

Is it time to reconstitute the Minutemen?

Now that the 'revolution' has begun and the assault has been made on our cities, our monuments and our police departments by the likes of Antifa and Black Lives Matter activists, maybe it's time to dust off the memory of the 'Minutemen' and reimagine them as a civilian force that could protect us. I say this with no particular glee, but out of a sense of deep frustration with our authorities who have no spine and no respect for our Constitution... or our history.

In case you've forgotten, the Minutemen were civilian colonists who independently organized to form militia companies that were trained in weaponry, battlefield tactics and military strategy. They got their training from the American colonial partisan militia during our Revolutionary War. Their name referred to their readiness at a minute's notice. They were a mobile and rapid deployment force and were frequently the first in the fight. There is a commemorative statue to the group in Concord, Massachusetts that was erected in 1875, and given the bloodthirsty nature of the new anarchists that are occupying our towns and cities, this statue is probably targeted for toppling.

It pains me to see our institutions and history under attack, but it doesn't surprise me as this movement of domestic terrorists has been building over the last dozen years or so, inspired by groups from our past like the Black Panthers and the Weather Underground whose actions have been tacitly condoned by the likes of our 44th President and many leaders of so-called 'human rights organizations' like the Southern Poverty Law Center, a legion of journalists within the mainstream media and fringe elements within the Democratic Party that has witnessed itself become hijacked by those of the 'Progressive' movement. Mainstream America has largely ignored the mobilization of anarchist forces and trusted in our institutions like our FBI and local authorities to keep a lid on such groups like 'Occupy Wall Street', 'Antifa' and 'Black Lives Matter.'

They - and we - have dropped the ball. We watched, passively, while our city councils and our mayors, and our governors, along with our local colleges and even our high schools became infiltrated by Leftist-leaning partisans whose aims are to revise our history (if not eradicate it altogether) and upend our society. Their tactics are to label and vilify those who would protect our civil liberties and who revere our Constitution as racists of the first order, homophobes, misogynists and enemies of progress (their warped idea of progress). Their targets have been those of us who have refused to self-identify as oppressors of America's minorities and repent for our ancestors' original sin of slavery.

We should have seen this coming when we listened to our children and grandchildren whisper about us as being 'out of touch' and a bunch of 'old stogy traditionalists' who weren't ready to embrace 'their' issues of on-demand abortion, open borders, free college, legalized drugs, homosexual marriage, and reparations for slavery. We weren't reading their social media posts, otherwise we would have known how far round the bend they'd gone. Our current situation reminds me of a quote from Martin Niemöller (a prominent Lutheran pastor in Germany who opposed Adolf Hitler and spent seven years of his life in Nazi concentration camps): "First they came for the socialists and I didn't speak out - because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists - and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak for me."

I'm not saying that we are experiencing a rise of Nazism in the U.S., but I believe we are experiencing a pogrom of sorts where we are seeing the wreaking of havoc and violent destruction of property and attacks on our free speech and freedom to move safely through our own streets. This must be nipped in the bud and must stop. The lawless acts of a vocal violent few who are bent on the destruction of our country must not be allowed to continue.

Just as we have opposed neo-Nazis and 'skinheads' and violent White supremacist groups in the past, so must we now quell the new rebellion that has hijacked the cause of racial equality and are using it as a Trojan Horse to enter our cities for their own nefarious purposes.

It is no wonder that one of their principal chants is "de-fund the police," for once our police forces are disbanded or watered down, these groups will have gained the high ground from which they can continue to wage their war on America's law abiding population. If we give them the upper hand, we will see an inevitable return to an armed citizenry that will not have the training necessary to put down rebellions or looting as would an experienced police force. The President is correct when he says that we must take back our cities and secure peaceful congress for all citizens. While establishing a Minuteman force that could protect our public spaces and secure our monuments from destruction sounds like a good idea, it has a downside.

All it would take would be one killing by an armed militiaman to prove Antifa's point, that America is a not a law-abiding country. We are way beyond the statistics stage. We are deep into the well of emotionalism as we have seen with the George Floyd case, a tragic murder that unleashed a torrent of protests. To put things into perspective, in Chicago on the Memorial Day weekend, a few days after George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis there were 85 shootings and 24 people were killed, most of whom were Black.

Just as White on Black police-initiated murders are not an epidemic in our country's police departments, a single killing of an anarchist by an armed citizen would not be viewed in the context of self-defense. Reconstituting the Minutemen should wait until we have a chance to come to our collective senses and reverse hare-brained decisions by NYC's mayor to disband that city's 600-member plain clothes unit and Seattle mayor's choice to look the other way while anarchists expand their territory to other neighborhoods.

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