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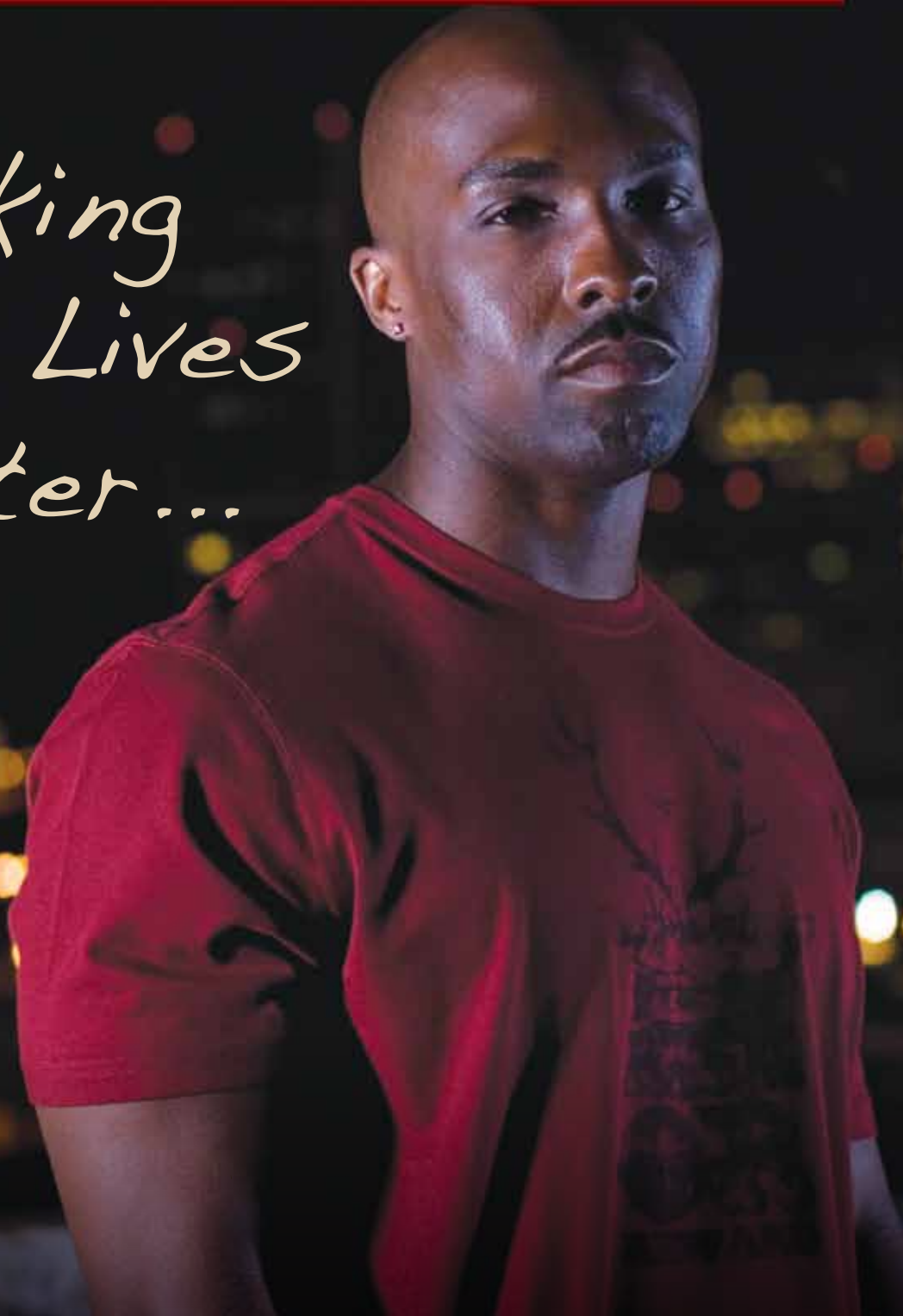
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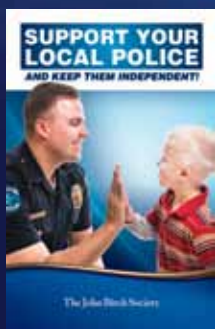
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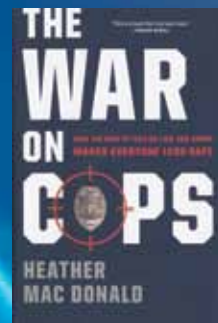


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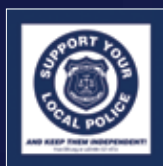
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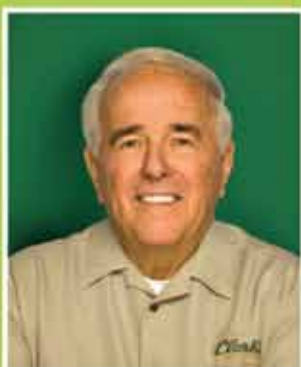
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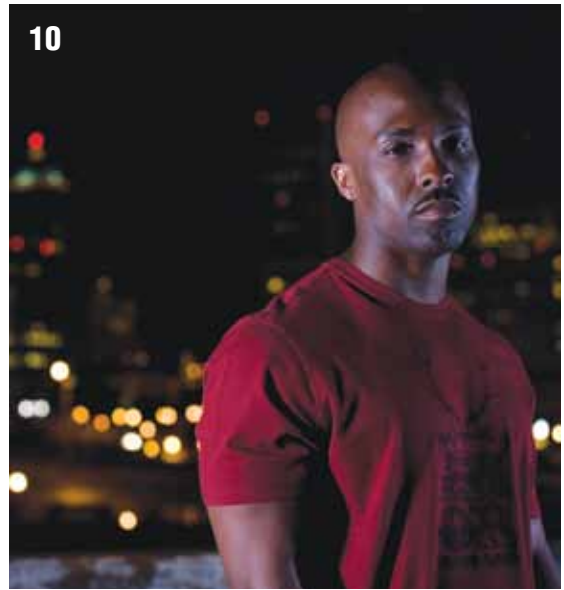
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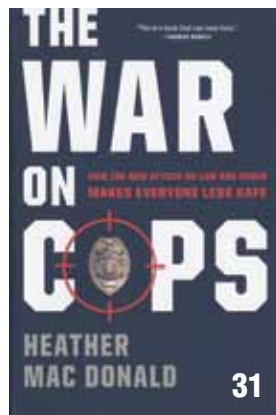
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Accusations Answered

The Democrats claim that white, male critics of President Barack Obama and his politics are racist pigs and that white, male critics of Hillary Clinton and her politics are sexist pigs. These accusations should be publicly answered.

First, President Barack Obama does not speak for all of America's black people, and neither does Hillary Clinton speak for all of America's women. White, male criticism of one black government official, or of one female government official, is not therefore racist or sexist, absents overt reference to race or gender, per se.

Second, the right to say whatever we wish about government and those who occupy its seats of power is the minimum degree of legal protection we all have under the Constitution's First Amendment. The late President Harry Truman said it right: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen!" Nobody told any occupant of public government office that they had to occupy said seats of public power and authority. The occupancy of public government office is a privilege, not a right, and is open to public scrutiny.

Science, to date, has not yet proven any causal relation between DNA genetic inheritance and socio-political predilection or preference. So also from a scientific viewpoint, it cannot be proven that white, male critics of President Barack Obama are racist pigs, and that white, male critics of Hillary Clinton's politics are sexist pigs.

Today, mainly at the behest of the Democrats, free speech is being supplanted by the doctrine of political correctness. But if we want America to remain a free country, it must necessarily be the unalienable right of every American to be politically *incorrect*, and proud of it! Either we can be a free country, or we can be a politically correct country. But in no way can we possibly be both!

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Welfare Fraud

The welfare racket that goes under the name "earned income tax refund" has gone viral. (The IRS says about the

earned income tax credit: "The EITC is a refundable tax credit. This means workers may get money back, even if they have no tax withheld. Nationwide last year almost 28 million eligible individuals and families received more than \$66 billion in EITC" — the government gives to tax-return filers more money than they paid in income taxes.) We knew of a post office in a small, 300-family, Texas, border village with 1,500 PO boxes, all designed to receive those April welfare checks. The Mexicans calmly crossed the border once a year to collect their "refund" checks. And this scam has reached alarming new heights under Obama. A single Atlanta address received 23,992 tax "refunds" worth \$46,378,040 for illegal aliens. A second Atlanta address received 11,284 tax "refunds" worth \$2,164,976; a third single address in Atlanta got 3,608 tax "refunds" worth \$2,691,448; and a fourth Atlanta address received 2,386 tax "refunds" worth \$1,232,943. Other such single addresses with thousands of illegal aliens receiving "earned income tax refunds," i.e., welfare payments, were found in Oxnard, California; Raleigh, North Carolina; Phoenix, Arizona; Palm Beach, Florida; San Jose, California; and Irvine, California.

The total number of "recipients" of those welfare checks in these 10 locales was 53,994, receiving a total of \$78 million. Mexican "immigration lawyers" are evidently enabling this gigantic scam for tens of thousands of illegal aliens, using single addresses of convenience in order to avoid possible visits by the immigration authorities to real addresses. The usual lawyer's fee for this service to illegal aliens is 20 percent minimum, so an Atlanta lawyer may have cashed in about \$8,637,804 dollars in the year.

"Earned income tax refund"? It's like calling one of the most murderous communist regimes "The People's Democratic Republic of Korea."

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UN-linked “Elections Monitors” to Oversee U.S. Election

A swarm of hundreds of United Nations-linked “international election monitors,” many of them hailing from nations ruled by repressive dictatorships, will descend on the United States this year to supervise and “monitor” America’s elections. The horde of international bureaucrats for the November elections will be 10 times larger than the smaller “monitoring” mission that sparked a national uproar in 2012. Last time around, Texas even threatened to arrest the monitors, and for good reason. The mission of the international outfit, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), founded in large part by Yugoslavian and Soviet communists, is supposedly to combat alleged “voter suppression” by conservatives.

A coalition of radical anti-American organizations and Hillary Clinton supporters claims that the UN-linked monitors are needed in case of Republican efforts to rig the vote — especially after the courts struck down as unconstitutional various federal schemes related to the misnamed “Voting Rights Act.” The news about the massive international observer mission comes amid growing fears about the Obama administration, which has been lawlessly supporting Clinton with federal resources while openly threatening to illegally nationalize America’s election systems under the guise of declaring them “critical infrastructure.”

The revelations about the international “full-scale” mission of “elections monitors” is likely to add fuel to the fire of concerns among Republicans and Trump supporters, especially since many of the “elections monitors” are actually agents of brutal commu-



nist dictatorships, including the ones enslaving Belarus, Azerbaijan, and other oppressed nations.

The ironically titled OSCE “Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights” announced a plan to deploy 100 “long-term” agents and 400 “short-term observers” to supervise U.S. elections on November 8. Incredibly, the outfit claims the United States “has an obligation” to submit to having its elections “observed” by the controversial globalist entity. The OSCE has also claimed it would monitor “compliance” with unspecified “international obligations” supposedly applicable to the United States.

The United States should withdraw from any and all international organizations that include brutal dictatorships as members — and especially those that would seek to interfere in America’s internal affairs, such as the OSCE and the UN.

EU President Juncker Calls Borders “Worst Invention Ever Made”

Jean-Claude Juncker, president of the European Commission (the executive branch of the European Union), said during a talk at the Alpbach Media Academy in Austria on August 22, “Borders are the worst invention ever made by politicians.”

Juncker’s take on borders came in the context of a statement in which he said, “We have to fight against nationalism. We have the duty not to follow populists but to block the avenue of populists.”

Juncker, speaking to the members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, on September 9, 2015, had asked EU members to each accept 160,000 migrants.

While Juncker’s pitch to the European Parliament members began with the obvious statement, “As long as there is war in Syria and terror in Libya, the refugee crisis will not simply go away,” his words also made plain how much national sovereignty member states have surrendered to the EU.

A report in Britain’s *Telegraph* for August 22 quoted a response to Juncker’s statement from the office of Prime Minister Theresa May: “This is not something that the Prime Minister would agree with and, indeed, you have heard the Prime Minister talk about the views that the British people expressed in the referendum. The British people think that borders are important, having more control over our borders is important, and that is an issue we need to address.”

The *Telegraph* noted that May and French President François Hollande reached a “very clear” agreement last month to keep Britain’s border controls in Calais, France, in a move to assuage fears that they could move to Dover after Brexit is completed. Calais is the site of a large refugee camp where thousands of migrants from North Africa and the Middle East reside in makeshift camps.

Britain’s *Daily Mail* observed that the unpopularity of Juncker’s comments criticizing European nationalism “will further undermine Mr. Juncker’s precarious position as European Commission President.”



Jean-Claude Juncker

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Billionaires Buy Baltimore Police Department Secret Spy Plane



On August 24, the *Baltimore Sun* reported that “a Texas-based private donor supplied \$120,000 intended for the city surveillance project but delivered to the nonprofit Baltimore Community Foundation, which manages at least two charitable funds for police.”

Thomas E. Wilcox, president of the foundation, told the paper he had no idea how the money was being used to spy on citizens. “We did not know anything about a surveillance program,” Wilcox said. “We do 3,000 grants a year. Someone asks us to give a grant to an organization, whether it’s Wounded Warrior or the YMCA, we make the grant.” Of course, neither Wounded Warrior nor the YMCA conduct warrantless, secret

surveillance of hundreds of thousands of Americans without even the slightest suspicion of wrongdoing.

In an August 24 article describing the program, *Bloomberg* reported that “since January, Persistent Surveillance Systems has been flying planes high over Baltimore and gathering footage across 30 square miles at a time. The footage can be reviewed to try to gather information about crimes. The firm’s founder referred to the technology as being like “Google Earth with Tivo capability.”

According to the *Baltimore Sun*, the Baltimore surveillance program was funded by Texas-based billionaire philanthropists Laura and John Arnold. “We personally provided financial support for the aerial surveillance tool being piloted in Baltimore,” the couple said. “As a society, we should seek to understand whether these technologies yield significant benefits, while carefully weighing any such benefits against corresponding trade-offs to privacy.”

That is a false dichotomy. There is no constitutional contemplation of balancing privacy with “significant benefits” of unwarranted surveillance of thousands of individuals, none of whom is under reasonable suspicion of any wrongdoing.

Baltimore will serve as a test case for the acceptability of these partnerships between the police and the very wealthy for extra-constitutional programs. And if Baltimore is any indicator of how such schemes will be set up, the arrangement will be created and carried out without being subject to deliberation by the people or their elected leaders, even when such consideration is mandated by law.

Fully Self-driving Cars by 2021, Says Ford CEO

On August 16, during a hectic day of media interviews about the coming revolution being caused by autonomous vehicles (AVs), Ford’s CEO Mark Fields told Wall Street analysts that such vehicles “could have just as significant an impact on society as [Henry] Ford’s moving assembly line did 100 years ago.” He told workers at a Ford plant in Palo Alto, “This is a transformational moment in our industry.... It is a transformational moment in our company. We are making people’s lives better by changing the way the world moves.”

He said that his company’s foray begins with e-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft and will expand to the consumer market by 2021 if not sooner.

He’s not alone. Johann Jungwirth, Volkswagen’s head of digitalization strategy, said in April that he expects the first completely self-driving cars to be on the market no later than 2019, just three years from now. GM’s Richard Holman, head of the company’s “foresight and trends” division, agrees, telling the *Wall Street Journal* in April that they “will be on the road by 2020, or sooner.”

Uber just might beat them all to the punch. By the end of this month, customers in downtown Pittsburgh will be able to e-hail self-driving vehicles through their Uber phone app. And those rides will be free in order to acquaint them with the new

technology. Uber’s goal, according to John Bares, who joined the company from Carnegie Mellon University’s robotics department last year, is to replace every one of Uber’s more than one million human drivers with self-driving cars “as quickly as possible.”

Fields could be more correct than he knows. The moving assembly line turned the world upside down 100 years ago. The AV revolution is likely to do the same. ■



Senator Says the Money Sent to Iran Was Indeed a Ransom

“The Obama administration sent a plane load of cash to Iran as ransom as part of a deal on hostages. Just unreal!”

Long critical of the Iran nuclear deal, Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) used his Twitter account to express disapproval of the shipment of cash to Iran.



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Radio Talk Giant Explains Decision to Stay on the Air

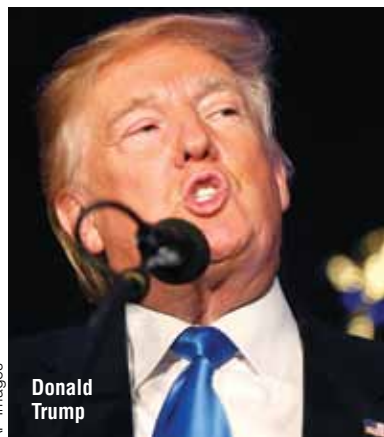
“I really want to be on the air if the Russians find Hillary’s e-mails.”

As he signed a contract for four more years at the microphone, Rush Limbaugh joked about his reason for not retiring.

Trump Rally in Milwaukee Supports Police, Criticizes Protesters

“Every night in Milwaukee there is someone being shot and they make nothing of that until a cop is involved and all of a sudden, it’s blamed on the cop. If somebody is killed, [the protesters] think we owe them something.”

Jack Beck, a retired bricklayer living in a Milwaukee suburb, has become a strong supporter of Donald Trump.



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Former Baseball Star Plans to Unseat Senator Elizabeth Warren

“I think one of the things I would like to do is be one of the people responsible for getting Elizabeth Warren out of politics. The Left is holding her up as the second coming of Hillary Clinton. Lord knows we don’t even need the first one.”

His last stop as a Major League baseball player happened to be in Boston, where he has settled. A Republican, Kurt Shilling has announced plans to oppose Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) in the 2018 election.

GOP Candidate Issues Regrets for Unspecified Comments

“Sometimes, in the heat of debate and speaking on a multitude of issues, you don’t choose the right words or you say the wrong thing. I have done that and, believe it or not, I regret it.”

Without specifying which words he regrets, Donald Trump stepped back from prepared remarks during a rally in North Carolina as he backed away from some previous comments.

In Turkey, Joyous Wedding Ends With Terrorist Attack

“In this area, we live in a ring of fire. We live in a place where mothers are weeping for their dead children just after crying tears of joy at a wedding.”

Kurdish activist Hilmi Karaca witnessed the explosion that killed 51 and wounded 69 at a wedding celebration in Gaziantep, a community in southeast Turkey near the border with Syria.

Constitutional Convention Expert Sees Danger if One Is Established

“The answer to every question you could ask is, ‘We don’t know.’ I think a convention can do anything they want — reestablish slavery, establish a national church. I just don’t think there’s any limit.”

Michael Klarman, a constitutional expert at Harvard University, has written the book The Framers’s Coup. It is scheduled for release in October. ■



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*Making
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The Black Lives Matter movement has blamed a litany of death and destruction on police nationwide. Not only are their facts false, their “solutions” cause increased carnage.

by C. Mitchell Shaw

While the Black Lives Matter (BLM) crowd insists that the phrase “Black Lives Matter” includes the silent and implied “Too,” as in “Black Lives Matter, Too,” the reality is that it actually includes the silent and implied “Some,” as in “Some Black Lives Matter.”

The basic premise of the BLM narrative is that racist white cops who systematically and routinely target black men for violence and murder are the single greatest threat to black men. That narrative, though — like so many others — is predicated on a lie that is designed to hide a simple truth. That truth, if the numbers are allowed to speak for themselves, is that black men are themselves the single greatest threat to black men. Before this writer is accused of racism, I did not say that. A black man did. That black man is Jay Stalien, a police officer in Palm Beach County, Florida. In a viral Facebook post, Stalien made the salient point that crime statistics tell a very different story than that which is put forth by the BLM crowd.

Because, as Stalien said, both his experience and his research — begun in an effort to make sense of his experience — convinced him that

Black Lives do not matter to most black people. Only the lives that make the national news matter to them. Only the lives that are taken at the hands of cops or white people, matter. The other thousands of lives lost, the other black souls that I along with every cop, have seen taken at the hands of other blacks, do not matter. Their deaths are unnoticed, accepted as the “norm,” and swept underneath the rug by the very people who claim and post “black lives matter.”

Stalien said he began his career as a police officer because — growing up seeing black-on-black crime as the norm — he “wanted to help stop the bloodshed.” He wrote:

I wanted to help my community and stop watching the blood of African Americans spilled on the street at the hands of a fellow black man. I be-

Stalien says that he was being literal when he said “every single time, every single homicide, black on black” he worked, the people who could have helped the police solve the murder refused to do so.

came a cop because black lives in my community, along with ALL lives, mattered to me, and wanted to help stop the bloodshed.

As he — along with other police officers — worked to defend the idea that “black lives matter,” he saw that black lives do not matter enough to enough black people themselves. For instance, when — as is disproportionately the case — a black man was killed by another black man, the same people who yell and scream that “Black Lives Matter” flatly refused to help the police solve the murder:

I remember the countless times I stood 2 inches from a young black man, around my age, laying on his back, gasping for air as blood filled his lungs. I remember them bleeding profusely with the unforgettable smell of deoxygenated dark red blood in the air, as it leaked from the

bullet holes in his body on to the hot sidewalk on a summer day. I remember the countless family members who attacked me, spit on me, cursed me out, as I put up crime scene tape to cordon off the crime scene, yelling and screaming out of pain and anger at the sight of their loved ones taking their last breath. I never took it personally, I knew they were hurting. I remember the countless times I had to order new uniforms, because the ones I had on, were bloody from the blood of another black victim ... of black on black crime. I remember the countless times I got back in my patrol car, distraught after having watched another black male die in front me, having to start my preliminary report something like this:

Suspect- Black/Male, Victim- Black/Male.

I remember the countless times I canvassed the area afterwards, and



Eyes on the truth: Officer Jay Stalien is one among many black police officers who daily see evidence that black lives do not matter to Black Lives Matter. In a viral Facebook post he wrote, “Only the lives that make the national news matter to them. Only the lives that are taken at the hands of cops or white people, matter.”

Facebook.com/JayStalien

asked everyone “did you see who did it,” and the popular response from the very same family members was always, “F**k the Police, I ain’t no snitch, I’m gonna take care of this myself.” This happened every single time, every single homicide, black on black, and then my realization became clearer.

In a YouTube interview, Stalien says that he was being literal when he said “every single time, every single homicide, black on black” he worked, the people who could have helped the police solve the murder refused to do so. His use of the word “countless” is figurative, because in that same interview, he pointed out that “Baltimore had 344 homicides in 2015” and that “900 people were shot in Baltimore” that same year. But because black people refuse to help the police, “not many” of those crimes were solved.

Is BLM’s Beef Legitimate?

So Stalien decided to drill down into the data and try to make sense of why the very people he was trying to help “hated cops.” His research led him to a study of crime statistics by University of Toledo criminologist Dr. Richard R. Johnson in which Professor Johnson examined the most recent data available from the FBI and Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The findings of that study unravel the threads of the Black Lives Matter mantra and reveal that black men kill other black men at a rate 40 times greater than do police officers.

As Michele Hickford wrote for the website of Allen West:

On average, 4,472 black men were killed by other black men annually between Jan. 1, 2009, and Dec. 31, 2012, according to the FBI’s Supplementary Homicide Reports. Using FBI and CDC statistics, Professor Johnson calculates that 112 black men, on average, suffered both justified and unjustified police-involved deaths annually during this period.

Black men kill other black men at a rate 40 times greater than do police officers.



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Misdirecting blame: In what has become the norm, Black Lives Matter protested the police shooting of Alton Sterling — an armed and dangerous criminal who forcibly resisted arrest. Why is BLM not focused on the root problems in black, inner-city neighborhoods?

If black lives mattered to Black Lives Matter, that 40-to-1 death ratio would demand both their focus and their attention. Instead, BLM focuses on the comparably small number of black homicides that it can blame on police officers, especially white officers, while ignoring the lion’s share that is committed by black men. The inescapable conclusion is that Officer Jay Stalien is correct when he says, “Black Lives do not matter to most black people.” Given the choice between taking personal responsibility and working to correct the underlying problems in their own communities on one hand and blaming white people and cops on the other hand, BLM has taken the path of least resistance — and least effectiveness.

By blaming the deaths of black men on racism, BLM has not only dodged the responsibility of doing something to make black lives better, it has actually aided and abetted the conditions that lead to the deaths of nearly 5,000 black men a year at the hands of other black men. And by targeting police, BLM is endangering the

one group of men and women who routinely put their own lives on the line to prove that “black lives matter.” It takes little imagination to predict the outcome in these crime-ravaged, lethal neighborhoods if the police who lay their lives on the line to protect them continue to be hamstrung. In the absence of police, those inner-city ghettos would quickly go from bad to worse.

And yet, while police officers of every color risk their safety — and their lives — to take dangerous criminals off the streets in the inner city, the BLM crowd misses no opportunity to attack police and defend the very criminals who have terrorized black lives.

Time and again BLM has seized upon the deaths of dangerous criminals to foment violence and destruction. Recent examples include Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge and Sylville Smith in Milwaukee. In both cases, black men were armed, were in the process of committing crimes, refused to obey lawful orders from police, and attempted to use their weapons on police. In both cases, police officers shot and killed the criminals. In both cases, BLM used the deaths of dangerous criminals as a pretext for violence while shouting “Black Lives Matter!”

In the wake of Sterling's death, five police officers were killed and another seven injured in an ambush at a BLM rally in Dallas. Days later, three officers in Baton Rouge were killed and three others injured in another ambush likely instigated by the rhetoric of BLM.

In the hours and days following the death of Smith, who, incidentally, was shot by a black police officer, Milwaukee erupted into the requisite rioting and looting that has become the hallmark of lawlessness so common in the inner cities of America. Businesses and cars were burned, police officers and random white people were attacked, stores were looted, and at least one person was shot before some semblance of order was restored. While the rhetoric and instigation of BLM helped fan the flames of violence and destruction, BLM was conspicuously silent when it came to calls for ending the riots in Milwaukee.

In fact, Milwaukee Alderman Khalif Rainey parroted the BLM party line that the violence and destruction in his city was a legitimate reaction to white "oppression" and issued a not-so-veiled threat that more violence and destruction would follow unless that "oppression" ended, saying:

You're one day away. The black people of Milwaukee are tired. They're tired of living under this oppression. This is their existence. This is their life. This is the life of their children.

Rectify this immediately. Because if you don't, this vision of downtown, all of that, you're one day away. You're one day away.

Results of Racism?

The message is clear: When a cop — white, black, or whatever — shoots an armed and dangerous black criminal, racism must be at the root of it. Violence, destruction, and looting are seen as legitimate ways to protest the "racism" blamed for holding black people down.

But history shows that racism doesn't hold black people down. As Steve Byas wrote for the *THE NEW AMERICAN* in an article published in our September 21, 2015 issue:

Upon the abolition of chattel slavery, accomplished by the 13th Amend-

ment in 1865, emancipated blacks had limited skills; were without homes, savings, and education; and were often victimized by overt discrimination. Despite the legacy of slavery, with its dehumanizing effects, and the prospect of intense hostility on the part of much of the surrounding majority white population, blacks persevered over the next several decades, making steady progress. This progress was accomplished not only without governmental aid, but in spite of government, with its multiple legal roadblocks.

As George Mason University economist and best-selling author Walter E. Williams has said, "There is no question, though it's not acknowledged enough, that black Americans have made greater gains, over some of the highest hurdles and in a very short span of time, than any other racial group in mankind's history."

If that is so — and it is — then racism is incapable of holding black people down. Evidence of that is easy to find. Not only is a black man sitting in the Oval Office, but blacks hold power in cities all across America. That would never happen in a world where racism was holding black

people down. White racists with power to hold people down don't elect blacks to positions of authority and power. Since it is obvious that racism was more rampant — and more violent — in those former times when blacks were making such incredible strides, the questions need to be asked: Why not progress now? What happened? Williams aptly lays the blame at the feet of the welfare state, writing in an article entitled "Black People Duped," "The black family managed to survive several centuries of slavery and generations of the harshest racism and Jim Crow, to ultimately become destroyed by the welfare state."

The modern disintegration of the black family has reversed most — if not all — of the "greater gains" referred to by Williams in the quote above. For instance, as *THE NEW AMERICAN*'s Kurt Williamsen pointed out in our December 2, 2013 issue, between the 1920s and the mid 1960s, the rate of blacks in America with at least four years of college had risen from a paltry one-tenth of one percent to 4.7 percent, according to the *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* and the U.S. Census Bureau. That means that in 1965, the college graduation levels of blacks was nearly half that of whites. And while in 2008 the number of blacks in America with college degrees had risen



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Looting follows shooting: Following the shooting in Milwaukee of a black man who attempted to use his gun on a police officer, Milwaukee erupted into the requisite rioting and looting that has become the hallmark of lawlessness so common in the inner cities of America.

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to about two-thirds that of whites, there are a couple of important facts that need to be considered before those numbers appear to be an improvement. (1) A disproportionate number of blacks in America with college degrees today are either immigrants from Africa or the West Indies or their children. (2) In the 25 years between 1940 and 1965, the number of blacks in America with college degrees had risen from less than a quarter that of whites to almost half that of whites. If that trend had continued, it is reasonable to conclude that blacks born in America would likely have graduation levels equal to or greater than whites born in America. Instead, the numbers — when immigrants and their children are removed from the equation (and not allowed to artificially skew the numbers) — show that the gap is wider than it was before all of the government “programs” for black Americans. Since education is a major key to prosperity, a lack of it is a path to poverty.

And while blacks are in positions of authority and power in cities all across America, those cities are unfortunately controlled and held down by the same liberal politics that are also to blame for the crime and poverty many blacks know as their only reality. As Williams wrote recently:

Among the nation’s most dangerous cities are Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, Memphis, Milwaukee, Birmingham, Newark, Cleveland and Philadelphia. These once-thriving cities are in

steep decline. What these cities have in common is that they have large black populations. Also, they have been run by Democrats for nearly a half-century, with blacks having significant political power. Other characteristics these cities share are poorly performing and unsafe schools, poor-quality city services, and declining populations.



Welfare state wounds: George Mason University economist and author Walter E. Williams asserts that the welfare state has accomplished what several centuries of slavery and generations of the harshest racism and Jim Crow laws could not: the destruction of the black family.

Williams is not the only black man with the courage to say that. In the wake of the riots in his city, Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke wrote in an editorial piece for *The Hill*:

Here are the facts: Milwaukee is run by progressive Democrats. Their decades-long Democrat regime has done nothing to reduce these urban pathologies, in fact, their strategies have exacerbated the situation by expanding the welfare state.

That things have not improved and in fact worsened in the American ghetto after eight years of Barack Obama is remarkable only to those who have not been paying attention to our nation’s cities.

Clarke went on to say that the blacks in Milwaukee who have drunk deeply at the poisoned well of BLM “are the ones lied to, exploited by and ultimately manipulated by the Democrats who claim to care.” He added, “They are victims of the Left, but they are not without blame. It’s time for them to remember their own humanity, their own dignity, and to fight for that return to the American Dream that the Left would withhold from them.”

Jesse Lee Peterson, president and founder of BOND (Brotherhood Of a New Destiny) — a nationwide organization dedicated to “rebuilding the family by rebuilding the man” — agrees. BOND has never asked for or received any government funding because it is convinced that organizations and individuals are able to do what needs to be done without either government assistance or government involvement. Peterson told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that “racism is a lie used by the race-hustlers to intimidate white people and keep blacks angry and under their control so that they [the race-hustlers] can gain power and wealth.” He said that the anger of black people causes them to feel vic-

timized by whites and “that is why white people can never, ever prove they are not racist. Because when a person is angry at you — and blacks have been made to be angry at white people — you can’t convince them that they are wrong.”

As to the underlying reason for black anger, Peterson says, “Blacks are angry first due to the failing of their fathers for not being there.” And there is the rub: The welfare state has created an environment where black mothers receive “benefits” for having children but not having a husband. And it is a self-perpetuating cycle. Boys who grow up without fathers and who are taught to be angry at “racist white America” grow up to be “fathers” who are absent while their children are raised by angry mothers who receive government “benefits,” and the cycle of poverty and anger starts all over again. As Peterson said, “When you are angry, it’s easy to believe a lie, and the one who caused you to believe the lie controls you.”

Peterson goes so far as to say, “When someone says, ‘I don’t like black people’ they are not talking about the skin color; they are talking about the actions or the lack of character of that person.” And while this writer’s experience growing up in the deep South leads him to believe that there certainly are people who dislike others based on only the color of their skin, Peterson makes a good point. According to Peterson, the issue is not racism; it is a culture of violence and death. When a person of any color has been conditioned — either by indoctrination or experience — to distrust others of a different hue, the underlying issue is actually not color, but culture.

Culture, Not Color

So if racism is a lie used to control people and is incapable of holding black people down, and if the problem is culture, not race, then why does BLM not focus on the cultural issues instead of fanning the racial flames? In a word, power.

BLM is controlling people by employing a common tactic of subversives: divide and conquer. By drawing the battle lines along racial lines, the “leaders” (read “agitators”) of the movement have largely succeeded in blurring the fact that this issue is not about race; it is about culture, or as Peterson put it, “the actions or the lack of character of that person.”

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Racism is wrong precisely because it is a form of collectivism that fails to see individuals and instead sees everyone as part of one racial group or another. Building on that error, it then assumes that some races are inferior and some races are superior. That error has led to racial strife. The truth is that all races, like all individuals, are created equal. The same is not true of cultures.

The *Cambridge English Dictionary* defines “culture” as “the way of life, especially the general customs and beliefs, of a particular group of people at a particular time.” So culture is about behavior, customs, and beliefs, not color. A person born into a particular culture may choose to live by the norms and mores of a higher or lower culture. One can “switch” cultures; one cannot “switch” races. Race and culture — while often seen as related — are separate things.

Any examination of different cultures will reveal — to the honest observer — that some cultures are better than others. Some cultures have built civilization, while others have destroyed civilization. Some cultures have fostered a sense of society, while others have torn down that sense of society. Some cultures elevate a sense of duty to others over selfish pleasures, while others posit that “self” is greater than “other.” Some cultures consider the mental and spiritual to be more worthy than the merely physical and sensual. Some cultures value human life, while others do not.

What is typically classified as “black” America is marked by a culture of destruction, degradation, selfishness, sensuality, and death. It is culture that is committing cultural suicide and murder as it destroys itself and everything around it. Of course, this was not always the case. As “black culture” has moved away from strong two-parent families with the advent of the welfare state, those values and mores that made their communities strong have slipped away, leaving a disintegrated culture in their absence. As such, the problem is not black culture *itself*, but the *disintegration* of black culture. *Any* culture made up of *any* racial group would suffer the same fate if high divorce rates, high illegitimate birth rates, low graduation rates, and abandonment of traditional values became the norm and were rewarded by more and more government “benefits” designed to take away initiative and hold people in perpetual poverty and slavery.

Of course BLM ignores all of this because it does not fit the narrative of “Black Lives Matter.” To face those facts head-on would require BLM to ask — and answer — some very difficult questions.

One question is, “Why is crime — including and *especially* violent crime — exponentially higher in black neighborhoods?” Because the damnable reality is that data from crime statistics show that blacks — who accounted for 15 percent of the population in America’s 75 largest counties in 2009 — were responsible

for 62 percent of the robberies, 57 percent of the murders, and 45 percent of the assaults in those counties that year, and things are only getting worse. Those numbers hold true across the country. Furthermore, according to FBI crime statistics, between 1980 and 2008, in 93 percent of the murders of black victims, the murderer is also black, confirming Officer Stalien's observations.

Another question the BLM crowd should quit dodging and start answering if it wants the "Black Lives Matter" mantra to mean anything is, "Why do young black men have such low graduation rates from high school — not to mention college?" Since an education is an almost universal prerequisite to any hope of financial stability, the failure of so many young black men to stay in school perpetuates the cycle of poverty for which whites are blamed. But whites aren't the ones making the decision for young black men to drop out of school; young black men are.

Perhaps the most important question BLM should be asking and answering is, "Why is an intact black family almost an anomaly in the inner city?" Nearly 75 percent of black children are born to single mothers. Many of them will never meet the man who sired them. This is nearly a complete reversal from the late 1950s when, as Walter Williams notes, 82 percent of black families had both a mother and a father in the home. Since the surest way to destroy a society is to destroy the family — which is the building block of *any* society — and the surest way to destroy the family is to take men out of the picture, BLM should be advocating for intact families instead of demanding more welfare "benefits" and government programs. As Peterson told *THE NEW AMERICAN*, "The man — as the spiritual head of the family — brings love, spiritual guidance, life, and authority into the home. He represents Christ in the home. And even if he is a weak man,

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Foundation for success: Since strong families are the foundation of society, Jesse Lee Peterson works to strengthen families by teaching men the value of fatherhood. His organization accepts no government funds because it is convinced that organizations and individuals are able to do what needs to be done without either government assistance or government involvement.

he still represents Christ, he just does a weak job of it. But when the man is removed from the home, you take away the love, the guidance, the life, and the authority. And that is what has happened in the black community." As goes the man, so goes the family. As goes the family, so goes the society.

These questions are at the heart of the struggle in "black" America. There are only three possible answers to these — and similar — questions: (1) The white supremacist claim that black people are genetically inferior to white people, (2) the politically correct claim that black people are being held down by the white man, and (3) the recognition that it has nothing to do with *color* and everything to do with *culture*. As this writer illustrated in an online article, there are "millions of hard-working, educated black people who have prospered and made something of their lives. Among them are millionaires and businesses owners and doctors and law-

yers and congressmen and senators and governors and even a president." These facts remove the illusion of the legitimacy of answers (1) and (2), leaving the fact that the culprit is culture, not color.

Physician, Heal Thyself

This leads to a few additional questions the BLM crowd needs to consider before they block another highway, burn down another business, incite the murder of another police officer, or continue to espouse their ignorant racism against "white folks" while blaming everyone but themselves for their woes.

If "Black Lives Matter" to them:

- Why do they not focus on the root problems of their own black communities? Since broken families, black-on-black crime, a lack of education, and self-imposed cycles of poverty are the core of most — if not *all* — of the problems in black communities, wouldn't it make sense to address those problems instead of blaming whites and cops for them?

- Why are they not marching in the streets to encourage black men to marry the women with whom they intend to sire children? Why are they not holding protests and demonstrations demanding that those same men become good husbands and fathers, rather than running out on those women and children, leaving them

to go from one state of poverty to an even worse state of poverty? Why not encourage black women to practice abstinence before marriage and fidelity in marriage to avoid the cycle of fatherless children who will likely grow up to continue perpetuating that cycle?

- Why are they not working to create a culture of education and hard work that would raise the people in those neighborhoods out of poverty and violent crime, as it has done for millions of other people of all races? Instead of demanding that entry-level McJobs pay more than the jobs are worth, why not set up programs to help the people in black communities to gain the marketable skills that will earn more and offer better benefits?

- Why are they not protesting against Planned Parenthood, which has systematically targeted black neighborhoods for slow — but sure — genocide? If black lives matter, what about the unborn black lives who are targeted by the disciples of Margaret Sanger and her racist philosophy of eugenics? Or is it only those black lives that are born and grow into criminals and who are killed by police in a violent altercation while committing a crime who matter?

- Why are they not marching on city halls and state capitals demanding tough-

er penalties for black men who sell drugs to their children, force their women into prostitution, steal from them the little they have, and murder their other black men? Don't the lives of black Americans killed by criminals also matter? How about blacks who are mugged and raped, and fear for their safety when they go to school or go shopping? Don't their lives matter too?

Of course, many of these solutions would require money to implement, but that should pose no problem for BLM. The *Washington Times* and others recently reported that the Center for American Progress and George Soros — through his Open Society Foundations — funded BLM to the tune of \$33 million. Other deep-pocketed leftists have done the same. The *Times* also reported that The Ford Foundation and Borealis Philanthropy recently formed the Black-Led Movement Fund (BLMF), which has committed to “a six year pooled donor campaign aimed at raising \$100 million for the Movement for Black Lives coalition.” In short, BLM has the money to make a difference. Instead of using that money to create solutions to the problems facing black Americans, BLM has used it to wage a war on police.

Peterson told THE NEW AMERICAN that

BLM is part of the problem, not part of the solution. “They are worse than the KKK, because they kill the soul of the black community by teaching it to hate,” he said, adding:

Black Lives Matter is an organization with the intent to destroy, not to build. They couldn't care less about black lives or black people. That's why you don't see them focusing on rebuilding families. That's why you don't see them going into urban areas around the country and spotlighting the black-on-black crime; they need that to be happening so they can continue to use this false notion of racism in order to divide and conquer.

Peterson's BOND is doing what BLM should be doing to make black lives matter to black people. For 26 years, BOND has focused on “rebuilding the family by rebuilding the man.” As he explained the process, “We are getting men to forgive their parents first, because all human beings — men and women, young and old — who have not had a father, they yearn for their fathers.” BOND helps black communities in practical ways, as well. “We help them start businesses, we help them find jobs, we tutor, we counsel with them.”



Due to the disintegration of black culture, intact black families are almost an anomaly in inner-city black neighborhoods, with nearly 75 percent of black children being born to single mothers.

Peterson told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that one of his organization's programs is the BOND Home for Young Men. It is a safe place for troubled young men to come and learn what it is to *be* a man. With so many young men being raised without a father, this is a pivotal issue: How does a boy with no man in his life learn to be a man?

More than 20 years ago, Billy Barton — who was in his early 20s at the time — came to the BOND Home. Peterson said, “I met him when he was very young. He had a lot of anger. He moved into the home and we showed him how to overcome that [anger] by dealing with his mother.” Like too many young black men, Barton did not have a father in the picture. So the men of BOND took him under their wings and taught him useful skills. He began working with the radio and TV studio equipment used to produce Peterson's programs and now, as Peterson explained, “he is our primary engineer in our radio and TV studio. And with his experience, he can go anywhere and get a job doing that.”

Another young man, Clinton Robinson, was in his late teens or early 20s when he came to Los Angeles from Prattville, Alabama, to live at the BOND Home. “He had a lot of anger. He had finished high school, but had no idea what he wanted to do in life,” Peterson said, adding, “We taught him how to forgive his parents and overcome his anger.” From there, the men of BOND taught Robinson a trade. He has worked in heating and air conditioning for more than 10 years now. Once he had a direction in life and a stable income, he went back to Alabama to marry his high-school sweetheart. The men of BOND were at the wedding. Peterson performed the ceremony.

More than 10 years and three children later, Robinson is holding down a job, keeping a family together, and owns his own home. And he is not angry. He told *THE NEW AMERICAN* that he owes it all to God and the help he received at BOND. “One thing Jesse taught us was to think for ourselves, make sure you have your own mind, not to be too quick to jump the gun about things and accept the idea that it's all about racism,” he said, adding, “because it's not always about black and white. Sometimes issues are just issues, and people aren't perfect. But it's not



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Stirring up a groundswell to nationalize police: George Soros and other deep-pocketed leftists have funded BLM to the tune of millions of dollars. Instead of using that money to create solutions to the problems facing black Americans, BLM has used it to wage a war on police.

all about race.” Robinson said, “That has taken me a long way and it has all worked out for me. It might not have.”

By applying these practical solutions and rebuilding and restoring families, Peterson proves that he believes that black lives matter. While BLM spreads a message of anger and hatred and victimization, BOND is sowing forgiveness and love and personal responsibility. And BOND has done it without \$133 million from the Center for American Progress, George Soros, The Ford Foundation, and Borealis Philanthropy.

Until this is seen as a problem of culture instead of a problem of race, the divide — manufactured by race-hustlers and a federal government intent on controlling both whites and blacks — will only continue to grow.

This writer would like to suggest a couple of hashtags to replace #BlackLivesMatter. How about #MakeBlackLivesMatter and #CultureNotColor? Because if black lives really mattered to BLM,

they would want to encourage black people to count their own lives as valuable and pursue the trappings of a culture that demonstrates that value.

In the absence of that demonstration, one is left to believe that Officer Stalien is correct. Only some black lives matter to BLM. As he said, “Only the lives that make the national news matter to them. Only the lives that are taken at the hands of cops or white people, matter.” Because *those* lives serve to promote the narrative, and the narrative serves to avoid addressing the real problem.

That problem is a culture of death that has held too many black Americans hostage for too long. And that culture of death has been — and continues to be — foisted on black Americans and their communities by the same Left which is supporting and funding BLM. ■



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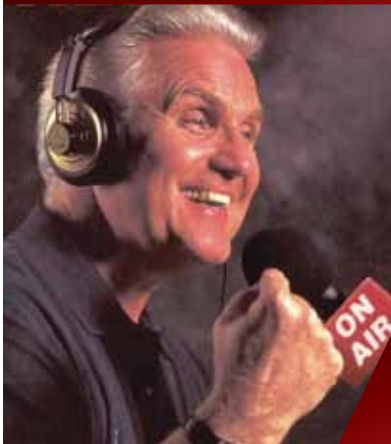
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Senator Patricia “Patty” Murray of Washington State is a progressive Democrat seeking reelection to a fifth term in the U.S. Senate. Her involvement in politics began in the 1980s, when she successfully organized and led a coalition of 13,000 parents to prevent budget cuts to a local preschool program. This noble act earned her the admiration of her community, which went on to elect her to the local school board. In an upset election in 1988, Murray defeated two-term incumbent Republican State Senator Bill Kiskaddon of the state’s First District.

Continuing her rise to power, Murray was then elected to the U.S. Senate on the coattails of Bill Clinton’s electoral landslide defeat of incumbent President George H.W. Bush. Although supportive of the agendas of Presidents Clinton and Barack Obama, Senator Murray has also garnered a favorable reputation among radical far-left progressives by bringing many of their key issues to the forefront.

Senator Murray’s cumulative score on THE NEW AMERICAN’S “Freedom Index,” which rates the votes of congressmen on

key legislative issues based on a strict interpretation of the Constitution, is a low 10 percent. Her record in the Senate, as further examined below, is one that blurs the lines between traditional run-of-the-mill mainstream liberal Democrats and far-left radical progressives. Socialist Alternative, a radical Marxist-Leninist-Trotskyite political party, notes in a 2015 article on their website, “The labor movement and progressive activists made major efforts to elect Washington State Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell.”

Among those “progressive activists,” who made “major efforts” to reelect Murray in 2010 was Tim Wheeler, a longtime staff writer and national political correspondent for the Communist Party USA’s (CPUSA) newspaper *People’s World*. In a 2010 article published by *People’s World*, featuring a photo of himself holding a handmade sign that read “HONK if you ♥ PATTY!” Wheeler wrote, “I was asked to coordinate street-corner ‘waves’ for Murray here in my hometown.” He further admitted, “My wife Joyce and I spent one afternoon canvassing for Murray up on Bell Hill.” This apparent endorsement from the national political correspondent for the Communist Party USA’s

newspaper is not surprising, considering her ties to the Communist Party. The office of Senator Murray did not reply to THE NEW AMERICAN’S inquiry about whether or not she disavowed the endorsement or any support from the CPUSA and *People’s World*.

Marxist Murray

As renowned anti-communist researcher and author Trevor Loudon notes in his book *The Enemies Within*, “Patty Murray has a pattern of association with the Washington State Communist Party USA (CPUSA).” The November 7, 1992 issue of the CPUSA’s then-*People’s Weekly World* celebrated Patty Murray’s win to the U.S. Senate by running a photo of her, among other elected female Democrats to Congress, on the front cover beneath the headline “Women win!”

Page 10 of the subsequent November 14, 1992 issue of *People’s Weekly World* featured an article entitled “Record Voter Turnout Defeats Right-wing in Washington State,” which favorably noted how Murray “found widespread support for her pro-working families agenda.” The article further stated that her campaign “emphasized education, health care, and the protection of the ‘middle class’ from economic ruin.”

At the Coalition of Labor Union Women’s (CLUW) 1997 conference in Seattle, Senator Murray was a featured speaker, along with Richard Trumka and Linda Chavez-Thompson of the AFL-CIO; Nancy Riche, the executive vice president of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC); and Congressman Jim McDermott (D-Wash.). As one of six constituency groups of the AFL-CIO, CLUW serves as a nationwide front for both the CPUSA and the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). One of CLUW’s co-founders, Gloria Steinem, is currently an honorary chair of the DSA.

On September 26, 2001, Gail Ryall, the chairwoman of the Sacramento Communist Club and a member of the Northern California CPUSA Regional Board, gave a speech at the CPUSA’s Women’s Equality Conference praising the work of CLUW

On the foreign policy front, like many in communist circles, Murray favors significant arms reductions and the nuclear disarmament of the United States.

and also identifying herself as belonging to one of its chapters. CLUW's ties to the CPUSA are even stronger in Washington State, where CPUSA members Irene Hull and Lonnie Nelson "founded and ran the Puget Sound branch of CLUW for many years," according to Loudon.

In 2003, Senator Murray again spoke at CLUW's conference in Seattle. Guests and delegates to the 2003 conference were welcomed by longtime CPUSA ally Pat Stell. In her conference speech, Murray "pointed to the convention's theme 'Vision, Voices, Votes,' as the same plan of attack that led to victory recently in stopping the Bush administration's attack on overtime pay," Loudon writes. "We need to give people the vision, make their voices heard, and count the votes," Murray told the CLUW delegates.

On May 7, 2015, John Bachtell, the national chairman of the CPUSA, wrote an article published in *People's World* about the importance of voting in the 2016 election. In the article, Bachtell noted the Communist Party's pressure-from-below influence on Senator Murray:

Here's another example of how these movements affect politics: After the April 15 national strike for \$15, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., introduced legislation to raise the national minimum wage to \$12 an hour (still not enough) and to end the tipping system for restaurant workers.

In addition to her partially giving in to Communist Party demands, Senator Murray was also favorably mentioned by *People's World* for introducing the Youth Jobs Act of 2010 (S. 2929), which would have provided \$1.5 billion through the Workforce Investment Act to

expand the government youth employment programs created by the 2009 stimulus. The CPUSA favors these measures in order to advance their goal that everyone have a "right" to a "living wage" — meaning a guaranteed annual income compliments of beleaguered taxpayers whose own budgets may be stretched to the brink to support the burgeoning welfare state.

On the foreign policy front, like many in communist circles, Murray favors significant arms reductions and the nuclear disarmament of the United States. On March 28, 2016, Murray, along with Senators Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Al Franken (D-Minn.), and Elizabeth War-

ren (D-Mass.), wrote a letter to President Obama urging him to "redouble efforts" to cut the U.S. nuclear arsenal. In the letter, the senators expressed their support to "renew nuclear arms talks ahead of the expiration of New START."

Previously, on January 26, 1996, Senator Murray voted to ratify the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START II) with Russia, which called for reducing the total number of nuclear warheads to 3,500 for each country, banning MIRV (multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle) land-based missiles, and reducing the number of submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) by 2003. This vote occurred after then-President Bill Clinton vetoed a bill for deploying a ballistic missile defense system. At the time, Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.) offered the following warning about ratifying START II:

Yes, we are getting the Russians down to 3,500, if they comply.... My simple proposition is this: Missile defense should be our highest national security priority. If the President believes that our highest priority must be sacrificed to gain Russia's approval of START II, I say it is too high a price to pay.

Murray's steadfast support for U.S. nuclear disarmament — while continually giving Russia, which since the Soviet era has had a penchant for not upholding its end of the bargain, the benefit of the doubt — has earned her the continued support of a radical leftist and former Soviet front organization. The Council for a Livable World endorsed Murray, in both her 2010 and 2016 reelection campaigns.

As previously reported in THE NEW AMERICAN, Hungarian nuclear physicist and long-time ardent Soviet supporter Leó Szilárd founded the Council for a Livable World in 1962. The CLW typically endorses progressive Democrats who agree with their disarmament



Communists celebrate her election: *People's Weekly World*, the official newspaper of the Communist Party USA, celebrated Patty Murray's election to the Senate in 1992, running a photo of her on the cover beneath the headline "Women win!"

objectives. The council's 2010 endorsement of Murray read in part:

Patty Murray has made a difference, particularly on arms control, nuclear disarmament and foreign policy. In 2002, Murray was one of 23 Senators to vote against the President's request for authority to take military action in Iraq.... In key Senate votes, she supported amendments to bring U.S. troops out of Iraq, opposed funding for a new generation of nuclear weapons and voted against amendments to increase national missile defense funding.

Her opposition to the Iraq War should not be mistaken for an adherence to Jeffersonian principles of nonintervention. During a debate in the 2004 U.S. Senate election in Washington State, Murray offered the following explanation for voting against the war: "I voted against the resolution to go to war in Iraq because we did not have a clear mission, we didn't have a clear exit strategy, we were not honest with the American public about the costs — both in lives and in dollars."

Despite her opposition to the war, on October 17, 2003 Murray voted yes on the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan Security and Reconstruction Act (S. 1689), which would appropriate \$86.5 billion in supplemental spending for overseas military operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan for fiscal 2004. Included in the \$86.5 billion was a \$10.3 billion grant to rebuild war-torn Iraq.

Party Over Principle

As a loyal Democrat, Senator Murray often puts her party politics ahead of the constitutional principles that she swore an oath to uphold. In the 1990s, Murray was a steadfast supporter of President Bill Clinton's military interventionism in former Yugoslavia.

Murray voted against ending the arms embargo on Bosnia, voted yes on a Senate concurrent resolution authorizing President Clinton to conduct air and missile strikes against Kosovo, and voted yes on a joint resolution authorizing "the President to use all necessary force and other means, in concert with U.S. allies, to ac-



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Signing away sovereignty and solvency: Senator Murray has voted for virtually every multilateral "free-trade" scheme, including the North American Free Trade Agreement, which was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on December 8, 1993.

complish U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) objectives in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)."

Her support for these interventions under Bill Clinton raises the question whether she would support new military interventions under a Hillary Clinton presidency, should they both win their respective races in November. Murray's commitment to Hillary is evidenced by her role as a superdelegate for Hillary Clinton at the Democratic National Convention.

Unlike regular delegates, superdelegates are not bound to the will of the voters. Instead they vote according to their personal preference. In Murray's home state of Washington, for example, Bernie Sanders defeated Hillary Clinton in a landslide at the state's Democratic caucus, receiving 72.7 percent of the vote, whereas Hillary received a lackluster 27.1 percent. Despite Democratic voters' overwhelming selection of Sanders, Murray marched lockstep to the tune of the Democratic Party establishment in her endorsement of Hillary.

Like the Democratic presidential nominee, Murray is also a stalwart supporter of abortion, so much so that she was the first candidate in the 2016 election to receive an endorsement from Planned Parenthood Action Fund, the political arm of Planned Parenthood. On May 8, 2015, Planned Parenthood Action Fund published a press release that read in part, "Planned Parenthood Action Fund made its first endorsement of the 2016 cycle today, vowing to

help re-elect women's health champion Patty Murray to the U.S. Senate."

Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, was quoted in the press release as saying, "Nobody is more deserving of our endorsement than Senator Patty Murray, a true champion for women and families and fierce advocate for the one-in-five women that rely on Planned Parenthood health centers at some point in their lifetime." Richards is correct that "nobody is more deserving" of Planned Parenthood's endorsement than Murray, because she boasts a 100 percent on Planned Parenthood's voting score card, which includes of plethora of anti-life legislation that she has voted for and supported.

Another instance of her devotion to Democratic Party objectives over the Constitution is her stance on the Second Amendment, which plainly reads, "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Infringing on that right, Murray voted for the onerous 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban (AWB), which prohibited the manufacture, sale, transfer, or import of a host of semiautomatic firearms based primarily on their cosmetic features. Although the ban expired in 2004, which was soon followed by a decrease in reported gun violence in the United States, Murray has sought to make the ban permanent and expand the number and type of firearms that would be prohibited.

On April 17, 2013, Senator Murray voted for an amendment (S.Amdt. 711)

offered by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) to the proposed “gun-control” Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act (S. 649) that would implement a new and even more far-reaching AWB than the one previously expired.

As Tim Brown, author and editor at FreedomOutpost.com, GunsInTheNews.com, and TheWashingtonStandard.com, wrote in a 2013 article entitled “Dianne Feinstein’s Assault Weapons Ban Defeated,” Feinstein’s AWB would “have banned the sale of 157 different semi-automatic weapons, including handguns and even shotguns, along with high capacity magazines.” Brown continued, “This bill was similar but even more expansive than her previous gun ban bill that was passed in 1994 and signed into law by Bill Clinton.”

Trade Traitor

A committed globalist, Senator Murray has voted for virtually every major sovereignty-killing “free trade” scheme during her tenure in the Senate. Murray voted to implement every major multilateral trade scheme, including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1993; the Andean Trade Preference Act, extending “free trade” to Colombia, Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador in 2002; and the Central American Free Trade Agreement in 2005; as well as for establishing permanent normal trade relations with Communist China in 2000 and for establishing normal trade

relations with Communist Vietnam in 2001.

Each one of these trade schemes is not free trade in the classical sense, which historically meant the absence of government intervention, but rather regulated trade schemes that transfer aspects of American sovereignty to larger multilateral bodies in order to facilitate the regional government, much like the Common Market that preceded the European Union. These agreements are typically sold to the American people on the false promise that they will create new jobs and improve the economy. For example, as previously reported in *THE NEW AMERICAN*, the year prior to NAFTA’s implementation, the United States had a \$1.66 billion trade surplus with Mexico, but by 1995, the first full year after NAFTA was enacted, the United States had a \$15.8 billion deficit with Mexico. Since its implementation, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico has only escalated, soaring to \$24.5 billion in 2000, \$49.8 billion in 2005, and \$58.3 billion in 2015. Millions of previously American jobs have been outsourced to Mexico as a result of NAFTA, and new NAFTA courts have been established superseding domestic U.S. courts, including even the Supreme Court.

Despite this dismal record, Senator Murray stands with President Obama on implementing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). In a speech delivered at the Washington Council on International Trade on November 10, 2014, Murray said of the TPP:

Approximately one-third of Washington exports already go to countries involved in the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations, which could eventually knock down barriers to many important, growing markets across the globe. We need to closely examine and consider any agreement that could reduce market barriers to Washington-made goods and Washington-grown products, and offer Washington companies opportunities for expansion.

Negotiated among 12 Pacific Rim countries (Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam), the TPP is an interim step toward the much broader Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific, which would include all 21 member states of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, among which are Communist China and Russia.

Furthermore, chapter 27 of the TPP agreement, entitled “Administrative and Institutional Provisions,” establishes and outlines the functions of a governing executive body, known as the TPP Commission, akin to the governing European Commission of the EU. The commission, which would be made up of unelected representatives from each of the participating nations, would have the power to alter the agreement in the future and add new member states without the consent of Congress or the parliaments of the already-participating countries. As a result, Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) has described the TPP as a “living agreement” and a “nascent European Union.”

Not only does Murray put her party ahead of constitutional principles and the people, but her stance on trade undermines American national sovereignty and independence. With a Marxist-leaning, staunchly Democrat, full-fledged globalist record such as hers, it is astonishing that Senator Patty Murray was elected to the Senate for four consecutive terms and is now running for a fifth term. Murray’s record highlights the importance and need for further education about the Constitution and the issues in order to keep our nation’s lawmakers accountable to the voters and the Constitution they swear to uphold. ■

A loyal supporter of President Obama, Senator Murray stands with Obama as he attends a fundraiser event for her in Seattle on October 9, 2015.



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THE TRANSGENDER CON: Rending Bodies and Twisting Minds

Science and logic invalidate the claims of the transgender lobby in the way of inheritability, diagnoses, and societal effect.

by Selwyn Duke

Boys can be girls and girls can be boys, and rye can transform into wheat, wheat into barley, and ideology into “science.” Believe it or not, all these things have been claimed, but only one has actually occurred, with ideology having been, to be precise, transformed into pseudoscience.

As to this, the claims about grain transformation were made by proponents of Lysenkoism, a pseudoscientific theory named after Soviet biologist Trofim Lysenko. Proposing the heritability of acquired characteristics and rejecting the concept of genes, it was an official theory of the USSR for almost 45 years. And

scientists departing from it were fired, imprisoned, and sometimes executed. It’s not known if they were called “bigots” and “haters,” but, after all, that’s hardly necessary when you can avoid the preliminaries and send dissenters straight to the gulag.

In at least one way, though, Lysenkoism wasn’t nearly as destructive as this article’s subject: the “transgender” agenda. To wit: No grain of wheat ever became confused by claims it could become barley. No grain of rye ever tried to “transition.” And no oat ever felt its oats and demanded it be with the wheat when the bracts are stripped away. But it’s not nearly as harmless telling a child he might be — and could be — a member of the opposite sex.

The passions of the few outweigh the good of the many? Supposedly reflective of compassion, “gender-neutral” bathrooms actually subordinate the feelings of the majority to those of a vocal fringe.

Of course, proponents of “transgenderism” claim that rejecting their theory harms children, that forcing little Justin to suppress his “identity” and not become Justine is psychologically damaging. And many Americans find this compelling. They’ve read articles about supposed “male and female brains,” insufficient masculinization of boy babies due to intrauterine testosterone deficiencies, “intersex” anomalies, and about how sex is a “continuum.” And surely there wouldn’t be governmental bathroom dictates and medical doctors recommending people for “gender-reassignment surgery” were there not sound science behind the “transgender” diagnosis, right? This common assumption — and misconception — is



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No whims in indulging whim: Coy Mathis dressed up in girls' clothes at age one and a half; his parents indulged this desire, viewing it as "harmless" toddler play. At age six he made news as a "transgender" child who wanted to use his school's girls' bathroom.

precisely why any intelligent discussion of this matter must begin with the science.

Let's Run a Test

Imagine I went to a psychiatrist and said, "Doc, I just know that I'm a woman trapped in a man's body; I've been certain of it for as long as I can remember." If my feelings have been intense and have persisted for more than six months, he'll diagnose me as having "gender dysphoria," as I'll have met its criteria. And the fashion now is to say that this isn't just a psychological issue, that, rather, there's an innately induced incongruence between my *physical* brain (or, perhaps, innately induced feelings originating within it) and *physical* body. There's the rub. Since a psychological problem demands a psychological remedy but a physical problem a physical one, treatment hinges on this judgment.

This raises an obvious question: What physiological markers will the physician look for to verify that I truly am, legitimately, "transgender," suffering with a supposed brain/body incongruence? Don't feel bad not knowing.

There isn't a so-called expert alive who

could answer the question.

There is no brain scan for gender dysphoria. There is no genetic test. There is no hormonal test. There are *no physiological markers of any kind*. Yet on the basis of "strong and persistent feelings of cross-gender identification" — and on that basis alone — psychiatrists can and do refer patients for the mutilation known as "gender-reassignment surgery" (GRS). And on that basis alone, doctors may recommend that a young child be allowed to live as a member of the opposite sex. It's no different from telling a cardiologist you feel certain you have heart disease and, without performing tests to confirm the diagnosis, his saying, "Oh, have the feelings been strong, persistent and extant for longer than six months? Okay, well, then I'll cut open your chest and do a bypass."

Given this reality, it isn't surprising that some of the very latest research indicates that the only real "trans" here is a transgression against science. At issue is a report co-authored by Dr. Paul McHugh, former chief of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Hospital and distinguished service professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins

University, and Arizona State University Professor of Statistics and Biostatistics Lawrence Mayer. Published in the fall 2016 edition of the *New Atlantis* journal, the report found, wrote THE NEW AMERICAN'S Raven Clabough August 24,

that "gender identity" is not separate from biological sex. "Examining research from the biological, psychological, and social sciences, this report shows that some of the most frequently heard claims about sexuality and gender are not supported by scientific evidence.... The hypothesis that gender identity is an innate, fixed property of human beings that is independent of biological sex — that a person might be 'a man trapped in a woman's body' or 'a woman trapped in a man's body' — is not supported by scientific evidence," stated the researchers.

How credible are "transgender" claims when the physical "remedy" of GRS can only have a psychological effect? After all, such surgery doesn't give a man a woman's body or something possessing its function, but merely something *resembling* a woman's body; sure, the person may *feel* better, for a time, but no deeper-than-skin-deep brain/body congruence could be thus achieved. This is why former "transsexual" Alan Finch has said, "You fundamentally can't change sex.... Transsexualism was invented by psychiatrists." It's why less "inventive" psychiatrist Dr. McHugh likewise stated, "'Sex change' is biologically impossible. People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women." And it's why we shouldn't shrink from saying that "transgender" is but a made-up sexual status (MUSS).

We also might ask the following about claims that gender dysphoria cannot be a purely psychological phenomenon: Is it reasonable to say that it couldn't be so in even one in a thousand cases? That would be a radical assertion. But given there's no proof to the contrary, then it could be so in two of a thousand, correct? If this is possible, however, it could also be psychological in 10, 20, 50, 100, or, for that matter, 500

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of the thousand. Nonetheless, psychiatrists will prescribe GRS despite no proof of the MUSS activists' claims, thus hurting with a physical "cure" those who may have a purely psychological "disease."

This matters not just because it affects the rare individuals diagnosed with gender dysphoria, but for a far more significant reason: The mainstreaming of the MUSS-agenda mental disorders — telling everyone, including children, "Your 'gender' can be whatever you want it to be" — is based upon its unproven theories. Yet a simple point is almost universally missed here: As far as legitimizing something goes, it matters *not at all* if it's inborn or acquired, psychological or physical in nature. In fact, that notion serves as misdirection, a magician's trick. This is because none of these possibilities tell us anything about normality and healthfulness.

Abnormalities Abound — Fix Them

In reality, there is no shortage of inborn abnormalities, a few examples being spina bifida, Down syndrome, cleft palate, hemophilia, Huntington's disease, and microcephaly. We remedy them or at least ameliorate their negative effects whenever possible, show compassion regardless (hopefully), but there is one thing we never, ever do: portray them as normal variation or a desirable state of being. Yet,

in what may be one of the most destructive social-engineering efforts in history, this is precisely what is happening with the MUSS agenda — and America's children are in the cross hairs.

They had names such as Shanice Oliver, Coy Mathis, Daniel McFadyen, Mia Lemay, and Tim Petras. Some of their names are different now. These are just a handful of the children who've been allowed to "transition," to embrace a made-up sexual status. The oldest of them was 12.

The youngest was *three*.

In other words, children too young to choose their diets and eat ice cream for dinner have been allowed to choose to masquerade as a member of the opposite sex and, in certain cases, take puberty-blocking hormones. This is especially tragic because, reports the American College of Pediatricians, "According to the DSM-V, as many as 98% of gender confused boys and 88% of gender confused girls eventually accept their biological sex after naturally passing through puberty." And what can be the consequences of disrupting this natural process? As the aforementioned Dr. McHugh explained in "Transgenderism: A Pathogenic Meme," "When 'the tumult and shouting dies [sic],' it proves not easy nor wise to live in a counterfeit sexual garb. The most thorough follow-up of sex-reassigned

people — extending over thirty years and conducted in Sweden, where the culture is strongly supportive of the transgendered — documents their lifelong mental unrest. Ten to fifteen years after surgical reassignment, the suicide rate of those who had undergone sex-reassignment surgery rose to twenty times that of comparable peers." This is no doubt why Dr. McHugh, referencing his psychiatrist-in-chief days, wrote, "At Johns Hopkins, after pioneering sex-change surgery, we demonstrated that the practice brought no important benefits. As a result, we stopped offering that form of treatment in the 1970s."

Even more damnably, while the MUSS agenda is used to justify the encouraging of gender-dysphoric children to live as an opposite-sex member, it's driven by MUSS adults who, in certain cases, have prurient motives. Dr. McHugh explains that some MUSS men he and his colleagues studied over the years weren't gender dysphoric but rather had "autogynephilia," which is when a man derives sexual excitement from dressing as a woman. "These men wanted to display themselves in sexy ways, wearing provocative female garb. More often than not, while claiming to be a woman in a man's body, they declared themselves to be 'lesbians' (attracted to other women)," reported McHugh. Despite this, these men are part of the "transgender" pool of "witnesses" who justify using gender dysphoria as a pretext for childhood opposite-sex "transitioning." Yet as McHugh explains, citing ex-Olympian Bruce Jenner as a likely autogynephiliac, "Most young boys and girls who come seeking sex-reassignment are utterly different from Jenner. They have no erotic interest driving their quest. Rather, they come with psychosocial issues — conflicts over the prospects, expectations, and roles that they sense are attached to their given sex — and presume that sex-reassignment will ease or resolve them."

Of course, that people would try to justify their sexual inclinations and bring them out of the closet is neither surprising nor new; just witness the homosexual agenda. But it's a dark day when perversion shapes policy that twists young minds.

Logic in the Toilet

Speaking of twisted minds brings us to a May 13 *Charlotte Observer* editorial entitled "Taking the fear out of bathrooms."



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Can't cut away mental ailment: Sweden is likely the world's most "transgender-friendly" nation, as evidenced by this "gender-neutral" preschool. Despite this, the suicide rate of Swedes undergoing "sex-reassignment surgery" ultimately rises to 20 times that of comparable peers.



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From gold medal to gold earrings: While former Olympian Bruce Jenner has become a “transgender”-movement poster boy, at least one expert says he’s likely an “autogynephiliac” — a man who derives excitement from cross-dressing.

The paper not only dismisses concerns that sexual predators could use transgender-oriented “bathroom laws” to their advantage, but shockingly states the following: “The thought of male genitalia in girls’ locker rooms — and vice versa — might be distressing to some. But the battle for equality has always been in part about overcoming discomfort.” But should all discomfort be overcome?

The philosopher C.S. Lewis once wrote, “Sex is not messed up because it was put in the closet; it was put in the closet because it was messed up.” Bearing witness to this are millennia of pagan sexual perversion, such as ancient Spartan military camps wherein, we’re told, pederasty was institutionalized. And it’s ironic that in an age of great awareness of (and paranoia about) child sexual abuse — in which churches and other entities institute policies stating that adult volunteers mustn’t be alone with a child — other forces are working to allow strange adults to be naked with a child of the opposite sex.

And words are interesting. Another way of saying “overcoming discomfort” is “breaking down barriers” between people, both of which sound like they describe a quite enlightened aim. But certain barriers exist for a reason. Apropos to this, consider the following line concerning child-predator strategies from author Robert Moore’s book *Cybercrime: Investigating High-Technology Computer Crime*: “Grooming

refers to a process whereby a pedophile will attempt to prepare a child for a future physical relationship by *breaking down barriers*.” (Emphasis added.) And one step in this process, Moore informs, is to “convince the child that being naked in the presence of others is an acceptable behavior.”

Of course, it’s easy for MUSS activists to scoff at the above, as it’s never as clear-cut as one policy change taking us from a perfect to a perverted world. But just as grooming one child is a step-by-step process, so is the societal phenomenon of sexualizing millions of them. Sexual predators try to eliminate taboos in a child’s mind; is this not easier if we eliminate the taboos in the wider society to begin with? In fact, there should be multiple barriers between a child and sexual activity with an adult; does getting children to “overcome discomfort” at seeing naked opposite-sex strangers not eliminate one of them? And as the *Independent Sentinel*’s S. Noble put it, in very simple terms, “Does anyone else see how this could be a problem — nude boys and girls running around, perhaps saying they are the opposite gender?”

Then there is the flip side of the Lysenkoist coin. When traditionalists warn that the MUSS agenda — or any sexual agenda (e.g., homosexual one) — can distort children’s identity or sexuality, they’re essentially told it’s all in the stars, today’s version being genes. “You won’t be anything you’re not born to be,” is the thinking.

But this again is wholly unscientific. One major warning about child sexual abuse has long been that it can twist a child’s sexuality, that the abused are more likely to become abusers themselves. But what is sexual abuse but destructive sexual influence? And does grossly incorrect, seductive teaching about sex and sexual identity not qualify? Moreover, aside from homosexuality, bestiality, pedophilia, and variations thereof, countless other “paraphilias” (noticeably harmful or obsessive fetishes) exist; these include the truly bizarre, such as deriving sexual excitement from vomit, being an amputee, drinking blood, being robbed, exhibitionism, trees, stuffed toy animals, fire, being strangled, corpses, and robots. And aside from gender dysphoria, there is “species dysphoria,” the belief that one is an animal trapped in a human body; and Body Integrity Identity Disorder (BIID), the intense sense that one or more body parts (e.g., eyes, legs) don’t belong on/in your body, not to mention delusions such as believing one is Napoleon or the Queen of England. Would anyone claim that all these sexual desires and personal “identities” are “inborn”? Good scientists long ago realized that man’s state of being is explainable only by way of nature *and* nurture. Yet just as Lysenkoists unscientifically denied the former, today’s MUSS activists resurrect their agenda-driven spirit, stubbornly denying the obvious and significant role nurture plays in child sexual development.

And what could distort a child’s sexual development — already complicated by possible adolescent sexual-identity crises — more than saying, “Don’t worry about whether you’re attracted to your own sex, because your sex may not even be your own!”? Negotiating adolescent development is difficult enough without confused adults telling youth that this development is negotiable. The MUSS agenda is child abuse just as is using a hot iron to sear flesh — only, it sears souls.

Speaking of agendas, it’s also interesting that this radical denial of nurture’s impact only occurs when it facilitates one. For example, the Left long ago removed shows such as *Amos ‘n’ Andy* from television, certain that racial stereotypes presented therein influenced people wrongly. But what of research, such as that reported in 2014 in *Time* and other outlets, indicat-

ing that babies are born “racist”? Note that far from embracing this inborn identity (“I’m white and look out for number one! Yeah!”), *Time* didn’t shrink from saying such instincts must be tamed.

The point is that no one, anywhere outside a straitjacket and rubber room, would give free rein to every impulse or sincerely claim others should do so. As C.S. Lewis put it in his book *Mere Christianity*, “Every sane and civilised man must have some set of principles by which he chooses to reject some of his desires and to permit others. One man does this on Christian principles, another on hygienic principles, another on sociological principles.” “The real conflict,” he explained, only involves *what* principles will be invoked “in the control of ‘nature.’”

So nature, nurture, or both, children’s desires and natures must be guided when necessary — properly — and sex and sexual identity are no exception. So when it is said, reflecting a rubber-room mentality, that we mustn’t place children in a “gender straitjacket” and impose sex-specific norms on them, know

that it’s a recipe for social anarchy and seared psyches. Why, we could just as easily counsel against placing children in a “species straitjacket”; while species dysphoric people — who may believe they’re a dog, cat, or something else — might agree, we nonetheless impose human-specific norms. We force children into clothing and to restrain violent instincts; and teach them manners, morals, customs, language, and a host of educational disciplines. We do not allow them to be feral so they can “make up their own minds later on” as to whether, perhaps, they really are a human or a ferret.

And just as humans will be humans, boys will be boys and girls will be girls. Just as our humanness is (on a physical level) indicated by our DNA, so is our sex. As the American College of Pediatricians puts it, “*Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: ‘XY’ and ‘XX’ are genetic markers of health — not genetic markers of a disorder.* The norm for human design is to be conceived either male or female. Human sexuality is binary by design with the obvious pur-

pose being the reproduction and flourishing of our species. This principle is self-evident.” The rare abnormalities that exist do not change this fact. And that there are two different sexes makes clear why there traditionally has been sex-specific child-rearing, now impugned as “sex stereotyping.” Just as we give a child gifted in music different training than one whose talent lies in science, a sane civilization — to an appropriate extent — trains boys and girls differently so they can fulfill their potential as men and women.

Boys cannot become girls, or vice versa. But they can, when subject to bizarre nurturing, become twisted boys and girls. Thus and as is also self-evident, norms must be based on normality, not abnormality. Doing otherwise with children is to visit a most monstrous child abuse upon them. Doing otherwise, with everyone, makes the whole of society a mental institution writ large, with the inmates running the asylum. And the only question for a land going this route is whether the lies will collapse — before they collapse civilization ■



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Could a planned economy, where the government determines who has how much wealth and what wages and prices ought to be, ever succeed?

To answer this question, we need to consider what wealth is and where it comes from. Simply put, wealth is anything that has value in economic exchange. But what determines value? It has been claimed that value is somehow inherent and therefore measurable by some impartial and independent standard, in the same way that we might measure a distance, a weight, or a temperature. One approach to “measuring” value is the “labor theory of value,” originally popularized by two of the fathers of economic theory, Adam Smith and David Ricardo. This theory supposes that the more labor is required to produce something, the more it will be worth. While this theory has fallen out of favor among most modern economists, it continues to be part of the foundation of Marxist economics because it implies that value can be tabulated by well-informed experts. If a would-be economic planner knows how much labor is expended in the production of a given item, he can then measure its value and plan for its production.

If this were true, it is at least imaginable that a sufficiently well-informed board of economic planners could calculate the values of all goods and services in production and decide how much of each should be produced and at what cost. Nor is this a completely hypothetical premise; for the past century, governments all over the world, including our own, have established wage and price controls, set production goals and quotas, and in general tried to manage their respective economies into higher productivity and efficiency.

And every one of these efforts has failed, often calamitously. Minimum wages are raised — only to spur higher unemployment. Prices are fixed — only to produce chronic shortages. Production goals are set — only to result in shuttered factories, fallow fields, and inferior products. The ongoing crisis in Venezuela, a once-wealthy

country whose economy has collapsed under years of socialist-inspired mismanagement, is but the latest example. The chronic economic malaise in an American economy that refuses to respond to government “stimulus” years after the Great Recession is another poignant instance of the failure of government planning.

Those who defend government planning and wealth redistribution always insist that their failures are due either to inexperienced planners or to sabotage by their political foes. Never does it occur to them that the very notion of planned economics is inherently unworkable, no matter how compliant the electorate and how expert the planners.

But the truth is that not only is a planned economy — wealth redistribution by another name — an impossibility, it is a logical absurdity. This is because, as Ludwig von Mises and his fellow Austrian economists showed a century ago, it is impossible to measure value. As a little careful thought will reveal, valuation is subjective; like beauty, it is entirely in the eye of the beholder. One man’s treasure is another man’s trifle. Where one person loves a particular work of art and will pay a fortune to possess it, another would not accept it as a gift. One person desires this type of car, or house, or job, and another person something entirely different. And this applies as well to life’s most essential things — food, clothing, shelter, and the like.

There is, as it has often been said, no accounting for taste. And this is literally true where economic valuation is concerned. Values of things can no more be tabulated than can emotions.

Yet economic exchange still takes place. How is this possible, if valuation is subjective? The answer is that people make exchanges based on the relative value of things as they perceive them individually. Suppose, for example, that I possess a car that I wish to sell for \$5,000, and I find someone who is willing to pay that price. Does this mean that my car is “worth” \$5,000? No. It means that I value the \$5,000 more than the car, and the person who buys the car values it more than the \$5,000. Otherwise, why would I be willing to sell the car for \$5,000, and why would

the buyer be willing to pay that amount? In actuality, unless both the buyer and seller believe they are benefiting from the deal, no exchange would take place.

For another prospective buyer, however, my car may be worth less than \$5,000, so he will not be willing to make the exchange I am looking for. In other words, all exchange is based on relative valuation; “value” per se is an event, not an immutable fact. Because of this, neither government planners nor anyone else but the participants in an economic exchange can establish value.

Of course, in our modern society obsessed with measurements and determinacy, not only governments but also private merchants constantly try to create the illusion of inherent value. Thus, says the merchant, the price of article x is such and such; that is its worth, and it cannot be changed. But in time, if no one is willing to purchase at that price, the merchant offers people a “bargain,” by selling it for “less than it’s worth.” But all such verbiage is fiction. In reality, an article for sale is worth what a buyer and a seller agree it is at the time of the transaction. Haggling and bargaining are, in fact, the reality of economic valuation, even if pricing changes gradually.

Nor is a price an impartial measure. It is merely an amount of another commodity (money) for which we are willing to exchange a given article.

Thus there is in reality only one type of economy, in any rational sense of the word: A free market, in which buyers and sellers are free to haggle and create value in acts of voluntary exchange, is the only way that an economy can function. “Planned economies” only work to the degree that market exchange is allowed to operate despite the efforts of the government to interfere. When free exchange is utterly stifled, universal impoverishment is the result.

Wealth redistribution, and, indeed, all forms of centralized economic planning, will end up destroying all wealth and ruining all economic activity. The only possible way to ensure a healthy economy and an equitable distribution of wealth is to allow the market to operate freely. ■

— CHARLES SCALIGER

A WAR OF LIES

The Black Lives Matter claim that cops endanger blacks — not safeguard them — is investigated, analyzed, and refuted by investigative journalist Heather Mac Donald.

by C. Mitchell Shaw

The War on Cops: How the New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe, by Heather Mac Donald, New York, New York: Encounter Books, 2016, 248 pages, hardcover.

In an era of violent riots, looting, and the murder of police officers in cities as diverse as Dallas and Baton Rouge — largely instigated by the rhetoric and actions of Black Lives Matter (BLM) — Heather Mac Donald’s newest book could not be more timely. *The War on Cops: How the New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe*, published in June by Encounter Books, offers a clear analysis of the danger behind the newest wave of the war on police and the cost America’s cities are paying in lives and property as law and order are sacrificed at the altar of political correctness.

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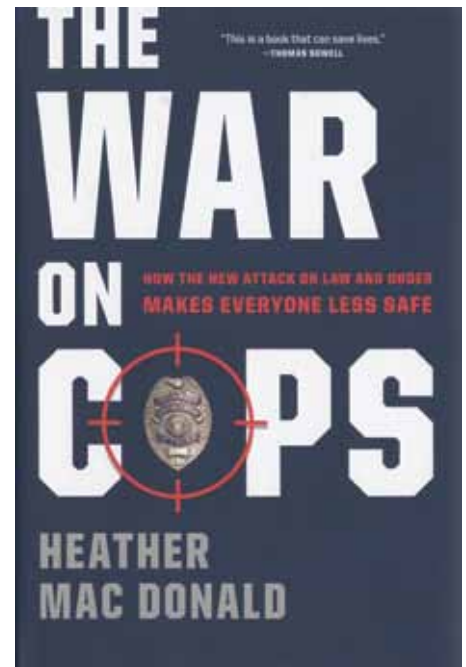
Through compelling real-life accounts and incontrovertible data, *The War on Cops* dismantles and exposes the lies of BLM and the liberal politicians behind the policies that have grown out of those lies. With facts and statistical data, Mac Donald squares off against the liberal narrative of BLM on topics ranging from Ferguson to Baltimore, from BLM’s claims that police unfairly target blacks to the

rising crime rates as proactive policing is reduced, from the disproportionately high black-on-black murder rate to the fact that police are, as Mac Donald puts it, “the government agency most committed to the proposition that ‘black lives matter.’” And — with the honest facts on her side — she tells it like it is, without either apology or the need for apology.

The war on police has a decided racial (even racist) foundation. The narrative of BLM and its apologists — in both government and media — is that cops (mostly white cops) systematically make black men the targets of stops, citations, arrests, violence, and even murder. In a world that is increasingly divided by race, it is almost impossible to have a reasonable discussion about this issue. If the writer or speaker is black and points out the fact that the vast majority of violent crime is committed by black men, he or she will be branded a “sellout.” If the writer or speaker is white, the brand reads “racist.” The same branding holds true if a writer or speaker of any race points out that a high number of black stops, citations, and arrests happen because cops go where the crime is and that means inner-city neighborhoods, which are often mostly black. The branding escalates if one dares to point out that — in most cases — the black men who die at the hands of police were in the act of committing a violent crime and that they are ultimately responsible for their own deaths.

Mac Donald came armed with enough well-researched facts to deflect much of that and a reasoned tone tempered with compassion for the black victims of black crime, knowing that her detractors would dismiss anything other than a regurgitation of the oft-repeated claims of BLM.

Mac Donald tackles those claims head on. After illustrating that crime — espe-



cially violent crime — has been declining since the 1990s as a direct result of proactive policing policies such as the controversial “Broken Windows” model (which has become one of BLM’s favorite whipping boys), she writes that as those effective policies are being abandoned, the gains in law and order are beginning to reverse:

Now, that triumph over chaos and lawlessness is in jeopardy. Fueling the rise in crime in places like Baltimore and Milwaukee is a multipronged attack on law enforcement. Since late summer 2014, a protest movement known as Black Lives Matter has convulsed the nation. Triggered by a series of highly publicized deaths of black males at the hands of the police, the Black Lives Matter movement holds that police officers are the greatest threat facing young black men today. That belief has spawned riots, “die-ins,” and the assassination of police officers. The movement’s targets include Broken Windows policing and the practice of stopping and questioning suspicious individuals, both of which are said to harass blacks.

“Broken Windows” is a policing policy that, Mac Donald explains, “holds that al-

lowing a neighborhood to become overrun by graffiti, litter, public drunkenness, and other forms of disorder breeds more crime by signaling that social control in the area has collapsed.” By enforcing laws against vandalism, public drunkenness, urinating in the streets, etc., police send the opposite message: Law and order will prevail. The effect of this policy — in conjunction with other similar policies — led to the decline in crime, Mac Donald says. And she also asserts that its abandonment has led to an increase in crime. She offers ample evidence in the way of crime data and the personal testimony of those most impacted by the shift away from such proactive policing: poor, black residents of inner-city neighborhoods.

As cities across America have responded to the war on police by blaming police and the effective policing policies on which they rely to keep those cities safe, there has been a phenomenon of depolicing, known as the Ferguson Effect — a phrase Mac Donald helped coin that refers to the unrest after the 2014 shooting of Michael Brown, an 18-year-old black man, by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. As individual officers and whole departments move away from proactive policing, all that is left is reactive policing. Instead of providing a police presence and preventing higher-level crime by arresting the criminal for lower-level crime before he escalates, cops are showing up at more and more scenes of robbery, rape, and murder to fill out reports and find the criminal who is — more often than not — described by victims and witnesses as a black male. The war on police then demonizes those cops for focusing on black men in the investigation. Talk about a rock and hard place.

As Mac Donald describes the Ferguson Effect:

As 2015 progressed, few law-enforcement practices escaped attack for allegedly imposing unjust burdens on blacks. But it was the virulent anti-cop rhetoric that was most consequential. Officers working in inner cities routinely found themselves surrounded by hostile, jeering crowds when they tried to make an arrest or conduct an investigation. Cops feared becoming the latest YouTube



Heather Mac Donald

pariah when a viral cell-phone video showed them using force against a suspect who had been resisting arrest.

Mac Donald shows statistically what many others — including George Mason University economist Walter Williams and Stanford University economist Thomas Sowell (both of whom are black men who have been branded as “Uncle Toms”) — have shown previously: The decline in black culture — which is responsible for the high rate of crime in black communities — is the result of the disintegration of the black two-parent family.

There is a law at work in the universe that states that those who will not govern themselves internally will be governed by others externally. In the absence of self-government, there is a self-imposed necessity for greater police presence and action. As crime rises in those neighborhoods, the law-abiding who live in terror of that crime need more police presence and more police involvement, not less. Mac Donald wrote:

Until the black family is reconstituted, the best protection that the law-abiding residents of urban neighborhoods have is the police.

Unfortunately, as Mac Donald illustrates, BLM and its supporters do not share her concern for the well-being of the residents of those poor, black neighborhoods besieged by crime. As cops “began to disengage from proactive policing,” driving past suspicious characters in neighbor-

hoods known to be pockets of high crime, ignoring the obvious gun-shaped bulge under the over-sized sports jersey, those same cops simply returned later to file reports of the robberies, rapes, and murders and then set off searching for a suspect they could have stopped had they not been hamstrung by the Ferguson Effect of BLM. As Mac Donald wrote:

If the Black Lives Matter movement were correct, this falloff in discretionary policing should have been a boon to black lives. Instead, a bloodbath ensued, and its victims were virtually all black. When the cops back off, blacks pay the greatest price. That truth would have come as no surprise to the legions of inner-city residents who fervently support the police and whose voices are almost never heard in the media.

Sadly, those “black lives” join the police as casualties in the war on cops, which Mac Donald’s book reveals in all its ugliness.

Many readers may worry that Mac Donald advocates for a heavy-handed policing of America’s cities — especially given her defense of overreaching federal powers in her previous books. If there are elements of that mind-set in *The War on Cops*, they are subtle and do not detract from her convincing arguments that proactive policing works, and stopping proactive programs helps one group: criminals. ■

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Free Education

Dale Stoner of Victorville, California, is a savvy real estate man, and his hard work has surely paid off as he has done very well for himself. Stoner, 86, and his wife, Od, decided that they wanted to share their wealth and give back to their local community and are doing so by providing eight lucky and deserving students a free college education.

Daily Press reported that Stoner earned most of his money “from two shopping centers he owned in Spring Valley Lake, one of which sold for \$3.3 million.” Stoner told *Daily Press* that his four children are successful and that he has provided financial assistance to two generations of grandchildren, and so he feels it is time to reach out to others in need.

“To me it’s all very simple. The money is there,” he said. “There is no need on my side, my kids, and so I said ‘swell.’”

Stoner and his wife did not know where to begin, so they turned to the phone book and found University Prep, a high school in their community.

He decided that he will pay the college tuition for two students from University Prep each year through 2019, which will amount to eight students in total.

Stoner reached out to officials at University Prep and asked them “to choose two students that will appreciate the help, that are qualified by what they’ve already accomplished and that need the help.”

School counselors and the teacher leadership team selected two deserving students: Tonantcy Vargas and Ronaldo Lopez.

Stoner met with Vargas and Lopez in July to break the news to them in person. Vargas reportedly broke down and cried. “They told me a wonderful man will be paying for my college,” Vargas said. “I was just trying not to cry the whole time.”

Lopez was equally touched. “This makes me feel very great inside,” he said.

Daily Press reported that Stoner wants nothing in return except a guarantee that the students will take his gift seriously and graduate so that they may one day be able to pay forward this act of kindness, a challenge that the recipients are happy

to accept. “I want him to see me graduate so that he knows that he didn’t do this for nothing,” Vargas said.

Lopez plans to attend Cal State Fullerton, where he will study engineering, while Vargas is going to Cal Poly Pomona to study accounting.

The Gift of a Fire Station

A lottery winner in the small town of Camden Point, Missouri, wanted to thank his local firefighters for saving his father’s life and did so in an incredible way: He built them a new fire station.

In 2012, Mark and Cindy Hill won more than \$290 million in the Powerball jackpot, and have been discreetly donating to numerous causes ever since.

But their latest good deed was far too big to keep quiet. They built a brand new fire station in Camden Point as a way to show their gratitude to the local firefighters, who saved the life of Mark’s father not once, but twice.

The impressive energy-efficient station boasts training rooms, large bay areas for trucks and local ambulances, and heated floors. According to KMBC, Hill engaged in “meticulous planning with the fire district, architects and contracts” to create a structure that would last for many years.

The new fire station was formally dedicated on July 16, with many of the town’s 500 residents present to participate in the celebration.

Steve Folck of the Camden Point Fire District Board says that the board is “very blessed” to have been gifted such a “beautiful structure.”

But the Hills are uncomfortable with the attention they’ve received for their kindness. “You know what? If my wife and I could have built this without anybody knowing that her and I were building it, that’s exactly what we would have done,” he told KMBC News.

Uber Ride to Brazil

After Liz Willock rode with Uber driver Ellis Hill on July 26 headed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she was inspired to

do a good deed for the man with whom she conversed for the hour-long car ride.

Willock learned that Hill’s son, Darrell, was representing Team USA as a shot-putter in the Olympics, but Hill could not afford to travel to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to cheer for him.

“When I told her about my son she was really amazed, but when she asked me if I was going over there to watch him, I said I really couldn’t afford it,” Hill, a retired bus driver, told *People*.

Willock was saddened by Hill’s situation. “It was devastating to hear that,” Willock said. “Here’s this wonderful man who has a close relationship with his son and I know any parent would want to see their son or daughter compete at the Olympics, but it was very understandable how that could be out of reach.”

Luckily, Willock was in a position to be able to offer assistance to Hill. SunnySkyz.com reported, “As a sales leader at a concierge service that arranges travel and accommodations for people seeking clinical trials around the world, she felt she had all the contacts and resources she needed to make Hill’s trip happen.”

Willock asked Hill, “If I could get you a ticket would you go?” Hill was in disbelief at the question, but Willock assured him, “I believe you and I were fated to meet and I’m going to make this happen.”

She and Hill exchanged contact information, and when Willock arrived home, she created a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$7,500 to pay for Hill’s travels to Rio. In just two short days, the campaign reached and surpassed its goal, with over 150 people donating to Hill’s cause.

Hill was ecstatic to be reunited with his son in Brazil, as he has not seen him in months because of his Olympics training. Hill notes that though Willock started as a stranger, she has since become a great friend. “Liz was only a stranger for 5 minutes. We talk all the time now and I know we’re going to be friends for a long time,” he said.

Hill’s son did not win a medal, but said his “chin is still high.” ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH

Anarchism Is Not the Path to Liberty

Though it is true that governments are the greatest danger to rights, liberties, and lives, anarchy — the absence of government — will not bring about increased safety and freedom.

by Steve Byas

The Holocaust. The Soviet Gulags. Christians fed to the lions during the days of the Roman Empire. All examples of government. Since at least the days of Nimrod and the biblical Tower of Babel, governments have been instruments of the cruelest of atrocities.

Even our own U.S. government has, at times, been responsible for all sorts of criminal behavior, including, in recent times, the infamous episodes at Ruby Ridge and Waco.

Most business owners' experience with government, at all levels, is regularly unpleasant, with heavy-handed regulations, and seemingly never-ending forms that require their attention. Having to deal with a government bureaucrat — federal, state, or local — is usually a very unhappy experience for the average citizen.

So, is anarchy — the absence of government — the answer? Would we be better off to cast off, not just our present government, but all government?

The 19th-century anarchist Lysander Spooner thought so. Even then, he argued that the effort of the Founding Fathers to create a limited government through a written Constitution had failed: "But whether the Constitution really be one thing, or another, this much is certain — that it has either authorized such a government as we have had, or has been powerless to prevent it."

That was a dismal conclusion about our own government then. What would Spooner say about our modern federal leviathan, which has grown far beyond anything any of the framers of the Constitution could have intended? He would definitely conclude that anarchy is the answer: government-less life.

And if not for the sad fact of sinful human nature, I would be an advocate for anarchy, as well. But James Madison summed up the need for human government in *The Federalist*: "If men were angels, no govern-



The end result of the ideology: When riots descend into anarchy, leaving no person's life, liberty, or property safe, the sad truth is the populace will often call for a strongman to take over. The vacuum of anarchy is filled by a totalitarian system.

ment would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place, oblige it to control itself." But anarchists are not persuaded of the need for government.

In our time, the late Murray Rothbard argued for anarchy in the modern world, contending in his *For a New Liberty: The Libertarian Manifesto* that it was not the anarchist libertarians who were the dreamers and utopians, but rather the "limited government" conservatives.

"The libertarian is also eminently realistic because he alone understands fully the nature of the State and its thrust for power. In contrast, it is the seemingly far more realistic conservative believer

in 'limited government' who is the truly impractical utopian," Rothbard wrote. After all, Rothbard explained, "The idea of a strictly limited constitutional State was a noble experiment that failed, even under the most favorable and propitious circumstances."

Rothbard certainly touches a nerve here. We marvel at the document produced by the Founders, and admire the restrictions it placed on the very government the Founders were creating with the Constitution. But we are also astounded at how these plain words are ignored — even ridiculed in some cases — by those occupying government positions today. Are Rothbard and the other anarchists right? Would anarchy put us on a path to liberty?

Or would anarchy only result in a tyranny far worse than anything we have experienced by the repeated usurpations under our own "constitutional" government?

To answer these questions, we need to examine the origins of government and its purposes. We need to look at what anarchists have proposed in the past, and what modern anarchist thinkers offer as a solution today. Then, we need to address the proposals of anarchists to better secure liberty than under our Constitution, and explain why these proposals, although often nobly offered, fall short.

In this survey, we should also keep in mind that there is not a single example in all of recorded history of a civilization or society where liberty flourished for a sustained period of time without any government. Put simply, it has never happened, despite the sincerity of liberty-minded anarchists who believe it can be accomplished, man's unchanging human nature notwithstanding. However, there are certainly examples in the historical record of anarchy leading to tyranny, including examples of would-be totalitarians using anarchy to bring about tyranny. This has been true even when something very different was promised. According to Marxist philosophy, the State is supposed to wither on the vine after the coercive utopians come into power. But in practice, no communist or socialist regime has ever led to a government-less society.

Origins and Purpose of Government

It is not unusual for Christians to cite Genesis 9:5-6 as the origin of human government. Noah and his family left the Ark after the Great Flood, and God told Noah, "Who so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." While it is certainly possible that human government was created at this time, it is certainly not explicitly stated. God informed Noah that taking the life of a murderer is permitted, because the life of a human being is so important.

While the above Genesis citation might not overtly call for the creation of human government, a connection between the Bible and government can certainly be made in the writings of the Apostle Paul to the Romans. In the 13th chapter of Paul's letter to the church in Rome, he tells his readers that the proper role of the civil magistrate is to "take vengeance upon him that doeth evil," and that "he [the civil magistrate] beareth not the sword for nought." Not only is government given biblical approval, the purpose of government is quite

clear, from a Christian, or Western, perspective — to punish those who do evil.

John Locke theorized in his *Civil Government* that man originally lived in a state of anarchy, but such a condition became intolerable. Private vengeance led to family feuds, conflicts that probably made the Hatfields and McCoys seem tame by comparison. It made more sense to choose some individuals by contract to perform the role of government. As Locke put it, this proper role of government is to protect the life, liberty, and property of all members of a society. This is known as the *social contract*, or as some put it, the *social compact*. In short, Locke contended that government replaced anarchy because human government was necessary to protect rights.

This is the heart of the argument between those who favor limited government because they favor maximum liberty, and those who are anarchists for the same reason. Anarchists argue that our rights are better protected without government, while America's Founders believed, as did Locke, that human nature necessitated a limited constitutional government to secure basic human rights.

Under Locke's philosophical argument, basic human rights such as life and property do not emanate from the State — the State's role is to protect rights that already

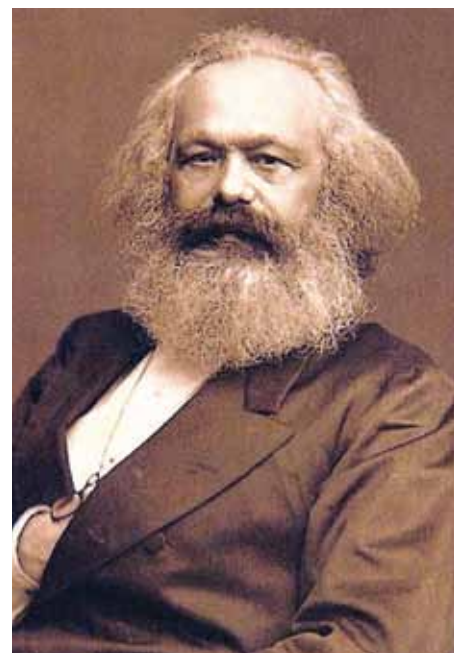
exist. The Declaration of Independence declares these rights "unalienable," meaning a person cannot be separated from these rights by government because these rights come from the Creator.

As John F. McManus wrote in *An Overview of Our World*, "Here is the core of Americanism. This small sentence [that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights] says two very important things. First of all, it says that *there is a God*; and secondly, that the rights of personal freedom and private property and freedom of movement — these *rights come from no place else but from God*. Consequently, no government can take them away."

So government has powers, and the people have rights. Again, according to Jefferson, the *just* powers of government are those that are used to protect the unalienable rights of the people. Rights come first, then government. In the end, if government fails to fulfill this role, the people themselves have a right to "throw off" such government. Unlike anarchists, once they separated from the British Empire, the Founders undertook to create a government to protect freedom.

Anarchism, Religion, and Property

On the other hand, the foundational beliefs of anarchists, which hold that there is no



Bearded bellowers: The 19th-century anarchist Lysander Spooner (left) believed the U.S. Constitution failed to restrain the growth of government or protect liberty, hence he favored anarchy and the abolition of government. Karl Marx (right) promoted communal property, a belief anarchists also touted.

God (meaning there are no immutable rights — only freedoms that each individual must force others to recognize through power) and, hence, no “right” to property, would logically lead to the strongest members of society influencing all the others around them: totalitarianism.

While limited government under the Declaration of Independence anchors our liberties to a literal God, anarchists throughout history (with exceptions) have tended to atheism.

A Bavarian anarchist, Johann Kaspar Schmidt, born 1806, was very explicit in this regard. “I am entitled to overthrow Zeus, Jehovah, God, etc., if I can.” The Russian anarchist Mikhail Bakunin, born 1814, had similar views: “All religions, with their gods, demigods, and prophets, their Messiahs and saints are products of the credulous fancy of men who had not yet come to the full development and entire possession of their intellectual powers.” Bakunin’s one-time associate, Karl Marx, famously dismissed religion as “the opiate of the people.”

Another common target of the 19th-century anarchists was the concept of private property. Bakunin said, “Private property is at once the consequence and the basis of the state.” As such, he believed, “If one would make a thorough revolution, therefore, one must attack things and relationships, *destroy property* and the State.” Sounding like Karl Marx himself (before they split on philosophical grounds), Bakunin called for a revolution to “destroy the clergy,” and called for “the confiscation of all productive capital and instruments of labor in favor of the associations of laborers, which use them for collective production.”

This sounds amazingly similar to Marx’s “dictatorship of the proletariat.” As Art Thompson wrote in his *To the Victor Go the Myths and Monuments*, “Anarchists always



Libertarian liberty: The great libertarian free-market economist Murray Rothbard argued for anarchy as the best way to maintain liberty. He developed a free-market alternative to government, contending that life, liberty, and property were better protected through what are called “protection agencies.”

seem to end up socialists or communists.”

Why? Nature abhors a vacuum — in the political realm as in physics. Having no government (anarchy) will ultimately result in some political system filling the vacuum, usually tyranny, despite the good intentions of some liberty-minded people who honestly believe anarchy would work.

Others, who recognize that anarchism does not work, promote anarchy as a means to an end — to replace the existing order with a new order controlled by themselves, a process that has been used with success in the past. Hitler’s Brownshirts created near-anarchy in Germany, but they were not working to end government, per se, but rather were using anarchic conditions as a means to establish the totalitarian government of National Socialism.

Self-proclaimed anarchist Benjamin Tucker, born in Massachusetts in 1854,

made clear that his devotion to anarchy was not for the purpose of advancing liberty. He opposed usury as “surplus wealth,” including not only interest on money, but the rent of land and houses and profit in exchange in his definition. Explaining the opposition to government shared by anarchists, Tucker said these so-called usurers get their power from a “monopoly maintained by the State.” Tucker opposed the state monopoly not because he wished to advance liberty, but rather because he hated its protection of property.

Tucker railed against patents, which are specifically authorized in Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. Tucker claimed, “The patent monopoly protects investors and authors against competition for a period long enough to enable them to extort from the people a reward enormously in excess of the labor measure of their services.”

This ties the 19th-century anarchists to many modern anarchists, who generally oppose patents and copyrights — commonly termed “intellectual property” — as well. Certainly, such laws can be abused, which is why the Constitution instructs them to be in place for a “limited time.” The purpose of this constitutional provision is explicitly stated. If a person can expect a reward for the fruit of his labors, whether a musician, a writer, or an inventor, the person is much more likely to produce a new song for the public to enjoy, a novel, or a better mousetrap. As Adam Smith put it so memorably in his *Wealth of Nations*, the butcher does not prepare us our supper for our benefit, but rather for his own. Acting in his own self-interest, he prepares us our supper.

Anarchist opposition to intellectual property is shared with Marxists then and now, including Karl Marx himself. Marx and his collaborator, Frederick Engels, argued in the *Communist Manifesto* that inventions are not an individual achievement, but are rather the product of society. “Even when I carry out scientific work, etc., an activity which I can seldom conduct in direct association with other men,

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I perform a social ... act.” Or as modern socialists such as Senator Elizabeth Warren and President Barack Obama would put it, “You didn’t build that.”

While many decent people are sincerely deluded into thinking anarchism would lead to a society with greater liberty than under constitutional government, McManus warned in *Overview of Our World*, “Anarchy is advocated by some people not because they want no government, but because they do not like what they have. Anarchy can be important as a means of change. If an individual does not like the form of government under which he lives, he can advocate Anarchy so that when he has no government, he can insert what he would really like to have in its place.”

Anarchism and Violence

Once someone accepts the premise that government is strictly oppressive, logic dictates that violence will be the path

used to get rid of government — violence not constrained by the collective moral determinations of a group, i.e., government.

That was certainly the case with Leon Czolgosz. After reading socialist and anarchist literature, he came to believe American society was full of injustice. He blamed government. Inspired by the assassination of King Umberto I of Italy in July 1900 by anarchist Gaetano Bresci, Czolgosz decided to imitate the deed in America.

His target was President William McKinley, whom he murdered in September of the next year in Buffalo, New York. Before his execution, Czolgosz uttered his last words: “I killed the President because he was an enemy of the good people — the good working people. I am not sorry for my crime.”

Since at least the days of the bloody French Revolution, radicals have claimed



Adolf Hitler’s “Brownshirts” were used to weaken the Weimar Republic in Germany, bringing about near-anarchic conditions. But the Nazis were not trying to create anarchy in order to better protect life, liberty, and property, but rather as a means to pave the way for the totalitarian system of National Socialism.

to be working for “the people.” The anarchist-socialist Emma Goldman later wrote an article in which she compared Czolgosz to Marcus Brutus, who assassinated Julius Caesar. In the article, Goldman called McKinley the “president of the money kings and trust magnates.”

But lawlessness *always* ends up victimizing the weak, invalidating anarchists’ claims.

The key to advancing liberty, maintained 19th-century French philosopher Frédéric Bastiat, is holding government to its proper role. Though, as columnist Walter E. Williams said, “Bastiat recognized the greatest single threat to liberty is government,” Bastiat was no anarchist. Bastiat contended that government had a “proper domain,” which he gave as “the protection of every person’s liberty and property.” And Bastiat

insisted that “liberty is an acknowledgment of faith in God and His works.”

Bastiat did not see anarchy as the best path to liberty. On the contrary, he said that was to be found in *the law*. In his classic work of political philosophy, *The Law*, Bastiat asked, “What, then, is law? It is the collective organization of the individual right to lawful defense.” This grew out of the individual’s inherent right to defend himself. “If every person has the right to defend — even by force — his person, his liberty, and his property, then it follows that a group of men have the right to organize and support a common force to protect these rights constantly. Thus the principle of collective right — its reason for existing, its lawfulness — is based on individual right.”

McManus wrote, “Philosophical anarchists overlook a very important feature of human nature: that there are individuals who are robbers and killers and plunderers. It is

precisely because there are criminals that we have chosen to hire a police force to protect ourselves. We could either perform this function ourselves, or we can pool our resources and ask somebody to do it for us. This is precisely what we have done, and this is government.”

Protection Agencies Instead of Government?

But modern anarchists believe protection can be done without government, through what are often referred to as “protection agencies.” Anarchist Murray Rothbard, who was certainly no socialist and was a champion of liberty, promoted protection agencies as superior to government in maintaining our rights.

According to its adherents, protection could be purchased in the free market,

much in the same way as we buy a loaf of bread. We could hire a “protection agency” to defend us against those who would threaten our liberty, our property, or our very lives. Instead of calling 911, we could call our protection agency (PA). If someone stole our car, for example, we could place a call to our PA, which would then visit the offender, and demand compensation of some sort. (Anarchists argue that prisons are a waste of resources and the victim of a crime usually never gets compensated.) Under an optimistic scenario, the perpetrator acknowledges his offense, and some form of compensation settles the accounts.

Of course, the car thief could argue his innocence, or otherwise refuse to settle. What then? Well, the PA would simply *take* compensation, such as taking the car back by force — unless, of course, the accused car thief had hired his own PA, in which case the situation would have to be resolved in the court of a judge the two PA’s agreed to use. Under the scenario offered by these modern anarchists, freelance judges would be offering their services, and would be hired based on similar criteria that we use when we hire an electrician: price and ability.

This could, no doubt, work, in some cases. In fact, many disputes today are already settled by either mediation or through arbitration, without resorting to government courts.

But what about a murder of a human being? What would be fair monetary compensation for a human life? Advocates of this system differ in their judgments. Some would hold to solely financial compensation, while others agree that prisons of some sort would have to be used in some cases. A few would even agree to capital punishment.

But who would investigate unsolved crimes? Today, police detectives can obtain search warrants and the like, backed by the force of law, to enter private homes and businesses. Under the U.S. Constitution (you know, that document that Spooner despised), even searches by law enforcement are only legal if a judge is convinced by the investigator that there is *probable cause*.

In a condition of anarchy, in which protection agencies punish and control crime, a type of person would most likely emerge who would make the abuses of personal and property rights perpetrated by the present-

day bounty hunters — who now trespass and more to catch a fleeing person — mild by comparison. At least now, the actions of bounty hunters are restricted by law.

Under anarchy, who would be the final determiner of the law? Organized thugs would no doubt form their own PAs, and resist any actions against them by the “good” PAs. Perhaps the most difficult hurdle to jump for anarchists who propose these PAs is what to do about foreign powers who ignore this anarchist “paradise,” and invade to take over. I once heard an anarchist during the Cold War explain that if the Russians invaded, “We could just hit them with guerilla warfare.” That would certainly be an unpleasant scenario.

And we would not have just *foreign* socialists such as the Soviets to contend with. Domestic leftists would continue to exist in a “government-free” society, just as much as they do now. Many on the Left are insistent that a proper role of government is to redistribute wealth. What is to stop these radicals from forming their own socialist PA to take, by force, from Mr. Smith, who is wealthy, and give it to Mr. Jones, who is not? And like the modern

bureaucrat, the socialist PA could deduct a “fee” for this “service.”

Due to these intolerable situations, some enforcement system would have to develop to impose a final verdict. Either one agency would achieve a monopoly position, enforcing its edicts by force, or groups of agencies would work together to do the same thing. After all, would you want to hire a mom-and-pop PA, or a very large PA, with lots of power? Which means we are back where we started — with a government of sorts.

Doesn’t that sound a lot like Locke’s social contract theory, modified by our Founders in the Declaration of Independence? Out of anarchy, a government arose for the purpose of protecting the rights of the people.

Libertarians Who Oppose Anarchy

It should be noted that not all Libertarians equate freedom with anarchy. While Murray Rothbard was certainly a scholar to be admired for his writings on economics (e.g., *America’s Great Depression*), this flirtation with anarchism by him and his followers, desiring more liberty, is not supported by many other renowned libertarian scholars,



Anarchy and death go hand in hand: Anarchist Leon Czolgosz said that government was responsible for societal injustice. This led him to assassinate President William McKinley in 1901. He said he killed the president to help “the good working people.”

such as Ron Paul, Frederick Hayek, Milton Friedman, and Ludwig von Mises.

Mises explained his opposition to anarchism in his book *Liberalism*:

Anarchism misunderstands the real nature of man. It would be practicable only in a world of angels and saints. Liberalism [by which he meant a limited, constitutional government that protects the unalienable rights espoused in the Declaration of Independence] is not anarchism, nor has it anything whatsoever to do with anarchism. The liberal understands quite clearly that without resort to compulsion, the existence of society would be endangered and that behind the rules of conduct whose observance is necessary to assure peaceful human cooperation must stand the threat of force if the whole edifice of society is not to be continually at the mercy of one of its members.

In his *Human Action*, Mises said, "Society cannot exist if the majority is not ready to hinder, by the application or threat of

violent action, minorities from destroying the social order. This power is vested in the state or government."

Finally, in *The Ultimate Foundation of Economic Science*, Mises, expressing similar sentiments as Madison, said that anarchists pass over "the fact that men are not angels."

The End Result

McManus issued a warning to those who would favor anarchy as some sort of libertarian ideal: "Anarchy is a frightful thing. Americans have often wondered how Asian and South American governments can be toppled or greatly influenced by student rioting, or general strikes." Someone living in Los Angeles during the Watts riots, or more recently during the riots in Ferguson or Baltimore, can certainly understand. As McManus explained, "If you find yourself as they did in a situation where you fear for your life; where you stand behind your own front door with a gun or a baseball bat to protect your family; where you can't go to work to earn a living; and where

you can't even go to the corner store either for fear of being shot or because looters have cleaned the place out, you obviously cannot exist in a situation like that for very long." So a new government takes over, promising to remedy the social disruption.

And this is why anarchy rarely, if ever, leads to limited constitutional government, but rather to an authoritarian dictatorship. "After a matter of just a few days," McManus predicted, "[you and others] will go to the best person able to put an end to that Anarchy and ask him to 'do something! Please take over.'"

And he will.

During the "Directory" period of the French Revolution, with the nation degenerating into anarchy, there emerged the dictator Napoleon, who explained, "I found the crown of France on the ground, and picked it up with a sword."

Anarchy is not the path to liberty, but rather a road to despotism. The better road is to restore our constitutional Republic, as it was intended by the framers of the Constitution. ■



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Off-duty Cop Shoots Knife-wielding Intruder

The Associated Press reported out of Laurel, Maryland, on August 9 about a criminal who picked the wrong home to burglarize. The suspect, 31-year-old David Bartholmew, broke in to a house in the middle of the day. The homeowner, who was actually home at the time, unbeknownst to the intruder, was an off-duty Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission police officer. The officer's training served him well, as he quickly retrieved his service firearm and called 911 when he heard the sounds of someone breaking in to his home. The officer then went to investigate and encountered Bartholmew, who threatened him with a knife. The officer fired his gun and struck Bartholmew in the arm. The injured suspect attempted to run from the house, but was apprehended by authorities responding to the 911 call.

Black Bear Lives Matter

The *Redlands Daily Facts* reported on August 8 out of Forest Falls, California, about a series of home invasions by a black bear that was finally ended by an armed man.

Julie Strauja had a problem with a black bear that was repeatedly breaking in to her house looking for food. The late summer and early fall is the time of year when bears are most likely to intrude on human dwellings looking for food. Part of the problem is that once a bear learns that human habitations typically offer easy access to food, they will continually return to the scene of the crime. Kevin Brennan, a biologist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, gave a speech to a community meeting at the Valley of the Falls Community Church after the shooting. "A fed bear is a dead bear," Brennan told the gathering. "It's a cliché, but it's true.... The same problems tend to occur over and over again: intentional feeding, unsecured garbage or pet food left out," Brennan said in the community meeting.

The local San Bernardino County sheriffs were familiar with the black bear that began terrorizing Strauja's house long before it ever targeted Strauja, but some-

thing made the creature become more aggressive, and it began repeatedly breaking in to Strauja's home in late July. The woman and her family employed many non-lethal methods to drive the creature away, such as spraying it with mace and shooting it with bean bag rounds, but the creature kept returning. "You can spray a bear with pepper spray, but he's going to come right back if he knows there's food there," biologist Brennan said in the community meeting.

The bear committed home invasions on three consecutive nights, with the animal becoming more aggressive with each incident. The bear just ate some food the first night, but on the second night, the beast attacked the family dog. The pet was not fatally injured, but Strauja realized this was becoming an increasingly dangerous situation. When the animal returned on the third night, a friend of Strauja's shot and killed the bear. The friend had a depredation permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, which is something that is granted by the State of California to allow the permittee to kill a nuisance bear. Strauja thought her terrifying ordeal was finally over, but then she faced an online barrage of criticism including death threats. "That's what made the situation so horrific: It wasn't the bear dying, it was the way people responded," Strauja told the *Redlands Daily Facts*. One local resident went so far as to post Strauja's address online and invite others to harass the woman. Overall though, Strauja had no regrets. "I don't regret what I did.... My kids come first."

Biologist Brennan suggested residents take extra precaution when bagging their garbage and locking their dumpsters. Brennan also said it's a good practice to take in their bird feeders and dirty barbecue grills. "People who are attracting bears to their home, we can't issue a depredation permit until they clean that up," Brennan said. Brennan also said that residents should never feed bears on purpose, which is extremely dangerous. "Intentional feeding is probably one of the most selfish things you can do," Brennan said in the community meeting. "That bear ends up dead."

Burglar Shot With His Own Gun

The Fox Affiliate out of Kansas City, Missouri, reported on August 9 about a homeowner who turned the tables on a thug who broke in to his home. Authorities were called to the home after an ADT alarm went off in the middle of the night because a motion sensor detected movement in the garage. The homeowner was alerted to the intruder by the same alarm and hopped out of bed to confront the burglar, who turned out to be armed. The two men got into a scuffle, and the homeowner was able to wrest the pistol away from the intruder and shoot him with it. The injured suspect attempted to flee the scene, but collapsed outside the house. The homeowner was in a state of shock from the incident and ran to a neighbor's house to ask for help. The neighbor then called police to report the shooting. Authorities arrived shortly afterward and discovered 30-year-old Monte Hill in the front yard of the house suffering from a gunshot wound to the stomach. Hill was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he was listed in critical condition. Jackson County prosecutors charged Hill with burglary and armed criminal action.

15-Year-Old Shoots Intruder With Shotgun

The CBS Affiliate in Coos Bay, Oregon, reported on August 5 about a self-defense incident in Myrtle Point. A 15-year-old boy was home alone when an intruder broke in to his house. The boy feared for his safety and grabbed a loaded shotgun and fired at the intruder, hitting him in the leg. Coos County District Attorney Rob Frasier said the brave young boy's actions were justified under state law. "That's clearly what happened here.... This guy was committing a burglary and the young man in question was obviously scared about what was going on and so, no question in my mind that this was justifiable." Frasier told KCBY. The suspect was taken to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries and is expected to be charged shortly. ■

— PATRICK KREY



With ObamaCare Hemorrhaging, The Feds Offer Cure: More Bleeding

ITEM: *The disclosure in mid-August that “insurance giant Aetna will pull out of the Obamacare market next year in 11 of the 15 states it now serves poses a serious threat to the future of the program and raises anew the need for major reforms,” reported the Fiscal Times.*

Writing in its August 17 issue, Eric Painin went on to say: “While President Obama’s signature health care plan has weathered two major court challenges and scores of votes in the Republican-controlled Congress to dismantle it, an even larger challenge for advocates may be preventing Obamacare from simply collapsing of its own weight.”

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Obama administration “sought to downplay the significance of Aetna’s planned withdrawal from Affordable Care Act exchanges that currently serve 10 million people. Kevin Counihan, the chief executive officer of the ObamaCare exchanges, said, “The health insurance marketplace will continue to bring quality coverage to millions of Americans next year and every year after that.”

ITEM: *Left-wing economic commentator Paul Krugman, in his column for the New York Times for August 19 (entitled “Obamacare Hits a Bump”), put on a happy face, saying: “More than two and a half years have gone by since the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obamacare, went fully into effect. Most of the news about health reform since then has been good, defying dire predictions of right-wing doomsayers.”*

Yes, he acknowledged, “some real problems are cropping up.” Still, Krugman maintained, it would be “easy to fix the system. It seems clear that subsidies for purchasing insurance, and in some cases for insurers themselves, should be somewhat bigger — an affordable proposition.”

Then, he added, there is the “public option.” Why not, asked the columnist, just “let the government step in (as Hillary Clinton is proposing)?”



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Saving itself: Aetna joined a growing list of insurance providers who are pulling out of ObamaCare because they are losing money, and are set to lose much more. This “bad news” has been portrayed by Democrats as either a mere hiccup or an opportunity for single-payer healthcare.

ITEM: *Aetna’s move to scale back participation in the ObamaCare “exchanges” has put “new pressure” on Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, reported the Wall Street Journal on August 19. For example, “Liberals say the Aetna decision shows the need for a government-run option to compete with private insurance companies, or even for a single-payer, Medicare-for-all program, as Sen. Bernie Sanders proposed again this week.”*

ITEM: *An editorial in the New York Times for August 16 insisted that ObamaCare “has survived many setbacks, and it will overcome Aetna’s decision, too.” The editors concluded: “Any law as complex and comprehensive as the Affordable Care Act is bound to have some hiccups. The only response to those problems is to improve the law.”*

CORRECTION: If a doctor told a patient in a death spiral to rest easy because all he was experiencing was a case of hiccups, that would likely be grounds for a valid medical malpractice case.

However, left-wing politicians and commentators must have a different immune system that protects them from the consequences of the policies. Remember when we were promised, either with crossed hearts or crossed fingers, that we’d

be able to keep our plans and doctors? Yet, with the patient expiring right before their eyes, the cure that these snake-oil salesmen are still peddling is an even larger dose of big-government elixir.

Nonetheless, things really are not co-pacetic in the healthcare/health insurance world.

The setbacks are obvious to those who are not willingly blind. As Joe Antos, a former official with the Congressional Budget Office, has observed, the latest company withdrawal “reflects the failure” of ObamaCare. “Young, healthy people have stayed away from exchange coverage, resulting in substantial losses for insurers and sharply rising premiums for 2017. The ACA requires insurers to offer plans that young consumers do not want to buy at a price they do not want to pay. Moreover, the mandate requiring individuals to buy health insurance does not work. Unless major changes are made to the ACA, we can expect further drop-outs among insurers that will erode consumer choice and market competition.”

As of the second week of August, after two more co-ops announced they were closing, only about a third of those ObamaCare entities were still in operation. The eight still remaining are on life support and considered likely to collapse



Correction, Please!

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Hillarycare: ObamaCare has proved to be as poorly designed and cost ineffective as its detractors predicted. Now Hillary Clinton wants to up the ante. She wants “universal healthcare,” a single-payer option with the government being the payer — as if too little government were the problem.

this year. The co-ops were supposed to serve as an alternative to traditional insurers that were not direct publicly funded healthcare or single-payment healthcare.

How about the health exchanges? After all, the law is into its third year of implementation. Well, as was pointed out in *National Review*, despite the considerable time that has passed to get over the hiccups, only about 40 percent “of eligible consumers are buying Obamacare exchange plans, the increase in the insured population has been about 25 percent lower than the Congressional Budget Office predicted when the law passed, and the average cost of subsidizing people in the exchanges is almost 20 percent higher than CBO predicted just a year ago.” The fact that the large insurance companies are continuing to pull out suggests

that the exchanges aren’t stabilizing. When he was arguing for his health-care program, President Barack Obama promised that the new law would reduce premiums by an average of \$2,500 per family per year. Something close to the opposite has happened, with insurance premiums continuing to rise, some by 8 to 10 percent a year, some much more dra-

matically. That isn’t expected to slow down; it is expected to increase.

Meanwhile, the law that would more accurately be called the Unaffordable Care Act is driving up premiums, with insurers trying to survive the added requirements and constraints imposed by the measure. The “Rube Goldberg mechanisms” of ObamaCare are sending premiums “into the stratosphere,” comments Andrew Ferguson in the *Weekly Standard*, offering examples:

Pennsylvanians are looking at a 41 percent increase for 2017. In Kentucky, Humana customers will see rates rise 31 percent next year. Blue Cross in Montana seeks a 62 percent increase. Even in Connecticut, deemed one of the great successes of the Affordable Care Act, consumers will likely see rate increases rise more than 20 percent.

Needless to say, this was not what the administration and the law’s congressional sausage grinders led us to expect. As recently as last October, they were assuring the public that the cost of the average health insurance plan would rise only 7.5 percent this year.

Not to worry, however. The government maintains that these huge jumps shouldn’t be considered a big deal. An economist for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) tried to convince the *New York Times* that this situation is not a problem because “most” of those buying insurance on these exchanges receive government subsidies — as if money lifted from the pockets of taxpayers didn’t count. The ballooning national debt, and the growing interest that we pay because of it, says otherwise.

As it happens, even that HHS claim is false. As Ferguson noted, “about 50 percent of the consumers getting Obamacare insurance receive no premium subsidies. These are the ones who will feel the direct impact of the increases, good and hard.”

Nor should these developments be a surprise. These results were not only predictable but were forecast when the Democrats pushed the law through in the first place. “The problem isn’t technical or temporary; it’s intrinsic to how the law was written,” noted Greg Ip in a piece for the *Dow Jones Newswire*. “By incentivizing insurers to misprice risk, the law has created an unstable dynamic. Total enrollment this year will be barely half the 22 million the Congressional Budget Office projected just three years ago. Premiums, meanwhile, are set to skyrocket, which will further hamper enrollment.”

As Ip also noted, the “solution” offered by the Democrats is, essentially, to toss more subsidies at the situation. President Obama

has called for a “public option,” a federal health plan to supplement private insurers. Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for president, goes even further: She wants anyone over 55 to be able to opt into Medicare. Both would nudge the U.S. closer to a “single-payer” model like Canada’s that liberal activists have long sought.

Yet this would require a lot more money and further erode market forces in health care.

When one statist scheme falters, the Left always has an answer: Institute a larger, more intrusive government program. Whether this is a premeditated and deliberate plan or not (and, in this regard, the suspension of disbelief might help your blood pressure), this outwardly inevitable tendency makes it convenient for the central planners.

Still, it is difficult not to be suspicious. Back in 2008, a writer for the *Washington Post* acknowledged that leftist statist had a “sneaky strategy” that involved “natural incentives” that would result in a “single-payer” system.

Nevada Senator Harry Reid, the long-time Democratic leader, has also admitted that ObamaCare is just a transition stage. He told public broadcasting in 2013 that “what we’ve done with ObamaCare is have a step in the right direction, but we’re far from having something that’s going to work forever.” When the senator was asked if that meant a move to a single-payer system, Reid said, “Yes, yes. Absolutely, yes.”

There’s little doubt that Hillary Clinton will not be content until the federal government is running everything. As she boasted at one debate early this year, for example, she is “absolutely committed to universal health care.” And, as she contin-

ued, with ObamaCare, “we finally have a path to universal health care.”

If you think having a Veterans Administration-style of healthcare throughout the United States is a wondrous idea, you’ll be delighted at that prospect.

Don’t look for the “public option” to be a panacea. Rather, as David Harsanyi has explained, this is really just a “euphemism for a government-run insurance program that would be completely detached from the price of health care and, like every similar program, turn into a giant unfunded liability that never stops growing.”

Both Barack Obama and his would-be Democrat successor pretend that the Affordable Care Act is “working” — at least by their very flexible definition. Yet, when it was instituted, millions of Americans lost their existing healthcare insurance coverage. Then when many were forced into plans not of their choosing, those totals were deceitfully added to the ledger of the supposed newly insured to make the weak statistics look better.

We really can’t afford these triumphs. Another such victory, as Pyrrhus once put it, and we are lost. It is worth noting, columnist Harsanyi observed, that when

liberals celebrate Obamacare enrollment numbers or other successes,

these fabricated “marketplaces” feature subsidized products sold to consumers who are compelled to participate or pay fines. Yet even then they hemorrhage companies and dollars and breed the kind of cronyism that Americans claim to hate.

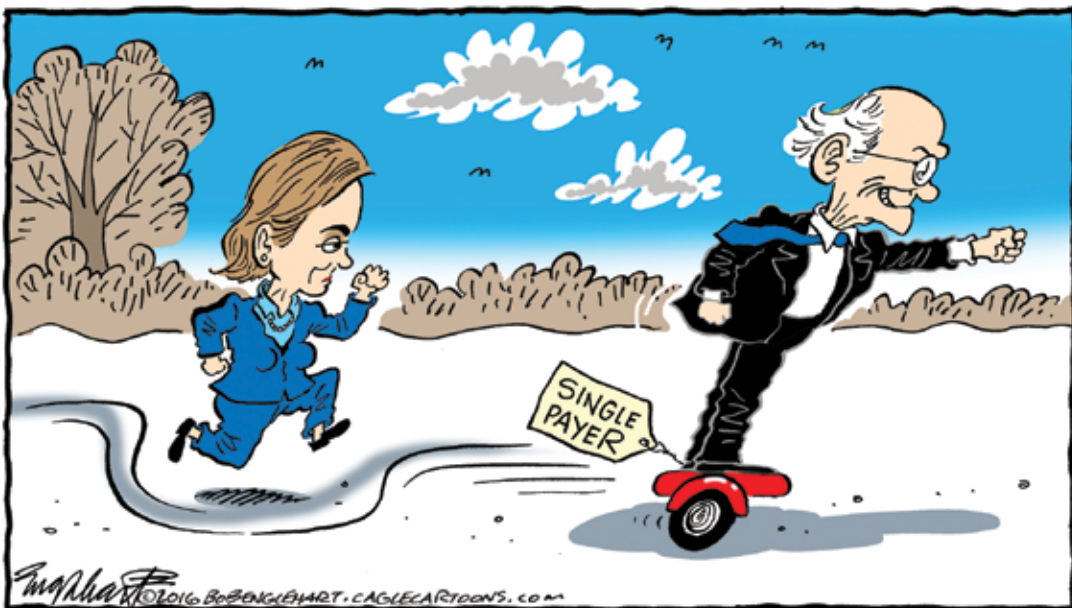
Worse, untold numbers of Americans lost their jobs or their chances of being employed because of the federal government’s ostensible assistance. As the *Wall Street Journal* reported in mid-August: “Many companies are cutting jobs in response to rising health care costs spurred by the Affordable Care Act, according to a new survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Roughly one-fifth of service sector and manufacturing company executives said they are reducing the number of workers in response to provisions in the healthcare law, according to the Empire State Manufacturing Survey and the Business Leaders Survey.”

If the current situation is not the “death spiral” feared by policy wonks, it’s a very close relative. This term is applied to a particular, not unsurprising, phenomenon — one that occurs when insurance premiums rise each year, often by large measures, thus forcing relatively healthy people out of the market. This in turn causes the

premiums to rise again. Repeat. And so on. The crisis grows. Statists, true to their predilections, blame all of this on the private sector. At this point, “universal health care” or “single payment” or some other weasel words complete the transition to outright socialized medicine.

We are being forced down a primrose pathway where the only choice seemingly being offered is between ObamaCare and HillaryCare. How will that turn out? To see, just flip a coin. Heads, they win. Tails, we lose. ■

— WILLIAM P. HOAR



Jackson Hole's **Gangsters and Banksters**

"I could do a great many things before I came to definitely anti-social action like robbing a bank or (worse still) working in a bank."

— G. K. Chesterton

Which is worse, a gangster or a bankster, mob kingpin Al Capone or banking kingpin Paul Warburg? The Sinaloa Drug Cartel or the U.S. Federal Reserve System? The Italian Mafia or Goldman Sachs? These are not tongue-in-cheek queries; they are real, serious questions that go directly to the corruption at the heart of our financial system.

Al Capone (1899-1947) used guns, bombs, violence, and brutal thugs to enforce his will on the unwilling and establish his turf. His modern-day criminal equivalents continue the tradition: They rob, extort, beat, and/or murder thousands, or tens of thousands, of victims. That's what gangsters do; they're not too concerned with subtlety.

Paul Warburg (1868-1932), the "father" of the Federal Reserve System, established fractional reserve central banking that, in his day, robbed *millions* of Americans by stealth. His modern-day criminal equivalents rob *billions* of victims globally. But they are *all about subtlety*. So, when they deem necessary, rather than get their own hands (and respectable images) dirty, they utilize the uniformed agents of governments to rob, extort, arrest, jail, defame, beat, and/or murder their victims. That's what banksters do.

A note of distinction: There is no such thing as a "legitimate" gangster, i.e., a gangster who provides a moral, useful, constructive service to society. On the other hand, obviously, not all bankers are banksters; an honest banker provides a necessary, moral, useful, constructive service to society.

All of the foregoing is prelude to remarking on the "annual economic policy symposium," August 25-27, 2016, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. This confab sponsored by the Federal Reserve takes place every August and draws together the world's central bankers and their economic advisors. Global markets and financial analysts watch for any pronouncement for a word or syllable that might indicate what these oracles have planned for the world economy. Among the big questions for everybody (whether inside or outside the conference) are: Will the Fed and other central banks raise interest rates? Or, will they hold rates steady — or even lower them? Will they continue "quantitative easing" targets? Will they introduce new "policy tools"?

However, the *big* questions that should be asked are: Why



Left to right: Bill Dudley, Janet Yellen, and Stanley Fischer

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should any small clique of fallible, corruptible human beings be entrusted with such corruptive power? Why is the economic well-being (or demise) of the entire world resting in the hands of these bankster elites, who have been shown repeatedly to be enriching themselves and their confederates by plundering the investments and savings of billions of people worldwide.

Following the 2008-2009 financial crisis, public outrage over the Too Big To Fail banking and corporate bailouts was finally sufficient to take Representative Ron Paul's Audit

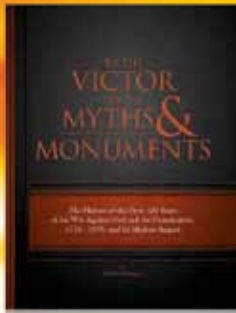
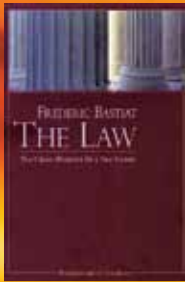
the Fed bill to victory in the House. It was watered down in the Senate, but we did get a partial audit that showed the Fed had funneled *trillions* of dollars to favored banks. We still have not had a full audit, and congressional efforts to get one have been stopped by Republican and Democratic Party leadership.

The 2016 GOP Platform proclaims: "The Republican Party will advance legislation that brings transparency and accountability to the Federal Reserve.... The first step is through an annual audit of the Federal Reserve's activities." The 2016 Democratic Party Platform, on the other hand, states: "We will protect and defend the Federal Reserve's independence ... against threats from new legislation ... and we will fight to enhance its independence." While the Republican Party is at least paying lip service to forcing an audit on the Fed, the Democrats are opposing an audit, adopting the Fed's argument that genuine transparency in its operations would endanger its sacrosanct "independence." Paul Warburg would be flattered. As a leading agent of the Rothschild banksters, Warburg pulled off the biggest bank heist in history, giving his Wall Street banking confreres control of the U.S. monetary system — by selling the Federal Reserve as a means to control the Wall Street banks!

Besides serving as president of the Fed's advisory council, Warburg was a founder of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in 1921, and served as a director on this premier "brain trust" for world government until his death. CFR members have guided the Fed on a steady globalist course ever since. CFR members listed as attendees at the 2016 Jackson Hole conference included Janet Yellen, chair of the Fed's Board of Governors; Stanley Fischer, vice chairman of the Board of Governors; William Dudley, president/CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and Dennis P. Lockhart, president/CEO Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

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