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What They Said

Butler County, Ohio, Sheriff **Richard Jones**, upon returning from the National Sheriffs' Association Winter Conference in Washington, D.C., repeated warnings issued to attendees by the FBI regarding terrorists entering the country: "It's not *if* they are going to attack, it's just *when* they are. There are people already here who have come into this country who hate us and want to kill us."

Supreme Court Justice **Clarence Thomas** questioned Colorado attorney Jason Murray during Donald Trump's 14th Amendment ballot battle before the U.S. Supreme Court. Referencing the aftermath of the U.S. Civil War, Thomas noted, "There were people who felt very strongly about retaliating against the South — the radical Republicans — but they did not think about authorizing the South to disqualify national candidates. And that's the argument you're making. And what I would like to know is, do you have any examples of this?" Murray had none.

Major media cry "conspiracy theory" over conservative pundits who claim pop-music superstar Taylor Swift is being used in government PSYOPs. However, when **Alicia Bargar**, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory research engineer, addressed the 2019 CyCon Conference, an annual event organized by NATO's cyber-operations unit, she recommended "peaceful" though "ethically concerning" methods of using social influence to change behaviors: "The first one that's the most famous and the most common is working with famous people or influencers to share information or a particular message. So I include Taylor Swift here because she's a fairly influential online person." Her note next to Swift's picture on the screen read, "Goal: Identify key actors to train and spread desired messaging."

Former Fox News host **Tucker Carlson** aired his controversial interview with Russian President **Vladimir Putin** in February. **Carlson**: "I think you're saying you want a negotiated settlement to what's happening in Ukraine." **Putin**: "Right. And we made it. We prepared the huge document in Istanbul that was initialed by the head of the Ukrainian delegation. He had fixed his signature to some of the provisions ... and then he said, 'We were ready to sign it, and the war would have been over long ago — 18 months ago. However, [British] Prime Minister [Boris] Johnson came, talked us out of it, and we missed that chance.' Well, you missed it, you made a mistake."

Reporters asked White House spokesman **John Kirby** whether Carlson's interview could erode U.S. support for Ukraine: "I don't think the American people are going to be swayed by one single interview, and I think anybody that watches that interview ... whatever is said ... remember, you're listening to Vladimir Putin, and you shouldn't take at face value anything he has to say."

Representative **Eli Crane** (R-Ariz.) spoke at a press conference promoting a resolution declaring that former President Donald Trump did not engage in an insurrection on January 6, 2021: "You know what I love about this, watching where President Trump is at in the polls? I love it because it shows the American people don't trust you guys [in the media]. And they shouldn't. Because you guys are full of it, and everybody knows it."

Canadian Member of Parliament **Randall Garrison** is known for his LGBTQ advocacy, and addressed the press in support of including puberty blockers for minors in the Canada Health Act: "I'd like to say, first of all, there's no such thing as parental rights in Canada. There are parental responsibilities. And in Canadian family law, the primary responsibility of parents is to support and affirm their kids."



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