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EDITORIAL

The Freedom To Think

October 21 (EIRNS)—The foundation of democratic government is an educated citizenry, able to deliberate thoughtfully and meaningfully about the future they will choose to create and share with the people of other countries around the world. This freedom of deliberation has been under attack in the period after the assassination of President Kennedy, with the brutal attempts to silence Lyndon LaRouche and his movement. With Trump’s defiance of the attacks against him, and his growing opportunity to gain the upper hand against his enemies, the possibility exists of defeating the very origins of these attempts to destroy the freedom to think.

In a Tuesday press availability, NSA whistleblowers Bill Binney and J. Kirk Wiebe were joined by LaRouchePAC’s Barbara Boyd and Dennis Speed to discuss the urgent need of blowing open the entire Russiagate hoax that has been used for the last four years to attack the results of the 2016 election. Wiebe opened his remarks at the event: “We are already in a civil war—it started because civil wars don’t start with gunshots, they start with disagreements about essential things. Things like, what do we want to be as a country, a Constitutional Republic, and if we can keep it? Do we cherish freedom of speech? We have seen the most blatant censorship in the last days and it is going to get worse. The government takes too long and we don’t have time anymore if we treat as a premium the knowledge people are due when they make informed decisions.” Binney stressed the President’s powerful role in exposing the outrageous assault on his Presidency: “The President has the authority to declassify anything and put it out in the public.”

One week after the Twitter and Facebook censorship of the New York Post—America’s fourth largest newspaper by circulation—after it published breaking news about Joe Biden’s son Hunter, Twitter continues to keep the *Post*’s Twitter account locked, citing a ridiculous policy about “hacked materials.” Although Twitter relented and changed the policy, they

insist that the Post delete the tweets from last week linking to its reporting, tweets that the Post could freely post today! Twitter: “While we’ve updated the policy, we don’t change enforcement retroactively. You will still need to delete the Tweets to regain access to your account.” But there is a limit to a tyrant’s power. Despite (and in part because of) the outrageous censorship, the *Post* story has still been the sixth-most engaged article on social media this month!

As Twitter and Google executives raise the possibility of entirely muting Trump from Twitter through the election (on the basis that he might share what these arbiters of truth would consider misinformation), Trump himself has gone on the offensive about the enormous problems with widespread mail-in voting under a system of voter registration not designed for the purpose. He retweeted a report on the Election Integrity Project California, which sent a list of some 440,000 questionable ballots mailed out in that state—including deceased individuals, people who had moved, and voters who had multiple registrations (and ballots). As he addressed rallies today with thousands of participants, Joe Biden hid in his basement and sent Barack Obama out to campaign for him in Philadelphia, where he spoke to a few dozen automobiles.

Meanwhile, in the real world—that is, space, where our shared human future lies—comes an optimistic update from NASA, whose engineers are hard at work on reaching its 2024 goal of landing on the Moon as part of the Trump Administration’s Artemis Program. NASA has announced that it is planning to extend 4G coverage ... to the Moon!

Thursday will see the Senate Judiciary Committee vote on the confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court and the second debate between President Trump and Creepy Joe Biden. History calls upon us to fight censorship and to fight that imperial regime that it protects. As Bill Binney said: “If we don’t also get someone in to replace Barr and Durham, who are slow-rolling this holding people accountable for the crimes they’ve committed ... Get somebody in who actually will do the job and charge people and indict them for the crimes they’ve committed. ...

And not get into a situation where we have to have a major war or something. To me, we need to fix it first starting with this election, and then we need to ensure that we get people in the Department of Justice who will actually prosecute these people for the crimes they've committed.”

Bringing to justice those who have attacked the very democratic foundation of the world's oldest republic, will foster a far greater understanding of the unique role of the United States, and of the universal principles pointing humanity forward.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Trump Retweet: California Election Integrity Project Says 440,000 'Questionable' Ballots Mailed Out

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—On Wednesday, President Donald Trump retweeted an announcement by the California branch of the Election Integrity Project (EIPCa). The EIPCa reported on Oct. 19 that they had sent the California Secretary of State a list of 439,777 questionable ballots, which have already been mailed out. Of these, 416,633 were people who registered before the 2008 election but had not re-registered or voted since that time. Do they still live at the address to which their ballots were mailed? Who knows? Over 160,000 of this number had *never* voted, and 10,000 had not voted in 20 years or longer. Over 3,000 were likely dead (their names matched California death notices). Some 20,000 appeared to be people who had registered two or more times, and could therefore have received (and in some cases, were confirmed in the past to have cast) multiple ballots.

The process for rejecting a ballot due to a signature mismatch has been made more difficult: “(i) Only a signature possessing multiple, significant, and obvious differing characteristics with all signatures in the voter's registration record will be subject to additional review by the elections official. (j) A signature that the initial reviewer identifies as possessing multiple, significant, and obvious distinctive differing characteristics from the signature(s) in the voter's registration record shall only be rejected if two different elections officials unanimously find beyond a reasonable

doubt that the signature differs in multiple, significant, and obvious respects from all signatures in the voter’s registration record.”

Could widespread voting by mail work in the United States? Yes. But can it be done reliably at the drop of a hat? No. Two examples: A lack of standardization among the various registrars means that registering in a new jurisdiction might not lead to becoming un-registered in the old one. The lack of a national death registry connected to the voter rolls means that ballots possibly numbering in the millions are being sent to deceased people all across the country. And the social media monopolies are restricting the ability even to discuss matters such as these.

Trump’s retweet included his commentary: “Happening all over USA. No wonder California is never in play for Republicans. Rugged Election!”

Censorship: *New York Post* Still Locked Out of Twitter, Wikipedia Covers Up ‘Laptop from Hell’

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—If you look at the *New York Post*’s Twitter, you’ll see that there are no tweets since Oct. 14. That’s because Twitter locked the account of the newspaper (originally founded by Alexander Hamilton) on the basis that it was publishing “hacked materials.” Twitter deleted the *Post*’s tweets to its stories about Hunter Biden’s communications stored on a computer he left at a repair shop, and prohibited *anyone* on Twitter from linking to the story, or even sending it via direct message to their friends.

Although Twitter eventually relented, the *Post* still isn’t tweeting. Why? Because the *Post* demands that they delete the tweets that supposedly violated the policy that they are no longer enforcing. Makes sense, right? Here’s the upside-down view from Twitter in their message to the *Post*: “While we’ve updated the policy, we don’t change enforcement retroactively. You will still need to delete the Tweets to regain access to your account.”

Meanwhile, in a development that should surprise exactly no one, the editors of Wikipedia insist on ending their first paragraph on Hunter Biden: “He and his father have been the subjects of debunked right-wing

conspiracy theories pushed by Donald Trump and his allies concerning Biden business dealings and anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine.” There is discussion on the Talk page, but many of the avenues of discussion have been declared closed.

Censorship Unable To Kill Biden Story Completely

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—Axios reports on NewsWhip statistics showing that the *New York Post* story on Hunter Biden was the sixth-most engaged article this month. Five of the top ten stories were about Biden or how Twitter and Facebook reacted to bury the story. Of course, had the reporting *not* been censored, who knows what the reach could have been?

Hunter Biden Nepotism Began Long Before Joe Was Veep

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—Investigative journalist [Paul Sperry](#) wrote in RealClearInvestigations (“Joe Biden’s Boosters Wrote His Prodigal Son’s Entire Resume,” Oct. 16), that Hunter Biden was benefitting from his father’s position well before the latter became Vice President. “While most of the attention on Hunter has focused on his dealings in Ukraine and China when his father was in the White House, he also cashed in on cushy jobs and sweetheart deals throughout his dad’s long Senate career, records reveal.”

Right out of college, Hunter landed a job at the Delaware-based credit card giant MBNA, which was Joe Biden’s largest contributor. Later, Senator Biden did a solid for his pals at MBNA by helping to pass the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, which made it much harder to file for personal bankruptcy, *ergo*, easier to collect on credit card debt. At the time the bill was passed, Hunter had moved on to work at a lobbying firm, where he was hired, according to a friend who helped him land a large contract, because he had “a very strong last name that really paid off in terms of our lobbying efforts.” Meanwhile, he was still receiving payments from MBNA for “consulting.”

To give one more example, Sperry reports: “In 2007, Hunter also dined with a private prison lobbyist who had business before a Senate Judiciary

subcommittee Joe Biden chaired, according to published reports. Senate rules bar members or their staff from having contact with family members who are lobbyists seeking to influence legislation.”

Hunter moved through a series of law firms and investment institutions before joining Burisma while his father was serving as Vice President.

Sperry offers his understated analysis: “The more than two-decades-long pattern of nepotism casts fresh doubt on Joe Biden’s recent statements that he ‘never discussed’ business with his son, and that his activities posed ‘no conflicts of interest.’ ”

Will those august members of the fourth estate and the intelligence community suggest that Russia actually got these jobs for Hunter, to hurt his father decades later?

Pennsylvania Trump Rally Treats Attendees to Classical Music

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—Evoking the spirit of the Republican nominating convention, the Erie, Pennsylvania rally on Oct. 20 opened with about 10 minutes of serious classical music performance.

A trained soprano opened by singing—as was done at the Republican convention—Schubert’s *Ave Maria*. She was then followed by a tenor, who, with bel canto precision, presented the musical setting by A.H. Malotte of the *Lord’s Prayer* loved and often performed by Rev. James Cokley at Schiller Institute events. There was also a recording of a team of young choristers used at portions of the *Lord’s Prayer*.

During this 10 minutes of solemn unity, the large crowd of thousands (standing outdoors in the cold) was extremely serene, and very calm. Some in the crowd knew the *Lord’s Prayer* setting and joined in at points with the soloist. Following his closing there was a long silence.

For the remainder of the waiting period of about 45 minutes, the rest of the music was the usual fare, but the effect of the classical opening lingered on.

Topics for Presidential Debate

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—The topics for the Presidential debate for Oct. 22 have been announced. They are: Fighting COVID-19, American Families, Race in America, Climate Change, National Security, and Leadership. Is it just a coincidence that following the renewed attention paid to Biden’s corruption vis-à-vis Ukraine, foreign policy, which would typically be included in such a debate, is not among the topics?

‘Fired Up, Nowhere To Go!’—Obama Afflicts Philadelphia

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—On Wednesday evening, Barack Obama participated in his first “in-person” campaign event for Joe Biden. Supposedly for safety (but possibly because they were expecting the typical pathetic turnout for a Biden affair), it was a “drive-in” event, where the eager multitude could sit in their cars and hear the former President on their car radios. Sounds thrilling, doesn’t it? It appears—from the one stream *EIR*’s writer found that panned to the crowd—that there were a few dozen cars, and fewer than a hundred people were visible. Recall that Obama and his legacy lost the 2016 election. He could at least have offered pizza.

Was Creepy Joe there? No, he’s in his basement, having put a “lid” on any appearances this week before the debate. Donald Trump is reported to have quipped that this sounds like putting the lid on “a garbage can.”

Trump continues to draw thousands of enthusiastic supporters to his events.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Ukraine Constructing Two Black Sea Naval Bases with British Aid

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—Ukraine began construction of two Black Sea military naval bases, [President Volodymyr Zelensky](#) announced in his annual address to the parliament, the Verkhovna Rada, yesterday. In detailing the growth of the military, he stated: “The U.S. Congress has approved \$250 million in military aid to Ukraine. In the United Kingdom, we have signed an agreement for £1.250 billion to strengthen the Ukrainian Navy. We have

received and are waiting for additional speedboats of the Island class. Together with Turkey, we will produce corvettes, engines and military drones, as well as develop air defense systems.

“We began manufacturing the latest samples of weapons: the control complex of the artillery division ‘Obolon-A,’ mortar complex ‘Bars’; artillery ammunition, in particular for jet systems. The ‘Vilkha-M’ MLRS and the ‘Typhoon’ missile systems are being tested. The modernization of the frigate *Hetman Sahaidachny* and preparation for the testing of the landing boats *Centaur* continues. The anti-ship cruise missile ‘Neptune’ was adopted.

“We start building two state-owned Ukrainian naval bases to protect the Black Sea region.”

The announcement drew a sharp response from Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, who told journalists that building such bases will have negative consequences: “Of course, considering all existing circumstances, this may have rather negative consequences for stability in the Black Sea region. This danger potentially exists.” Peskov further declared, however, that the Zelensky’s statement needs to be analyzed, since “Without having more information, we are unable to say anything definite.”

In an interview with Interfax Ukraine on Oct. 12, the President’s deputy chief of staff Igor Zhovkva, had said “we have two seas that need to be protected. We need one base on the Black Sea and one on the Azov Sea.” Kiev plans to attract British specialists to aid in the construction, he said, rejecting suggestions that the new facilities would become a deployment site for the Royal Navy. “I would like to emphasize that not a British naval base will be located in Ukraine, but a Ukrainian base will be built with the involvement of British specialists.”

Zhovkva also referenced that British participation could take place in the context of agreements signed during Zelensky’s official visit earlier this month, that included the £1.25 billion loan for joint military projects. During the visit, Zelensky also met with British companies engaged in construction of naval bases.

Last year, the U.S. agreed to refit the Ukrainian Ochakiv naval base near Odessa to accommodate U.S. warships. NATO has held several joint naval exercises with Ukraine in recent years.

Armenian and Azeri Foreign Ministers To Meet Separately with Pompeo and Lavrov

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—The Armenian and Azerbaijani Foreign Ministers will meet U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Washington on Oct. 23 to discuss Nagorno-Karabakh. Citing U.S. government documents, *Politico* reports that, on Friday morning, Oct. 23, Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov will meet with Pompeo, who will then meet with Armenian Foreign Minister Zohrab Mnatsakanyan shortly afterward. A tripartite meeting is not ruled out.

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov held separate meetings with both Mnatsakanyan and Bayramov in Moscow on Oct. 20 and 21, in addition to the recent telephone conversations of Russian President Vladimir Putin with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, the Russian Foreign Ministry said today. The issue was the ceasefire, which has yet to hold.

On Oct. 20 President of Russia Vladimir Putin and President of France Emmanuel Macron spoke regarding the developments in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in detail. Both emphasized the importance of observing the ceasefire agreements of Oct. 10 and 17, and emphasized interest in continuing close coordination between Russia and France as co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group, as well as through the UN Security Council, stated the Kremlin website.

Development of U.S./NATO Offensive Space Capabilities on the Table

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—It used to be that the U.S. military thought that testing an anti-satellite capability in orbit was a bad idea, because of the debris field it would create, but since Russia, China, and India have all done it, that thinking may be changing. "I was on the ops floor in 2007 when the Chinese shot their own satellite down," Air Force Lt. Gen. B. Chance

Saltzman, Space Force's deputy chief of space operations for operations, cyber, and nuclear, said during an Oct. 16 Aerospace Nation forum sponsored by the Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies, reported *Defense Daily* on Oct. 20. "That was a clarifying event, and I can almost chart from there the establishment of the Space Force, because suddenly space was contested."

"We knew there was other kinds of [space] contesting going on, but that kinetic attack on a satellite really shook the foundations that this is no longer a benign environment, and we started asking the questions about are we properly structured and organized and doing the right kinds of things to be able to maintain our advantage," Saltzman said. "And so, to some degree, the aggressive behavior of our competitors has clarified what we need to do as a nation and in the Department of Defense."

When asked if the U.S. was pursuing its own ASAT capability, Saltzman said "I will tell you that I think the best defense sometimes is a good offense."

NATO defense ministers, meanwhile, will be meeting on Oct. 22-23; one of the major items on their agenda will be an agreement on establishing an Alliance space center, headquartered at Ramstein, Germany. "This will be a focal point for ensuring space support to NATO operations, sharing information and coordinating our activities," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said yesterday.

Not surprisingly, it's all about Russia and China. "Some nations—including Russia and China—are developing anti-satellite systems which could blind, disable, or shoot down satellites and create dangerous debris in orbit. We must increase our understanding of the challenges in space and our ability to address them," Stoltenberg said. For the moment, the military Alliance insists that its "approach will remain defensive and fully in line with international law." And despite the strides being made in the "fifth domain" (NATO declared space its fifth operational domain last December, following land, sea, air and cyber), Stoltenberg has repeatedly said over the last year that "NATO has no intention to put weapons in space."

Stoltenberg's insistence, however, doesn't seem to rule out ground-based weapons that could strike at space targets.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Purdue Pharma Agrees to \$8.34 Billion Fine

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—Purdue Pharma reached a settlement with the Justice Department to plead guilty to three felonies and incur an \$8.34 billion fine. It filed for bankruptcy last year, under the pressure of lawsuits from dozens of states and localities, as well from the Justice Department, which began investigating the company in 2017 (under the Trump Administration). Purdue makes OxyContin, and has been accused of misleading marketing that has helped to create the opioid crisis that has claimed so many lives.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

4G Coverage Is Expanding ... to the Moon!

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—Imagine going all the way to the Moon and not being able to take a selfie! No fear—Nokia announced on Monday that it had been selected by NASA to build a 4G mobile network on the Moon. The mission will be carried out by Nokia's U.S. research arm, Bell Labs (purchased by Nokia in 2015). The goal is to launch a mobile base tower in 2022. Considering the success of Nokia's famously durable early cell phones, their choice may come as no surprise: "The solution has been specially designed to withstand the harsh conditions of the launch and lunar landing, and to operate in the extreme conditions of space." The \$14.1 million NASA grant to Nokia was announced on Wednesday, Oct. 14, as part of the agency's "Lunar Surface Innovation Initiative."

OSIRIS-REx Touched Its First Asteroid To Collect Dust and Pebble Samples

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—NASA reported yesterday that there are indications that its OSIRIS-REx spacecraft has successfully collected dust from asteroid Bennu. This is NASA's first such mission. If the mission is deemed

complete, the spacecraft will begin its trip back to Earth in March 2021, and the material will be returned to Earth in a sealed capsule in 2023. If further analysis indicates that the spacecraft did not capture any dust or pebbles, there can be a second attempt in January.

COVID-19

Political Intervention Delayed Deployment of U.S. COVID Vaccine

Oct. 21 (EIRNS)—Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, the first fruit of the Trump Administration's Operation Warp Speed crash program, could have been deployed by now in the United States, but for a nasty, anti-Trump intervention weeks ago delaying its appearance by at least three weeks.

COVID-19 hospitalizations in the U.S., which had dropped to 28,608 on Sept. 20, have now climbed up to 39,230 on Oct. 20—reflecting the level of about two months ago. The U.S.'s previous peak three months ago had reached around 59,700, so the overall system presently is handling the caseload. However, several states are beginning to show stress; and the present rise poses a significant threat. There is the added factor that flu season picks up in the U.S. normally in the second and third weeks of November.

Total testing remains over 1 million/day, around 25% above last month's levels, but the (7-day running) positivity rate has climbed from 4.7 to 5.5%. More indoor activity due to colder weather is one big key factor. (The five worst states last week for new cases per capita were all in colder states: Idaho, Nebraska, Rhode Island, North and South Dakota.) Regardless, there is no denying the 35% increase in current hospitalizations over the last month. The death levels, fortunately, so far have not taken off, remaining around 700/day, and better therapeutics may suppress a nasty climb—but any more politically inspired delays in bringing vaccines to the most susceptible populations will be murderous.

- Watch the [**Morning Briefing with Harley Schlanger**](#) on Thursday, October 22: Every weekday morning Harley will brief you on what you need to know to start your day. Subscribe to the LaRouchePAC YouTube channel and hit the notifications button to be notified when Harley's briefings are posted. Or you can listen to the audio file on [SoundCloud](#).