

### World News

One report indicates China is expanding its plutonium and uranium plants in support of a rapid buildup of nuclear weapons [1]. Additionally, there is a report that China is conducting genetic engineering to create super soldiers [2]. This comes as China continues to expand its global military capability [3]. Moreover, we should not forget how China used one sided trade became so economically powerful. Case in point, China has imposed a 200% import tax on Australian wines [4].

The Iranian scientist considered the head of Tehran's military nuclear program was killed in an assassination attack in the city of Absard, located to the east of Tehran [5]. There is speculation that Israel may have been involved with the assassination [6]. In response to the attack, Iran's leadership has vowed retaliation [7].

The recount in Georgia reaffirmed Joe Biden as the winner [8]. This supports deterministic voting machines. However, allegations of fraudulent paper ballots entering the system emerged [9]. This may be more problematic. For instance, paper currency is constantly subjected to counterfeiting attacks. To counter, the US Secret Service has a guideline to help identify fake currency [10]. So if paper currency can be counterfeited; aren't paper ballots subjected to the same vulnerability? Perhaps the tools used by the Secret Service could be used to identify paper ballots that came from paper/printing sources not authorized.

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### Wuhan Coronavirus

On Monday, November 16, Moderna announced its COVID-19 vaccine clinical test results showed it to be 94.5% effective [1]. Then the Oxford vaccine was shown to be approximately 90% effective [2]. Meanwhile, the head of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was called to the White House to supposedly discuss why the vaccine approval process is taking so long [3]. In contrast, the United Kingdom (UK) approved the Pfizer vaccine [4]. In response, Dr. Anthony Fauci told U.S. media outlets; U.K. regulators hadn't acted "as carefully" as the FDA [5].

Had the FDA used the same approval speed as the UK, vaccinations would be well into the second week instead of further delayed.

Meanwhile, China appears to be promoting a theory that COVID-19 actually started in Italy and not Wuhan [6]. Separately, one piece suggests China under-reported the number of COVID-19 infections and resulting deaths [7]. Concurrently, one piece suggests China is collecting DNA for the purpose of developing bioweapons directed against ethnic people [8]. While we cannot ascertain what bioweapons research, if any, is being

conducted by China; the lack of transparency fuels concern.

With the COVID-19 vaccines starting to roll out, there are those trying to disrupt the distribution. For instance, a state sponsored hacking attack against vaccine distribution was detected [9]. The attack appears to be focused on the cold storage parts of the distribution chain [10].

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- DJIA, Nasdaq, and S&P 500 New Record Highs
- DJIA breaks 30,000 Barrier

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*Vaccines are the tugboats  
of preventive health.—  
William Foege*

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An attack by Boko Haram Islamist insurgents on rice farmers in Nigeria's north-east left at least 110 civilians dead [1]. Reports indicate the terrorists stayed with the farmers for several days before rounding them up and executing them one by one [2]. This comes as the Christian population in Nigeria is facing genocide by Islamic terrorist [3].

As long as certain religions do not integrate into a Western society, the roots of violence remain. Case in point, France is probing 76 mosques suspected of Islamic separation [4].

In Afghanistan, suicide attacks against the military left at least 34 people dead [5]. Finally, in Indonesia, an ISIS-linked terrorist group beheaded a farmer [6].

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## Economy

On November 16, Moderna, the biotechnology company, announced their vaccine was 94.5% effective against COVID-19 [1]. As a result, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) and Standard and Poor's 500 (S&P 500) closed at record highs following news of the second COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial results [2]. Then news came that a third solution, the Oxford vaccine had proven to be 70% effective against the virus [3]. With three COVID-19 vaccines ready for government approval, this helped fuel the stock market indices. Case in point, on November 24, the Dow closed above 30,000 for the first time [4]. Additionally, the S&P 500 also set a new record high [5]. On November 27, both the S&P 500 and NASDAQ Composite closed at record highs [6]. On December 1, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed at record highs [7]. Finally, on December 4, the closed at record highs [8]. Dow, Nasdaq, and S&P 500

Unfortunately, the economy remains weak. For the week ending November 15, the number of first time unem-

ployment claims was reported at 742,000 [9]. For the week ending November 21, the number reported was 778,000 [10]. In conclusion, for the week ending November 28, the number reported was 712,000 [11].

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*With infectious disease,  
without vaccines, there's no  
safety in numbers.—Seth  
Berkley*

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