

A fondness for power is implanted, in most men, and it is natural to abuse it, when acquired.

Alexander Hamilton (1775)

DOUGLAS ANDREWS

DOJ Announces Anti-Fraud Reward Program

When it comes to fighting fraud, the Trump administration is putting its money where its mouth is.

“Show me your budget, and I’ll show you what you value.”

So said a once-sentient Joe Biden, and it’s hard to argue with his point: Governments subsidize the things they like, the outcomes they want to see, the behaviors they want to encourage. Biden, for example, funded “green” energy socialism and transgender operas in Colombia, while Donald Trump — in the generous proxies of Michael Dell and now Elon Musk — is funding young folks’ investment in the American Dream via Trump accounts and SpaceX shares.

So too with snitch lines. Outgoing Minnesota Governor Tim Walz clearly valued Red Guard-type, Big Brotherly coercion, so he set up a COVID-19 snitch line for folks to rat out those rotten neighbors who dared have family over for Thanksgiving dinner. So much for “Minnesota Nice.”

Speaking of Minnesota, Donald Trump clearly doesn’t like the fact that our nation is being robbed blind by fraudsters, Somali and otherwise, perhaps to the tune of more than \$500 billion a year, so he’s setting up a fraud-fighting whistleblower hotline for folks to report the taxpayer-funded thieves among us. Here’s how the DOJ press release tells it:

Today, the Justice Department and the National Fraud Enforcement Division announced the creation of the Fraud Whistleblower Incentive Program (WHIP), the first ever whistleblower rewards program that pays an up-front award for tips leading to criminal charges.

“Protecting the American people from fraud remains a top priority for the Department of Justice,” said Attorney General Todd Blanche. “The [program] offers everyone the opportunity to be part of the solution, help expose fraud, and be rewarded quickly for their efforts. I urge all Americans to use this program and play an active role in bringing fraudsters to justice.”

The announcement comes as part of the administration’s aggressive campaign against fraud, waste, and abuse. In a White House communication last week, Vice President JD Vance “called on officials at every level of government to join him in a pledge to protect vulnerable Americans, keep taxpayer-funded benefits for Americans only, stop fraud before the money goes out, and hold fraudsters accountable.”

Other presidential administrations have certainly paid lip service to fighting fraud, but there’s never been such a concerted whole-of-government approach as this one. Just ask the Haitian illegals who were nabbed this week for SNAP fraud. Their arrest is just a drop in a swimming pool-sized bucket, but it’s a start, and the publicity of this and other arrests will start sending a message.

As for the specifics of the new program, it’ll pay whistleblowers \$10,000-\$30,000 for information that leads to criminal charges. But rather than growing old while you’re waiting for the matter to be adjudicated in the courts, this program “rewards whistleblowers at a much earlier stage of prosecution,” thereby encouraging “prompt disclosure of information by giving whistleblowers more certainty about the amount and timing of a possible reward payment, while still leaving whistleblowers eligible for potentially larger rewards should their tips ultimately lead to large financial penalties or forfeiture.”

At an Oval Office announcement yesterday with the VP Vance and others, the president himself said he’ll be personally involved. “I will be the arbitrator of all of these decisions,” Trump said. “In other words, I’ll determine whether or not the person is deserving and I’ll determine — and I will be very generous, believe me.”

It’s hard to imagine Donald Trump finding time in his day for such micromanagement, but I think the point he’s making is that fighting fraud is high on his list of priorities.

The Appropriated Press, however, has other priorities, as evidenced by the way it reported the news yesterday: “The Republican president has undertaken an aggressive effort to eliminate fraud in government, establishing a task force on the topic in March and putting Vance in charge of it.”

And then this: “Critics have accused Trump and his family of profiting from the presidency through their many business ventures. The White House says Trump acts only with the best interests of the American people in mind.”

Holy non sequitur, Batman. I’m surprised they didn’t start talking about horse-whipping Haitian immigrants and smearing our honored dead as suckers and losers. These people.

“The main thing I want the American people to know,” said White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller, “is that if you’re a middle-class taxpayer in this country, before President Trump came along, you spent half your working life paying for fraudsters and scammers, many of whom are refugees, illegal aliens, and foreigners who came to this country to loot and plunder us.”

Indeed, there’s a new sheriff in town, and I can practically hear Ray Parker Jr. now:

If there’s somethin’ strange at the Learing Center, who you gon’ call? Fraudbusters!

Needs work. But you get the idea.

NATE JACKSON

When Your Mother Calls You a Liar in an Attack Ad

An Ohio political ad slamming Democrat Amy Acton is both devastating and horribly complicated, but Vivek Ramaswamy is doubling down.

There are attack ads, and then there are attack ads. The latter has been running in Ohio.

The ad circulated over the weekend without attribution, but it features Donna Arthur, the mother of Democrat gubernatorial candidate Amy Acton. It is a shocking and devastating takedown.

In the ad, Arthur says:

I love my daughter, but when I saw her lying about her opponent — it’s not easy for a mother to say this. But Amy has a serious problem. She is a liar. She lies about her past. She says she grew up living in a tent. None of that is true.

My daughter needs help, and she can’t help you if she needs help herself. People can change, but first they have to tell the truth, and my daughter still isn’t doing that. Don’t vote for people who lie. Don’t let her become your governor. If you think she’ll make your life better, you’re fooling yourself. It will only get worse.

Walter Curt

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BOMBSHELL:

Ohio Democratic gubernatorial candidate Amy Acton’s own mother urges voters not to vote for her daughter.

“My name is Donna Arthur and I’m Amy Acton’s mother. I worked at Children and Family Service Association, building one of the first two sexual abuse programs in Show more

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Readers added context

Acton’s stepfather abused her from age 9 to 12 and was criminally charged, and the family lived in a tent in winter. Her brother confirms they were removed from their mother’s custody. Acton’s stayed married to the stepfather until he died.

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Game, set, match, right?

Not exactly.

After the ad sparked fierce controversy, Republican candidate Vivek Ramaswamy claimed responsibility and plans to spend \$4 million on the ad campaign. “It is an ad from our campaign, and the thing that I want to say is that I would love for this race and this election to be about the substantive issues that impact Ohioans, and unfortunately, Amy Acton has been hiding from those issues,” Ramaswamy told reporters. “She won’t debate me.”

Ramaswamy would absolutely be a better governor for Ohio than Acton, but this ad does not focus at all on “the substantive issues that impact Ohioans.”

Worse, it may be incredibly misleading.

Acton’s campaign responded with a video featuring her brother, Philip Stearns, who harshly criticized their “estranged and abusive mother” for remaining married to a stepfather they claim sexually abused Acton as a child. “I received a lot of abuse, but Amy always got the worst of it,” Stearns said in the ad. “To think that that’s somehow a talking point, shame on Vivek. It’s the contempt he has for Amy. It’s the contempt he has for Ohio. He’s not fit to lead.”

That is also an effective ad.

Stearns added in a statement, “After he was arrested and Amy and I were removed from their custody, our birth mother stayed married to Amy’s rapist until he died.”

Even good families can be messy, and Acton’s family seems like an utter disaster. To put it mildly, it’s poor taste to trash your political opponent based on her family troubles when her family was so thoroughly broken — even more so when there are credible allegations that she was sexually abused as a child.

Credible? Well, Cledith Arthur was arrested, charged, and indicted for abusing Acton, but he was later released on bond and fled. Despite warrants for his arrest, he and Donna moved to Pennsylvania, where he died in 2004. Acton and her brother were removed from the Arthurs’ custody. Those are matters of legal record.

Moreover, in her 1994 Ohio medical licensure application, Acton disclosed that she had sought therapy for childhood sexual abuse. Her story has remained consistent. She says she has not had contact with her mother since court proceedings in 1978.

That said, “believe all women” is a horrible farce emanating from the overzealous MeToo movement. Acton could be lying about this and many other things. Indeed, political candidates lie about their own biographies. To gain an advantage in her career in academia, Elizabeth Warren perpetuated the fiction that she had Native American ancestry. She didn’t let go of the fiction until her political opponents cornered her on the facts.

Joe Biden and his crew managed to convince 81 million* voters that he was competent to serve as president. We all suffered for four years because that was a tremendous lie.

And don’t forget that Ilhan Omar is currently under investigation for immigration fraud.

That said, based on available evidence, it doesn’t seem like Acton is lying.

Anything is fair in love, war, and politics. In Ohio, Amy Acton would make a horrible governor, and Ramaswamy is well within his rights to make that case. Yet he’s essentially attacking her for things that were entirely outside her control as a child. She was stuck with an allegedly cruel mother and a criminally abusive stepfather. To ground an attack in those things is unquestionably below the belt.

If Ramaswamy truly wants to focus on “the substantive issues that impact Ohioans,” he should tell voters why the policies Acton favors would harm them — because they would. Every Republican should be focused on telling voters why Democratic Socialism will destroy American Liberty.

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THOMAS GALLATIN

The High Cost of Birthright Citizenship

Granting citizenship to anyone born on American soil is more than a fiscal issue; it’s a national security issue.

Birth tourism is a significant problem for the U.S., which the U.S. Supreme Court effectively ignored in its [woefully wrong ruling](#) earlier this year against President Donald Trump’s executive order curtailing nearly unlimited birthright citizenship.

The problem stems from an overly broad [reading of the 14th Amendment](#), fueling a growing industry of both nefarious individuals and nations that are exploiting America’s open-ended birthright citizenship standard. Freedom isn’t free, and neither is handing out citizenship to all comers.

Recently, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) estimated the annual cost of birthright citizenship to American taxpayers at [\\$150.7 billion](#). Roughly half of this annual sum goes to educating foreign children born in the U.S., while the rest funds various healthcare and welfare programs, such as food assistance for these children.

Put bluntly, this is theft.

That’s how President Trump sees it as well, as he issued [two executive orders](#) following the Court’s ruling that are more targeted and aim to tackle specifically the problem of birth tourism and protect American citizenship.

As FAIR director of investigations Mateo Forero [warns](#), “We have this opening for foreign nationals from places like China who are essentially farming U.S. citizenship. You have U.S.-born individuals who are then actually living their entire lives back in China under the Chinese Communist Party, which has clearly adversarial interests against the United States. So it’s a national security concern as well.”

Furthermore, Forero points out, “Wealthy foreign nationals increasingly hire American surrogates so their biological children are born on U.S. soil and acquire citizenship automatically — bypassing even the need for the mother to travel.”

Effectively, China is breeding an army, all of whom will technically hold U.S. citizenship.

As the official State Department’s Foreign Affairs Manual currently reads, “Children born in the United States acquire U.S. citizenship at birth regardless of the use of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and/or surrogacy.”

According to the Center for Immigration Studies, an estimated [20,000 to 26,000](#) annual births in the U.S. fall under this birth tourism category, with an additional [225,000 to 250,000](#) annual births to illegal aliens.

Numbers like these demonstrate that this is not a minor problem, and indeed, given the fact that the majority of birth tourism is tied to China, it is a serious national security issue.

Forero argues that Congress must act, especially since Trump’s options are limited and ultimately temporary, particularly if a Democrat follows him into office. “States and Congress need to take a long, hard look at what the rules around surrogacy and cross-border surrogacy specifically need to be and what reforms are necessary,” Forero states.

While the immediate high annual cost to American taxpayers is problematic enough, especially given our nation’s massive debt, the future problems are even more concerning, for this is creating a significant population of people who are legally American but hold no love for or commitment to this country and our Constitution.

Indeed, the U.S. is already suffering from a massive segment of the population that holds an anti-American bias, primarily from those on the Left who have effectively been raised to loathe America and her history, founding, liberty, and strength.

Allowing the continued exploitation of birthright citizenship only undermines our nation and our people’s interests.

JACK DEVINE

The Great Sanctuary Scam

State and city sanctuaries supposedly protect illegals from unfair treatment, but they in fact harm the American citizens they should be protecting.

HUDSON BALDWIN

Discrimination Still Happens in College Admissions

It is illegal for institutions of higher education to discriminate on the basis of race, yet many universities have continued DEI practices.

EMMY GRIFFIN

How the Right Approaches Women’s Healthcare

The Trump administration is creating two task forces to help women with actual health problems.

IAN HAWORTH

France’s Warning to the West

Our economy is far stronger than France, but that just means we have further to fall as we make the same mistakes and face the same results.

ALLEN WEST

The Political Shapeshifters

This coming Halloween, the biggest ghouls, goblins, and scary specters are the political shapeshifters of the Marxist left in America.

EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

Trump gets Russia to free U.S. prisoner

President Donald Trump’s special envoy Steve Witkoff and Russian President Vladimir Putin met on Wednesday to discuss ending the Russia-Ukraine war. Trump then [announced the release](#) of Stephen Hubbard, an American wrongfully detained in Russia. Hubbard, a retired U.S. teacher, was locked up in 2024 on charges of acting as a mercenary. In a Truth Social post, Trump linked Hubbard’s release to the recent [sanctions deal with Russia](#). The deal aimed to lower fuel costs. Both Republicans and Democrats critiqued Trump for easing sanctions, since it undercut recent legislation named after the late Sen. Lindsey Graham. Trump claimed that many apologized, not realizing he was negotiating Hubbard’s release. Witkoff called Putin a “humanitarian” for releasing the 74-year-old Michigan man, who was living in Ukraine when Russia attacked in 2022.

Who kicked Ukraine off of Starshield?

Over the weekend, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky announced that the country [no longer has access](#) to the American military communications network Starshield. A massive blame game ensued, as War Sec. Pete Hegseth said [he had issued no orders](#) restricting Ukraine from Starshield, alleging that Elon Musk and SpaceX removed it from the network. “We haven’t pulled anything back,” Hegseth said. “There are terms of service that ultimately need to be complied to, and that’s where Starlink has the option to make those decisions.” Musk responded that he didn’t do it and that only the president is making the call. Zelensky has also blamed the U.S. government, believing that this has remained part of an ongoing American effort to lessen support for the Ukrainian war effort. Tensions between Trump and Zelensky have persisted, and this episode doesn’t help.

Persian Gulf oil has surpassed pre-war levels

Oil exports from the Persian Gulf have increased above pre-war levels, which is good news for global markets.

Kpler, a ship tracker, reports 23.3 million barrels of oil a day before the war and [24 million barrels today](#). Unfortunately, while oil is flowing again, Iran can still raise the cost of bringing it to market. Alternative routes through the Middle East to avoid Iranian drones and missiles increase shipment costs. Exporters see the risk as worth the reward of earning \$20 more a barrel on Iraqi oil; the cost to bring oil to market in China reached a near-record high of \$37.37 per barrel this week. Iran has ramped up attacks in October and may continue to do so in the final two weeks before the U.S. midterm elections.

Slotkin faces ethics complaint

The Center to Advance Security in America (CASA), a government watchdog group, released the document it sent to Senate Ethics Committee Chair James Lankford (R-OK) and Vice Chair Chris Coons (D-DE). The [document lodges](#) a Senate ethics complaint against Sen. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), asking the committee to investigate [her comments](#) about going after young professionals who want to work for President Trump for violating Senate ethics standards. CASA contends that Slotkin’s threat of legal consequences for accepting employment with a sitting president violates First Amendment association rights, as well as the Senate Ethics Manual’s expectation that senators show “proper respect for the principles of ethics and morality.” Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) rightly called her remarks a “fascist move.” What Democrats would call lawfare if the shoe were on the other foot, Slotkin is cloaking as holding those accountable for misuse of taxpayer money.

Joe Manchin stumps for Susan Collins

Former Democrat-turned-independent Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia is returning to the political arena to stump for Republican Susan Collins as she seeks reelection in Maine. Manchin and Collins were on opposite sides of the aisle in the Senate but often found common cause, forming something like a caucus of their own. Manchin [seeks to demonstrate](#) to Pine Tree State voters that Collins is a moderate Republican who is far from a rubber stamp for President Trump’s agenda. Meanwhile, Collins’s opponent, Troy Jackson, is calling up his own reinforcement — New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The two socialists will appear together on Thursday at a “Students vs. Billionaires Town Hall.” Manchin has spent recent years promoting independent candidates. “How could you support some of the crazy stuff they’re for?” Manchin said of the socialist Left. “Have you seen their platform?”

Trump blasts woke megachurch pastor running for Senate

Kansas Democrat Adam Hamilton is running for the U.S. Senate. The megachurch pastor of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, seeks to cloak leftist politics in Christian language. He often circles back to the talking point that white people should repent for their white privilege. At a rally on Monday, President Trump [critiqued](#) Hamilton for those views. “Adam Hamilton used church dollars to fund anti-religious transgender activity,” Trump said. “He used a lot of church money to fund all of this transgender crap that you’re reading about — who openly mocks Jesus, and he openly mocks Jesus.” In response, Hamilton’s campaign touted his church’s accomplishments, saying it welcomes everyone, regardless of political opinion. Last year, the church sponsored Kansas City’s Pride (read: sex cult) festival.

Tesla and SpaceX explore possible merger

Special committees from two of Elon Musk’s largest companies, SpaceX and Tesla, have been formed [to discuss a potential merger](#). Musk has said that while nothing has been agreed to yet, he sees the benefits of combining the companies. He has also said he wouldn’t have any say in the decision, as he is not on either committee and shareholders would vote on the merger. SpaceX and Tesla are linked by Musk himself, but both companies are also attempting to push AI and mechanical engineering into the future. Shares have increased for both companies because of AI investments and the unveiling of the newest Tesla Roadster, the first commercially sold flying car. This appears to be a natural move for Musk and his enterprises, so the merger will likely go through.

Ilhan Omar still at large

Where in the world is Rep. Ilhan Omar? The Minnesota Democrat [has not been seen](#) since Homeland Security Investigations agents raided her Washington, DC, home last week. However, a number of Omar’s family members have returned to the house. During the raid, federal agents seized phone records and Omar’s passport. Omar is under investigation for [immigration fraud](#), which Border Czar Tom Homan stated last week could result in her losing her citizenship. Several people have been subpoenaed in this investigation, including members of Omar’s family. Omar insists she’s innocent, posting on X: “This raid by Trump’s DHS is an outrageous abuse of power and an unprecedented escalation in the weaponization of federal law enforcement to target political enemies.” The truth is, the Biden administration initiated this investigation.

Thanks to AI, higher education is cutting bloated non-teaching staff

One reason college costs have risen significantly beyond inflation over the last few decades is the growth of higher education’s non-teaching administrative staff. However, with the [expansive adoption of artificial intelligence](#), this trend of ever-increasing administrative bloat has begun to reverse. According to a report from the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources, full-time staff decreased by 6.6% and part-time staff dropped by 23.9% in 2025 compared with the prior year. Economist Siri Terjesen tied this reversal to “AI systems making it easier to let people go and not replace them.” Education Department spokeswoman Ellen Keast credited President Trump and DOE Sec. Linda McMahon, stating, “Institutions are now being forced to live within their means, streamline operations, cut unnecessary spending, and refocus on their core educational mission.”

California blows wildfire relief money on welfare

Many Californians [have still not recovered](#) from the devastating 2018 Woolsey wildfires that destroyed 24,000 structures and killed 103 people. The usual poor management and incompetence known as California governance sent nearly \$369 million of over \$1 billion in federal aid earmarked for fire victims to low-income housing developers, and not a single wildfire survivor received housing. The \$1 billion the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sent was intended to help victims cover recovery costs not covered by insurance or other programs. California’s Department of Housing and Community Development was in charge of allocating federal aid to help homeowners rebuild and to pay for affordable rental housing. However, by the end of 2023, only \$38 million had been used to rebuild 110 homes, even though just one 2018 fire destroyed 14,000 homes.

Headlines

- U.S. to launch \$8 billion support program for farmers to offset diesel costs ([Reuters](#))
- Putin agrees to resume trilateral talks to end war in Ukraine ([NewsNation](#))
- El-Sayed campaign: We fired the staffer who never worked for us for revealing funds that don’t exist ([Hot Air](#))
- Washington Post accidentally reveals more evidence implicating Ilhan Omar in fraud ([The Federalist](#))

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SHORT CUTS

From the Loony Left

“An ally that takes your money to push you into wars you shouldn’t be fighting is not an ally. ... I think it’s time for us to realize that Israel is not actually our friend.” —Michigan Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed

“Both are a threat.” —Abdul El-Sayed regarding Israel and Iran

“The Muslim Brotherhood is practically defunct in Egypt. That’s like asking [El-Sayed] to denounce bell bottoms.” —Ana Navarra

“I’m sorry, [JD] Vance, are you seriously suggesting that immigrants have brought a culture of revolution and protest to France? What are you talking about?” —Jon Stewart

“Elon Musk ... is a white nationalist who is a Nazi, who does back-to-back Sieg Heils, who is an untreated drug addict... What do the tech oligarchs and the Christian Nationalists have in common? They want control.” —Jennifer Welch

From the Reasonable Right

“Abdul El-Sayed is very offended that people are asking him about the Muslim Brotherhood. He is less offended by the Muslim Brotherhood, with whom he is intimately tied, despite his obvious lies.” —Ben Shapiro

“If politics was logical, Republicans should be leading in the polls and looking forward to maintaining, even expanding, their congressional majorities.” —[Cal Thomas](#)

“The useful idiots in the media serve the aims of the terrorists.” —Mark Levin

“I asked Grok if the NYT or WP have shown any pictures of the rioters in France holding Palestinian flags. The answer is no. Why are these papers hiding the truth? Why are they sanitizing the news to protect Islamists? It’s not Islamophobic to show pictures. It’s the truth.” —Ari Fleischer

“The fact that the left in America is still trying to convince us that the riots in France are nothing more than student protests over old school buildings really should tell us everything we need to know about their willingness to lie about literally anything.” —Nick Freitas

“All that effort saving the French from speaking German, and they go and choose Arabic.” —Nick Freitas

“If you want to see what is at stake in this election, just look at what’s happening in France, a once-great nation that is being conquered, looted, and burned to the ground by migrants, jihadists, and communists who hate Christianity and ... Western civilization itself.” —President Donald Trump

“When you see burning steeples and raging fires in France, just remember that is what the radical Democrats want to do to America. ... Democrats are the party of anti-Western Marxists and hostile third-world migrants.”

—Donald Trump

“It’s wrong to teach history as something you memorize. History is about what did happen and what could have happened.” —Newt Gingrich

For the Record

“California is losing at least \$50 billion a year to fraud, so even under the most optimistic assumptions, the ‘wealth tax’ will only collect enough to pay California’s fraud budget for 7 months.” —Christopher Rufo

Upright

“I’m a radical. I’m extremist. I believe my life pivots upon God, family, country, constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Ten Commandments, the Golden Rule, work ethic, law and order, self-defense, private property rights.” —Ted Nugent

Belly Laugh of the Day

“Congresswoman Ilhan Omar vehemently denied any wrongdoing amid ongoing allegations she committed immigration fraud, saying she only married her brother for love.” —The Babylon Bee