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An isolated Trump, cut off from Twitter, faces a new drive for impeachment



WASHINGTON (Reuters) - An increasingly isolated and angry President Donald Trump, cut off by Twitter in the waning days of his term, faces a renewed drive by Democrats to remove him from office after he incited his supporters to storm the U.S. Capitol

Twitter permanently cut off Trump's personal account and access to his nearly 90 million followers late on Friday, citing the risk of further incitement of violence, three days after Trump exhorted thousands of supporters to march on the Capitol as Congress met to certify his defeat to Democrat Joe Biden.

The resulting chaos, viewed with shock around the world, left a police officer and four others dead in its wake.

Trump's frequent use of Twitter was a key part of his campaign as he overhauled the Republican Party and beat Democrat Hillary Clinton to win the presidency in 2016. Since then he has used it to fire up his political base, attacking those who opposed him.

Twitter has long resisted pressure to suspend Trump's account. But after a "close review" of the president's recent tweets, the company said on Friday evening it "had permanently suspended the account due to the risk of further incitement of violence."

Trump later used the official @POTUS government to lash out at Twitter, addressing the 75 million "great patriots" who voted for him: "We will not be SILENCED!" Trump said he was considering building his own social media platform.

Twitter quickly deleted those posts and soon after suspended the Trump campaign account.

The suspension came a day after a subdued Trump denounced Wednesday's violence in a video in which he also vowed to ensure a smooth transition of power.

A photo illustration shows the suspended Twitter account of U.S. President Donald Trump on a smartphone in a media board cast tent at the White House in Washington, U.S., January 8, 2021. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts/Illustration

CALLS TO RESIGN

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Friday that if Trump did not resign, she had instructed the House Rules Committee to move ahead with a motion for impeachment and legislation on the U.S. Constitution's 25th Amendment, which provides for removal of a president who is unable to discharge his official duties.

A copy of draft articles of impeachment circulating among members of Congress charged Trump with "inciting violence against the government of the United States" in a bid to overturn his loss to Biden.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell sent a memo to Republican senators detailing a possible timetable for an impeachment trial. He noted the Senate will hold its next work session on Jan. 19 and needs the consent of all 100 senators to convene sooner - meaning a trial would not begin until Trump was out of office, a source familiar with the document said.

"Impeaching President Donald Trump with 12 days remaining in his presidency would only serve to further divide the country," said White House spokesman Judd Deere. A Reuters/Ipsos poll

conducted Thursday and Friday found 57% of Americans want Trump to be removed immediately from office following the violence.

Trump's role in encouraging Wednesday's chaos has opened a growing rift within the Republican Party.

Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska, a frequent Trump critic, told CBS News he would "definitely consider" impeachment because the president "disregarded his oath of office."

Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski said Friday Trump should resign immediately and if the party cannot separate itself from him, she is not certain she has a future with it.

"I want him out. He has caused enough damage," the Alaska senator told the Anchorage Daily News.

It is unclear whether lawmakers would be able to remove Trump from office, as any impeachment would prompt a trial in the Senate, where his fellow

Republicans still hold power and two-thirds of the 100 members must vote to convict for his removal.

The House impeached Trump in December 2019 for pressuring the Ukrainian president to investigate Biden, but the Senate acquitted him in February 2020.

For the 25th Amendment to be invoked, Vice President Mike Pence and the majority of Trump's Cabinet would need to declare Trump is unable to perform the duties of the presidency. Pence is opposed to the idea of using the amendment, an adviser said.



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Elaine Chao Resigns

Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao sent a letter to her colleagues and community leaders today and stated that, "Yesterday our country experienced a traumatic and entirely avoidable event as supporters of the President stormed the U.S. Capitol Building following a rally he addressed. As I'm sure is the case with many of you, it deeply troubled me

in a way that I simply cannot set aside." She said, "I am tremendously proud of the many accomplishments we were able to achieve together for our country and I will never forget the commitment you have for this Department and the United States of America. I am hopeful that many of you will carry forward our vision to improve the lives of Americans through this Department and beyond."

"Today I am announcing my resignation as U.S. Secretary of Transportation, to take effect on Monday, January 11, 2021."

We are very proud of Elaine Chao's contributions to our country. She is the highest federal post holder of Asian descent in United States. Elaine is such a great leader who really cares about our community. Every year she has invited us to the Department of Transportation building to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Many of us not only toured her office, also visited the whole building.

We so much regret what is happening in Washington, D.C. and on Capitol Hill. This is a dark chapter in our nation. We all hope that one day Elaine will return to government service. We are very proud of you, Elaine.



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COVID-19 Global Pandemic Roundup



The BBC has announced plans to help students affected by school closures in the UK. (Image: REUTERS/Henry Nicholls)

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Leading The News

UK Prime Minister Orders New Virus Lockdown For England Due To Variant



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson makes a televised address to the nation from 10 Downing Street, London, Monday Jan. 4, 2021, setting out new emergency measures to control the spread of coronavirus in England. (Pool via AP) LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced on Monday a new national lockdown for England until at least mid-February to combat a fast-spreading new variant of the coronavirus, even as

Britain ramped up its vaccination program by becoming the first nation to start using the shot developed by Oxford University and drugmaker AstraZeneca. Johnson said people must stay at home again, as they were ordered to do so in the first wave of the pandemic in March, this time because the new virus variant was spreading in a "frustrating and alarming" way. "As I speak to you tonight, our hospitals are under more pressure from COVID than at any time since the start of the pandemic," he said in a televised address.

From Tuesday, primary and secondary schools and colleges will be closed for face to face learning except for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils. University students will not be returning until at least mid-February. People were told to work from home unless it's impossible to do so, and leave home only for essential trips.



People in the UK watch the Prime Minister deliver his lockdown message.

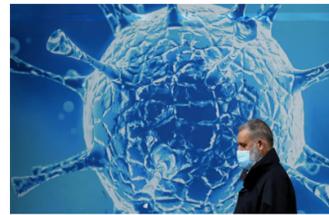
All nonessential shops and personal care services like hairdressers will be closed, and restaurants can only operate take-out services. As of Monday, there were 26,626 COVID-19 patients in hospitals in England, an increase of more than 30% from a week ago. That is 40% above the highest level of the first wave in the spring.

Large areas of England were already under tight restrictions as officials try to control an alarming surge in coronavirus cases in recent weeks, blamed on a new variant of COVID-19 that is more contagious than existing variants. Authorities have recorded more than 50,000 new infections daily since passing that milestone for the first time on Dec. 29. On Monday, they reported 407 virus-related deaths to push the confirmed death toll total to 75,431, one of the worst in Europe.

The U.K.'s chief medical officers warned that without further action, "there is a material risk of the National Health Service in several areas being overwhelmed over the next 21 days."

The Pandemic Around The World
How COVID-19 is affecting the globe
Confirmed cases of COVID-19 have now passed 86.4 million globally, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center. The number of confirmed deaths stands at more than 1.86 million. **Indonesia** is set to impose increased COVID-19 restrictions in parts of the islands of Java and Bali. The measures include changes to opening hours for malls and limiting capacity at restaurants and places of worship. **South Korea** is planning to roll out mass testing for 52 prisons in the country, after a large COVID-19 outbreak. The country is also

considering extending flight suspensions from the UK. **Chinese** authorities have imposed travel restrictions and banned gatherings in the capital city of Hebei province, which surrounds Beijing, in an effort to prevent another coronavirus wave. **Australia** is planning to bring forward the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines by two weeks to early March. The government wants to complete the inoculation programme for its 25 million citizens by the end of 2021.

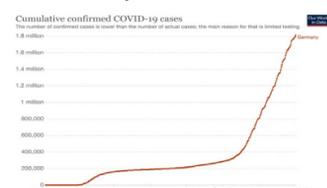


Health officials in **Los Angeles** have told first responders to stop bringing adult patients who cannot be resuscitated to hospitals, with concerns about a lack of beds and staff. The number of **Spaniards** registered unemployed has reached nearly 4 million – a more than four-year high. **Israel** is set to tighten an ongoing national lockdown, in an effort to halt a rise in new COVID-19 cases. **Germany extends and toughens lockdown** Chancellor Angela Merkel has announced an extension of Germany's nationwide lockdown until the end of January. Rules will also be toughened in the hardest-hit areas.

"We need to reduce contacts further because we have seen that we have not been able to lower the incidence (of coronavirus) in the last (few) weeks as far as we would have wished for," Merkel told journalists after a meeting with the leaders of Germany's 16 federal states

non-essential travel. Movement is limited to a 15km radius in towns and cities where the number of new COVID-19 cases is above 200 per 100,000 residents over a seven-day period. Limits have also been placed on gatherings, with just one member of a household allowed to meet just one other person.

BBC rolls out mass education programming The BBC has announced the largest education offer in its history, after school closures in England were announced as part of new lockdown measures. The corporation's children's brand – CBBC – will offer a three-hour block of content aimed at primary school pupils, while the BBC Two TV channel will focus on secondary school students. "Education is absolutely vital," said BBC Director General Tim Davie. "The BBC is here to play its part and I'm delighted that we have been able to bring this to audiences so swiftly." Mobile network and broadband operators are also removing data caps, to help disadvantaged students access online materials. (Courtesy weforum.org)



For the first time, the rules will restrict

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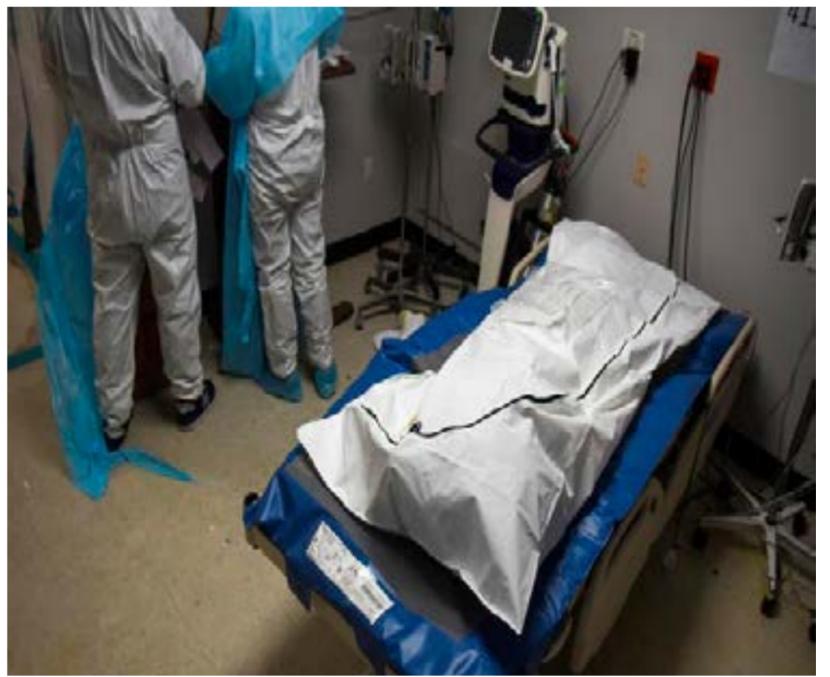
A man reads verses of the holy Koran while sitting next to his relative's grave at the Muslim burial area provided by the government for victims of the coronavirus at Tegal Alur cemetery complex in Jakarta, Indonesia, December 1, 2020. REUTERS/Willy...



A woman livestreams the funeral of her relative who died from the coronavirus, at the San Rafael cemetery, in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico December 2, 2020. REUTERS/Jose Luis Gonzalez



The Duomo Cathedral is seen during a snowfall in Milan, Italy December 28, 2020. REUTERS/Flavio Lo Scalzo



A patient who died lays in a body bag inside a coronavirus unit at United Memorial Medical Center in Houston, Texas, December 12, 2020. REUTERS/Callaghan O'Hare



The daughters of Orivaldo Alves de Souza, 58, who died and was suspected to have had the coronavirus as there was no prediction from the result of his PCR-RT test, react as gravediggers wearing protective suits bury the coffin containing his body at...MORE



Scott Fujii, 34, is given a 24-hour rapid coronavirus test by nurse Caren Williams at Tom Bradley international terminal at LAX airport so he can travel to Hawaii to see family in Los Angeles, California, November 23. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson



Investigators work near the site of a motor home explosion on 2nd Avenue in Nashville, Tennessee, December 26, 2020. The bombing rocked downtown Nashville on Christmas morning, with no concrete clues yet emerging as to why 63-year-old suspect Anthony Q. Warner carried out his suicide mission, which damaged more than 40 businesses. REUTERS/Harrison McClary



Relatives mourn next to the burning pile of a man who died due to the coronavirus, at a crematorium in New Delhi, India January 6, 2021. REUTERS/Adnan Abidi

Where Do We Fit In The Big Picture? On The Vaccine Front Lines - Fall-Winter 2020



KEY POINTS

The search for more COVID-19 vaccines to finally bring the pandemic under control is moving fast.

Teams around the world are at work on dozens of potential vaccines in the hopes that one - and possibly more - will crack the code in the coming months: passing clinical testing and gaining regulatory approval.

Thousands of people are already rolling up their sleeves for clinical vaccine testing, while debates about the reality issues are underway, including: Who should get a vaccine first? How will it be distributed? How do we make sure parts of the world aren't left out?

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Pfizer and Moderna bolster global vaccine hopes

It's been a busy week on the vaccine front, with both the Pfizer/BioNTech and the Moderna doses posting promising results, heating up the race for first-place status.

Both companies are using a new technology that employs what's called mRNA to prompt an immune response - a technique with Canadian roots, via stem cell biologist Derrick Rossi and a glowing mouse - and in recent weeks have emerged as front-runners in the vaccine race.

In the first major update of the week, Massachusetts-based Moderna released an early look at the results from its final phase of human testing, which suggested its candidate could be as much as 94.5 per cent effective. Moderna also gained a slight edge over Pfizer when it comes to the "cold chain" problem. The new technology both are using was expected to need storage conditions as cold as -80 C, but Moderna says it has figured out how to keep the doses stable for a month in normal fridge temperatures.

Not to be outdone, Pfizer announced two days later that its final phase of testing was now complete, and that the dose was 95 per cent effective with no serious safety effects. This wraps up a trial of 43,000 volunteers conducted at 151 sites in six countries.

The companies' results also represent good news for seniors, with data suggesting doses are very effective in older adults. While cold storage remains an issue for Pfizer, the company did say it has developed special temperature controlled shipping containers.



The Trump administration has paid \$1.95 billion for 100 million initial doses of the Pfizer vaccine. Pfizer says it could have up to 50 million doses available by the end of this year if approved.

Next up? Pfizer submitted the results to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for emergency use approval last Friday, and it has said a peer-reviewed study is in the works.

AstraZeneca publishes a study on Phase 2 results The spotlight was focused squarely on Pfizer and Moderna this week, but AstraZeneca also published a study on its Phase 2 results, which was notable for the promise it held for seniors, and the fact that it was a study at all.

AstraZeneca is the Swedish-British company that has been working on a vaccine with the University of Oxford. They're generally regarded as the furthest along of the vaccine candidates that are not using mRNA - the promising but new technology being pioneered by Pfizer and Moderna.

Many companies are putting out results before they've been scrutinized by other scientists - a practice occasionally derided as "science by press release." But AstraZeneca's Phase 2 results appeared in the journal The Lancet, available for anyone to read.



HHS secretary Alex Azar offered up a timeline on Tuesday regarding who would be the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccination if they can start rolling out the jabs next month as planned.

The results themselves are more good news for seniors. Older adults have borne the brunt of the pandemic, and yet vaccines aren't always as effective for them, prompting worries in some circles that these first COVID-19 doses might not work for those who need it most.

But the AstraZeneca study suggested not only that its

vaccine could spark an immune response in all age groups, but it appeared to be "better tolerated" in older adults.

The third and final phase of human testing for that vaccine is ongoing. (Courtesy www.thestar.com/news)

Most States Aren't Ready For Distribution Of The Leading COVID-19 Vaccine

Health officials stressed that the plans are still evolving as they receive changing information. Even though Pfizer's vaccine has long been seen as the likely front-runner, details from the trial, including the vaccine's efficacy in specific populations like the elderly, have yet to be published. Shipping and storage logistics are also expected to continue to be fine-tuned with each passing week.

"It's a moving target," Dr. Philip Huang, director of the Dallas County Health and Human Services Department, said. "There's new info every day."

The changing details make it harder to plan, and some officials acknowledged they haven't gotten very far.

"There are too many variables still to be worked out at the federal level," a spokeswoman for the Georgia Department of Public Health said by way of declining an interview request for this article. "Much of what happens going forward will depend on the vaccine itself, when we receive it and what the protocols will be for prioritizing distribution among various populations."

The problem with waiting for details on the vaccine to be revealed is that mass immunization is a multilayered process, involving public communication campaigns, ordering of equipment, hiring of staff, training of vaccine providers and the added complexity, in this pandemic, of making sure all vaccine sites are safe and won't contribute to the spread. Operation Warp Speed has said its goal is to begin shipping the day that a vaccine is given the green light by the FDA, so states need to be ready at any moment.

WHO COULD GET COVID-19 VACCINE FIRST? Infographic showing vaccination priorities: December (Adults with underlying medical conditions, People 65 years of age or over), January (Healthcare personnel, Non-healthcare essential workers), March-April (Rest of the population).

For the initial months after the Food and Drug Administration signs off on a vaccine, the CDC advised state and local health authorities to prioritize health care workers, then move on to other essential workers and

at-risk populations such as nursing home residents. Access would expand to the general public as manufacturing ramps up to make more doses available.

Who will get the vaccine first and when will it be rolled out?

HHS secretary Alex Azar offered up a timeline on Tuesday regarding who would be the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccination if they can start rolling out the jabs next month as planned.

The elderly in nursing homes and assisted living facilities those will likely be the first to be vaccinated. Adults with underlying medical conditions that put them at risk of severe COVID-19 illness and people over 65 years of age could also fall into this initial category, according to Operation Warp Speed's strategy plan. Inoculations of healthcare workers and first responders will follow, with a goal to complete those shots by the end of January. Azar said he expects to have enough vaccinations for 'all Americans' by the end of March to early April.

A final priority list is still being determined by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices that will be based, in part, on vaccine efficacy data from the various trials, including Pfizer and Moderna. But there are a lot of details left to determine within those broad categories. Some health care workers have more exposure than others; North Dakota wants hospitals to document how they decided whom to vaccinate first. Maryland is prioritizing people in jails and prisons (where sharing close quarters has led to severe outbreaks), but states like Idaho and Mississippi have scheduled them for later. (Courtesy www.propublica.org and www.dailymail.co.uk)



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妻子长我3岁，个子不高貌不美，可她的做人做事，在我的心目中是既高又美，我能与她携手人生，觉得很幸福。

我和妻子是上世纪八十年代初经人介绍成婚的。当时我们都是农民临时工，相隔百里，没有情书往来，更没有花前月下。从订婚到登记过门，一年多的时间只有过3次简短的见面。我和她都很相信缘分，百年修得同船度，千年修得共枕眠。婚姻是上帝为信男信女量身定做的，选择有限，忠诚无悔。结婚时家里很穷，洞房是一间半50多年的土坯偏屋，我的伯母和母亲都在这间老屋住过多年。为装饰门面，就用报纸和布告纸糊在屋顶、墙面上，土炕、煤油灯、一张桌子和柜子。就是这条件，妻子没有半点嫌弃和不满，用她的话说，“嫁郎不是嫁房”，“日子靠个人过，不是靠老人给”。她这开阔的胸怀，令我和老人都很高兴。后来，家里盖了新房，她又主动让给三弟成家娶亲。

我弟兄三个，没有姐妹。自从妻子娶进门，就成了我父母的“小棉袄”。老人的穿戴从内到外，从脚到顶，夏单冬棉，她都管了下來，不计较钱财，不攀兄弟份子，不图功摆好。父亲有哮喘病，她每年都给老人买上百斤上等蜂蜜；每逢遇到闰月年，她就随农村风俗像闺女一样，给老人送上红腰带等，还亲手为婆婆织毛线衣裤，尽可能地让老人享受到城里人的待遇。农村实行责任制后，家里分了十多亩责任田。因此，逢秋过麦我和妻子都要回家干个十天半月的。她从20多岁就在供销社干营业员，基本没从事过农田活计，身材还很瘦小，可她各种农活都与我们兄弟几个一样顶着趟子干，割麦子，砍玉米，翻地施肥，起早贪黑不示弱，比我还耐得住，我真不知道她是那来的力气和精神。我中午要小憩一会，她还要帮老人做饭干家务，我在她面前很汗颜，她却说，一年只回家过个麦秋，就得靠精神豁上，不能让街坊笑话咱不扑身。每当再回到工作单位，她都累的像脱层皮，可从没有过牢骚和怨言。

妻子孝敬婆婆胜过她对自己的亲生父母。她很传统，虽说对双方老人一样孝顺，可每逢买衣服或礼物她习惯重婆婆轻娘家。她的理由是：娘家爹妈儿女多，他们有自己的儿子管，当闺女就是管点礼节的事，这是老辈子传下来的风俗。还说：“婆婆没闺女，我不光是媳妇，还要和闺女一样伺候老人。”她20多年如一日，和老人没红过一次脸，孝敬老人细心周到，没有丝毫的虚假。1991年冬天，我的一个同事去招远市出差，哪儿黄金便宜些，就让同事花1000多元给妻子捎买了戒指和耳环。我送给她后，不仅没讨到好还落



了一顿埋怨：“老娘60多岁了，还没见过金子是啥样。送给老人吧，让她也风光一把。我要戴就等以后咱儿女买。”就这样她把首饰送给了我的母亲。当时我还给母亲开玩笑说，你儿媳送你戴个几十年，等你百年后再戴。可万万没想到，1997年秋母亲突发心脏病去世了。妻子当即又提出把这套首饰作为陪葬品放进棺材。我和父亲及兄弟们都都是唯物者，认为埋在地下可惜，并不赞成妻子的意见，可她执意不肯，说：“母亲急病暴逝，当孩子的没机会尽上孝心，也没花我们的钱，惟把她老人爱心的东西带走，心里才平衡。”一家人听她这么一说，也就照此办理了。后来我和孩子都有条件能给她买，可她坚持不要。她的说法就是：她曾经有过，给老人戴去了她心安，自己不再拥有就会永远怀念老人家。

2000年，我在县城安了家，每逢入秋就把父亲接来住上大半年。夏季老人回家跟三弟住，她是坚持每月回家看望一次。妻子照顾老人的生活起居精心体贴，无微不至。父亲在战争年代曾受过伤，年老后大病没有小病不断，虽说能自理，但时常这儿疼那儿酸多有不适。由于我工作较忙，只是每年带老人查体，其他日常伺候老人的事她全部包揽下来。尤其是父亲晚年的七八个冬中，她经常领着老人进医院跑门诊，县城内的几家中医诊所几乎跑遍了。熬中药，做理疗，拔罐按

摩，变着法的尽量减少老人痛苦，简直成了老人的“保健医生”。最难能可贵的是她一个当儿媳的伺候老公公，不嫌脏，不避讳，给老人端屎倒尿，洗头洗脚。有时父亲硬撑着不愿让儿媳伺候一些不方便的事情，可妻子说，“我是老媳妇了，伺候老人哪有那么多讲究啊”。我在家伺候的时候，妻子竟不放心，嫌我粗啦不仔细，大手大脚。说心里话，在伺候和照顾老人方面，我很愧疚，做的很不够，工作忙只是一个方面，更多的是我依赖妻子习惯了，她的确比我做得好百倍。这是我一生的遗憾。

妻子对老人孝敬，对兄弟妯娌通情达理，和睦相处。哥哥和弟弟结婚后都独立成家，因我和妻子在外工作，没有分家这一形式。1988年我在老家盖了新宅房后，就让老人搬进住，我和父母始终一起过，因此双亲的衣食住行、养老送终，全是我自家承担，她没有半点攀份和埋怨，并且能舍得自己利益对待兄弟家的事。90年代初，当时的户口“农转非”是件好事，指标很难弄，一个乡镇也没几个。我虽在乡里任职，但全家也是农业户口，所以领导就照顾了我一个“转非”指标。我和妻子商量这个指标转谁，她说“咱孩子正上学，靠他个人努力去考学吧。大哥的闺女中学毕业落榜了，干脆转她说说不定能招工。”就这样冒着违反政策的风险，把侄女“户口转非”

了。至于后来没派上大用处，是另一回事了。还有，前几年我儿子和侄子一块大学毕业，我托门子走关系搞了个就业位子，到底让谁去上班，我很为难。这次还是妻子说话：“他叔家供孩子上学不容易，家庭条件也差，就让侄子上班减少点负担。儿子的工作就靠他个人再努力吧。”她的大度，我无话可说，儿子也很痛快的做了支持表态。几年过去了，侄子在县城上班，儿子还在外地拼搏着。俗话说，“家和万事兴”，在我这个大家庭里，几十口子和和睦睦，我认为有我妻子的很大功劳。

我和妻子已经属于“红宝石婚”了。四十年的陪伴已走过了人生中的大半辈子，四十年经历的事情许许多多，有甜蜜的回忆，也有艰辛和争吵，因为相互知足、相互宽容和谅解，所以倍感幸福。我作为“男子汉”高兴的思忖这40多年，不是夸口海吹，妻子她确是一个极为难得孝顺媳妇，贤妻良母。上对婆婆，她善始善终，真正尽上了孝道；下对子女，她宽严相济，真正做到了慈母应做的一切；中对家人，她无私无欲，真正做到了善良开明。至于对我吗，那更是忠诚疼爱，用句戏言，可谓“保姆式、大姐型的妻子”。我想，人生按常规也就活个80岁左右，真正相处时间最长、接触最紧密的就是白头偕老的妻子，家里有个贤妻是男人最大的福分。