



Mexican President AMLO Decrees the War on Drugs in His Country Has Officially Ended

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) declared the end of his country's 'war on drugs', saying that the army will stop prioritizing the capture of kingpins and will focus on reducing homicide rates. [Which is strange reasoning when one considers that the main purpose of putting the drug kingpins out of business is to reduce homicide rates caused by those kingpins.] Obrador says he wants to form a national guard, which has caused critics to speculate that the country will be further militarized. Court documents claim that the Sinloa Cartel paid off a former campaign associate of López Obrador during his first failed run for the presidency in 2006. -GEG

Mexican president Andrés Manuel López Obrador declared the end of his country's "war" on drugs Wednesday – saying his administration would no longer prioritize the prosecution of kingpins.

His statement came as US prosecutors urged jurors in Brooklyn to convict infamous Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

"There is no war, officially there is no more war," López Obrador said in response to a question from a reporter regarding the lack of kingpin arrests since he took office, according to AFP.

"We want peace, we are going to get peace. We haven't detained capos, because that is not our principal mission. The principal mission of the government is to guarantee public security."

Guzman, 61, was extradited to the US in January 2017 – when López Obrador's predecessor, President Enrique Peña Nieto, was in office – where he is on trial for his role as a leader of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel.

When Mexican authorities recaptured the notorious cocaine smuggler a year earlier, Peña Nieto lavished praise on the law enforcement officers who made the collar, saying they were "a source of pride" for the nation.

But López Obrador said law enforcement will now instead focus on reducing homicide rates.

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Democrat Lawmaker Tells Teen Blogger “You’re Right to Be Afraid of Us”

CJ Pearson, a 16-year old black pro-Trump blogger, tweeted that the woman next to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez kept trying to look the other way as Trump gave his State of the Union speech. US Representative, Nydia Velazquez, a Democrat, wrote back, “I’m not “the woman sitting next to her”. “@AOC and I – and millions like us – are the future of this country. And you’re right to be afraid of us.” The Congresswoman now is facing backlash on Twitter for telling a kid that Americans should be afraid of Congress. Pearson, however, got it right when he replied: “Nydia, nothing about you nor [Ocasio-Cortez] scares me. It’s your policies – that jeopardize the stability of our nation and the future of my generation – that scare me,” -GEG

Democratic New York Rep. Nydia Velazquez told pro-Trump teen pundit

CJ Pearson that “you’re right to be afraid of us” Tuesday after he

referred to her as “the woman next to” Democratic New York Rep.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in a tweet about the State of the Union address.

“Hi CJ Pearson, I’m not ‘the woman sitting next to her,’” Velazquez wrote on Twitter Tuesday night. “[Ocasio-Cortez] and I – and millions like us – are the future of this country. And you’re right to be afraid of us. But you should learn my name.”

Pearson, 16, had joked on Twitter that “[Ocasio-Cortez] has been talking this entire speech and the woman next to her keeps trying to look the other way” during the State of the Union address Tuesday night.

Pearson responded to Velazquez’s remarks Wednesday.

“I’m sorry, Congresswoman, but as [President] Donald Trump said – socialism will NOT be the future of this country. And Nydia, nothing about you nor [Ocasio-Cortez] scares me. It’s your policies – that jeopardize the stability of our nation and the future of my generation – that scare me,” he wrote on Twitter.

Others weighed in on the interaction between the congresswoman and the high schooler.

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Trump Administration Cancels Nuclear Arms Treaty with Russia

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo says the Trump administration is pulling the plug on the decades-old Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty with Russia, claiming that Moscow “shamelessly” violated the 1987 agreement that restricts missiles with a range between 500 to 5,500 kilometers. Russia says the US invented that fiction so it could have an excuse to clear the way to develop new missiles.
-GEG



Double Standard, Indeed! Washington Post Ignored Sexual-Assault Claim Against Virginia's LT Governor Justin Fairfax But Skewered Judge Kavanaugh

The Washington Post was aware for more than a year of Vanessa Tyson's claim of sexual assault against Virginia's Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax, a Democrat who is next in line to become Governor if Ralph Northam steps down. The paper, however, declined to publish the story, claiming it could not be corroborated. It is impossible not to draw a comparisons to the media's savage treatment of Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, during his confirmation hearings. The Washington Post trumpeted almost every accusation against him, in total disregard of the the lack of proof. -GEG

- Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax denied an uncorroborated sexual assault allegation on Monday.
- The Washington Post was aware of the allegation last year but declined to publish for lack of corroborating evidence.
- The Fairfax accusation has drawn comparisons to the media's handling of claims against Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

uncorroborated sexual assault allegation against Virginia Lt. Gov.

Justin Fairfax, a Democrat, has drawn comparisons to the uncorroborated allegations against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Fairfax issued a statement early Monday morning disputing a report by the right-wing blog Big League Politics, which linked Fairfax to an accusation of sexual assault at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

Fairfax said at a press conference Monday that he had a consensual encounter with the woman, but denied that he sexually assaulted her.

Fairfax is poised to succeed embattled Gov. Ralph Northam if the Virginia Democrat resigns over a racist photo on his yearbook page that showed a man wearing blackface and another wearing a Klu Klux Klan robe. Northam first admitted to being one of the people in the photo, before backtracking and saying he wore blackface on a different occasion, but not in the photo.

The Washington Post reported on Monday that it had been aware of the allegation against Fairfax for over a year, but was unable to corroborate it. Fairfax "incorrectly" claimed the Post declined to publish the claim because it found "red flags" regarding the woman's story, according to the paper.

“Fairfax

and the woman told different versions of what happened in the hotel

room with no one else present. The Washington Post could not find anyone

who could corroborate either version,” the Post reported.

The Post’s original decision not to publish the Fairfax accusation drew comparisons to the Post’s coverage of the Kavanaugh accusations, which also lacked corroborating evidence. The paper did not return The Daily Caller News Foundation’s request for comment. (RELATED: Nine Times Media Pushed Misinformation About Kavanaugh)

“It’s good to see that the newspaper has found a renewed interest in

the standard of proof it abandoned entirely when it broke the story of

similar allegations of sexual misconduct leveled last year against

Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Recall that it was the Post that

first got Christine Blasey Ford to go on the record with her allegations,” wrote the Washington Examiner’s Becket Adams.

“It’s

fine if the Post passed on the Fairfax story because of a genuine lack

of evidence. And there definitely doesn’t appear to be that much to go

on, other than the word of a single accuser,” Adams added.

“But it’s

hard to see the Post’s decision to spike her story as anything but

politically biased considering how the paper gorged itself on nearly every flimsy and fantastic allegation hurled in Kavanaugh's direction, no matter how ridiculous, again with no evidence to back any of it up."

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Virginia Politics Is in Chaos as Top-Three Democrat Officeholders Face Scandals Involving Infanticide, Racism and Sexual Assault

Last week, Ralph Northam, the Governor of Virginia, advocated third-trimester abortion and infanticide following birth if a child is deformed. Several days later, he faced another scandal when it was discovered that, when he was in medical school, he posted a photo in the school yearbook of a man in blackface and another in a Ku Klux Klan robe. Then, Lieutenant

Governor Justin Fairfax was accused of sexual assault on a woman in 2004 at the Democrat Convention. The third in line for the governor's office is Attorney General Mark Herring who admitted that that, when he was an undergraduate at the University of Virginia, he wore brown makeup and a wig to a party to look like a black rapper.

There is strong public and political pressure for these men to resign from their posts because of these disclosures and, if they do, the Republican Speaker of Virginia's House of Delegates, Kirk Cox, will become acting Governor. [The Democrats are not likely to allow that to happen, so the net effect of all this likely will not involve significant change. But it's entertaining to see how many politicians have skeletons in their closets. Some of us even suspect that this is a requirement for being endorsed by a major party because those skeletons can be useful for controlling the office holders.] -GEG

Attorney General Mark Herring, third in the line of succession to Virginia's governor's office, announced Wednesday morning that he "wore blackface at a college party" sometime in the mid-1980s, according to Bloomberg News.

"Another top Virginia Democrat – Attorney General Mark Herring – admitted Wednesday to putting on blackface in the 1980s, when he was a college student," the outlet reported. "Herring issued a statement saying he wore brown makeup and a wig in 1980 to look like a black rapper during a party as a 19-year-old undergraduate at the University of Virginia."

Herring,
who is in his second term as Attorney General – and was
reportedly
planning to run for governor in 2021 – called the incident
“ridiculous”
in a statement released to media.

“It sounds ridiculous even now
writing it. But because of our ignorance and glib attitudes –
and
because we did not have an appreciation for the experiences
and
perspectives of others – we dressed up and put on wigs and
brown
makeup,” he said in his statement.

“That conduct clearly shows
that, as a young man, I had a callous and inexcusable lack of
awareness
and insensitivity to the pain my behavior could inflict on
others,” he
continued. “It was really a minimization of both people of
color, and a
minimization of a horrific history I knew well even then.”

The
New York Times’ Jonathan Martin reported early Wednesday that
Herring
had convened a hasty meeting to discuss “an issue” with the
state’s
legislative black caucus, leaving reporters to suspect that
all three of
Virginia’s top legislators were embroiled in trouble. At the
time,

though, neither Herring nor the legislative black caucus was willing to give details on possible transgressions.

Martin instead tweeted that VA Attorney General Mark Herring, a Democrat, "had a private meeting this morning with the legislative black caucus," according to a member of the caucus, Del. Lamont Bigby.

Asked if Herring discussed a photo of his own, Bagby said 'He'll talk about it,'" Martin added. "Before he could say more, the House min ldr pulled him into a private room."

When asked by media to explain what was going on, Bagby said only that, "I imagine we're not praying enough," according to The Washington Post. Another legislator added that, "It's a mess."

Virginia's state government has been gripped by scandal since last week, when a photo surfaced of two individuals at a party in the early to mid-1980s, one dressed as a member of the Ku Klux Klan and the other outfitted in minstrel show-style blackface makeup. The photo appeared on Northam's medical school yearbook page, and, initially, Northam took full responsibility for the picture, though he would not say which of the two

individuals he was.

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