

# Defending The Republic



*"A Republic...if you can keep it."*

*-Benjamin Franklin*



**"At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month - we will remember them."**

## **Dear Patriots,**

There is a reason the left leaning, communists and marxists demand a rewriting of history and an eraser of memorials and statues. They want humanity to forget their evil and the cost of their wicked ideology. When we forget, or are improperly taught, we are destined to fight the same infernal battles ... over and over.

Today we begin with a lovely piece by Douglas Murray, currently reporting from Israel. He is remembering a poet from WWI.

We also discuss...

- what small business thinks about recent college graduates.
- the continuing failures of the voting system.
- all the failed promises of "green energy".

- a speech by a top cardiologists on why no one should get injections.
- the divine intervention that got this country started.



**1-** There are events that seem long ago but still must be remembered. We continue to ponder Veterans Day and Armistice Day on 11/11 marking the end of World War I. It was a tragic war that even after 105 years, England may not have fully recovered. Douglas Murray writes a moving piece which we include here in full.

### **Douglas Murray at The Free Press**

**Things Worth Remembering: The Singing Will Never Be Done. After surviving the worst of WWI in the trenches, Siegfried Sassoon wrote a poem to celebrate its glorious end.**

**QUOTE:** Writing from the front lines of the current conflict in Israel, I am perhaps inevitably still thinking of war, and the war poets. This weekend also marks Remembrance Day in Great Britain, and the wider Commonwealth—the day when we remember the sacrifice of previous generations in the two world wars. But to think of the armistice, the end of hostilities, which came on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 is also to think of the possibilities of peace in our own day. And it allows us to remember,

among other things, that our species has been at even sharper precipices in the past.

In early 1917, the poet Siegfried Sassoon wrote a letter, published in *The Times* of London, criticizing the British government's conduct in the First World War. Specifically, he accused those who had the power to end the war of "deliberately prolong[ing]" it. He also accused the public of "callous complacency" over "agonies which they do not share."

It was an explosion of a letter, not least because as well as being a published author, Sassoon had received the Military Cross for his gallantry under fire. It was hard to call him a coward.

Ordinarily, he would have been court-martialed and could have been executed, but various friends stepped in, and Sassoon was instead treated as though he were mentally ill—and sent to Craiglockhart Hospital, in a little village near Edinburgh.

It was at Craiglockhart that Sassoon famously met another great war poet, Wilfred Owen, who had been wounded while fighting in the trenches. The story of that meeting is the stuff of literary legend.

While they were convalescing, Sassoon helped Owen with his poetry, though fortunately Sassoon's poetic influence on Owen remained limited.

As a writer of prose, Sassoon was superb. His *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man*, published in 1928, and *Memoirs of an Infantry Officer*, which came out two years later, are perfect novels that offer glimpses of idyllic, prewar life. But his war poetry was often one-note.

He had enlisted in 1914 and was in the war right up until the end. He lost his younger brother at Gallipoli, went through the Somme, was invalided out at one point with

what was then called "trench fever," returned to the front, made it back in time for the Battle of Arras (where Edward Thomas was killed), and was then hit by a bullet that just missed his jugular.

Back and forth to the trenches he went, and whether he loved the war (at the start) or hated it (as he swiftly came to), he was brave beyond belief. "Mad Jack" was what the men called him, because of his reputation for throwing himself across no-man's-land time and again, tearing toward the enemy.

And here is an enigma that only he could have answered, and perhaps not even then, which is whether Sassoon the soldier was heroic, fatalistic, or suicidal.

Two or more of these traits are often intertwined, but in Sassoon they seemed especially so. Even when he saw the war as futile and pointless, he still threw himself at it. Perhaps it was for his men. But I cannot help thinking he was doing it to throw himself against the world, test himself to the utmost, dare the fates, see who wins.

These are reasons, after all, that have driven many poets of the past.

The poem of Sassoon's that I most cherish knowing by heart is his short poem on the end of the war, the armistice—a celebration of peace, no doubt, and, perhaps, of his victory over the world. The fates.

It is impossible to imagine what that news must have felt like. What it must have been like to someone who had seen what Sassoon had seen, and could never unsee. If anyone could capture that moment in poetry, then it was the war poet who—against the most unlikely odds—survived the war and commemorated the moment in this simple, still resonating poem:

Everyone Sang

Everyone suddenly burst out singing;  
And I was filled with such delight  
As prisoned birds must find in freedom,  
Winging wildly across the white  
Orchards and dark-green fields; on—on—and out of  
sight.

Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted;  
And beauty came like the setting sun:  
My heart was shaken with tears; and horror  
Drifted away. . . O, but Everyone  
Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing will  
never be done.



**2-** Leftist policies and ideas turn great institutions into piles of ruined rubble. That is what is happening now to the best higher education system in the world. Instead of producing productive citizens they produce people who are unemployable.

**PJ Media**

### **The Rapidly Declining ROI of a Four-Year Degree**

**QUOTE:** In a wake-up call for higher education, an October survey found that small businesses are increasingly dissatisfied with the pool of college graduates and many are no longer interested in hiring new grads with a 4-year degree. The Freedom Economy Index (FEI), a joint project of Public Square and RedBalloon.work, found employers have issues with the

work ethic college students display as well as the quality of their preparation for the workforce.

"The free market lacks confidence in a higher education system that has shifted its focus from academics to woke subjects like DEI. This is an eye opener for high-school grads considering a 4-year degree and student loan debt," observed Andrew Crapuchettes, RedBalloon CEO. When asked if colleges and universities are graduating students with the relevant skills required by the business community, 67% of small business owners responded with a resounding "strongly no." When asked if they were more or less likely to consider a job seeker from a major college or university, 41% said it makes them less likely to hire the candidate. Another 42% said it made no difference.

Only 10% preferred candidates with a degree, suggesting a shift away from the traditional value of higher education.



**3-** It is frustrating that we still have these simple-to-solve problems when voting.

**Just The News\_**

**Election problems persist ... this time in Kentucky, Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Texas**

**QUOTE:** Despite the lower turnout in the off-year election, precincts in various counties still faced problems with voting machines, ballot shortages and faulty scanners.

Voters in counties nationwide ran into a handful of different issues at polling locations during Election Day on

Tuesday, from voting machines flipping votes in a Pennsylvania county to electronic poll books malfunctioning in Louisville, Kentucky. Several states had statewide, local, and/or municipal elections on Tuesday, including Kentucky, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The first two states had gubernatorial elections, while the last two had local and statewide ballot questions or judicial races. Because these were off-year elections, turnout was lower than either midterm or presidential elections, as local news outlets reported. During the larger turnout in both the 2020 presidential and 2022 midterm elections, counties in various states experienced numerous irregularities that led to a plethora of lawsuits. Now, just a year out from the 2024 presidential general election and only months away from state primary elections, several jurisdictions still have problems running polling locations smoothly.



**4-** More failed leftist policy. They promise sunshine and rainbows and deliver nothing but destruction.

### **Issues & Insights**

#### **So, How's That 'Historic Investment In Clean Energy' Paying Off?**

**QUOTE:** Anyone following the news might be confused by recent talk of offshore wind projects in trouble, automakers pulling back on EV production, and now multi-billion-dollar bailouts for the green-energy industry.

How could that be, since President Joe Biden and his fellow Democrats rammed through \$370 billion in "clean" energy subsidies a little more than a year ago?

When Biden signed the criminally misnamed "Inflation Reduction Act" in August 2022, he boasted that it was "the most aggressive action ever — ever, ever, ever — in confronting the climate crisis and strengthening our economic — our energy security."

So-called green-energy companies, not surprisingly, were ecstatic.

"Americans can now rest assured that our leaders have acted to lower costs, strengthen American energy independence, and create hundreds of thousands of well-paid jobs, all while combatting the damaging impacts of climate change," George Hershman, CEO of SOLV Energy, a solar developer, said at the time.

Has anyone checked up on those promises recently?

Well, let's see:

Lower costs? Electricity prices are up 3% since Biden signed that bill into law, and up 24% since he took office. Overall energy prices are unchanged compared with August 2022 and are up 44% since January 2021.

Well-paid jobs? According to the White House, "between January 2021 and March 2023, the economy added 11,000 jobs in electric power transmission and distribution, 8,000 jobs in solar power generation, 2,000 jobs in wind power, and 1,000 jobs in hydroelectric power."

We're not math geniuses, but that doesn't seem to add up to "hundreds of thousands" of new jobs.

Average wages are down in real terms, which wouldn't be the case if the Inflation Reduction Action actually created lots of "well-paid jobs" either.



Combatting climate change? Worldwide carbon emissions are expected to hit a new record this year. Whatever your views are about the connection between industrial CO2 emissions and global warming, Biden's "investment" is having no effect on the climate picture. And now there's news that the "green energy" economy is sputtering. General Electric now expects to burn up \$1 billion this year and again next year because of its offshore wind project losses, according to Bloomberg.



**5-** All the reasons you should never again get a Covid-CCP injection are explained by Dr. McCullough in a speech to the European Union. For that matter, be skeptical of all injections pushed by Big Pharma and government bodies. You will not find this information in Big Pharma PR companies formerly known as the mainstream media.

### **Slay News**

#### **Top Cardiologist Testifies: Covid Shots 'Are Not Safe for Human Use'**

**QUOTE:** One of the world's leading cardiologists, Dr. Peter McCullough, has warned the public and government officials, in no uncertain terms, that Covid shots are dangerous and "not safe for human use."

Dr. McCullough testified before the European Parliament during a hearing hosted by five Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). The hearing sought to address

concerns about the power grab of the globalist World Health Organization (WHO).

McCullough gave evidence of the enormous wave of harm the Covid mRNA shots have caused. The renowned heart expert told European Union officials that the narrative suggesting Covid is to blame for spikes in cardiac arrests, strokes, and sudden deaths, is false. He told lawmakers that soaring health issues and related deaths are true. However, McCullough testified before the hearing that the Covid mRNA injections are causing the skyrocketing illness and mortality rates, not the virus.

"The path forward is, clearly, for no one to take another shot – no one," McCullough declared. "The COVID-19 vaccines and all of their progeny and future boosters are not safe for human use."

"The WHO is standing behind these vaccines," he added. "It's my belief that the European Union, the United States, and all major stakeholders should actually completely pull out of the WHO."



**6-** How close we have often come to disaster. What has saved this nation but for divine intervention?

We have once again spiraled into times that try men's souls. Recall the history of Washington by reading this piece in full at the link.

**Alan Wakim at Inspired Original**  
**When All Seems Bleak, Look to 1777**

## **'Times that try men's souls' gave way to hope and optimism**

**QUOTE:** 'Twas the early evening of Christmas Day in 1776 and Gen. George Washington was on the verge of losing the Revolutionary War. His armies felt defeated and discouraged, his countrymen had lost confidence in his abilities, his adjutant-general Joseph Reed had conspired against him, his second in command Charles Lee had been captured two weeks prior on Friday the 13th, and Gen. Horatio Gates was off currying favor at his expense with the Continental Congress, which had fled Philadelphia for Baltimore days earlier.

With his men's enlistments expiring in one week, Washington had no choice but to risk everything on a desperate gamble he hoped would save the cause. His plan was to split up the approximately 5,000 men left under his command into three coordinated strike teams, cross the Delaware River, surround the Hessian-occupied town of Trenton, and attack an hour before sunrise.

As he looked across the river from McConkey's Ferry toward New Jersey, Washington must have reflected on the disastrous events that had led him to this point.

When independence was declared in July, he commanded approximately 20,000 men, albeit undisciplined and poorly trained. His opponent Gen. William Howe commanded 32,000 highly-trained and better-equipped British soldiers and German mercenaries.

After a series of defeats in Brooklyn, Kips Bay, White Plains, and Fort Washington, as well as the abandonment of Fort Lee, what was left of the Continental Army found itself retreating across New Jersey and into Pennsylvania. An entire New York unit had abandoned the campaign

and gone home. Many Americans accepted the offer of amnesty by swearing allegiance to the British crown. Despite the overwhelming odds, the defeats, people's skepticism about his ability to lead, and the bleak outlook for both the war and the revolution itself, Washington refused to quit. His determination and persistence made all the difference when a localized New England rebellion between the Sons of Liberty and British authority metastasized into a worldwide conflagration when France, Spain, Vermont, Mysore, and the Netherlands joined the war. When all seemed lost after a dismal 1776, fortune changed for America in only nine days as 1777 began with hope and optimism.

