

Elephant Talk

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President's Byline



People tearing down statues and monuments. Elites easing history. Censoring any opposing speech and attacking those who disagree. Getting rid of art, film, and books that send a different message from the ones the elites agree with. Most of you probably think I am talking about events currently taking place in America. However, I am writing about what Communist Mao Zedong and his red guard did in China.

History has shown, every time Marxists seek power, they attack culture and things that people hold dear. They also use the young to bully, attack, and silence those who oppose them. Lenin referred to these young people as "useful idiots". We are presently seeing many useful idiots destroying city blocks, burning down businesses, and tearing down statues.

Today's useful idiots, who are aligning with the Black Lives Matter Origination, are protesting against police brutality. While some of these protesters are genuinely speaking out to end police brutality, what these folks don't know is the Black Lives Matter Origination is run by self proclaimed Marxists.

True to history the Black Lives Matter Marxists first wanted confederate statues taken down. Now, they have moved on to statues and monuments of Union Soldiers. One monument that was vandalized was for Black Union soldiers, and another was the statue of Grant. You know, the General who won the Civil War for the north. They also took down statues of an abolitionist, a Saint, and more. As of June 25th, the mob threatened to tear down a statue of Abraham Lincoln called the Emancipation. This statue was commissioned by former slaves after the Civil War. The first donation for this statue was \$5.00 given by a former slave named Charlotte Scott. It was her idea to have a statue built to honor Lincoln.

The Black Lives Matter Origination have demanded movies and TV shows they don't like to be taken down from platforms and networks. No more Gone With the Wind, Cops, Paw Patrol, and Law & Order SUV. Next will be book banning or perhaps book burning. All this is an attempt to take control and turn us into a communist nation.

So, what can we do? The first thing we can do is let people know that the Black Lives Matter Origination is run by Marxists. Some of its goals are to redistribute wealth, end capitalism, and abolish the nuclear family. According to the BLM website, "we disrupt the western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and "villages" that collectively care for one another, especially our children."

The next thing we can do is support groups that want to make things better without turning America into the next USSR. One Origination, is 1776 Unites founded by Bob Woodson. <https://1776unites.com>. Lastly, we must work hard to get Republicans, from the top of the ballot to the bottom, elected in November.

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Calendar of Events

July Meeting
July 21st

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July Meeting

Next PRW Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Location : Saltgrass Steakhouse Plano East
3320 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074

Time: 11:15 am: Arrive and check-in, 11:30 am: Meeting, Lunch & Program

Lunch is available for **\$25.00** with RSVP, cash or check payable to PRW on arrival
RSVPs for lunch must be made by 5 pm Friday, March 13th, 2020

RSVPs to attend without lunch may be made up to 5pm the Monday before the Tuesday meeting
We welcome guests and visitors to our General Meeting. Members, please bring a friend!

To RSVP send an email to:

rsvp@planorepublicanwomen.org

Include your name in your email and specify whether you will/will not be having lunch



The quote of the Day- 25 years ago!

"All Americans, not only in the States most heavily affected but in every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country. The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public service they use impose burdens on our taxpayers. That's why our administration has moved aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a record number of new border guards, by deporting twice as many criminal aliens as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring, by barring welfare benefits to illegal aliens. In the budget I will present to you, we will try to do more to speed the deportation of illegal aliens who are arrested for crimes, to better identify illegal aliens in the workplace as recommended by the commission headed by former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years, and we must do more to stop it."

~Bill Clinton, State of the Union Address,
24 Jan 1995

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AMERICANISM REPORT

BY ANNE LOGAN, AMERICANISM CHAIR

Betsy Ross

The American flag is more on display from late May to July 4th than any other time of the year. We have Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, June 14th is Flag Day and of course we have Independence Day on July 4th.

Betsy Ross (Elizabeth Griscom Ross) born January 1, 1752 was an American upholsterer who was credited in 1870 with making the first American flag, known also as the *Betsy Ross* flag.

Elizabeth (Betsy) was the eighth of 17 children born into the Quaker family of Samuel and Rebecca Griscom. Samuel, a successful carpenter, moved his large family from their farmhouse in New Jersey to the growing city of Philadelphia when Betsy was three years old.

Although Betsy is often referred to as a seamstress, she was actually a trained upholsterer. After completing her formal education at a school for Quaker children, Betsy went on to apprentice to John Webster, a talented and popular Philadelphia upholsterer. She spent several years under Webster, learning to make and repair curtains, bedcovers, tablecloths, rugs, umbrellas and Venetian blinds. In colonial times they performed all manner of sewing jobs, including flag-making.

While apprenticing to Webster, Betsy met and fell in love with a fellow apprentice named John Ross, an Anglican and son of the former Assistant Rector of Christ Church. Being devout Quakers, Betsy's family did not approve of her relationship with John. Marrying outside of the faith meant Betsy could no longer worship in the Quaker community. Nevertheless, on November 4, 1773, Betsy and John fled across the Delaware River to Hugg's Tavern in Gloucester, New Jersey where they married without the blessing of her family and fellow Quakers.

Despite that, the newlyweds prospered. They opened their own upholstery business in a rented house in the heart of a bustling section of Philadelphia now known as Old City. John and Betsy Ross even made bed hangings for George Washington while he was in Philadelphia for the First Continental Congress in 1774.

Quakers frowned on inter-denominational marriages. The penalty for such unions was severe — the guilty party being "read out" of the Quaker meeting house. Getting "read out" meant being cut off emotionally and economically from both family and meeting house. One's entire history and community would be instantly dissolved.

Her wedding caused an irrevocable split from her family. It is an interesting parallel to note that on their wedding certificate is the name of New Jersey's Governor, William Franklin, Benjamin Franklin's son. A few years later William would have an irrevocable split with his father because he was a Loyalist against the cause of the Revolution. They were married for just over two years when their union was tragically cut short. John Ross, believed to be a member of the local militia, passed away, leaving Betsy a childless widow at the age of 24. Betsy continued to run her upholstery business, making extra income by making cartridges and, of course, flags for the Continental Army.

On June 15, 1777, Betsy married her second husband, Joseph Ashburn. Together they had 2 daughters, the first of whom passed away just shy of her first birthday. Joseph was a mariner and was often at sea, leaving Betsy, a new mother, alone in Philadelphia. The sea was a dangerous place during the Revolution. In 1781 a British frigate captured Joseph's ship, *The Lion*. The crew was charged with treason and taken to Old Mill Prison in Plymouth, England. Joseph Ashburn died of an unknown illness on March 3, 1782, a few short weeks before the British released the American prisoners.

Later in 1782, Betsy was visited by a man named John Claypoole. He was a fellow prisoner with Joseph Ashburn in Old Mill Prison. John was there to bring Betsy the news of her second husband's death. Betsy learned that she was once again a widow at the age of 30.

John Claypoole and Betsy kindled a relationship and were married on May 8, 1783. A year later, Betsy returned to her Quaker roots when she and her husband joined the Society of Free Quakers. The "Free Quakers," was founded by members of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, who had been expelled for failure to adhere to the Peace Testimony during the American Revolutionary War. The community supported America's fight for freedom from British rule, unlike the pacifist traditional Quakers.

Betsy was finally able to enjoy a long marriage to John Claypoole, but this 34-year relationship was not without its struggles. The couple had five daughters together, but only four of them lived to maturity. At some point after the turn of the 19th century, John developed a physical disability, possibly relating to earlier war injuries or a stroke. He died in 1817.

Betsy continued her upholstery and flag-making business with the help of her daughter Clarissa. After over fifty years in her trade, she retired at the age of 76 and left the city to live on her daughter Susanna's farm in the remote suburb of Abington. According to her descendants, although her vision was failing rapidly, Betsy continued to take the long carriage ride to the Free Quaker Meetinghouse in the city every week.

By 1833, Betsy was completely blind. She spent the last three years of her life living with her daughter Jane's family on Cherry Street in Philadelphia. With family present, Betsy Ross died peacefully in her sleep on January 30, 1836. She was 84 years old.



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War Comes to Philadelphia

In January 1776, a disaffected British agitator living in Philadelphia for only a short while published a pamphlet that would have a profound impact on the Colonials. Tom Paine ("These are the times that try men's souls") wrote *Common Sense* which would swell rebellious hearts and sell 120,000 copies in three months; 500,000 copies before war's end.

However, the city was fractured in its loyalties. Many still felt themselves citizens of Britain. Others were ardent revolutionaries heeding a call to arms.

Betsy and John Ross keenly felt the impact of the war. Fabrics needed for business were becoming hard to come by. Business was slow. John joined the Pennsylvania militia. While guarding an ammunition cache in mid-January 1776, John Ross was mortally wounded in an explosion. Though his young wife tried to nurse him back to health he died on the 21st and was buried in Christ Church cemetery.

In late May or early June of 1776, according to Betsy's telling, she had that fateful meeting with the Committee of Three: George Washington, George Ross, and Robert Morris, which led to the sewing of the first flag.

Betsy would often tell her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends of a fateful day, late in May of 1776, when three members of a secret committee from the Continental Congress came to call upon her. Those representatives, George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross, asked her to sew the first flag. George Washington was then the head of the Continental Army. Robert Morris, an owner of vast amounts of land, was perhaps the wealthiest citizen in the Colonies. Colonel George Ross was a respected Philadelphian and also the uncle of her late husband, John Ross.

Naturally, Betsy Ross already knew George Ross as she had married his nephew. Betsy was also acquainted with the great General Washington. Not only did they both worship at Christ Church in Philadelphia, but Betsy's pew was next to George and Martha Washington's pew. Her daughter recalled, "That she was previously well acquainted with Washington, and that he had often been in her house in friendly visits, as well as on business. That she had embroidered ruffles for his shirt bosoms and cuffs, and that it was partly owing to his friendship for her that she was chosen to make the flag."

In June 1776, brave Betsy was a widow struggling to run her own upholstery business. Upholsterers in colonial America not only worked on furniture but did all manner of sewing work, which for some included making flags. According to Betsy, General Washington showed her a rough design of the flag that included a six-pointed star. Betsy, a standout with the scissors, demonstrated how to cut a five-pointed star *in a single snip*.

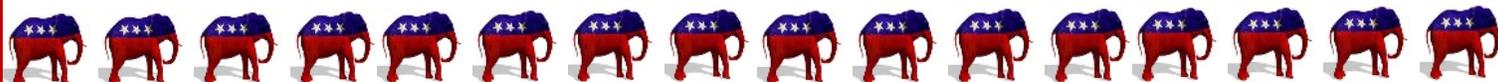
According to Betsy Ross's dates and sequence of events, in May the Congressional Committee called upon her at her shop. She finished the flag either in late May or early June 1776. In July, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud for the first time at Independence Hall. Amid celebration, bells throughout the city tolled, heralding the birth of a new nation.

Much suffering and loss of life would result, however, before the United States would completely sever ties with Britain. Betsy Ross herself lost two husbands to the Revolutionary War. During the conflict the British appropriated her house to lodge soldiers. Through it all she managed to run her own upholstery business (which she continued operating for several decades after the war) and after the soldiers left, she wove cloth pouches which were used to hold gunpowder for the Continentals.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, seeking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the national flag. "Resolved: that the flag of the United States will have thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Interesting fact:

Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, in 1885 originated the idea of an annual flag day. That year he led his school in the first formal observation.



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Legislative Report

Governor Abbott Takes Executive Action To Contain Spread Of COVID-19

June 26, 2020 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Limits Certain Businesses And Services With Direct Link To Infections

Governor Greg Abbott today issued an executive order limiting certain businesses and services as part of the state's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. This decision comes as the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 and the number of hospitalizations have increased and the positivity rate in Texas increased above 10%, which the Governor previously stated would lead to further preventative action. The targeted, measured directives in the executive order are based on links between certain types of businesses and services and the recent rise in positive cases throughout the state.

The order includes the following:

- All bars and similar establishments that receive more than 51% of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages are required to close at 12:00 PM today. These businesses may remain open for delivery and take-out, including for alcoholic beverages, as authorized by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.
- Restaurants may remain open for dine-in service, but at a capacity not to exceed 50% of total listed indoor occupancy, beginning Monday, June 29, 2020.
- Rafting and tubing businesses must close.
- Outdoor gatherings of 100 or more people must be approved by local governments, with certain exceptions.

"As I said from the start, if the positivity rate rose above 10%, the State of Texas would take further action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "At this time, it is clear that the rise in cases is largely driven by certain types of activities, including Texans congregating in bars. The actions in this executive order are essential to our mission to swiftly contain this virus and enhance public health. We want this to be as limited in duration as possible. However, we can only slow the spread if everyone in Texas does their part. Every Texan has a responsibility to themselves and their loved ones to wear a mask, wash their hands, stay six feet apart from others in public, and stay home if they can. I know that our collective action can lead to a reduction in the spread of COVID-19 because we have done it before, and we will do it again."

Governor Abbott Announces Temporary Pause Of Additional Reopening Phases

Just 25, 2020 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the State of Texas will pause any further phases to open Texas as the state responds to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Businesses that are permitted to open under the previous phases can continue to operate at the designated occupancy levels and under the minimum standard health protocols provided by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"As we experience an increase in both positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, we are focused on strategies that slow the spread of this virus while also allowing Texans to continue earning a paycheck to support their families," said Governor Abbott. "The last thing we want to do as a state is go backwards and close down businesses. This temporary pause will help our state corral the spread until we can safely enter the next phase of opening our state for business. I ask all Texans to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, washing their hands regularly, and socially distancing from others. The more that we all follow these guidelines, the safer our state will be and the more we can open up Texas for business."

'Resistance' Has Become Insurrection

Michael Walsh, June 2, 2020, updated June 3, 2020

Commentary

After nearly four years, we've arrived at the end game, the final, violent cry of the "resistance" as it continues to try to overturn the results of the 2016 election and tip the United States of America irreversibly toward anarchy and socialism.

Aided and abetted by the mainstream media and a surprisingly large number of Democratic politicians, the current unrest sweeping the country is being presented as "dissent" and "protest" but is, in fact, insurrection. It's time to put it down, hard.

Although the media would have you believe otherwise, we've been down this road as a nation before, and dealt with insurrection decisively. At the very start of the Republic, President George Washington extinguished the "Whiskey Rebellion," a dispute that began in 1791 over a levy on distilled spirits meant to help retire the Revolutionary War debt, but mushroomed into a tax revolt along the western frontier of Pennsylvania and Kentucky. By 1794, it had become an outright insurrection, and something had to be done.

Supported politically by Alexander Hamilton, Washington himself personally led a militia force against the rebels, and in the teeth of overwhelming force, the rebels—including men who had fought alongside Washington in the Continental Army—surrendered peacefully.

Ironically, the principal military commander of Washington's troops was Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, who had fought gallantly during the Revolution; his son, Robert E. Lee, would later command the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War in a rebellion that meant to fracture the country permanently.

The Whiskey Rebellion never threatened the integrity of the Republic (although it did give birth to a century of moonshining in the Appalachian hills). But in 1805, President Jefferson began to fear that his erstwhile vice president, Aaron Burr, whose term had just ended, was up to no good—as indeed he was.

The man who'd shot and killed Hamilton in a duel now wished to collude with territorial governors to foment rebellion and create a new country in the West. But Jefferson's options involving the use of federal troops were limited. Nonetheless, Burr was finally arrested on Feb. 19, 1807, and charged with treason, but was acquitted.

In response to the Burr affair, and to give future presidents more flexibility in dealing with rebellions, Congress passed the Insurrection Act of 1807, which reads: "In all cases of insurrection, or obstruction to the laws, either of the United States, or of any individual state or territory, where it is lawful for the President of the United States to call forth the militia for the purpose of suppressing such insurrection, or of causing the laws to be duly executed, it shall be lawful for him to employ, for the same purposes, such part of the land or naval force of the United States, as shall be judged necessary, having first observed all the pre-requisites of the law in that respect."

The Act has been amended several times and been invoked frequently in times of crisis, most recently during Hurricane Katrina; it also overrides the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which forbids the use of federal soldiers in domestic policing.

The Act was wielded with gusto by President Ulysses S. Grant during Reconstruction, to put down the southern Democrats' paramilitary organization known as the Ku Klux Klan. President Lyndon Johnson used it to justify the deployment of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions to Detroit during the 1967 riots, and deployed federal troops again the following year during the 1968 riots in Washington, D.C. National Guard troops also patrolled the streets of Los Angeles in 1992, during the Rodney King riots.

So President Donald Trump's thinly veiled threat to use the Army shouldn't be seen as an unconstitutional bluff: He has both history and the law on his side.

Title 10, Chapter 13, Section 252 of the U.S. Code clearly states: "Whenever the President considers that unlawful obstructions, combinations, or assemblages, or rebellion against the authority of the United States, make it impracticable to enforce the laws of the United States in any State by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings, he may call into Federal service such of the militia of any State, and use such of the armed forces, as he considers necessary to enforce those laws or to suppress the rebellion."

Insurrection

That this *is* an insurrection, there can be no doubt. The suspiciously well-planned and timed "protests" across the country (which are now starting to spread around the world) have nothing to do with poor George Floyd, the ex-con (assault, armed robbery) from Houston who died at the hands of the Minneapolis police department while being taken into custody.

His death is just a pretext; after all, the nation didn't explode over the shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery by some white men in Georgia in February; indeed, few even knew about it until The New York Times tried to make it an inflammatory issue in late April.

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But Floyd's unfortunate death—one of the cops has been charged with third-degree murder—created the perfect vortex for the anger of the Black Lives Matter movement (never mind that the statistics don't bear out the allegations that white cops are waging a war on black people) to combine with the layabout thuggery of the "Antifa" movement.

This is the long-planned transformation of Antifa into the modern incarnation of the Klan (which was itself, recall, a resistance movement against the Republican-led federal government), and their unleashing upon the American public. This time, however, their animus is motivated not simply by revanchism, but by a burning hatred for the country, and a grim determination to destroy it—and the neo-Marxist concept of "structural racism" has always been their preferred field of fight.

It's all coming together: the push for socialism, the hollowing out of democratic institutions at the highest levels of state and federal government, and the progressive chic of celebrities and elected politicians who, instead of decrying or even stopping the violence, are actually egging it on.

From the launch of the baseless "Russian collusion" charges, through the sandbagging of Michael Flynn, to the impotent impeachment over—what was it again?—to the unconstitutional lockdowns over the CCP virus, which were designed to destroy Trump's robust economy, and now to this moment, the goal of the "resistance" is clear: to destroy this presidency once and for all, and usher in a new, green, progressive, egalitarian, totalitarian, socialist United States.

As Barack Obama said in his 2008 speech in Berlin: "This is our moment, this is our time." He was just a little premature.

Inflection Point

Make no mistake: We are at an inflection point in U.S. history, one that's already blown past the political and race riots and Hong Kong flu of 1968 and is barreling toward Fort Sumter, Shiloh, and Antietam. For decades, a number of blue states have been in open defiance of federal law, especially regarding drugs and immigration. They've created "sanctuary" cities, and have refused cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), resulting in needless deaths of many Americans. And they don't care.

Today, from their bastions in New York City, Albany, Los Angeles, Sacramento, California, Chicago, and Lansing, Michigan, they have openly trashed the First Amendment's guarantees of the free exercise of religion and *peaceable* assembly in deliberate overreaction to COVID-19, while simultaneously finding a "right" to violent mass protest and property destruction. They are no longer demanding a "redress of grievances"—they see the country as the grievance itself.

Designating the masked cowards of Antifa as terrorists is a good first step. It will give the feds valuable new tools to put them away. But neither should the feds shrink from confrontation. This is no time to play patty-cake with the rainbow coalition of terror now being visited upon us.

The only thing violent thugs understand is overwhelming force, brutally applied—a principle that Grant and William T. Sherman came to understand in their conduct of the Civil War. The "resistance" should remember Sherman's words to his opponents:

"You people ... don't know what you are doing. This country will be drenched in blood, and God only knows how it will end. It is all folly, madness, a crime against civilization! You people speak so lightly of war; you don't know what you're talking about. War is a terrible thing! ... they wanted war, and I say let us give them all they want."

No doubt there are advisers in the White House counseling Trump not to give in to the provocations, that the left will howl bloody murder the instant their shock troops are bloodied. The media will thunder, Joe Biden will poke his head out from his Delaware basement and bleat on cue, and impeachment will be threatened again.

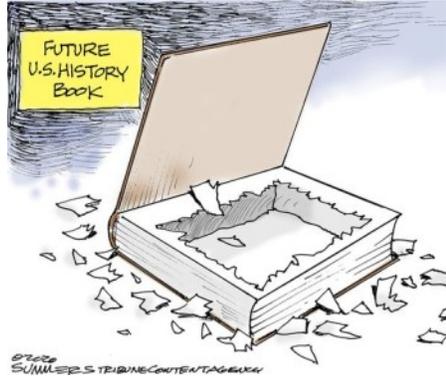
But the time for Trump to bring the hammer down is now. Follow procedure, invoke the law, send in the troops, get on with it, and get it over.

At this point, he's got nothing to lose, and a country to save.

Michael Walsh is the author of "The Devil's Pleasure Palace" and "The Fiery Angel," both published by Encounter Books. His latest book, "Last Stands," a cultural study of military history, will be published in December by St. Martin's Press. Follow him on Twitter @dkahanerules.

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Political Cartoons



Those Burning Our Cities Aim to Destroy Our Civilization

Roger Kimball, May 31, 2020, updated June 3, 2020

Commentary

The first thing to understand about the destructive mob riots sweeping the country is that they aren't race riots. The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25 while being arrested by the police is merely the *pretext* for the violence. The *cause* is hatred.

Hatred of America, first of all, but ultimately hatred of civilized order itself.

Many of the thugs looting and destroying property are white. So what we are witnessing is not a battle between black and white. It's a battle between the forces of civilization, on the one hand, and the forces of anarchy, on the other.

But no—that is not quite right. To speak of a battle between two things implies that there are two active sides. That is not, not yet, the case with the tsunami of destruction and murder we are watching on nightly television. Rather, what we are witnessing is an assault by the forces of barbarism on a supine establishment that has been pretending to represent the authority of civilization.

It is curious that the most egregious scenes of violence are taking place in blue states in cities run by left-wing mayors. Many of the mayors and chiefs of police are themselves black. In many locales, the police have been told to stand down as the mob rampages. The mayor of Minneapolis blamed “white supremacists” and “outsiders” for the violence.

Unfortunately for that assertion, there are no white supremacists to be found, only members of Antifa, Black Lives Matter, and kindred groups. An analysis of the ZIP codes of those arrested shows that they are overwhelmingly from the Minneapolis area.

Meanwhile, various celebrities are encouraging lawlessness by cheering on the malefactors, publicly promising to post bail for them.

Justin Timberlake, to take but one example, encouraged his fans to join him “in supporting the Minneapolis protestors” by donating to a “freedom fund” to combat “the harms of incarceration.”

What about the “harms” of destroying other people's property or bashing in their heads with a skateboard? Ultimately, as Calvin Coolidge observed, “property rights and personal rights are the same thing.”

Snarling Criminality

I should say a word about The Narrative. The official line is that police officer (now ex-police officer) Derek Chauvin killed George Floyd by kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes and asphyxiating him. The whole horrible incident was captured on video—Floyd can be heard piteously saying “I can't breathe, I can't breathe”—so it's an open and shut case.

Except that there is a wrinkle. The preliminary autopsy report revealed “no physical findings that support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation.” The report went on to note that “Mr. Floyd had underlying health conditions including coronary artery disease and hypertensive heart disease. The combined effects of Mr. Floyd being restrained by the police, his underlying health conditions and any potential intoxicants in his system likely contributed to his death.”

On June 2, CBS reported that an additional examination—it isn't clear that it was an actual autopsy—concluded that Floyd died by homicide, with the cause of death mechanical asphyxiation, contradicting the medical examiner.

A skeptical analysis by a law enforcement publication claims that Floyd had methamphetamine and fentanyl in his system and that he may have been exhibiting signs of “excited delirium.” This report also claims that Chauvin's neck restraint was consistent with Minneapolis department policy and “the best practice according to multiple scientific journals.” That violates the narrative, I know, but it is certainly true that “this case is not as simple as everyone would want you to believe.”

This doesn't necessarily exonerate Derek Chauvin. It does, as Andrew McCarthy notes in a thoughtful column about the legalities of the case, show that here, as is so often the case, things are more complicated than they may first appear.

What is not complicated is the snarling criminality of those smashing storefronts, setting fire to cars and police stations, and sending innocent passersby to the hospital or the morgue.

There is some macabre irony in the fact that while most of the country is “locked down” by the diktats of the health police, enforced by power-mad governors and those aspiring to power in city councils and mayors' offices throughout the country, abetted by virtue-

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signaling sheep who scream at their neighbors if they get within six feet of them or appear in public without a mask, thousands of vicious criminals are given leave to loot and burn and pillage. The rules about “social distancing” are suspended so long as people are bent not upon making their living but destroying the livings of others.

President Donald Trump has responded vigorously by calling out the National Guard. We must all hope that they will soon restore order. But the glimpses of viciousness broadcast across the country can't be unseen.

A Thin Line

In a magnificent monologue on his television show, Tucker Carlson peeled back the headlines to expose the festering reality that has brought us to this pass.

“The ideologues will tell you,” he noted, “that the problem is race relations, or capitalism, or police brutality, or global warming. But only on the surface. The real cause is deeper than that and it's far darker. What you're watching is the ancient battle between those who have a stake in society, and would like to preserve it, and those who don't, and seek to destroy it.” That's exactly right.

Writing in the dark days of 1939, Evelyn Waugh noted that “barbarism is never finally defeated; given propitious circumstances, men and women who seem quite orderly will commit every conceivable atrocity.”

Many if not most of the violent hooligans defacing our cities today are young beneficiaries of the richest and most generous society the world has ever seen. At school, they were taught to despise their country as racist, sexist, colonialist, and exploitative, attitudes that were reinforced in college and from the megaphones of the media, Hollywood, and our elite universities. How thin is the line between civilization and violent anarchy!

Waugh was right.

“The more elaborate the society, the more vulnerable it is to attack, and the more complete its collapse in case of defeat.”

We got a taste of that vulnerability when we indulged in a strange cult-like exercise of society-wide self-asphyxiation over a novel respiratory bug. Now we seem bent on trying self-immolation instead.

“At a time like the present,” Waugh warned, society is “notably precarious. If it falls we shall see not merely the dissolution of a few joint-stock corporations, but of the spiritual and material achievements of our history.”

I think that is worth keeping in mind as we watch CNN and MSNBC cheer on the “protestors” who are determined to destroy us.

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Escape From Minneapolis

By Daniel Greenfield Posted: 14 Jun 2020 07:40 PM PDT

If Minneapolis City Council President Lisa Bender didn't exist, Portlandia would have had to invent her.

After a degree from UC Berkeley, Bender worked for a New York City bike lobby, then did a stint in San Francisco, before she went back to Minneapolis to work for Minnesota's DOT on bike lanes while running the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition whose burning passion was putting bike lanes everywhere.

Militant bike activists are the dumbest and most loathed figures in urban civics. No group of people is as entitled, obnoxious, or clueless as a bunch of white hipsters in lycra shorts out to convince city officials that giving them more bike lanes will end wars, eliminate racism, and save the planet. There was only one possible career pathway for Bender in Minneapolis. Urban planning through politics as a DFLer.

Once in office, Bender began transforming entire streets into bike lanes. The plan was to have 60% of the residents of Minneapolis using bikes, walking, or taking the bus by 2030. Nobody bothered drawing up a budget for how much this plan would cost because that would have just rained on the parade.

Or rather snowed on it because Minneapolis gets an average of 100 days of snow.

Last year, Minneapolis bike advocates were whining because the police had been ordering them to stay out of the snow. One complained that he was angry that the cops might have terrified "my fellow cyclists and pedestrians who are less privileged than myself... who may have been much more frightened in these sort of interactions than my cismale, white, straight-presenting self."

The cismale rider was typical of Lisa Bender's base of upscale hipsters renting condos in the 'Wedge'.

Meanwhile Lisa Bender was being ticketed for not shoveling snow off her own sidewalk while telling everyone else to do it. In predictable fashion, she blamed the resulting scandal on sexism.

Despite Bender's ambitions, the bike lanes were largely going unused. And, on top of that, the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, which had changed its name to Our Streets, opposed traffic enforcement because it was racist. And how do you keep cars out of bike lanes without traffic regulations?

But Lisa Bender and Mayor Jacob Frey, the student government that have become the laughingstocks of a nation and the death of a city, had a bigger vision for Minneapolis. They wanted it to be more like New York City with high urban density, lots of mixed-used buildings with families living on top of businesses, and people living in small cubes and pods, while biking to their favorite artisanal coffee shops.

Actually, maybe Bender and Frey didn't want Minneapolis to be New York City, just a giant campus.

Minneapolis still isn't a college campus, but it has the first student council to run a major city. Besides Bender, there's Keith Ellison's son, who describes himself as a "visual artist, storyteller, and political organizer", Phillippe Cunningham, whose bio is, "progressive, Black, queer & trans", Lisa Goodman, "activist and dog mom", and assorted other characters who ought to be debating at the student center.

Instead they're determining the fate of a city and a country without having a clue about anything.

But it was the voters of Minneapolis who voted for DFL Democrats and let them trash their city because promised them a glorious future of bike lanes, diversity, and saving the planet.

Minneapolis had lots of older homes. Preservationists wanted them kept and remodeled. But the student council government running the city wanted them destroyed and replaced with glass boxes. Since there were still too many homes, Bender championed an end to single-family zoning and got her way. Now there was nothing standing in the way of her vision of turning Minneapolis into a campus.

Except reality.

Frey, Bender, and the rest of the aging college gang, were selling Minneapolis the same bill of goods that Buttigieg had sold South Bend, and that numerous other young and eager student council members had sold other declining cities, that with more bikes, glass boxes, and green energy, they would attract dot coms that would build their own versions of Facebook and Amazon in their cities generating billions.

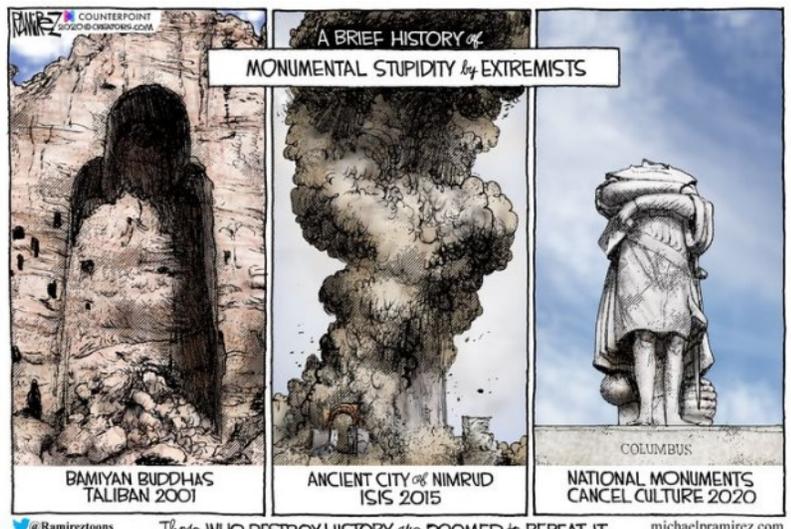
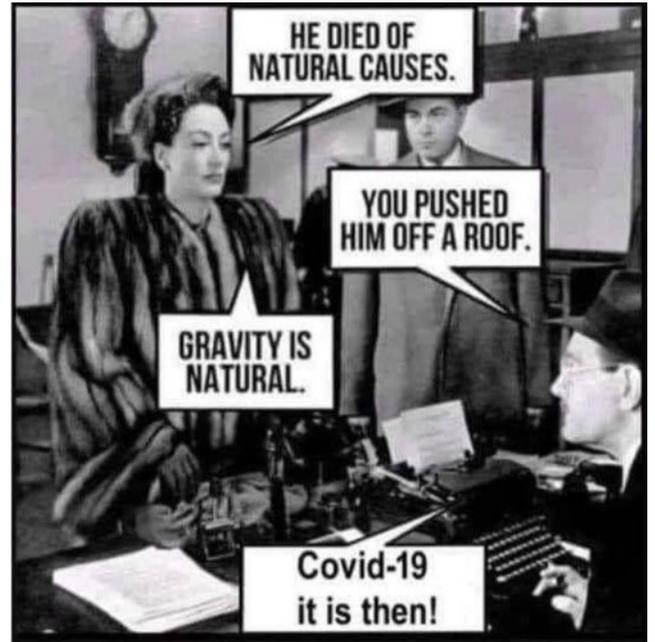
If Bender was a character out of Portlandia, her enablers had sprung straight from South Park.

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Nobody involved in this knew how anything worked. They just knew that they wanted young people with degrees from big bicoastal colleges to move back and turn Minneapolis into the future. Also, they wanted diversity, environmentalism, and lots of biking in a city where it snows 100 days of the year.

While Frey and Bender were trying to turn Minneapolis into a millennial sandbox, there were real problems closer to home. Bender's own neighborhood, Lowry Hill East or the 'Wedge', was a white hipster enclave with rising crime. The regular muggings were perpetrated in the 'Wedge' by people from outside the neighborhood. The Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA) had coped with the problem in the past by getting off-duty MPD cops to patrol the neighborhood and fight crime.

This year, there was a spike in robberies. The rise in crime hit the Wedge, which was at the center of Bender's vision of an influx of hipsters renting condos, while also attracting muggers and thieves. Once the riots began, things only got worse. Local communities turned vigilante and began blocking off streets while volunteers patrolled retail areas to deter looters.

Even before the Minneapolis student council government decided to defund the police, law enforcement had already been replaced, not because of Bender's legislation, but because the city's services had broken down, and it was not replaced by something new, but something very old.

The local militia.

In the aftermath, Bender is championing defunding the police. Just like all her other plans, she has no idea how to do it, but it's a trendy lefty cause and without those, she would be working at Starbucks.

On social media and CNN, Bender has explained that the only way defunding the police will work is if people check their privilege and refuse to call the police when they're being robbed or mugged. Some of the condo residents biking in the snow might go along with that, but most people aren't going to do it. If there are no police, they will set up neighborhood watches and eventually those will be armed.

Minneapolis City Council members have claimed that policing is rooted in white supremacy. That's the kind of dumb thing a freshman student would say in a social justice class. Law enforcement is how local governments provide security in a lawful manner. Remove the law enforcement and you also take away the law and the security. But there are older laws than those of Minneapolis and the United States.

Defund the police and some people will lose their property to looters while others will fight them. When there is no law enforcement, the only law that will matter is the law of force.

Frey, Bender, and their student council politics are ushering in Minneapolis' Lord of the Flies. But that's what happens when you put a student government and its campus politics in charge of a major city.

The good news is that Minneapolis is finally becoming more like New York City. And New York City is becoming more like Minneapolis. Civilization is collapsing in both of those cities in the same way. There will be glass box condos, feminist poetry readings in hipster bars, and lots of bike lanes everywhere. And when you need help, you don't call the police, you call your neighbors or take matters into your own hands. When you defund the police, the people who lose out are the isolated and the weak. And we all lose because when the only law is that of force then civilization gives way to savagery.

Bike lanes are useless when you can't leave the house and glass boxes are easy to break into.

Lisa Bender and her colleagues, who have more identity politics credentials than competence, promised to transform Minneapolis into a futuristic utopia of glass boxes, mass transit, bike lanes, environmentalism and diversity. Now, Minneapolis doesn't need those things, if it ever needed them.

All Minneapolis needs is a way to stop people from killing and robbing each other in its streets.

It's a good thing then that Bender and the rest of the council are defunding the police.

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Statue Toppling Is Bringing Mob Rule to America

Jarrett Stepmann June 22, 2020

Mobocracy is coming to America.

A debate over policing, race, and history has degenerated into general lawlessness, as mobs have swarmed and destroyed statues in our biggest cities from coast to coast.

And these mobs have hardly been discriminating.

They've targeted Christopher Columbus, Founding Fathers, Confederate generals, Union generals, abolitionists, black Civil War units, priests, and even a novelist.

They've attacked people of a multitude of creeds, races, and religions: white, black, and Hispanic; Catholic, Protestant, and Hindu.

All in the name of purging, in the words of many activists, "systematic racism," and various other sins inherent in our country's past, present, and future.

Unfortunately, this sort of mob justice is unlikely to bring us to a kind of post-racial utopia, a heaven on earth. More likely it will bring us straight to perdition, where free government disintegrates and we become a nation of men and mobs, not the law.

Mobs Fueled by Hatred of America

As I wrote in my book "The War on History: The Conspiracy to Rewrite America's Past," this slippery slope of statue toppling was a natural progression for those who believe that American and Western civilization are built on nothing but malignancy.

The movement was supercharged by the now Pulitzer Prize-winning "1619 Project," which is finding its way into K-12 curriculum around the country.

Slavery and racism, according to the 1619 Project's carefully constructed narrative, were at the heart of America, not liberty and the principles of 1776.

In an interesting way, the 1619 Project embraced the Confederate view of America. It constructed the argument that America is a country built on the cornerstone of slavery, rather than Abraham Lincoln or Frederick Douglass' view that America was conceived in liberty, but existed alongside an institution deeply at odds with the basis of its creation.

Unsurprisingly enough, Lincoln and Douglass barely make an appearance in the 1619 Project's essays.

One way or another, what has transpired in recent days has become worse than simple denunciations of statues and figures of America's past.

When a statue of George Washington was lit on fire and toppled by a mob in Portland, "1619" was scrawled across it. After all, if our nation was founded on the evils of racism and slavery, what respect should we show to the father of our country?

Indeed, the ethos of the 1619 Project is being used to animate mob violence and destruction in this country. That may be exactly what the project's leaders wanted: The creator of the 1619 Project, The New York Times' Nikole Hannah-Jones, tweeted (and then later deleted) "it would be an honor" in response to a New York Post op-ed by Claremont Institute's Charles Kesler calling the riots of late the "1619 riots."

Why Is No One Stopping the Mob?

As we saw on Father's Day weekend, in cities across America, lawless vandals are defacing and pulling down statues, destroying public property, often as police and authorities essentially stand down and watch.

Regardless of what one thinks of any particular statue in this country, a nation of the people, by the people, and for the people requires deliberation in a public process for any kind of removal to take place.

Now, the few dictate to the many, with force, what statues stay up and which come down. Most simply come down.

In addition, politicians have seemingly been eager to meet the demands of this movement, and the whims of the mob, by jumping ahead and removing statues and the names of historical figures, often with little legal justification.

This is mob rule, pure and simple, and it's what our system is devolving into in cities around the country, as Matt Mehan, the director of academic programs at the Kirby Center, deftly explained in a thread well worth reading on Twitter.

"When a salesman wants to get in the door, they usually ask a few easy "yes" answer questions: "you want a clean home, don't you?" Yes.

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"You want a happy family, right?" Yes. "Then you need [X or Y product]." PsyOp mob violence works in a similar but grotesquely different way. 1/?"

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Mob rule is the path through anarchy to tyranny.

Time to Heed Lincoln's Warning

Nobody explained better how this sort of law would lead to the end of free government in America than Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln denounced mob rule as a young man in his famed Lyceum Address to citizens of Springfield, Illinois, in 1838. It is one of the most important speeches he ever delivered and a dire warning for us today.

First, Lincoln explained how the United States possessed enormous geographical and material advantages compared to almost anywhere on earth.

On top of that, and more importantly, Americans had inherited from the founding generation "a system of political institutions, conducting more essentially to the ends of civil and religious liberty, than any of which the history of former times tells us."

That was true in Lincoln's time and it's true in ours.

Lincoln then famously said to his countrymen that America, even in that early stage of development—surely a far weaker international power than it is today—could not be conquered by foes from without.

So what, Lincoln asked, could threaten such a country, from where will danger approach?

"I answer, if it ever reach us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide," Lincoln said.

He then explained how he was now seeing an "ill omen" for his country's future as "mob law" was exploding across America.

Across the country, lawless destruction and violence was becoming common. Americans had been targeted for violence, often for petty offenses (real or imagined), and sometimes for the color of their skin. But eventually lawless violence came to all, white and black, men and women, young and old.

Lincoln explained that if this general state of lawlessness is allowed to go on, where perpetrators who violate the law go unpunished and are generally unrestrained by the rightful authorities, it will create a chilling effect for law-abiding citizens who will lose faith in their government to protect them.

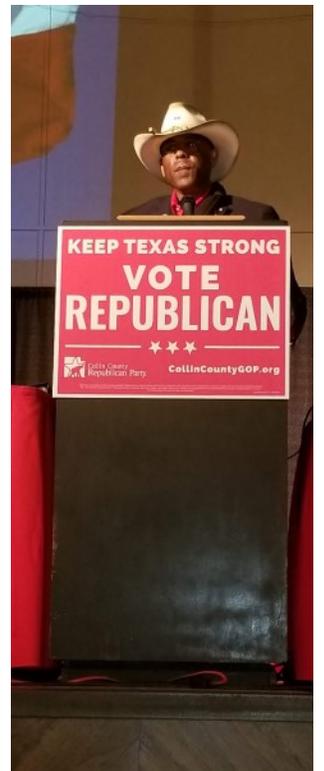
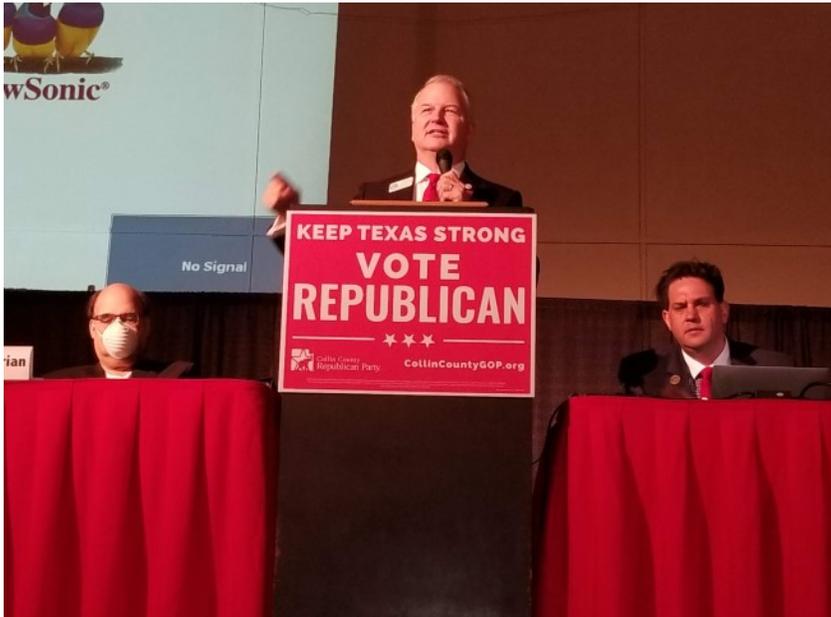
Lincoln said of where this all ends:

Good men, men who love tranquility, who desire to abide by the laws, and enjoy their benefits, who would gladly spill their blood in the defense of their country; seeing their property destroyed; their families insulted, and their lives endangered; their persons injured; and seeing nothing in prospect that forebodes a change for the better; become tired of, and disgusted with, a government that offers them no protection; and are not much averse to a change in which they imagine they have nothing to lose. Thus, then, by the operation of this mobocratic spirit, which all must admit, is now abroad in the land, the strongest bulwark of any Government, and particularly of those constituted like ours, may effectually be broken down and destroyed.

It is imperative for Americans, and especially our leaders, to heed these words of Lincoln and put a stop to the anarchy that threatens to submerge our constitutional system.

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Saying No to Kneeling

And to defunding the police, and to riots, and to charges of systemic racism

By Michael Bennett, for American Spectator, June 13, 2020

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No. Just no. I will not [take a knee](#). I will not do blackout Tuesday. I won't be posting "black lives matter" on social media. I'm not going to cheer for the peaceful protesters (or for the looters and rioters), because they are wrong.

America is *not* racist. It isn't "systemically" racist. It doesn't have racism "in its DNA." It doesn't put its boot on the necks of blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, or Asians. It doesn't keep anybody down. There are too many examples of people of all colors and ethnicities succeeding in America. What other country, outside of Africa, has elected a black man as its head of state, for God's sake?

Yes, there are bad individuals who live here, but Americans, as a whole, are the most generous, good-natured, color-blind people on Earth. It is that very good nature that the haters, leftists, anarchists, and race-baiters have taken advantage of. Good-hearted people of all colors and political stripes were horrified to see a video of a black man dying with a policeman's knee on his neck. What we saw was not right. It called for justice, and so did we. But that wasn't enough for those who saw an opportunity. It wasn't enough that a bad cop be arrested, tried, and punished, or that a badly run police department be reformed. No. The incident had to be used to divide us and flog the narrative. It was too "good" to be let go to waste.

So, we have had supposedly "spontaneous" riots, in which pallets of bricks were mysteriously pre-positioned. We have had "stand down" orders from mayors who either acted out of fear or out of sympathy for the rioters. We have had media blaring at us about the "mostly peaceful" protests, as buildings burned in the backgrounds of their camera shots, and we have had racism touted 24/7 as the new touchstone of American society.

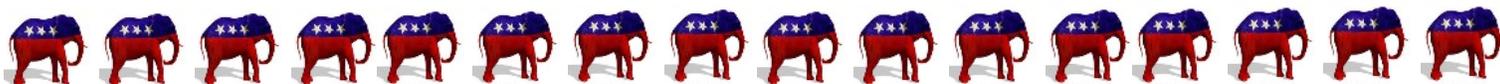
A civilian death, in which officers of multiple races were involved, was declared, without evidence, to be proof, not just of racism on the part of the officers involved, but of racism of police in general, and of American society at large. This "proof" has been trumpeted in the media and largely accepted by millions of people who had nothing to do with what happened. Those people aren't racist, they don't know any racists, but they have CNN telling them that what happened to that poor man was their fault, because they, and everyone they know, are racists (unless they black out their Facebook page on Tuesday).

The same people who would cast you into the outer darkness if you found some association between the acts of ISIS or Al Qaeda and Islam will declare you to be an auxiliary member of the Klan and flay you for your white privilege if you dare to question the Revealed Truth that 10 unarmed black men shot to death by police in all of America in 2019 (20 unarmed white men were shot to death by police during that same year, and 131 police officers of all races were killed on duty) proves that all of American society is irredeemably steeped in systemic racism.

So now it is playtime for the insane. Lunatics are calling for elimination or downsizing of police departments across the country. If there is no one to call when your home is invaded at 2 a.m., well, get used to doing without your "privilege." Major corporations are tripping over each other to post their social justice bona-fides on the web (perhaps in the hope of not being looted; good luck with that). Cancel culture has forced those who say a kind word about the flag to issue a groveling "apology," fired those who dare to say "all lives matter," and expelled those who had the temerity to print opinions that differ from those of the mob. "I disagree with what you say, but will defend your right to say it" has become "you have no right to disagree with me, and if you do, you're a racist."

It is time for good-hearted Americans to say "No." "No" to political violence. "No" to cancel culture. "No" to those who are working so hard to divide us and make us hate. We are good people. When we see an injustice, we fix it. But we won't fix anything by bowing to those who hate us or staying silent while the commissars of political correctness slander our fine people and our great nation.

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I want you to stop for just a minute and look at this picture.

I do not know much about politics and I'm not even going to act like I do, and on top of that... this is NOT a political post. This is simply a post that I hope you can find in your heart to think about.

I was moved to tears today just thinking about the weight that he must be carrying. I have 2 girls and a husband and they are the only ones that truly depend on me day in and day out. Even with so few, my anxiety level at times is out the roof and I feel like the weight of the world is on me. I know when he signed up for this role, he was willing to take on whatever, but the magnitude of what we're experiencing has got to be paralyzing. Maybe it is, maybe it isn't but can you imagine? I sat and wondered how he must be dealing with it all. When it's quiet and his head finally hits a pillow after he's been on his feet all day, press conference after press conference...

Does he cry? Is he even able to sleep? Is he scared? Can he shut his mind off?

When I look at our President, I want to see him the way God sees him and I want the Lord to use him for His glory!

Whether he's making you proud or not, I'm urging you to look at this photo and ask the Lord to soften your heart to him, lift him up in prayer. He needs them. He's carrying the weight of the world.



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