

Understanding POTUS-Trump is Smeared-Jeered-Cheered-and the Weird; Trump at 200 Days in Oval Office-Enemies-Friends-Supporters; Taking the Man Seriously but not Literally; MHVille FEA

One of the early and insightful remarks made about then 2016 candidate Donald J. Trump was by billionaire investor and entrepreneur Peter Thiel. Per [left](#)-leaning Google's artificial intelligence powered [Gemini](#): "Peter Thiel, a prominent tech investor and supporter of Donald Trump, famously stated during the 2016 election cycle that the media tended to take Trump "literally but not seriously," while his supporters took him "seriously but not literally". This sentiment, initially put forth by reporter Salena Zito, became a recurring point of discussion regarding how Trump's rhetoric was interpreted by different audiences." That [Thiel insight on now President Trump was first reported by MHProNews during the run-up to the 2016 election](#). It is now 8.8.2025, and President of the United States (POTUS) Donald J. Trump has had his team post what follows in Part I as some of his notable accomplishments after 200 days into his second (and presumably, final) term in office. This MHVille facts-evidence-[analysis](#) (FEA) is already underway.

Flashing back to those insights from November 1, 2016 shared by [Thiel](#) to the National Press Club, he said in part the following.

“The press always takes him literally, but never seriously, while the people take him seriously but not literally.”

Thiel believes that **“Trump’s agenda is about making America a normal country. A normal country does not have a half-a-trillion-dollar trade deficit. A normal country does not fight five simultaneous undeclared wars. In a normal country, the government actually does its job.”**

Thiel believes that Trump is not an ideologically driven man, but rather is moved by practical, common sense issues and concerns. **“He doesn’t think the force of optimism alone can change reality without hard work—just as much as it is about making America great,”** Thiel said.

Breitbart reports the tech giant gave \$1.25 million to support the Trump campaign effort.

“Nobody would say Donald Trump is a humble man,” said Peter Thiel. **“But, the big things—he is right about.”**

Thiel points to interstate highways, putting a man on the moon and the Manhattan Project - which gave America the atom bomb – as examples of how government can be effective.

That said, the tech guru thinks the federal government has been largely failing at that role for about 4 decades.

Not unlike Ron Paul's concerns about an unholy alliance of Democratic and Republican elites, Thiel says that Washington politics presents two false choices. Do more with more, or less with less.

“What about doing more with less?” That option, suggests Thiel, is what businessman Trump will bring to Washington.

Theil's sentiments at the National Press Club echo that of others in business, religious, economic, national security, political, housing and foreign policy circles on what motivates the Trump candidacy and its tens of millions of common-sense, populist and **“America First”** supporters.

MHProNews monitors a range of media that spans the left-center (is there a center today?)-right divide. On any given day, for example, count on the [left-leaning The American Prospect](#) (TAP) to slam and smear President Trump and his policies multiple times.

Per Robert Kuttner (editor) from TAP.

A closer look at Trump's EU trade deal

His game is to intimidate, prevail in the headlines, and sacrifice details in the fine print.

Trump desperately needed a win this weekend, to take everyone's minds off the Jeffrey Epstein debacle. And the headlines about his trade deal with the EU gave him what he wanted. But the one-page “framework agreement,” negotiated in just an hour, left many details for later, and the details contradicted some of Trump's boasts.

The optics were classic Trump. The meeting was not on neutral ground. The EU's chief, Ursula von der Leyen, came and paid homage to Trump at his Scottish golf club in Turnberry, no less. She was depicted as desperate to finish negotiations against Trump's artificial deadline for punitive tariffs to be imposed this Friday, August 1.

The main points of the headline deal that Trump announced suggested that the EU had given up nearly everything and Trump almost nothing. EU member nations will be hit with a new baseline tariff of 15 percent, up from 10 percent. U.S. exports to the EU will be tariff-free. The EU agrees to buy all kinds of stuff from the U.S., including \$750 billion of energy products and “vast amounts” of military equipment, invest \$600 billion in the U.S., and open EU markets to U.S. exports with zero tariffs. And von der Leyen conceded what EU officials had long denied, that U.S.-EU trade relations needed “rebalancing.”

Why do they need rebalancing? Trump has long made the bogus claim that EU markets were effectively closed to U.S. exports. That's nonsense. The EU's average trade-weighted tariff is just 2.8 percent. It is true, however, that the EU has a trade surplus with the U.S. that is typically around \$200 billion annually.

Jumping ahead.

He plays on the power of the U.S. government, much of it wielded illegally, combined with his own reputation as a madman.

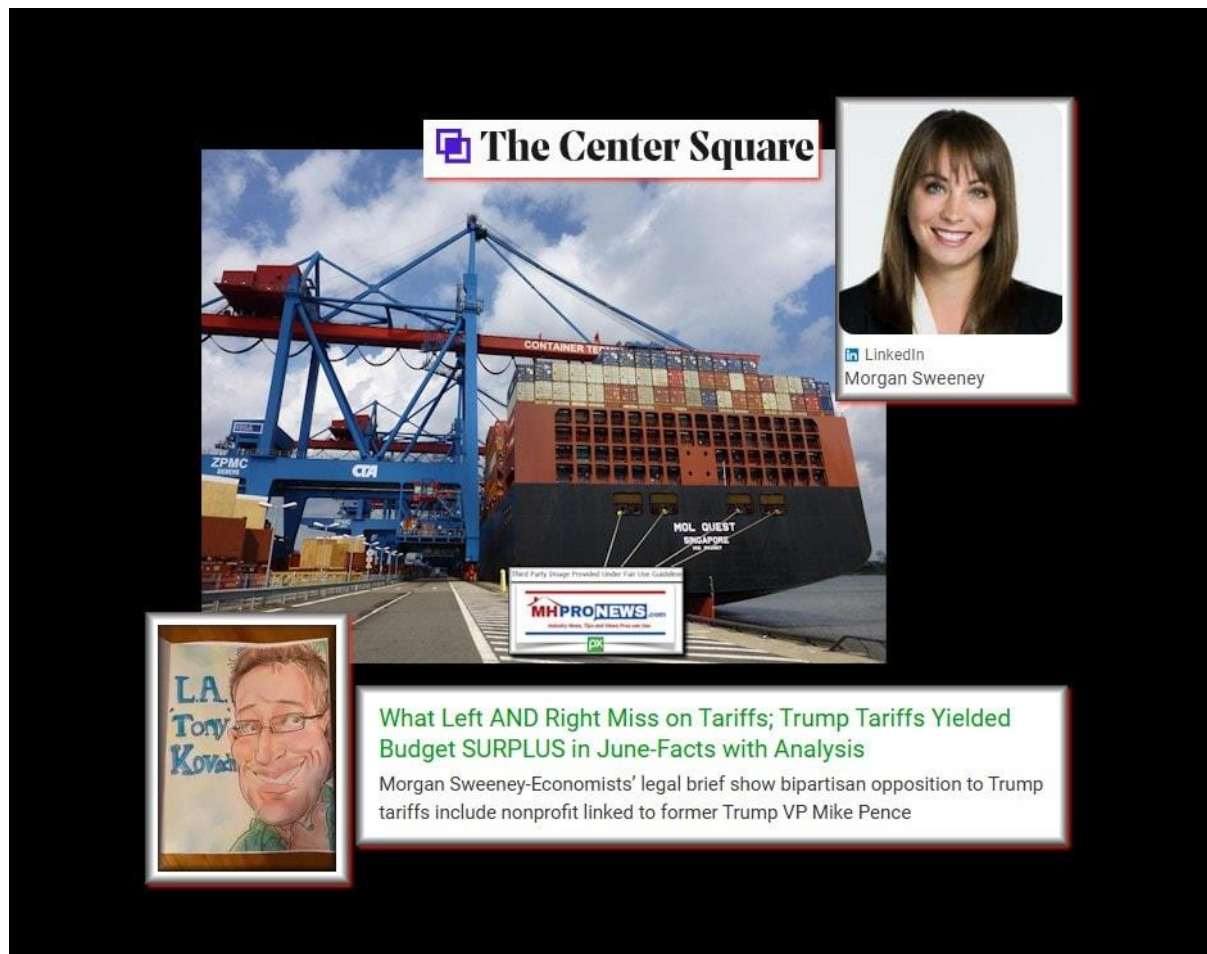
After several paragraphs of apparent [paltering](#), Kuttner draws to a close with this.

...So for now, Trump notches a win. The market indexes are steady at this writing. The damage to consumer prices and to the GDPs of both the U.S. and the EU will come later.

~ ROBERT KUTTNER

But after more than six months of the 'sky is falling, the sky is falling' about Trump's trade policies, the result seems to be different than his detractors claim.

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<https://patch.com/florida/lakeland/what-left-right-miss-tariffs-trump-tariffs-yielded-budget-surplus-june-facts>[/caption]

It is to some extent necessary and useful to digest what Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS), leftists, conservatives, and others who heap scorn on the man have to say. But some on the left and left-leaning sources do seem to give credit when it is due. [Left-leaning CNN's digital guru Harry Enten](#) said this just days ago.

Harry Enten -- Trump is most influential president this century. pic.twitter.com/0AhV9g9Jep

— D. Scott @eclipsethis2003 (@eclipsethis2003) [August 4, 2025](#)

This is huge! CNN admitting Trump is the most influential president of this century, remaking America with record-low migration and bold policies, shows just how impactful his leadership is. It's what we voted for—strong, decisive action that's turning things around. Finally...

— Catherine (@Catherine_986) [August 3, 2025](#)

I'm sorry, but I just love Harry Enten... 😞 I don't know how he still has a job at CNN, but I'm sure Newsmax or the Fox family would welcome him with open arms if that time ever comes???

He just called President Trump the Most Influential President of the Century, and I couldn't... pic.twitter.com/KLedFWRrd8

— Trevor Thacker (@trethack24) [August 4, 2025](#)

The [left](#)-leaning *New York Times* recently admitted that the Trump tariffs are bringing in so much money that it may be hard to quit them.

Trump's Tariffs Are Making Money. That May Make Them Hard to Quit. But is Americans that are paying more not the countries of origin. Hard to believe Trump doesn't understand this or plain doesn't care. <https://t.co/pRsILjXHD4> via [@NYTimes](#)

— Maxine Clark (@ChiefExecBear) [August 4, 2025](#)

NYT Admits Trump's Tariffs Are Generating 'Significant' Federal Income — Already Generated \$150 Billion in Revenue <https://t.co/gjYLDwFd4W>

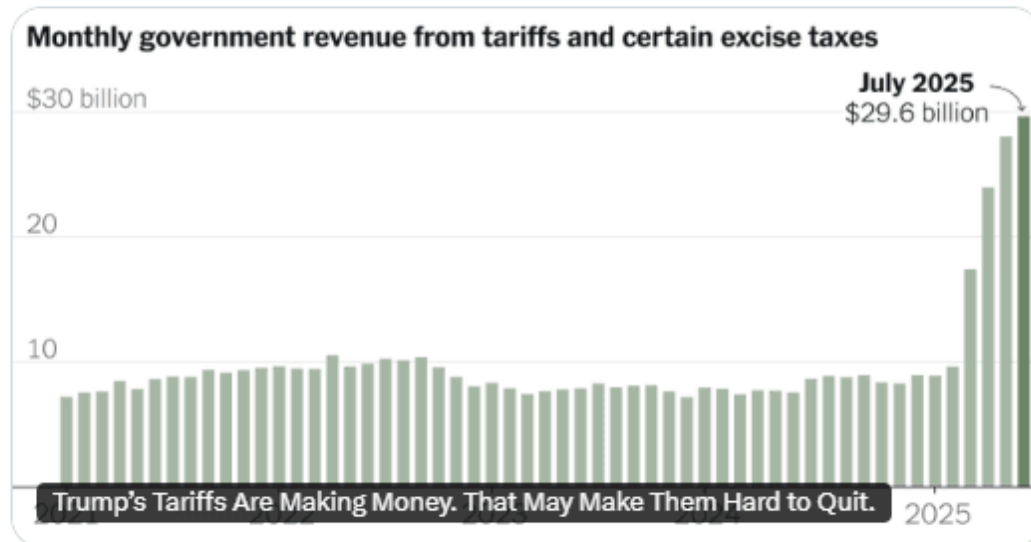
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But what about Trump on housing? What about T2 on manufactured housing? That will be considered among other topics, including Thomas Sowell and more in Part II.

Part I From the White House Wire to MHPProNews is the following.

✅ **200 Days of Winning: President Trump Is Keeping His Promises**


The White House

August 7, 2025

As President Donald J. Trump celebrates 200 days in office, the winning is never-ending — and if his [first 100 days](#) were historic, his second set was equally as impressive. From securing unprecedented trade deals and locking in massive investments to unleashing American energy dominance and ending woke culture, President Trump has accomplished more in his first 200 days than most administrations do over an entire term — and the best is yet to come.

President Trump made good on even more of his promises between Day 100 and Day 200:


PROMISE MADE: “We’re going to have very large tax cuts for workers and ... No Tax on Tips, No Tax on Overtime.” ([10/12/2024](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** President Trump [signed](#) the One Big Beautiful Bill into law, delivering the [largest tax cut in history](#) for working- and middle-class Americans — including No Tax on Tips, No Tax on Overtime, and No Tax on Social Security — along with unprecedented tax relief for small businesses, farmers, workers, and families.


PROMISE MADE: “We will close the border. We will stop the invasion of illegals into our country.” ([10/12/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** The U.S. [reached](#) a new monthly immigration low for illegal crossings at the southern border — including multiple months in a row with ZERO illegal immigrants released into the country’s interior. Border wall construction has resumed, with new border barrier projects underway in [El Paso](#) and the [Rio Grande Valley](#).

PROMISE MADE: “We get all these bad deals. We changed a lot of them... but still plenty of them out there — a lot of unfair deals. If China or any other country makes us pay a tariff... we will make them pay a reciprocal tariff.” ([3/9/24](#))


-  **PROMISE KEPT:** President Trump reached eight historic trade deals with major U.S. trading partners covering more than half of global GDP and tariff revenues have totaled [\\$150+ billion](#) — keeping his promise to liberate the country from decades of failed, anti-American trade policy.

PROMISE MADE: “A vote for President Donald J. Trump is a vote for prosperity.” ([9/13/24](#))


-  **PROMISE KEPT:** President Trump’s America First economic policy has created a windfall in the stock market, with the [S&P 500](#) and [Nasdaq](#) reaching new record highs several times over the course of the second hundred days — while inflation

has [moderated](#), business is [booming](#), the economy is [growing](#), and egg prices [fell](#) 67% from their peak.


PROMISE MADE: “I’ll insist that every NATO nation must spend at least 3%.” ([8/26/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** President Trump [secured](#) an agreement from NATO member nations to raise their defense spending to 5% of their GDP — a remarkable foreign policy feat long thought impossible.


PROMISE MADE: “To reduce costs for both manufacturers and consumers, I will remove ten old regulations for every new regulation.” ([10/10/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** [The Washington Examiner](#): “Trump killing federal regulations at 10-1 rate, tops first term’s 4-1 cut”


PROMISE MADE: “I will defend religious liberty.” ([1/19/25](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** The Trump Administration [directed](#) all federal agencies to protect religious expression in the workplace.


PROMISE MADE: “We are not going to allow child sexual mutilation.” ([11/18/23](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** Stanford Medicine [ended](#) sex-change surgeries for minors, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles [closed](#) its “Center for Transyouth Health and Development and Gender-Affirming Care,” UChicago [suspended](#) so-called “gender-affirming care” for minors, Rush Medical Center [halted](#) so-called “gender-affirming care” for new patients under 18, the [University of Pennsylvania Health System](#) all stopped so-called “gender-affirming care” for patients under 19, Kaiser Permanente [paused](#) sex-change surgeries for patients under 19 across all its hospitals and surgical centers, and Yale New Haven Health and Connecticut Children’s Medical Center [announced](#) they are ending their so-called “gender-affirming care services.”


PROMISE MADE: “We will keep men out of women’s sports.” ([5/26/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee [banned](#) men from competing in women’s sports.


PROMISE MADE: “We will make America safe again.” ([11/4/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** After deporting tens of thousands of criminal illegal immigrants, the U.S. is [on track](#) to see the lowest murder rate on record.


PROMISE MADE: “We will stop the Biden-Harris war on American energy ... American energy is such a big deal. We will drill, baby, drill.” ([8/3/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** The Trump administration [announced](#) it is opening 13 million acres in Alaska to mining and drilling and [terminated](#) Biden-era preferential treatment for unreliable, foreign-controlled wind energy.


PROMISE MADE: “We’re going to go back to a merit system.” ([8/29/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** The Trump Administration [rolled out](#) new merit-based federal hiring plans.


PROMISE MADE: “We’re going to get your gas prices down.” ([1/16/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** [Breitbart](#): “Promises Made, Promises Kept: Memorial Day Set For Lowest Gas Prices in Over 20 Years”


PROMISE MADE: “We will build a great Iron Dome over our country... a state-of-the-art missile defense shield that will be entirely built in America and create jobs, jobs, jobs.” ([6/15/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** President Trump [announced](#) a draft architecture and implementation plan for a Golden Dome missile defense system to protect our homeland from 21st Century threats — and [secured](#) funding for it in the One Big Beautiful Bill.


PROMISE MADE: “325,000 children are missing or dead. They came through the border... 325,000 children went through her stupid open border, and now they’re either missing, dead, or slaves. If you want to end this disaster, you must get out and vote.” ([11/1/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** After the Biden Administration lost track of 325,000 migrant children, the Trump Administration has already [located](#) more than 13,000 of them — fulfilling President Trump’s [promise](#) to do everything possible to save child victims of human trafficking.

PROMISE MADE: “We’re going to be way ahead on AI.” ([12/12/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** The White House [unveiled](#) America’s AI Action Plan in order to secure U.S. AI dominance and usher in a new golden age of human flourishing, economic competitiveness, and national security for the American people.

PROMISE MADE: “I will also stop Joe Biden’s crusade to crush crypto. We’re going to stop it. I will ensure that the future of crypto and the future of Bitcoin will be made in the USA.” ([5/26/24](#))

-  **PROMISE KEPT:** President Trump [signed](#) the GENIUS Act into law, establishing a regulatory framework for stablecoins and helping to ensure the U.S. remains the global leader in cryptocurrency, and [unveiled](#) a [framework](#) for achieving U.S. digital asset dominance — keeping President Trump's [promise](#) to ensure the future of crypto is American.

Part II Additional MHVille Facts-Evidence-[Analysis](#) (FEA) with more MHPProNews Commentary

1) Among the comments posted on this video interview of Thomas Sowell, Ph.D., is this one.



[@herbrichmound7418](#)

[7 years ago](#)

My family still prospered in the midst of segregation in Houston, Texas in the 50's-60's, we had separate bathrooms, water fountains, yet we owned a three bedroom home, had outstanding schools, black business flourished. When LBJ so-called 'War on Poverty' went into effect, black business dwindled and our best teachers were sent to other school districts that were mostly white. Liberals sabotaged the upward mobility of blacks, I witnessed it first-hand. Right On Sowell!!!

That may be the best possible introduction to this video by Sowell, which applies in several ways to this Trump Admin 2.0 at 200 Days.

Per *Liberty Pen*, which posted this video, "Professor Sowell connects the dots between the damage of the welfare state and the incentives of liberal political leaders."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lm-FqtAOSB8>

MHPProNews notes that Sowell has made some remarks that seem to oppose tariffs, as did his mentor, Milton Freidman. It should not be thought that Sowell is correct on everything,

even though he has keen points on many things. One ought to apply the ancient [principle of separating the wheat from the chaff](#) with all people and things.

That said, Sowell is spot on with so much here, as [@herbrichmound7418](#) said. The [full transcript is found at this link here](#). But from that transcript is the following from Dr. Sowell.

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2) Sowell explained that the "Great Society," the "welfare state" undermined the Black community. *MHPProNews* has reported on that phenomenon several times. Sowell said housing projects and minority neighborhoods became more dangerous following the welfare state programs than before. Sowell lashed the Obama-Biden (D) Administration like this.

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For newer and longtime returning readers, it should be emphasized that Sowell was a former socialist.

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It should also be recalled that the controversial Malcom X (the real one, not the movie version) made some similar points about how 'liberal' 'white' elitist policies undermined Blacks. Keep the principle of [separating the wheat from the chaff](#) in mind.

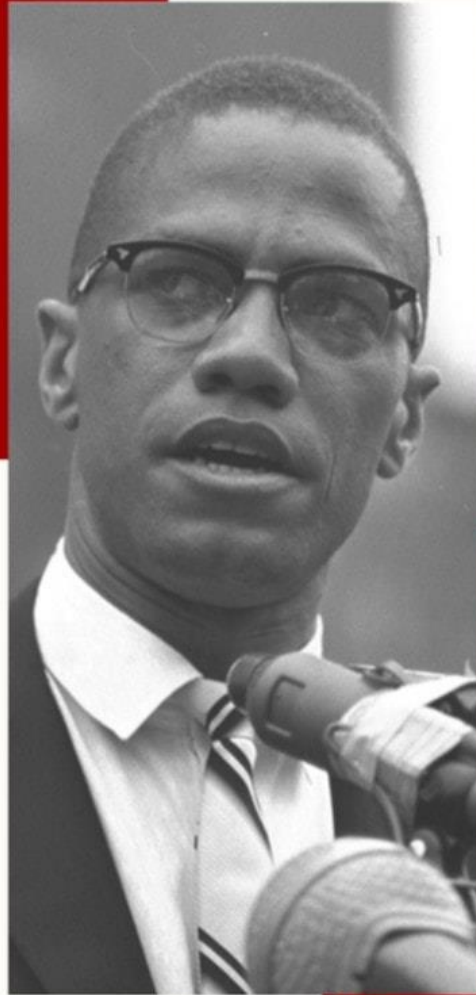
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"The white liberal differs from the white conservative only in one way: the liberal is more deceitful than the conservative.

The liberal is more hypocritical than the conservative. Both want power, but the white liberal is the one who has perfected the art of posing as the Negro's friend and benefactor;

And by winning the friendship, allegiance, and support of the Negro, the white liberal is able to use the Negro as a pawn or tool in this political "football game" that is constantly raging between the white liberals and white conservatives."

- Malcolm X



Quoting Malcom X, or anyone else for that matter, should not be construed as endorsing each and every part of what that person, group, or source said, did, or thinks. Rather, it is to illustrate that person's perspective in their own words. Malcom X was controversial for many reasons, but aspects of this are arguably part of the wheat in his observations.

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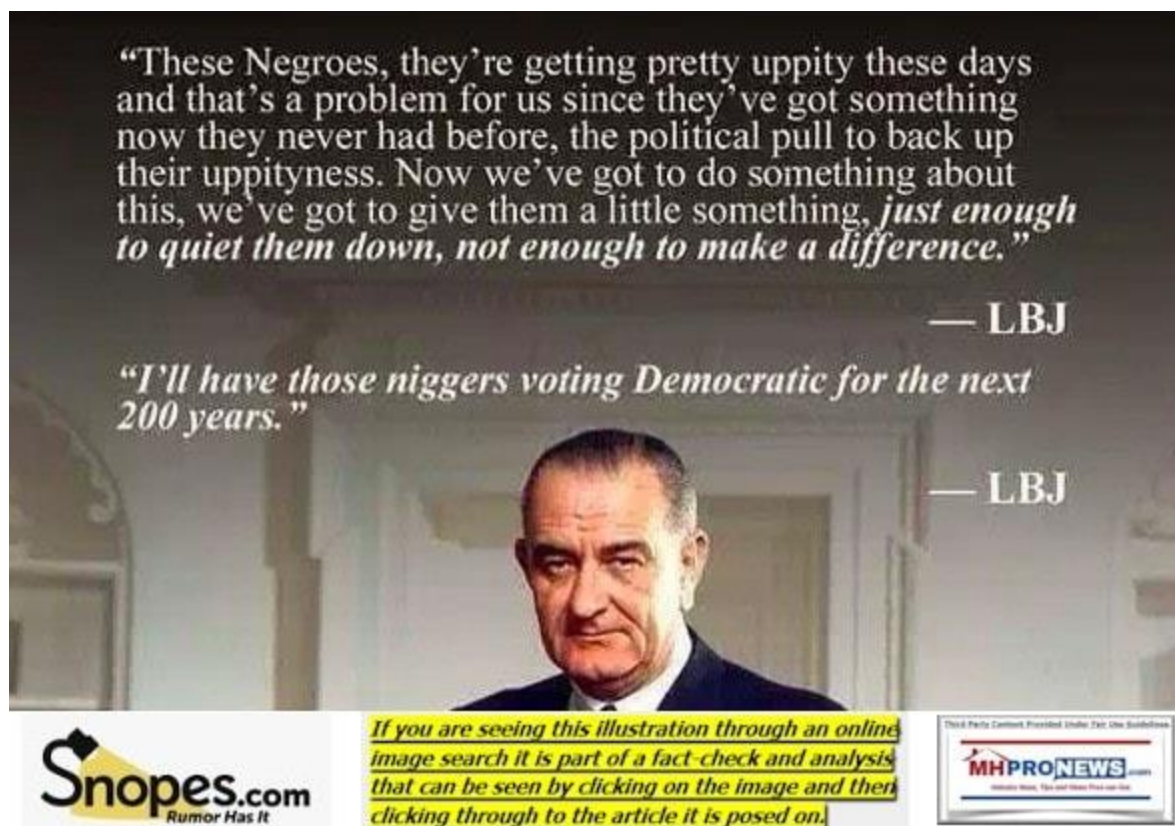
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From the *YouTube* page of the above: "During the civil rights struggle of the mid twentieth century many men stood out, such as Martin Luther King, Jr, Medger Evers, and Malcolm X. Famed author Alex Haley, who wrote "Roots; The Saga of an American Family" befriended Malcolm X and co-authored his autobiography. Written and hosted by Colin D. Heaton. Forgotten History is a 10th Legion Pictures Production."

3) Let's circle back to Dr. Sowell's remarks.

"Leaders of groups that are lagging in countries around the world...Almost invariably [those leaders] have counterproductive policies for them and it makes perfect sense. Because in so far as members of lagging groups assimilated into the values and uh achievements of the larger society...they don't need those leaders."

Sowell named Black preachers turned media personalities Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton in that category. Sowell is saying that those Blacks are misleading other Blacks to keep the majority of Blacks on proverbial "Democratic Plantation." This is linked to racist President Lyndon Banes Johnson (LBJ-D). Johnson is arguably one of the more corrupt U.S. presidents, as MHProNews has reported for years, and which "Forgotten History" more recently spotlighted in one of their videos.



This next item is one of the more popular "Forgotten History" videos, racking up over 2.2 million views as of this date.

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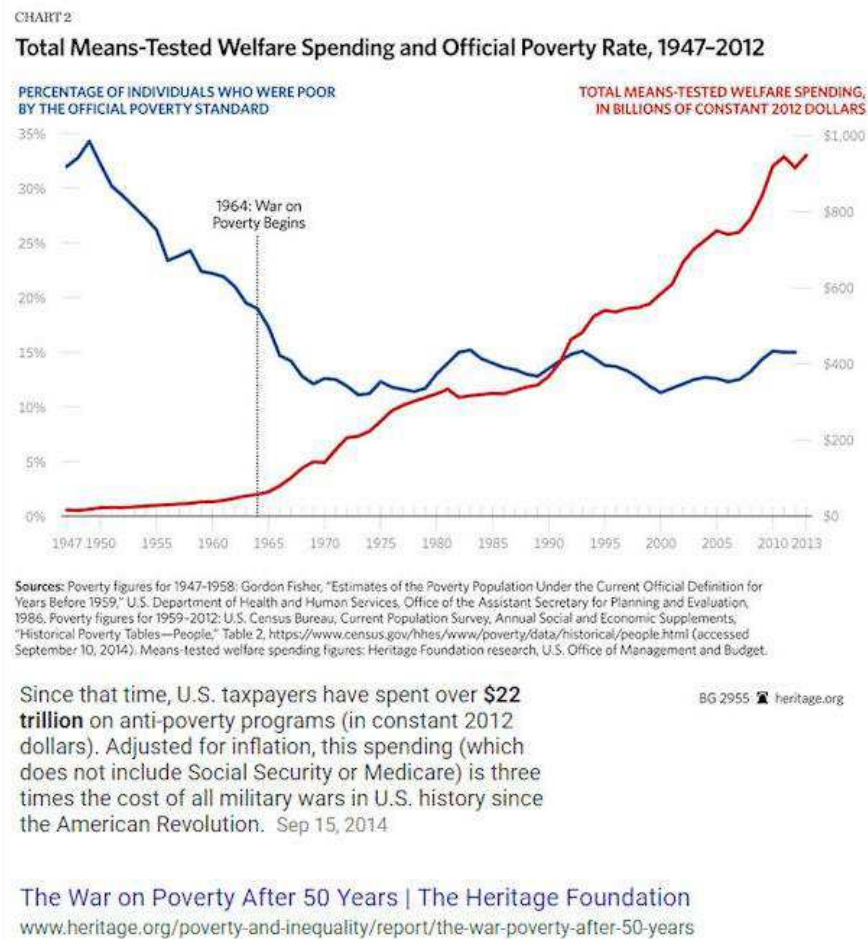
MOST CORRUPT SERIES: Lyndon Baines Johnson - LBJ - Forgotten History

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When it came to subterfuge, lying, intimidation, hypocrisy, bigotry, fraud, and possibly murder, few can touch US President Lyndon Baines Johnson. So, who was the real Lyndon Baines Johnson? Hosted by Colin D. Heaton. Forgotten History is a 10th Legion Pictures Production.

4) Per Heritage.org, the Great Society programs essentially stopped the progress of Blacks and others experiencing poverty in America. *MHPProNews* contacted Heritage and urged them to update this chart.

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MHProNews note 1. [Democratic House Majority Whip James Clyburn told left-leaning MSNBC that Democrats voting for giant spending bills 'knew' that the result would be inflation.](#) Clyburn stated what was obvious to critics of the massive spending bills. There are those who say the full effects of inflation have not yet occurred. For instance, as interest rates rise, the cost to the federal budget of paying the interest on over \$34 trillion dollars in federal debt will only grow. That means that other parts of the budget may face cutbacks. The Democratic President Lyndon Banes Johnson (D) promises in the [mid-1960s of a 'Great Society' based on federal spending programs has proven to be an illusion. Heritage revealed the trends in poverty before and after Democrat LBJ's Great Society was launched in the graphic linked here.](#) Yet it has been said that those programs were part of what attracted black votes away from Republicans to Democrats. Decades of failed policies later, a new generation of Democratic voters are having to face the consequences of policies that never delivered despite repeated promises that obviously were not kept. Note 2: depending on your browser or device, many images in this report and others on

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Much, not all, but much of the tens of trillions of dollars in federal debt can be traced to 'poverty programs' and the military-industrial-spy complex programs. The forever wars are in many ways a scam, per the insights from highly decorated Marine General Smedley Butler.

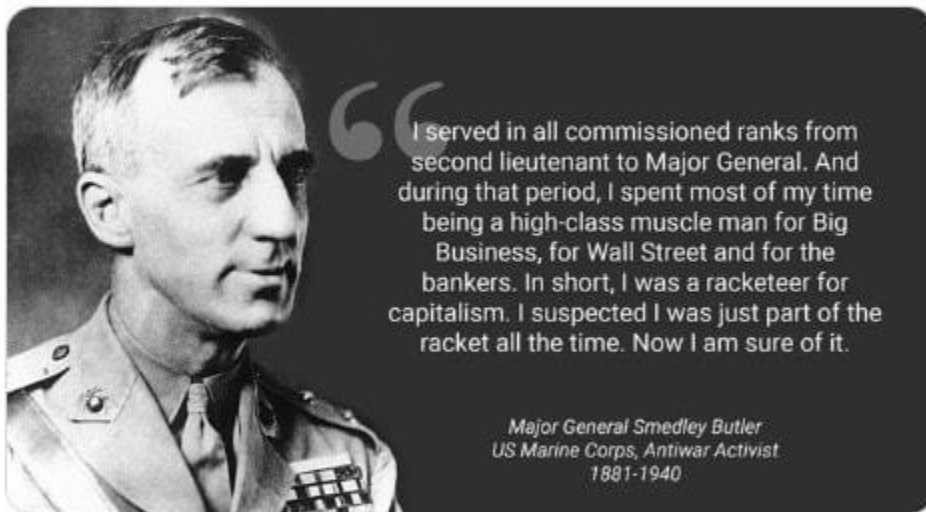
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Charles Charles @CHDC2983 · Dec 3

Replying to @ricwe123

The more things change the more they remain the same, the 241 wars/**conflicts** the US has fomented, funded and participated in since WWII reveal that peace is not an objective, rather it can't exist without **war**, and no amount of death or **human** suffering is an obstacle to waging it.

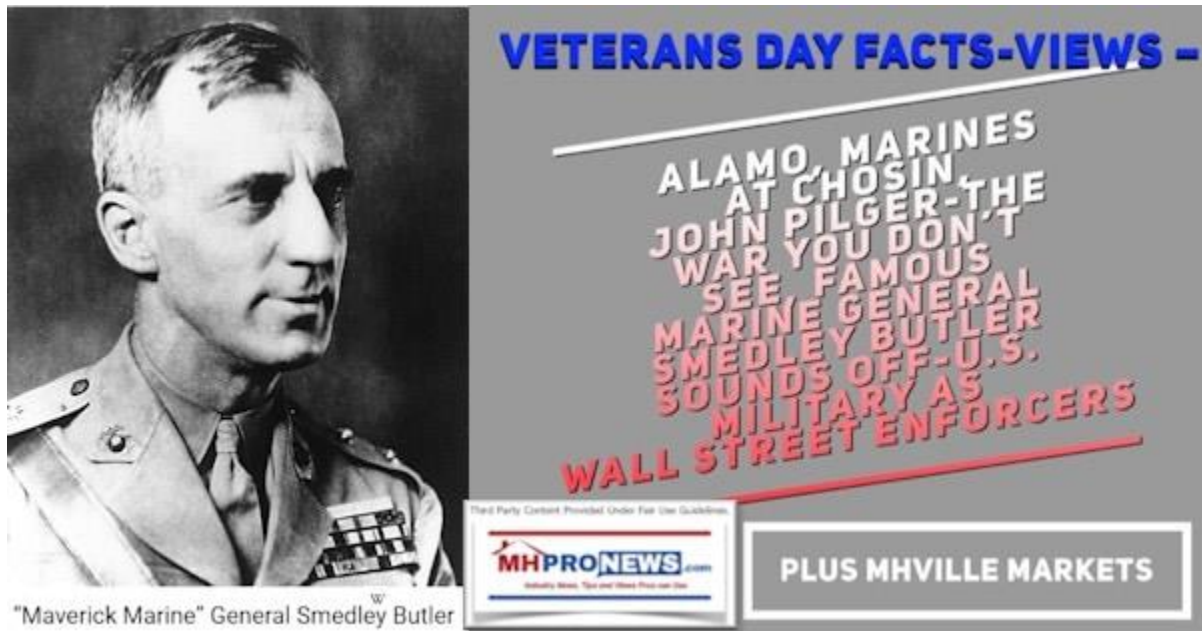


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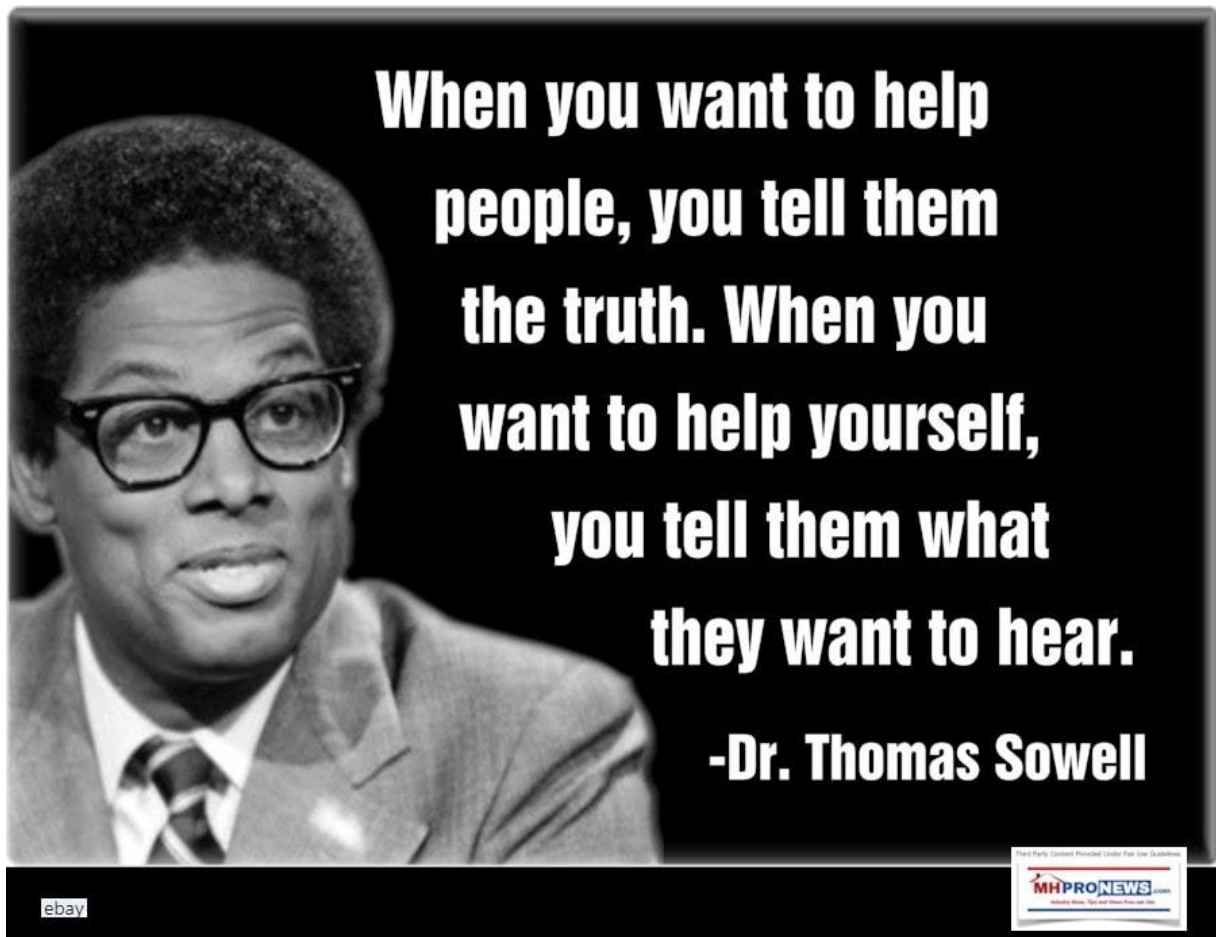
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5) Truth telling is the only way that the American people will break free of the illusory truth chains that have for too long bound the nation in artificially fostered divisions.




**When you want to help
people, you tell them
the truth. When you
want to help yourself,
you tell them what
they want to hear.**

-Dr. Thomas Sowell

What Sowell is saying is that poverty programs often keep people locked in poverty. It also has the tendency to keep people voting for Democrats. Those poverty programs were often developed and promoted by Democratic leaders. Those Democrats, be they Black or from other ethnic groups, have every incentive - per Sowell - to keep the ruse going, because as soon as people break free from poverty, **they have no incentive to follow those leaders. It is a multi-trillion-dollar scam that has undermined minorities and people of whatever background.**

On the housing side of those poverty programs. *MHProNews* has documented many times that these programs enrich a few but tend to keep millions trapped in poverty. That doesn't mean that some can't break free, they do. Dr. Ben Carson grew up in poverty and is one of those who broke free of this sticky welfare state system.

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HUD Secretary Ben Carson, M.D.
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"Our nation's shortage of affordable housing is ultimately an issue of supply and demand. With millions of people in need, high demand is already guaranteed. That's why HUD has focused our strategy on increasing supply – namely, by promoting initiatives, programs, techniques, and technologies that produce more affordable homes.

Since the key constraint on supply is the cost of new construction and development, the solution to the problem is to change the cost side of the equation.

Manufactured housing has emerged out of the limestone and stepped into the limelight, to address precisely this need.

According to MHI reports, the average cost per square foot of a manufactured home is nearly half that of a site-built home – \$49 [dollars] per square foot, as opposed to \$107 [dollars]. These dramatic cost savings in construction enable responsible citizens to secure housing that may be considerably less expensive than renting or purchasing a site-built home.

And yet, even at this lower price, manufactured homes appreciate in value at a rate similar to site-built homes, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency Housing Price Index. Sustainable homeownership is the number one builder of financial capital for most American families. For example, the average net worth of a renter is \$5,000 [dollars], while the average net worth of a homeowner is \$200,000 [dollars]. That's an extraordinary 40-fold difference. But with comparable home appreciation rates to site-built homes, manufactured homes exhibit their own extraordinary potential to be a wealth creation tool for ordinary, everyday American families."



See the last paragraph above that starts with the statement that manufactured homes appreciate in value at a rate similar to site-built home, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Then HUD Secretary Ben Carson, M.D., quote is from the official comments as prepared, per the HUD website, on May 7, 2019. So, keep in mind that those costs per square foot for conventional housing and manufactured homes have risen since then. But the savings rate is about the same. [/caption]

Leftist Michael Weinstein insightfully referred to this as the "affordable housing industrial complex." Weinstein lashed Democrats on this. A leftist calling out other leftists with evidence. Once more, the [principle of separating the wheat from the chaff](#) must be applied.

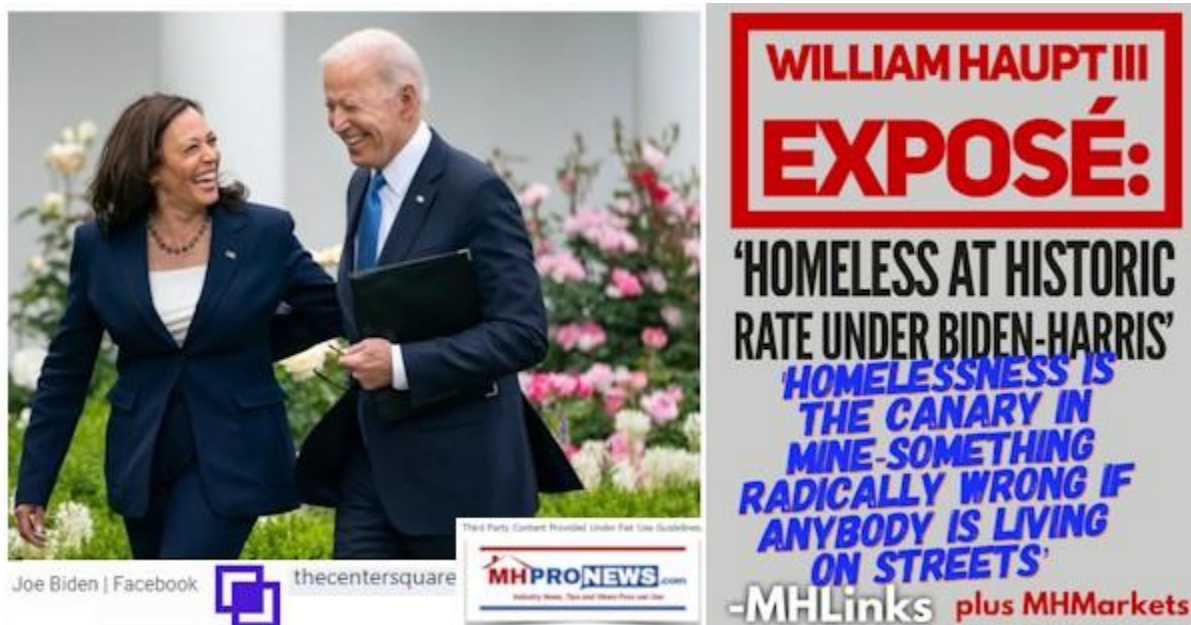
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With record 'peace time' federal spending, the **Biden-Harris (D) era yielded more debt and more poverty**. These are not opinions, they are facts documented from often left-leaning or Biden-Harris regime's own records.

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FACT CHECK: Was Kamala Harris Ranked The Most Liberal ...

WEB Jul 24, 2024 · Verdict: **True**. This claim is true. GovTrack ranked Harris as the most liberal senator in 2019. Fact Check: Harris held her first rally since former President Joe Biden withdrew his candidacy for President and endorsed her, according to Associated Press.

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3.7 Million Kids Fell Into Poverty After Biden Child Tax Credit ...

Feb 18, 2022 — The child poverty rate rose to 17% in January from 12% in December — a 41% increase.

Pumping trillions of dollars into the economy may have seemed like a boost to the poor or lower incomes initially. But increasing the money supply resulted in inflation, as [then Democratic House Majority Whip James Clyburn \(SC-D\)](#) plainly told MSNBC. Inflation hits

the lower incomes harder. But even the middle class has been harmed, as some 50 percent of the U.S. now says they are living paycheck-to-paycheck.

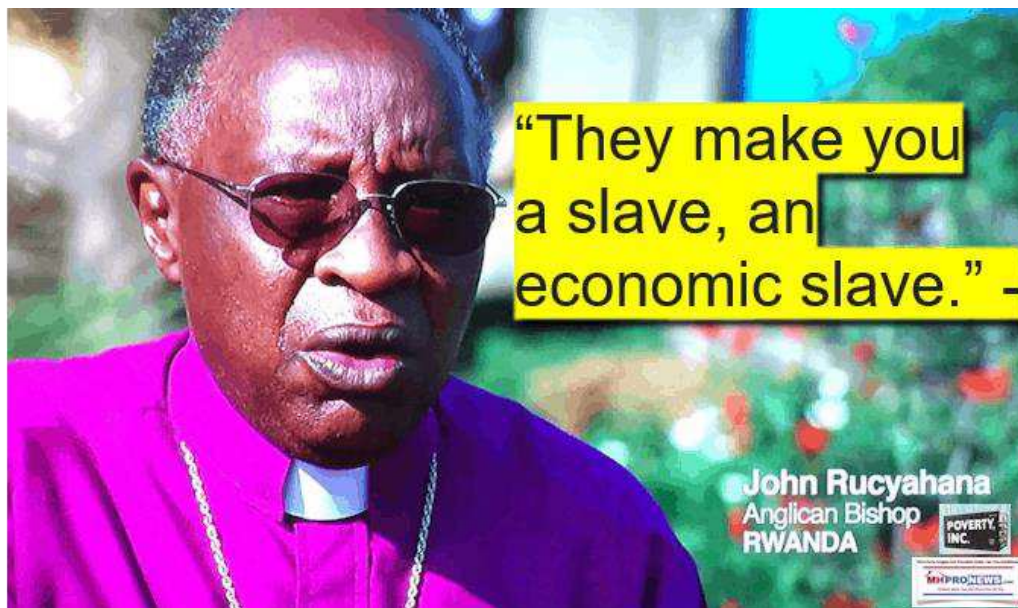
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6) It is with this backdrop, that President Trump's initiatives should be considered. There is an evidence-based case to be made that Trump is making an apparent effort to unravel this elaborate administrative state that seems to routinely produce a result that is worse than what is promised. Years and elections go by, and not much changes. People get trapped in often sticky programs that make it difficult (not impossible) to break free. That process creates a steady group of loyal Democratic voters. By accident or design, it seems to bring corrupt, racist President LBJ's words quoted above into sharper focus. It also brings into sharper focus the concerns raised in that quote above by Malcom X as well as Thomas Sowell.

MHProNews and/or our MHLivingNews website has from time to time reported on the lessons from the critically acclaimed documentary drama, *Poverty, Inc.* Note that these are blacks saying that the system as it operates undermines minorities and others trapped in poverty through these programs. *Poverty, Inc.* is essentially an echo of what Sowell said:

"Almost invariably [those leaders] have counterproductive policies for them and it makes perfect sense. Because in so far as members of lagging groups assimilated into the values and uh achievements of the larger society...they don't need those leaders."

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Still and quote from the docudrama *Poverty, Inc.* See report linked [here](#) and report linked

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The item below was first uploaded on September 10, 2018, and is still relevant.

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It should be recalled that prior to, and still today, the poor were routinely cared for by charities that relied in large part on volunteerism. It is simple math. Government funded efforts require paid employees. But with faith-based organizations, a sizable percentage of the effort springs from volunteers who do not require payment. More of the money given to such organizations ends up in the hands of those in need. Furthermore, those in a faith-based group have less incentive to keep people trapped in their circumstances, the point raised by Dr. Sowell.

From the PhilanthropyRoundtable.org. article: [Less God, Less Giving?](#)

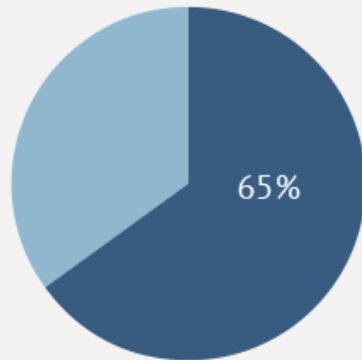
Of all the “associational” activity that takes place in the U.S., almost half is church-related, according to Harvard sociologist Robert Putnam. “As a whole,” notes Tim Keller, “secularism is not good for society.” Secularism “makes people very fragmented—they might talk about community, but they aren’t sacrificing their own personal goals for community, as religion requires you to do.”

Religious practice links us in webs of mutual knowledge, responsibility, and support like no other influence. Seven out of ten weekly church attenders told Pew they consider “work to help the needy” an “essential part” of their faith. Most of them put their money and time where their mouth is: 65 percent of weekly church attenders were found to have donated either volunteer hours or money or goods to the poor within the previous week. (*See graph 9*)

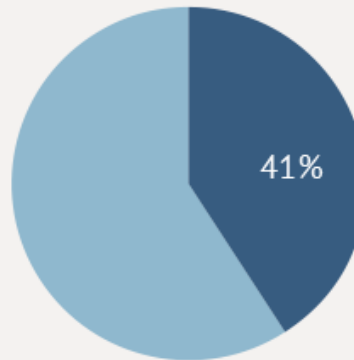
9. Gave to the Poor

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by donating money, time, or goods

Americans who attend
church weekly, pray daily



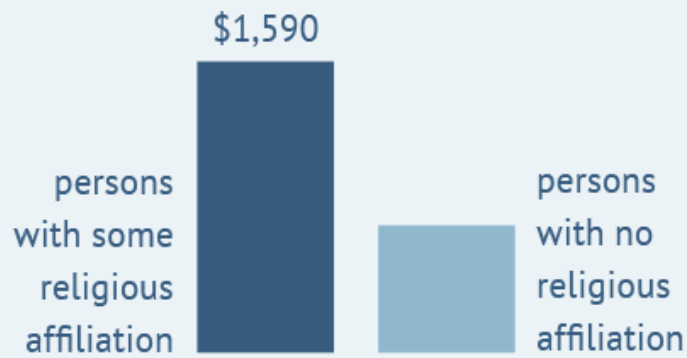
other Americans



Source: Pew Research Center, 2014 data

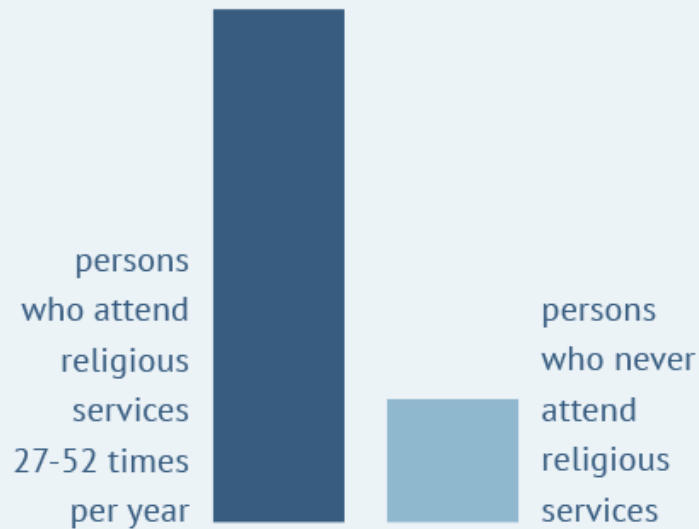
Philanthropic studies show that people with a religious affiliation give away several times as much every year as other Americans. Research by the Lilly School at Indiana University found Americans with any religious affiliation made average annual charitable donations of \$1,590, versus \$695 for those with no religious affiliation. Another report using data from the Panel Study for Income Dynamics juxtaposed Americans who do not attend religious services with those who attend worship at least twice a month, and made fine-tunings to compare demographic apples to apples. The results: \$2,935 of annual [charitable giving](#) for the church attenders, versus \$704 for the non-attenders. (See *graph 10*) In addition to giving larger amounts, the religious give more often—making gifts about half again as frequently.

10. Annual Charitable Donations



Source: Lilly School of Philanthropy, 2012 data

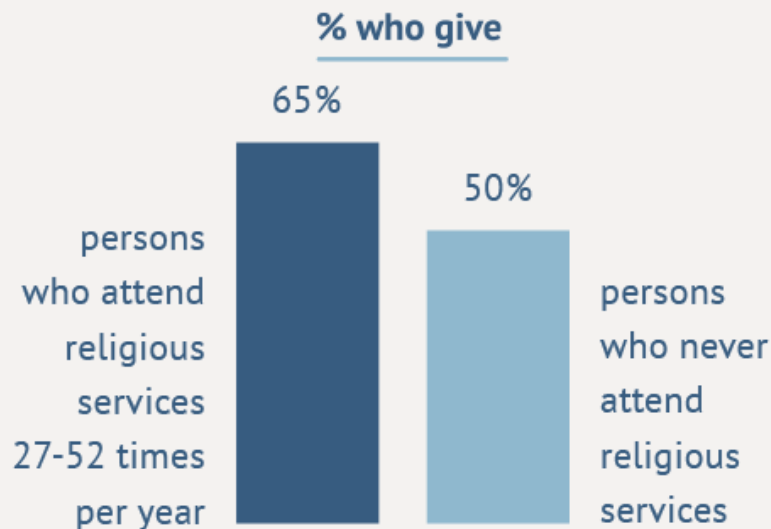
10. Annual Charitable Donations *cont.*



Source: Almanac of American Philanthropy, Graph 13

In study after study, religious practice is the behavioral variable with the strongest and most consistent association with [generous giving](#). And people with religious motivations don't give just to faith-based causes—they are also much likelier to give to secular causes than the nonreligious. Two thirds of people who worship at least twice a month give to secular causes, compared to less than half of non-attenders, and the average secular gift by a church attender is 20 percent bigger. (See *graph 11*)

11. Gifts to Secular Causes



Source: Almanac of American Philanthropy, Graph 13

Religious charity dominates U.S. philanthropy

America's tradition of voluntary charitable giving is one of the clearest markers of U.S. exceptionalism. As a fraction of our income, we donate over two and a half times as much as Britons do, more than eight times as much as the Germans, and at 12 times the rate of the Japanese. American religiosity plays a central role in that distinctive pattern.

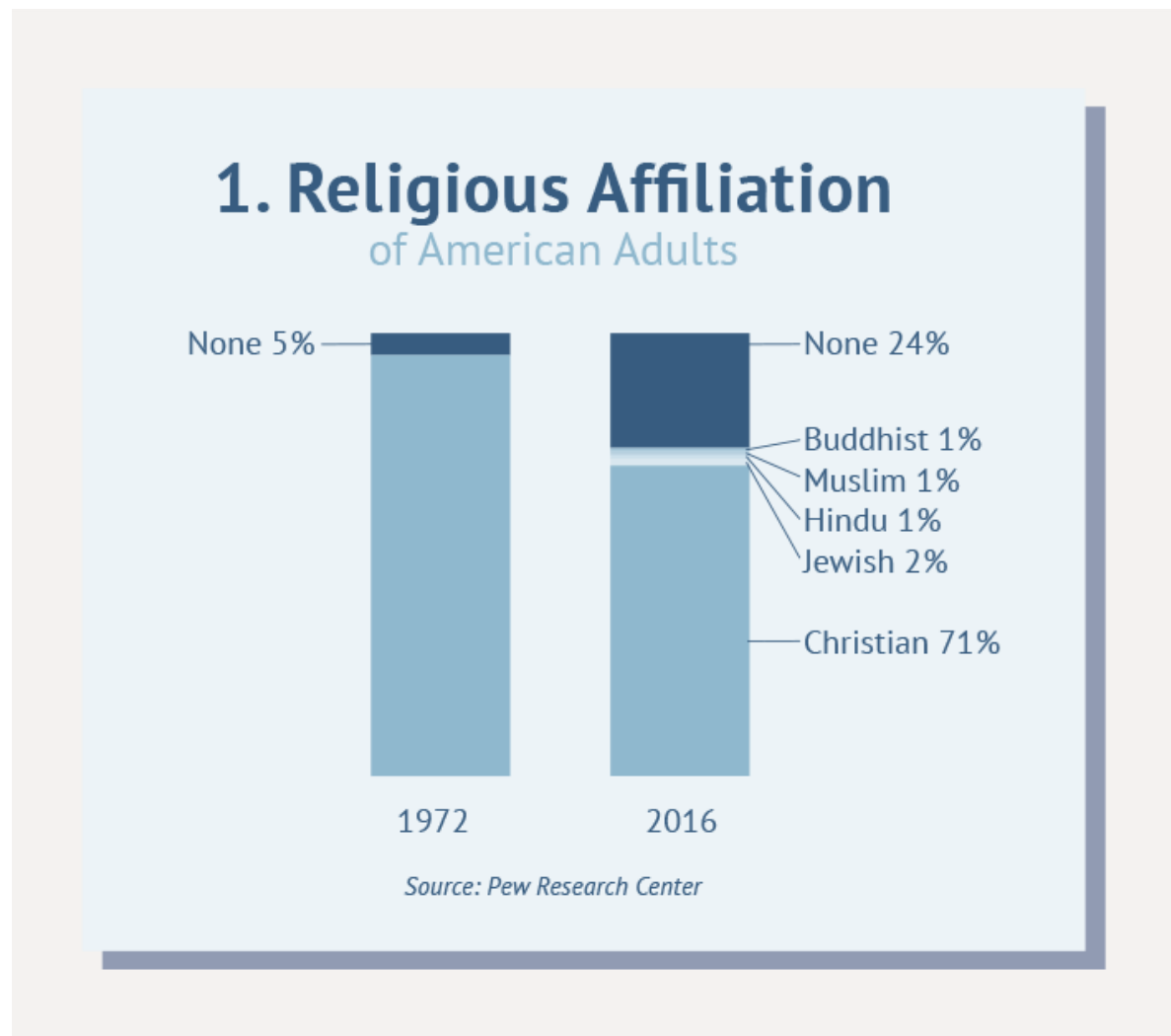
Put differently, the moral component of faith-based organizations has social benefits. It also has economic benefits, as the above reflected. Again, per the PhilanthropyRoundtable.org. article: [Less God, Less Giving?](#)

Underlying this resistance to religion is an assumption that faith is not important to the functioning of our nation. It has little social value, according to this view, and may even be harmful to citizens and the republic in various ways. Rising numbers of Americans believe that religious activity can be stopped or pushed entirely into private sanctums without any public cost.

Those Americans are mistaken.

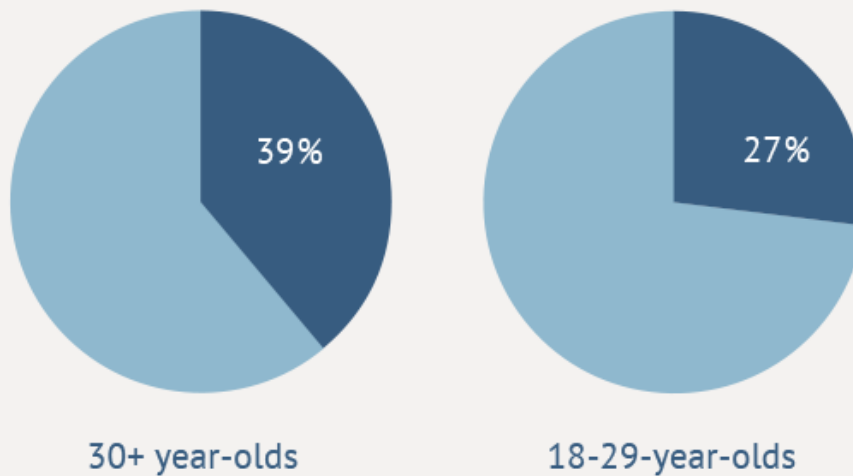
American faith takes a tumble

As recently as 1972, 95 percent of Americans affirmed a religious affiliation. By 2016 that had fallen to 76 percent. (See *graph 1*) The proportion of adults who attend religious services weekly is now down to 36 percent. (See *graph 2*)



2. Attend Religious Services weekly

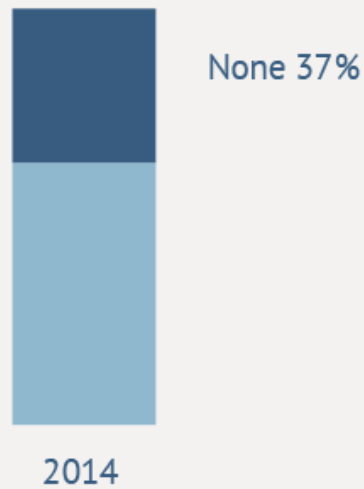
all Americans: 36%



Source: Pew Research Center, 2014 data, with author's calculations

Younger Americans in particular are falling away. Just 27 percent of adults under 30 attend services weekly. And nearly four out of ten 18-29-year-olds now say they have no religious affiliation. (See *graph 3*)

3. Religious Affiliation of 18-29-year-olds




Source: Pew Research Center

What does it mean to be religiously unaffiliated? Well, roughly six out of ten of this group consider themselves secular, and three out of ten are active atheists or agnostics. The small remainder identify as “religious” but with no particular faith. Most of the unaffiliated are suspicious of religion.

So, government programs have more or less steadily undermined and pushed out the faith-based impacts of religious societies. Big government, by accident and/or intention, may tend to treat religion as a rival. That in turn has ripple effects. Religious practices have fallen in the last 100 years, per a range of research, as is evidenced from what was shown above.

7) *MHProNews/MHLivingNews* notes what should be obvious. Not everything that President Trump has said or done should be seen as some ideal. POTUS Trump, as numbers of his backers have said, was not elected to be a pope, a preacher, or other religious leader. But he is widely seen as a friend and ally to the faith-based segment of our society. Some X-posts will help illustrate.

 BEAUTIFUL: President Trump just urged Americans to join him in "trusting almighty God." God has been welcomed back into the White House.

This is what I voted for.

God bless President Trump. pic.twitter.com/b7o6J45RLL

— Bo Loudon (@BoLoudon) [July 14, 2025](#)

“Never, have I ever seen a man in this position, talk about Jesus Christ this way”

Trump humbly gives glory to Christ and reminds people that our hope is not in politicians or the government, but in GOD. 🙏 pic.twitter.com/X8UJEJKjbN

— CatholicVote (@CatholicVote) [September 20, 2024](#)

Love him or hate him, Trump embraces faith. Your story proves prayer isn't weakness it transforms hearts, lifts nations, and inspires action. America was built on prayer, sustained by it, and will rise again through hard work, wisdom, and belief. He loves God deeply. pic.twitter.com/zd5T7eyy9r

— A.S (@DHAS013) [August 4, 2025](#)

Before President Trump's rally on Thursday celebrating America,

He was surrounded by faith leaders in prayer, praying for our country's future and his success.

This is so powerful and beautiful.

We finally have a president unafraid of praising Jesus. God bless him. pic.twitter.com/oENfP0JwDb

— Bo Loudon (@BoLoudon) [July 5, 2025](#)

This is a big reason Trump won the Christian vote us 🙏

“As long as I am President, no one is going to stop you from practicing your faith.”

“In America, we don’t worship government. We worship God.” pic.twitter.com/PBDnbiMxXr


— TONY™ (@TONYxTWO) [November 15, 2024](#)

President Donald Trump has repeatedly delivered for conservative Christians, who form the bedrock of his Republican support. pic.twitter.com/4PYAY0PTFt

— NEWSMAX (@NEWSMAX) [August 7, 2025](#)

Trump energizes conservative Christians with new religious policies <https://t.co/aavaQDEsnh> pic.twitter.com/zr8EQYeqtr

— The Washington Times (@WashTimes) [August 8, 2025](#)

 BREAKING: President Trump was just called the "greatest champion of faith of any president America has ever had."

God bless President Trump.

Amen. 🙏 pic.twitter.com/gTRjpopuQ7

— Bo Loudon (@BoLoudon) [July 14, 2025](#)

8) The illusory truth effect can cut either way. Illusory truth can make the wicked look good or the good look wicked. This has been known for decades, as a flashback quote from Malcom X will once more illustrate.

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Some cheer others

jeer Malcom X, but this quote is an insightful example of [separating the wheat from the chaff](#). While quite different than Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcom X had some interesting thoughts on media. [/caption]

There is an array of subtle to blatant smear tactics that can be deployed against an individual, organization, segment of the population, or other target - that at times has included our industry being targeted, manufactured housing. Manufactured homes are all too often smeared by the 'trailer house,' 'trailer park,' 'mobile home' or 'trailer trash' kinds of smears.

A manufactured home is not a motor home or trailer, and although it is often called a "mobile home," it is not that either.

Manufactured Home Fires, 9/13

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Evolution of trailer houses
to mobile homes
to manufactured homes.



1939 Schult Trailer House.



1954 Spartan Mobile Home.



Modern HUD Code Manufactured Home.

Trailer Houses Aren't to Mobile Homes

Mobile homes are not = to manufactured homes.

All of these evolutionary stages were important.

Pre- and post-World War II people needed a place to live that was transportable. That was the trailer house era.

By the 1950s, little trailer houses that could be pulled by some properly outfitted cars or pickups gave way to larger mobile homes. Still movable, but they often needed a larger truck to do so.

Modern manufactured homes often look like a conventional house, inside or outside. Manufactured homes may be 35 to 50 percent less in price than a conventional 'site built' house, depending on the features. Zoning against these may be desired by conventional site builders, but not for affordable housing seekers. Congress understood and passed the 2000 Reform Law.

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The following flashback post is still relevant, even though it was first posted on April 17, 2019. This is part of the value of the doing reports that are facts-evidence-[analysis](#) (FEA) based. They stand the test of time. It is also the value of sourcing items across the left-right spectrum.


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It is the value of separating the wheat from the chaff.

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A Bit of Context

Matthew 3:12 - "To separate the wheat from the chaff..." ≈ separating things of value from things of no value.

- **Chaff**
 - **1:** The seed coverings and other debris separated from the seed in threshing grain.
 - **2:** Something comparatively worthless.
- **Threshing**
 - The process of loosening the chaff from the grain.

The ancient wisdom of separating the wheat from the chaff is Biblical.

But separating the proverbial wheat from the chaff is also practical. An evidence-based case can be made that with every source, this principle should be applied. What is chaff should be identified and not "consumed" or followed. What is of value should be kept and is worthy of digesting, keeping, or applying.



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9) MHPProNews has also connected the dots with various nonprofits that are supposed to be dealing with poverty-related issues. It is called "philanthro-feudalism," "philanthro-capitalism," or the "charitable industrial complex."

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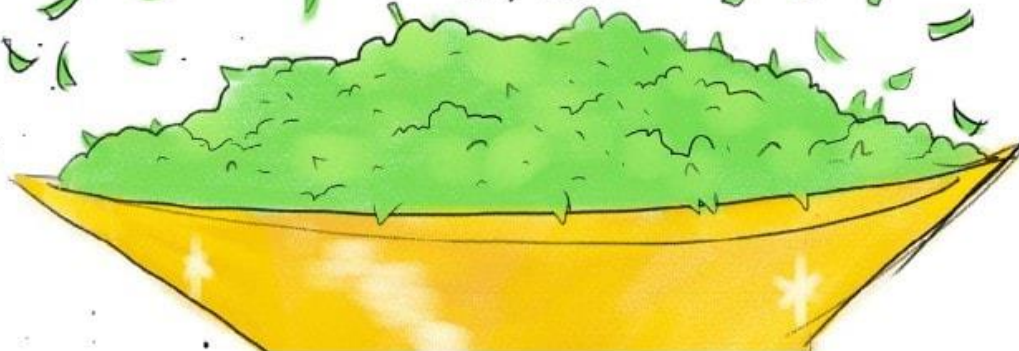
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Gilded Giving 2022

How Wealth Inequality Distorts Philanthropy
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Chuck Collins & Helen Flannery
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Manufactured housing industry linked Warren Buffett's (Berkshire Hathaway-BRK, parent company to Clayton Homes, 21st Mortgage Corporation, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance (VMF), Shaw Carpeting, etc.) son Peter Buffett has admitted the problem.

"But this [charitable-industrial complex] just keeps the existing structures in place...early every time someone feels better by doing good, on the other side of the world (or street), someone else is further locked into a system that will now allow the true flourishing of his or her nature or the opportunity to live a joyful and fulfilled life."

The Buffetts are demonstrably leftists. So, Peter Buffett is a leftist admitting that the system as it works today not only doesn't work, but it keeps people locked into a system that will not allow them to flourish." The wealthy get a tax deduction and get to parade around as if they are doing good. But they are keeping people locked in place, year after year, decade after decade.

It is time for the charade to end.

10) The lesson from former socialist Thomas Sowell is that socialism and communism do not work. 'Government' money is taxpayer money. Be it taxed or borrowed; there is a cost involved. That cost is born by someone. That's called "TANSTAAFL." "There ain't no such things as a free lunch." Someone *always* pays.

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TANSTAAFL

THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH



SOMEONE ALWAYS PAYS
If it's taxpayers, that means
higher taxes and other costs.



TAANSTAFL Principle: "There Ain't No Such Thing as a Free Lunch"

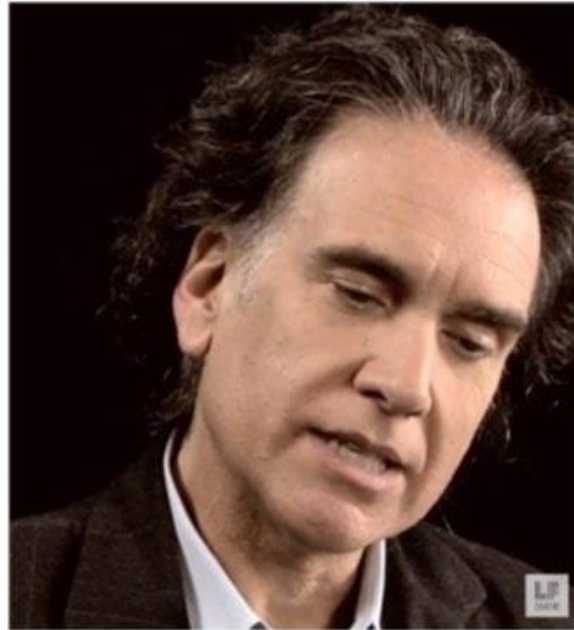
- Every cost is borne by **someone**, even if hidden.
- Policies must consider **who pays** and whether incentives are preserved.
- Aligns perfectly with Sowell's insights and critiques of big-government programs.

[Marotta on TAANSTAFL](#)



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"But this [Charitable-Industrial Complex] just keeps the existing structure of inequality in place. The rich sleep better at night, while others get just enough to keep the pot from boiling over. Nearly every time someone feels better by doing good, on the other side of the world (or street), someone else is further locked into a system that will not allow the true flourishing of his or her nature or the opportunity to live a joyful and fulfilled life."



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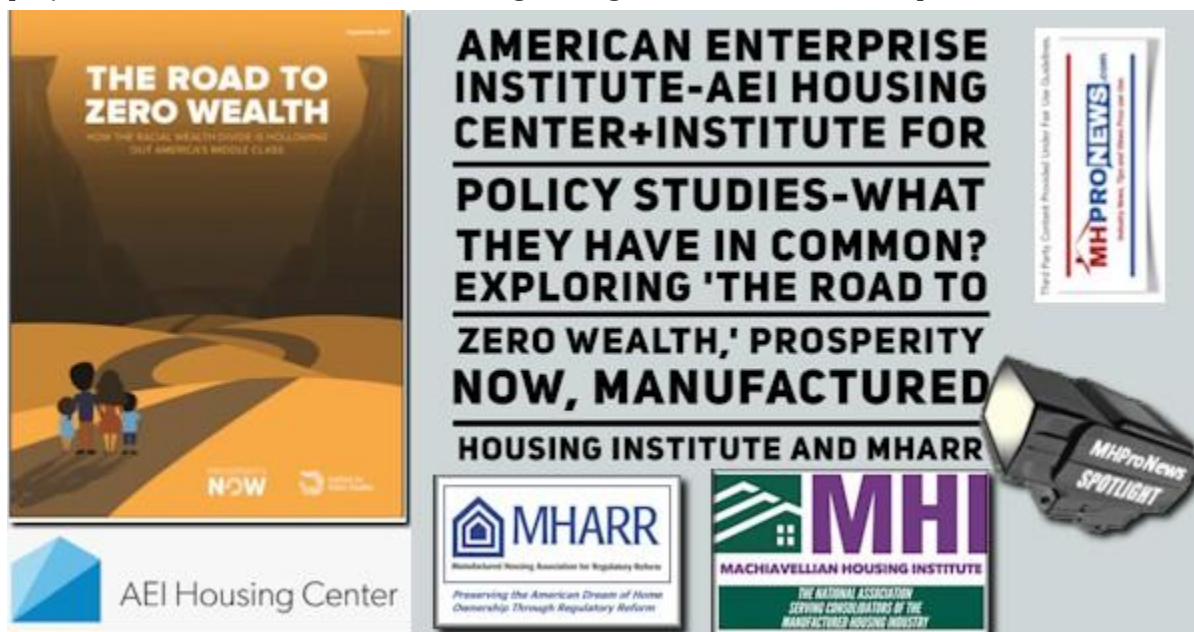
NoVo Foundation, funded by his father Warren Buffett, in the op-ed Peter wrote for the *New York Times*.



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11) Ironically, it is often the left that documents where a continuation of this process will lead the nation. As left-leaning *Prosperity Now* and *IPS* have said, we are on the **Road to Zero Wealth**.

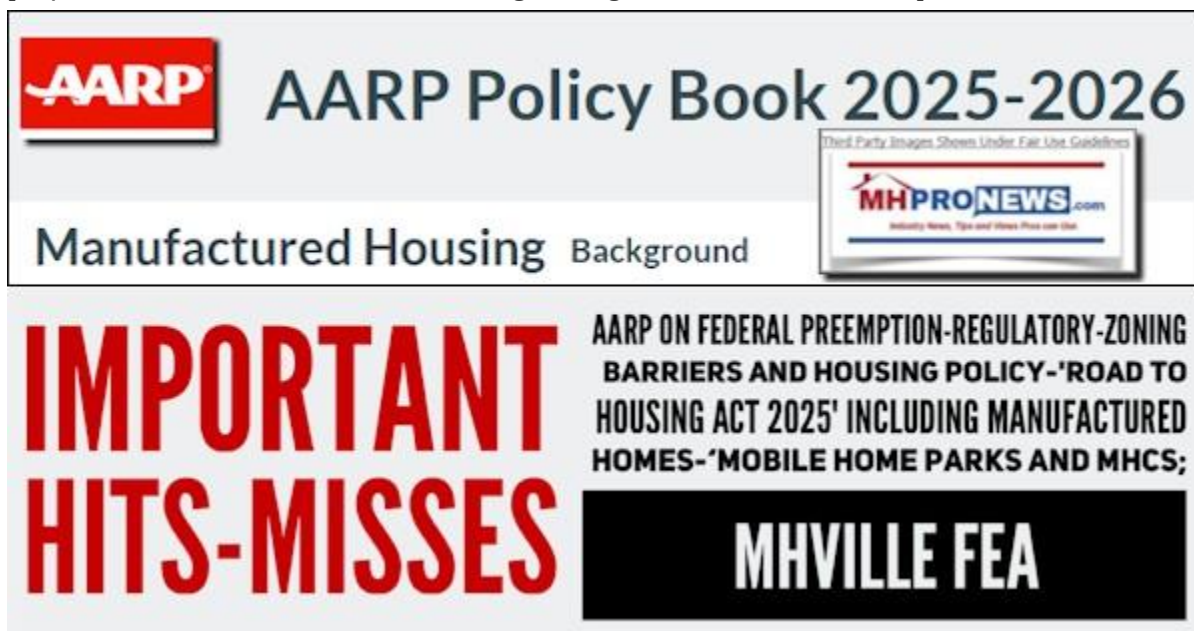
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12) That outline begins to explain why the ROAD to Housing Act 2025 is doomed to fail. It will not work. It is merely a new label on decades of previously failed programs.

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13) As a disclosure, we as individuals and as a publication are on record supporting President Trump for all three of his political campaigns. The dollars involved were minimal. But the potential value of the publishing on these topics may well have been numerous times more valuable to the president. For example, in his 2016 campaign, a letter we published in support of his effort was published on his campaign website.

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5 hours ago — Please don't buy the lies. **Soheyla Kovach**, Poinciana.



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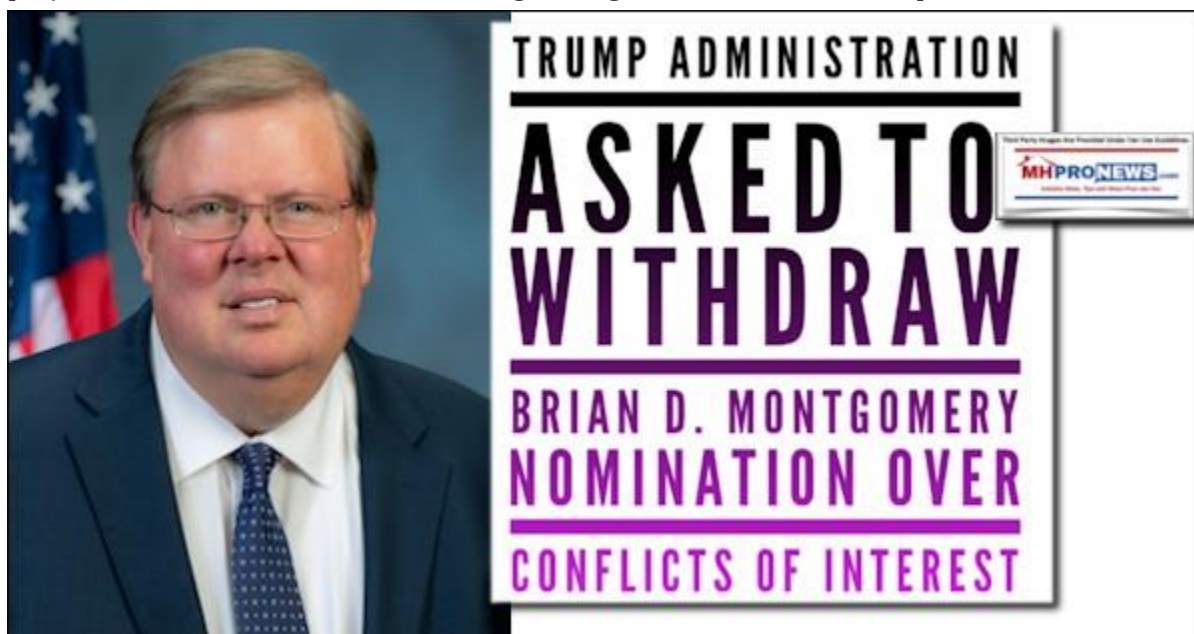
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As Copilot, and other AI have noted, we are highly transparent. We do not play hide the ball. But support for Trump, via third-party media or via the media owned by the parent company that we manage, we have said WHY we support Trump. We have also been transparent in calling out apparent misses by Team Trump. From his first term. Those flashback articles are also still relevant, because they document that our support during campaign season doesn't mean that we turn a blind eye to issues as they are spotted. Those are all legitimate functions of trade journalism, or other forms of journalism.

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Note *MHProNews* turned out to be correct on Montgomery. He is one of those who weighed in favorably on Teresa Payne, J.D., leaving HUD and going to work for the Manufactured Housing Institute (a.k.a.: MHI or manufacturedhousing.org) in a social media post. Those who use the revolving door, regulatory capture, and the Iron Triangle routinely defend their own.

[Brian Montgomery](#)

Teresa is a great hire but a big loss for HUD. Glad she's still engaged with the industry—congratulations Teresa!

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But back to Teresa Payne, J.D. Her case raises the question. **What will HUD do about it?**

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- The Claytonization strategy
- MHI's misleading narrative

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- Disproportionate impact on low incomes

ETHICAL AND LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS

- Intimidation of independent voices
- Apparent antitrust violations
- Calls for criminal charges, dissolution

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- Pro-consumer enforcement
- Regulatory, lending reforms
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14) There are reasons for skepticism about what, if anything, T2 appointee HUD Secretary Eric Scott Turner will do to "unleash" manufactured housing as the documented most proven form of affordable housing in the U.S. If we were blindly and unquestioningly Trump loyalists, we could have posted Part I of this article and been done with this post. That might have taken about an hour, instead of hours to lay out an array of evidence (as this article does) that paints a bigger picture and connects the dots. Trump is doing many things well. There is no CLEAR indicator, yet that HUD Sec. Turner will do what the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) brought directly to his attention in the presence of other HUD staffers and other MHARR team members.

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There was a rumor, which upon further inquiry by *MHProNews* was since deemed unfounded or was misunderstood, that a MHARR team member had made contact with a White House staffer. But that rumor raises the point that MHARR could go beyond HUD, or the FHFA, DOE, etc., if that were deemed by them to be at some point necessary.

That noted, *MHProNews* has been told that HUD failed to give *MHProNews* the transcript for Secretary Turner's address to MHI due to purported favoritism at HUD toward MHI. If that is true, that would only be a cause for heightened scrutiny.

Whatever occurs, *MHProNews* plans to so report. We supported Trump because he was arguably better than the alternatives. Given the same choices, the same support would be offered. But that doesn't mean that we won't hold Team Trump accountable as warranted. That's one way that transparent journalism can be done.

Understanding 'Connecting the Dots' Analytical Journalism.

Journalist Diana Dutsik:

"Analytical journalism is the highest style of journalism."

"...the personal courage of the journalist is important, he should not be afraid to go against the bosses, should not call white black. He [the analytical journalist] cannot distort the truth."

Griffins' Nest:

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"The emergence of Tony Kovach's group of publications has brought a new standard of professionalism to the industry. The thorough and unbiased reporting fills the vacuum that has existed for too long. It's been refreshing to have these communications serving the manufactured housing industry, and here's to their continued success."

15) With the above in mind (through #14), the [draft of this article](#) was presented to [left-leaning](#) Google's AI powered Gemini, along with these three other documents, [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). While *MHProNews* notes it would have nuanced some of Gemini's remarks differently, what follows further below are Gemini's remarks, not that of *MHProNews*. The input/inquiry is by *MHProNews*. The reply is by Gemini.

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