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January 05, 2026**Dear Patriot,**

Our last conversation with you was a week ago when we warned that 2026 was going to be wild and crazy!

Given our amazing president, that was not exactly a tough prediction to make. Little did we suspect that three days into the new year, we would awake to shock and awe.

By now you know about the astonishingly conducted military operation that extracted Dictator Maduro and his wife in Venezuela and brought them to a prison in New York to face charges. Here is another easy prediction: enlistments into all branches of the military are going to skyrocket even more.

Below are links to some interesting posts on X that you may have missed.

--President Trump shared this video explaining election fraud on Saturday. He often foreshadows where he is going and how he is thinking.

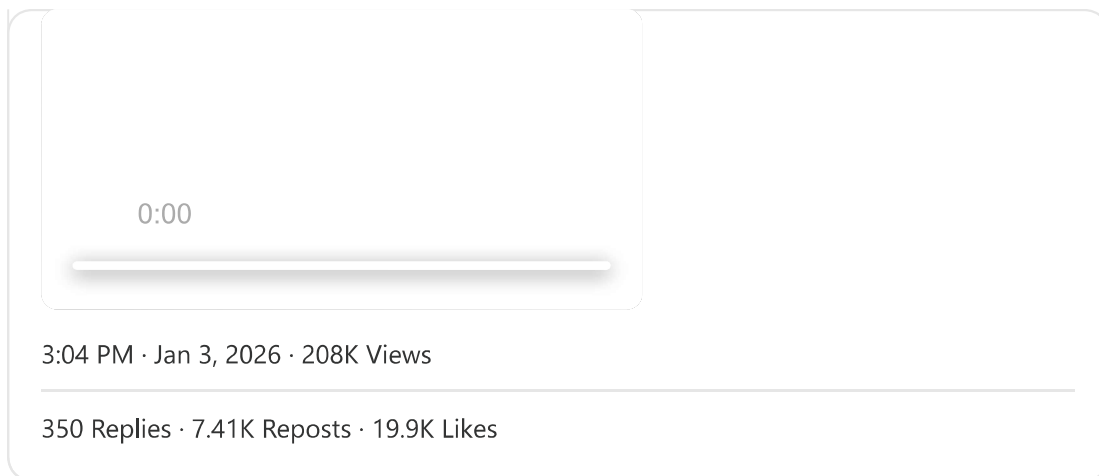
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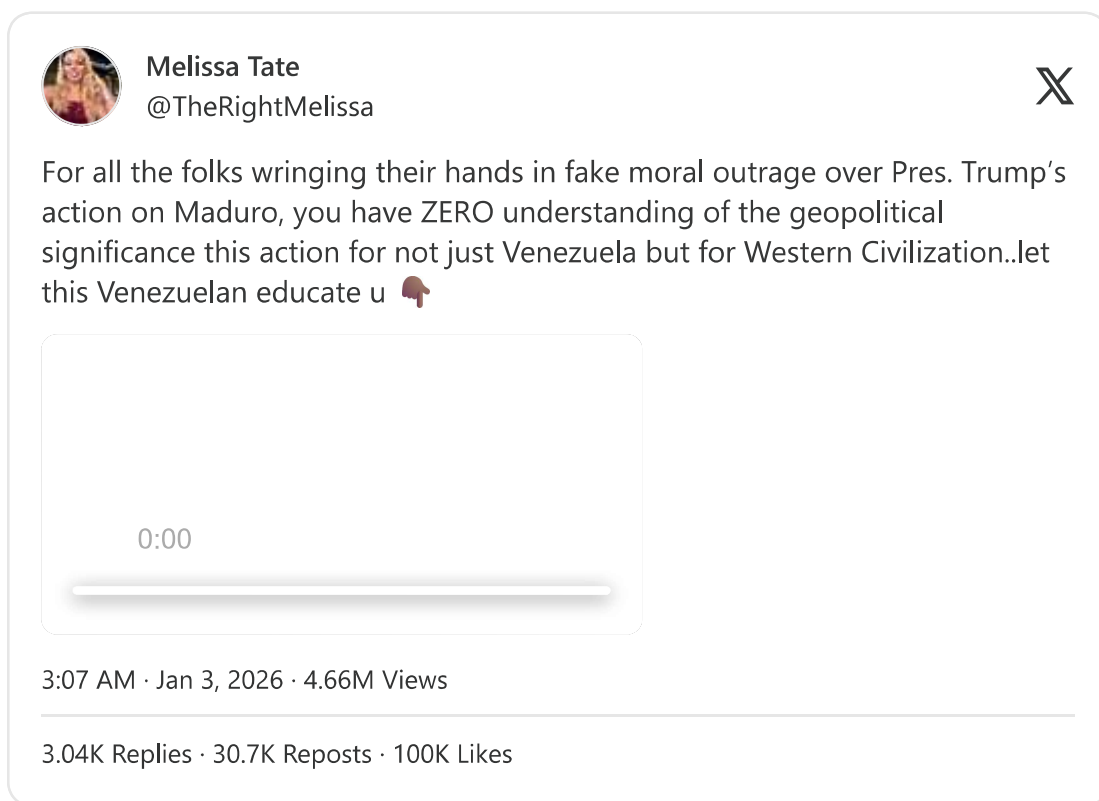
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TRUMP drops post about Arizona's ENORMOUS 2020 Election FRAUD Scandal. Forensic Evidence of 25,000+ counterfeit ballots. This is just ONE state. Imagine the entire country...



--Listen to a Venezuelan explain the truth about what has been happening in Venezuela over the past 25 years.



It is a disconnect to see hundreds of embarrassing, spoiled American leftist marchin in socialist cities to demand that the USA return the narco-terrorist, cartel boss, election stealer, Dictator Madero... while at the same time thousands of young, liberated Venezuelans are dancing to YMCA and doing the Trump dance. You might

say, in Venezuela they are celebrating being released from "the warm embrace of collectivism."

This is a massive world event with complicated implications. It has world government nervously shifting. It has world markets readjusting. It is giving many evil communists sleepless nights. It is offering millions hope of a life of freedom and fair elections.

We have a true leader in President Trump. It can be hard to comprehend that since has been decades since we have witnessed a leader.

He is not perfect. God never gives us perfect men.

QUOTE by Secretary Marco Rubio on Sunday: "This is the Western Hemisphere. We're not going to allow it to be a base of operations for our adversaries. They won't come from outside our hemisphere, destabilize our region in our own backyard, and us have to pay the price for it. It's over."

We are in the middle of historic mind-bending times. We are grateful you are along this amazing roller coaster ride.

Hold Fast.



1- It is very important that we remember and implant into our memories the massive ways the Fake News and Communist Democrat Party have gaslit us. Here are just TE of the hoaxes they pushed out of their radical Talking Point Factory in the year 2025

Go to the link and recall them all. We share a few of the worst.

[Western Journal](#)

LIES: Here Are the Top Ten Hoaxes Pushed by Mainstream Media Outlets in 20

QUOTE: Political Ideology of Charlie Kirk's Alleged Assassin Is MAGA or Unknown

A poll released in early December found "The plurality of respondents (27.5 percent) professed no knowledge of [Tyler] Robinson's political ideology. Less than a quarter — 24.1 percent — identified him as left-wing, while 22.3 percent incorrectly asserted that he was right-wing. Another 13.2 percent claimed he was either moderate or a centrist," NewsBusters reported.

Why would poll participants be so misinformed? The left-wing media and their allies.

"Maryland Man" Kilmar Abrego Garcia

Numerous media outlets falsely characterized El Salvadoran citizen Kilmar Abrego Garcia as a "Maryland man" or a "Maryland father" after the Trump administration deported him in March.

Democrat lawmakers, including Sen. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, argued that Abrego Garcia was unlawfully removed from the U.S. by the Trump administration. Van Hollen traveled to El Salvador in April to meet with Abrego Garcia and call for his return. Democrat lawmakers' demands for the illegal alien's return became muted when significant evidence surfaced that he is an MS-13 gang member, has engaged in human trafficking, and had a history of battering his wife. A liberal judge recently ordered Abrego Garcia released from Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody.

Trump's Tariffs Will Cause a Recession

Several news outlets reported that Trump's reciprocal tariffs imposed in April would spike inflation and send the U.S. economy into recession.

Instead, the tariffs have brought in \$236 billion in revenue this calendar year, up from \$118 billion during President Joe Biden's last fiscal year in office. Thanks in part to tariff revenues, the federal budget deficit shrank 20 percent this calendar year compared to last.

Additionally, the inflation rate came in at a lower-than-expected 2.7 percent in November. It peaked at 9.1 percent under Biden in June 2022.

Meanwhile, the gross domestic product clocked a higher-than-expected 4.3 percent during the third quarter. During Biden's final quarter in office, it was just 2.4 percent.

NPR Offers Unbiased Journalism

National Public Radio CEO Katherine Maher probably got more than she bargained for in July when she asked for examples of bias by her outlet as Congress considered whether to end federal taxpayer dollars to her outlet.

"As far as the accusations that we're biased, I would stand up and say, 'Please show me a story that concerns you,'" Maher said during a CNN interview in July. The conservative X account Libs of TikTok obliged with some jaw-dropping examples

For example, NPR ran a 2017 story headlined, "Journalist Investigating Trump and Russia Says, 'Full Picture Is One Of Collusion.'"

Former NPR editor Uri Berliner wrote in The Free Press last year, "Persistent rumors that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia over the election became the catnip

that drove reporting. At NPR, we hitched our wagon to Trump's most visible antagonist, Representative Adam Schiff."

More recently, NPR headlined in July 2024, "After Biden's Debate Performance, the Presidential Race Is Unchanged." The story cited a poll it commissioned showing race statistically tied.

Another headline show-stopper from 2022: "Arguments That Trans Athletes Have Unfair Advantage Lack Evidence to Support."



2- It is also important to know the very hard things that President Trump has accomplished in his first year. There is a lot of social media whining coming from republicans and conservatives that the administration is not doing enough or fast enough. We get that.

But, people! Get a grip! Recognize what has been done and how hard it has been to do just these twenty things. And there are many more smaller events to add to these big ones. Go to the link. Read and remember.

Note: This article is behind a paywall at the WaPo. We think we have a work around those do not always last a long time.

[Marc Thiessen at The Washington Post](#)

The 20 best things Donald Trump did in 2025

QUOTE: President Donald Trump has had such a consequential start to his second term that my normal list of 10 could not capture the full scope of what he accomplished. So, here is my list of the 20 best things Trump did in 2025.

1. He obliterated the Iranian nuclear program.

Four presidents promised to stop Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, but only Trump took decisive action to halt it. Launching Operation Midnight Hammer is possibly the most important and courageous foreign policy decision any president has made in the past half-century.

Love him or hate him, this is an objectively stunning string of accomplishments. I can't think of a president in my lifetime who has accomplished so much in such a short period of time.

And whatever one thinks of Trump's record, he needs to be judged against the alternative. Kamala Harris was the most radical Democratic nominee in history, and the damage she would have done as president would have been irreparable. Instead, Trump took the oath of office with a popular vote mandate to do everything on this list — and more.



3- Please continue praying for all children everywhere. They need the divine protection of God to ward off evil and illness.

Our prayers are being answered.

[After Babel on Substack written by Jon Haidt, Zach Rausch, and Alexa Arnold](#)

A Year of Real Progress for Kids

QUOTE: When our book, *The Anxious Generation*, came out in March 2024, we expected that many parents would read it, but we had no idea how quickly the world was going to change. By the end of 2025, institutions, governments, and communities around the world began to respond to alarms parents had been raising for years.

2025 is a turning point for the movement to reclaim childhood. If you're an After Babel subscriber, we know you share our concern about how technology is affecting kids. You may have children or grandchildren yourself — and you may sometime feel like you're in an uphill battle against the tech companies, devices, and screentime. But the tide is turning, and we are filled with hope as we look back at some of the incredible progress the world has made toward rolling back the phone-based childhood this year. To name just a few of those wins:

- We witnessed spectacular steps forward in policy-change: Across the United States, 40 states have now enacted or advanced phone-free school legislation; in Brazil, all schools went phone-free nationwide. Everyday now, teachers share with anecdotes about kids laughing in the hallways, playing games at the lunch table, being more attentive in class, and reading more books.
- On Dec. 10, Australia turned one of the four norms from *The Anxious Generation* into a landmark law: They set an age minimum that prevents anyone under the age of 16 from entering into contracts with tech platforms that can exploit or harm them. Similar proposals are now being advanced in Brazil, Denmark, and Malaysia.
- Cultural change is moving just as quickly to restore the play-based childhood. Families around the globe are giving their children more freedom to roam in the

real world and setting up landline pods. Many Gen Z'ers themselves are speaking out and pushing back.



4- Read this post on X from podcaster Benny Johnson. We share things like this to encourage you to think positively. You will only get gloom and doom content from most of social media and it is so easy to be brought low by it. But there are many places across America where the trends are reversing. However, few will take the effort to tell you about it.



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2025 was the Year of American Revival

Our nation is healing after decades of abuse and treachery by our ruling class.

This isn't just wishful thinking, the data proves that America is on the verge of a spiritual and cultural renaissance:

- Faith is surging among young people

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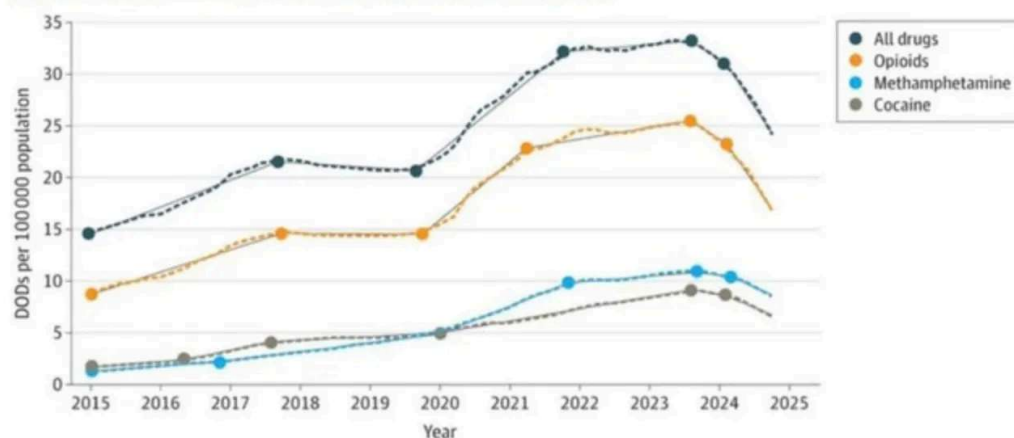


5- Chart of the Day

The trend is looking promising.

It is funny what happens when drug filled narco-terrorist boats are blown up BEFORE they reach our population!

Figure 1. Joinpoint Analysis of Drug Overdose Death (DOD) Rates



6- Chalk Your Door.

Tomorrow is Epiphany, or the end of the Christmas celebration. It is the day to take moment to pray and chalk your entry door.

We love this tradition and encourage you to bless and visibly mark your home.

Each year on January 6, for centuries, on the Feast of Epiphany, many Christian households gather outside their home to thank God for his provision, and mark the door with the year and the initials C + M + B. This likely stands for "Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless this house."

So, this year the chalk on the door post would look like this:

20 + C + M + B + 26

This means, "May Christ bless this house in the year of our Lord 2026."

(The plus sign should look more like a cross.)

By extension of your home, pray for blessings on your town and the country.



7- Two of our favorite commentators and all around good people are struggling with serious health issue.

Please pray for **Scott Adams** and **Victor Davis Hanson**. Pray that God cure them and help in their recovery.

We need them both and their brains on earth longer.



PRAY for our country and the world, which is changing rapidly.

PRAY for all children.

PRAY for all of our leaders but specifically for President Trump and his Cabinet.

PRAY for the people of Iran protesting against brutal dictatorship.

PRAY for comfort and healing for all those who are sick or lonely.

PRAY for freedom, prosperity and stability to take firm hold in Venezuela.

THANK God for our exceptional military.

THANK God for our Founding Fathers who give us the blueprint to restore our cour

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SHARE the truth!

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Follow Sidney on X @SidneyPowell1

UPDATED: [Read the five part series truthfully explaining the unprecedented lawfare used by the left to remove Sidney Powell's right to free speech.](#)

[This will be permanently available for all at Defending The Republic.](#)



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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