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## TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC" THAT SEEMS KINDA' FOOLISH!

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### *Here's what provoked me:*

*We've got stupidity and foolishness problems in our country. Especially among many of our political leaders and much of the press. When we have a terrorist or criminal mass killing, we blviate and identify an immediate solution by virtue of loud, self-righteous voices. Our actions cause misdirected concerns, blame, and retaliation. Doesn't that seem kinda' foolish?*

### *Here's my response:*

#### **That Seems Kinda' Foolish!**

Division and violence pervade this country, and it's time we deal with it! But we always seem to react foolishly! We usually identify an immediate solution in our loud, self-righteous voices. Our quick reactions cause misdirected concerns, blame, and retaliation. In the midst of much "anti-cop" sentiment, we just "stir the pot" of hatred and violence.

- After terrorist mass killings, many officials and press claim confusion over the killer's motivation, even when he clearly describes his motivations. That seems kinda' foolish!
- A President prematurely reacts to a policeman's killing of a black suspect by saying it represents "racial disparities" in our criminal justice system. That seems kinda' foolish!
- A Governor prematurely reacts to a policeman's killing of a black suspect by saying it wouldn't have happened if the suspect had been white. That seems kinda' foolish!
- Many public officials and much of the press fail to report on a new Harvard study which clearly concludes police involved shootings show "no racial differences." That seems kinda' foolish!
- Many public officials pivot immediately to proclaim gun control the real solution to terrorist and criminal violence. That seems kinda' foolish!

Impetuous actions and comments seem to give permission for more violence – and that's definitely kinda' foolish!