

GREG GUTFELD ANALYSIS
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HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Satirist Greg Gutfeld of Fox Television Channel was at his best on September 23rd correctly analyzing the consequence of violence by the Fake News Media in America. Deranged false accusations of Fascism, National Socialism, against conservatives is dangerous.

"All right. So, NBC claims that investigators have found no link between Charlie Kirk's assassin and any left-wing groups." As for this narratives timing, all you have to see are the responses which is, see everyone? No left-wing group was involved in this murder. Congrats, NBC, you provided the cover. You can add that to your other scoops. The laptop is fake, COVID came from bad soup, Trump colluded with Russia, Joe was sharp as a tack.

The mainstream media misses more mayhem than a blind cleaning lady at Motel 6. So, is it a relief to know that the assassin wasn't part of some radical group? That he was just some guy who acted upon a daily reminder that in order to save democracy you had to murder someone? True, there were no records of him showing up at the nightly potluck at the YMCA, He didn't need to. Every single day he was fed the message that all US are nazis, fascists, white supremacist. From colleges to comedy shows, you cannot escape the brainwash.

So, the media says good news, he wasn't radicalized by a group. Yeah, because he was radicalized by you, the media. The constant drumbeat from democrats, the press, activists who have been screaming for years that people like Charlie aren't just wrong, they are evil. Who needs an armed group having a clandestine meeting in a basement when you have nightly programming on MSNBC? They have more blood on their hands than Jeffrey Dahmer after a first date, I know. Never a second date with him. But if you are thrilled there was no organized group behind this hate and how do you explain the reaction after the assassination? It wasn't universal horror. You had thousands of ghouls cheering his demise. Pop stars, talking heads, teachers, bureaucrats. ANTIFA wasn't needed because culture did the work for them. Saying no left-wing group was involved doesn't mean there is no left-wing influence. It means the poison has seeped into the groundwater. You don't need a special club when the entire ecosystem is the club.

It's like Charles Manson bragging that he didn't kill anybody himself personally. No Charlie, it wasn't you. Just a gaggle of human scum, that you brainwashed. These creeps gave motive, permission, and the hopes that Kirk's assassin would be seen as a hero. Meanwhile, the same fools now cite bogus studies and say political violence comes from the right. But the stats are less believable than the shoe polish on Jesse's bald spot. They ignore everything that doesn't fit the script. When their once vaunted economist magazine cited a study showing that the most political violence is right wing, they failed to mention that the study by an outfit called TheProsecution Project was run by a self-proclaimed ANTIFA member. And yet the media devalued this fanfiction like it was objective data.

Coming up with a bogus study to smear the right and laundering it through the media,

rinse and repeat. So, you have to wonder, why lie? Why did Jimmy Kimmel blame MAGA for Kirk's death? It wasn't bad timing; it helped provide cover for future left-wing violence. So don't tell me no group. The group is CNN; the group is Hollywood. The group is the late-night hosts losing millions but still propped up by the networks. The group is every politician who calls the country nazis. And they are shocked when some unhinged loser believes them? If you can't see that, it means you're part of that group too.

HONORING JENNIFER SEVILLA
KORN AS A 2025 SHE LEADS
AMERICA CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF
DISTINCTION

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jennifer S. Korn as a 2025 She Leads America Young Christian Woman of Distinction award recipient.

A native of East Los Angeles and a proud Marine Corps spouse, Jennifer is a national conservative leader, policy expert, and political strategist whose faith has guided her throughout a distinguished 20-year career in public service. She helped elect and advise two U.S. Presidents and two U.S. Attorneys General while leading national grassroots and communications efforts that achieved historic gains among minority, veteran, and faith voters.

Appointed by President Trump as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the newly created White House Faith Office, Jennifer works to protect religious freedom, ensuring Americans of all faiths have a voice in their government. She advises the President on matters of faith at home and abroad. Previously, she co-founded the National Faith Advisory Board, the largest faith coalition in the United States, representing leaders from every state, denomination, and ethnic background.

Her earlier career includes serving as Deputy Political Director at the Republican National Committee, Director of Hispanic and Women's Affairs in the George W. Bush White House, and Senior Advisor to two U.S. Attorneys General at the Department of Justice. As a She Leads America honoree, Jennifer believes leadership is a calling to serve others with both truth and compassion, empowering individuals, strengthening families, and preserving freedom for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding woman of distinction.

RECOGNIZING TOM DOWNEY

HON. BRITTANY PETERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Downey of Ireland Stapleton, PC for being named Lawyer of the Year. Additionally, Tom has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America for Administrative and Regulatory Law and Government

Relations by The Best Lawyers in America publication.

As a regulatory attorney, Tom has provided legal assistance to a wide range of clients, helping them navigate regulatory agencies. Tom has been particularly impactful within the City of Denver, having rewritten Denver's liquor licensing rules, helped create regulations for recreational marijuana, and designed the licensing structure for pedal cabs in the city. His work with the American Arbitration Association has helped further its mission for more equitable and accessible conflict resolution.

Tom also gives back to the legal community by serving as a guest lecturer at law schools such as the University of Denver and helps clients in his private practice.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's 7th Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Tom Downey for his awards and thank him for his contributions to our community.

HONORING THE GEYSERS AND THE
CALPINE CORPORATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleague Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, to honor Calpine Corporation (Calpine) as The Geysers, located in our Lake and Sonoma Counties, celebrates 65 years of commercial geothermal operations.

Commercial geothermal power generation at The Geysers began in 1960, marking the first such operation in the United States. Today, The Geysers remains the world's largest geothermal field, and Calpine has served as its primary operator for almost three decades.

In 1997, Calpine acquired 19 geothermal power plants and their associated steam fields, creating a unified approach to managing our critical natural resources. That same year, Calpine partnered with Lake County to construct a 29-mile pipeline delivering treated wastewater to replenish the geothermal steam reservoir. In 2003, the company completed a second 40-mile pipeline in collaboration with the City of Santa Rosa. Together, these systems now supply approximately 20 million gallons of treated wastewater each day, sustaining renewable energy production while providing environmentally sound wastewater solutions for our neighboring communities.

Today, Calpine is the nation's largest producer of geothermal energy, operating 13 plants at The Geysers that generate roughly 725 megawatts of baseload renewable power. These operations employ more than 300 full-time workers and support an additional 150 contractors, contributing significantly to the economies of our Lake and Sonoma Counties.

Beyond its role in energy production, Calpine has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to community partnership and philanthropy. Since 2011, the company has contributed over \$3.4 million to youth programs, local nonprofits, and schools throughout our region. These efforts include scholarships for graduating seniors, support for 4-H and Future Farmers of America, sponsorship of youth sports, and donations of meat from the Junior Livestock Auction to the Clearlake

Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program. Calpine also sponsors numerous community events, including Windsor's Concerts in the Park, the Cobb Area Council's Cobbler Festival, and the Rotary Club of Cloverdale's Asti Tour de Vine.

The company has shown equal commitment to public safety and environmental stewardship. Calpine has partnered with the Northern Sonoma County Fire Foundation to install helicopter dip tanks that enhance wildfire response in The Geysers region. Calpine also supports the Lake County Sheriff's Foundation, the South Lake Fire Protection District Volunteer Firefighters Association, and the Lake County Silver Foundation. Calpine employees have collectively contributed over 23,000 hours of volunteer service, assisting with local trail restoration, food distribution, and community clean-up projects. The company also hosts annual educational tours for approximately 400 visitors, helping to inspire the next generation of clean energy leaders.

Mr. Speaker, for 65 years, The Geysers has produced clean, reliable power for our region, and Calpine Corporation has been a steadfast partner to our local communities. Their leadership in renewable energy and dedication to community service have strengthened both our regional economy and our shared environmental future. It is fitting and proper that we recognize them here today on this milestone anniversary.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER AARON MCGOWEN WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to rise today to present Christopher Aaron McGowen of Nacogdoches, Texas, as a recipient of the 2025 Congressional Veteran Commendation in recognition of his outstanding service to both his country and his community.

Aaron, a proud son of Nacogdoches, answered his country's call to service in February 1992, when he entered the United States Army as a Combat Medic. During his military career, he distinguished himself through professionalism, courage, and selfless service. His commendable service was recognized with numerous decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Medic Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Driver and Mechanic Badge, and the Operation Enduring Freedom Campaign Medal. These honors stand as a testament to his steadfast commitment and the vital role he played in safeguarding the lives of his fellow soldiers.

Following his honorable discharge, Aaron continued his life of service by dedicating himself to veterans and his community. While living in Washington State, he became an active member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, contributing countless hours to fundraising efforts that provided construction projects for disabled veterans, ensuring safe homes and greater mobility for those who sac-

rificed for our freedoms. He further demonstrated his compassion and solidarity by volunteering at local VA hospitals and participating in funeral escorts to honor fallen service members and veterans.

In 2022, Aaron returned to his hometown of Nacogdoches, reuniting with his high school sweetheart, Melissa Milford McGowen, and resumed his mission of community service. As a member of the Nacogdoches Lions Club, he has worked tirelessly in the Vision Screening Program and collaborated with the Nacogdoches County Veterans Service Officer to ensure local veterans receive the resources and care they deserve.

His commitment deepened further in May 2023, when he assumed leadership within the Nacogdoches Hero Foundation as Chair of the Action Committee. Through this role, Aaron has made significant contributions to projects that directly support veterans, law enforcement officers, first responders, and their families, improving lives and strengthening the bonds of community.

Christopher Aaron McGowen embodies the highest ideals of service, both in uniform and as a citizen leader. His legacy is one of valor, compassion, and unwavering devotion to others. It is an honor to recognize him today with the 2025 Congressional Veteran Commendation.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF WAYNE MARTIN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Kentucky icon and longtime friend, Wayne Martin from Winchester, Kentucky. Throughout his career, Wayne built a stellar legacy of excellence in broadcasting, basketball and education, developing a wide network of fans, friends and business partners across our Commonwealth.

In Kentucky, basketball royalty is a highly coveted currency at the collegiate level, something that Wayne Martin obtained at multiple institutions. As head coach of the men's basketball team at his alma mater Morehead State University (MSU) from 1978 to 1987, he led the Eagles to two NCAA tournaments. During his stint as head coach and athletic director of then-Pikeville College, his teams earned three impressive national tournament trips, bringing great pride to the Kentucky Appalachian Mountains. He also served as assistant basketball coach at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and head basketball coach and business teacher at Pikeville High School.

After investing 20 years in education and coaching student athletes, Wayne transitioned from earning a spot on the nightly news and sports highlights to broadcasting them for Gray Television stations in Kentucky. He began his broadcast news career as General Sales Manager and General Manager of WYMT-TV in Hazard, Kentucky. As a former successful coach, Wayne always had an effective game plan, and he used it to move up the ranks quickly in the television news industry. He served as President and General Manager of WKYT-TV from 1993 to 2013, where

he expanded news programming and earned Lexington's first Emmy Award for station excellence. He was also promoted as Regional Vice President of Television for Gray Television, Inc. and President of Gray Kentucky Television, Inc., operating WKYT-TV in Lexington, WYMT-TV in Hazard, WBKO-TV in Bowling Green and President of WVLT-TV in Knoxville, Tennessee.

In addition to an Emmy Award, Wayne has earned a number of accolades, including Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Coach of the Year in 1982, OVC Hall of Fame Inductee in 2004, MSU Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee in 1995, the 2017 MSU Distinguished Alumni Award, and most recently, the MSU Founders Award for University Service in 2025.

Wayne has used his legacy on the sidelines and the power of the airwaves to give back to the Commonwealth that he so deeply cherishes. He hosted annual fundraisers for the Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital in Lexington, chaired both the United Way board of directors and the annual campaign, and served as chairman of the Children's Advocacy Center board of directors. His expert gameplans have also been sought after by the Kentucky and the Greater Lexington Chambers of Commerce, Morehead State University Board of Regents, Kentucky Broadcaster's Association, Governor's Scholars Foundation, Central Bancshares, Baptist Health, Kentucky-American Water Company, and the American Heart Association.

Wayne has mentored young entrepreneurs, student athletes and journalists who have become respected leaders in their fields and established exceptional businesses across the state. His coaching success and business expertise have been of great value to Kentuckians, building an endearing and longlasting fan base that I am honored to be a part of. I salute Wayne for investing in the lives of countless student athletes and giving Eastern Kentucky so much to be proud of.

CONGRATULATING VISIONCORPS PRESIDENT AND CEO DENNIS STEINER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor and congratulate Mr. Dennis Steiner on his retirement as President and CEO of VisionCorps.

VisionCorps is a non-profit organization that provides rehabilitative, preventative, educational, and employment services to the blind and vision impaired. Mr. Steiner's history with the company stretches back 41 years when he joined the agency in 1984 as a case manager. In 2008, he became President and CEO of the agency.

A strong advocate for the blind and visually impaired, Mr. Steiner shifted the focus of VisionCorps toward independence and autonomy. He introduced summer youth programming, implemented free rehabilitative services to clients, and utilized new technology such as smart glasses and magnifiers. He also oversaw the expansion of VisionCorps from one facility in Lancaster to rehabilitation and employment sites in Adams, Chester, Lebanon, and York Counties, as well as in Little Rock, Arkansas.