

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, well, the President is increasingly focused in messaging on the need for the wall as being the shipment of illegal drugs into the United States of America and the drug epidemic. I think we are all concerned about that, and we would all like to do something effective to deal with it.

Now, as his current acting chief of staff said when he was a Member of Congress about a wall: You go under—tunnels—you go through or over, and what you need is more manpower, more technology.

So the President says we need a stupid, static wall at extraordinary costs. Actually, we need something else. What we need are effective measures.

The Department of Homeland Security says they need \$5 billion to reconfigure our ports of entry and to bring in new technology.

El Chapo's lieutenants and others have testified at his trial in New York they don't go across remote desert areas. They buy semi-tractor trailers and they reconfigure them and bring them through the ports of entry. They are very efficient. And that is how they are getting drugs into this country.

We lack the personnel and the equipment to detect these shipments. So how about investing there?

Oh, and by the way, the people who are screening at the ports of entry, 8 percent of the vehicles is all they can screen today. Probably less today because they aren't getting paid, and some of them can't show up to work because they can't hire childcare or they can't fix their car to get to work or something else.

So the President is concerned? Really? I don't think so.

And then there is another way that drugs are more and more frequently coming into our country. As you can see from this display of drugs here, the Coast Guard intercepted \$5.6 billion of drugs coming in on maritime routes last year. But the retiring Commandant said that is only about 20 percent of the drug shipments we can identify. We don't have the personnel or the proper equipment to intercept the other 80 percent.

Oh, by the way, the Coast Guard, they are not getting paid either.

But the President is concerned. Well, has he talked about the need to give more resources to the United States Coast Guard?

So, hey, it would be great if they get \$5.7 billion, and that is one-fifth of the drugs they can identify. That would be \$25 billion of drugs being intercepted next year if they had the equipment, the personnel they needed—five times the cost of a stupid, static wall.

So if the President is truly concerned about cartels and Asian mobs shipping drugs into the United States, he should be talking about putting money where it is needed: at the ports of entry, the Coast Guard for maritime interception, and other places where it would be more effective.

That is the position of the Democrats. We want to have effective 21st century border security, not a failed wall. That has been tried by a number of civilizations.

Static walls don't work. Let's do real things to deal with the real problem.

CNN—THE FAKE NEWS KING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, while CNN has had a rotten, no-good, horrible week, the American people have had a great week because last week exposed the CNN vitriol, prejudice, bias, and deception that crowned CNN the fake news king. First, CNN fake news story number 1:

For 2 days, CNN drooled over President Trump's impeachment propaganda in a BuzzFeed report that was so bad it prompted a rare public rebuke and "not true" proclamation by Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

CNN, strike one.

Second, CNN fake news story number two:

CNN viciously and wrongly attacked, ridiculed, slandered, and maligned Covington Catholic High School students by portraying them as racists. By and large, these teenagers at a pro-life march were White males, Catholic, and, heaven forbid, President Trump supporters with Make America Great Again hats.

CNN's prejudice against this profile blinded CNN to reality. Had CNN done its homework, CNN would have reported from the very beginning that the students were the victims of African American racists who hurled insults at and sought to intimidate White teenage students and were the victims of Native American political activists who rudely accosted the students, beat a drum in their faces, and yelled that White people should leave America.

Did fake news CNN report from the very beginning this racism against White people and how remarkably well these Catholic high school students handled this situation and maintained their composure? No. Sadly, CNN's bias and prejudice did not allow that.

CNN, strike two.

Third, CNN fake news story number three:

CNN did a poorly researched fact check on illegal alien and border security crime data comments by various Republicans, including me. The segment opened with "New Day" host Alisyn Camerota deriding "fact-free fear-mongering" from "Trump supporters."

Really? If you support border security and protecting American lives, you are a fact-free, fear-mongering Trump supporter who must be attacked at all costs? Is that really CNN's viewpoint?

CNN's John Avlon then falsely claimed that I said a border wall is the

way to keep death-dealing drugs out of America, when I clearly stated a border wall is a necessary subpart of a broader border security strategy required to slow down drugs crossing over our southern border and save American lives.

That truth didn't fit CNN's blind fealty to open-border, socialist Democrats, so CNN deceived rather than tell the truth.

CNN next showed me stating that Federal officers apprehended roughly 2,000 illegal aliens per year for homicides on American soil. That is fine. That is true.

Federal Government's Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Removal Operations reports state Federal officers apprehended 1,886 illegal aliens in FY 2017 and 2,028 illegal aliens in FY 2018 for homicides committed on American soil.

But CNN's John Avlon attacked this Federal crime data by citing an unrelated PolitiFact analysis and making an apples and oranges comparison that misunderstands the difference between the words "homicide" and "murder."

Well, all murders are homicides. Not all homicides are murders. Murders are a subpart of the word "homicides."

In any event, the PolitiFact analysis involved another person, not any of us, and was about murders not homicides and disagreed with nothing that I said.

CNN strike three. You are out.

Madam Speaker, is CNN the most trusted name in news as it claims? No. Not when its reporters, fact-checkers, and newscasters are so blinded by vitriol, prejudice, bias, and hatred for President Trump that they cannot think or see straight; not so long as CNN is nothing more than an apparatchik for radical, open-border, socialist Democrats, not the truth and not the American people.

Madam Speaker, CNN has earned its fake news crown, and based on last week, is not at risk of losing its crown anytime soon.

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HONORING SERGEANT WYTASHA CARTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Sergeant Wytasha Carter, a 16-year veteran of the Birmingham Police Department, who lost his life, tragically, in the line of duty on January 13, 2019.

Wyt, as his family and friends fondly called him, was a natural-born leader with whom others enjoyed working. Sergeant Carter was a Birmingham native who graduated from Phillips High School before attending Liberty University.

Sergeant Carter was drawn to service from a young age. After graduating from college, he served in the United