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“Dependence begets subservience and venality, suffocates the germ of virtue, and prepares fit tools for the designs of ambition.” —Thomas Jefferson (1781)

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TODAY'S ANALYSIS

- Douglas Andrews: [Trump Puts CA and MN on Fraud Notice](#) — Rather than continuing to cough up federal funds toward potential fraud, the Trump administration is stopping \$1 billion in payments and demanding proof that the claims are legitimate.
- Nate Jackson: [Farm Labor, Congress, and Amnesty](#) — A new bill with 47 House Republicans on board would expand H-2A farmworker visas to cover even people who've been here illegally.
- Emmy Griffin: [Smacking Some Patriotism Into the Next Generation](#) — A Chicago Cubs fan and military veteran smacked a young man who was sitting during the national anthem — a proper enforcement of the social code.
- Thomas Gallatin: [The Leftmedia Circles the Wagons for the Woke Smithsonian](#) — The mainstream media deflects after a congressional hearing exposes a leading Smithsonian historian as a radical leftist ideologue.
- Gregory Lyakhov: [Mamdani's Netanyahu Crusade Is an Attack on American Sovereignty](#) — It's broader hostility toward the Western world and the principles that made America successful. It's an ideology that is fundamentally incompatible with American values.
- Jack DeVine: [Filling Big Shoes](#) — We must attend to the extremely important matter of selecting a suitable replacement for U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham. How about Trey Gowdy?
- Patrick Hampton: [Justice for Nolan Wells Beyond the NAACP's Race-Baiting Strategies](#) — Evidence suggesting murder should never become a spectacle or a headline designed for maximum impact at a political gathering.
- Mark Alexander: [George Washington's Enduring Advice for Americans Today](#) — "Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."
- Mailbag: [Reader Comments](#) — "If you are moving to a red state to escape taxation and the overbearing government intrusion into your freedom, please leave your blueness at the border."

EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

Military spending tied to SAVE Act

On Wednesday, the House [passed](#) an annual defense funding bill by a vote of 216-212, largely along partisan lines, with six Democrats voting in favor and seven Republicans

voting against it. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) provides nearly \$1.15 trillion in defense funding, which includes expanding defense production capacity, a 5-7% pay increase for U.S. military personnel, \$1.8 billion to upgrade barracks and military family housing, and expanded military families' access to childcare and education. It also prohibits gender-related medical care in the military health program. This NDAA will be attached to the [voter ID SAVE Act](#) before being sent to the Senate. The bill would also officially rename the Department of Defense as the Department of War, which it was until 1949. The Congressional Budget Office predicted that change could cost taxpayers over \$125 million.

Fixing the SCOTUS birthright ruling

Congressional Republicans aren't taking [the harmful Supreme Court decision](#) on birthright citizenship lying down. Congressman Brandon Gill and Senator Jim Banks [introduced legislation](#) in both chambers to define birth tourists and illegal border crossers not as immigrants but as invaders, especially when they come from nations actively hostile to the U.S. The legislation relies on a provision in the case that SCOTUS used as precedent for its decision in June. *United States v. Wong Kim Ark* in 1898 specified that children of hostile invaders are not in allegiance to the country whose domain has been invaded. Defining mass illegal immigration and birth tourism from America's geopolitical foes as an invasion is a useful step that President Donald Trump laid the precedent for in his second inaugural address when he described it as a "disastrous invasion."

The Saudi nuke deal

On Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Energy [announced](#) that the U.S. has signed a deal with Saudi Arabia to initiate a [civilian nuclear program on Saudi soil](#). President Trump has been negotiating the deal, which originated in the Biden administration and has a prerequisite that the Saudis sign on to the Abraham Accords to normalize relations with Israel. The nuclear deal already [faces vigorous opposition](#) who say it's far from standard, with the Saudis not required [to sign the Additional Protocol](#) with the International Atomic Energy Agency as other nations like the UAE have been required to do. Critics also question whether there is any reason whatsoever to allow enrichment on Saudi soil, which could escalate to a nuclear arms program.

Republicans have a massive cash advantage heading into the midterms

The Republican Party [has outraised the Democrats](#) going into the midterms almost two to one, \$657 million to the Democrats' \$337 million. Money can't simply buy an election win, but it certainly helps. As it turns out, the Republican advantage is larger still: the largest midterm fundraising entity is MAGA, Inc., which has raised an additional \$400 million in cash. The Republican advantage holds in most places, with the RNC holding \$128 million to the DNC's \$16 million (with \$18 million in debt). The National Republican Senate and Congressional Committees also lead their Democrat opposition. The bright spots for the Democrats are specific high-profile races: Texas Senate candidate James Talarico has a

\$20 million lead over Republican Ken Paxton, and Georgia's Jon Ossoff leads his Republican challenger by \$40 million.

New Jersey's noncitizen voter blame game

On Tuesday, New Jersey Democrat Governor Mikie Sherrill publicly admitted that some [6,600 noncitizens](#) who are ineligible to vote had been registered to vote anyway. Sherrill blamed this on a system software error and promised to fix it immediately and replace this "problematic" vendor. However, the software company in question, IDEMIA, [disputed Sherrill's claim](#), noting that it has worked with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission for over 40 years. Its "role is to transmit information through the motor vehicle system," the company said. "The voter registration information is transmitted to the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Elections, which is ultimately responsible for verifying eligibility to vote. Information submitted by IDEMIA must still be validated and adjudicated by the Division of Elections." In other words, the one responsible for this "error" is the state's Division of Elections, which is controlled by Democrats.

Did companies give consumers the tariff refunds?

When President Trump imposed tariffs on imported goods, companies predictably raised prices. In February, the Supreme Court [ruled the tariffs illegal](#), though the administration still has a 10% global tariff. The Trump administration issued over \$70 billion in refund checks to affected companies. Prices, however, aren't falling. None of the refund money is making its way down to the consumer. That likely means companies are keeping the money. Democrats, of course, are railing against capitalism and corporate greed. Trump has continued to use tariffs as a threat and could [retaliate with price controls](#).

Microsoft backs off discriminating against conservatives

Microsoft has stopped systematically [weeding out conservative nonprofits](#) from its corporate generosity program. The tech giant uses Benevity, a platform that connects employers with nonprofits, and applies the Southern Poverty Law Center's Hate Map filter. Microsoft instructed Benevity not to use the filter. The SPLC uses its map to paint mainstream conservative and Christian organizations as racist extremist groups. In April, a federal grand jury charged the SPLC with paying the KKK, propping up racism to profit off opposing it. Other companies could follow Microsoft's lead. The one-sided discrimination may run deeper than just nonprofits, however. For example, we are working to resolve an issue with Microsoft (MSN, Hotmail, etc.) not delivering *Patriot Post* editions to our subscribers' inboxes.

105M Americans not working

According to a recent report from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, a record [105.8 million](#) Americans are "not in the labor force" (NILF), exceeding the number during the height of the COVID pandemic. Economist Nicholas Eberstadt observes, "We've got a big problem ... with the flight from work of prime-age men." The data shows that roughly 5.3 million people (5%) have dropped out of the workforce due to discouragement or an

unwillingness to look for work. A further 22% of NILFs are receiving long-term benefits related to an illness or disability. Retirees make up the lion's share of NILFs at 50%. The labor force participation rate has hit 59%, the lowest since 2021. Eberstadt noted that roughly seven million NILFs are healthy American men between the ages of 25 and 54 who have simply decided not to work.

Headlines

- House approves GOP's stock trading ban ([Washington Times](#))
- Jim Jordan urges criminal charges against Jack Smith over alleged perjury ([Washington Examiner](#))
- Trump admin won't block Tate brothers' extradition to UK on sex charges ([NY Post](#))
- A Platneresque Democrat scandal hits Wisconsin governor's race ([RedState](#))

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SHORT CUTS

Facepalm “This is not akin to what Donald Trump was talking about.” —New Jersey Senator Andy Kim regarding the 6,600 noncitizens registered to vote in his state

“This other crap about ... noncitizens are on our voter rolls or that they're voting is complete BS.” —Nevada Secretary of State Cisco Aguilar

For the Record “Democrats can't keep coming on TV and saying, ‘This never happens. There are not undocumented immigrants voting in elections.’ Well, here's case one of it happening. It's happening in New Jersey. Guess it's happening in other states as well.” —David Urban

Race Bait

“I'm Hispanic. I look very Hispanic. I [have] a Hispanic last name. Why should I have to prove that I'm a U.S. citizen when people who are white never get questioned about this at all? To me, how is that fair at all?” —California Congressman Gil Cisneros regarding voter ID (*Republicans support universal — not race-based — voter ID.*)

Belly Laugh of the Day “It does take a long time to count votes in California, but that's because we want to get it right.” —Gil Cisneros

Demagogues “The only thing Republicans are trying to ‘SAVE’ is their hold on power — after they FAILED the American people by raising costs, slashing care and rubber-stamping a war of choice.” —California Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

“Under President Biden's administration, we screwed up the border. We let way too many people in without any system. But screwing up the border and fixing that does not mean you give license to a bunch of masked characters, many of which couldn't even get a job in the sheriff's office or the police department.” —Virginia Senator Mark Warner

Non Compos Mentis “The radical thing is not the idea that we should decrease our incarcerated population.” —NYC DSA Co-Chair Grace Mausser

“I think if you enjoy crossdressing you should probably do that at home, not bring it to work, but I also want to say that there are so many cynical politicians who are using our LGBTQ community to grandstand, to score political points, to demonize and to weaponize.” — Texas Senate candidate James Talarico

The BIG Lie “We need to undo the horrible things that the big ugly bill, as I call it, is doing to everyday Americans.” —California congressional candidate Marni Von Wilpert

Godwin’s Law “We need to elect more people ... to sit at the table and fight like hell against this fascist, racist regime.” —Michigan congressional candidate Donovan McKinney

Friendly Fire “[Zohran Mamdani] is a total clown. I mean, he has the authority to arrest [Benjamin] Netanyahu [no] more than I would have the authority to arrest him ... if he visited down in Washington, DC. You’re a mayor, dude. Pick up trash, fix some potholes, and really fix the homeless problem in your city. You’re way out of your league. ... It’s just for clicks at this point. ... It’s just pandering to the DSA communists and his friends in New York.” —Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman

Socialism Exegesis “The far left in this country is mostly made up of people who spent a ton on their degrees and can’t make back what they spent. As a result, they hate capitalism.” —Clay Travis

Upright “Christians do not measure policies by their INTENTIONS; they measure policies by their OUTCOMES. It does not matter if the INTENTION of a policy is to ‘solve poverty’ or ‘care for the poor.’ If its OUTCOME is to create poverty and multiply the poor, it is evil.” —pastor Josh Howerton

“Jesus really cares about how you treat your wife and He really cares about how you treat your kids, but He also cares about everything else. ... You can’t just confine your faith to these narrow little slices of society or of culture or of your own life.” —Vice President JD Vance

The Bottom Line “When Iran is nominated to the UN committee responsible for shaping UN priorities on human rights and counterterrorism, clearly, the United Nations has a credibility problem. When Iran is selected as the vice president for the United Nations’ Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, again, the United Nations has a serious credibility problem. ... When UNRWA, the UN’s relief organization in the Middle East, puts Hamas operatives on its payroll, the United Nations has a serious credibility problem.” —Florida Congressman Brian Mast

And Last... “When you put whatever adjectives in front of communism, in front of socialism, it doesn’t change its nature. It is still communism. It’s still socialism.” —Chinese immigrant Xi Van Fleet

BEST OF VIDEOS

[Mamdani Has ‘No Authority’ to Arrest Netanyahu](#) — Zohran Mamdani’s call to arrest Benjamin Netanyahu signals rising antisemitism on the Left.

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Latest Podcast



[PopCon #144: ‘The Odyssey’ — Is It a Trojan Horse?](#)

Christopher Nolan’s “The Odyssey” is a Trojan horse in more ways than we realized.

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