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Dear Patriot,

We are as frustrated as you as we observe leftist judges and communist organization try to halt legal actions by the Trump administration to deport illegals, close wasteful aspects of government, and implement changes in higher and lower education.

Console yourselves with the knowledge that the left is completely devoid of good ideas, positive policies and competent leadership. They have nothing but the ability throw the living room furniture into the street. Eventually, they will run out of sofas.

Today, we look deeper into...

- How we allowed China to quietly ruin manufacturing in America.
- Updates on trade agreements.
- More evidence that failed leftists should not be seen in public.
- How a less colorful life is good for your health.
- Forget all the fluffy talk about AOC running for president, we know the real candidate.



1- At the link is the long and dismaying story of a small American manufacturing company, which survived the Great Depression, only to watch American politicians allow China to destroy the company. We have pinched a few excerpts but the entire piece is worthy of time. It is to be referenced for when we get wobbly toward Trump and his war to repatriate American manufacturing.

This is the story of the first war between China and America, a war we resoundingly lost. Small businesses that managed to stay around or be refigured were then wiped out in the second wave of the war... the manufacturing and releasing of the Covid-C virus.

Both of these wars had devastating effects on millions of Americans but very little has been written about it. Few Hollywood movies have done a deep dive into this mass change in America. (JD Vance's book "Hillbilly Elegy" was turned into a great movie but Hollywood now deeply regrets that they went there. It is NOT a leftist position to have America being a manufacturing powerhouse. Nor do they give a damn about suffering as a result.)

[Gray Delany guest writer at Emerald Robinson on Substack](#)

How China Ruined My Family Business: The story of Delany Flush Valves is the story of how America lost its manufacturing jobs and its middle class.

Emerald's Note: This guest article is the work of my friend who recounts the history how China drove his family's flourishing flush valve company out of business over

several decades. It's the story of how countless small business owners in America were ruined by the suicidal trade policies of its inept politicians. With President Trump in office again, will America finally end its suicidal addiction to artificially cheap imports and start making things again?

QUOTE: The tragedy of Coyne and Delany mirrors the story of thousands of once great American companies. The business was founded in New York City in 1879 by my great-great-great-grandfather John J. Delany and his partner Thomas Coyne. Originally known for its cast iron tubs, brass plumbers trim, wooden flush tanks and fittings, it was one of many small businesses started in the Northeast by the wave of Irish immigrants who arrived to America escaping the potato famine.

After Thomas Coyne died in 1910 with no male heirs, John Delany bought out his share of the business, and the company came fully under Delany family ownership and changed its name.

In 1927, Delany achieved a major innovation with the creation of a more powerful and reliable flush valve called the Flushboy. The Flushboy produced a more forceful flush, reducing clogging and allowing for greater quantities of waste to be moved more efficiently to sewage treatment facilities. But the Great Depression started 10 years later.

The period was tough for Delany, as it was also for many companies, but it survived and then expanded dramatically during World War II, thanks to contracts from military bases. It grew from a regional Northeast business to an international business, but continued to operate from the same mid-sized factory in Brooklyn it had used since its inception, and with the same small but skilled workforce.

Delany at the same time was one of an estimated 37,000 small-to-medium-sized predominantly family-owned manufacturers in the New York metropolitan area. Manufacturing then employed more than a million people in the region, and

generated an additional several hundred thousand jobs in Northern New Jersey and Connecticut, running to nearly thirty percent of the working population.

This is my family's story — the story of one small company. It is not all that remarkable, just another tale of a once proud American family business lost to offshoring. Wall Street insists that it's a globalized world now, and we all need to learn to compete on its terms. But Delany was remarkable to the people it served and sustained.

At its peak, it employed seventy people, enabled them to support their families, and taught them skills that some used to start their own companies. This is how not only businesses but entire local economies are built. Take that away, and the communities these local economies sustain wither and die. Farrish recalled his protégé in the machining department, JD Palmer, taking the skills he honed in Delany's machine division to open his own small engine repair and metal machining shop. He couldn't have done this without the experience of working for Delany.

What happened to Delany happened all over America.

But for the first time in many years, there is a hope of revival. With President Trump, our manufacturers finally have an advocate who is fighting for them, and trying to end our addiction to artificially cheap imports. Because the American manufacturing base has been so hollowed out, it will take time to rebuild our factories and bring jobs home. As we restructure our economy from a financial economy to a productive economy, there will be near-term pain, but if we bear it and push through to the other side, we can once again have a country with an industrial base that sustains our communities, our security, and our prosperity.



2- What Trump is trying to accomplish on trade is a Herculean task. Which is why no one else has tried to do even a part of it. Not changing anything is the easiest path to take. But, eventually you run into a brick wall. Our brick wall is looming and only Trump has the steel to take the world on a different adventure.

All of this takes time and strategy.

Ignore the stock market whims and the screams of the left and RINOs to trash it all. They ALL want things to remain the same. They have, in fact, been preaching to us for a generation about free trade and their hatred of manufacturing in America. Trump is of the belief that products necessary to American security and prosperity should be built in the United States.

[Breitbart](#)

White House: 18 Countries Have Made Formal Trade Proposals to U.S.

QUOTE: The Trump administration has received official trade offers from 18 countries, and its trade negotiation team has meetings scheduled with 34 countries this week, the White House announced Tuesday.

"There is a lot of progress being made. We now have 18 proposals on paper that have been brought to the trade team", White House press secretary Karoline Lea detailed. "Again, these are proposals on paper that countries have proposed to t

Trump administration and to our government." Over 100 countries have expressed interest in making a deal.

"You have Secretary Bessent, Secretary Lutnick, Ambassador Greer, NEC Director Hassett, and Peter Navarro, the entire trade team meeting with 34 countries this week alone," she added. "We are moving at Trump speed to ensure these deals are made on behalf of the American worker and the American people."

Leavitt also emphasized that Vice President JD Vance announced on Monday that the United States and India have established terms of reference for trade. "That is a big deal. We know when we look at the numbers, the monetary trade barriers and the nonmonetary trade barriers from India, they have been ripping off the United States and American workers for a very long time," she said.

"So the fact that the Vice President, with Prime Minister Modi on that trip in India, announced these terms of reference, which is essentially a framework to move the ball forward to sign a good trade deal between our two nations, is great progress," Leavitt continued.



3- It is unimaginable to us that this woman has the audacity to show her face in public much less on cable TV.

Randi Weingarten has overseen the biggest disasters in public education in the history of public education. There is no matrix, chart, or study that shows any positive results in children's education. In fact, she has been the boss for almost two decades of

decline across the board. And that is before we dig into the devastating results that came from her keeping children out of school during Covid-CCP.

So, when we saw that Fox News and Martha MacCallum came at her with the true facts, we had to share. Randi's gross condescension of McCallum is an extra prize because it displays the left's attitude toward anyone who challenges them on their failures.

Go to the link for the video.

[The Gateway Pundit](#)

Martha MacCallum Obliterates Condescending Teacher Union Boss Randi Weingarten During Fiery Segment on America's Failing Schools

QUOTE: One of America's biggest villains received an epic beating on Fox News when she tried to defend the indefensible and insulted her interviewer.

Randi Weingarten, the President of the American Federation of Teachers, is the proponent of trapping everyone in failing public schools and refusing to hold crooked school authority figures accountable.

She was also arguably the loudest advocate for shutting down schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused irreparable harm to the cognitive development of many children across the country.

Weingarten was invited on Fox News's "The Story with Martha MacCallum" to discuss the ongoing public school failures and pornographic books prevalent throughout school libraries. Things got heated quickly when MacCallum lit up Weingarten for slamming school choice and for saying we should throw more money at the problem.

"So, if we can find other areas around the country where the proficiency levels are also ABYSMAL and should be embarrassing to every education organization, then we can start making assessments and say it's because of (school) choice or money," MacCallum said. "We know that money does not equate to a better outcome."

MacCallum cited an example from New Jersey that proves her astute point. Upon hearing this, Weingarten lost her patience and attempted to patronize the Fox News anchor.

"Martha, Martha, sweetheart," she began before an angry MacCallum cut her off.

"Don't call me sweetheart!" MacCallum fired back.

Weingarten continued to stammer and utter nonsense about how public school funding benefits primarily red districts and states, citing Mississippi as an example of where education outcomes have improved. But MacCallum once again bodied her with another inconvenient truth.

"One of the things they have done in Mississippi is to expand (school) choice," MacCallum said. "They're also doing something really important, which is to expand teacher training because they understand that teachers themselves do not understand the things they are supposed to be teaching."



4- If you do not think these dyes in food make a difference, take your kids off of them for 3 months and observe the difference in their behavior, concentration and school

performance. It will all improve.

These dyes are petroleum based poison and must be removed. None of these dyes allowed in Europe.

One might think that food companies would voluntarily and altruistically make this move on their own. But, no, they have not done so and won't without force.

[The National Pulse](#)

RFK Jr. Pushes Forward With Bans on Synthetic Dyes in Food Supply

QUOTE: Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is poised to unveil a new initiative to remove petroleum-based synthetic dyes from food products across the United States. The announcement is scheduled for Tuesday, accompanied by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary.

This action seeks to phase out eight synthetic dyes frequently utilized in popular items such as sodas, candies, and cereals. Notably, the FDA approved 36 such dyes including Red No. 3, Blue No. 1, and Green No. 3.

These ingredients are widespread in the food industry due to their vibrant colors.

The proposal aligns with ongoing scrutiny of food dyes. Some studies previously associated Red Dye No. 3 with various health concerns. The dye was finally banned ahead of RFK Jr.'s confirmation hearings.

States like Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, and West Virginia have already taken steps to eliminate such dyes from school cafeterias, showcasing a trend towards limiting artificial coloring in foods that children frequently consume.

According to reports, Kennedy's strategy intends to phase out eight of these synthetic dyes by the end of 2026. Such a move could prompt significant change

food manufacturing processes, requiring companies to reformulate products with natural colorings.



5- We noted on Monday the new White House website on Covid-CCP goes into detail of the failure of then-NY Governor Andrew Cuomo to handle events competently. MANY of his decisions led to deaths.

Cuomo was forced out of office for other issues. He wrote a book on how wonderful he is. He is running for Mayor of New York.

BUT...make NO mistake... Andrew Cuomo is running for President in 2028. He is laying the foundation now. He really has no interest in being Mayor of NY, he needs the job to run for President.

We find it fascinating that with all the many, many people we could start with to hold accountable for the hell we lived through with Covid-CCP, that Republicans are starting with the one man who could become a viable Dem candidate in 2028.

Keep an eye on this one! Politically it is interesting.

[The Center Square](#)

House panel seeks DOJ charges against Cuomo

QUOTE: On Monday, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform sent a criminal referral letter asking Attorney General Pam Bondi to charge Andrew

Cuomo with making false statements to Congress as part of an investigation into his administration's response to COVID-19 nursing home deaths in New York state.

The panel's chairman, Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., called Cuomo a "man with a history of corruption and deceit" and said he was "now caught red-handed lying to Congress" and called for him to "be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"This wasn't a slip-up — it was a calculated cover-up by a man seeking to shield himself from responsibility for the devastating loss of life in New York's nursing homes," Comer said in a statement. "Let's be clear: lying to Congress is a federal crime."

Cuomo was grilled by members of the Republican-controlled Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic during a September hearing when they asked Cuomo with questions for hours about the controversial March 25, 2020 directive issued by his administration in the early days of the pandemic that required nursing homes and long-term care facilities in New York to admit COVID-19-positive patients.

His directive required nursing homes to begin accepting "medically stable" patients recovering from COVID-19 as they were discharged from hospitals. It was rescinded after several weeks, but Cuomo was widely criticized for contributing to the high death toll in the state's long-term care facilities.

The demands to open a new DOJ investigation come as Cuomo is seeking to resurrect his political career with a challenge to incumbent New York City Mayor Adams, a Democrat who is running as an independent. President Donald Trump praised Adams over the Democrat's vocal support for his deportation policies.

Cuomo has pointed the blame for the high number of COVID-19 deaths nationwide on Trump, whom he claimed "willfully deceived the American people" during the pandemic.

House Republicans have cited evidence from testimony that Cuomo and his team "made a deliberate decision to exclude scientifically significant nursing home-related COVID-19 deaths from mortality rates" and "heavily edited" New York State Department of Health documents "to shift blame away from Mr. Cuomo and his team."

Over 80,000 New Yorkers died of COVID-19 from the beginning of the pandemic in May 2020, including 15,000 nursing home residents, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.



PRAY for President Trump and team as they are under constant assault.

PRAY for all children that they may be healthy and safe.

SHARE the truth.

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Regardless of who wins any election, to have confidence in the outcome, we must continue to demand **(1)** real paper ballots, **(2)** hand counted in a bipartisan transparent process, and **(3)** citizen voter ID.

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