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January 6, 2018

What the U.S. Must Do to Help the Citizens of Iran

Hugh Hewitt invites Admiral James Stavridis and Senator Tom Cotton to share what it takes to get the United States involved in a conflict like the one happening in Iran citizen protest. Mike Gallagher speaks with Ben Shapiro about an article he wrote in support of the protestors in Iran. Michael Medved discusses Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's theory on the November midterm elections amidst the currently predicted GOP disaster. Dennis Prager shares his list of California's self-destructive laws passed. Prager also discusses the evil form of government that today's youth seldom understand: communism. Mike Gallagher ponders the new developments that businesses have recently employed in an effort to be politically correct.

January 13, 2018

The Budget Battle and the Fight to Strengthen our Armed Forces

Hugh Hewitt invites Michael Oren to analyze the recent uprising in Iran in the wider context of US foreign policy to Iran. Host Mike Gallagher and Congressman Mike Gallagher delve into the subject of present US military preparedness and the fight to strengthen our Armed Forces. Mike Gallagher then asks Rona McDaniel a variety of questions on the current hot issues in Washington, DC. Hugh Hewitt brings James Hohman from the Washington Post to dissect the merits of Michael Wolff's controversial new book on President Trump. Michael Medved looks at the White House DACA meeting between Republicans and Democrats, chaired by President Trump. Dennis Prager poses insightful historical questions to Victor Sebestyen, author of a new book on Lenin. Finally, Dennis Prager analyzes the potentially explosive tension between California and the rest of America, as the Golden State pursues extremely liberal policies that indirectly punish other states.

January 19, 2018

Are Republicans Really in Danger in the 2018 Elections?

Hugh Hewitt invites Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Bob Goodlatte to explain the contentious issues on the DACA impasse in Washington, DC. Larry Elder and John Lott, the president of the Crime Prevention Center, dig into the data concerning the true record of illegal immigrants in his state, Arizona. Hugh Hewitt allows two journalists to give their opposite prognostications of Republican performance in the upcoming midterm elections. Mike Allen tells Hewitt why a Democratic takeover the house "now looks likely." Robert Costa contends that the Republicans still have an upper hand due to a promising economy. Dennis Prager follows with the latest news on his battle with Google and their unfair practices against [PragerU](#) and other conservative publishers on YouTube. Michael Medved honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by correcting the liberal media's rewriting of King's ideological history. Finally, Medved inserts himself into the controversy of Trump's recently reported statements against Haiti, by rejecting the media's extreme reaction while advising the administration to avoid language that contradicts their own merit-based immigration proposal.

January 27, 2018

Shutdown Fizzles — Dems Blink

Kevin McCullough invites Margo Cleveland of the Federalist to share the details concerning why government shutdown fizzles in favor for Republicans. Dennis Prager shares about the drastic differences in goals of the latest Women's Marches across the country. While on with Hugh Hewitt, Oklahoma Senator James Lankford discusses his proposal to reform the rules of the Senate. Mike Gallagher spoke with author and investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson about the decline in the FBI's reputation, especially after the thousands of text messages have disappeared. Michael Medved covers the discredited government shutdown strategy against the Whitehouse. Larry Elder looks at why Americans have high healthcare expectations. Hugh Hewitt interviews Pennsylvania Senator Pat Toomey about the way that Americans have responded to the tax cut. Wrapping up, Hugh Hewitt has Green Beret veterans Mark Nutsch and Bob Pennington detail an incredible mission for which the newly theatrical released movie "12 Strong" was based.

February 2, 2018

President Trump Gets High Marks on the State of the Union

Hugh Hewitt opens by dissecting President Trump's first State of the Union address with Lanhee Chen of the Hoover Institute. Dennis Prager tackles the shocking Democratic response to the president's State of the Union speech. Michael Medved exposes the alarming body of growing misinformation on the controversial subject of immigration. Journalist Howard Kurtz is invited by Mike Gallagher to discuss his new book, "Media Madness: Donald Trump, the Press, and the War Over the Truth." Larry Elder then takes up the issue of a newly revealed photo of Barack Obama with Louis Farrakhan that the media kept from the public for 13 years. Dennis Prager returns to explain why the Left-wing media presents a grave danger to Western civilization itself. Finally, Mike Gallagher also returns to discuss a popular Senate bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks that was filibustered by Democrats

February 9, 2018

Jittery Markets, the Memo and a defender of Masculinity

Kimberly Strassel, of the Wall Street Journal, speaks with Dennis Prager about why the howling and protests came from Democrat, FBI, and Justice Department members following the release of "the memo." Mike Gallagher catches up with CNBC's Larry Kudlow for an analysis on the economy, of which the Dow Jones Industrial tanked spectacularly earlier in the week. Hugh Hewitt speaks with Congressman Mike Gallagher about a notorious figure who may have provided retired British Spy Christopher Steele with information contained in the "dossier." Michael Medved sits in with Dr. Larry Diamond, a Sr. Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, to discuss the demise of democracy, if Putin could have his way. While on with Michael Medved, Canadian psychologist Jordan Peterson, author of "Twelve Rules for your Life," shares how his masculine ideas are "subversive to identity politics." Ed Martin, the host of Salem's 1380 the Answer in St. Louis, invites Hugh Hewitt on his show to discuss what when wrong with the FISA warrant scandal. Larry Eldershares about President Trump's "treasonous" comment following the State of the Union address.

February 15, 2018

School Shooting Stuns America, Betsy DeVos Responds

Following the Florida school shooting, U.S Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, sits in with Hugh Hewitt to discuss what can and should not be done about it. Mike Gallagher invites Byron York, columnist for the Washington Examiner, to share about the ongoing controversy surrounding the Justice Department and Michael Flynn. Bill Kristol, the founder of The Weekly Standard, highlights the cascading crises happening in the Middle East, some involving the U.S, and many involving Israel. Larry Elder showcases the propaganda surrounding North Korea involvement in the Olympics. Dennis Prager defends talk radio hosts from the likes of liberal talk show hosts like Jimmy Kimmel, who believes that almost every talk show hosts are liberal because it requires intelligence. Hugh Hewitt invites media and marketing experts Phil Cooke and Jonathan Bock to discuss their book, *The Way Back: How Christians Blew Our Credibility and How We Get It Back*. Michael Medved discusses how figure skater Adam Rippon rips into VP Pence just before the Winter Olympic ceremonies began.

February 23, 2018

America's Pastor Passes on to His Reward

Dr. Albert Mohler, President of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, remembers America's Pastor, Billy Graham, who went on to be with his Lord this past Wednesday. Larry Elder and Constitutional law professor John Eastman address the latest indictments of 13 Russian nationals for election interference in 2016. Hugh Hewitt comments on Sr. Fellow at the Hudson Institute Lee Smith's article in The Federalist on the disappearing media coverage of the growing Russian collusion scandal. Dennis Prager speaks with economist and gun rights advocate, John Lott, about the gun control debate surrounding the Parkland, Florida massacre. Mike Gallagher invites Paul McQuillen onto the show seeking to have a civil discourse on politicians seeking political gain using gun violence studies as a foundation. Frank Luntz, a conservative pollster and political adviser, sits in with Michael Medved to discuss his observations of his recent "60 Minutes" interview and an Oprah Winfrey led focus group. Michael Medved returns to call out his Alma Mater, Yale University, for some academic foolishness.

March 2, 2018

The Tragic Mistakes that Led to the Florida Shooting

In the aftermath of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, Michael Medved shares details on how the failure of Broward County Sheriff's Office, in particular that of their leader, Sheriff Scott Israel, was years in the making. Dennis Prager examines the mindset behind the Left demanding gun legislation that would have stopped nothing. Mike Gallagher turns to National Review columnist Andrew McCarthy to make sense of why Democrats are comparing the Russians meddling in the 2016 election to the invasion of Pearl Harbor and even 9/11. Hugh Hewitt invites Peter Peterson, the dean of Pepperdine University Graduate School of Public Policy, to share about the shocking upset of Dianne Feinstein not being able to garner the support of her own Democratic party in California. Larry Elder exposes the lunacy of banning of semi-automatic rifles and ultimately the repeal of the 2nd amendment. Hugh Hewitt speaks with David Dewhirst, Chief Litigation Counsel for the Freedom Foundation, on the labor union case, Janus v. AFSCME, in the U.S. Supreme Court. Wrapping up the show, Dennis Prager returns to dismantle a piece from Bill Press of The Hill on letting high school student's direct policy on guns.

March 10, 2018

The Scourge of Opioids and the Looming Battle Over Trade

President Trump cracks down on a growing epidemic, opioids. Andrew Sullivan sits in with Michael Medved to discuss the deadly depths of this powerful and all too available drug. Hugh Hewitt invites Ohio Senator Rob Portman about the STOP Act, a Congressional effort to address this life-ending menace. Heritage Foundation economist and presidential advisor Stephen Moore sits in with Larry Elder to talk about the trade dangers of the steel and aluminum tariffs that President Trump wants to implement. Pat Buchanan sits in with Mike Gallagher to share how the tariffs actually are very pro-American. Dennis Prager discusses the Antifa demonstrations surrounding Christina Hoff Sommers at Louis and Clark Law School. Hugh Hewitt speaks with South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham about tariffs, FISA, and North Korea Denuclearization. Michael Medved shares new research from the Gallup organization on money and happiness.

March 16, 2018

Tillerson Out, Pompeo In: The Right Move

Mike Gallagher discussed with Byron York, a columnist for the Washington Examiner, Mike Pompeo replacing Rex Tillerson as Secretary of State. Michael Medved looks at the development of the future meeting of President Trump with Kim Jong-Un, the leader of the rogue nation of North Korea. Hugh Hewitt speaks with Attorney General Jeff Sessions about a little known power grab taking place in the court system. Michael Medved interviews self-described feminist Christina Hoff Sommers of the American Enterprise Institute about her speech that was shut down by protestors at Lewis and Clark College in Portland Oregon. Hugh Hewitt invites Ryan Anderson, a senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation to talk about his deep understanding of topics in his latest book, *When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment.* Wrapping up the show, Dennis Prager looks at the bewildering claims coming from the former presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, who recently spoke at a conference in Mumbai India.

March 23, 2018

A Terrifying Chapter in Austin and a First Amendment Battle at the Supreme Court

Mike Gallagher talks about the Austin, TX bombing as well as this week's shooting incident at a Great Mills, Maryland school that was minimized by a fast-acting, courageous officer. Veteran FBI profiler James Fitzgerald, goes inside the mind of the Austin bomber, just like he did with Ted Kaczynski, the Unabomber, who he helped stop. Michael Medved invites ADF President Michael Farris to share the latest on an important Supreme Court case with huge First Amendment implications. Julianne Benzel sits in with Dennis Prager to share about how her suggestion of having students protest abortion backfired. Larry Elder turns to Jesse Lee Peterson, a South Los Angeles community leader, author and radio host to talk about Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, and his recent racial taunts against whites and Jews. Hugh Hewitt invites Jon Erwin, producer of "I Can Only Imagine" to share about his experience making the faith-based movie.