clearly now. The left is falling apart. It just needs a real good kick to send it down the volcano.

[Jay Rogers at Townhall](#)

Rules for Radicals Turns 55: Division Without Deliverance

QUOTE: Fifty-five years after Saul Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals* landed on shelves in 1971, I am applying to it the only framework that matters: a performance audit. The question is not whether Alinsky's thirteen tactics are morally defensible. The question is whether they worked for the constituencies they claimed to champion. The answer is no — and the data are not subtle. This is not merely a conservative grievance. It is a portfolio performance review. And the returns are dismal.

Alinsky was a Chicago community organizer who inverted Machiavelli's *The Prince*. Where Machiavelli counseled the powerful on how to hold power, Alinsky armed outsiders with the tools to seize it. His framework thrived on manufactured conflict as the exclusive engine of change. The book's prologue opens by hailing Lucifer as the original radical — the first to "secure his own kingdom." His philosophy was pure pragmatism: ends justify means, and the pressure must never let up.

He outlined 13 rules, the most consequential of which was Rule 13: "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it." That single instruction has done more damage to American civic culture than any piece of legislation in the last half century — because a framework built on perpetual pressure has no roadmap for governance. Governance requires the one thing Alinsky treated as total surrender: compromise.

His philosophy seeped into the mainstream with remarkable efficiency. Hillary Rodham's 1969 Wellesley senior thesis dissected Alinsky's methods across ninety-two pages, and she corresponded directly with the man himself, who offered her a job upon graduation. She declined in favor of law school — a choice that proved strategically superior to anything Alinsky could have offered. Barack Obama honed the same organizing model as a community organizer on Chicago's South Side before scaling it nationally. Alinsky died in 1972. His tactics found a permanent home in Democratic political strategy. There is an uncomfortable irony buried in Alinsky's own text. He warned explicitly that a tactic sustained too long becomes a drag on the organizer. His disciples missed the memo entirely. Sanctuary city

policies — permanent postures of non-compliance that produce civic disorder w officials shelter behind qualified immunity — are Alinsky without the exit strategy

Fifty-five years of evidence have produced a verdict. Like Michael Corleone in Th Godfather — a man who began with defensible intentions and ended by hollowi out every institution he touched in pursuit of raw power — the Alinsky playbook corrupted the very movements it claimed to elevate. It turned neighbors into targets, progress into grievance theater, and policy into a zero-sum competition where winning means destroying rather than persuading.

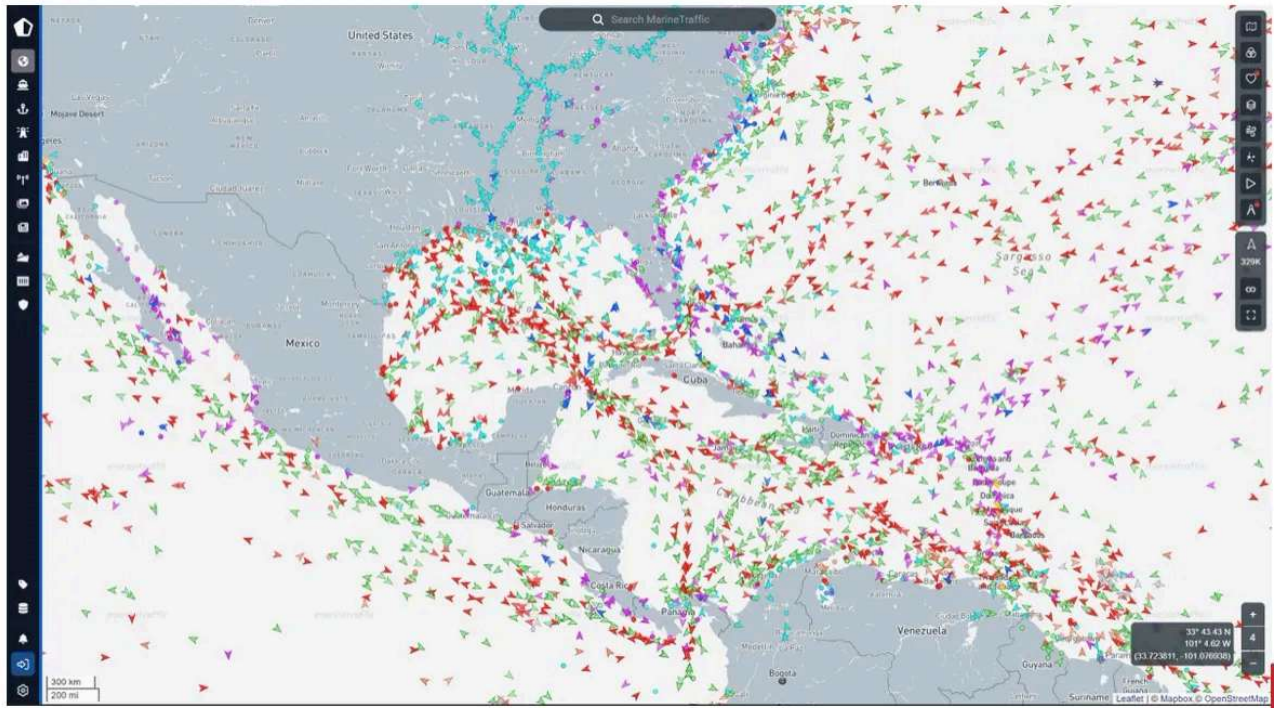
The framework has had its fifty-five years. The evidence is in. It is time to open th blinds.



5- Hummm, maybe no one needs the Strait of Hormuz after all....

Marine Traffic website provides this screenshot in real-time of all the oil tankers coming into the Gulf of America, filling up with "something" and sailing back to the other countries. The Gulf of America is PACKED! (Note: Land is gray and water is wh in this map. Oil tankers are red arrows indicating direction.)

Could President Trump be 20 moves ahead? Oh, and good thing we have control of that Panama Canal ! It is getting a workout.



THANK GOD for the safe and successful return of the astronauts.

PRAY for President Trump and VP Vance as they negotiate world peace.

PRAY for all children.

PRAY for our military.

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Regardless of who wins any election, to have confidence in the outcome, we must continue to demand **(1)** real paper ballots, **(2)** hand counted in a bipartisan transparent process, and **(3)** citizen voter ID.

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