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Trump Calls Up Military For 'Law And Order' Campaign Stunt

Yesterday's protests over the murder of George Floyd seemed smaller to me. A few hundred people in this or that city. There seem to have been more people on the march [in New Zealand](#) than in New York City. From what I can tell the store break ins and looting were likewise reduced. Some people, mostly not protesters, are just using the opportunity. For the real looting is happening elsewhere. Just [look at Blackrock](#).

U.S. President Donald Trump is using the relatively few incidents to divert the attention from his abysmal handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is now all about Trump as "commander in chief" who brings "law and order" for "god and country". If that requires to [violently clear a park](#) of peaceful protesters or to [teargas a priest in front of his church](#) - all so Trump can stage a photo op where he upholds a bible - so be it. While Trump is in full campaign mode the Democrats seem numbed.

The militarized response the nutters around Trump [call for](#) is way out of proportion.

Washington DC has seen a bizarre "show of force" with helicopters [hovering much lower than allowed](#) over crowds of peaceful people. The Secretary of Defense has called on governors to "dominate the battlespace". The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army General Matt Milley was seen [patrolling](#) around the White House in camouflage uniform. The cheerboys of the military are [not happy](#) with this.

Last night a large number of military transport planes carrying troops of the 82nd Airborne Division, 10th Mountain Division and 1st Infantry Division [arrived](#) at Andrews Airbase near Washington DC. These units lost the wars in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia. They probably think it is easier to win a war in the midwest than in the Middle East. We'll see ...

But who will they actually be fighting against? The violence enticing Antifa account on Twitter that turned out to be run [by](#)

fascists in Europe? The "Interim Government of the United Socialist States of America" (@USSInterimGOV)? The "Free American Army" (@FAARMYOfficial)? The Jaish al-Chicago and the KFC Brigades? All of them? Well, that's gonna be a hell of a war on parody accounts.

And a war on the press. In the past four days there were more than 125 incidents in which police attacked journalists. But the media still repeat police reports as if they were the one and only truth:

Despite what our colleagues of color have been saying for years, the clear history of police abusing protesters and the press, too many outlets continue to cover the police credulously.

Policing in the U.S. has been going wrong for a long time:

Commissioners demanded captains deliver numbers and captains began browbeating lesser officers, who in turn pushed quotas on patrol cops, for reasons that often had nothing to do with crime. As depicted in the *The Wire*, in the stats revolution, "shit always rolls downhill." The point was to get lieutenants promoted to captain, to get mayors re-elected, and help provide the rationale for the prison jobs state legislators were bringing home to suburban districts. All of this was greased by the lobbying money of construction firms, prison vendors, even private prison corporations – a great business for all, and all that was needed to keep it going was an endless stream of jailable people.

On top of that the IQ of the average policeman seems to be quite low. I mean - why would he do this?



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This (vid) must be seen to be believed:

A Fox News reporter tries live on air to stop the police in LA arresting the (not white) owners of a shop who had flagged down the officers to help them stop potential looters. The actual alleged looters ran off. It sums so much up #GeorgeFloydProtests

Replacing the police with the military will only escalate the situation. Violence begets violence. But creating more 'resistance' may well be Trump's plan.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is today meeting with "Tiananmen Square survivors". He will probably ask how China managed to suppress that U.S. sponsored insurgency. Can Trump learn from it? Is a Tiananmen like moment what Trump wants to happen to rally his base? Or is it all just a head fake that will be canceled in time?

Has someone in the White House considered how much damage these bizarre developments do to U.S. soft power and its foreign policy? U.S. adversaries point out the hypocrisy of U.S. behavior at home and its rhetoric against them. U.S. allies just cringe.

An Australian TV crew was punched by police live on air. The Australian Prime Minister called for an investigation. A crew of the German government financed *DW News* was attacked twice by police plus threatened with arrest. This caused the German Foreign Minister to speak out against targeting journalists.

These U.S. 'allies' have to explain their population why they still succumb to U.S. policies. That part of their job is getting harder and harder.

If Trump sends in the military it will become impossible.

Posted by b on June 2, 2020 at 17:22 UTC | [Permalink](#)

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Dozens injured. Millions in damage and overtime cost. More spreading of coronavirus ...

... all because they won't arrest and appropriately charge 4 police officers - a step that the majority of Americans agree should happen.

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Looting is wrong. But the looters are taking advantage of the rioters ...

... who are angry that the peaceful protesters are being ignored.

The easy way to stop this madness is to do the right thing: charge and arrest the police officers. The badge doesn't come with a license to murder people.

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Posted by: [Jackrabbit](#) | Jun 2 2020 17:34 utc | [1](#)

That is what you get for sending your police to Israel for training.

Posted by: [BraveNewWorld](#) | Jun 2 2020 17:35 utc | [2](#)

"For the real looting is happening elsewhere. Just look at Blackrock."

Thumbs up for highlighting the real, massive, unpunished looting.

Posted by: bjd | Jun 2 2020 17:39 utc | 3

"crowds of peaceful people"

Good grief b. Cut out the fentanyl. There were violent riots going on in Washington. Some 50 Secret Service agents were injured. Last night in Manhattan dozens of upscale shops were looted, including Macy's flagship store. In dozens of American cities there is a full-blown Antifa insurrection underway, with national level coordination and massive funding from the likes of George Soros. Many Democrat politicians like Mayor De Blasio and Frey are openly siding with the rioters. A massive show of force is absolutely necessary to put down the insurrection.

Posted by: bob sykes | Jun 2 2020 17:54 utc | 4

No doubt the IDF and Netanyahu are jerking off to the George Floyd murder video. Derek Chauvin finished top of his training class no doubt. The valedictorian. No doubt training involved using Palestinians as props and stand-ins for the "colored subhumans" back in the states. I'm guessing the IDF taught Chauvin to terrorize and brutalize all and any who cross his path, including white teenagers playing war with nerf guns and bright orange nerf bullets. When is the media going to cover this dimension of the story — the dimension about who and what trains the cops?

I can't find this video on YouTube for some reason. Here's a Twitter link to it. Great interview.

<https://twitter.com/CNN/status/1267414963330658306>

This dirty psycho cop was more than a racist. He was rogue and he was borne of a corrupt culture from top to bottom. He is not the exception but rather the rule. You're not a good cop if you don't speak out and oppose this malevolence. You are instead complicit with it and that makes you a BAD COP. Law enforcement and justice in America don't need reform, which is effectively only ever a bandaid, they both call for a total dismantling and a reconstitution. A clean slate. A fresh start with the rule that the new slate and fresh start cannot be poisoned by the old system and the old way. In other words, you don't make the police the Gestapo and then the Gestapo the police again as was done in Germany.

Posted by: 450.org | Jun 2 2020 17:59 utc | 5

Sending the military may be also related to this:

<https://twitter.com/auroraintel/status/1267877748908974086?s=21>

#IDF announces preparation of the Central Command in readiness for July 1st annexation. #Israel

Posted by: Lozion | Jun 2 2020 18:02 utc | [6](#)

I'm surprised that b didn't mention Senator Tom Cotton and his call for the military to attack the citizenry I quote "if necessary, the 10th Mountain, 82nd Airborne, 1st Cav, 3rd Infantry — whatever it takes to restore order. No quarter for insurrectionists, anarchists, rioters, and looters.". Senator Cotton has been a wack-job nutcase for years calling for the more inane of policies (military strikes on Russia, China & Iran), but calling for the military to storm US cities like they were Bagdad or Kabul is a level of insanity I thought no sitting senator would call for.

But hey it will be more money for the MIC. So there's already a group that stands to profit from this, mark my words now that the genie is out of the bottle, more and more senators will start pushing for the use of the military in clamping down on domestic protests - the money must flow!

Posted by: Kadath | Jun 2 2020 18:08 utc | [7](#)

The killing of Mr Floyd and the proper response re. the individual and re. police methods and mentality are one subject.

The rioting and looting are another subject.

B states:

"From what I can tell the store break ins and looting were likewise reduced. Some people, mostly not protesters, are just using the opportunity."

I feel like B sees what he wants to see and says what he wants us to think - does not seem objective in many cases.

Posted by: jared | Jun 2 2020 18:14 utc | [8](#)

Some 50 Secret Service agents were injured.

Awe, the poor widdle babies. Did they break a nail? Trump said they were itching for a fight. That they live for this shit. That they were frothing at the mouth like rabid dogs. That they were itching to put boots on necks. And then they break a nail and cry like little bitches. What a bunch of pussies.

Trump's threatening the protesters with dogs had a pleasant effect on the zionists too I'm sure. All those fond memories of the german shepherds during the Nazi occupation of Germany. You would think such threats would be triggering for Jewish folk but I guess since Fat Donny has described himself as the King of the Jews, unleashing ominous dogs on the defenseless is perfectly fine.

Trump held up a bible, but considering he is the King of the Jews he really should have held up the Torah and the Talmud. It would have been more appropriate and in keeping with his TRUE base. Maybe his next gesture will be to move the capital of Israel from Jerusalem to Washington D.C.. He should go all the way. Enough of these half measures of moving the capital from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Full measures, please, or none at all.

There's a first for everything.

The First Jewish POTUS

Posted by: 450.org | Jun 2 2020 18:17 utc | [9](#)

Kadath @7--

Cotton's crap is linked to within this sentence:

"The militarized response the nutters around Trump call for is way out of proportion."

Cotton's one of the "nutters" b refers to.

Posted by: karlof1 | Jun 2 2020 18:18 utc | [10](#)

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With respect to the low-altitude hovering over crowds -- when I was a military air traffic controller (years and years and years ago) we had to have memorized both the Air Force and the civilian air traffic control regulations.

I still remember the wording -- from both sets of regulations -- regarding altitude requirements. Minimum altitude "*over populated areas or open-air assemblages of people*" was, and no doubt still is, 1,500 feet. Violation of that rule can cost a pilot his license.

What we've seen here should be regarded as a double violation.

Posted by: AntiSpin | Jun 2 2020 18:20 utc | [11](#)

The reason used to convince the Romans to kill Jesus was he was attempting to become King of the Jews; and to Romans, anyone wanting to be King meant they would forgive debts first and foremost, something that must never be allowed lest the Creditor Class lose its stature. Therefore, Trump in no way can be characterized as being King of the Jews, although a case could be made for him wanting to be King Creditor/Rentier.

Posted by: karlof1 | Jun 2 2020 18:23 utc | [12](#)

450.org | Jun2 17:59 @ 5

IDF taught Chauvin to terrorize and brutalize

Lozion | Jun2 18:02 @ 6

IDF announces preparation of the Central Command in readiness for July 1st annexation.

In the previous thread, BM suggested that the killing of George Floyd was a false flag - deliberately done to initiate a crackdown due to civil unrest.

The upcoming annexation by Israel might be the reason that such a crackdown is desired - because it distracts the public

and immunizes Israel from criticism. How can USA criticize Israel when USA engages in similar behavior?

Under this scenario, we might well ask if "Antifa" is really just a re-branded JDL.

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Posted by: [Jackrabbit](#) | Jun 2 2020 18:26 utc | [13](#)

I can't prove it, of course, but all the actions taken by this administration supports the assertion some observers have made that these people have been sent in to wreck the train -- that this is has been their aim all along. By the time they are done, anything that remains of US soft power and prestige will have been utterly obliterated, instigating a collective reaction by the world to drop the dollar as reserve. When that happens, the USA as we know it will come to an end in the same way that the USSR ended.

Hard not to see how either the country goes full totalitarian or the country doesn't fragment into smaller possibly-warring states.

Posted by: [Norogene](#) | Jun 2 2020 18:31 utc | [14](#)

HOW TO LEGALLY OVERTHROW THE US REGIME?

It is illegal to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government, yet many ordinary people are doing exactly that. The emerging revolution in the US is not about race or police violence. Most people understand it to be about removing President Trump from power. This is a false goal and will lead to no permanent change.

Instead the revolutionary movement should set as its goal the ending of the one party / twin party system. Both the Democratic Party and the Republican party need to be abolished and their activities declared illegal. The monopolistic parties may be the regime, but they are not the US Government. They have no protection under constitution or law.

Abolishing the duopoly requires election reform. The two party system is a consequence of the first-past-the-post voting system. Such systems are leftovers from the era when only the elite could vote and choosing a member of one's own clan was more important than voting based on class or ideology. Most successful democracies have multi-party systems with proportional representation.

Most Americans, both Left and Right want radical change. The US electoral system has never offered voters a choice. Trump promised change but ended up being a figurehead of the same old regime. Congress is little more than a rubber stamp for Wall Street. Elections will mean nothing unless the rules for eligibility are fundamentally changed.

Posted by: [Petri Krohn](#) | Jun 2 2020 18:31 utc | [15](#)

b, I think that you have this one wrong.

These demonstrations/riots remind me of those in 2016, immediately after Trump was elected. They were an immediate attempt to overturn the election. When the riots fizzled, the 'Resistance' (i.e. Globalist/Deep State) tried to subvert the electoral college. Then Comey tried to black-mail Trump with the 'Dossier'. Then came Muller, and Ukraine-gate and impeachment.

Finally having been unable to remove the Trump, the 'Globalist/Deep State' has turned their attention to preventing Trump from winning the 2020 election, and right on cue comes the Pandemic to sabotage the economy and destroy Trump's election chances. However Trump has handled the pandemic pretty well.

With the least viable presidential candidate in history (Biden), it looks like the 'Globalist/Deep State' is now looking to prevent the elections from taking place at all. The reason is well spelled out in articles such as this (<https://thehill.com/opinion/judiciary/493101-who-takes-control-if-there-is-no-presidential-election-this-year>). That is what these riots are about.

Unless Trump puts an end to these riots immediately, and by any means necessary, he will become just another in a long line of presidents and prime-ministers who have been overthrown by a 'Globalist/Deep State' color revolution.

Posted by: dh-mtl | Jun 2 2020 18:34 utc | [16](#)

Great take on what's going, great article.

WOW things unwinding fast. We had a little respite as we got used to Covid, then nothing much and now this. Are Covid and the protests stage one and two in an unfolding cascade that we are going to see over the next ten years?

For fear of being a conspiracist I won't say that the protests are going to throw up a lot of cover just as Rosenstein is about to appear in front of a Senate committee.

Posted by: Ramon | Jun 2 2020 18:41 utc | [17](#)

What will they be fighting? Civil Society.

Posted by: Tower | Jun 2 2020 18:46 utc | [18](#)

White supremacists have infiltrated law enforcement in the United States for a long time. It's a known fact investigated by impartial agencies like the FBI. The bureau published a report 15 years ago detailing how Nazis and neo-confederates were attempting to take over police departments nationwide. Here's from an article reporting on the issue.

In the 2006 bulletin, the FBI detailed the threat of white nationalists and skinheads infiltrating police in order to disrupt investigations against fellow members and recruit other supremacists. The bulletin was released during a period of scandal for many law enforcement agencies throughout the country, including a neo-Nazi gang formed by members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who harassed black and Latino communities. Similar investigations revealed

officers and entire agencies with hate group ties in Illinois, Ohio and Texas.

Much of the bulletin has been redacted, but in it, the FBI identified white supremacists in law enforcement as a concern, because of their access to both "restricted areas vulnerable to sabotage" and elected officials or people who could be seen as "potential targets for violence." The memo also warned of "ghost skins," hate group members who don't overtly display their beliefs in order to "blend into society and covertly advance white supremacist causes."

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/fbi-white-supremacists-in-law-enforcement>

One has to wonder if those race soldiers haven't succeeded in also infiltrating the executive branch and judiciary? With the likes of neo-confederates like Trump and Stephen Miller now steering events towards oblivion. They don't even hide their allegiance anymore flashing white powers signs in public.

<https://twitter.com/erictrump/status/796178103844425729>

The United States in current configuration is doomed. One cannot blame the world if they decide to isolate from a rabid dog.

Posted by: Sol Invictus | Jun 2 2020 18:57 utc | [19](#)

Sorry, b, we Germans should keep out of this!
It's up to the Americans to sort it out.

Posted by: Dux47 | Jun 2 2020 18:58 utc | [20](#)

Re: Tom Cotton, appears he's taking on the mantle of McCain, as MIC cheerleader, with 'bomb, bomb, bomb... Iran' and everyone else, including US citizens. Perhaps tear-& CS-gas odor the same as the smell of desperation. (And, yes... where are the DNC fronts?)

Posted by: Nancy | Jun 2 2020 18:58 utc | [21](#)

Further to my comment @13

I just stumbled upon this ([ht pl @SST](#)):

["Do the math" ... with a screenshot of banner that says: "Antifa means Solidarity with Israel"](#)

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Posted by: [Jackrabbit](#) | Jun 2 2020 18:58 utc | [22](#)

while they may seem to give democrat/centrist types more arguments in favor of Biden (or a way to once again proclaim "Hillary would have handled this better"), these developments are further evidence that it's best to have a stupid asshole in charge. Hillary would be pacifying while declaring both sides "equally responsible" and giving a respectable veneer to an ugly situation. Trump's response is the outward expression of DC's (and Manhattan's and Chicago's) **actual** attitude toward the "masses". I'd label the Democrats' response but I have yet to see any outside of yelling into the Twitter void.

as i've said for many years: the people who run this country **HATE** the citizens. not "dislike", not "tolerate": pure, entitled HATRED. at least for those below a certain tax bracket, anyway (and even within the upper ones you see bitter internecine conflicts). trump has no filter as a result of the smoke blown up his fat, constantly kissed ass his entire life. he proudly proclaims the hate. he shouts it from the goddamn mountaintop.

and this is a good thing. the band-aid needs to be ripped off, not peeled slowly over generations.

Posted by: the pair | Jun 2 2020 19:02 utc | 23

@ dh-mtl | Jun 2 2020 18:34 utc | 16

First, the pandemic did not sabotage the economy. The economy was sinking for months and months prior to the arrival of Covid19 in the US, and in fact began rising (and still is rising) after the pandemic began. See this -- <http://www.silverbearcafe.com/private/financial.html>

Second, Trump has done the worst imaginable job of "handling the pandemic." Here's just one of many timelines showing just how well he did:

Timeline of Actions by China, the World Health Organization and the Trump Administration

(NOTE: The China timeline entries from Dec. 26 to Feb. 1 (below) are derived from information compiled by the Journal of the American Medical Association. Actions and statements attributed to WHO are from reports issued by that agency. Quotes attributed to Trump, where no source is mentioned, can be pulled up on Youtube.)

Dec. 26 2019: Four cases of an unusual - seeming pneumonia (three in the same family) noticed by Jixian Zhang, MD, in HICWM Hospital, Wuhan, China

Dec 27: Dr. Zhang reported unusual pneumonia cases to the local Center for Disease Control

Dec 28: Three more unusual cases found in the HICWM Hospital – total seven

Dec 30: Active case finding begins in Wuhan city

Dec 31: Wuhan Health Commission alerts National Health Commission and China Center for Disease Control, and World Health Organization notified

Dec. 31. (WHO report) China reported a cluster of cases of pneumonia in Wuhan, Hubei Province.

Jan 1 2020: Huanan seafood market closed.

Jan. 1. WHO had set up the IMST (Incident Management Support Team) across the three levels of the organization: headquarters, regional headquarters and country level, putting the organization on an emergency footing for dealing with the outbreak.

Jan. 4: WHO reported on social media that there was a cluster of pneumonia cases – with no deaths – in Wuhan, Hubei province.

Jan. 5. US government notified by China.

Jan. 5. WHO published our first Disease Outbreak News on the new virus. This is a flagship technical publication to the scientific and public health community as well as global media. It contained a risk assessment and advice, and reported on what China had told the organization about the status of patients and the public health response on the cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan.

Jan. 5. Trump did nothing

Jan. 6. Trump did nothing

Jan. 7. 2019-nCoV identified by Chinese scientists

Jan. 7. Trump did nothing

Jan. 8. Trump did nothing

Jan. 9. Trump did nothing

Jan. 10. WHO issued a comprehensive package of technical guidance online with advice to all countries on how to detect, test and manage potential cases, based on what was known about the virus at the time. This guidance was shared with WHO's regional emergency directors to share with WHO representatives in countries.

Based on experience with SARS and MERS and known modes of transmission of respiratory viruses, infection and prevention control guidance were published to protect health workers recommending droplet and contact precautions when caring for patients, and airborne precautions for aerosol generating procedures conducted by health workers.

Jan. 10. Trump did nothing

Jan. 11. Trump did nothing

Jan 12: nCoV19 genomic sequences identified and shared with world by China

Jan. 12. (WHO report) China publicly shared the genetic sequence of COVID-19.

Jan. 12. Trump did nothing

Jan 13: nCoV test kits first available from China

Jan. 13 (WHO report) nCoV test kits first available from China

Jan. 13. Trump did nothing

Jan. 14 WHO's technical lead for the response noted in a press briefing there may have been limited human-to-human transmission of the coronavirus (in the 41 confirmed cases), mainly through family members, and that there was a risk of a possible wider outbreak. The lead also said that human-to-human transmission would not be surprising given our experience with SARS, MERS and other respiratory pathogens.

Jan. 14. Trump did nothing

Jan. 15. Trump did nothing

Jan. 16. Trump did nothing

Jan. 17. Trump did nothing

Jan. 18. Trump did nothing

Jan. 19. Trump did nothing

Jan. 20: COVID19 designated a class B notifiable disease
Jan. 20 – 21 WHO experts from its China and Western Pacific regional offices conducted a brief field visit to Wuhan.
Jan. 20. Trump did nothing

Jan. 21. First case in US identified in Kirkland, WA
Jan. 21. Trump did nothing

Jan. 22. WHO mission to China issued a statement saying that there was evidence of human-to-human transmission in Wuhan but more investigation was needed to understand the full extent of transmission.

Jan. 22. Trump interviewed by CNBC's Joe Kernan:
JOE KERNAN: "the CDC-- has identified a case of coronavirus-- in Washington state. The Wuhan strain of this. If you remember SARS, that affected GDP. Travel-related effects. Do you-- have you been briefed by the CDC? And--"
TRUMP: "I have, and--"
JOE KERNAN: "--are there worries about a pandemic at this point?"

TRUMP: "No. Not at all. And-- we're-- we have it totally under control." (see entry for Mar 17) "It's one person coming in from China, and we have it under control. It's—going to be just fine." (See entries for Feb. 26 and Mar. 10)

Jan.22 – 23. The WHO Director- General convened an Emergency Committee (EC) under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) to assess whether the outbreak constituted a public health emergency of international concern. The independent members from around the world could not reach a consensus based on the evidence available at the time. They asked to be reconvened within 10 days after receiving more information.

Jan. 23: Wuhan + Hubei is in lockdown, also many parts of China in the next few days
Jan. 23. Trump did nothing

Jan. 24: another 15 Chinese cities shut down
Jan. 24: Trump tweets, "China has been working very hard to contain the Coronavirus. The United States greatly appreciates their efforts and transparency...."

Jan. 25 – 31 Lunar New Year national Holiday in China
Jan. 25: Trump did nothing

Jan. 26. Trump did nothing

Jan. 27. Trump did nothing

Jan. 28. A senior WHO delegation led by the Director-General travelled to Beijing to meet China's leadership, learn more about China's response, and to offer any technical assistance. While in Beijing, Dr. Tedros agreed with Chinese government leaders that an international team of leading scientists would travel to China on a mission to better understand the context, the overall response, and exchange information and experience.

Jan. 28. Trump did nothing

Jan. 29. Trump did nothing

Jan 30: The WHO Director-General reconvened the Emergency Committee (EC). This was earlier than the 10-day period and only two days after the first reports of limited

human-to-human transmission were reported outside China. This time, the EC reached consensus and advised the Director-General that the outbreak constituted a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The Director-General accepted the recommendation and declared the novel coronavirus outbreak (2019-nCoV) a PHEIC. This is the 6th time WHO has declared a PHEIC since the International Health Regulations (IHR) came into force in 2005.

Jan. 30: Trump holds a campaign rally in Iowa: “We think we have it very well under control. We have very little problem in this country at this moment — five. ... we think it’s going to have a very good ending for it.”

Jan 30: Trump discusses the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement at Dana Incorporated in Warren, Mich. “Now we're working very strongly with China on the coronavirus -- that's a new thing that a lot of people are talking about. Hopefully it won't be as bad as some people think it could be.”

Jan. 31. Trump bars flights from China

Feb, 1: – 10: China imposes nationwide mandatory extended holiday

Feb. 1: Trump did nothing

Feb. 2: Trump tells Fox News host Sean Hannity, “We pretty much shut it down coming in from China.”

Feb 3. WHO releases the international community's Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan to help protect states with weaker health systems.

Feb. 3. Trump did nothing.

Feb. 7: Trump sends 17.8 tons (more than 35,000 pounds) of "masks, gowns, gauze, respirators, and other vital materials" to China. (<https://www.cnn.com>) (see entry for March 18)

Feb. 11 – 12. WHO convened a Research and Innovation Forum on COVID-19, attended by more than 400 experts and funders from around the world, which included presentations by George Gao, Director General of China CDC, and Zunyou Wu, China CDC's chief epidemiologist.

Feb. 11. Trump did nothing.

Feb. 12. Trump did nothing.

Feb. 13. Trump did nothing.

Feb 14: Trump discusses the “very small” number of U.S. coronavirus cases with Border Patrol Council members: “We have a very small number of people in the country, right now, with it. It’s like around 12. Many of them are getting better. Some are fully recovered already. So we’re in very good shape.”

Feb. 24: Stock market plummets as Dow Jones Industrials falls more than 1,000 points. Trump tweet: "The Coronavirus is very much under control in the USA. We are in contact with everyone and all relevant countries. CDC & World Health have been working hard and very smart. Stock Market starting to look very good to me!"

Feb. 26: The first case emerges in California with no clear source, suggesting community spread of the virus. In a news

conference that day, Trump says "the United States is really prepared."

Feb. 26: Tweet from Trump: "...we closed up our borders to flights coming in from certain areas, areas that were hit by the coronavirus and hit pretty hard. ... The infection seems to have gone down over the last two days."

Feb. 26: Trump "And again, when you have 15 people, and the 15 within a couple of days is going to be down to close to zero, that's a pretty good job we've done."

Feb. 28: Trump claimed: "It's going to disappear. One day, it's like a miracle, it will disappear."

March 2: World Health Organization announced that it will take 18 months for a vaccine to be developed and ready for use.

March 2. Trump after a meeting with big pharma companies: "We had a great meeting today with a lot of the great companies and they're going to have vaccines, I think relatively soon."

March 3. Trump did nothing

March 4: In a Fox News interview, Trump deflected criticism to his response by saying the Obama administration (including the vice president, Joe Biden) "didn't do anything about" swine flu. (that claim was false). Trump continued to blame the Obama administration in an exchange with reporters at the White House. "The Obama administration made a decision on testing that turned out to be very detrimental to what we're doing." (why is testing "detrimental?" It is necessary!)

March 5. Trump did nothing.

March 6: at CDC in Atlanta: "Anybody that needs a test, gets a test. They're there. They have the tests. And the tests are beautiful." (A flagrant lie)

March 6: Trump said in a tweet: "The Fake News Media and their partner, the Democrat Party, is doing everything within its semi-considerable power – it used to be greater! -- to inflame the CoronaVirus situation, far beyond what the facts would warrant."

March 9: Trump tweets: "So last year 37,000 Americans died from the common Flu. It averages between 27,000 and 70,000 per year. Nothing is shut down, life & the economy go on." (He compared Covid-19 with flu!)

March 10: in US capitol Trump claimed: "And we're prepared, and we're doing a great job with it. And it will go away. Just stay calm. It will go away."

March 11. Deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity, and by the alarming levels of inaction, WHO made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic.

March 12: before bilateral meeting with Irish PM Trump said: "It's going to go away. ... The United States, because of what I did and what the administration did with China, we have 32 deaths at this point ... when you look at the kind of numbers that you're seeing coming out of other countries, it's pretty amazing when you think of it."

March 13. COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund launched by WHO to receive donations from private individuals, corporations and institutions.

March 17 Trump said in a news conference: "I've always known this is a real, this is a pandemic. I've felt it was a pandemic long before it was called a pandemic." (see entries for Jan. 22 and Mar. 19)

March 18. WHO and partners launch the Solidarity Trial, an international clinical trial that aims to generate robust data from around the world to find the most effective treatments for COVID-19.

March 18. Trump defiantly told governors pressing him to help their states obtain similar equipment: "The federal government's not supposed to be out there buying vast amounts of items and then shipping," adding, "We're not a shipping clerk." (CNN) (see entry for February 7 re shipping tons of PPE and respirators to China))

March 19: Washington Post: "As President Trump has come around to the severity of the coronavirus, he has increasingly fought back against criticism of his administration's response by suggesting the crisis was basically inconceivable."

"I would view it as something that just surprised the whole world,' he said Thursday at his daily briefing, adding later that it was 'uncharted territory' and saying, 'Nobody knew there would be a pandemic or epidemic of this proportion'." (WaPo March 19) (see entries for Mar 17 and Mar19)

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March 29: Trump announced that it might take until April 31 for the virus to go away. (?!?!?)

April 23: Trump recommends that individuals treat their Covid19 by injecting household disinfectants into their bodies and by exposing their bare skin to UV-C radiation.

As a result of Trump's wonderful "handling" of the pandemic, the US has the largest number of Covid19 fatalities of any nation on earth.

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Then there's this --

This Stunningly Detailed Timeline of Trump's Failures

Shows America's Coronavirus Crisis Was a Man-Made Disaster

http://axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/Article_87566.shtml

Posted by: AntiSpin | Jun 2 2020 19:06 utc | [24](#)

thanks b..... i appreciate the links and your insights and those of others shared... the way i see it, whether the demonstrations fizzle out or not, the usa is in a real state of fast decline and the poodles job as you note is getting harder and harder to justify...

@ antispin... thanks... that backs up what b is saying on the low flying helicopters.. i am sure some over write from the 9-11 patriot act will make an exception for this..

@jackrabbit.. thanks for your comments... the way i see it there are a number of secondary streams of thought and action going on here and as has been mentioned before, there will be players that try to take advantage of all of this for their own purposes... you highlight this fairly well... thanks.. it remains to be seen who or what is working behind the scenes for purposes that are never openly stated..

Posted by: james | Jun 2 2020 19:07 utc | [25](#)

In regard to the attempt to use this event against Trump (of whom I share low opinion):

Pat Buchanan makes good point (not always a fan of Pat either though he's pretty on-point generally):

Yet, of his home state, this citadel of liberalism, Walz said last week, "Systemic racism must be addressed if we are to secure, justice, peace and order for all Minnesotans."

Query: How does "systemic racism" permeate a blue state dominated for decades by liberal Democrats? What explains the failure of Democrats who have long run Minnesota to root out racism?

The issue is police brutality (full stop). It has long been an issue for all of us, more so for blacks in many cases.

Posted by: jared | Jun 2 2020 19:07 utc | [26](#)

The American society is stabilized by Rule of Law. It's simple. The people are obedient to laws and expect their streets and property as well as their lives to be secured by enforcement of those laws.

Underestimate that and you will never comprehend America.

Right now, the vast majority of Americans don't care if Aliens from Mars, Russian and Chinese troops clear the streets. They want the streets back. And now, not tomorrow.

Posted by: Red Ryder | Jun 2 2020 19:09 utc | [27](#)

>He will probably ask how China managed to suppress that U.S. sponsored insurgency.

b, are you at all aware that your old article in fact doesn't actually make the case you seem to think it makes?

Posted by: Benjamin | Jun 2 2020 19:14 utc | [28](#)

Is not destroying communities and threatening groups and individuals because of race or political views akin to fascism? Not to mention harmful to the disadvantaged? Makes me think the agenda is not about resisting fascism. And the dems are faint in their criticism of the vandalism - is that really a good political vantage point?

Posted by: jared | Jun 2 2020 19:17 utc | [29](#)

Looks like my prediction was correct: a "Mad Max" scenario

(Crisis of the Third Century style) is the most likely scenario for the final collapse of the USA.

You know that the USA is in the gutter when American commenters here are, at the same time, defending the US Army crushing the "insurrectionists" and a quick and painless, USSR-like collapse.

Posted by: [vk](#) | Jun 2 2020 19:17 utc | [30](#)

The protests are widespread, indicating a generalized disgust and reaction against an entrenched callous security apparatus. The vandalism and looting are prevalent, but nowhere near as serious as earlier outbreaks across US history. The rapid escalation to National Guard and curfews - within a few days - does not reflect confidence and control state or federal governments. The economic stress and dislocation due to Covid has yet to fully be felt, but recognition that this is coming may be animating decisions to quickly amp up the repressive response. It is America's unique dysfunction that its leadership can recognize a social disaster in the making, but cannot mitigate or properly respond to such disaster. It will be a very difficult summer ahead.

The sudden obsession with an organized insurgency - antifa - which doesn't actually exist, is just another part of the lunacy.

Posted by: [jaye](#) | Jun 2 2020 19:18 utc | [31](#)

Paul Jay interviews Michael Hudson on the latest scam that's being perpetrated by the banksters --
<https://theanalysis.news/interviews/feds-10-trillion-defends-assets-of-the-rich-michael-hudson/>

I have no doubt that the Novel Coronavirus was/is a bioweapon that implemented the initial salvo in a wide-ranging geopolitical plot to rescue the banksters, to try to sabotage China's ascendancy, and to instigate military control over the U.S. public, among other goals.

Posted by: [norecovery](#) | Jun 2 2020 19:19 utc | [32](#)

Jackrabbit @13 and 22

See a recent post by Xymphora that suggests the same thing.

Posted by: [WJ](#) | Jun 2 2020 19:22 utc | [33](#)

RR, of course they would like this to all just go away. Just like they easily do not notice the pain and suffering that the US inflicts on millions of people in other countries constantly. Not sure if I would call that willful ignorance some kind of appreciation for law.

Posted by: [arby](#) | Jun 2 2020 19:23 utc | [34](#)

The best suggestion I've heard so far for a solution to police brutality and excessive force is this:
Require all police officers in all jurisdictions to carry

individual liability insurance just like doctors.

Problems solved:

- * Taxpayers no longer pay for police malpractice.
- * Bad cops naturally weeded out due to multiple claims - premiums for coverage go up making them UN-employable in all jurisdictions. The officer who apparently murdered George Floyd already had multiple citations for excessive force.
- * Race element is diluted because all officers will be conscious of how their actions affect their ability to stay employed.
- * Finally - moral hazard of unaccountable police practice resolved since accountability attached to each officers record through insurance claims.

This system works for every other profession where personal damages can happen like doctors and lawyers all of whom carry malpractice insurance. The bad players are eventually marginalized as claims pile up - I read this here: <https://thefreethoughtproject.com/george-floyd-life-mattered-400/>

Posted by: Nick | Jun 2 2020 19:31 utc | 35

B sounds like CNN in this article. I've been watching live feed - on CNN (cannot catch any otehr US outlet). Interesting to see how many white kids appeared. Girls outnumbered boys. They look like kids from better houses - well fed, well shaved, hair in order. Thy look to me like white people on commercials. Spontaneous demonstration of solidarity with black community? My eye. People bearing all kinds of home made placards, to loook like it is not organized, nice touch. However, all demos, in all 40 citie, they look absolutely the same, same placards, same proportion of white/black /male/female kids. Interesting, eh? CNN complains how Trump does not own the US Army. true. But he is still commander in chief, remeber. Whoever put him in the underground bunker, meant to protect PUTUS form nuclear attack, must have covinced him that teh situation is dire. So, if POTUS is not safe in his own White House, what is he supposed to suppose about what is going on? Police was extremely tolerand, by any standards. So hecalled the army, to restore order. What is illogical there?

Today, Tuseday, there are reports on CNN that here and there policemen were SHOT, and a few were killed. Looks to me like Kiev snipers.

By the way, on the second night of demonstrations, in NYC, among aessted was the daughter of Bill de Blasio, NYC Mayor, Who would think, eh.

This fternoon on CNN: demonstrations in just a few (3-4) cities. And they all think alike - moving peacefully towards police headquarters. The same cities where pallets with bricks were placeed in the supposed path of demonstrators. No link, do yoor homework by yourself. Go Paul CRAig Roberts, "All you need to know about demonstrations", it has a link that brings you to Zero Hedge "All you need to know..".

The Chauven cop, and his four accomplices should be tried and jailed. Also the prosecutor who declared "not enough evidence for charges", and perhaps corroner who ruled out death ndue to chocking. But no, governers and other powers

would not allow that. Let's have demonstrations. Also, at the time Trum called the army, National Guard was used by 20 states. POTUS does not have a state so no National Guard. Worth remebering taht Nationsl Guards are under command of States, not under POTUS. So every state ha it's local militia and POTUS is supposed to face them bare handd?

I am not Trump supporter, but some things just are common sense. In one clip CNN is against POTUS bringing in the Army, in teh evry next clip they are criticizing NY Governor for NOT using guard in NYC!. Go figure.

Posted by: Anemona | Jun 2 2020 19:32 utc | [36](#)

Slightly OT but possibly more jiggery-pokery re: SSL/TLS certs

In the last 24 hours I've updated several linux systems, and one of the update packages was 2 new CA certificates. One was for DigiCert. Both were dropped in the '/usr/share/ca-certificates/extras/mozilla' folder, so were not core but perhaps pushed by/through Mozilla. Also, perhaps coincidentally, our company had a problem with our Comodo (Sectigo) certificate...I haven't had time to speak with the person who spoke with Comodo about it, but seems they expired one of their CA certs and didn't properly handle it.

Posted by: Dr Wellington Yueh | Jun 2 2020 19:32 utc | [37](#)

@ Red Ryder | Jun 2 2020 19:09 utc | [27](#)

Agreed. This is a wake-up call.
High time to get our act together.

Reminds me of years ago as a young college kid rented a run-down home with other (white) kids in a dangerous part of a dangerous and corrupt old city.
The neighbor was a hard working and very decent black man. He stopped by to say hello and warned us to be careful because there was a lot dangerous people passing through. Said if we had any trouble we should let him know and that he kept a shotgun for such emergencies.

Posted by: jared | Jun 2 2020 19:35 utc | [38](#)

@ Posted by: Dux47 | Jun 2 2020 18:58 utc | [20](#)

Sorry, but when foreign journalists are being attacked and arrested in violation of both local and international laws, foreign leaders have every right to protest and speak out to protect their press, especially when they are members of their state network like DW. Frankly, it is shocking this is not more of a story and the WH press core hasn't gone to town on this.

The domestic response on this issue clearly shows where the pillars stand in the pecking order of power. Unless someone steps up and demands firing any cop that assaults journalists the way we have seen so far, they will only become more and more emboldened.

As B rightly mentioned, the other dimension is the undermining of US (and by extension, its allies) legitimacy on

the world stage. The thin fig leaf of moral superiority when condemning hostile nations like Iran or Venezuela or competitor nations like Russia or China on 'freedom' 'democracy' and 'human rights' issues just got much thinner. Trump may not understand or care about this, but Germany and all Western US allies certainly do. The world is very much watching.

Posted by: Et Tu | Jun 2 2020 19:36 utc | 39

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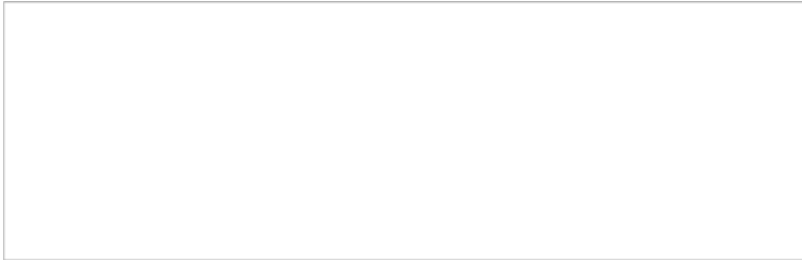
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