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By Printus LeBlanc

In his failed presidential bid, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) ran on a platform of socialized medicine, and he is still pushing the issue in the Senate today. The Senator and his fellow travelers hailed government-controlled healthcare as the solution to all problems, despite glaring failures of socialism around the world. For the second time in less than a year, a nation with government-controlled healthcare has sentenced a child to death, and the question must be asked. Why are Democrats trying to infect the U.S. with the same disease that is killing children in the U.K.?

If you have been paying attention to international news, you likely know about British child Alfie Evans. Alfie is the 23-month-old child of Tom and Kate James. Alfie has been at Alder Hey Children's Hospital since December 2016. The doctors have been unable to diagnose what is wrong with him, but believe it could be a rare degenerative neurological condition, the same condition Charlie Gard had. Another child the U.K. sentenced to death.

The hospital, which is run by the National Health Service (NHS), has decided that it is no longer in the child's best interest to live, and intended to take him off life support. The parents did not agree with this and have fought the U.K. government to keep their child alive. The family went to court for permission to take their child to Italy for further treatment. The Pope and Italian government recently gotten involved and offered to treat Alfie at Vatican's Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital at no cost to the NHS. The Italian Defense Ministry has stated they have a plane on standby ready to retrieve the boy and bring him to the Vatican.

The NHS denied the family's request to move their son, and by mid-afternoon, on April 25 the family lost their petition to the Court of Appeals. The three judges rejected the families appeal backing the decision of the High Court the previous day. The decision is a death sentence for the child.

How can this happen? How can a hospital filled with doctors and nurses kill a child? Isn't part of the Hippocratic oath "first, to do no harm"?

This is able to happen because in a nation with socialized medicine, the patients and family do not make decisions, government bureaucrats and courts do. This is what happens when a government gets too much power.

Section 15 of the Mental Capacity Act of 2005 sadly gives the courts in the UK, not parents, guardians or caregivers, the power to make these end-of-life determinations: “Power to make declarations (1)The court may make declarations as to—(a)whether a person has or lacks capacity to make a decision specified in the declaration; (b)whether a person has or lacks capacity to make decisions on such matters as are described in the declaration; (c)the lawfulness or otherwise of any act done, or yet to be done, in relation to that person.” This is a state-run system of death, where courts get to decide to pull the plug even when families are not ready.

When the government has the power to order an action that leads directly to the death of a child in a hospital it runs, doesn't that seem like too much power?

One must ask, where is the harm in letting the child go to the Vatican? If the Vatican is willing to take on the expenses in providing for the child, why would the NHS be so vehemently against it?

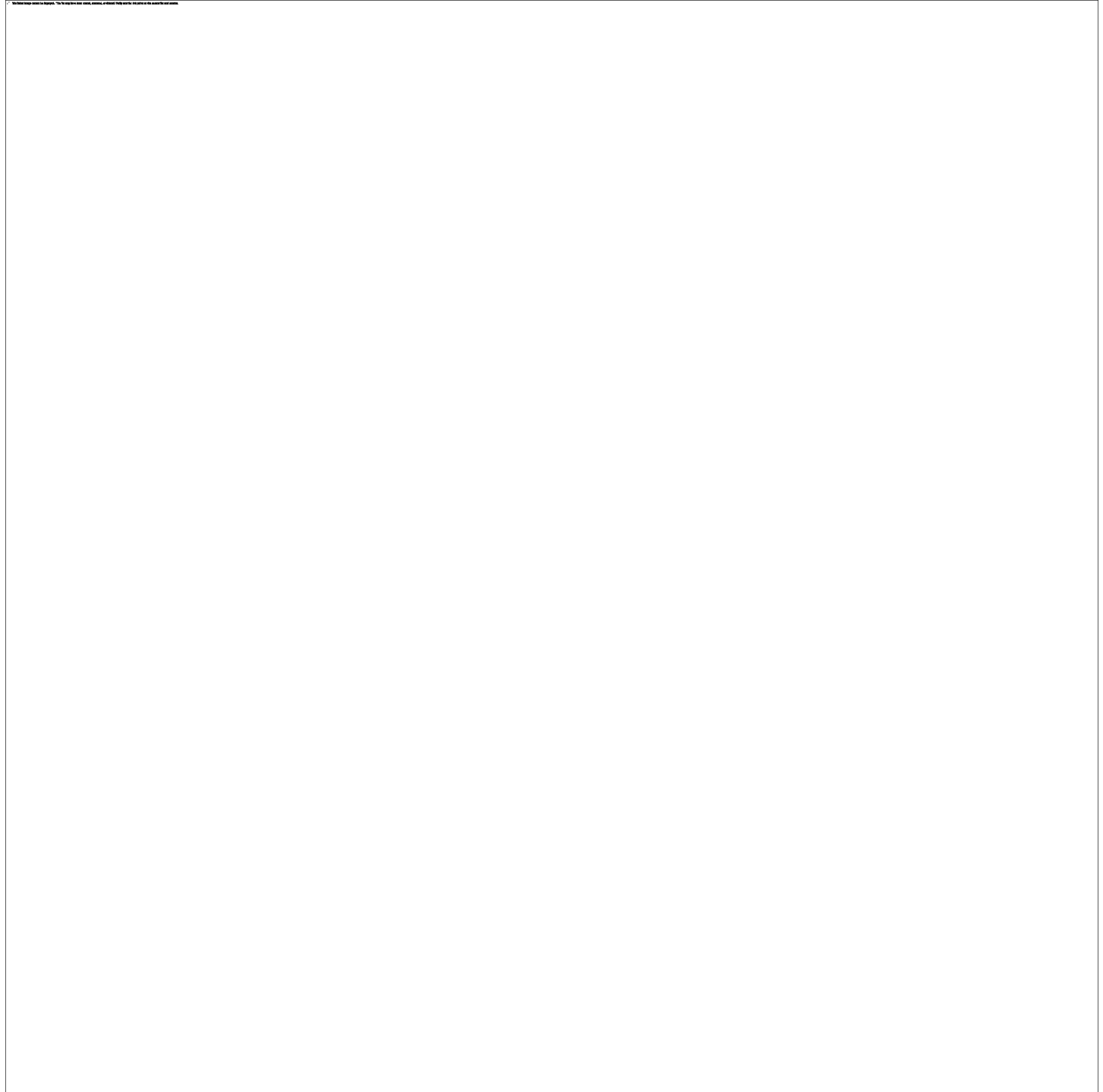
The only entity harmed by letting the child go to the Vatican hospital is the NHS. Perhaps if the child were to go to a non-NHS hospital and improve, the NHS would be utterly embarrassed. In a society with socialized medicine, government-run healthcare must be the ultimate arbiter and never challenged.

Bernie Sanders and his fellow travelers have admitted their goal is complete government control of healthcare. Where are the human rights groups challenging Sen. Sanders and his fellow travelers on the ethics of sentencing a child to death?

In socialized medicine, when the government decides it is time to die, there is nothing to be done about it. This is the lesson that must be learned from the debacle at the NHS in the U.K. While in the U.S. we value life and pursue it at all costs, societies with socialized medicine tend to lean towards death. The U.K. should be ashamed of itself for letting this happen, but more importantly, Americans must look at how the right to make decisions over death has been ceded to the government overseas and vow never here.

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The data on guns destroys the left's narrative



By Natalia Castro

Gun reform is often framed as one of the most divisive issues in the United States; but this characterization of the issue, created with fear-inducing rhetoric on the left, is nothing more than an attempt to increase outreach. Facts don't often align with feelings; as the facts make clear, guns are not seen as violent to most Americans, but a necessary method of protection. Propagating the myth that guns are universally destructive only allows the left to further threaten gun rights.

Researchers Allie Nicodemo and Lia Petronio from Northeastern University found in a Feb. 2018 study, U.S. schools are significantly safer today than they were in the 1990s. In fact, school and mass shootings have been on the decline since the 1990s, when four times the number of children were killed in schools.

Yet despite this, a Pew Research survey from March and April 2018 found that, overall, 57 percent of teens said they were worried about the possibility of a shooting happening in their school. Similarly, 63 percent of teenager's parents said they were at least somewhat worried about the possibility of a shooting happening at their children's school.

So why the discrepancy? Why do so many children and parents seem to believe a shooting will occur in their schools, despite evidence to the contrary?

The answer is simple: liberal media groups and politicians have inflated the school shootings narrative to further an anti-gun agenda.

Following the Parkland shooting, several media outlets began reporting that there had been 18 school shootings in the first 45 days of 2018. This number, as Siraj Hashmi of the Washington Examiner explains, was first recorded by the gun control advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund.

This group vaguely defines school shootings as any gun relating issue to take place in a school, allowing them to overstate cases and build fear.

For instance, the group includes an incident at a Clinton County, Mich. elementary school where a man committed suicide in the parking lot while the school was closed, and no children were present at a school shooting. Of the 18 school shootings, the group lists, only seven resulted in a person's death, as many were cases of accidental firings.

As Hashmi concludes, "Make no mistake, every shooting incident listed above is concerning... but, in no way is a mass shooting at a school happening every two-three days in the United States. It's an unfair, dishonest, and disingenuous characterization by the media."

Democratic politicians also play a vital role in propagating the myth of rampant mass shootings. Both former President Barack Obama and Senator Harry Reid have maintained that the United States is "the only advanced country" where mass shootings occur with such frequency.

However, as a study on global mass shooting incidents from 2009-2015 from the Crime Prevention Research Center found, the U.S. does not lead the advanced world in mass shootings, we are not even in the top ten. While Norway and Serbia top the list, the United States comes in at 11, following Belgium and the Czech Republic.

In 2013 Obama's Administration issued a Presidential Memorandum asking the Centers for Disease Control to "research the causes and prevention of gun violence", the research conducted found exactly the opposite of what the President had hoped.

The study subcontracted out to the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council, found 61 percent of firearm-related deaths were suicides, *not* homicides, discounting the myth that most gun owners are violent toward others. Similarly, the Institute found that defensive gun use is far more common than offensive use; "with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million per year, in the context of about 300,000 violent crimes involving firearms in 2008."

Democrats and anti-gun driven media groups are trying to promote the idea that guns create dangerous situations for America's most vulnerable students, but this is simply untrue. The truth is, more Americans see guns as a safety tool than a violent one. The latest NBC News/ Wall Street Journal poll reveals that six in 10 Americans say gun ownership increases safety.

By pushing a narrative that school and mass shootings should be a constant fear for everyone, suburban parents and students are pressured into fear and promote gun control legislation; but for a vast majority of American, guns are not a violent weapon.

Luckily, most Americans do not fall for this hoax for long. As an April 2018 Gallup poll reveals, guns/gun control being viewed as one of Americans top priority issues in March jumped, just following the Parkland shooting, but by April, the level of concern has already diminished back to normal levels.

It is easy to have an emotional reaction to events such as the tragedy in Parkland; however, the American people cannot let their emotions prevent them from seeing liberal propoganda. As the left attempts to dominate media and political attitudes regarding guns to further a gun control agenda, people must remember what they have always known to be true- guns are nothing more than how they are used, and believing they are a valuable tool for protection is not an unpopular opinion.

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Trump supporters, Republicans still sour on GOP Congress, poll shows



By Robert Romano

A new poll by McLaughlin & Associates on behalf of the Ear to the Ground Listening Project that found 57 percent of likely voters disapprove of the Republican majority in Congress, including 32 percent of Trump voters, 25 percent of Republicans and 64 percent of independents.

Believe it or not, that's actually an improvement from several months ago. A similar poll in Nov. 2017 by McLaughlin & Associates had nationwide disapproval of the GOP majority at 62 percent.

That had followed failed attempts to repeal and replace Obamacare in July 2017 and again in Sept. 2017, which looms large as disgruntling factor for Republicans.

Those numbers improved a bit after the big tax cut bill passed in Dec. 2017, which also repealed the Obamacare individual mandate to purchase insurance and allowed for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

But whatever momentum was had after that took a dump in March with the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill. It spent too much money on Democrat priorities like an Amtrak tunnel between New York and New Jersey, and although it increased defense spending, a Trump administration priority, it did not fully fund the southern border wall and failed to defund sanctuary cities and Planned Parenthood.

There have been a couple of other successes. A number of Obama midnight regulations were repealed via the Congressional Review Act at the beginning of 2017 and the Obama era Housing and Urban Development regulation conditioning receipt community development block grants on changes to local zoning along racial and income criteria was prohibited in the omnibus.

Still, Republican dissatisfaction of the GOP Congress is far too high for Republicans to make an effective defense of the House majority in 2018, let alone pick up many seats in the Senate in a year when the environment actually favored them.

Nine Democrat seats up are in states President Donald Trump carried in 2016: Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio. They could have been potential pick-ups, but now those prospects far more iffy as Republicans might be happy simply to keep the Senate majority and not lose any seats.

In every midterm following a presidential election, you can expect the opposition party, in this case the Democrats, to be fired up. Right now, the McLaughlin poll shows Democrats are united and that Republicans and Republican-leaning independents are dispirited. The reason is because they feel like they are not winning battles in Congress.

"This poll is a wake-up call," Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning said in reaction, calling for new leadership. "It is clear that if Republicans want to create enthusiasm with those who should support them, they need to start fighting in favor of the issues that got them elected. With House Speaker Paul Ryan retiring, they need to choose a new Speaker who can credibly lead them in this fight. No one in the current leadership team has the credibility to fight for the values and principles that got the House Republicans their majority in 2010."

It's not all bad news. The poll shows Democrats with only a narrow edge in the generic ballot, 44 percent to 43 percent. As bad as the numbers are on approve or disapprove, on the ballot, independents are split 34 percent to 34 percent Republican and Democrat in terms of who they're voting for.

Meaning as much as Republican-leaning Americans are with the GOP Congress, they believe a Democrat-controlled Congress would be much worse.

Meaning, there's still time before November for Republicans to get their priorities funded and things they oppose defunded in the appropriations process, and to accomplish other things their base wants. The fiscal year ends on Sept. 30.

But to get a good deal, Republicans need leverage, and with a lame duck House Speaker, right now they have none. Therefore, now is the time for new, unifying leadership in the House that can get a better deal for the American people in this year's appropriations process and restore confidence in the Republican majority. That is, if Republicans in Washington, D.C. want to keep their majority.

Manning called on Republicans to fight to show their supporters they have their backs, concluding, "It is clear that Americans want a fight for the future of their country and if Republicans refuse to do it, they will be fired in November."

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ALG Editor's Note: In the following piece from NBC News, the author discusses a recent poll showing more registered voters would support a candidate that votes against impeachment than for impeachment, a shock to the Democrat Party elites:



Voter reject Democrat impeach Trump candidates 47-42

By NBC News

As Democratic candidates for Congress in swing districts weigh how to talk about President Donald Trump in their campaigns, a new poll shows that they might want to hold off on using the "I" word.

The poll from NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist shows that 47 percent of registered voters say they would definitely vote *against* a candidate for Congress who proposed impeaching Trump, compared to 42 percent who said they would definitely vote for that candidate. One in ten voters were unsure.

While Democrats and Republicans remained mostly in their partisan corners, with 70 percent of Democrats saying they would definitely vote for a candidate who favored impeachment and 84 percent of Republicans saying they'd do the opposite, independents were opposed to supporting a pro-impeachment candidate, 47 percent to 42 percent.

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