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A wealthier Spain is a stronger Spain.

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Prague, Brussels, Sofia

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Listen to the Shostakovich string quartets, for example. They tell you something about life under the Bolsheviks, something deep and terrible.

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The Ballot is Stronger than the Bullet

Richard MilSON

Is this the end of The Conservative as we know it? The final edition of our print edition is now available online, and I wonder whether the Ballot is stronger than the Bullet.

The Ballot is stronger than the Bullet because it gives the people a say in how they wish to be governed. The Bulletin is just a weapon used by the government to enforce its will upon the people. The Ballot is a tool of democracy, a mechanism for the people to hold their leaders accountable.

The Bulletin is a means to an end, a tool to manipulate the people and keep them in submission. The Ballot is a fundamental right, a way for the people to express their will and shape their future.

The Bulletin is a symbol of oppression, a means to control the masses and enforce the will of the state. The Ballot is a symbol of freedom, a means to express individuality and forge a path for the future.

The Bulletin is a tool of the elite, a means to maintain their power and control the population. The Ballot is a tool of the people, a means to empower and mobilize.

The Bulletin is a relic of the past, a remnant of an era of ignorance and oppression. The Ballot is a beacon of hope, a symbol of a brighter future and a call to action.

We can choose whether to be governed by the Bulletin or by the Ballot. We can choose to be weak and submissive or strong and free. We can choose to be a nation of victims or a nation of victors. We can choose to live in fear or live in freedom.

The Bulletin is a weapon, but the Ballot is our shield. The Bulletin is a means to control, but the Ballot is a means to empower. The Bulletin is a symbol of oppression, but the Ballot is a symbol of freedom.

Let us choose the Ballot over the Bulletin, let us choose freedom over control, and let us build a nation of free and independent individuals. The Ballot is stronger than the Bulletin, and we must choose it if we are to maintain our liberty and our dignity.

The Ballot is stronger than the Bulletin.
Council of Europe Secretary-General visits Warsaw

The Polish Council of Europe Secretary-General, Mr. Thomas Bach, visited Warsaw, Poland, from 29 to 31 March 2023. The visit was an opportunity to discuss the Council of Europe’s activities and the situation in Poland.

Mr. Bach held a meeting with the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Andrzej Duda, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Zbigniew Rau, to discuss the Council of Europe’s role in promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

During his visit, Mr. Bach also met with the Prime Minister of Poland, Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki, and the Minister of Justice, Mr. Zbigniew Ziobro. The discussions focused on the Council of Europe’s contribution to the fight against terrorism, extremism and radicalization.

Mr. Bach emphasized the importance of the Council of Europe’s activities in Poland, particularly in the areas of justice, human rights, and the fight against corruption. He also highlighted the benefits of the Council of Europe’s cooperation with the Polish authorities in order to promote the rule of law and democratic values.

The visit was also an opportunity to discuss the Council of Europe’s role in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Poland.

Meanwhile, in the political landscape, the latest opinion polls indicate that the Law and Justice party is losing ground, while the opposition is gaining momentum. The next legislative elections are scheduled for 2024, and the outcome is expected to shape the political landscape for the coming years.
Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly

Paweł Grybowski, Mayor of Rypin, becomes a Member of the ARLEU Bureau

Mayor of Rypin, Paweł Grybowski, has been elected as a Member of the ARLEU Bureau. He was elected by acclamation during the XIXI Assembly of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR). He is the first Polish politician to become a member of this Assembly.

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the main assembly of local and regional authorities in the European Union. CoR works to promote a stronger and more united Europe. It is a platform to discuss common issues and share best practices.

Arnold Hatch

Bringing local and regional politicians into the Brexit debate

The EU’s political assembly of local and regional authorities, the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), is preparing to elect a new Bureau and President. Arnold Hatch is running for the post of President of the CoR. He is the first Polish politician to be among the candidates for this position.

The CoR is a unique assembly of local and regional authorities from all over the EU. It is one of the four institutions of the EU, along with the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission. The CoR has the task of representing the interests of local and regional authorities and promoting the development of Europe’s small and medium-sized cities.

Eduard Sharapov

European parties discuss ways to support centre-right governments

The Centre-right in Europe, an organization of centre-right political parties, is currently holding debates and discussions on how to support centre-right governments. The organization is working to create a network of centre-right parties that can work together to achieve common goals.

Lukasz Maciejewski

First “I am Polish” conference in Warsaw

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Latin American and Caribbean conferences for democracy gather center-right parties in Chile

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**2020 US Election: AN EMERGING LIBERAL MINORITY**

The president election in the US seems to be on the line right now, with more than a dozen states still up for grabs. The vote counts are still pending in many states, with most of them not finalizing their results until next week.

There are a growing number of votes still to be counted in several key states, and some of them, such as Florida, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, could go either way. The race is too close to call in many states, and the outcome could be decided by as few as a handful of votes.

In Florida, the vote is still too close to call, with the lead changing hands several times throughout the night. In Pennsylvania, the vote is also too close to call, with the margin of victory narrowing in recent days.

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**Democratic Party reactions and Democrats despair**

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The Democratic Party has been reacting negatively to the current state of the election. They have been expressing concern about the possibility of a recount in some states, and they have been calling for the vote counts to be completed as soon as possible.

The Republicans, on the other hand, have been expressing optimism about their chances of winning. They have been pointing to the fact that the vote counts are still pending in many states, and they have been calling for the vote counts to be completed as soon as possible.

The outcome of the election will be determined by the votes that are still to be counted in several key states. The race is too close to call in many states, and the outcome could be decided by as few as a handful of votes.

**The Syrian Civil War: NOT THE END, BUT THE BEGINNING OF THE END**

The Syrian Civil War has been raging for more than a decade, and it has claimed the lives of over half a million people. The war has also displaced millions of people, and it has caused widespread destruction and damage to the country's infrastructure.

The war has been defined by a complex array of actors, including the Syrian regime, the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), the Islamic State (IS), and various international actors, including the United States, Russia, and Iran.

The war has been characterized by a series of offensives and withdrawals, with the Syrian regime regaining control of much of the country's territory in recent years. The war has also been marked by a series of international interventions, including the US-led coalition, which has been fighting IS in the country for several years.

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Debunking the Brexit myths

The description of Brexit, and the refutational material that has been presented about it, has been confusing and at times misleading. In some cases, it is not clear why these myths have not been challenged in the past. This is partly because the popular media often do not consider the evidence or take a critical approach to the arguments presented. In this article, we attempt to provide a clear and concise refutation of some of the most common Brexit myths.

**The EU is ready for “no deal”**

This is a myth that has been perpetuated by those who support Brexit. The European Union has indeed prepared for a “no deal” scenario, but this is not the same as being ready for it. In fact, the EU has repeatedly stated that a “no deal” Brexit would be catastrophic for both the UK and the EU. The EU has also been clear that it would not make any concessions to the UK in order to avoid a “no deal” Brexit.

**The UK is leaving the EU**

This is a myth that has been promoted by those who support Brexit. The UK has not formally left the EU, and the process of leaving the EU (also known as Brexit) has not yet been completed. The UK is still a member of the EU until the day after the final withdrawal agreement is signed.

**Debunking the Brexit Myth: “The EU is holding all the cards in this negotiation”**

This is another myth that has been promoted by those who support Brexit. The EU is not the only side in the negotiation, and both sides have their own interests to consider. The EU has also been clear that it would not make any concessions to the UK in order to avoid a “no deal” Brexit.

**“I only David Cameron had called a referendum before this fine line”**

This is a myth that has been perpetuated by those who support Brexit. The current UK government has been accused of using a “backdoor” approach to Brexit, by calling a general election in order to gain support for their Brexit proposals. However, the fact is that the decision to hold a referendum on Brexit was made by the Cameron government, not the current government.

In conclusion, it is important to remember that the Brexit negotiations are still ongoing, and that both sides have their own interests to consider. The EU has also been clear that it would not make any concessions to the UK in order to avoid a “no deal” Brexit.

Localism in the UK

The United Kingdom remains the only country to have a devolved system of government. This system includes a number of different levels of government, each with its own responsibilities and powers. The local government system is unique in the world, and it allows for a high degree of local control and decision-making.

The local government system in the UK is based on the principle of devolution, which means that power is transferred from the central government to the local government. This allows for a greater degree of local control and decision-making, and it ensures that the needs and interests of local communities are taken into account.

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UKIP WRONGLY CREDITED WITH BREXIT PLAN

The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) did not actually influence the Brexit process and it is being unfairly credited with a role it did not play. The phenomenon of Eurosceptic parties and groups in Europe and the UK has been around for some time, but only now has it become relevant to Brexit discussions. The UKIP leadership did not actively work to bring about Brexit, and the party’s impact on the Brexit process is overstated.

The main argument for the UK Left is that UKIP’s role in the Brexit process is being overstated. While UKIP did play a role in the Brexit process, it is not the primary influence on the decision. The main influence was the British government’s decision to hold a referendum on EU membership, which was a result of the European Referendum Act 2015.

The leaders of UKIP have been repeatedly charged with leading the Brexit process, but they have consistently denied this. The party’s only role was to provide a platform for Eurosceptic candidates to compete in the 2016 EU elections. The party did not actively campaign for Brexit, and it was not influential in the referendum campaign.

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This argument is being repeated by the pro-Brexit group, who are trying to downplay the role of UKIP in the Brexit process.

Spain's post-Brexit plan

Spain's post-Brexit plan focuses on maintaining its relationship with the United Kingdom, ensuring a smooth transition, and promoting economic cooperation in various sectors. The Spanish government aims to strengthen the bilateral relationship, ensuring that it remains strong after Brexit. The plan includes measures to support Spanish businesses and citizens affected by Brexit, as well as initiatives to attract British tourists and investment.

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Our Vision for the European Union

While the United Kingdom is leaving the European Union, Spain and other European countries recognize the importance of maintaining a strong relationship with the UK. Spain's post-Brexit plan is a testament to its commitment to this. The plan highlights the importance of maintaining a close relationship with the UK, even in the post-Brexit era.

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It is worth underlining that regional authorities have, and should maintain, a specific role especially with regard to implementation of cohesion policy instruments. A region, by nature, an indirect link between global processes on a micro-scale, where the main actors are the European Union and the Member States, and local communities or enterprises on the ground.

The experience of implementing the European cohesion policy also demonstrates the important role played by regional authorities in implementing the partnership principle.

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It should be stressed that cohesion policy, like any other development strategy, should be aimed at regional economies and spatial patterns. This means that the regional authorities are playing an increasing role in implementing the structural and cohesion policies of the European Union.

In this context, it is important to note that the lessons learned from the implementation of the Regional Operational Programmes (ROPs) from the Cohesion Fund show the importance of achieving a balance between the role of the regional authorities and the national ones. The ROPs are the primary source of funding for the implementation of the European regional policies in Poland, and they are the vehicles through which the European Commission transfers funds to the Member States. However, the national authorities play a crucial role in the implementation of these policies, as they are responsible for ensuring that the funds are used effectively and efficiently.

In conclusion, it is clear that the regional authorities have an important role to play in the implementation of the European cohesion policy. They are the ones who are closest to the people and communities they serve, and they have the knowledge and expertise to ensure that the policies are implemented in a way that is effective and beneficial for all.

Better Regulation Agenda didn’t significantly decrease regulation.

The problem goes much deeper than lack of ambition or ability to change things. At the EU level, a lot of regulations can be decided by qualified majority voting.

Geopolitics of Brexit

What does Britain want?

The proper question to the British public is not which member of the EU would be the psychological or economic substitute for the UK in the event of a ‘no deal’ Brexit, but what are the British people’s aspirations, given that it is very likely the UK will have to negotiate a variety of arrangements to enable it to continue to participate in the international system?

The Brexit vote in 2016 was a vote against the status quo, a vote against the ‘deep’ integration with the EU that had been achieved since the Maastricht Treaty, but it was also a vote for a more loose association with the EU, an arrangement that would allow the UK to participate in the Single Market and the Customs Union, but not in the political union. The Brexit vote was also a vote against the increasing integration of the EU with the United States, and the US’s growing influence in the EU.

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When to go?

Prague attracts tourists all year round. Whether you are looking for a beautiful city scene in spring or a busy city street in summer, Prague has something to offer. In the months between Christmas and Easter, the city is decorated with a traditional Czech design.

Where to go?

If you want to be in a crowd, the Old Town Square is the place to go. But if you prefer a quieter atmosphere, you can visit the Lesser Town, which is known for its narrow streets and historic buildings.

Where to stay?

With increased demand for hotel rooms in the city, the number of places has increased sharply. If you do not want to pay for a hotel, Prague has a large number of Bohemian-style apartments that you can rent for a week or a month.

Dine in style on a river cruise on the Vltava

The city is built on right at night and you will get another experience of seeing it than it does during the day. The riverside restaurants offer a unique dining experience.

Climb to the top of the Old Town Hall

If you want panoramic views of the city, the Old Town Hall is the place to go. You can climb to the top and enjoy the view of the city spread out below you.

Eat a meal at the top of the Dancing House

The Dancing House is a unique building that you can enjoy from the top. The restaurant offers a fantastic view of the city and the food is delicious.

Explore the Shalom Museum

This museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the Jewish community in Prague. The museum is located in an old synagogue and has a collection of artifacts and documents.

COMPOSING UNDER THE GUN

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t is the old days, you sometimes read about “Soviet music.” There is no such thing. There were various labels for different types of music: “singers, composers, writers.” But you can’t have a “Soviet” label without understanding the mechanics of the system.

Well, Rakhmaninov was a genius, but he could not produce anything that was truly Soviet. His music was always on the verge of breaking the rules. And Rakhmaninov was not the first. Khachaturian, another Soviet composer, would not have been possible without him. Khachaturian was one of the last composers to be “discovered” during the Soviet era.

But there is one other composer who could be considered a “Soviet” composer: Prokofiev. Prokofiev was a brilliant composer, but he was also a complex and contradictory person.

Prokofiev was a weird case. He was Russian, right? Nobody was more Russian than him. Yet he spent much of his life in the Soviet Union, where he was subjected to constant pressure. He was even forced to denounce his former political beliefs.

Prokofiev died in 1953, the year that Stalin died. He was 56 years old. He left behind a huge body of work, much of which is still not performed today. But his music is still listened to by millions of people around the world.

I hope you have enjoyed this brief overview of Prokofiev. If you want to learn more about his life and music, I would recommend reading my book, “Prokofiev: A Life.”
J.R.R. Tolkien

THE LORD OF THE RINGS Trilogy

The trilogy, of course, speaking for its creator, J.R.R. Tolkien, is a very reluctant hero. When Columbia Pictures and New Line Cinema bought the screen rights to the Tolkein trilogy, they thought they’d been sold gold. Tolkien, after all, was a chaining author—one of the ten most influential figures in the novel genre that exists.

What it meant that his entropy out of the army was diluted till after he was considered a notoriety. First coming to some of his fans when the film was released in 1973, it was not until the last decade of the century that he was anything but viral. Alas, it is a chapter that can pass without much of the uneasily through the chaps who followed him. Usually very gentle, really, rather speak it to the world, especially to the inhabitants of his land of middle-earth. He might have been first class degree, and hardly, very reluctantly, but learned to be belted with classic and set off for war in June 1916, an equally much fanfare to the legendarium. Gently it may have been for all concerned: ‘power of the world’ versus being killed off, a solemn ceremony. France from not so far, a true if costly— but it was the making of the war and the author intended what could have been a slighter thing, even, fairly flatly

What does this do to give Tolkien’s work the most extraordinary depth and resonance: his creation is rooted in more than 2000 years’ worth of invented history, his various races speak in exotic, philologically plausible tongues.

In each case, James Delingpole reviews a book that may not be for everyone, but that conservatives should read.

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I t is now over one year since the British referendum, and 30 years since the collapse of communism. Yet much of the evil done in the name of Marxist-Leninism has been forgotten. As morally and substantively on an economic footing, it is now, perhaps an understatement, in the modern world, particularly in societies which have it inflicted the most damage. Communism must be viewed in crude mathematical terms with the most disturbing and salutary message: in the popular acceptance of this ordering for good and order, Liberty must be a true economy generation.

In addition, some things persist from ancient and deep—e.g., the idea of a public propaganda, running on鸳鸯, but not the local coal, which is being bought by the people (19th and outside right).

Conservation understood that an open society needs the right to know, and the right to know. We should be as free as possible from state coercion. ACRE’s Liberty Summit from the second for Conservatives gather, and build a progressive looking at the foundations of our constitutional, a

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