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The U.S. Congress' 2.2 Trillion Dollar Robbery PORK! PORK! PORK! AND MORE PORK! We The People, Have Had Enough Of The Self Serving Buffoons in Washington D.C. NO MORE BAILOUTS, GAME OVER! “ *We Shall Remember in November*”

MY VIEW *By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.*

Source: Shayne's Journal

Yes, we need the money to help the people, small business and health but to rape the American people of their hard earner money to fund illegals, bridges to no where and special interest groups is criminal plain and simple. And the people that forced this upon the American people must be held accountable. We all need to sent our Congressional Representatives and Senators a post card simply stating “***NO MORE BAILOUTS AND RE-ALLOCATE THE FUNDS ALREADY IN THE STIMULUS BILL. WE WILL BE WATCHING YOU.***” This PUBLIC NOTICE needs to go ever member of the U.S, Congress, Republican, Democrat, Socialist and Green Weenies. And guess what? The money is still held up by the incompetent government bureaucrats. Here is some facts for you to think about, The American population: 330,483,530, Stimulus bill: \$2,200,000,000,000. Dividing the Stimulus by the population is \$6,051.74. The government could have given every person over \$6,000, but instead will give \$1,200 to adults under a certain income. Wanna know where a big percentage of your tax dollars will go?

PORK IS IN WHITE! My View in Yellow !

\$300,000,000 for Migrant and Refugee Assistance *pg 147. Call it what you want but it is still to fund illegals and California is also funding illegals, oops politically incorrect, more of our tax dollars well spent. \$300 MILLION, let that sink in for a first class migraine.*

\$25,000,000 for Cleaning supplies for the Capitol Building. *it's on page 136 - You can't make this shit up, \$25 MILLION buys a lot of toilet paper. but, given the people we are dealing with it may be justified.*

\$20,000,000,000 to the USPS, *\$20 BILLION. Maybe it's to offset the cost for the sweetheart deal with Amazon, you think? He's a big Demo funder.*

\$30,000,000,000 for the Department of Education stabilization fund. *\$30 BILLION is a lot of Oinks. But it will keep the teachers union happy so they can continue to donate money to the Democrat/Socialist.*

\$492,000,000 to National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) *pg 167 - AND*

\$526,000,000 Grants to Amtrak to remain available if needed through 2021 *pg 168 and hidden on page 174 the Secretary has 7 days to allocate the funds & notify Congress - What are the odds it doesn't go unspent. A total of 1.018 BILLION DOLLARS to be paid before anyone is the wiser!*

\$10,000 per person for student loan bailout. *WTF - So how many will be funded? What is the total amount? This is open ended and could easily cost well over ONE OR TWO BILLION DOLLARS OR MORE. A little sneak you think? Buying vote in our dime!*

\$100,000,000 to Nasa. *And who knows why?*

\$300,000,000 to the Endowment for the Arts - *Because???*

\$300,000,000 for the Endowment for the Humanities - *Because no one even knew what it was essential.*

\$15,000,000 for Veterans Employment Training - *Because the GI Bill isn't enough.*

\$25,000,000,000 for Transit Infrastructure *pg 169 - \$25 BILLION. Is this like the California gas tax money where no one knows where it is going?*

\$3,000,000 Maritime Administration *pg 17 - What happened, only \$3 MILLION???*

\$200,000,000 to Safe Schools Emergency Response to Violence Program. *School are closed or did they miss that!*

\$300,000,000 to Public Broadcasting National Public Radio. *A government sponsored Democrat/Socialist radio station, like CNN, NBC and CBS along with Google and Facebook are not enough Karl Marks' cyber brainwashing apparutenances clogging the airways.*

\$500,000,000 to Museums and Libraries. *Yes, we need to support the museums and libraries, but how does this help with the current crisis?*

\$720,000,000 to Social Security Administration. *But only 200 MILLION is to help people, the rest is for admin costs. \$520 MILLON more Oinks.*

\$7,500,000 to the Smithsonian for additional salaries. *Are they hiring? Who is working? Who is visiting? More PORK and Oinks.*

\$35,000,000 to the JFK Center for performing Arts???

They have no shame.

\$25,000,000 for additional salary for House of Representatives *While almost 20-million American have lost their jobs the BAFFOONS line their pockets.*

\$3,000,000,000 upgrade to the IT department at the VA. *\$3 BILLION ! Is this going to be like the Obamacare software fiasco?*

\$315,000,000 for State Department Diplomatic Programs. *WTF*

\$95,000,000 for the Agency of International Development. *Another WTF*

\$300,000,000 for International Disaster Assistance. *This is absurd. (Oink, Oink)*

\$90,000,000 for the Peace Corp *pg 148. \$90 MILLION for another Socialist promoting gov. sponsored organization. Thank God ACORN got caught.*

\$13,000,000 to Howard University *pg 121 (Is this to buy some more black votes?)*

9,000,000 Misc Senate Expenses *pg 134 - WOW, \$9 MILLION in chump change? more Oinks!*

\$100,000,000 to Essential Air carriers *pg 162. This is to get them in the funding cycle because the Airlines are going to need billions in loans and grants.*

\$1,000,000,000 Airlines Recycle and Save Program *pg 163 - Don't have a clue what this is for but \$1 BILLION is a lot of PORK?*

\$25,000,000 to the FAA for administrative costs *pg 165. No clue why or what for???*

\$5,000,000 Community Planning and Development *pg 175 Another PORKER, \$5 Million who gonna notice?*

\$2,500,000 Public and Indian Housing *pg 175. \$2.5 MILLION for 565 American Indian Tribe and only a part of it since it must be shared with Public Housing, Wow! But, \$9 MILLION for the Senate “Chump Change” fund, \$300 MILLION for illegals and \$25 MILLION for congressional toilet paper and so many other PORK projects. While thousands of Native American live in substandard housing without running water, electricity or adequate health care. I white-lined this expenditure like all the others, because it has nothing to do with the coronavirus. And in addition to being insulating it clearly shows where the American Indian Tribes are on the political food chain. But, they will blame the GOP and continue to vote the Democrat/Socialist.*

AND NOW THE DEMOCRATS WANT TO SEND BILLIONS TO IRAN. SPONSORED BY CALIFORNIA SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN!

If this doesn't get your blood pressure up nothing will or you may be part of the problem. But I don't think so, simply because if you have read to this point you're not a liberal. For me and millions of other hard working Americans, we have had enough of the nonsense that has pledged our County. Enough, I'm fed up with the “Political Correctness Bullying” to limit my right to free speech, Christianity and second amendment rights just to start the list. We must stand together and take our Country back from the evils of the Socialist Democrats, liberals and Green Weenies “Transformation of American” agenda.

God is giving us a preview of what life in America would be like under the rule of a central government. This is how people live in Socialist Countries. Wide spread panic caused by an irresponsible main stream media that forced the shut down of the entire Nation causing the lose of almost 20-million jobs, food shortages and over two trillion dollars in unnecessary spending of which almost half is self-serving PORK! It's time to say WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH of this politically correctness insanity, illegal sanctuary states & cities, illegals voting, getting financial aid, housing and health care while Americans do without.

You don't have to join in any protest, make any speeches or wave the flag. All you need to do is vote for America, freedom and our Constitutional rights.

God Bless you and your family.

USA Bureaucratic Shadow Government Exposed

“The SBA has no right to say small Tribal Gaming Businesses are Ineligible for Loans”

Source: Mark Trahant, Shoshone-Bannock, is editor of Indian Country Today. Follow him on Twitter - [@TrahantReports](#)

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President Trump has been clear about the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. “Congress said ‘any’ small business can get paycheck protection for its people.

However the Small Business Administration posted rules last week that essentially eliminates gambling enterprises. The regulations say: “*If the purpose of the business is gambling, such as a pair-mutual betting racetrack or a gambling casino, the business is not eligible, regardless of the percentage of gross revenue derived from gambling.*”

The actions of the Small Business Administration can be viewed as a positive since it exposes the USA dictatorial Bureaucratic Shadow Government.

What is even more troubling is the fact that the Bureaucratic Shadow Government operates independent of any oversight and has been doing so for so long it has become the norm.

A good current example, aside from the Small Business Administration is the directives by the Bureaucratic Shadow Government that all non-profits and tribal governments providing services through contracts and/or grants for the American Indian Tribal Communities are not allowed to pay their employees if they are not able to work because they are under federal and state government orders to “*Stay At Home.*”

And, the non-profits and tribal government will be held accountable and penalized for not meeting the scope of work. It has not been made clear if rents, utilities and other ongoing cost will disallowed. Adding yet another burden on the already financially stressed service providers.

All this while Congress is passing a 2.2 trillion dollar stimulus bill to avoid a total collapse of the economy

At a White House briefing following the signing of the CARES Act president Trump said. “*The Treasury Department and Small Business Administration announced further details on the Paycheck Protection Program, which was made possible by the 2-trillion-dollar relief bill I signed into law last week.*” “*Nearly \$350 billion in loans will soon be available*



through lending partners to help small businesses meet payroll and other expenses for up to two months. These loans will be forgiven as long as businesses keep paying their workers. This includes sole proprietors and independent contractors.” He added.

However there remains uncertainty about whether tribal enterprises – namely casinos that employ less than 500 people – will even qualify for the program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (or CARES act).

Here is how the program is supposed to work: Any small business with less than 500 employees can go to their bank and get a loan. Once that loan is secured, and, if the business continues paying its employees, then the loan is forgiven.

The implications in Indian Country are significant, protecting critical jobs and limiting financial losses.

"We have been fighting for all of our nations during this unprecedented public health crisis," said Chairman Ernie Stevens from the National Indian Gaming Association. *"We fought for the \$8 Billion set-aside for all Indian tribes, and inclusion of tribal governments along with state and local governments. We worked to support coverage for all of our gaming operations, large and small, and we cannot expect unequal treatment from the SBA. Our small tribal gaming operators must be eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program. We need these jobs,*

our people need their paychecks."

"Like all American workers, our small tribal gaming employees need help to stay home, stop the coronavirus, and keep their families safe and fed at home," said Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Chairman Donovan White. *"Congress meant to cover any small business, including small tribal gaming operators. We want to thank our Senators and Congressmen for weighing in with Treasury to straighten out SBA."*

“Congress enacted the ‘Paycheck’ Protection Program, and this SBA Program should be available to every type of business. It’s not about employment matters, or funding for equipment, but about getting paychecks to all employees during this crisis. It’s about keeping families safe, regardless of the type of business they are employed,” said Kevin J. Allis, Forest County Potawatomi Community, chief executive officer of the National Congress of American Indians.

Congressional negotiators are meeting with White House officials this week in order to get a clarification on the rules.

U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, a Republican from South Dakota, said *"leaving these types of small businesses out of important federal recovery efforts would prove to be crippling for South Dakota."*

Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-New Mexico, said the *“Payroll Protection Program is especially*

important in remote rural areas of the country, including rural Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and California, among others, where Indian Tribes operate gaming facilities mainly to provide employment in impoverished reservation areas."

Lujan said these jobs *“provide a livelihood for hundreds of families where unemployment would otherwise reach above 50 to 75 percent. In addition, Tribal businesses, including gaming facilities, create a critical revenue stream for vital Tribal government services, including education, law enforcement, senior citizen services, sanitation, administration, and other community services. Without a sustained funding stream to prop up these critical measures, Tribal governments cannot safeguard the health and safety of their citizenry during the coronavirus crisis."*

The American Gaming Association said the SBA’s rules *“relied on antiquated, discriminatory regulations that ignore today’s economic reality and the congressional intent behind the CARES Act, which states that any business concern shall be eligible to receive an SBA loan if they meet specific qualifications regarding their number of employees. Unless amended, these initial guidelines will irreparably harm one-third of the U.S. casino industry and the hundreds of thou-*

sands of Americans that rely on gaming businesses for their livelihood."

The gaming association said it’s a much larger question than just casino jobs because so many other businesses rely on the industry, supporting some 350,000 jobs with some \$52 billion in revenue in construction, manufacturing, retail and wholesale companies.

Last month the National Indian Gaming Association asked Congress to consider at least \$18 billion for the industry. *“Providing the means for tribal governments to continue paying all employees’ salaries and benefits will immensely help this country recover,”* according to the letter addressed to Representatives Deb Haaland and Tom Cole of the House Native American Caucus. The association says the tribal gaming industry employs 700,000-plus people and generated \$37 billion in 2017.

Ironically in the April 1, 2020 publication of the American Indian Reporter we warned that although the intent of Congress is get money into the hands of the public and small businesses the government bureaucrats would be charged with the task of implementing it. And as predicted it’s not getting done.

Might be another good lesson learned. It’s may be time to outsource some of the task to the private sector.

As protocol dictates each government agency develops its own set of regulations on how they will implement the distribution of the funds including the eligibility criteria, the RED TAPE.

Normally any objections to their “RED TAPE” falls on deaf ears. However, this time simply because the American Indian Tribes have a strong political influence, have access to an abundance of money, control an industry the employs close to a million people and generates almost 40-billion dollars annually law makers are listening.

Maybe a new slogan has been born;

“NO TRIBE LEFT BEHIND”

The Celebration of Passover or Pesach!

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“Why is this night different from all other nights?”

Thus, at sunset today, begins the ritual of questions during the Seder meal with which observant Jews start the celebration of Passover, or Pesach, which commemorates the deliverance of the Israelite slaves from bondage in Egypt.

According to tradition, the Israelites were made slaves in ancient Egypt. But Yahweh instructed Moses to demand of the ruling Pharaoh

that his people be released. Pharaoh refused, and Yahweh brought 10 plagues down upon Egypt.

The final plague was the death of the firstborn son in every household.

The Jews were instructed to sacrifice a lamb or kid and smear its blood on the house’s lintel or doorpost. Seeing the blood, the Angel of Death would pass over that house. After this plague Pharaoh allowed the Jews to leave.

Why do we eat only unleavened bread on Pesach? To remember that when the Jews left Egypt there wasn’t time to allow bread to rise, so dough was baked into crackers.

Why do we eat bitter herbs? To remind us of the cruelty the Jews suffered.

Why do we dip our foods? We dip bitter herbs into Charoset made of apples and nuts, which resemble clay for bricks, to remind us how hard the slaves had to

work. Parsley is dipped into salt water; the parsley symbolizes that spring is here, and new life will grow. The salt water reminds us of the tears of the Jewish slaves.

Why do we lean on a pillow? To be comfortable and to remind us that once we were slaves, and now we are free.

Passover recalls the birth of a Jewish nation, freed of Egyptian oppression and able to serve Yahweh, or God, alone.

Passover commemorates the birth of a Jewish nation consecrated to serve Yahweh, or God, not the Pharaoh. Most of

all it is a celebration of freedom, of the joys and opportunities available when we are not forced to serve others.

The story of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt has inspired countless peoples suffering in slavery or oppression, notably black slaves in America during a shameful part of our history.

It is a reminder to all of us that freedom is invaluable, that God wants us to be free of human oppression. You don’t have to be Jewish to appreciate that blessing.

Viral Prerequisites and Nationalist Lessons in Time of Plague



By Victor Davis Hanson • March 29, 2020

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President Donald Trump has courted endless controversies for promoting nonconventional policies and entertaining contrarian views. From the outset, he oddly seemed to have believed that having navigated the jungles of the Manhattan real estate market—crooked politicians, mercurial unions, neighborhood social activists, the green lobby, leery banks, cut-throat rivals—better prepared him for the job than did a 30-year tenure in the U.S. Senate.

Certainly, candidate and then President Trump’s strident distrust of China was annoying to the American establishment. The Left saw China in rosy terms as the “Other” that just did things like airports, high-speed rail, and solar panels better than did America’s establishment of geriatric white male has-beens. Many on the Right saw China as a cash cow that was going to take over anyway, so why not milk it before the deluge?

In sum, conventional Washington wisdom assumed that appeasing the commercial banditry of an ascendant China, at best might ensure that its new riches led to Westernized political liberalization, and at worst might at least earn them a pat on the head from China as it insidiously assumed its fated role as global hegemon.

Trump once enraged liberal sensibilities by issuing travel bans against countries in the Middle East, Iran, Nigeria, and North Korea as they could not be trusted to audit their own departing citizens. His notion that nations have clearly defined and enforced borders was antithetical to the new norms that open borders and sanctuary cities were part of the global village of the 21st century.

Trump certainly distrusted globalization. He has waged a veritable multifront war against the overreach of transnational organizations, whether that be the European Union or the various agencies of the United Nations. Even relatively uncontroversial steps, such as green-lighting experimental drugs and

off-label uses of old medicines for terminal patients drew the ire of federal bureaucrats and medical schools as potentially dangerous or irrelevant in cost-benefit analyses.

Yet since the outbreak of the virus, Trump’s idiosyncratic sixth sense has come in handy. The country is united in its furor at China—even if it is giving no credit to Trump for being years ahead of where it is now.

No longer is there a national debate over the evils of “protectionism” and “nationalism,” but rather over how quickly and effectively can the U.S. return the manufacturing of key medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, strategically vital technologies, and rare earth metals to American shores.

Offshoring and outsourcing are now more likely synonymous with tragedy than smart investment strategies. Not long ago, pundits and politicians were startled to hear Trump in his grating Queens accent berate Chinese “cheating,” as he invoked Neanderthal remedies like tariffs and boycotts. Today, even liberals are furious that the Chinese Communist Party put their families and businesses at risk by systematically lying about the origins, transmission, and lethality of the coronavirus. When you need a mask or antibiotic, it can cut through a lot of political rhetoric. When Trump issued the key January 31 travel ban that suddenly stopped the arrival of 15,000 visitors per day to the United States from China, the Left was as outraged as it had been with the ban against Libya, North Korea, and Iran. Candidates Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders saw an opening against their presumed 2020 opponent, and quickly sought to demagogue voters with “here-we-go-again” rhetoric that racist Trump is banning free travel of a marginalized people in his habitual “xenophobic” and “racist” fits.

That Trump shortly extended the ban to all of Europe—and eventually was followed by al-

most all nations of the world—did not mean he was not simultaneously caricatured as a nationalist rube. How odd that no prior critical major newspaper, network, or politician has now called for the end of such unnecessary and hurtful bans and the resumption of travel from China without further interruption—especially now that we are told by CNN and MSNBC that the Communist Party apparatus has all but ended the virus or at least is far more competent than the Trump Administration.

What made Trump a renegade Republican was his appeal to the deplorables, irredeemable, clingers, and dregs, whom the national media and elite had derided as toothless, smelly, fat, superstitious, bigoted, racist, superfluous, addicted, and toxic.

Those at Trump rallies were deemed mindless if not scary. Yet Trump claimed he felt more at home with them than with the national press corps on the night of the White House Correspondents’ Dinner.

When 150 million Americans were barricaded behind their doors, corporate lawyers did not deliver their food. Dropping Harvey Weinstein’s name to the guy shelving hand cleanser didn’t mean anything.

The chatterbox Rachel Maddow’s of the world were not growing fruits, beef, vegetables, and grains for those behind locked doors. Those pro-Chinese NBA stars were not needed to ensure toilet paper on the shelves, any more than loudmouths like Cher and Madonna were up all night in the emergency room or checking groceries at Costco. It was not the beautiful people, not the best and brightest, not the globetrotters and cognoscenti who were pulling the country through, but their antitheses, the rubes and assemblers who never learned to code.

We are learning, belatedly, that Trump was also rightly wary of transnationalism. The World Health Organization in the early weeks of the outbreak

was mostly a paid-for Chinese megaphone. Its functionary director propagandized, on Chinese prompts, that the virus was likely not transmissible from human to human and that travel bans were ineffective and thus reflective of Trump’s repugnant views.

Americans were startled at how quickly the brotherhood of the European Union collapsed. Within days, individual countries were ignoring the Schengen open-borders rules and reinvented themselves as nations. None were eager to welcome in their neighbors. Few were willing to share medical supplies and key pharmaceuticals across ancient boundaries. And fewer still wished to allow even more illegal aliens from the Middle East and North Africa to continue to pour into their nations.

The quite diverse manner in which Germany and Italy respectively reacted to the virus showed very little European commonality, but reflected that both were unique cultures and societies as they had been for centuries. In sum, the virus panic gave Americans some idea how the European Union might act during a war or invasion—each country likely cutting deals with the invader, and double-crossing one another, with the most virtuous in abiding by EU canons in a suspicious climate, also the most likely to suffer the quickest defeat.

Here at home, under the present lockdown conditions, Americans worry about finding their needed but long-ago outsourced prescriptions and medical supplies, but they are not so fearful of running out of food or fuel for their vehicles and heat for their homes. Was it good then to have demanded expansions of native gas and oil production, to have supported pipeline construction and more fracking and horizontal drilling? Was it in retrospect wise or foolish to have tried vehemently to stop California authorities from releasing precious state and federal reservoir water out to sea thereby

shorting the irrigation contracts of the nation’s most important food producer?

At such times as these, was it smarter to trust in bureaucracies like the CDC to issue test kits or to encourage private enterprise to step forward and become creative producers? Could counties and states adapt better to the local and regional differences of the virus’s manifestations than a monolithic federal government?

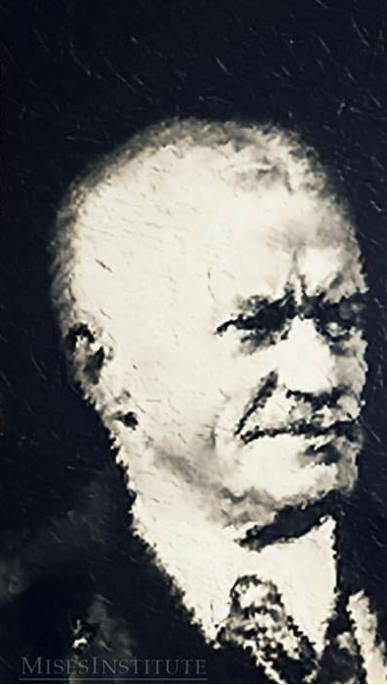
What is one to make of gun stores in liberal cities and counties of all-blue California mobbed by potential gun owners, many of whom had no prior experience with firearms, but plenty of fears that law enforcement would not or could not enforce laws respecting shoplifting, burglary, and assault during the lockdown?

When the jails are emptying, was it then wiser to have a pro-Second Amendment president or one who wished to restrict the availability of guns and ammunition, O’Rourke style?

In short, Trump’s prior initiatives eased the implementation of many of his most effective orders during this crisis. And his general suspicions about China and globalization, his distrust of bureaucratic regulations, his support for domestic production of key industries, his promotion of the interests of farmers and frackers, and his vehement opposition to increased gun control, all reflect a world view of national and self-independence, in which Americans can only count on themselves and their fellow citizens.

Trump often loudly and crassly pushed these policies. He fought tooth and nail with his opponents. He replied with nuclear tonnage to preemptive media and political attacks on his person and family.

All that also might suggest that presidents really should start being judged by their actions rather than the degree of mellifluousness of their words—yet another lesson from this time of plague?



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More Democratic Insanity

By Ernie C. Salgado Jr.

The mental instability of the Socialist Democrats is personified by California Senator Dianne Feinstein’s demanding billions in aid be sent to Iran while blocking aid for American small businesses.

Senator Ted Cruz (R) Texas blasts Senator Dianne Feinstein’s demands in a post on Twitter. “*The Ayatollah leads chants of “death to America.” “He pledges to destroy America, which he calls “the Great Satan.” “And Senate Democrats want to send him millions???” At the EXACT SAME TIME, Senate Democrats are blocking desperately need relief to small businesses in America.”*

All this after adding almost a trillion dollars in self serving PORK to the Stimulus Bill. (See page one.)

The “*Above the Law*” Senator also made millions of dollars by selling her Wall Street stocks immediately after she was briefed by White House officials of the Nationwide shut down.



Insider trading? No, because the members of Congress are exempt for the laws they pass upon is peons.

It has also been reported that she has been having telephone conversations with the Ayatollah on violation of federal laws.

And let’s not forget her shameful attempt to sabotage the appointment of Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

Arizona Sends In National Guard As Navajo Nation Enforces Coronavirus Curfew

Equipment is sorely needed, tribal leaders say, as they brace for more cases:

"We shouldn't be the last to get equipment. We are the first citizens of this country."

By Vaughn Hillyard and Erik Ortiz

The Navajo Nation's leaders began sounding the alarm about the coronavirus in February. They broadcast radio bulletins to their tribal members, dispatched community health representatives to far-flung homes on the reservation and translated COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, into the Navajo language: *D i k o s N t s a a í g í í - N á h á s t ' é i t s ' á a d a h*.

But it was not enough.

Two weeks after the tribe reported its first confirmed case of COVID-19 on March 17, there have been at least 213 others who tested positive and seven deaths in Navajo communities in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, the three states where the reservation sprawls across dusty deserts and pine-covered plateaus. The tribe, with roughly 175,000 residents, has more cases than five states.

Full coverage of the coronavirus outbreak

Overwhelmed by the spread of the disease and fearing it could ravage a population already grappling with insufficient health care and generational poverty, the tribe secured the help of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Arizona National Guard, which set up a 50-bed medical facility in the community of Chinle, where staffing remains inadequate.

Navajo leaders say they welcome the assistance, which

began streaming in last weekend.

"There are not enough beds, all over the Navajo Nation and all over the country, as you know," tribal President Jonathan Nez told NBC News. "Here, on the Navajo Nation, we don't have the best health care."

"We shouldn't be the last to get equipment," he added. "We are the first citizens of this country, our nation. And we just got to remind our federal partners out there that we are still here and we're resilient and we'll overcome this."

In addition to Chinle, the National Guard flew in two Blackhawk helicopters to Kayenta, where there's a clinic, to distribute 300 sets of personal protective equipment, or PPE, including gloves, gowns and masks. The guard also deployed a medical go-team to Tuba City, east of Grand Canyon National Park, where medical aid and PPE are essential at an Indian Health Service facility after it was deemed that there were "more patients that needed acute care than staff available," Gen. Michael McGuire, director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, told reporters Monday.

"This is a war on this virus," Arizona National Guard spokesman Maj. Aaron Thacker told NBC News. "We plan on doing more and more for the Navajo Nation. We just

need to make sure we have provided them the essential resources."

Tuba City is the reservation's only true hospital in the region, and a plan is developing to move patients who require the most care to other facilities.

"We'll take whatever we can right now," Nez said, "and we're even trying to purchase those PPEs from outside the country as well, so we do need help."

The tribe's relationship with FEMA became necessary after a winter storm in February 2019 dumped about 2 feet of snow in northern Arizona, requiring federal emergency assistance.

The Navajo, like other Native American tribes, have been waiting for funding from the federal government to help combat the coronavirus since the beginning of March. According to Indian health officials, more than \$1.5 billion has been set aside by Washington for health care as part of the \$2 trillion stimulus package, but there's been a lack of distribution of funding, which could pay for more equipment and testing. The Indian Health Service, a federal agency, has historically been underfunded.

"Most Tribal health facilities are already operating on a slim budget, so this funding is vital to Tribes' ability to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak safely and effectively," said Victoria Kitcheyan, the chairperson of

the National Indian Health Board, which advocates for all 574 federally recognized tribes. "Tribes need this money now," she added.

Myron Lizer, the vice president of the Navajo Nation, which controls the largest Native reservation in the United States, said he's worried that all of Indian country will be "jockeying" to get money first.

"We don't want the federal government to pin us against one another. Sometimes it becomes a competition," Lizer said.

Like other tribes, Nez added, the Navajo has a significant elderly population, as well as higher rates of diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Staving off diseases is made even more difficult since the more isolated corners of the reservation lack running water and electricity.

In 2009, amid the H1N1 flu outbreak, Native populations died at a rate four times all other racial and ethnic groups combined, according to a study by the National Institutes of Health.

"When you think of medicine on reservations, think of third-world type medicine," said NBC News medical correspondent Dr. John Torres, who served numerous Native American populations while in practice in Albuquerque and Chama, New Mexico. "You'll have some good facilities with good care, but these reserva-

tions are huge. They don't have the outreach they need. They have a lack of providers and lack of equipment, and they have chronic health conditions they need to take care of."

Nez is determined to keep this pandemic from ravaging his tribe.

"This is a serious public health emergency on the Navajo Nation, and we're doing everything we can to get the message out to our folks to stay home," he said.

The tribe experienced an outbreak in early March after reports of a church gathering where at least one person who later tested positive was in attendance. The reservation has also been a popular tourist destination, and operates four casinos that have been shuttered.

Leaders have stressed the need for social distancing, instituted a shelter-in-place order March 20 and began a curfew this week from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., which is being enforced through road blocks.

Tribal health officials have warned that a peak in cases may not hit until mid-May, but with more effort by residents, that could arrive sooner at the end of April, Lizer said. If that happens, he added, that would mean people are adhering to the leadership's message.

"We're hoping for the best," Lizer said, "but fearing the worst."

Constitutional Rights or Coronavirus Law?

32 Los Angeles police officers break up 1-year-old girl's birthday party

At least 32 Los Angeles police officers broke up a gathering of an estimated 30 people celebrating a little girl's first birthday.

The officers surrounded the home Gestapo style to enforce the cities coronavirus social-distancing orders without even wearing protective masks, used a loudspeaker, wielding batons and bean bag guns.

It appears that even families are not allowed to get together in their own homes. How is that even close to being legal?

Video of the incident Saturday evening in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Los Angeles shows a line of officers herding the people down a street breaking up the party.

Police said they had to call for back-up as angry party-goers hurled insults.

According to reports the Los Angeles Police Department said no arrests were made.

Family members attending the party explained they were gathering because *"it's a kid's party."*

The mayor has authorized police to arrest anyone who resists the lockdown orders. He

has also orders that the water and power to businesses that have refused to close and threatened to send the police to enforce the

And it has been reported that in some states mayors and governors are already threatening to arrest and jail people if they leave their homes. All this while many of them like New York governor Cuomo releases convicted child molesters and rapist.

In Florida a preacher was arrested for holding church services. How was this a crime? He didn't force anyone to attend. I guess it's against the law now to open the doors of the church and let people have the free will to chose.

Welcome to the new Socialist order of "Law" enforcement. What Constitution?

Is this the beginning of "Martial Law?" It sure looks like every little wanna be King, mayors and governors are jumping on board to "protect" us from our selves.

Like my dad would say. "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, talks like a duck, it's probably is a duck."

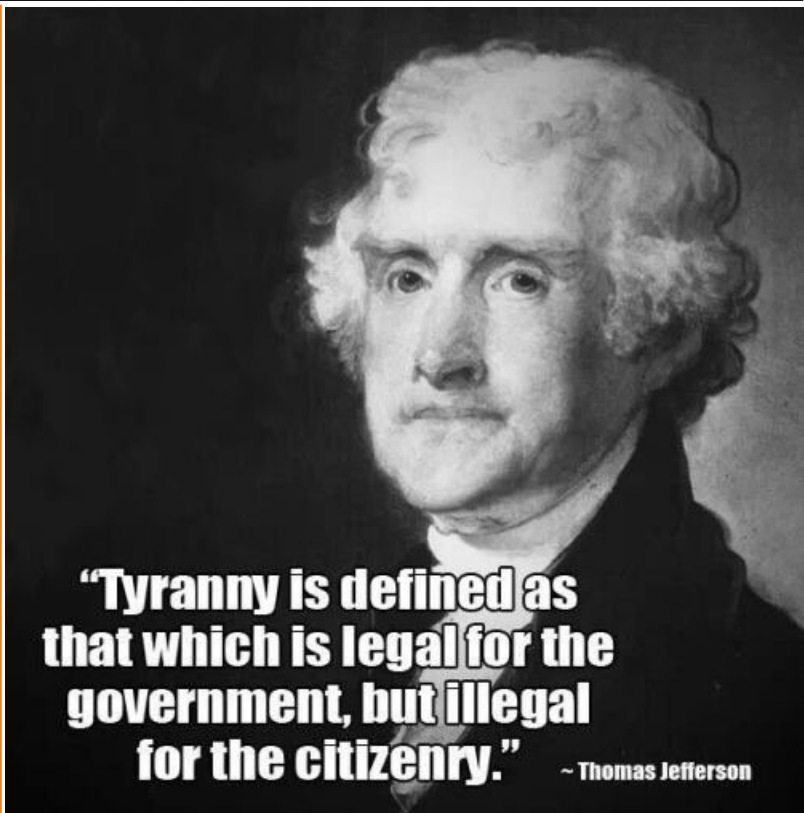


Photo right: Disney is keeping both its magic and its patriotism alive while the parks are closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak

"You do not see this enough with big corporations. Thank you Disney and God bless America," a fan commented.

"That is very cool!...I appreciate all of you Cast Members who are holding down the fort until we can all return - thank you!!" another person praised.

Both Disneyland in California and Disney World in Florida *will remain closed "until further notice,"* according to a statement from Disney issued last week..