

What a Plane Crash and the Biden Administration Have All Too in Common

On December 29, 1972, at 11:42 p.m., an Eastern Airlines Lockheed L10-11 TriStar jumbo jet tragically crashed into the Florida Everglades, about 18 miles northwest of the Miami International Airport. There were 101 fatalities. The TriStar jet (N310EA) was a brand new jet and had been delivered to Eastern only four months earlier. The price tag of the jet in today's dollars would be around \$200 million and it was brought down by a \$12 light bulb.

Flight 401 departed JFK Airport and was an uneventful flight until their final approach to land, approximately five miles from the runway in Miami. At this point, they lowered the landing gear; however, one of the three green landing gear lights, indicating that its respective gear was in the down position (the nose gear in this case), was not illuminated.

As a retired airline pilot with more than 20,000 hours, I can tell you that this situation is generally not a real big deal. First of all, it would most likely be the bulb, which was the case on this flight. Secondly, there was a port in the avionics bay below the flight deck to visually confirm the gear was down (which was where the flight engineer was at the time of the crash). Thirdly, the L10-11, like most jets, had an emergency manual extension using gravity. And lastly, the TriStar had yet another back-up (to the back-ups) of discharging a small, nitrogen-filled bottle into the hydraulic lines to force the gear down. And they would have performed all these procedures in the simulator. And if worse came to worst, they could have landed the jet and held the nose off until a very slow speed.

Captain Loft and First Officer Stockstill requested to hold northwest of the airport at 2,000 feet, engaged the auto-pilot and commenced to change out the (\$12) bulb. Both of them became so fixated on that tiny problem that nobody was watching the big-picture of the 200-ton jet. One of them inadvertently bumped into the auto-pilot switch and disengaged it. So the jet began a gradual descent and the low-level alert was at the flight engineer's station (who was down in the avionics bay). The rest is history, as they say. A history of great tragedy in this case.

So what does a catastrophic plane crash have to do with politics? And, more specifically, the Biden administration? Everything.

In Matthew 23:23 (NKJV), Jesus rebuked the Pharisees saying, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith." In the next verse (24), He added, "Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!" The Amplified says it this way: "...who strain out a gnat [consuming yourselves with miniscule matters] and swallow a camel." Many pious Jews would actually strain their drinking water or wine through a cloth, since the law forbade them to ingest a flying insect that didn't have jointed legs—like a gnat (Lev. 11:20-21). Jesus was basically calling them out for giving such meticulous attention to miniscule things while ignoring the 800-pound gorilla in the room.

That's exactly what the flight crew on Eastern 401 did, costing 101 people their lives. And that's exactly what the Biden administration is doing.

From early May to mid-August, Biden's generals were busy ranting on TV about white rage (whatever that is), diversity, CRT, climate change and "domestic terrorists" within our own ranks. That's code for "whoever doesn't agree with us

politically” (the gnat). Meanwhile, during this same timetable, the Taliban was completely taking over Afghanistan (the camel).

The Biden administration was worried about Haitians getting whipped by an 1/8 inch bridle reign (the gnat), which was categorically false, while thirteen of our brave soldiers—who Biden abandoned—were brutally murdered. And reports continue to come in of Americans, Afghans and journalists who are literally being beaten to death, burned or beheaded. According to the New York Post, a former US Army officer, who is part of a volunteer rescue team, claimed that the Taliban beheaded two young boys ages 9 and 10. And let’s not forget about Biden’s drone strike that killed ten people, seven of them being children (the camel).

According to reports, the White House told the nation’s governors on October 12th to get ready to vaccinate children as young as 5 years old in November. Apparently, this was in anticipation of the Pfizer COVID vaccine getting Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for kids in the coming weeks. The COVID death rate per 1,000 for kids that young is (the gnat). Yet, they are simultaneously allowing illegal immigrants to pour in—over a million thus far—from more than a hundred countries around the world, untested and unvaccinated. Many of these countries have high COVID-infected populations and they are bussing and flying them to all parts of our country (the camel).

On July 6, the six-month anniversary of January 6, when some folks trespassed in the Capitol while Capitol police waved them in, Joe Biden made this statement:

“Not even during the Civil War did insurrectionists breach our Capitol, the citadel of our democracy. But six months ago today, insurrectionists did. They launched a violent and deadly assault on the people’s house, on the people’s representatives. ... It posed an existential crisis and a test

of whether our democracy could survive.”

So, walking into the chamber with a furry hat with horns and propping your feet up on Pelosi’s desk (the gnat) are worse than the Civil War? We still don’t know who broke the windows but even if you factor that in, how is that worse than 620,000 deaths (about 2% of the population)?

And “violent”? The only violence was when Capitol police officer, Michael Byrd, shot unarmed Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt. Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, who obtained documents said, “These previously secret records show there was no good reason to shoot and kill Ashli Babbitt.” But no charges ... and no MSM coverage. After all, it was a “black cop/white subject.” Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids; and only “white cop/black subject” are for the media.

However, after Derek Chauvin’s sentencing, President Biden said this about the summer of 2020 riots—that killed 18 people, injured countless others and destroyed about \$2 billion dollars worth of businesses and other property (the camel):

“The murder of George Floyd launched a summer of protest we hadn’t seen since the Civil Rights era in the 1960s—protests that unified people of every race and generation in peace and with purpose to say, ‘Enough. Enough. Enough of the senseless killings.’”

The captain of Eastern Flight 401 had a total of 29,700 hours. That’s equates to 5 years in “dog years” and 45 years in “U.S. politics years,” the amount of time Joe Biden has been in politics. He has all the experience Captain Loft and the rest of the crew of Flight 401 had (a combined total of over 50,000 hours) but unfortunately, he’s repeating their error of straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel. Biden is so distracted with the “\$12 light,” he’s allowing this “jumbo jet” of the United States to slowly descend into “the

Everglades.” God help us with ongoing legal challenges, the continued rationality of Manchin and Sinema or how about a new flight crew? {eo}

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