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### Musings

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#### #74: Some Good News

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Fans of The Office have likely been watching John Krasinski's latest concept – a YouTube show called *Some Good News*. The show, which highlights positive snippets of audience submitted content, has a million followers on Instagram and 2.58 million YouTube subscribers and draws up to 17 million for each show. Recently, Krasinski cashed in by selling the rights to ViacomCBS. Have to love entrepreneurship and capitalism. Mary Poppins is happy.

I wrote in Musing #13 about the power of positivity. Humans want to be positive. Courses in happiness and positive psychology are enormously popular. It is an ugly world right now so let me steal from Krasinski and give some good news.

Great story from the bridge in Minneapolis. After the truck driver almost ran people over, the angry protestors pulled him from the truck and start beating him up. A different protestor jumped on top of the driver and shielded him. "This all started because of a senseless killing, we couldn't have another one" he said.

SpaceX successfully got the U.S. astronauts to the space station. The rocket "returns" after launch not like the kid rockets you had to chase down in the park. Just a couple days later SpaceX did it again launching 60 communication satellites. Engineering ingenuity.

Multiple generations in my family had a very constructive conversation about BLM and structural racism during zoom cocktail hour. Not all in agreement but good discourse. As my sister-in-law wrote, "I think that was exactly what we are supposed to be doing to honor the life of George Floyd."

Love seeing strong, accomplished black women running our cities in Atlanta, Washington and Chicago. Also impressed by Val Demings who ran Orlando police, is now in the House of Reps and the frontrunner for Biden VP in my opinion.

Our Illinois dictator JB Pritzker is letting restaurants open up.

Yes, you can have a "graduation celebration" even if that means walking in front of a TV streaming YouTube where you name is announced. Congrats to our daughter Cate off to TCU.

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/0KXiHFcsR3fc1DV6nuy0z0Xq>

Thanks for the Bush family. Class acts. Here is W's statement: [statement-by-president-george-w-bush](#). I agree with Mad Dog Mattis that leaders, especially Presidents, need to unite people.

Do something positive today. Write someone a note of thanks. Buy someone a drink. Say hello to strangers and wave to people as they drive by.

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## Second Thoughts

To the loss of trust in institutions, how about this crazy story. We all heard with great fanfare about the study showing negative experiences using hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid-19 after Trump promoted it for consideration and said he was taking it. Seems like the study may have been a political hit job. WSJ editorial: [the-lancet-hcl-and-trump](#). Now, the publishing journal has pulled the story. [lancet-retracts-covid-19-paper-that-raised-safety-concerns-about-drugs](#)

This sums up my opinion on the recent looting:

