

# It doesn't have to be this way



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**Dear Patriot,**

We start today by asking you to let your feelings be known to **Senator Thom Tillis (NC-RINO)**. We are providing all the numbers. It is probably too late to get this horrible Senator to change his mind on the very important vote FOR Ed Martin as U Attorney. Even if you live in another state, call his offices as this has consequences f the nation.

Tillis has had no problems voting for almost every single Obama and Biden nomine (including Merrick Garland) sometimes even gushing over them and many were tru incompetent and terrible people. But, he is balking at the leader of HIS party nominating a highly skilled, tough and proven attorney, Ed Martin. If Tillis does not vote for Martin out of the Judiciary Committee, then this leaves the decision to the proven lawless, radical, activist Judge Boasberg. This has major consequences.

Martin would touch all DC criminal investigations. This is where all the worst secrets the shady Swamp dwellers float. If Ed Martin is blocked, and Boasberg picks some leftist toady, Trump momentum could be stopped.

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**You can also send emails by [using this site, The Article Three Project.](#)**

If you are represented by any of these committee members, it would not hurt to let them know you expect them to vote for President Trump's selection for DC Attorney General. Trump won in a mandate and the majority of the country wants his agenda implemented.

**[Your Senator's contact information here.](#)**

### **Judiciary Committee Members:**

- Chuck Grassley (IA) – Chair
- Lindsey Graham (SC)
- John Cornyn (TX)
- Mike Lee (UT)
- Ted Cruz (TX)
- Josh Hawley (MO)
- Thom Tillis (NC)
- John Kennedy (LA)
- Marsha Blackburn (TN)
- Eric Schmitt (MO)
- Katie Britt (AL)

- Ashley Moody (FL)

Thank you for taking the time to let our elected people know what you are thinking  
That is how this is supposed to be done. Instead, some of these people are influenced by dark money and dark lobbying. We need to change that.

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Also today, we take a closer look at...

- the repercussions of illegal immigration on all of us.
- government garnishing paychecks to recoup student debt.
- a new prison from an old one.
- an offer they can't refuse.
- a shifting of world influence.
- a new pope, better than the old pope, we pray.



**1-** If you have friends who still insist on voting for any Democrat, you might want to send them this article. This is the story of trickle-down effect of sanctuary cities and radical left leniency on illegal immigration. Democrats are complicit in many crimes. The decisions of the far left impact all of us.

[Kevin McCullough at Townhall](#)

## It Doesn't Have to Be This Way

**QUOTE:** There's a knock at your door. It's 5:30 AM. Your child's still asleep. Your spouse is in the kitchen starting coffee. And without warning, that door is kicked. A man you've never met forces his way into your home, snatches your child, and disappears into the early morning dark. That's not a nightmare. That's a Tuesday liberal-run Fairfax County, Virginia.

And it didn't have to be.

The man who did this, one Ramón Escobar-García, is not only a violent predator—he's not even supposed to be in the country. He's a Guatemalan national with no legal right to be here. But instead of protecting the American citizens he threatened, a blue city judge and DA dropped the charges against him—charges that included home invasion and child abduction.

Let's make this plain: every crime this man committed represents a real victim.

When Escobar-García illegally entered the U.S., that wasn't just a line on a government file. It was a betrayal of every person who has stood in line, filed the paperwork, and waited their turn to come here the right way.

When he trespassed, it wasn't just some minor offense—it was the violation of someone's sanctuary. A home that should've been a place of safety was ripped open by a stranger who had no business being within a thousand miles of it.

When he kidnapped a child, it wasn't "a dispute" or a "misunderstanding," as the left loves to phrase these things. It was the most traumatic moment in that child's life. It was a trust broken forever. It was the stuff that shatters a family.

And when a blue-city prosecutor decided to drop those charges? That wasn't "restorative justice"—it was dereliction of duty. It was aiding and abetting a known criminal. It was a betrayal of the oath to protect the innocent and punish the guilty.

But this is what we've come to expect in leftist jurisdictions. It's no longer "protect and serve." It's "release and re-elect." It's a system that looks the other way when your family that suffers, so long as it can preserve its twisted narrative about "inclusion" and "equity."

Let me tell you what actual equity looks like: it looks like ICE agents, chasing this monster down after the courts released him. It looks like Gov. Glenn Youngkin telling the feds to do their jobs when local cowards won't. It looks like Homeland Security tracking and detaining someone who never should've been here in the first place.

This is what leadership looks like.

But let's rewind.

This man didn't just fall out of the sky. He was arrested in March on multiple felonies. Police believed him to be dangerous enough to publicly warn the community. Yet somehow—somehow—the Democrat-run Fairfax County court dismissed every charge.

What possible excuse is there for that? Is this what Soros-backed prosecutors call "compassionate justice"? Is this what the ACLU means when it says our immigration system is "too harsh"? Tell that to the family whose front door was shattered. Tell it to the parents whose child was snatched in the dark. Tell it to the neighbors who now check their locks five times a night.

Every release of a violent, illegal criminal is a sentence handed down on the American people.

And don't let them pretend this is rare. It's happening every week. From New York to Los Angeles, sanctuary cities are turning criminals loose, blocking cooperation with ICE, and handcuffing law enforcement officers who are simply trying to protect their communities. It's madness masquerading as morality.

But let's get honest—this isn't just about the criminals.

It's about the judges who sign their release forms.

It's about the prosecutors who drop slam-dunk charges.

It's about the city councils who tie law enforcement's hands.

It's about every elected Democrat who tells you it's racist to want your family to safe.

They say walls don't work. But the only walls they ever seem interested in tearing down are the ones between your family and chaos.

These judicial activists don't see criminals like Escobar-García as threats—they see them as political talking points. They care more about being praised on MSNBC than they do about the victims bleeding in the ER. They care more about their Twitter image than about the mother sitting on the floor, holding her abducted child, still shaking from what could've been.

This isn't just soft-on-crime. It's complicit-in-crime.

And it doesn't have to be this way.

Imagine a justice system where citizens came first. Where immigration law is enforced. Where dangerous individuals are deported before they can harm anyone. Where the law actually protects the innocent instead of enabling the guilty.

That's not fantasy. That's exactly what ICE, Gov. Youngkin, and Homeland Security are trying to do—in spite of the sabotage from the Left.

Every time ICE detains a violent criminal, they're saving lives. Every time Youngkin demands accountability, he's standing between your family and another horror

story. And every time Homeland Security acts swiftly while progressive courts drag their feet, they remind us that not every corner of the government has gone insane.

So thank GOD for ICE.

Thank GOD for Gov. Youngkin.

Thank GOD for DHS.

Because they are the only ones right now who seem to understand that public safety isn't racist. It isn't controversial. It isn't extreme.

It's basic common sense.

And if the Left can't bring themselves to see that, maybe it's time we vote in leadership who still can.

Because it doesn't have to be this way. **But if we don't fight back—it always will be.**



**2-** The college party days are over. It is time, for all those who went into massive debt to pay back their loans to the government. The chickens are coming home to roost on all the worthless degrees obtained at ultra rich colleges.

Heads up proud college graduates: Your Uber tips are going to get garnished.

## Trump administration to garnish wages of 5.3 million defaulted student loan borrowers this summer

**QUOTE:** The Trump administration resumed collection efforts on defaulted student loans Monday after a roughly five-year hiatus — and affected borrowers could begin feeling the financial consequences sooner than experts expected.

The Education Department said it began this week alerting around 195,000 student loan borrowers in default that their federal benefits will be subject to garnishment in 30 days.

Borrowers could have their benefits, including Social Security retirement checks, seized by the government as soon as June, the Education Department said.

The Treasury Department will send notices to 5.3 million defaulted borrowers about the collection activity of their wages “later this summer,” the Education Department wrote in the Monday press release. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, collection activity on federal student loans has mostly been paused. The Biden administration focused on extending relief measures to struggling borrowers in the wake of the Covid pandemic and helping them to get current.

The Trump administration’s aggressive collection activity is a sharp turn away from that strategy, experts say.

“Borrowers should pay back the debts they take on,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon in a video posted on X on April 22.

The U.S. government has extraordinary collection powers on federal debts and it can seize borrowers’ federal tax refunds, wages, and Social Security retirement and disability benefits.





**3-** One of our favorite aspects of President Trump is his ability to think WAY outside the box and come up with solutions most have never thought about.

Is this a crazy idea? Maybe. But it is actually worth a little consideration. Prisons are being built all the time. Why not rehab an old one?

It also serves as a symbolic deterrent. Alcatraz is the best known prison in the world right behind the El Salvador prison, Terrorism Confinement Center (CECOT), a maximum security facility in Tecoluca designed to hold up to 40,000 inmates, prima gang members.

Having a prison like that on US soil, surrounded by water, might scare a few criminals straight!

[You might find this story about Alcatraz interesting.](#)

[NYPost](#)

**Trump orders reopening of notorious Alcatraz prison to lock away the 'dregs of society'**

**QUOTE:** President Trump called on his administration to reopen and expand Alcatraz so authorities could send the "dregs of society" to the notorious California prison more than six decades after it closed.

The commander in chief announced Sunday that he was directing the Bureau of Prisons and other federal agencies to get the massive island facility off the San Francisco bay — which has long been the lore of Hollywood — back up and running again to lock away homegrown, repeat criminals.

“For too long, America has been plagued by vicious, violent, and repeat Criminal Offenders, the dregs of society, who will never contribute anything other than Misery and Suffering,” he wrote on Truth Social.

“When we were a more serious Nation, in times past, we did not hesitate to lock the most dangerous criminals, and keep them far away from anyone they could harm. The facility was operated as a major federal detention center between 1934 and 1963 and was nearly inescapable because the island was surrounded by strong currents and ice-cold water. Some of its most famous prisoners included gangster Al Capone and George “Machine Gun” Kelly.

During Alcatraz’s 29 years as a prison, 36 men made a bid for freedom — with nearly all of them dying or getting captured by guards.

Trump also ordered the FBI, the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to help get Alcatraz reopened.

The president previously reopened a detention center at Guantanamo Bay, where criminal migrants have been sent.



4- This makes a world of sense. It is cheaper for the US and safer for everyone to have illegals remove themselves. And, there's an app for that!

## [TFPP Wire](#)

### **Trump Admin Makes Very Generous Financial Offer To Migrants Willing To Self-Deport**

**QUOTE:** Migrants in the U.S. illegally are now being offered \$1,000 to self-deport using a government-run app. The Trump administration says it's a cheaper, more orderly way to enforce immigration law—and they're hoping millions take the offer. Once departure is confirmed, the incentive will be paid.

The administration estimates that it currently costs taxpayers over \$17,000 to arrest, detain, and remove an illegal migrant.

Officials argue the app-based self-removal program is both more humane and significantly more cost-effective.

CBP Home allows users to book travel, secure documents, and plan their departure timeline—often within three weeks.

The redesigned app builds on Biden's CBP One app, which previously helped migrants apply for asylum appointments.

Now, CBP Home markets itself as a more orderly alternative for illegal migrants under increasing pressure, especially as President Trump prepares for large-scale deportation operations.

For years, the cost and complexity of removing illegal migrants through detention and court proceedings have strained federal resources and angered taxpayers. A \$1,000 incentive, by contrast, is a bargain.



5- If you squint, you can see pieces of the world falling into a new alignment.

### Conservative Treehouse

#### **American Consumer Market Just Too Valuable – India Agrees to Align with Trump Tariff and Trade Terms**

**QUOTE:** India was under pressure by both sides, the USA and China. Part of the Trump Indo-pacific plan was a geopolitical trade strategy aligning the United States with India. However, Beijing was pressuring India to reject alignment with the US and form a mutually beneficial trade block with China.

India has rejected the Chinese plan and chosen to follow the USA model because access to the U.S. consumer base is the stronger economic influence.

The result? Once again, sad Panda.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Trump in the White House in February 2025. After the meeting, the leaders announced they would pursue a "framework for greater cooperation.

"Prime Minister Modi and I have agreed that we will be in negotiations to address the long-running disparities," Trump said. "But really, we want a certain level of playing field, which we really think we're entitled to."



**6-** We are praying that there will be a Pope selected who will move the Catholic Church in a more conservative direction.

Personally, we are cheering on Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, based on his wonderful name alone!

## [The National Pulse](#)

### **Contenders Emerge for Next Pope. Here's Who's in the Running**

**QUOTE:** The Catholic Church is set to elect a new pope following the death of Pope Francis on April 21, 2025. The conclave, consisting of 133 cardinal electors under the age of 80, will commence on May 7 at the Vatican to choose the next leader of the global Catholic community and successor to Saint Peter.

John Allen, a seasoned Vatican observer and editor of the Catholic news site *Cross*, remarked on the significance of this election, noting that each papal conclave reflects on the preceding papacy. "Every papal conclave comes down, in some sense, to a referendum on the papacy that has just ended," Allen said in a recent media interview.

Among the potential successors to the late Pope Francis is Hungarian Cardinal Peter Erdő, the Archbishop of Budapest, known for his conservative views and balanced approach to immigration. The Democratic Republic of the Congo's Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo of Kinshasa, recognized for advocating social justice and orthodoxy, is

also a contender. Cardinal Mario Grech from Malta, influential in synod operation and Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican's Secretary of State, are also in the running with Parolin noted for his diplomatic acumen.

Other notable candidates include Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the first Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem to be raised to the cardinalate and who has been active in interfaith dialogue, criticism of Israeli actions in Gaza, and social justice; and Cardinal Luis Tagle of the Philippines, often referred to as the "Asian Francis" for alignment with Pope Francis' values. Cardinal Matteo Zuppi from Italy and Swedish Cardinal Anders Arborelius of Stockholm—a convert to Catholicism from Lutheranism—are also considered potential successors, each bringing unique perspectives to the role.

In addition to Cardinal Ambongo, another African prelate, Cardinal Robert Sarah of Guinea, is believed to be a dark horse contender should the conclave swing in a more traditionalist direction.



PRAY for all those hurt by illegal immigrants.

PRAY for law enforcement as they remove dangerous illegals from the country.

PRAY for Catholic Bishops as they select a new pope. May they be influenced by God and not man.

PRAY for safety for President Trump as he summits in Saudi Arabia.

PRAY the Republican Senators will coalesce around the Trump agenda.

**SHARE the TRUTH. Many are still stumbling in the darkness of lies.**

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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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