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Dear Patriot,

Demoncrats and globalists are turning the heat up high to prevent Trump from having his full term.

Again.

As they have done so many times in our lifetimes, the socialists/communists are making up crises to scare and depress people.

Be armed with the truth and pass it on.

It was a tough week, but, there is still a lot of hope.

Keep learning and keep praying.

Dig into some good news.

Oh...and HAPPY CONSTITUTION DAY!!! (One day late) Our Constitution is the structure that makes America the greatest country on earth.

We are the luckiest people to be born here.



1- We have been pointing you to **Promethean Action** for months. You and many others have latched on to two older women and their unique and wise

take on all the world's issues.

This week they told the truth you will not hear elsewhere.

If you have not already, take time to listen to the 12 minute **Wednesday Update by Susan Kokinda**. She deftly lines up what is happening.

Then if you have more time, listen to their 2 hour **Thursday live show** where Susan and Barbara Boyd take questions. This format allows the time to go into deeper detail.

As we have said, there is literally no other place in the media sphere to learn this history; topped with the ability to make that history make sense in our current world situation.



2- Did pigs fly over Washington yesterday?

This lays the structure for ending fraud against the US taxpayers.

RedState

President Trump Gets Rare 352–72 Win Right Before the House Splits Town on Recess

QUOTE: President Donald Trump just scored something increasingly rare in Washington: a bipartisan win.

The House voted 352–72 Wednesday to pass the National Fraud Enforcement Division Act of 2026, legislation that would put the Trump administration's new DOJ fraud division into federal law.

Then lawmakers prepared to get out of Dodge. House Speaker Mike Johnson canceled votes scheduled for Thursday, meaning House members are heading home for more than six weeks and aren't expected back in Washington until after the November midterm elections.

But before leaving town, an overwhelming majority of the House agreed on at least one thing: The federal government should have a dedicated operation going after fraudsters ripping off taxpayers.

The Trump administration created the division earlier this year as part of its broader effort to combat fraud involving federal programs and taxpayer dollars.

DOJ says the division investigates and prosecutes fraud affecting the federal government, federally funded programs and private citizens, while coordinating investigations across agencies and jurisdictions.

The legislation would establish the division under the attorney general and put it under an assistant attorney general nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate. It would also authorize the division to

oversee multi-agency and multi-district fraud investigations, establish national enforcement priorities, assist U.S. attorneys and recommend legislative or regulatory changes aimed at closing vulnerabilities exploited by fraudsters.

In other words, this isn't just another congressional resolution praising the idea of fighting fraud. It would codify the DOJ operation Trump created.



3- As veterans of living through hurricanes, we wish this headline were true but...it is not.

However, it has been a delightful break to be free of hurricanes this year. We know about and watch La Nina and El Nino. We also know that weather is still basically unpredictable. We know there will be hurricanes again.

But, for this moment we will be thankful for a year off.

Issues & Insights

Hurricanes Are A Thing Of The Past

QUOTE: As of Sept. 16, there had been zero Atlantic hurricanes. Not since 1941 have we gone so far into hurricane season without one forming. Global warming, it seems, has failed to do its job as demanded by the climate zealots and grifters.

There has been at least one hurricane every year since the historical record began 175 years ago. There's time for one or more storms to form this year, as there are still about two months left in the Atlantic hurricane season, which ends Nov. 30. It seems more likely, though, that we are living in the first year that there will be no hurricanes on record since researchers began documenting them in 1851. The Atlantic Accumulated Cyclone Energy index is running "about 85% below the 1991–2020 climatological normal for this point in the season," says Pierre Gosselin of the No Tricks Zone, a site that offers a healthy dose of climate skepticism.

All the best people have been telling us for decades that man's use of fossil fuels was going to increase hurricane frequency and intensity, much like the London-based Independent assured us in 2000 that in Great Britain "Snowfalls are now just a thing of the past."

Of course this was nonsense. It still snows in Britain. Yet this didn't stop a Bloomberg opinion crank from declaring in 2024 that snow was "becoming a thing of the past" because humans have been "warping the climate by burning fossil fuels." We wonder how he's handling the news in 2026 that the recent five-year mass gain in Antarctic ice sheet "was driven by a massive increase in snow and ice accumulation."

But honesty has never been a character trait associated with warmists. Take, for instance, the media assurance that the continental U.S. "experienced its hottest meteorological summer on record in 2026." It's bunk, says meteorologist Anthony Watts.

"That claim is misleading, based on an incomplete causal analysis. The best available evidence suggests that much of the reported 'record' depends on adjusted temperature datasets and weather stations increasingly affected by urban development, while the nation's highest-quality climate network tells a very different story."

Watts has long warned of the folly of reaching conclusions from temperature station data, a science-based judgment backed by University of Alabama-Huntsville climate scientist Roy Spencer, who has determined that "65% of the U.S. linear warming trend between 1895 and 2023 was due to increasing population density at the suburban and urban stations; 8% of the warming was due to urbanization at rural stations."

Meanwhile, we wait for the Atlantic Ocean to spin up its next hurricane. We also wait for the climate alarmists to stop predicting imminent doom. It's unfortunate, but the former will almost certainly happen before the latter because fanatics always reach a point at which they can no longer act rationally.



4- "The Experts" said it would be a dud.

Just The News

GOP midterm convention last week draws over 100 million live stream views

QUOTE: Republicans held their first ever midterm national convention (RNC) last week in Dallas, Texas, and it drew over 100 million live stream and cable news views.

That number was tallied based on social media live streams, including Facebook, TikTok and YouTube, along with cable news.

"The Republican Convention was a massive success and accomplished exactly what we set out to do — energize our base, tout the Administration's achievements, and expose the Democrats' far-left agenda to tens of millions of people," Republican National Committee National Press Secretary Natalie Baldassarre.



5- 2025 was a very bad year for poverty.

Trump is very bad for poverty.

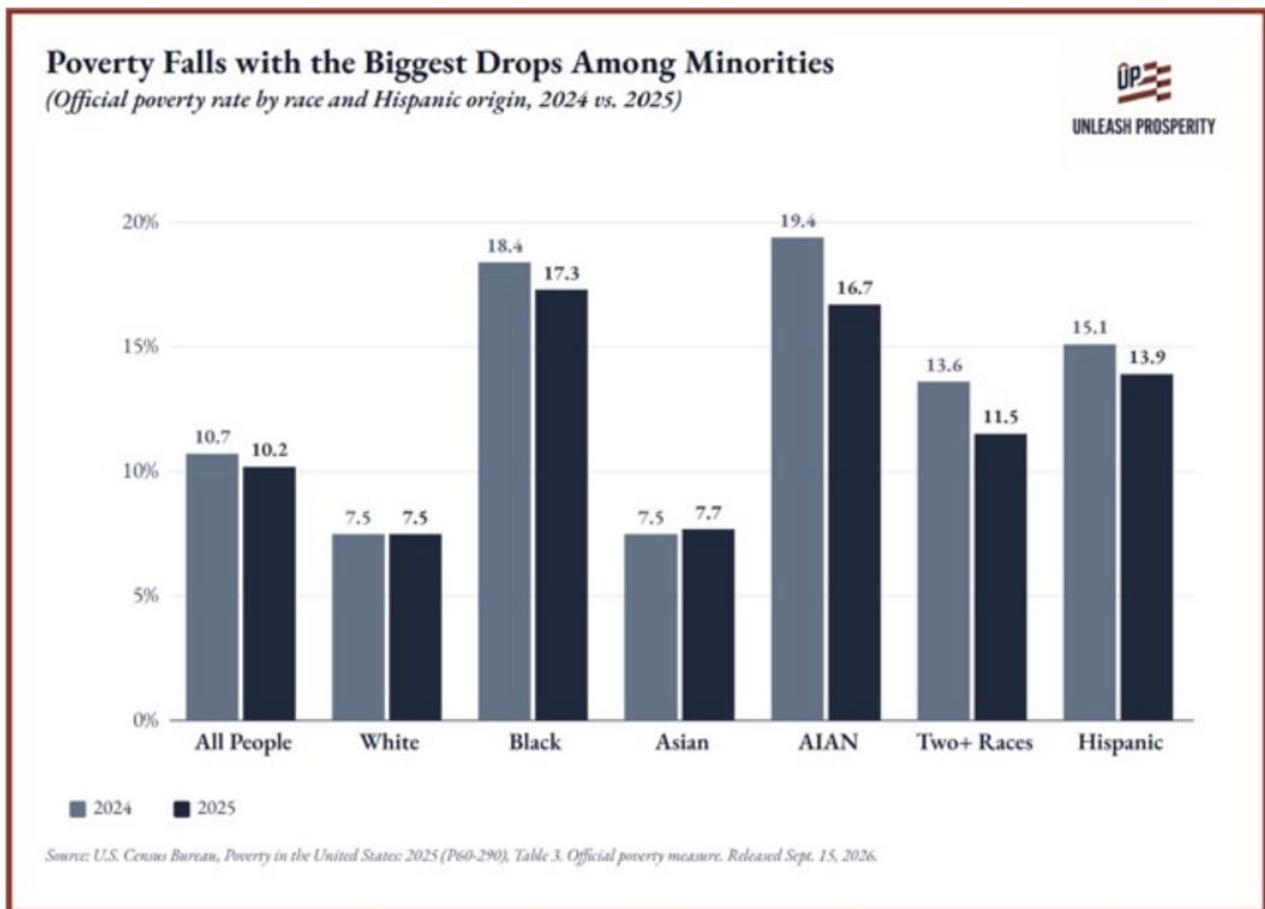
Unleash Prosperity

2025 Was a Miracle Year for U.S. Economy

QUOTE: The new Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement numbers are astoundingly POSITIVE.

- Median household income reached an all time high of \$87,500.
- Hispanic and black poverty hit an all time low.
- Incomes for the lowest 25% rose to the highest level EVER!
- Child poverty hit an all-time low.

These are almost all reversals from the Biden years. The media hardly covered these findings at all. We wonder why!





6- Pass this on. We are being made to think that nothing is happening when everything is happening.

Stephen Moore on X

QUOTE: The front-page headline you didn't see yesterday. But should have (thanks to AI).

NONE reported the biggest economic/finance story of the year on the front page.

That's because it's evidence that Trump's economic policies are working for everyone!

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The New York Times

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New Census Report Finds Big Income Gains, Lowest Poverty Rate Ever

Household Earnings Reach Record High as More Families Get Ahead

By JEANNA SMITH

American household incomes rose to a record high in 2025, while the nation's poverty rate fell to its lowest level on record, according to new Census Bureau data released this week.

The report points to broad-based gains across income groups, reflecting a resilient economy, a strong labor market and expanding opportunity for families across the country.



KARSTEN MORAN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Poverty Rate Falls to Historic Low, Offering New Hope

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR

The share of Americans living in poverty fell to its lowest level ever in 2025, a milestone that new Census Bureau data suggest reflects significant progress for households nationwide.

Incomes rose across racial and ethnic groups, and child poverty also declined, marks that economists say point to a stronger, more inclusive economy and renewed optimism for the years ahead.

A stronger economy is creating new opportunities for families across the country, according to new Census Bureau data.



7- The economy is working!

The National Pulse

Jobless Claims Plunge Near Lowest Levels Since 1969

QUOTE: Jobless claims in the United States have fallen by 10,000, according to new data from the Department of Labor.

According to data released on Thursday, jobless claims in the U.S. fell by 10,000 last week to 196,000. This marks one of the lowest levels of initial claims since the late 1960s.

Economists had predicted claims to reach 207,000.

These figures signal a steady labor market, with unemployment claims at levels rarely seen in over five decades.

Economists overestimating the number of jobless claims last week suggests that many experts continue to underestimate the efficacy of President Donald J. Trump's economic policy.

The fact that the four-week average also declined should generate confidence within the labor market, despite economic volatility created by the Iran war. The number of claims also dropped despite Labor Day, which is significant as claims can be volatile around holidays.



8- President Trump is a leader who is operating on many fronts to push America into the future. We love seeing towns exploring the possibility of joining him.

Community Impact

Conroe TX leaders want city to explore bringing U.S. Space Academy to Deason Technology Park

QUOTE: Conroe, TX could look to put itself in the running for the newly proposed U.S. Space Academy, with two City Council members asking staff to research whether the city has a realistic shot at hosting the federal institution.

During council member inquiry time at the Sept. 10 meeting, Council members David Hairel and Shana Arthur raised the idea of pursuing the academy and pointed to the Deison Technology Park as a possible location.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Aug. 28 establishing a presidential commission to develop plans for the U.S. Space Academy, a proposed NASA-led federal academy focused on technical education, leadership development and public service. The commission has 120 days to submit recommendations covering everything from curriculum and governance to the academy's permanent location.

Hairel said bringing the academy to Conroe could change the city's economic "trajectory" through new educational partnerships and opportunities in the aerospace, defense and technology sectors.



3- Trump does things no other president has done in 50 years!

He does these hard things to give us a future.

J.S. Export-Import Bank on X

American mining is back with a BOOM!

QUOTE: Red, white, and blue filled the Minnesota sky as EXIM and Mesabi
Metallics

marked the opening of America's first iron ore mine in nearly 50 years!

A historic milestone under the Trump Administration.



10- We are not going to mince words. The Supreme Court decision on how the post office handles mail-in ballots was a gut punch.

It never ceases to amaze us how hard we have to fight through all of the Demoncrat roadblocks ... just to have a fair election.

This is a set-back but warriors are finding ways to work around it. Meanwhile, do not use any form of mail-in ballot. Only vote in person.

Read more about this decision and much more legal news in our sister publication, Lawsplainer

Lawsplainer

The Supreme Court goes postal

QUOTE: On Monday, September 14, the Supreme Court left in place a district court's universal injunction that prevents the Postal Service from implementing rules concerning the security of election ballot mail. These rules required federal ballot mail to have "an election-mail logo, the ability to be scanned using high-speed processing equipment, and a specialized barcode unique to each voter." States were required to design envelopes that conformed to these rules.

The Supreme Court ruled that the Government was "unlikely to succeed on the merits of its challenge" to the injunction, and that the "equitable factors" do not favor a stay of the injunction pending the ongoing

litigation concerning the new rules.

Justice Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas dissented from the denial of the Government's application for a stay. In Justice Alito's dissenting opinion, he observed that the Government was likely to succeed on the merits of its appeal because the Postal Service "has broad authority to regulate the mail" and did not act contrary to the law. Justice Alito also noted that the equitable factors favored a stay because the reversal of the injunction, if that were to occur, would come after the 2026 midterms. This would deal a "serious setback to the Executive's goals while this litigation unfolds."

It should be noted that the Supreme Court's refusal to stay the injunction is not a ruling on the merits. This only upholds the pause of the Postal Service rule as the case continues through the courts. We expect this matter will eventually reach the Supreme Court for a ruling on the legality of the Postal Service Rule – hopefully before the 2028 presidential election.



11- All we want is safe, healthier food. Steak 'n Shake is proving that is a winning strategy. Do you think it will catch on?

Daily Mail

Beloved American burger chain goes all in on MAGA... and now sales are SOARING

QUOTE: An oversized Stars and Stripes flapping in the wind and glittering gold packaging are the first signs that a beloved burger chain has taken a markedly MAGA turn.

But it's the lack of seed oils and microwaves that is the dead giveaway that Steak n' Shake has gone all in on Donald Trump's Make America Healthy Again movement.

Embracing Trump and Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr with open arms, the fast food chain has launched a MAHA menu featuring 100% beef tallow fries, cane sugar Coca-Cola, Grade A Wisconsin butter, and A2 whole milk. This past June, the restaurant introduced 100 percent grass-fed, grass-finished beef burgers nationwide.

As a result, owner Sardar Biglari said in his annual letter to shareholders that the company's financial performance in 2025 was 'the biggest story of the year,' with a 13 percent increase in same-store sales over the past year, and 10.7 percent the year before that.

He chalked much of the success up to the newly created position of 'Chief MAHA Officer' Michael Boes, who stepped into the role to 'restore the original spirit of American fast food.'



12- The written word is a massive weapon against tyranny. Many evil forces have worked to suppress the writing and printing of the truth to protect their power.

For years now, anything that could be classified a “conservative book” was squelched.

But these days, there is a little more freedom. We have more ability to purchase, read and share books now. Here’s one you might consider.

While we are not the biggest fans of Navarro, we do appreciate his unique position in writing the true history of Fauci.

MAHA Report

The MAHA Profile: Peter Navarro, the White House Warrior Who Took on Anthony Fauci, and Won

QUOTE: In his new book ‘Why Fauci MUST Rot in Prison,’ the top Trump advisor lays out a tale of two diaries and reveals Fauci as the godfather of the Covid pandemic

Peter Navarro is the kind of White House staffer you see in TV shows, the kind of brash, in-your-face, fast-talking man of action who only exists on screen and doesn’t actually exist in real life and hasn’t existed in American presidential administrations of the last 50 years, with a few exceptions. The fact that Peter Navarro does exist and that of all the White House staffers, he was the one who was in the very center of the action in the first Trump administration at a crucial moment in the nation’s history – and willing to invoke the ire of his colleagues to try to protect the lives of millions of Americans – seems like a stroke of luck, or an act of Providence.

In the book, Navarro calls Fauci the “godfather of the pandemic” as he and the agency he ran, the NIAID, funded the gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology through grants to British zoologist Peter Daszak and his company EcoHealth Alliance – research that likely created SARS-CoV-2.

He knew exactly what he was doing, says Navarro, and he knew the risks. “That guy. He’s one of the most evil people who’s ever walked the planet. And people need to know that.”

Navarro’s Why Fauci MUST Rot in Prison is set up like a prosecution, laying out the case against Fauci.



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