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## In Defense Of Trump's Tariffs

It's interesting how Trump's tariff proposal has opponents screaming it's the end of the world.

Granted, I'm no proponent for a trade war. China can win by oppressing their citizens into mud hovels, forcing them into slave labor with little recourse. That won't happen in America, where citizens protest peacefully without fear of being mowed down by tanks.



RICK JENSEN

No surprise there. What is astounding is the level of protest on the left and the right.

Keep in mind that President Trump is proposing a 25 percent tariff on imported steel and 10 percent tariff on imported aluminum.

Predictably, Paul Krugman, who won a Nobel prize for having the same liberal ideology as fellow Peace Prize winner Barack Obama, forecasts a level of inflation that will crush farmers, destroy real estate investors, and impoverish the United States.

On the right, David and Charles Koch's "Americans for Prosperity" moans, "These tariffs perpetuate a harmful practice in which the government is able to hand-pick winners and losers in specific industries. And when it comes to tariffs, the government often creates many more losers than winners. Tariffs drive up costs for everyone — including manufacturers that rely on imported materials to run their business."

In the Midwest, blue collar Trump voters know this is something they wanted: more factory careers like those in Gary, Indiana. Indeed, U.S. Steel almost immediately announced they're hiring 500 more workers, specifically crediting Trump's tariff proposal.

During the campaign, Trump spoke at the Alumisource Factory in Monessen, Pennsylvania, a heavily Democratic region that went from blue to red during the 2016 election as the folks came out and voted for Trump.

Why? Resident John Golomb told ABC News in January, "I voted Republican because Donald Trump took his time to come to Monessen, and what he said is what I wanted to hear."

Economists and pundits are cheerfully reporting the unhappy Canadian and U.K. governments are preparing to fight back. Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said that Canada buys more than half of American steel, giving the U.S. a \$2 billion surplus in this trade.

Canada is already reeling from the Commerce Department's decision to add tariffs of up to 24 percent on Canadian softwood lumber imports.

That's 24 percent on about \$2 billion worth of imported wood every year, which is Trump's retaliation for Canadian policies that have effectively blocked certain U.S. dairy exports.

News reports declare the European Union is threatening to slap big import taxes on American icon Harley Davidson, Levi's blue jeans and bourbon, which all kinda go together, don't they?

Steadfastly walking through this verbal firefight is internationally renowned economist Peter Morici.

Professor Morici makes a couple of interesting points about the effects of the tariffs as well as the targets. First of all, he points out that Trump's targets are poorly considered.

China is, first and foremost, the culprit most guilty of trade manipulation.

"After all," Morici tells me, "trade agreements presume all parties will behave honestly. China doesn't."

"So, the focus needs to be on China, not these other countries."

It is possible Trump is simply putting the E.U. and Canada on notice that they are our partners and need to act that way.

He is leaving open the possibility of renegotiating NAFTA with those two governments.

As for the cries that beer and cars will be unaffordable in such a trade battle involving steel and aluminum, Morici makes a couple of excellent points:

"These tariffs could raise the price of a \$36,000 car by about \$125 ... If you have to lay off workers because of an extra \$125 per car, the automobile industry has a much bigger problem than the tariff."

Morici also claimed the cost of a can of beer would only go up three tenths of a cent on each aluminum can. As a craft beer enthusiast, I would gladly pay an extra couple of pennies per six-pack to see smiling faces carrying lunch boxes to thriving Midwestern mills. Wouldn't you?

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## BIBLE VERSE

### Read Psalm 139:1-6

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. — 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

### Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, that You know us through and through, yet still love us. Help us to accept others and to see them as You do. Amen.

### Thought For The Day

God loves me, faults and all.

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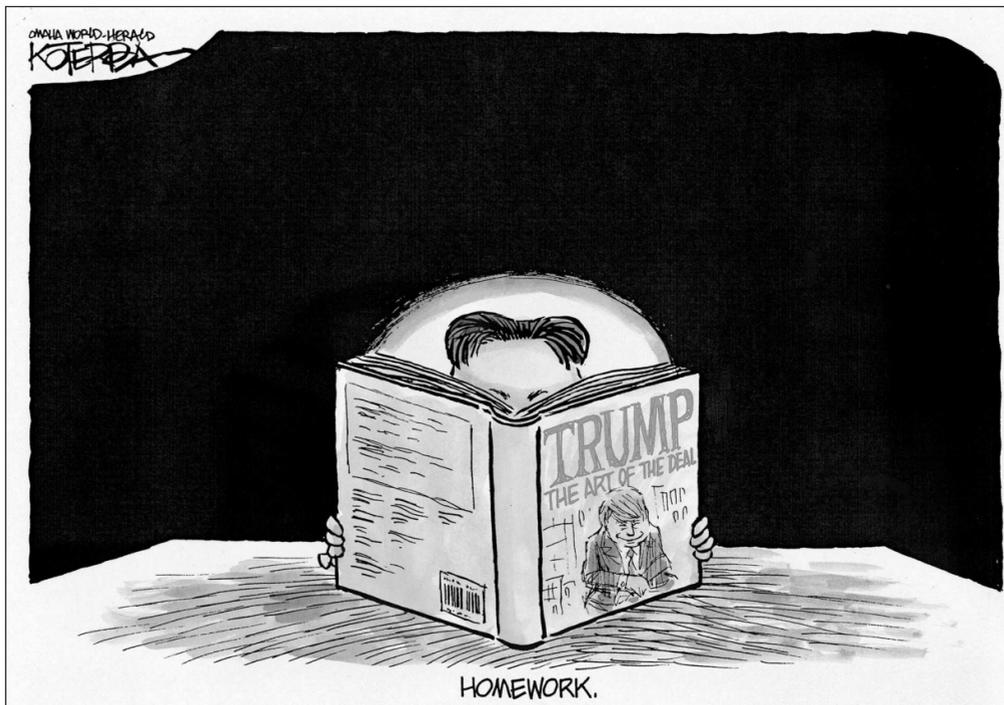
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## Alcohol, Pills Worse Than Marijuana

Dear Sir:

I disagree with Carl Holt on the passing of medical marijuana.

I am more against selling alcohol, beer and wine.

Most tragic accidents are caused by drunk drivers.

Close the pain clinics, and a lot of drugs would not get to the underage and old people. A lot of the pain pills are sold on the street. Not only do guns kill, but pills do too.

Guns don't kill, the people carrying them do.

I am 80 years old and have tried it all. But, with the help of the good Lord, I got off of all of that. I smoked for 57 years and quit seven years ago.

I am a fairly healthy person for my age. I have a lot of back problems, and I would take medical marijuana to ease the unbearable pain. I got put in jail in 2016 for domestic violence. My husband had dementia and I hit him with a crutch. I was so sick and stressed out by the

accusation. I was 79 years old, had never been in trouble, but he called the law and they handcuffed me and took me to jail. The girls I was in jail with were really good to me.

My husband passed away in January 2017. He was the love of my life. I really miss him. I have been through a lot in my lifetime. We were married 62 years when he died.

I really have feelings for persons dealing with a family member with Alzheimer's. I hope Stacie Mathes gets help for her daughter. I still say alcohol and cigarettes are a lot worse than cannabis oil.

I lost my oldest son in 2011. He had diabetes really bad, lost his leg and was so sick all the time. My baby son is staying with me. He has had cancer since 2005. I am an only child, so if he goes first I will be left alone.

Evelyn Cooter  
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## We Should Learn From Christian Martyrs

Dear Sir:

Do you know the names Huss, Wycliffe, Luther, Calvin and Williams? They and others listed in the Fox Book of Martyrs had the conviction to believe and cling to the promises of God's word and the advent or return of His Son, Jesus the Christ. Reformers were tortured and killed with fire because they were a threat to the religious power structure of the Dark Ages overseas. Millions were killed for their faith.

America had a desire to be a government without a king and to worship without a pope. Ben Franklin said we have a republic, if we can keep it. The responsibilities of freedom are to pay attention, be informed and act in good faith.

As we celebrate the 500th birthday of the Protestant

Reformation, I encourage everyone to learn about these people listed above. We and our children are bound to repeat history if we don't know it. I also encourage you to study, not just read, God's word so you will not be deceived.

Verify what you are being told! The dark side does not want you to know we are renewable or to act with a sense of urgency.

We are commissioned to spread the good news (gospel) to all. If you read the back of the book, you know we who overcome are the winners. The book of Daniel helps in understanding the blessings of the book of Revelation.

Practice your faith and to God be the glory!

Dave Roberts  
Glenwood Community

## TODAY IN HISTORY

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 13, the 72nd day of 2018. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 13, 1928, at least 400 people died when the San Francisco Canyon in Southern California was inundated with water after the nearly two-year-old St. Francis Dam collapsed just before midnight the evening of March 12.

On this date:

In 1639, New College was renamed Harvard College for clergyman John Harvard.

In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing black slaves to enlist in the Confederate States Army with the

promise they would be set free.

In 1901, the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67.

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay (pee) signed the measure on March 21.)

In 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1947, the Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe musical "Brigadoon," about a Scottish village which magically reappears once every hundred years, opened on Broadway.

In 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as Viet Minh forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later.

In 1964, bar manager Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to

death near her Queens, New York, home; the case gained notoriety over the supposed reluctance of Genovese's neighbors to respond to her cries for help.

In 1980, Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a jury in Winamac, Indiana, found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

In 1988, yielding to student protests, the board of trustees of Gallaudet University in Washington D.C., a liberal arts college for the hearing-impaired, chose I. King Jordan to become the school's first deaf president.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself.

## BILLY GRAHAM

(Editor's note: This My Answer column was completed before Rev. Billy Graham's recent

death.)

Q: After I gave my life to Jesus I had a strong sense of God's presence, especially when I prayed. But recently it seems like I'm just talking to the ceiling. What's happened to me? Has God abandoned me? — Mrs. N.C.

A: No, God hasn't abandoned you. If you have truly put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation and have committed your life to Him, you are now His child — and you'll remain part of His family forever. God's promise is true: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Never forget: God is with us, even when we don't feel His presence. In other words, don't trust your emotions; emotions and

feelings come and go, and sometimes they'll even deceive us. Learn instead to trust the truth — the truth of God's Word and God's promises, the truth of Christ's death and resurrection for us, the truth of our adoption into Christ's family, the truth of our place in Heaven forever.

We all experience times of spiritual dryness, and even doubt — and the devil will do everything he can to convince us that God has abandoned us. But it isn't true! Instead of driving us away from God, those times should drive us toward Him. In fact, God can use them to bring us closer to Himself.

This is one reason why we need to make the Bible part of our daily spiritual "diet" (in addition to prayer and

our fellowship with other believers). Let the Bible's truth take root in your heart and mind every day — and when it does, doubts and discouragement will flee, and faith and joy will grow. Let the Psalmist's prayer become yours: "You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word" (Psalm 119:114).

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