



Successes We Can Celebrate

In a world of fragmented media, most Americans, especially the young, get their news from television, social media, podcasts and/or cell phones—that is, if they follow the news at all. Some 53 percent of U.S. adults receive at least some of their news from social media. Only 11 percent get their news from radio, and less than 7 percent from newspapers or magazines. The print media are in steep decline.¹

This is why the *Mindszenty Report* matters. Since 1958, each monthly issue has offered readers an extended essay based on fact, not simply opinion, to help our readers develop well-informed views of domestic and world affairs. Our essays run about 2,400 words, double the size of most news articles or op-eds. Often the *Mindszenty Report* is ahead of the headlines.

For this month, the editors and writers at the *Mindszenty Report* set out to gauge how often our newsletter has been ahead of the game in recent years by raising issues that were not in the immediate news cycle of print, social media, television or radio. We found time and again that our readers were alerted to issues long before they became headline news. Eventually, some of our views prevailed over opposing political forces.

Our reports cover a wide range of topics and offer something unique—more in-depth than a news report or editorial, less than a book or a lengthy magazine article, and more insightful than a social media post. *Here is a sampling of topics we tackled early and often, about which we have since seen real improvements to public policies.*

Transgenderism

In following our Christian belief that there are only two God-created genders, male and female, the *Mindszenty Report* has aggressively opposed transgender ideology, which has led to barbaric surgical mutilation of the young, among other evils. The *Mindszenty Report* devoted five

issues dating back to May 2018 to critiquing various aspects of transgender ideology.²

About half the states have passed laws against certain goals of transgender activists. In his second term, President Donald Trump has issued numerous executive orders reversing Biden administration transgender policies. In June 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Tennessee law banning so-called “gender-affirming care.” Then, last month the Supreme Court blocked a California policy that prohibited school personnel from notifying parents when students request changes to their documented gender identity at school.

Clearly, great progress is being made in combating the left-wing agenda to promote transgenderism. Tort liability judgments and settlements for damage to minors who regret being talked into transgender treatments have already begun. These might prove to be the nail in the coffin for the travesty of transgender surgery.

Online Pornography; Urban Homelessness

The August 2024 *Mindszenty Report* opened with a simple observation, “Cultural rot is often the prelude to a nation’s demise. With this in mind, Americans should be concerned about the rapid growth of pornography made possible by online use.”

We urged our readers to support age requirements to view online pornography. A number of states have in fact passed such legislation. Our report warned that “opponents of these laws—the porn industry, libertarians and progressives—wrap themselves in the clothing of the right to free speech.” Less than a year after our report, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Texas law requiring age identification in order to view online pornography.³

Our May 2023 issue focused on the significant problem of homeless people in large U.S. cities, especially on the West

Coast. After progressive federal judges paralyzed local governmental efforts to clean up the problem, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in 2024 and greenlighted common-sense municipal policies to penalize or evict homeless people from public spaces.

Open Borders; The Green New Deal

The shocking flood of illegal immigrants into the U.S. during the Biden administration, which actively encouraged it, was the subject of our May 2022 *Mindszenty Report*. Since then, Donald Trump was elected President with a mandate to close the borders. He has succeeded admirably and is doing everything in his power to deport illegal aliens.

The long progressive push for mythical “clean energy,” described in our July 2022 report, finally foundered on the rocks of the current Trump administration. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act signed by Trump in 2025, plus various executive orders, have rolled back many of the senseless green energy policies of his predecessor and opened up avenues for domestic energy production which had been thwarted by Biden. Moreover, the corporate sector has largely shifted away from the left-wing environmental, social and governance (ESG) emphasis of recent years, due in part to the determined efforts of red-state attorneys general.

Crime Policies; Corporate and Dark Money

The *Mindszenty Report* has consistently maintained that law and order are essential to a free society. In the last decade, we issued six reports hammering soft-on-crime policies.⁴ We also explored so-called “dark money” behind left-wing agitation in these and other reports, including “Leftist Foundations and Dark Money in Politics” (September 2024).

Research by Capital Resource Center and DataRepublican on X continues to expose how left-wing non-governmental organization (NGO) dark money supports left-wing judicial candidates and street protesters.⁵ *In the 2024 election, voters defeated or recalled 12 of the George Soros-linked district attorneys on the ballot.*⁶ The exposure of Soros and other left-wing NGO attempts to take control of criminal law enforcement is beginning to have results, and the *Mindszenty Report* takes pride in being part of this effort.

Undeniably, much progress has occurred in stemming the tide of disorder in American cities, even if far too many judges and prosecutors still let off violent thugs too easily. The idiotic push to “defund the police” following the death

of George Floyd in 2020 has lost its appeal in most cities (though New York City’s new socialist Mayor Zohran Mamdani is doing his best to clip his police department’s wings). *After a steep rise in U.S. homicide rates following the George Floyd riots, the homicide rate in major cities fell a historic 21 percent from 2024 to 2025.* The second Trump administration’s determination to deter violent crime has probably contributed to this positive development.

Regarding corporate and media power in America, the *Mindszenty Report* has offered insights into how corporations promoted DEI policies and funded disreputable woke organizations such as Black Lives Matter beginning in 2020. Without any timidity we described how corporate America was promoting left-wing policies against its own interests, in “Confronting Revolutionaries” (August 2020), “Corporate America’s Role in the Progressive Takeover” (August 2021) and “Woke Corporations: The Backlash” (November 2022). Many corporations have since seen the light and ended such support. And the Trump administration has forcefully pushed back against corporations (and governmental agencies) that promote racist DEI policies at the expense of meritocracy.

“Gaslighting the Public” (January 2026) depicted how extensively the legacy media corporations betrayed the public by distorting, and, yes, even falsifying the news.⁷ Some mainstream media corporations have been recalibrating since the 2024 presidential election showed how many American voters disregarded the media’s biased news coverage. CNN, the *Washington Post* and the *L.A. Times*, for example, have all made significant personnel changes in attempting to stem the defections of their audiences.

Foreign Threats

From its inception in 1958, the *Mindszenty Report* focused on foreign threats, especially the Soviet Union and China, soon followed by Cuba. By the early 1960s, many in the American foreign policy establishment began to downplay the threat of international communism. The *Mindszenty Report*, however, persistently argued that international communism remained a menace.

Phyllis Schlafly, as author of the early *Mindszenty Reports*, warned as early as 1959 that Castro was a communist who would align his country with the Soviet Union. Castro publicly announced in August 1960 that Cuba was entering into a new stage of revolution led by what he described as “new communists.” In making her allegation—which obviously proved to be correct—she engaged in a public

controversy with the *New York Times* reporter Herbert Matthews. In a series of articles based on interviews with Castro before the revolution, Matthews had portrayed Castro as a democrat opposed to communism. Schlafly and the *Mindszenty Report* stuck to their guns, even as liberals accused her of being part of an extreme right-wing network given to conspiracy theories.⁸

During these early years of the Cold War, the *Mindszenty Report* espoused a belief that a strong American military was necessary for peace. Ronald Reagan captured this sentiment in the slogan “Peace through Strength.” The *Mindszenty Report* cautioned that arms control and trade treaties with communist countries—the Soviet Union, China and Cuba—would be broken unless these treaties provided means of verification that the parties were living up to their end of the agreement.

China and Iran

Following in this tradition, the *Mindszenty Report* continues to cover the threat China poses to a stable international order and its despotism and religious persecution of its own people. In the June 2023 report (“Evidence Piles Up on China’s Ongoing Kill-on-Demand of Human Organ Harvesting”), we cited the extensive literature on organ harvesting in China and concluded that horrific violations of human rights have been occurring on a large scale in this oppressive regime. (We had first covered this issue as early as November 2014.)

In response to the mounting evidence of forced organ harvesting, a few U.S. states have passed laws to deter their residents from obtaining organ transplants in China. A federal bill is awaiting action in Congress.

In our focus on China, we offered to our readers detailed reports on the origins of Covid-19, the regime’s oppression of religious minorities, and the police state developed in China, along with Google’s role in enabling this police state.⁹

While the communist threat appears perennial, the rise of Islamic extremism poses a newer threat to world order. The *Mindszenty Report* has frequently exposed the roots of radical Islamic ideology and its manifestations in the Iranian regime, Hamas, ISIS and other Islamist radical organizations. As early as 2019, we warned that the Iranian regime was a failed state whose economic condition could only worsen. Following this report came “Iran: Dealing with the Devil (January 2022) and “A Christian Perspective on Hamas” (January 2024).

Radical Islamism poses an ongoing threat to world stability and Western culture. European leaders, like ostriches with their heads in the sand, appear unwilling to recognize that radical Islamists in their own country are terrorizing their own citizens. Secretary of State Marco Rubio in February warned European leaders of an existential threat to their countries resulting from open borders, restriction of free speech about radical Islamists, and the failure of Western European leaders to defend Western cultural values.¹⁰

Foreign policy under the current administration contrasts with the weakness shown by Western European leaders. The United States is aggressively engaged in Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. While U.S. attacks are debatable and carry considerable risks—and we fervently pray for world peace—the military success of U.S. strikes in Iran and Venezuela is undoubtedly projecting strength in confronting dangerous dictators.

Fortunately for American military success, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth is utterly committed to rooting out woke policies in the military. We previously described the infection of the military with critical race theory in our September 2021 issue.

Education Policies

The mission of the *Mindszenty Report* includes educating the general public, improving the education of our youth, and supporting Christian values and institutions.

The leftist takeover of our schools from kindergarten through higher education has occurred step by step over the last century. Average American parents have begun to demand that schools stop trying to propagandize their children and start teaching the basics—reading, writing, arithmetic and how to reason.

The *Mindszenty Report* long ago called for a return to phonics in school. It has called out indoctrination in education in newsletters including “Why Are Universities So Left-Wing?” (November 2021), “Racial Indoctrination and Parental Rights” (July 2021) and “Schools in Crisis” (July 2018). In 2018 we published a two-part series on transgender propaganda in the classroom.

Phonics is making a long-overdue comeback in many parts of the U.S., from New York City to Mississippi to California. Laudable progress is occurring with school choice for parents in red states, a trend we noted in July 2023. Yet, DEI in K-12 and higher education is hanging on in disobedience to President Trump’s executive order issued

in January 2025. The order called for cutting funding to schools continuing lessons on gender identity and structural racism; for colleges and universities to abolish diversity and inclusion offices; and for keeping transgender athletes out of girls' sports.¹¹

Many universities and colleges have attempted to get around the order by simply renaming their diversity offices. At the same time, instructors continue to teach critical race theory in various guises. Still, *DEI in education is on the defensive*, thanks also to the 2023 U.S. Supreme Court decision against racial preferences in college admissions. The anti-meritocratic theory of "disparate impact" used for decades to justify racial preferences in education and employment, which we described in detail in July 2018, is losing its grip. And homeschooling continues to increase in the U.S., as we observed in October 2025.

Indeed, we should be thankful for these improvements in American culture and defense of the homeland which the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation has supported over the years. You, our faithful readers, share in those victories and deserve to celebrate them. We wish you a blessed Easter season.

¹ Pew Research Center, Social Media and News Fact Sheet, September 25, 2025. Specifically, nearly a third of adults say that they regularly get their news from Facebook or YouTube. Even more say that their news comes from X (formerly Twitter). <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/fact-sheet/news-platform-fact-sheet/>.

² Past *Mindszenty Reports* are archived on the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation website, www.mindszenty.org. Our five reports on transgenderism are dated May and June 2018, March 2021, September 2023 and July 2024.

³ <https://www.scotusblog.com/2025/06/court-allows-texas-law-on-age-verification-for-pornography-sites/>.

⁴ See *Mindszenty Reports* dated October 2016, May and November 2019, November 2020, July 2021 and March 2022.

⁵ See Scott Walker, *Arabella: The Dark Money Network of Leftist Billionaires Secretly Transforming America* (2024).

⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/soros-das-suffer-12-big-defeats-billionaires-agenda-faces-uncertain-future>.

⁷ Also, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/2025/04/100-days-of-hoaxes-cutting-through-the-fake-news/>.

⁸ For an excellent discussion of this controversy and the early years of the *Mindszenty Report*, see Donald T. Critchlow, *Phyllis Schlafly and Grassroots Conservatism: A Woman's Crusade* (2005), pp. 94-96.

⁹ See, e.g., our reports dated March and June 2020 and November 2018.

¹⁰ <https://www.state.gov/releases/office-of-the-spokesperson/2026/02/secretary-of-state-marco-rubio-at-the-munich-security-conference>.

¹¹ <https://www.livenowfox.com/news/trump-executive-order-schools-dei>.

The Most Important Person on Earth is a Mother



The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation....

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