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Segment.01 Hello. I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Maria, CA, and your brain masseur. Get ready for your brain massage.

Filtered News! How to identify the filter used for the news you consume. What

filter do you use to sort through the barrage of news that comes through every day? Let's talk about "The Filter."

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¹ 1087.0.9-Virginia Dems Pass National Popular Vote Law that Experts Warn Is Unconstitutional <https://washingtonstand.com/article/virginia-dems-pass-national-popular-vote-law-that-experts-warn-is-unconstitutional>

Today (April 17, 2026), Iran has submitted and opened the Strait.² Is this good news? Hmmm. Let's see! (I hate teasing you! Friend, it's way beyond good news! So, let's get into it.)

It's time for your Brain Massage®:

[TRUTH]

Filtered News! The Marxist Socialist Media (aka MSM) passes every story through a filter. So you get “filtered” news. Unfiltered News is bewildering! Overwhelming! Almost 90-95% of show prep involves carefully sorting through the barrage, the veritable flood, the fire hose, the Airplane dump, okay, you get the idea—there is so much that is called “news” that is fake, it's hard work to sort it all out, and we have to use a filter. What does our filter look like? When you get news from the Brain Massage® show, it is filtered—we work hard to filter out the trash, the poisons, the “heavy metals” that pollute the mind. Let's talk about “The Filter.”

The MSM filter, very simple — rhetorical warfare against America. Whatever makes America look bad and evil gets through and into the news. Simple! If it's pro anything else, it is passed to you—Communism, or its kissing cousin, Socialism, that's okay. Instigation of sedition, even treason, no problem. But if a story tends to support America and genuine God-and-Country patriotism, all of that is filtered out. They are at war with the U.S. Every representative in the House or Senate who refuses to pass the Save America Act is a traitor against the PEOPLE. The PEOPLE have made their wishes clear: stop the steal. Exactly what the J6 Protestors gathered for, and were persecuted unjustly—exactly what Tina Peters tried to expose and was wickedly persecuted by the wicked weaponization of government against lawful protest—these same devils grinned and encouraged the burning of federal

² 1087.6.4-Iran says Strait of Hormuz is 'open' but tracking shows few ships moving, as Trump says US blockade will continue - follow live - BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news/live/cqxdg17yr2wt>

building, fire bombing of police cars, blockading blocks of Seattle, and setting up armed guards, in Portland calling it CHAZ (Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone) and in Seattle calling it CHOP (Capitol Hill Occupied Protest), claiming control over their respective occupied areas while the liberals applauded, approved, supported, and assisted them—Harris promoting a fund to provide bail to those who got arrested by the few police that continued doing their job.

The House and Senate have a strong “Hezbollah” like representation within Congress. Do you get the analogy? No? Okay, Hezbollah is a proxy controlled by Iran. These Representatives and Senators are a proxy “political army” serving their owners—people like Soros, and others. Hezbollah has invaded Lebanon stealthily, moving into Southern Lebanon, taking advantage of laws that allow them to gain some seats in the government of Lebanon. They provide cover for Hezbollah, allowing it to create an army within Lebanon that is independent of the government. That’s what these people have done who want to “transform America” (Obama’s mantra): they have invaded our schools, entered into positions of power in our local State and Federal government, and use that influence to shield an army of anti-American militants in this country intent on subordinating and enslaving Americans to the globalist agenda.

With malice toward the American voter, they attack every critical issue in the war between citizens who are America First and those who are Self-First. This malevolent spirit of antichrist, that hates American freedoms and liberty, has fully captured the ironically named Democratic Party. For this reason, every Democrat inspired program or policy is designed to serve not the People but the Party, and the entire motivation for serving the Party is personal ambition for power and personal gain. Swalwell, Pelosi, Warren, and all the other sleaze-bags, like Walz et al.

The Church has this problem, too. Paul ran into it. Philippians 2:20-21, “For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.” The Democrats are organized around one focus, Party Rule, and for one reason, to benefit loyal party members. They are the most selfish people in this country. They deceive young, inexperienced kids into believing it’s about benevolence toward the poor and downtrodden. But the truth is their policies and programs always serve to increase the ranks of the poor and downtrodden.

In 2004, then-San Francisco Mayor Newsom promised to eliminate homelessness in 10 years. Twenty years later—that was more than twenty years ago. In 2005, the first year for which at least somewhat reliable numbers are available, we had an estimated 139k-151k homeless in CA.³ It was 187k by 2024.⁴ Most of this increase was during Newsom’s governorship of CA.

Politicians use government to line their own pockets, and the Democrat Party (by the way, I know it’s called the Democratic Party, but I watched them railroad fellow but more honest communist Bernie for Saul Alinsky’s acolyte, Hillary, and what they did to the Democrat Party with Biden, so, yeah, Democrat but certainly not Democratic)—that Party is particularly guilty of this. The Democrat Party want to enslave Americans and create a Party dependent class of voters that will keep them in POWER. [Find The Emperor speaking of the POWER of the DARK SIDE.]

By the way, I’ve got ten Republicans I’ll trade for ten more Democrats like Tulsi and RFK. Let me know if you want to make a deal. That’s the dirty ten that voted with the Dems to extend

³ 1087.33.2-Homelessness in California_ Recent challenges and new horizons _ Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) <https://siepr.stanford.edu/publications/policy-brief/homelessness-california-recent-challenges-and-new-horizons>

⁴ 1087.33.3-Homelessness in California - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homelessness_in_California


protected status to Haitians who entered illegally.⁵ Without TPS, they are without legal status to remain and are subject to deportation. This is outrageous! The good news is that TPS Status is determined by the Department of Homeland Security, and the new Secretary of DHS, Markwayne Mullin, is highly unlikely to renew the TPS status for Haitian migrants.⁶ ⁷ A court has blocked the deportation of these folks, and at least 10 Republicans, with Kevin Kiley, an Independent, from CA, voted with the Dems to keep 350k voters for the Dems in the country for the mid-terms. (Kiley is a sellout, sorry I supported him; he decided his bread got more butter on the other side of MAGA.

DEMs RINOS and squishy Independents use government power to line their pockets and make their fellow Americans slaves to Democrat Party leaders. And any news that passes through the filter will support that agenda.

Yeah, MAGA despising Republicans and Independents, like Kevin Kiley, all serve the same Party — the Party that serves itself, and labors to steal our liberties. They are under the influence of the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that works in the children of disobedience. They stand in opposition to the right use of the

⁵ 1087.21.1-House Passes Bill to Create Humanitarian Protections for Haitians with Bipartisan Support _ American Civil Liberties Union <https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/house-passes-bill-to-create-humanitarian-protections-for-haitians-with-bipartisan-support>

⁶ 1087.21.3-Mullin_ I Have Issue with TPS as a Whole, We Have 'Pretty Generous' Asylum Laws <https://www.breitbart.com/clips/2026/04/15/mullin-i-have-issue-with-tps-as-a-whole-we-have-pretty-generous-asylum-laws/>

⁷ 1087.21.2-Nick Sortor on X_  DHS Secretary Mullin is GOING OFF about the House voting to ADVANCE a bill FORCING DHS to extend “Temporary Protected Status” (TPS) for Haitians “Unfortunately, TPS turns into a PERMANENT status... I have a hard issue wit https://x.com/nicksortor/status/2044567935784525826?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E2044567935784525826%7Ctwgr%5E9e2ff2830367ddbcc72a35b0f51cb92fe90b66ed%7Ctwcon%5Es1&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Ftownhall.com%2Ftipsheet%2Fscott-mcclallen%2F2026%2F04%2F15%2Fsix-republicans-vote-to-advance-extend-temporary-protected-status-to-haitians-for-three-years-n2674537

sword of civil government, which has one function: to execute wrath upon the lawless—that includes illegals. (By the way, I am sensitive to the porpoise problem. When you cast a net for tuna, from time to time, a porpoise gets snagged in the net. By all means, do what you can to avoid inadvertently snagging a porpoise, but please don't stop fishing for tuna to avoid it.)

This business of self-service rather than self-sacrificing statesmanship — by the way, Trump is the model of selfless statesmanship — this self-serving spirit is antichrist; it is unchristian. (I think some of you are getting tired of me calling everything and everyone “antichrist.” Well, first off, that's an exaggeration. Second off, when you hear the word, you are likely thinking of a man who puts himself in the place of GOD. Oh, well, I guess you are right then. Men who serve themselves put themselves before God, and arrogantly assume the place of God in the lives of others, only instead of, like GOD, feeding us and loving us, these wicked selfish users and abusers of mankind feed themselves, and put themselves above and before others. So, yeah, “antichrist.”)

Listen to GOD: “Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth” (1 Corinthians 10:24). Listen to GOD: “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Philippians 2:4). Christian leadership serves all the people.

One way to identify which filter is being used for the News you get is by how the provider frames the story. Mark it down, if it's framed to advance the Democrat agenda, and makes encroachment against our liberties seem good, or reasonable, it's of the devil, it's driven by the spirit of antichrist.

However, here is a caveat. It's not always true that what appears to be “conservative,” promoting Liberty and Freedom, can be trusted. Usually, you can trust it. But not always. If they are using lies to promote patriotic values, that's Satan trying to nose his way into the

MAGA tent. Bannon. Tucker. Candace. Alex. And many others have been exposed. I've explained that some of this is the consequence of failing to keep the big picture in mind while scrutinizing the particulars. Look too closely at anything, and you lose sight of the whole picture and are likely to misinterpret the significance of the particulars.

Take care when using AI. It's not merely a machine. It is programmed with a "filter." The filtration system is skewed left.

You have to understand, it's a spiritual warfare, and a horde of devils, called seducing spirits, are at work bringing minds into captivity to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.⁸ That's a filter! The Bible is my "filter." What's yours?

I'm going to be guided by biblical prophecy in understanding the significance of geopolitical events. I'll be guided by biblical morality to evaluate the right and wrong of a thing, the good and the bad of something. I won't be fooled by a man who is deluded into thinking he is the Vicar of Christ, with the power to invent what Jesus said. I owe no allegiance to any religious order or system of theology, by the way. My allegiance is to CHRIST, and His WORD.]

Hold on through the break, I'll be right back!

Segment.02 Hello. Welcome back! I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor at the Lighthouse, your brain masseur, and Paul Revere's lantern lighter, lighting the lamps in the church belfry arch, signaling the enemy is on the march—an enemy that would steal from us our liberty.

Alas, sweet Virginia, where Liberty was wed to a nation that became the home of the brave, and land of the free, but, Oh Virginia, without a blush of shame, fornicates with the Devil to destroy the Constitution.

⁸ Ephesians 2:1-2

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Virginia, the erstwhile home of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, the underrated but massively influential and important George Mason (Architect of the Bill of Rights), and, beloved of Baptists, Patrick Henry, who famously declared, “Give me liberty, or give me death”⁹: By your hands, the Father of the Constitution, James Madison, is betrayed. He repudiated the “popular vote” scheme when he saw that it put the selection of a President in the hands of the more populated states; he supported and fought for the Electoral College as a safeguard against this disenfranchisement of the Americans living in the smaller states,¹⁰ debated for this protection in the Federalist Papers,¹¹ and in Congress. You have undermined his legacy and our freedoms—GOD knows what evil will prevail when States like California and New York choose our nation’s leaders.

These Founders blush in shame of you, who, like the whore, wipe your mouths on the linen of your Founders, and say, “I have done no wickedness!”¹² “Allegorically speaking, I curse your betrayal and call on GOD to slap your “collective” faces.

⁹ 1087.0.1-Meet the Founding Fathers who called the Chesapeake home <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/meet-the-founding-fathers-who-called-the-chesapeake-home>

¹⁰ 1087.0.3-Creating the Electoral College - Teaching American History <https://teachingamericanhistory.org/document/creating-the-electoral-college/.pdf>

¹¹ 1087.0.4-The Avalon Project _ Federalist No 39 https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/fed39.asp Hamilton was ardent on this matter: See Federalist No.s 68, “The Mode of Electing the President.” See 1087.0.5-Federalist 68, 70, 72 (1788) _ Constitution Center <https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution/historic-document-library/detail/alexander-hamilton-federalist-68-70-72-1788>

¹² Proverbs 30:20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

First, you openly confess what you are doing is wrong, and ease your conscience by pretending (but really I think you are phony and a pack of liars) pretending it's only a temporary suspension of your fidelity to the Constitution to which you are bound by law. For the Constitution prescribes how the President is elected, not you!

It's rich that you cite Texas as your reason for this wicked action. Texas corrected years of Democrats' gerrymandering Districts to rig elections. Districts are supposed to be defined by geography, not ideology. What Law did Texas violate? NONE! So you, Virginia, have sold yourself to evil, and justify violating the Law established for 239 years, and this particular feature agreed to by unanimous consent of the Congress, and you would use the lawful actions of another state, which you fear is potentially unfavorable to your PARTY interests, as an excuse for your treachery? YES! You are like the whore who sells herself to another woman's husband, then wipes her mouth, and says, "I have done no wickedness." [IBID-5]

Why do the children of disobedience, in service to the seducing spirits of the prince of the power of the air, hate the Electoral College? Of the top ten most populous states, only three are reliably committed to the conservation of the Constitution.¹³ And the Constitution stands in the way of tyrants who want to establish America as one nation under Satan.

The concept of "swing state" will shift toward the influence of populous liberal states. And we know how they "Swing." Every

¹³ 1087.0.6-2024 United States presidential election - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024_United_States_presidential_election This liberal biased source included Georgia among the "conservative" States. Probably because it has a Republican Governor. However, Georgia is controlled by liberals. Using 2024 election results, this narrows the conservatively inclined among the larger states down to only 3: Florida, Texas, and very possibly Ohio (Ohio has a strong liberal stronghold, but is mostly conservative, however, not so strongly or consistently as Florida and Texas. Also, the majority status of Florida and Texas is only a little over 50%, a 6-point move in either of these states could flip it.

wretched, filthy, debauched, and broken city in America is under Democrat political control.

Densely populated cities and States naturally create a collectivist herd mentality, which describes dense¹⁴ Dems. That's why GOD commanded us to spread out.¹⁵ Remember Nimrod and the Tower.¹⁶ Listen to what GOD says about densely populated cities: “Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!” (Isaiah 5:8).]

Today (April 17, 2026), Iran has submitted and opened the Strait.¹⁷ I did a Brain Massage® LIVE in which I explained the reason Trump, and historically, America, has disputed Iran's claim to control the Strait of Hormuz. It's technical, but the bottom line is the law of the Sea does not support Iran's claim. When you have a strait, a narrow passage between two shorelines that does not allow sufficient room to provide passage through International waters, the strait is called an International Strait with the right of passage guaranteed to all vessels using it as a right of transit passage. The rule is that “transit passage cannot be impeded or suspended by the

¹⁴ Intentional use of the word in its informal sense: “a stupid person.”

¹⁵ Genesis 1:26 and 9:1, God commands man to “replenish the earth.” To concentrate in one area leaves the unoccupied regions *unreplenished*, and unsubdued.

¹⁶ Man rebelled against this command, fearing to be “scattered abroad upon the face of the earth” (Genesis 10-11; see 11:4). God scattered them all over the earth, which demonstrates that it was His will. God does not encourage large concentrations of human populations. But fallen man has an inclination in that direction.

¹⁷ 1087.6.4-Iran says Strait of Hormuz is 'open' but tracking shows few ships moving, as Trump says US blockade will continue - follow live - BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news/live/cqxdg17yr2wt>

states bordering the strait.”¹⁸ During this entire nonsense, Iran was out of line, and exercising an “authority” they NEVER HAD.¹⁹

So, my immediate hesitation to running victory laps over this is simple. And I’ve been trying to tell Trump this for weeks now! (Hehehe.) The mentality we are up against here never, never, never, admits defeat or surrender to DEATH! Their vow to their arrogant self-righteous cause to kill any infidel who does not submit to them is a vow they take more seriously than the vow of marriage, or to a mortgage might be more impressive to my point: it’s TO VICTORY OR DEATH!

So I checked into this, and sure enough, here is their statement: I’ll read it, and you’ll see what I mean. Minister Abbas Araghchi X-posted the following announcement: “In line with the ceasefire in Lebanon, the passage for all commercial vessels through [the Strait of Hormuz is declared completely open for the remaining period of the ceasefire, on the coordinated route as already announced by Ports and Maritime Organisation of the Islamic Rep[ublic] of Iran.”²⁰

Trump posts a response: “IRAN HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THE STRAIT OF IRAN IS FULLY OPEN AND READY FOR FULL PASSAGE. THANK YOU.”

Excuse me! The “Strait of Iran.” He renamed the Gulf of Mexico the Gulf of America, and now he renames the Strait of Harmuz the “Strait of Iran”? Is Trump Islaming — the word *Islam* means

¹⁸ 1087.0.7-Commentary_ Why the right of passage through Strait of Hormuz matters to everyone, not just Singapore - CNA <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/commentary/iran-war-strait-hormuz-tolls-law-transit-passage-singapore-6057921>

¹⁹ See UNCLOS (The United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea): 1973-1982, Articles 37-44. See 1087.0.8-Strait of Hormuz_ Why the US and Iran are sailing in very different legal waters <https://theconversation.com/strait-of-hormuz-why-the-us-and-iran-are-sailing-in-very-different-legal-waters-280557>

²⁰ 1087.6.4-Iran says Strait of Hormuz is 'open' but tracking shows few ships moving, as Trump says US blockade will continue - follow live - BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news/live/cqxdg17yr2wt>

literally to submit. Or, is he signaling a willingness to give them the appearance of ownership over the Strait in a trade for concessions to our primary demands? I mean, it's obvious we can block it whenever we want. I see a problem, though! This concedes legitimacy to Iran's claim that they have a right to hold the Eastern European nations, including China, hostage at will. Also, Iran's historic friendliness with China means it will exert significant pressure on the Strait. It also means the Strait becomes THEIR PROBLEM to address. I've got to say, the man is brilliant!

I get it! Oil prices begin to fall immediately upon this announcement, and he wants to lower prices for his countrymen. It's a win for America, and, after all, the Strait of Hormuz has limited American interest. Trump is, without any question, the most consistent political leader ever seen in my 74 trips on this satellite orbiting the Sun. This perfectly removes America from the dynamic and lays in the lap of squishy NATO to deal with Iran and China. Touché. Match point! The ninth-inning homer against a tied game. The game-ending touchdown. The winning goal! Okay, that's enough! You get the idea.

I have lit the lamps in the Church belfry arch. Now let me know if you see them.

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You can leave a message on our Listener Response Hotline: 805.314.2114.

God bless you. God bless America! I'll see you in Church.