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Inside Track

White Electorate Dying; Hispanics Set to Outnumber Blacks in 2020



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Reflecting America's low white birthrate and how stats manage to import voters via immigration, whites' percentage of the electorate is consistently shrinking while the share of blacks, Hispanics, and Asians is growing. In fact, the latest projections show that whites will constitute a historic low of only 66.7 percent of 2020-election voters, despite their traditionally being more likely to cast ballots than other groups. Another historic first is that Hispanics will outnumber blacks among voters, albeit by a tiny margin, according to a January 30 report by Pew Research Center.

Hispanics should constitute 13.3 percent of the voters, 32 million in raw numbers, while blacks' projected 30-million number should put them at 12.5 percent of the electorate.

Pew also reports that this "increase is at least partially linked to immigration and naturalization patterns: One-in-ten eligible voters in the 2020 election will have been born outside the U.S., the highest share since at least 1970."

This is one reason why Republicans find winning national elections increasingly difficult. Note that the GOP derives 90 percent of its votes from whites. Also know that while many commentators like to trumpet the "walk away" (from Democrats) movement among blacks and others, the statistics belie this phenomenon. In the 2018 midterms, for example, 90, 77, and 69 percent, respectively, of blacks, Asians, and Hispanics voted Democrat. Add to this that 77 percent of Jews and 59 percent of women also voted Democrat, and that party's seizure of the House is not entirely surprising.

Additionally, (im)migration helps explain why California, once the land of Reagan, is now a deep-blue Democrat bastion; and why once-red states such as Virginia, North Carolina, and Arizona range from purple to light blue. As is so often said, demography is destiny.

This by-design demographic upheaval — along with extra Democrat-district congressional seats due to counting illegals in the census, vote fraud, and ballot harvesting — means that President Trump and other Republicans will have their work cut out for them in 2020.



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Boy Scouts Now Welcome Girls and Even All-girls Troops



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As of February 1, the Boy Scouts has rebranded itself as “Scouts BSA,” reflecting the fact that the organization is no longer exclusively male and that girls are now welcome to join. Since last year, more than 77,000 girls have joined the Cub Scouts, BSA’s program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade, or five to 10 years of age.

Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America Michael B. Surbaugh said in a February 1 statement, “I could not be more excited for what this means for the next generation of leaders in our nation.”

“Through Scouts BSA, more young people than ever before — young women and men — will get to experience the benefits of camaraderie, confidence, resilience, trustworthiness, courage and kindness through a time-tested program that has been proven to build character and leadership.”

Many parents interviewed by the media said the change will give their daughters the opportunity to take part in outdoor scouting activities. Elizabeth Neal, the mother of two girls who are among the founding members of Troop 248, a newly formed all-girls Scouts BSA troop in the District of Columbia, told the *Washington Times* February 2: “[My daughters] did Girl Scouts when they were small. But they’re excited about camping and outdoor skills. That’s what drew them to Boy Scouts, and they’re excited about the potential to be an eagle scout.”

The *Times* also quoted Craig Burkhardt, Troop 248’s scoutmaster, who said: “The Boy Scouts, BSA, has used the outdoors as the classroom in an effective way, and these girls are interested in being in the outdoors.”

Haven’t the Girl Scouts always done the same thing? The new all-girls Scouts BSA troops do not provide any unique opportunities that could not be provided in Girl Scout troops, so why admit girls into the Boy Scouts, except to engage in a politically correct social experiment?

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Poll: “Climate Change” Is Top Security Threat in World



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As Pew Research Center reported on February 10, respondents to a 26-nation poll claimed that so-called man-made climate change is the most serious threat to the peace and stability of the world. Thirteen of the 26 countries polled listed the specter of global climate change as their top security concern in the world of 2018.

The poll queried more than 27,000 respondents in 26 countries between May and August of 2018. This means that it was conducted prior to the October release of the UN IPCC’s report suggesting that the world’s citizens have only 12 years to completely alter their lifestyles or face dire consequences in connection with climate change.

In many places, particularly in Europe, the UN’s propaganda seems to be working. In Greece, 90 percent of respondents listed climate change as a top security threat. In France, 83 percent believed that climate change was a security issue. In the United States, climate change was considered only the third most serious threat, with 59 percent listing it as a concern.

The poll also showed that the power and influence of the United States worries the people of many countries. Sixty-seven percent of South Koreans and 66 percent of Japanese see U.S. power and influence as significant threat to their security. Sixty-four percent of Mexicans believe that U.S. power is a threat. In Israel, only 15 percent listed U.S. power and influence as a security threat. Only 17 percent of Hungarians saw the United States as a threat, and in Poland, only 18 percent feared the United States.

Neither of the world’s two most-populous nations, China and India, was polled. So, 2.7 billion of the world’s people aren’t represented.

As with any poll, it seems that security concerns vary greatly depending on who is asked and where they reside, which makes sense. Still, it’s interesting to look at perceptions from around the world. In Israel, Hungary, and Poland, America is popular, or, at least not feared.

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Pope Francis: Show Respect and Loyalty to the Communist Regime



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According to a February 3 article in the Vatican newspaper *L' Osservatore Romano*, Pope Francis has urged Chinese Catholic leaders “to renew their total adherence to Christ and the Church,” but added, “as members of the Chinese people, they are obliged to show respect and loyalty to civil authorities.”

As noted by the *Global Times* February 3, Wang Meixu, a research fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, commented, “The announcement shows that the Vatican is calling on all the clergy and the faithful, including those who regard themselves as from the ‘underground churches,’ to be in solidarity and to support the bishops’ pastoral duties.”

Cardinal Joseph Zen, the former bishop of Hong Kong, has expressed concern about the announcement as much of the precise details are “secret.” Zen explained, “Government officials are trying to pressure all Catholics to join the Patriotic Association [the institutional church in China that is recognized by the Chinese government].”

In the case of China, the communist dictatorship wishes to control the community of Christians, simply because they believe all elements of society should support the communist dictatorship. The pope’s remarks have led to some confusion, and “the communists are taking advantage of the confusion to try to force Catholics to join” the Patriotic Association, said Zen.

“We need to study our history,” Zen said. “Why are there two Catholic communities in the first place? There was a reason. The Catholic Patriotic Association teaches against Catholic doctrine and this has not changed.” It certainly should not be surprising that an association under the thumb of atheistic communists does not follow Catholic doctrine.

Exactly how a devout Catholic is supposed to show “loyalty” to a regime that has tried to exterminate the Christian faith has not been adequately explained. Considering that Catholics contend that Peter was the first pope, perhaps his response to the authorities of his day that he would not stop preaching in the name of Jesus is a good guide for this pope and the Catholic Church in China today.

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Three Polls Reflect Support for “Soak the Rich” Tax Schemes



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Three recent polls reflect increasing acceptance of New York Democrat Congressman’s Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC)’s economic worldview: The rich aren’t paying their fair share.

First, the new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll released February 4 found that “76 percent of registered voters believe the wealthiest Americans should pay more in taxes.” A recent Fox News survey conducted January 20-22 showed essentially the same thing: 70 percent favored raising taxes on those earning over \$10 million a year, including 54 percent of Republicans.

A Hill/HarrisX survey conducted January 12-13 showed 59 percent of those polled support AOC’s plan to slap a 70-percent marginal rate on income earned over \$10 million a year.

And the “wealth tax” proposed by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) is favored by 61 percent of those surveyed for the POLITICO/Morning Consult poll, while just 20 percent opposed it.

Such views reflect the politics of envy, revenge, and ignorance. It reflects what Senator Russell Long (who served for 15 years as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, from 1966 to 1981) said about most people’s thinking about such proposals: “Don’t tax you. Don’t tax me. Tax that fellow behind the tree.”

That fellow behind the tree making \$10 million or more a year is so far beyond the experience of the average taxpayer (who makes an estimated \$50,000 a year) that it’s easy to blame ignorance for these polls’ results.

Chris Edwards, director of tax policy at Cato, told Fox Business that raising taxes in the United States would go against the current flow of world economic history: “Every industrial country has figured that out, and their policy decisions refute the soak the rich tax dreaming of Ocasio-Cortez. Top income tax rates have plunged around the world since 1980 under governments of both the political left and right.”

Ocasio-Cortez was born 27 years after another Democrat, President John F. Kennedy, told the Economic Club of New York that lower, not higher, taxes was “the soundest way to raise revenues in the long run.” And so she doesn’t remember that Kennedy’s tax cuts between 1963 and 1965 lowered the top rate from 91 percent to 70 percent, which increased government’s revenues more than 16 percent.



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She doesn't remember that in the 1920s the top rate was lowered from 73 percent to 25 percent, which increased government's revenues by over 60 percent. She doesn't remember that the Reagan tax cuts in the 1980s from 70 percent to 28 percent resulted in the country's GDP surging by 32 percent and government revenues growing by nearly 40 percent.

And she certainly doesn't remember how entrepreneurs reacted when President Roosevelt's income and estate taxes were increased in the mid-1930s. She most certainly has never read or even heard of economic scholar Benjamin Anderson, who told the story of one of those entrepreneurs, whom he called typical:

Reasonably typical is the case of one rich man who, at the age of 25, had inherited an estate of about 12 million dollars — some thirty years before these 1935 taxes came. He had nursed his 12 million dollars into an estate of about 30 million dollars during those thirty years.... In the case of the individual above referred to, a vigorous man 55 years old, the effects of the new taxes were paralyzing. More than three-fourths of any profits which he might have from a new venture would be taken away from him by income taxes.... But further, if he should die, his estate would have to pay to the federal government and to the State of New York (but chiefly to the federal government) \$19,602,500, or 65.243 percent of his estate.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez labors under a disadvantage that most voters know nothing about: She graduated cum laude from Boston University in 2011 with a degree in economics. So her ignorance can be explained by not having been exposed to anything like Anderson's entrepreneur.

But what about the others surveyed who are buying into the class warfare "soak the rich" schemes offered by AOC and Elizabeth Warren? Will they fall victim to their own ignorance as expressed by Edmund Burke: "Those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it"?

By Bob Adelman



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