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Trump supporters gather outside the US Capitol building following a Trump rally on January 6. | Spencer Platt/Getty Images

## Turning To The Next Page: Hope!

By Edgar Johnson

The after effects of President Donald Trump's supporters who stormed the Capitol, the People's House on January 6, 2021,

continue to have its chilling and rippling effects on those who saw the graphic videos. It is incomprehensible to understand why the President of the most powerful nation blatantly abused his "power," becoming as

it were a cult-like leader, enabling his supporters to do violent destruction at the People's House.

The videos capturing the rioters in action are quite telling and appear to be like wild animals,

descending on their prey. Trump's rhetoric on rigged election frauds, animated supporters and revved up his campaign to overturn the November election and delegitimize Joe Biden's victory. Videos upon

videos show the pro-Trump mob violently attacked, ransacked the Capital Building, unleashing such unprecedented attacks that have never been experienced before. The terror attacks left five dead, millions of dollars in repair costs and widespread great fear with rioters functioning as if there was no law or principles that govern their lives.

But the USA is a country of laws. No one is above the law, not even the President of the USA. This follows with the realization that there are consequences—knowing the difference between right from wrong. Clearly, the videos show the anarchy and chaos at the Capitol. How easy it is to break into America's democracy and the fact is that it is at risk. Our democracy depends on each of us to take a stand, speak the truth—it's about inclusion, living and working together in a multicultural country, each one respecting the other and making a difference.

Is this still the United States of America, the shining city on a hill with its "pull and push" factors that continue to make America great?

Listen, if one does not believe in historical facts, science, the empirical hard-core facts, it is time to wake up. With globalization, the world is no longer "over there," but is now at our steps and people are speaking different languages and a mixture of cultures.

Time has changed and will continue to change beyond the so-called melting pot to a mosaic. And who dares to turn back the clock of time, even by building walls, making and executing policies. Let's turn to the next page, there is hope!

## Trinity Health Of New England, CEO Dispels COVID-19 Vaccine Myths



Mark D. Milward

The **Community Coalition** hosts its **Health Literacy** series on the second Monday of every month. This month's presentation covered the development process and effectiveness of the COVID-19 Pfizer and Moderna vaccines as well as the soon-to-be released AstroZeneca vaccine. These vaccines have been designed to establish immunity against the deadly Coronavirus and preventing it from infecting the cells in our

body.

Dr. Reginald Eadie, president and CEO of Trinity Health of New England, delivered an excellent presentation that explained how the vaccine was developed and how it works to prevent infection and death in its victims. Dr. Eadie is also the co-chair for the Governor's COVID 19 advisory group.

The presentation was aimed at explaining how the vaccines were developed in such a short timeframe and serves to convey scientific information to skeptical audiences in order for them to be able to make an informed decision about whether or not they should take the vaccine. By all accounts, the presentation achieved its objective and the process fully explained.

Dr. Eadie dispelled the myths that taking the COVID-19 vaccine will, (1) give you COVID-19; (2) implant a microchip in your body; (3) cause infertility; (4) cause a miscarriage; and (5) change your DNA. The information was presented based on science, and the sim-

plicity in which it was done made it easy for the audience to understand.

Dr. Eadie presented charts, graphs, and scientific data. He explained efficacy as being the effectiveness of the vaccine to actually serve its purpose in preventing infection.

The Pfizer vaccine is rated as 95% effective and the Moderna vaccine 94% effective. Most notable was the explanation of how they were able to produce the vaccine in an accelerated 14-month timeframe versus the typical process of 73 months. In the typical process each trial and clinical process step is done in sequence. In the accelerated process the trials and clinical steps were accomplished concurrently and in a simultaneous manner.

In addition, an existing vaccine medicine previously developed for cancer treatment was incorporated into the design of the COVID-19 vaccine and had already gone through the typical vaccine development process. It was also demonstrated how the vaccine



Dr. Reginald Eadie

works by producing spike proteins. The spike protein is the long anchor you see protruding from the Coronavirus. When the vaccine is taken only the spike protein of the Coronavirus is injected. The body then recognizes the spike protein and then in turn creates antibodies that will prevent the spike protein from attaching to our cells and creating more of the Coronavirus. Subsequently, the Coronavirus dies

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Name	Pfizer / BioNTech	Moderna	AstroZeneca / Oxford
Type	RNA virus genetic code	RNA virus genetic code	Live Attenuated Adenovirus + Spike Protein RNA
Doses	2- 21 days apart	2- 28 days apart	2- 30 days apart
Efficacy	95%	94%	62% <small>2 full doses</small> 70% <small>Average</small> 90% <small>1/3 + full dose</small>
Spike Protein	Yes	Yes	Yes
Apply for EUA Approval	Done	Done	?
Trial Size	>42, 000	>30, 000	>11,500
Storage	-70 to -80 C	-20 C	Refrigerator
Dry Ice Transport	10 days	?	N/A

Name	Flu	MMR
Type	Live inactivated	Live attenuated
Doses	Annual	2, 28 days apart
Efficacy	40 – 60%	97%
Storage	2 – 8 C	2 – 8 C



and is eventually eliminated from the body through the blood stream.

Those who wish to learn safety of COVID-19 vaccines can more and be informed about the watch Dr. Eadie's presentation on the

upcoming HPATV broadcast. HPATV believes that this presentation is so important to the community that it will be rebroadcast on Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm respectively on *The Jamaica Diaspora Show, Channel 5*. The broadcast will also be extended into this same timeslot for the entire month of February.

It is a must-see presentation for the skeptical audience and especially those who are seeking knowledge about these vaccines in order to reach a decision on whether or not it poses a potential threat to their health and wellbeing.

The Health Literacy series is an important contribution in the greater Hartford community comprised of thirteen organizations led by the West Indian Social Club of Hartford, Inc., and the West Indian Foundation. This segment was a featured presentation of the *Community Coalition*.

White House chief medical adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci had previously stated prior to the release: the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines that if we were able to achieve an efficacy of greater than 50% that this would be an acceptable treatment.

In comparison, the efficacy rate of the current flu vaccine that many people take each year has a 50% efficacy rate.

The chart at left depicts an overview of the Coronavirus vaccines, the doses and their efficacy rates compared with the regular flu vaccine. Currently there is no data that indicates how long the Coronavirus vaccine will last once two doses have been taken.

There may be a yearly vaccination requirement such as the flu in order to sustain immunity. That question has not been answered to date. Do not miss the rebroadcast of this presentation in its entirety on Hartford Public Access TV.

## Changing Of The Guards At The White House



Leon Fraser

The changing of the guards at the White House as well as the tenants whose 4-year lease was not renewed, is a great visual for persons of African ethnicity to observe in detail and take notes, especially in this climate of awareness, which in turn leads to the scrutiny of misconstrued narratives about the past as it tells the stories of the coming of age of this country and our place in it.

It is glaringly obvious to us as African people what the authorities think of us and how they approach us whenever there is a dispute about the treatment meted out to us as a people in this country.

However, when that spotlight is reversed and the glare shows the deference and respect shown to their direct ethnic relatives, there are those well-thinking persons who will stand at a microphone and defend such behavior as American, yet ours are considered un-American. Imagine!

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# Changing Of The Guards

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The assault on the seat of political power is a good example of the government watching the tap for the dripping water, yet there is a burst in the seams of the 24-inches main line.

An attack on the seat of political power in the United States is sufficient reasons to go to war, considering the USA invaded other countries for less, and yet there is not a huge body count of marauders lying in the streets of the Capitol.

These trespassers are part and parcel of the privileged ethnic group who thought that the election results were not fair, and came to the "Place" to show their anger, along with the rallying cry from the CEO of the business saying his company is running a scam.

He touted it as a scam, he repeated it was a scam, and finally told his supporters to exercise some of that privilege and go the big house and tell those folks in there that such results are not acceptable.

So let us look at why they were so upset, what could've been so bad that individuals who have always benefitted from this ethnic muscle, decided to encroach, rearrange the furniture, and take a few items, demonstrate this anger and do some desecration in the process.

EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THE GROUP RUSHING THE CAPITOL BUILDING WERE THE BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTERS. There would have been a lot of dead Americans, or preferably dead people, because in most of the elite circles black folks are not necessarily considered Americans, unless we are doing something to represent this country, or create something to make America an example to other countries, even if that which exists here is a façade.

The main cause of the vitriol is the direction the electorate was seeking to explore in the state of Georgia. This decision would split the votes in the Senate and as a result would affect the long-standing privileges that have existed in the different stages of the society.

The insurrectionists, who were mostly privileged members of the dominant ethnic group, are being used to subvert the same process that is the yardstick worthy of global acceptance. In many years past the re-arranging of political boundaries (Gerrymandering) was the method of use to keep blacks under the thumb.

Now that the tide has significantly shifted because of the obvious birth rate and registration of voters at an earlier age, there is a dis-

tingent rise in the presence of more persons of color in the aisles of power and sitting at the tables of decision makers.

Gone are the days when the "ole boys" would decide the fate of the rest of the population. Now there are real members of the population at these tables making decisions that persons that look, think, and feel as they do.

The disregard for the truth as indicated by the Narcissist in Chief is also an indictment on the vaunted education system that has for such a long time fed these adults misguided narratives of the past which they are now seeking to reclaim.

The lie cannot be sustained and this is a hurt for them, a bitter pill to swallow knowing that the "bottom has fallen out" of the long held notion that they are the designated rulers and others in the world are to be at their beck and call.

Another view of the anger is the idea that the President-elect is of a certain age and in the event of a tragedy, the Vice President-elect would take the reins. This is what is tearing at their hearts, the mere notion of a woman of color, a black woman, to lead this nation. It was bad when they had one before, in the name of Barack, but now this, unthinkable!

The knowledge of past discrepancies against the Black population in this country along with the unavailability of correct information has created a fertile ground for conspiracy theories to bud and grow. But if one does diligent extra reading then such stories cannot take root.

People of color are the ones most inclined to suffer the indignity of getting erroneous standards to live up to, and in many cases consequentially, will take cues from some sources that can be considered as mainstream, whatever that means.

Now as this country prepares to embark on a more practical route to sustenance, persons of African descent MUST take some control of the images that their children are imitating and the type of information that they digest on a daily basis.

No longer should we be so willing to accept the scenarios and figures that are trotted out to us from early years, but to respectfully ask probing questions that will unearth and/or unmask the subterfuge that has been passed on to us for so long. Please remember the old African proverb, "until the lion becomes the narrator of the story, the hunter will always be victorious."

# Donald Trump Wins Unless . . .

By Jim Daniels

Sarah Palin, former governor of Alaska and Republican vice presidential candidate in the 2008 campaign for the White House with John McCain as presidential candidate, was attached to the expression, "Going Rogue."

Part of the label refers to criticism leveled at Palin by McCain campaign advisers that she was straying from their carefully crafted message and publicity disagreeing with McCain on several issues while displaying a high degree of independence and unfitness for the job.

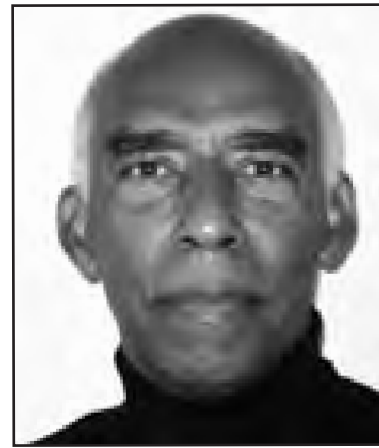
It was clearly his emergence as the star of the Reality TV program, the Apprentice that propelled Donald Trump to position himself as a candidate for the White House. This program was enormously profitable for NBC and it propelled Trump from a somewhat narrow circle of friends and admirers within the New York ambit, to achieve a large national following of people who would watch the program religiously.

This nurtured the seed of self-worship and an obsession and dependence on public adulation. Evangelicals say that if you plant a seed you should expect a harvest.

For part of the time of the program's 15 seasons, Trump was a member of the Democratic Party that had in 2008 captured the White House with Barack Obama's election as president. After Republican Party lost the Mitt Romney campaign in 2012 it began searching about for a candidate to run for the White House in 2016.

Trump began considering putting himself up as a candidate and rationalized it on the basis that if the country could elect an African-American with very little executive experience and a very short political track record, surely his skills as a real estate developer—some have said "mogul," quantified him to seek this high office.

The place where this



Jim Z. Daniels

was most likely to succeed would be as a Republican. Millions of viewers who watched the Apprentice program each week would become the base of his campaign.

Trump already knew that he had one attribute that would work in his favor. It was his ability to capture the curiosity if not the admiration or the flaccidity of the American media. He leveraged this to his advantage by taking swipes at what could be called political issues every now and then.

It is my perception after some forty odd years as a Republican (last June I ended my affiliation) that the Republicans have a deeper venerable commitment to the institutions and values that are at the core of this experiment called democracy and embodied in who we are as Americans.

Unfathomable as this might appear, Trump's entrance into the race and the superstructure on which it rested, and was on an enduring path, was a scaffolding of lies. Lies he never corrected, withdrew or admitted. But the lies he told shone a bright light on the impotence of many who are elected to represent the people. By mere repetition of the lies, some were really egregious, they achieved an unassailable level of believability by people who had presented themselves as principled and honorable.

When Trump came to the conclusion that he could become the Republican Party's man, he decided that the fastest way to position himself as serious and determined, was to tread where all others would not go.

He attacked and pursued the occupant of highest office in the land by launching a massive racist lie in 2015 charging that Barack Obama was not US born. He went rogue and he went at it full bore.

Donald Trump has recklessly taken this country to where others never contemplated, and this set him up as someone who would be feared. That ride down the escalator took the United States of America on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 to its lowest point in its entire history.

The assault on our most significant institution—the Congress of the United States was designed to silence its voice and devalue its symbolism.

During his four years in office, he positioned himself as a person who could reimpose values of a bygone era because there was cowardice on the part of a large segment of our national community. He arrayed himself as the great white hope to make America great again, especially so for those who believed they had been shut out of a beneficent stream.

People saw in him, and erroneously so, the emergence of a leader whom they thought (erroneously) understood them; empathized with them. Some even believed that he identified with them. They were mere pawns.

Others grew silent because they, even if there were aspects of him that were reprehensible, believed he was their best hope. Others saw him as a prophet appointed by God. Seriously. No, he was not. He was a weak, self-indulgent, incompetent reprobate who has recklessly exposed this country to potentially great harm.

For those who think that the chickens have come home to roost, you are correct. Trump has sown the wind and is now engulfed by the world wind. Choice has consequences and consequences trigger repentance or retribution. He must be made to pay a high price for the choices he made. If not, he wins.

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