
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S COVID RESTRICTIONS ON CHURCHES/SYNAGOGUES



New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo

The following is excerpted from "Supreme Court Rules," *Fox News*, Nov. 26, 2020: "The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday night blocked New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo from reimposing strict attendance caps at worship services in areas hit hard by the novel coronavirus. ... The order was also the first in which Justice Amy Coney Barrett played a decisive role. Barrett ... was President Trump's third Supreme Court nominee ... In the hardest-hit areas, which were designated red zones, the state limited attendance in houses of worship to 25% of their capacity or 10 people, whichever is fewer. The majority said his limits violated the First Amendment's protection of the free exercise of religion."

EXPERT CLAIMS GOOGLE SHIFTED A MINIMUM OF 6 MILLION VOTES IN 2020 ELECTION

The following is excerpted from "Google Shifted," *Breitbart*, Nov. 24, 2020: "Psychologist and search engine expert Dr. Robert Epstein appeared on Fox News' *Tucker Carlson Tonight* yesterday to reveal his findings on Google's search manipulation in the 2020 election, which Epstein claims could have shifted a minimum of six million votes in one direction. 'First of all, we had 733 field agents in three key swing states this year: Arizona, North Carolina, and Florida, and we preserved more than 500,000 ephemeral experiences,' said Epstein. ... 'Google search results were strongly biased in favor of liberals and Democrats. This was not true on Bing or Yahoo. The bias was being shown to pretty much every demographic group we looked at, including conservatives. ... Conservatives got slightly more bias

in their search results than liberals did. How do you account for that? We also found what seems to be a smoking gun. That is, we found a period of days when the vote reminder on Google's homepage was being sent only to liberals--not one of our conservative field agents received a vote reminder during those days. ... The bottom line at the moment is that these manipulations, the ones that we've so far quantified, could easily have shifted at least six million votes in just one direction. That's the bare minimum at this point, that I'm confident. The maximum we haven't even begun to estimate that yet because we have so much data to look at.'"



MEDIA'S SUPPRESSION OF ISSUES LIKELY SWUNG ELECTION

The following is excerpted from "The Stealing of the Presidency," *NewsBusters*, Nov. 24, 2020: "To measure the true effect of the media's censorship on the election, the Media Research Center asked The Polling Company to survey 1,750 Biden voters in seven swing states (Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin), six of which (all but North Carolina) were called for Biden (survey details below). We tested these voters' knowledge of eight news stories--all important topics that our ongoing analysis had shown the liberal news media had failed to cover properly. We found that a huge majority (82%) of Biden voters were unaware of at least one of these key items, with five percent saying they were unaware of all eight of the issues we tested. This lack of information proved crucial: One of every six Biden voters we surveyed (17%) said they would have abandoned the Democratic candidate had they known the facts about one or more of these news stories. A shift of this magnitude would have changed the outcome in all six of the swing states won by Joe Biden, and Donald Trump would have comfortably won a second term as president. ... The

media's censorship of Biden's scandals had the strongest impact on this year's election. ... 45.1% of Biden voters said they were unaware of the financial scandal enveloping Biden and his son, Hunter (a story infamously censored by Twitter and Facebook, as well as ignored by the liberal media). According to our poll, full awareness of the Hunter Biden scandal would have led 9.4% of Biden voters to abandon the Democratic candidate. ... On October 29, the government reported a huge jump in economic growth--33.1% on an annual basis, double the previous record. Yet nearly half of Biden voters (49.0%) said they had no idea about this record-breaking achievement. Armed with that information, 5.6% said they would have changed their vote ... The President took action to start long-stalled pipeline projects and expand drilling offshore and in the Arctic, and it paid off with America becoming a net exporter of oil for the first time in September 2019. More than half (50.5%) of Biden voters said they did not know about this important accomplishment, either. If the information was known by all, 5.8% of Biden's voters say they would have changed how they voted."

COVID LOCKDOWNS AND ELDERLY SUICIDE

The following is excerpted from "A 90-Year-Old Woman Killed Herself to Avoid Another Covid-19 Lockdown," *The Federalist*, Nov. 25, 2020: "Ninety-year-old Nancy Russell had already been planning to use the MAiD law [Canada's euthanasia law, Medical Aid in Dying] 'at some point,' according to her daughter, Tory. But having experienced full lockdown of her nursing home, including a two-week confinement of residents to their rooms, followed by bans or tight restrictions on visitors that made socialization impersonal, she knew what was

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coming with this second round of lockdowns and didn't want to live through it. ... Russell's death comes at a time of increased loneliness and isolation for residents of senior care homes amid repeated lockdowns and isolation in the name of protecting them. ... Dr. Susan Woolhouse, a member of the Canadian Association of MAiD Assessors and Providers, told *CTV News* that the lockdowns are 'accelerating' requests for assisted suicide. Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Alex Schadenberg reports that more than 6,000 assisted deaths were reported in Ontario from mid-June 2016 through October 2020, and nearly a third of those deaths (1,948) were in 2020 alone ... It is, of course, undeniable that the vast majority of COVID-19 deaths are among the elderly. In Ontario,

2,234 long-term care residents have died of COVID-19 to date, almost two-thirds of their total coronavirus deaths (3,519). While Toronto and other parts of North America go into lockdown this holiday season, however, we would do well to reflect on the toll isolation takes on the elderly. For those who are old and frail, socialization with friends and family is one of the few joys that remain. ... While COVID-19 can be dangerous to the old and frail, those who are so concerned about protecting the elderly shouldn't reduce 'protection' to a negative COVID-19 test and a pulse, lest they quash what makes life worth living. ... we should heed the voices of those most deeply affected by lockdowns and restore their right to decide how they want to spend their few remaining years, despite the risk."

ISIS PLOT TO ATTACK WHITE HOUSE AND TRUMP TOWER THWARTED



Kristopher Sean Matthews

The following is excerpted from "What We Know about the Plot," *Townhall*, Nov. 26, 2020: "The U.S. Department of Justice recently announced the arrest of a South Carolina man who stands accused of providing material support to the foreign terrorist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham, or ISIS. The man, 34-year-old Kristopher Sean Matthews (aka Ali Jibreel), is accused along with another man of conspiring to carry out terrorist attacks against

the White House, Trump Tower in New York City, and other high-profile targets. Matthews pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of conspiracy to provide material support to ISIS. In pleading guilty, Matthews admitted to conspiring alongside 22-year-old Jaylyn Christopher Molina (aka Abdur Rahim) of Cost, TX, by sharing bomb-making information with the goal of committing terrorist attacks on behalf of ISIS in the United States and elsewhere."

HUMAN BRAIN FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN PREVIOUSLY IMAGINED

The following is excerpted from Brian Thomas, “Your Brain Has More Memory Than the Internet,” Institute of Creation Research, Feb. 4, 2016: “New research modeled tiny structures within nerve cells and discovered a clever tactic brains use to increase computing power while maximizing energy efficiency. Its design could form the basis of a whole new and improved class of computer. ... Synapses occur at junctions between nerve cells, like two people holding hands. Each cell can have a thousand ‘hands’ contacting as many neighbors to form a dizzying 3-D array with billions of connections and pathways. Each junction transfers information between cells by passing along tiny chemicals called neurotransmitters. Groundbreaking imaging published in 2011 revealed many more of these nerve-to-nerve connections than ever imagined, prompting comparisons between the human brain and the number of switches in all the computers and internet connections on Earth. It turns out that the sizes of these connection points, called synapses, shifts with use or disuse—a process called synaptic plasticity. Synapses strengthen when learning occurs or weaken when unused. How do brains do it? They store and transmit

information not with the simplistic 0s and 1s of computer code, but with degrees of synapse strength. In other words, they don’t transfer information with a single input spike, but recognize 26 distinguishably different levels of synaptic strength. ... Nerve cells use the size and stability of each synapse to process and record information such as memories. ... Terry Sejnowski, co-senior author of the *eLife* study, told the Salk Institute, ‘We discovered the key to unlocking the design principle for how hippocampal neurons function with low energy but high computation power. **Our new measurements of the brain’s memory capacity increase conservative estimates by a factor of 10 to at least a petabyte, in the same ballpark as the World Wide Web. What’s a petabyte? 8,000,000,000,000,000 bits of information. The mind-boggling levels of organization and necessary regulatory protocols in synapses refute all notions that brains evolved from single cells through merely natural processes. The strategies, algorithms, and design principles brains employ could only have come from an otherworldly Architect whose genius mankind can only dream of copying.**

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