Protesters flood US cities to fight Trump immigration policy

They wore white. They shook their fists in the air. They carried signs reading: "No more children in cages," and "What's next? Concentration Camps?"

In major cities and tiny towns, hundreds of thousands of marchers gathered across America, moved by accounts of children separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border, in the latest act of mass resistance against President Donald Trump's immigration policies. Protesters flooded more than 700 marches, from immigrant-friendly cities like New York and Los Angeles to conservative Appalachia and Wyoming. They gathered on the front lawn of a Border Patrol station in McAllen, Texas, near a detention center where migrant children were being held in cages, and on a street corner near Trump's golf resort at Bedminster, New Jersey, where the president is spending the weekend.

Trump has backed away from family separations amid bipartisan and international uproar. His "zero tolerance policy" led officials to take more than 2,000 children from their parents as they tried to enter the country illegally, most of them fleeing violence, persecution or economic collapse in their home countries.

"Those marching Saturday demanded the government quickly reunite the families that were already divided. A Brazilian mother separated from her 10-year-old son more than a month ago approached the microphone at the Boston rally.

"We came to the United States seeking help, and we never imagined that this could happen. So I beg everyone, please release these children, give my son back to me," she said through an interpreter, weeping. "Please fight and continue fighting, because we will win," she said. The crowd erupted.

In Washington, D.C., an estimated 30,000 marchers gathered in Lafayette Park across from the White House in what was expected to be the largest protest of the day, stretching for hours under a searing sun. Firefighters at one point misted the crowd to help people cool off.

Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of the musical 'Hamilton,' sang a lullaby dedicated to parents unable to sing to their children. Singer-songwriter Alicia Keys read a letter written by a woman whose child had been taken away from her at the border.

"It's upsetting. Families being separated, children in cages," said Emilia Ramos, a cleaner in the district, fighting tears at the rally. "Seeing everyone together for this cause, it's emotional." Around her, thousands waved signs: "I care," some read, referencing a jacket that first lady Melania Trump wore when traveling to visit child migrants. The back of her jacket said, "I really don't care, do U?" and it became a rallying cry for protesters.

"I care!! Do you?" read Joan Culwell's T-shirt as she joined a rally in Denver. "We care!" marchers shouted outside Dallas City Hall. Organizer Michelle Wentz says opposition to the Trump administration's "barbaric and inhumane" policy has seemed to transcend political lines.

"This is the issue crossing the line for a lot of people," said Robin Jackson, 51, of Los Angeles, who protested with thousands carrying flags, signs and babies.

Singer John Legend serenaded the crowd and Democratic politicians who have clashed with Trump had strong words for the president, including U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters who called for his impeachment.
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Turkey’s long-standing leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan has won a new five-year term after securing outright victory in the first round of a presidential poll.

Mr Erdogan got nearly 53% with almost all votes counted. His closest rival Muharrem Ince was on 31%.

He will now assume sweeping new powers, won in a controversial referendum last year. The post of PM will be abolished.

Mr Erdogan has presided over a strong economy and built up a solid support base by investing in healthcare, education and infrastructure. What does the result mean?

President Erdogan will assume major new powers under Turkey’s new constitution. The changes were endorsed in a tight referendum last year by 51% of voters, and are due to come into force after the election. They include:

- Directly appointing top public officials, including ministers and vice-presidents
- The power to intervene in the country’s legal system
- The power to impose a state of emergency
- President Erdogan maintains his increased authority will empower him to address Turkey’s economic woes and defeat Kurdish rebels in the country’s south-east.

In his victory speech, he said Turkey would act more firmly against terrorist groups, and would continue to “liberate Syrian lands” so refugees could return to their homes there.

Erdogan was born in 1954 in the Kasımpaşa neighborhood in Istanbul, to which his family had moved from Rize Province. His parents are Ahmet Erdogan and Tenzile Erdogan. Erdogan reportedly said in 2003, “I’m a Georgian, my family is a Georgian family which migrated from Batumi to Rize.”

Erdogan spent his early childhood in Rize, where his father Ahmet Erdogan (1905 – 1988) was a Captain in the Turkish Coast Guard. Erdogan had a brother Mustafa (b. 1958) and sister Vesile (b. 1965). His summer holidays were mostly spent in Güneysu, Rize, where his family originates. Throughout his life he often returned to this spiritual home, and in 2015 he opened a vast mosque on a mountaintop near this village. The family returned to Istanbul when Erdogan was 13 years old.

As a teenager, he sold lemonade and sesame buns (simit) on the streets of the city’s rougher districts to earn extra money. Brought up in an observant Muslim family, Erdogan graduated from Kasımpaşa Piyale primary school in 1965, and Imam Hatip school, a religious vocational high school, in 1973. He received his high school diploma from Eyüp High School. He subsequently studied Business Administration at the Aksaray School of Economics and Commercial Sciences, now known as Marmara University’s Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences[1]—although several Turkish sources dispute that he attended or graduated.

Erdogan married Emine Gülbaran (born 1955, Siirt) on 4 July 1978. They have two sons, Ahmet Burak and Necmettin Bilal, and two daughters, Esra and Sümayye. His father, Ahmet Erdogan, died in 1988 and his 88-year-old mother, Tenzile Erdogan, died in 2011. He is a member of the Community of İskenderpaşa, a Turkish sufistic community of Naqshbandi tariqah.
Second Annual Banquet of Muslim Medical Alliance Dallas

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Dr. Basheer Ahmed was selected by his peer- DFW Physicians to receive the Humanitarian award for his relentless service over 25 years after establishing the first charitable Medical clinic in the state of Texas.

The award was presented by Dr. Amir Shaked- President MMAD and Congressman Eric Swalwell of California.

The Muslim Medical Alliance was established 3 years ago for Muslim health care professionals in DFW area to network effectively and contribute in civic educational and charitable initiatives for the benefit of Dallas Fort Worth community. Dr. Amir Mohiuddin is one of the founders of the organization was graduated from Deccan Medical College(India) and has established his practice in Dallas area.

ISNA President- Mr. Azhar Azeez was also recognized for his outstanding national leadership.

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The APPNA Advocacy Committee will host a civic engagement workshop during the Summer Convention on July 7th, 2018 at 12:30pm. The workshop’s objective is to focus on the importance of impactful participation in the American political process.

The interactive dialogue will aim to:
(1) Understand the current political and social environment of our community;
(2) Encourage strategic engagement for decision-making; and
(3) Highlight the need for a unified representation for influence within mainstream American society.

We believe that we can learn from experienced change-makers of our communities who have continued to work tirelessly through the decades towards real change and those who are now making a difference and representing our communities as leaders. We recognize that the needs of our community are changing as we grow and therefore, we feel it is time we hold ourselves to higher standards than merely being satisfied by achieve success as physicians and entrepreneurs, and to create meaningful impact within our cities and states.

So let’s all come together to learn, share and discuss the present and the future of our community. It is only when we come together and give a voice to our concerns, that we can really make a difference.
Grand Wedding of sister-in-law of Sarib Rasool Khan Managing Director of Shadan Group of Medical and Engineering colleges a good friend of mine. Seen in the picture is bride's father Dr. Naseeruddin Khaja, Bride Groom Salman Bader Khan of DC area, Groom's father from Washington DC, Badruddin Khan Sayeed, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana State Janab Mehmood Ali Sahab, my cousin Masi Ullah Khan State Hajj Committee chairman, Furqan Ahmed Grand-Son of Mehmood Ali Sahab, Jaber Patel, Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman and others.

Surprise visit to my residence by Ms. Amal Mohammed Said Education Attaché (Education Secretary) Federal Republic of Somalia along with delegation of Somalian Student leaders.

Attending Telangana NRI's welfare association Eid Milap Celebration.

NRI Welfare Association celebrated Eid Milad under the leadership of Feroz Khan and Etesham Uddin. Little artist from Raipur Chattishgarh entertained the audience with melodies of Des Bhaqi choreographed numbers including Bharatiya Natyam, Kuchipudi and other classical dances.

Distributing food packages to underprivileged people and accompanied relatives of patients admitted in Niloufer Hospital.
Consul General of India, Chicago and Sunil Shah
Kick-Off Event Of KalaUtsav & Independence Day 2018

Audience concentrating on Qawai at EidFest
Chicago IL: Vaishnav Samaj of Midwest (VSM), Shreejidwar Haveli, Addison, Illinois celebrated 3 days their 10th Patotsav (Anniversary) in a grand fashion, including hosting Chappan Bhog Manorath. The historical celebration was attended by more than 3000 vaishnavs. This is the first Haveli in Midwest to complete 10 years.

Dignitaries and faith leaders from US and India attended the occasion. World renowned Yuvavaishnavacharya Pujya Goswami 108 Shri Vrajrajmarmarji Mahodayshri graced the occasion and provided discourses on Path of Grace, Sharmagati (surrender to God) and Power of Efforts to help improve one's daily life, as well as better the communities around us through selfless service. Pujya JejeShri Vrajrajmarmarji Mahodayshri in discourses addressed the audience that Vaishnavism (a sect of Hinduism) is not just a religion but a way of life. He clarified that Pushitimarg in Vaishnavism is a krupa marg (grace of God). In this Lord Shri Krishna’s grace plays a major role in devotee’s life and God does krupa on everyone. He also illuminated that by doing Brahma-sambandh we surrender ourselves to Lord Shri Krishna and total surrender (mental, physical and spiritual) is the path to achieve higher enlightenment. In power of efforts he emphasized the goal to keep clear conscience and move forward with a vision that leads to the betterment of the community. Much of his lectures focused on storytelling and providing real life examples so that attendees can relate to the messages.

In addition to discourses, the three days of celebration included various cultural, educational and entertainment events to keep the audience engaged. Planning for the celebration had been ongoing for past 2 months with the help of over 100 volunteers. Every day after discourse all the attendees were treated to a Mahaprasad. Raas Garba was organized by Nalini Parikh on the evening of June 15th and was attended by over 500 participants. Chappan Bhog manorath was organized on June 16th, that encompassed preparation of over 1000 kg of 56-different sweets placed on a stage (16’ x 28’) inside the Haveli to offer it Lord Shri Krishna. Chappan Bhog is a major celebration in Vaishnav culture and Shreejidwar Haveli performed it with grand elegance.

Vallabh Youth Organization- Education (VYOE) also took part in the event and organized children’s Dashavatara Musical Cultural show on the evening of Saturday, June 16th. In the show 70 VYOE students enacted Lord Vishnu’s Dashavatara (10 avatars) in front of a packed audience of over 2000 people. On Sunday, June 17th, VYOE hosted the graduation ceremony of their students with over 100 students graduated in the presence of Pujya JejeShri Vrajrajmarmarji Mahodayshri.

VSM leadership (Dr. Umang Patel, MD -Chairman and Mr. Jyotin Parikh, R.Ph -President) mentioned, “This has been a very successful event. The unity of vaishnavs and dedication of volunteers was the main reason for the success of this event’. The visionary VSM leaders and generous donors have greatly helped in the progress of the haveli that has impacted the growth of vaishnav community in the Midwest region.

Shreejidwar Haveli is a non-profit religious organization. It is dedicated to serve the religious and cultural needs of the Hindu community since 2008 and is one of cornerstone Haveli of the Midwest region.
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The announcement of Eid-ul-Fitr for Friday, June 15, marked the end of the holy month of Ramadan and the beginning of a weekend of Eid celebration for American Muslims. Of the three million Muslims in the United States, over 300,000 live in the greater Chicago area. Illinois is well-known for its rich Muslim community, home to nearly 70 Islamic centers. This number is always on the rise, as Muslims eagerly plan ways to bring the community together.

Ramadan and Eid offer a perfect opportunity for community outreach. Carrying on the tradition of feeding each other and giving charity during the holy month, many mosques and Islamic centers provide iftar and dinner options, often by donation from local Muslims. Well-attended centers like Jamia Masjid (Devon Ave, Chicago), Muslim Community Center (Elston Ave, Chicago), the Downtown Islamic Center (Chicago), Sharia Board (Western Ave, Chicago), Muslim Education Center (Morton Grove), Masjid al-Huda (Schaumburg), ICCG (Northbrook), ISNS (Rolling Meadows), Turkish American Society (Mt. Prospect), Islamic Foundation (Villa Park), and Dar-us-Salam (Lombard) host multiple charitable events throughout Ramadan. Clothing and food drives are just two of the outreach efforts that Chicago-area Muslims collaborate on to honor the spirit of Ramadan.

In addition to almsgiving, many gather for the optional taraweeh prayer specific to Ramadan, foregoing rest after a long day of fasting for a night spent in prayer. In the Chicago area and surrounding suburbs alone, there were around 200 locations where taraweeh was prayed. As mosques overflowed with supplicants, many turned to universities and even local people’s homes for taraweeh accommodations. Using your home for taraweeh allowed young hafiz to revise their memorization of the Quran and helped neighbors strengthen their ties.

Ramadan also serves as an ideal time to spread awareness of Islam to the American public. Non-Muslims learn about fasting through their friends and coworkers and may be curious to know more. With open-mosque programs and interfaith discussions, American Muslims educate their peers regarding their faith in a politically-charged time.

Politicians also look to build ties with the Muslim community by joining in on the Ramadan and Eid observances. Following a decades-old tradition, the White House held its iftar dinner on June 6, attended by foreign diplomats from Muslim-majority countries. While failing to include American Muslims at the White House, our local leaders were more open to communication with the Muslims relying on them. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, too, hosted an iftar dinner on May 30. Others, such as Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Alderman Debra Silverstein, Senator Ira Silverstein, Alderman Joe Moore, and the City of Chicago police attended Islamic center events.

The Eid celebrations that follow Ramadan prove the strong bond of Chicago area Muslims. Eid prayer at Holiday Inn in Skokie, for example, has a tremendous turnout each year, which comes free of cost to the Muslim community thanks to the gracious owners. The joy carries over throughout the summer with multiple Eid fests, the most popular being the ICNA Eid Fest in Villa Park, which continues to increase in attendance.

Media in support of Ramadan: The Muslim Observer, Urdu Times, Pakistan Times, Pakistan News, Asia Times.US
Eidfest in Chicago attracted hundreds of attendees

Eidfest in Chicago attracted hundreds of attendees, several dozen elected officials as well as candidates, and most importantly, Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguiniti. Profusely thankful to all and congratulations to the Eidfest team: Ali Khan, Khaja Moinuddin, Imaad Shaikh, Zaki Basalath, and Altaf Bukhari. Candidates and officials who attended included Sean Niewoehner, Judge Linda Davenport, Jeff Jacobson, Dawn Schuneman DeSart, Daniel Hebreard, Terra Howard, Suzy Glowiak, Irfan Ibrahim, Bridget McMahon Fitzgerald, Ashley Selmon, Zalra Suratwala, Nimish Jani, Jay Kinzler, Katy Dolan Baumer, Mike Baumer

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A cultural hub with numerous advanced centers for healthcare and medicine, Chicago was selected as the city to establish NWSC. In 2008, President AliNiazee acquired the property in Rolling Meadows, IL that is now NWSC. After establishing the Corporate Board and the Board of Regents, M.A.Q. Khan (late), a retired professor of biology for the University of Illinois at Chicago joined NWSC as the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and was appointed as the college’s Vice President. Dr. Khan was instrumental in this formative period at NWSC. Additional faculty and staff were hired by Dr. AliNiazee as the school started to grow.

Since its founding in 2008, NWSC has made great progress and continues to diligently work toward providing the very best educational environment. Currently, NWSC is an accredited institution offering accelerated degree seeking and healthcare certification programs. Since NWSC's first two students in 2009, nearly 500 students have graduated over the past six years. Recent highlights of NWSC's journey include attaining Title IV funding approval in May 2016 and initial institutional accreditation by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) in August 2014. If past performance is any indicator, NWSC has a bright future ahead.

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Women can finally hit the road in Saudi Arabia: Female motorists celebrate end to country’s decades-long driving ban as Crown Prince moves Kingdom towards ‘a more moderate Islam’

Landmark occasion for Saudi women who are allowed to drive for the first time
King Salman issued royal decree to lift ban on female drivers in September 2017
Those with licenses will be able to drive in the country at midnight local time
In Riyadh, Saudi women and traffic police explained the details of handling a car
Women in Saudi Arabia are allowed to drive from today, ending a ban that stained its reputation, kept women subjugated and hindered economic growth.
The move places Saudi women at the centre of a major transformation being spearheaded by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

There is also a tug-of-war between those agitating for more openings for them and a religious majority that remains wary of changes that could be influenced by the West.
It was only a few years ago that religious police enforced an austere interpretation of Islam that banned music of any kind in public, much less the sound of a woman's voice.

They could detain groups of unmarried men and women for simply standing or sitting together. They ensured restaurants and shops closed for daily prayers and waved sticks at women who had their hair or face uncovered.
Unlike previous Saudi monarchs who took cautious steps on reform, King Salman has granted his 32-year-old son and heir, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, a free hand to usher in dramatic moves.
Allowing musical concerts, opening cinemas, easing restrictions on gender segregation and reigning in the powers of the religious police have all been signature reforms of the young prince.
He's seen as the force behind the king's decision to lift the ban on women driving. Saudi Arabia began issuing its first driving licences to women in decades earlier this month.
Pink women-only parking spaces have also been set up across the country.

On Friday outside a shopping centre in capital Riyadh, young single men and women walked through an open-air exhibit where Saudi women and traffic police explained the details of handling a car.

A song with a woman's voice blared through the loudspeakers, singing: 'I love you Saudia. My love, Saudia.'

Just four years ago, this government-sponsored event was unthinkable.
'I can say that Mohammed bin Salman, the crown prince, came at the right time. He is young and motivated,' said Lulwa al-Fireiji.

The 60-year-old quickly clarified that while there was ‘nothing wrong’ with previous Saudi rulers, now is the time for change.
'I will get a license, but I won't drive right away because the elders are always scared. But the young people are motivated and we need at this time someone like Mohammed bin Salman - motivated, God bless him, and daring. He will move the country (forward) faster,' she said.

Granting women the right to drive is part of a wider blueprint for the future drawn up by the crown prince. The government is pushing Saudis to become less reliant on the government for jobs, handouts and subsidies.

Official statistics show women make up the overwhelming majority of job seekers in Saudi Arabia.
The state cannot create enough public sector jobs to keep up with the pace of Saudis seeking work, so foreigners are being booted out of jobs to make way. Companies must stack their workforce with a minimum number of Saudi nationals or face heavy fines.

To encourage two-income households, Saudi women are taking on jobs that were once reserved for men.

On Sunday, when they start driving, many will no longer need to hire drivers. Women will even be allowed to work as drivers.

The prince has branded the reforms a return to 'moderate Islam'. Even the country's ultra-conservative clerics, who for decades warned against allowing women to work and drive, have toed the line with muted statements of support.

Under the crown prince, the message pushed by officials is that Saudi Arabia is modernising, not Westernising.
China is ramping up its retaliation to President Donald Trump's massive tariffs. China is set to put tariffs on $34 billion worth of US exports to China, starting in July.

The tariffs cover mostly energy and agricultural products but hit everything from goldfish to electric cars. The states that exported more than $1 billion worth of tariff-eligible goods to China in 2017 were Texas, Louisiana, Washington, California, Alabama, South Carolina, Illinois, and Kentucky.

The collateral damage from President Donald Trump's trade fight with China could soon have some states feeling the squeeze.

China announced tariffs on $50 billion worth of imports from the US in response to Trump's tariffs on Chinese imports, an escalation of the brewing trade war between the two countries.

Also mirroring Trump's move, China's tariffs will be deployed in two waves — the first covering $34 billion worth of goods coming in early July.

The Chinese tariffs are focused on energy and agricultural products, covering goods including ornamental fish, whiskey, and coal. By singling out certain goods, the Chinese are also hitting some states harder than others.

To break down the effect by state, Business Insider used US Commerce Department data to determine the number of tariff-eligible goods from each state sent to China in 2017. (Because of the US database's limitations, the totals include some foreign-sourced goods that may not be subject to China's tariffs. Those goods represent a small portion of the overall values.)

There are eight states that exported more than $1 billion worth of tariff-eligible goods to China in 2017:

Texas: $8,022,380,040
Louisiana: $6,627,390,388
Washington: $5,231,988,100
California: $4,560,897,434
Alabama: $2,620,256,485
South Carolina: $2,588,390,677
Illinois: $2,123,222,976
Kentucky: $1,006,365,148

Many of these states have just a handful of goods that make up most of the coming pain.

For instance, $5.6 billion of Louisiana's $6.6 billion worth of tariff-eligible exports comes from soybeans.

Similarly, for Alabama, $1.7 of the state's $2.6 billion in tariff-eligible goods is soybeans.

Donald Trump is indisputably the worst president in American history

George W. Bush was a terrible president. He fumbled everything from Katrina to Iraq to the economy. But even he wasn't all bad — his AIDS initiative in Africa was a blessing to that continent, for instance.

Jimmy Carter is remembered as a disastrous president (possibly unfairly) but he's had a post-presidency that's proved him an uncommonly decent man.

Lyndon Johnson's presidency collapsed in the Vietnam War — but hey, at least he spearheaded the momentous Civil Rights Act.

The point is that even lousy presidents have a silver lining ... right? Well, maybe not. It is increasingly difficult to find one nice thing to say about President Trump. Let's just look at the last month: In that time he and his administration have picked fights with allies, buttered up dictators, accelerated a nascent trade war, and created — purely for the sake of cruelty and cynical political leverage — a humanitarian disaster on our border with Mexico. Oh, and in his spare time, he's used his Twitter account to undermine the rule of law in hopes it will save him from prosecution.

That's a whole term of bad accomplishments for some presidents, but Trump is barely breaking a sweat.

Trump oversees a White House full of chaotic, petty backstabbing. He makes some key decisions, it appears, purely for their trolling value. He changes positions so frequently that no one can rely on his word, but you weren't going to trust his word anyway since he's such a prolific liar. He tolerates obvious corruption in his Cabinet. He can't quite bring himself to condemn Nazis.

And what may be his greatest “success” — getting out of Congress' way to get a tax cut passed — was a handout to the rich that will be paid by the poor and middle class for years to come.

He's the worst.

There are other contenders for the title, of course, but a glance through American history reveals that most bad presidents — like the aforementioned Bush, Carter, and Johnson — have at least one thing going for them.

Richard Nixon was the only president to resign, thanks to Watergate, which instantly relegated him to the ranks of the worst presidents. But he also opened relations with the Chinese, eased tensions with the Soviets, established the Environmental Protection Agency and, heck, he even endorsed the Equal Rights Amendment. He was better than Trump.

Herbert Hoover left the economy in such bad shape that capitalism itself needed saving after his term. But like Jimmy Carter, Hoover was redeemed in private life by his tremendous humanitarian work during World War I — and he was even known to raise funds for what is now the Boys & Girls Club of America. He was better than Trump.

Warren G. Harding's presidency was beset with corruption and scandal — though the most famous, the Teapot Dome scandal, wasn't revealed until after his death — and his private life, replete with infidelity, was nothing to brag about either. But he was also an early advocate of civil rights, urging that African Americans in the South be given equal opportunity to vote, and he condemned lynching in unequivocal terms. He was better than Trump.

James Buchanan played fiddle while the forces that led to the Civil War were gathering momentum. This is regarded by many historians as one of the worst-ever presidential mistakes. And he was an early example of a now-familiar phenomenon: a Northern man with Southern principles. Still, unlike Trump, Buchanan also had a long history of service to the public — serving as minister to Russia, ambassador to the United Kingdom, and secretary of state. Even he was better than Trump.

The list goes on. It is near impossible to find any president, no matter how terrible, of whom some nice things can't be said — until we get to Trump.

This raises a question: How might Trump possibly redeem himself? A Jimmy Carter post-presidency of philanthropy seems unlikely, given that New York is suing Trump for using his charitable foundation as a piggy bank to fund his private ventures. The best that can be said of “private life” Trump is that while he's a vulgar con man, he's at least an entertaining vulgar con man.

I know Trump has his fans. They don't see him as needing redemption. They're glad he's appointing conservative judges. They want a harsher stance against illegal immigration. Some may even like his trade protectionism. But the polls show that Trump is currently the most popular he has ever been in office — and still, a healthy majority of Americans disapprove of his performance.

What's clear to most of us, then, is that Trump is an awful president. What's less clear? That there's anything nice you can say about him or his presidency. It's catastrophes all the way down. Trump is the worst — and it's Americans who will pay the price.
Canada announced billions of dollars in retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. on Friday in a tit-for-tat response to the Trump administration's duties on Canadian steel and aluminum.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government released the final list of items that will be targeted beginning July 1. Some items will be subject to taxes of 10% or 25%.

"This is a perfectly reciprocal action," Freeland said. "It is a dollar-for-dollar response."

Freeland said they had no other choice and called the tariffs regrettable.

Another product on the list is whiskey, which comes from Tennessee and Kentucky, the latter of which is the home state of Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell.

Freeland also said they are prepared if U.S. President Trump escalates the trade war.

"It is absolutely imperative that common sense should prevail," she said. "Having said that, our approach from day one of the NAFTA negotiations has been to hope for the best but prepare for the worst."

Trump has explained the steel and aluminum tariffs by saying imported metals threaten the United States' national security — a justification that countries rarely use because it can be so easily abused. He also is threatening to impose another national security-based tariff on imported cars, trucks and auto parts. That threat could be a negotiating ploy to restart talks on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Freeland said there are no grounds for further U.S. tariffs in response to Canada's actions.

Canadians are particularly worried about auto tariffs because the industry is critical to Canada's economy. Freeland said such tariffs would be "absurd" because the North American auto industry is highly integrated and parts made in Canada often go to cars manufactured in the U.S. and then sold back to Canadians. "Any trade action is disruptive on both sides of the border," Freeland said.

Freeland said an "intensive phase" of NAFTA renegotiations will resume quickly after Sunday's elections in Mexico.

"I don't think we'll see any reaction from the Trump administration. They are prepared for this," said Dan Ujzo, a trade lawyer in Columbus, Ohio. "Candidly, the Canadian retaliation is a drop in the bucket compared to the retaliation that we're going to see from China and elsewhere."

Ujzo doubts Trump will announce auto tariffs because that would be a "red line" for the U.S. Congress before the midterm election. He said the hearings for possible auto tariffs are in late July.

"I don't think Congress right now is expected to get engaged until after the midterm election. They've given the president a long leash and will continue to do so. The auto tariffs would disrupt that. It would change the calculus," he said.

The Canadian government also announced $1.5 billion in subsidies for Canada's steel and aluminum industries.
How the trillions of bacteria in your intestinal tract play a role in your cardiovascular health. If you ask most medical experts about the hottest trends in health research, chances are they’ll mention the microbiome. The term refers to the trillions of microbes living inside our bodies, known as the human microbiota. The vast majority of these bacteria, viruses, and fungi dwell deep within our intestines. These microbes help with digestion, make certain nutrients, and release substances that have wide-ranging health effects.

“There’s a complex interplay between the microbes in our intestines and most of the systems in our bodies, including the vascular, nervous, endocrine, and immune systems. All of these relationships are highly relevant to cardiovascular health,” says Dr. JoAnn Manson, professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief of preventive medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

Microbe metabolites

As you’d expect, what we eat plays a major role in the composition of our gut microbiota. And we’re learning more about how the substances gut microbes churn out (called metabolites) influence our risk for many chronic diseases, including diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, says Dr. Manson.

One of the best known of these gut metabolites, called trimethylamine (TMA), forms when gut microbes feed on choline, a nutrient found in red meat, fish, poultry, and eggs. In the liver, TMA is converted to trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO), a substance strongly connected with the formation of artery-clogging plaque (atherosclerosis). A 2017 study in the Journal of the American Heart Association by Dr. Manson and colleagues pooled findings from 19 studies looking at the connection between blood levels of TMAO and serious cardiovascular problems (mainly heart attacks and strokes).

People with the highest TMAO levels were 62% more likely to experience serious cardiovascular problems than those with the lowest levels. High TMAO levels were also linked to higher mortality rates. What’s more, these connections were independent of traditional risk factors, such as diabetes, obesity, and kidney problems. This suggests that TMAO could be a novel target for prevention or treatment strategies.

Gut microbe metabolites are also known to influence other factors closely tied to cardiovascular risk, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and inflammation. For example, a high-fiber diet may encourage the growth of gut bacteria that produce short-chain fatty acids. A gut that includes these microbes seems to help people with diabetes better control their blood sugar and body weight, according to one small study.

Blood pressure benefits

Short-chain fatty acids, which are made almost exclusively in the gut, also seem to play a role in regulating blood pressure. Studies in mice suggest that these fats are involved in blood vessel dilation and constriction. This observation is one of many described in a report on the role of microbiota in blood pressure regulation published in the September 2017 issue of Hypertension.

Other preliminary findings discussed in the review include

- how high dietary sodium levels change the composition of gut microbe populations
- how toxins released from microbes may influence kidney function, a key player in blood pressure regulation
- how microbes that live in the mouth interact with nitrates from vegetables to form nitrates and nitric oxide, which relaxes blood vessels.

But the entire field is still in its infancy, says Dr. Manson. Growing evidence suggests that dietary habits that are helpful for preventing heart disease (such as avoiding red meat, limiting salt, and eating lots of fiber-rich vegetables and whole grains) also have favorable effects on the gut microbiome.

The promise of probiotics

What about probiotics, the live bacteria found in yogurt, other fermented foods, and dietary supplements? While they potentially improve diarrhea caused by infections or antibiotics and may ease symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome, so far the evidence of any definitive benefit is limited.

It’s far too early to recommend probiotics routinely for preventing or treating most chronic diseases, says Dr. Manson. “We often don’t know if the probiotics are actually getting to the right place and changing microbial flora,” she says. But it shouldn’t be too long before we understand more about this topic. Dr. Manson and other investigators around the country have received major grants from the National Institutes of Health to study metabolomics for predicting the risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Metabolomics—the study of metabolites—has been called a missing link that connects the microbiome with human health.

What is cognitive reserve?

A cognitive reserve, An important concept that is crucial to the understanding of cognitive health is known as cognitive reserve. You can think of cognitive reserve as your brain’s ability to improvise and find alternate ways of getting a job done. Just like a powerful car that enables you to engage another gear and suddenly accelerate to avoid an obstacle, your brain can change the way it operates and thus make added resources available to cope with challenges. Cognitive reserve is developed by a lifetime of obstacle, your brain can change the way it operates and thus make added resources available to cope with challenges. Cognitive reserve is developed by a lifetime of education and curiosity to help your brain better cope with any failures or declines it faces.

The concept of cognitive reserve originated in the late 1980s, when researchers described individuals with no apparent symptoms of dementia who were nonetheless found at autopsy to have brain changes consistent with advanced Alzheimer’s disease. These individuals did not show symptoms of the disease while they were alive because they had a large enough cognitive reserve to offset the damage and continue to function as usual.

Since then, research has shown that people with greater cognitive reserve are better able to stave off the degenerative brain changes associated with dementia or other brain diseases, such as Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, or a stroke. A more robust cognitive reserve can also help you function better for longer if you’re exposed to unexpected life events, such as stress, surgery, or toxins in the environment. Such circumstances demand extra effort from your brain—similar to requiring a car to engage another gear. When the brain cannot cope, you can become confused, develop delirium, or show signs of disease. Therefore, an important goal is to build and sustain your cognitive reserve. You can get a rough idea of your cognitive reserve simply by gauging how much your education, work, and other activities have challenged your brain over the years. Our six-step program will help you improve your cognitive reserve.
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ISNA DENOUNCES THE U.S. SUPREME COURT’S DECISION TO UPHOLD THE TRAVEL BAN

We at the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) are disheartened by the U.S. Supreme Court’s majority opinion in United States v. State of Hawaii in upholding the travel ban targeting Muslim-majority countries. This is a dark chapter in our American history.

The Supreme Court’s ruling is misaligned with our nation’s professed values and is clear evidence of the historical continuation of discriminatory policies towards people of color, immigrant populations, and religious minorities. Today’s ruling joins the regretful ranks of the Korematsu Decision, which separated Japanese-American families, and forced them to live in internment camps during World War II. Like Korematsu, and other unfortunate episodes in America’s history, this case will be seen by future generations as cause for national remorse.

In a statement, ISNA President Azhar Azees said: “Maintaining family unity is the cornerstone of a healthy and stable society. This ruling will instead exacerbate the status quo of families being torn apart; mothers unable to hold their infants; funerals of grandparents unattended; and siblings separated by oceans. Although today’s ruling implicitly upholds the clear and direct animus this administration holds towards Muslims and Islam, the impact of this pain will be felt by our entire country.”

While we are deeply hurt, our spirit is not broken, and we are appreciative of the support from our allies. Like our partners, we remain committed to the political process, and draw upon our faith values of pluralism, freedom of religion, equity, and justice to ensure that everyone in our society is treated with human dignity as the sisters and brothers that God created us to be.

Criminalizing religious communities isn’t just morally wrong; it also doesn’t keep us any safer. Our organization remains committed to ensuring healthcare for all people, sensible gun safety measures, food security for all, and the protection of our environment so that our planet remains habitable for all people, especially the most vulnerable among us. We will continue to work on these issues to ensure that our nation provides true opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

As Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor forcefully stated in her dissenting opinion, “The court blindly accepts the government’s invitation to sanction an openly discriminatory policy and is essentially replacing one gravely wrong decision with another.” Today’s ruling is a dark chapter, but it is only one chapter in an evolving story, one we will continue to participate in.

Many people around the country are having a tough time processing and explaining this ruling to their children. The Family and Youth Institute (FYI) has created a toolkit to assist parents with these difficult and painful conversations: http://www.fyi.org/toolkits/muslim-ban-toolkit/.

Alison Ettel, CEO of TreatWell Health, stepped down after at least six marijuana businesses cut ties over Ettel’s threat to an 8-year-old black girl.

The chief executive of TreatWell Health, a California company that produces cannabis-based tinctures and edibles, resigned on Tuesday after at least six marijuana businesses cut ties with TreatWell to protest the CEO’s threat to call the police on an 8-year-old black girl selling water without a permit.

The CEO, Alison Ettel of San Francisco, who is white, agreed to quit because she believes that “TreatWell, its employees, and patients should not have to suffer because of a situation that occurred in an escalated moment,” according to a statement released by a TreatWell spokeswoman, Cynthia Gonzalez.

Ettel became known across the internet as “Permit Patty” after a video taken by the child’s mother went viral over the weekend, causing widespread outrage. Ettel told The Huffington Post that she was only pretending to call the police and that she confronted the girl and her mother outside an apartment building because they were being too loud, not for any racially motivated reason. A spokesman for the San Francisco Police Department confirmed that no complaint was made.

Many viewers circulating the video on social media called on marijuana dispensaries to boycott TreatWell, which combines marijuana plant extracts with coconut oil to produce tinctures that are said to relieve pain in pets and humans. In response, several companies issued statements saying that they would no longer sell TreatWell’s products.

“TreatWell was one of our best-selling products but to us, integrity is always before profit,” Magnolia, a dispensary based in Oakland, California, wrote in an Instagram post. “For our remaining inventory, we are doing blowout deals and donating all proceeds to a local nonprofit.”

Fresh India-Pak diplomatic spat erupts over help

NEW DELHI: The current round of diplomatic hostility between India and Pakistan seems to have erupted after the Pakistani help of India’s defence attache in Islamabad was forced to stop working for him by local authorities.

Indian authorities saw this as violating the understanding reached in late March that the 2 countries follow the 1992 Code of Conduct meant to ensure “smooth and unhindered functioning of their diplomatic and consular officials in conformity with recognised norms of international law and practice”.

What provoked this action by Pakistan authorities is not known but it was reminiscent of the incidents of harassment and intimidation of diplomats witnessed in both capitals in February and March. The matter was taken up with the Pakistanis.

This was followed by a spat of incidents both here in Delhi and Islamabad this month. While Pakistan alleged that one of its visiting lady diplomats was robbed of her handbag and that another diplomat had his car tailed and broken into, the Indian air adviser was detained at the Islamabad airport for a while for not carrying his identity card. The identity card though had expired and the diplomat was awaiting its renewal by the Pakistan foreign ministry.

According to Indian authorities, the cases brought to the government’s notice were of law and order nature and had nothing to do with harassment.

ToI has also learnt that in April this year a junior staff had to be recalled to India after an aborted bid by ISI men to blackmail him into passing sensitive information to them. Matters came to a head last week though after Pakistan prevented Indian High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria and other Indian officials from entering Gurudwara Panja Sahib at Hasan Abdal. They were also not allowed to meet Indian Sikh pilgrims apparently. While India warned Pakistan against fanning secessionist sentiments, Islamabad claimed that these pilgrims were protesting against Indian authorities.

India and Pakistan have had no substantive engagement for over 2 years now, except for humanitarian issues, and things are likely to remain the same at least until the outcome of general elections in Pakistan. India had earlier this month released 6 Pakistan prisoners saying that it remained committed to addressing all humanitarian issues with Pakistan.
All-time high threat to PM Modi: Even ministers, officers can’t come too close

Issuing new security guidelines to states in the wake of an “all-time high” threat to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Home Ministry has said that not even ministers and officers will be allowed to come too close to the Prime Minister unless cleared by the Special Protection Group (SPG).

The ministry said there has been an “all-time high” threat to the Prime Minister and he is the “most valuable target” in the run-up to the 2019 general elections, officials privy to the development said. No one, not even ministers and officers, should be allowed to come too close to the Prime Minister unless cleared by his special security, the Home Ministry communication said, citing an “unknown threat” to PM Modi.

The SPG is believed to have advised Prime Minister Modi, who is the main campaigner for the ruling BJP, to cut down on road shows, which invite a bigger threat, in the run up to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, and instead address public rallies, which are easier to manage, an official said.

The close protection team (CPT) of the Prime Minister’s security has been briefed about the new set of rules and the threat assessment and instructed them to frisk even a minister or an officer, if necessary.

The Prime Minister’s security apparatus was reviewed threadbare recently after the Pune Police told a court on June 7 that they had seized a “letter” from the Delhi residence of one of the five people arrested for having alleged “links” with the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist), another official said.

The purported letter allegedly mentioned a plan to “assassinate” PM Modi in “another Rajiv Gandhi-type incident”, the police had told the court.

Besides, during a recent visit to West Bengal, a man was able to break through six layers of security to touch the Prime Minister’s feet, sending the security agencies into a tizzy.

Following the two developments, Union Home

Safety Tips for this 4th of July

Ensure your Independence Day weekend is filled with celebration and not regret with these 10 fire safety tips

Be sure fireworks are legal in your area before using or buying them. Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities and never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks. Sparklers alone account for one quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries. If you set off fireworks, keep a bucket of water handy in case of malfunction or fire. If fireworks malfunction, don’t relight them! Douse and soak them with water then throw them away. Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially one that is glass or metal. Use your grill well away from your home and deck railings, and out from under branches or overhanges. Open your gas grill before lighting. Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below your gas or propane grill so it cannot be ignited. Declare a three-foot “kid and pet-free zone” around the grill to keep them safe. Avoid loose clothing that can catch fire when cooking on the grill.
China is slashing tariffs on imports from five Asian countries in a move that could strengthen its defenses in a trade war with the United States.

Beijing will reduce tariffs on thousands of products from India and South Korea, as well as the smaller economies of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Laos, China’s commerce ministry said.

The reductions are due to take effect on July 1. They’re part of an agreement between the six countries called the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) that covers more than 10,000 goods in total, the ministry added.

China has identified more than 8,500 goods from the five countries on which it will “reduce or cancel tariffs,” China’s Ambassador to India Luo Zhaohui said on Twitter. They include soybeans, steel, aluminum as well as other agricultural and chemical products, he added.

Many of those products could help replace imports from the United States that will become more expensive in China if the two countries go ahead with tariffs on $34 billion of each other’s exports next week.

Although the Asian trade agreement was planned before the US-China dispute escalated, some experts say Beijing is highlighting it now to send a message to the White House.

“This is basically a tactical measure to counter the Trump administration’s tariff rise,” said Srikanth Kondapalli, a professor of Chinese studies at New Delhi’s Jawaharlal Nehru University. “They are trying to tap into other markets if the United States goes ahead with a trade war,” he added.

The trade in soybeans is particularly important for both sides. Soybeans are America’s leading agricultural export and China is its biggest customer, buying them from US farmers to use as a protein source in animal feed.

India has reportedly offered to step in if US soybean exports to China fall. A senior Indian official said at a meet-

ing in Beijing in April that his country could “substitute for” products like soybean and sugar, according to Indian media.

India exported soybeans worth only $155 million last year, nearly 60% of which went to the United States, according to Indian government data. None went to China.

The five Asian countries could also benefit from Beijing’s reduced tariffs by buying food products from the United States and selling them on to China.

“In addition to soy, the United States exports higher valued food products such as pork, wine, tree nuts, and fruits to China,” Loren Puette, director of market research firm ChinaAg, told CNNMoney.

“The tariff concessions could benefit [the five countries] as re-exporters if they import US food products and ex-

port them to China at a reduced rate,” he added.

India is one of the many countries that has clashed with the United States on trade in recent weeks. It plans to increase tariffs on 29 US goods in August in retaliation for Trump’s tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. A US trade delegation is in New Delhi this week for discussions with Indian officials.

India also has an uneasy relationship with China on trade. The two large Asian neighbors clashed most recently on Indian tariffs on Chinese solar panels.

And Kondapalli pointed out that despite the tariff reduc-

tions, access to China’s market remains highly restricted for several countries.

“We’ll have to see ... whether this is a genuine policy read-

justment or basically stalling,” he said. “My hunch is that [China] will keep stalling, they will keep raising issues especially non-tariff barriers for some time to come.”

--- Serenitie Wang contributed to this report

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mained committed to addressing all humanitarian issues with Pakistan.

Pakistan this week briefed all Islamabad-based Head of Missions about the “brutal assassination of Shujaat Bukhari and the atrocities perpetrated by the Indian oc-

upation forces” in the wake of the report.

Vladimir Putin names India, China and Russia as ‘major players’ in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

Russian President Vladimir Putin has named India, China and his own country as major players in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), days ahead of the bloc’s summit in the eastern Chinese coastal city of Qingdao.

Putin said the eight-member bloc has evolved from a group that was launched to resolve border issues between China, Russia and erstwhile constituents of the Soviet Union into a powerful organisation with substantial resources.

“The SCO member states account for one-fourth of the world’s GDP, 43% of the international population and 23% of the global territory,” Putin told China Media Group, which includes the CGTN English channel. He stressed on the “rapid economic growth of China, India and Russia, all of which are major players in the organisa-

tion”.

India and Pakistan are set to participate in the latest

summit, to be held on June 9 and 10, as full members.

It is widely believed that while Russia pushed for India’s membership, Pakistan’s entry into the bloc was backed by China.

The SCO was founded at a Shanghai summit in 2001 that featured the presidents of Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to meet Putin on the sidelines of the Qingdao summit. If the bilateral meet-

ing does take place, it will be their second such interac-

tion in three weeks after the informal summit at Sochi in May.

“Russia is India’s old-time friend. We share long-standing historical ties, and Mr President (Putin) is my personal friend and a friend of India,” Modi had said after a sum-

mit at the Black Sea resort of Sochi. “For the past four years, you and I stood side by side in the bilateral format and on the international stage... I am very glad that it was so.”

Modi also declared on Twitter: “The friendship between India and Russia has stood the test of time. Our ties will continue to scale newer heights in the coming years.”

The external affairs ministry has issued a statement that said Putin and Modi are in agreement about the impor-
tant role both countries have to play in “contribution to an open and equitable world order”.

Russia will likely be India’s key ally in the SCO, given New Delhi’s history of hostility with Islamabad and differences with Beijing.

Referring to international issues, Putin spoke about the future of ties between Russia and those in the West.
GM's new 39-year-old CFO Dhivya Suryadevara is making history

General Motors announced that 39-year-old vice president of corporate finance, Dhivya Suryadevara, would replace current CFO Chuck Stevens, who has been working at the auto company longer than Suryadevara has been alive.

Suryadevara has quickly climbed GM’s ladder since she began working there 14 years ago, and her appointment as CFO is significant: She is the first female CFO in the automaker’s 110-year history and makes GM one of only two Fortune 500 companies that have both a female CEO and CFO. Hershey, led by CEO Michele Buck and CFO Patricia Little, is the other company holding that distinction.

GM CEO Mary Barra, who has made significant strides to increase female leadership in the company, says Suryadevara is ready.

“Dhivya’s experience and leadership in several key roles throughout our financial operations positions her well to build on the strong business results we’ve delivered over the last several years,” Barra said.

Although Suryadevara never imagined going into the automotive industry, she told Real Simple that she’s always enjoyed anything “challenging and complicated.”

That was the theme of her upbringing in Chennai, India. After her father passed away when Suryadevara was young, all parenting duties fell onto her mother.

“My mom had to raise three children on her own, which is difficult to do anywhere, let alone in India,” she said. “She wanted to make sure there were no corners cut when it came to our education and to prove that we could have the same resources as a two-parent household.”

Her mother’s high expectations stayed with Suryadevara as she completed her bachelor’s and master’s degree in commerce at the University of Madras. When she was 22, Suryadevara traveled to the U.S. for the first time to attend Harvard Business School, where she got an MBA. The move was a major culture shock, and grappling with student loans added even more pressure to the experience.

The effort paid off when Suryadevara landed an internship in 2002 at the World Bank before joining UBS as an investment banker. When the time came to move on, she set her sights on GM.

“It struck me right away that there was no shortage of interesting things to do there,” Suryadevara told Real Simple. “I saw that I was only limited by how much effort and time I wanted to put in, which is what made me want to work harder.”

She rose to CEO and chief investment officer of GM Asset Management in 2013. While running GM’s $85 billion pension operations, she also took on the role as vice president of finance and treasurer in 2015, and split her time between New York and Detroit.

All that juggling earned Suryadevara a spot on Fortune magazine’s 40 under 40 list. In 2017 she became vice president of corporate finance, where she “played an integral role in the Opel divestiture, Cruise acquisition, Lyft investment and more recently, SoftBank’s investment in GM Cruise,” according to GM.

At the same time, the share of female CFOs is increasing: There are now 64 in the Fortune 500, nearly double the amount a decade ago, according to Fortune.

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“Any time a woman is added to the C-Suite it’s something that should be celebrated,” she told Bloomberg. “Given that the rate of change for women into the C-suite and into the CEO level has been so slow, any time we see one, it is certainly progress.”
BENGALURU: Former Lokayukta Justice N Santosh Hegde said if one is content, he will never worry about the Income Tax or Directorate of Enforcement raids, taking a dig at the recent raids by these agencies.

He was speaking at the ‘Bengaluru Eid Get-Together’ event organised by Student Islamic Organisation on Sunday. "The Lokayukta report on illegal mining had named three CMs and indicted them for corruption. One of them was nominated as the CM candidate. We still accept such things and we also pay the bribe to get our work done. What does this show? Even society has to be blamed for the situation we are facing."

Hegde said, "I was a frog in the well before I was Lokayukta. I thought everyone’s life was good because my life was good. Later, I realised hardships people face for basic needs. When huge cuts are taken away from amount released for the welfare of people and developmental works, how can a country progress?" he asked.

Dr Javed Jamil, Deputy Director and Head of Islamic Studies and Research in Yeoupoya University, said communalism was a product of political fundamentalism. "While top leaders of the BJP government at the Centre are pleasing the corporate sector, the second rung of leadership in the party is hanging on to communal issues. Political parties should understand that religious morality is more important than religious identity."

Akbar Ali, member of Zonal Advisory Committee of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Karnataka and Mohammed Rafeeq, president of SIO Karnataka also spoke.

All the visiting Ambassadors to the Telangana State - - Ravi Shankar Aisola, Vani Rao, Subayya Rayudu and Ausaf Saeed- - had very useful discussions with Hon’ble KT Rama Rao, Minister of IT, who shared his vision for the technological advancement and development of Telangana.

The Ambassadors also called on Mr Mahmood Ali, Deputy Chief Minister.

The Ambassadors visited Amazon.India, THub, MindSpace and Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited.
Your vehicle MAY be involved in a safety recall and MAY create a safety risk for you or your passengers. If left unrepaired, a potential safety defect could lead to injury or even death. Safety defects must be repaired by a dealer at no cost to you.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V333
Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
Subject : Missing Intermediate Side Marker Lights/FMVSS 108

Make Model Model Years FOREST RIVER VEN-GEANCE 2017-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V335
Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC
Subject : Transmission Support Mounting Bolts may be Loose

Make Model Model Years CHEVROLET SONIC 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V336
Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Subject : Intermediate Steering Shaft may Split

Make Model Model Years JEEP WRANGLER 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V337
Manufacturer : General Motors Motors LLC
Subject : Seat Back Frame Joint Improperly Welded

Make Model Model Years JEEP CHEROKEE 2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V338
Manufacturer : Foretravel, Inc.
Subject : Missing Passenger Seat Base Securing Bolts

Make Model Model Years FORETRAVEL IH45 2017-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V339
Manufacturer : Spartan Motors USA
Subject : Cylinder or Camshaft Damage

Make Model Model Years SPARTAN ADVANTAGE 2001-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V340
Manufacturer : Altrec Industries Inc.
Subject : Travel Height Different then Indicated on Label

Make Model Model Years ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V341
Manufacturer : Altrec Industries Inc.
Subject : Starter Cable may Chafe and Cause Electrical Short

Make Model Model Years ALTEC DIGGER DERRICK 2016-2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V342
Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.
Subject : Incomplete Sub Frame Welds May Fracture

Make Model Model Years Maserati GHIBLI 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V343
Manufacturer : Altec Industries Inc.
Subject : Missing Passenger Brake System/FMVSS 121

Make Model Model Years ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2012-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V344
Manufacturer : Foretravel, Inc.
Subject : Missing Passenger Seat Base Securing Bolts

Make Model Model Years FORETRAVEL REALM 2017-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V345
Manufacturer : Spartan Motors USA
Subject : Loss of Air to the Air Brake System/FMVSS 121

Make Model Model Years SPARTAN DIAMOND 2001-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V346
Manufacturer : Altrec Industries Inc.
Subject : Front Brake Hose may Chafe

Make Model Model Years SPARTAN GLADIATOR 2001-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V347
Manufacturer : Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.
Subject : Entry Door May open While Moving

Make Model Model Years SPARTAN METROSTAR 2001-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V348
Manufacturer : Foretravel, Inc.
Subject : Missing Placard for Trailer Hitch Load Limits

Make Model Model Years ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2012-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V349
Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
Subject : Improperly Torqued Caliper Mounting Bolts

Make Model Model Years CHEVROLET SONIC 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V350
Manufacturer : Spartan Motors USA
Subject : Incomplete Sub Frame Welds May Fracture

Make Model Model Years FORETRAVEL IH45 2017-2018

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Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V376
Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
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Sanju Story: Sanju explores some of the most crucial chapters from movie star Sanjay Dutt's dramatic and controversial real life. It gives a lowdown on his tryst with drugs and his trials and tribulations in the Arms Acts case and the 1993 Mumbai blasts.

Sanju Review: One man, many lives is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to Sanjay Dutt. Rajkumar Hirani's film presents a vivid and very dramatic look in this biopic of sorts. The film starts off with Sanjay Dutt (Ranbir Kapoor) wanting a writer for his biography even while he's preparing to surrender himself to the Supreme Court's judgement in the Arms Act case. A film writer fails him miserably, so Sanju turns to a more established writer Winnie (Anushka Sharma) to pen his biography. His confessions and recollections to Winnie are intimate and give us deep insights into the highs and lows of his life, which is nothing short of a roller-coaster ride. Like any Rajkumar Hirani film, Sanju blends humour with drama effortlessly. While it doesn't reveal much about the protagonists' relationships and marriages, it does tell a strong story of an unbreakable bond between a father, son and a best friend. In fact, Sanjay's relationship with his father Sunil Dutt (Paresh Rawal) forms the major part of this story and some of the most heart wrenching and touching moments in the film belong to both of them.

Manisha Koirala as Nargis Dutt (Sanju's mother) has a brief role, but the scenes between the father, mother and son move you to tears. There's also his best friend Kamlesh (Vicky Kaushal) who's one of the most important characters in the graph of the story and he leaves a solid impact. Maanyata (Dia Mirza) his wife's strong presence is felt right throughout the film, but his previous marriages have been completely left out of the narrative. Even the birth of his first child, daughter Trishala doesn't feature in this heart-rending story. The absence of these aspects of Sanju's life leave the viewer craving for a tad bit more. The first half is extremely gripping, with Sanju struggling with his inner demons. The second half is spent on elaborating his court cases and it reiterates the thought that he's not a terrorist. The fact that Sanjay Dutt's real life presents great material for a story on celluloid is unquestionable. Hirani beautifully taps into some deep emotions that keeps the audience drawn to the screen. Even though the film feels long, the film industry nostalgia and the many references to old Hindi film music keep you hooked on.

Ranbir Kapoor is just as good as his reputation. To state that he's an incredible actor who fills Sanjay Dutt's role with gravitas and spunk is stating the obvious. That's expected from a talented actor like Ranbir. But what he does best in Sanju, is that he delivers the central character's swag and nonchalance in the most effortless manner. Whether he's dancing like a hysterical man, with bloodshot eyes under the influence of drugs or he's the broken, emotional wreck just starting blank, Ranbir portrays a variety of emotions and grey shades with flair. He's the heart and soul of this film. One of the finest performances in the film comes from Vicky Kaushal. He stands tall and pulls off a superb act as Ranbir's best friend who stands by him like a rock.

AR Rahman, Rohan-Rohan and Vikram Montrose's music sets mood right. Songs like Kar Har Maidan Fateh and Ruby Ruby add to the experience of the film. The background score is top notch too. The drugs infused phase of Sanju's life is the most impressive and it has been portrayed with the right amount of sensitivity. It has some fantastic visuals and some crazy emotions too.

Presenting a biopic on a man with so many shades and one who's lived a life of such extremes is a no mean feat. Hirani, in his signature style, takes you through Sanju's remarkable journey with the finesse and commitment it needs. In the film, Sanju's wife says that he's the king of bad choices, and Hirani's idea of making a film on his life has certainly paid off. Yes, there's a lot missing, but even then, this is still an incredible story of a man and a movie star who made massive mistakes, walked through fire, survived it and lived one heck of a life.
Sanjay Dutt, who made his comeback to Bollywood with Omung Kumar’s Bhoomi, will be next seen playing a gangster in upcoming film Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster 3 and Baba, as he is fondly known, revealed the motion poster of the film on his Facebook page.
On the lighter side....

Teacher: "Which is the best month to study?"

Student: "Octembruary."

Teacher: "Don't be silly. There's no month like that."

Student: "Exactly...."

The warehouse foreman walked up on a worker and caught him napping.

"Hey!" the foreman shouted. "Why aren't you working?"

"Because I didn't see you coming."

A city slicker goes to visit his cousin who owns an apple orchard. The cousin takes him out to show him the bountiful crop on the trees.

The city slicker sees all the apples and asks, "How many apples grow on trees?"

His cousin smiles and says, "All of them."

A squirrel was sitting in an apple tree. All of a sudden a cow started climbing up the tree. Surprised to see a climbing cow the squirrel asked the newcomer, "What the heck are you doing here?"

The cow replied, "I thought I'd eat some oranges."

"But this is an apple tree."

"I know. I brought my own."

One night, a lady stumbled into the police station with a black eye. She claimed she heard a noise in her backyard and went to investigate. The next thing she knew she was hit in the eye and knocked out cold.

An officer was sent to her house to investigate and he returned 1-1/2 hours later with a black eye.

"Did you get hit by the same person?" his captain asked.

"No," he replied. "I stepped on the same rake."

How does a dog stop a TV show?

He presses PAWS.

Little Anne came running into the house after the school one day, shouting, "Daddy! Daddy! I got 100 in school today!"

"That's great sweetheart!" said her daddy.

"Come into the living room and tell me about it," daddy continued.

Little Anne said, "Well, I got 50 in spelling, 30 in math and 20 in science."

I accompanied my husband when he went to get a haircut. Reading a magazine, I found a hairstyle I liked for myself. I asked the receptionist if I could take the magazine next door to make a copy of the photo.

"Leave some ID, a driver's license or a credit card," she said.

"But my husband is here getting a haircut," I explained.

"Yes," she replied. "But I need something you'll come back for."

"You see, doctor, I'm always dizzy for half an hour after I get up in the morning," said Carla.

"Well, try getting up half an hour later," said the doctor.

A teacher called upon the classroom to make sentences with words previously chosen. The teacher smiled when Pete, a slow learner, raised his hand to participate during the challenge of making a sentence with the words: Defeat, Defense, Deduct, and Detail.

Pete stood thinking for a while, all eyes focused on him while his classmates awaited his reply. Smiling, he proudly said, "Defeat of deduct went over defense before data."

My girlfriend isn't talking to me because apparently I ruined her birthday.

Not sure how I did that...

I didn't even know it was her birthday!

"What's your father's occupation?" asked the school secretary on the first day of the new academic year.

"He's a magician, ma'am" said Little Johnny.

"How interesting. What's his favorite trick?"

"He saws people in half."