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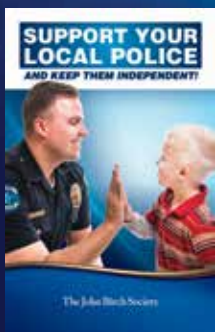
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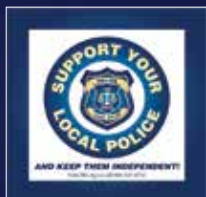
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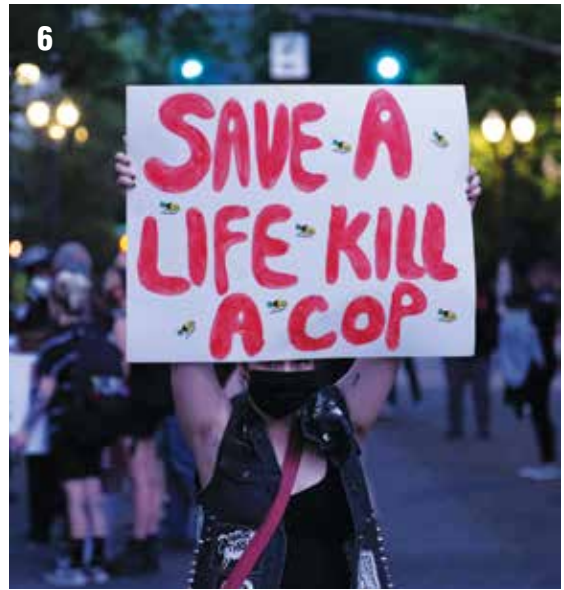
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More Than Meets the Eye

“If men were angels, no government would be necessary,” observed James Madison, “the father of the Constitution.” Of course, men are *not* angels — and that includes those officials who are entrusted with the powers of government, including the police powers. So, what can be done — what *must* be done — to ensure that a government composed of flawed human beings protects the rights of the people it serves, as opposed to trampling the rights it is supposed to protect?

The American Founding Fathers’ approach to achieving good governance was not only to craft a written Constitution specifying those few powers the new national government may exercise, but to also provide a system of “checks and balances” among three branches.

Moreover, in our American system of government, powers were divided between the national government and state governments. As the 10th Amendment to the Constitution later explained, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” In fact, the government powers that were delegated to the U.S. government were those that could not be adequately handled at a lower level of government, such as national defense.

Police Powers

Wisely, police powers were not transferred to the federal government by the Constitution. Converting independent local police forces into local branches of a national police force would not only result in a dangerous accumulation of power in Washington, but would also subvert the proper role of police officers. Police should be accountable to the governing authorities in the local areas they protect and serve. Were they to be nationalized — whether overtly, or insidiously through federal regulations — they would no longer be public servants for their local communities, but would instead be beholden to, and instruments of, the rulers in far-away Washington.

History has shown time and again that this centralization of police powers ultimately culminates in the complete de-

struction of liberty — from the Nazi Gestapo to the Soviet KGB.

Of course, there are rogue police officers who should not be wearing a badge. When a rogue police officer commits criminal acts, he should be brought to justice. No one should be above the law. Regarding the four police officers who were charged in the George Floyd case, they have been arrested and will be tried in a court of law — as they should be. And if they are found guilty, they should be punished to the full extent of the law.

But what we witnessed in the horrific video showing a cop’s knee implanted on the neck of George Floyd for more than eight minutes, as he pleaded that he could not breathe and lost consciousness, is not representative of the police or of American society in general. Contrary to the claims of the rioters — whose slogans include “Save a life, kill a cop” — neither the police nor the country is systemically racist.

Subversive Schemes

Obviously, as this special report shows beginning with our opening article “What’s *Really* Behind the Riots?” there is more at play than simply getting justice for George Floyd. Put simply, the death of George Floyd is now being used as a rationale for turning the American system on its head and replacing it with a new, socialist order.

If the revolutionaries — and their allies in high places such as major media and large tax-exempt foundations — are able to successfully overthrow our system of government, the result will be a dystopian nightmare, not a utopian dream, despite the fact that many hopelessly naïve revolutionaries sincerely expect the latter.

If this sounds crazy, we ask you to read this special report, to consider the evidence, and to decide for yourself if there is more to what is now happening than meets the eye. And if you do agree, keep in mind that there is also good news: The subversive schemes can be undone simply by exposing them and restoring our American system, including local police.

— GARY BENOIT



WHAT'S REALLY BEHIND THE RIOTS?

It is becoming increasingly clear that revolutionaries wreaking havoc in the streets and their allies in the Deep State are using old communist tactics to wage war on America.

by Alex Newman

The cure for COVID-19 was apparently — a riot? At least it seemed like it there for a minute. One day, the establishment claimed it was murder to go out in public for anything “non-essential.” The next day, *not* going out in public and assembling in large crowds was tacit support for “systemic racism” and “white supremacy.” Even leading public officials agreed.

“I urge all of you to join me from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. today at Legislative Plaza for the ‘I Will Breathe’ rally, which has been organized by a number of leaders and advocate organizations in Nashville’s Black community,” declared Nashville Mayor John Cooper on May 30 after months of lockdowns. “This is an especially critical time for all of us, as Metro’s leaders, to show up and listen to Black voices from across Davidson County as they speak out against the senseless killing of George Floyd and the deep-seated issues of racial injustice in our country.”

The mayor’s call for the public to gather, which drew thousands of people to congregate in downtown Nashville, was made after months of coronavirus-inspired lockdowns had wreaked havoc on his city and crushed the local economy. It came even as protesters across America who called for an end to the lockdowns spent weeks being demonized — if not arrested. Practically every establishment media outlet and Democratic politician blasted the anti-lockdown protesters for supposedly putting everyone at risk by simply gathering and calling for the lockdowns to end.

Over two hours after the initial call for a public protest, Mayor Cooper followed up with a note encouraging “social distancing” and face masks. By evening, though, the protest degenerated into violence, with the masks helping conceal the identities of those setting fires at the courthouse and city hall, shattering windows with bricks and stones, smashing police cars, attacking and looting businesses, and unleashing mayhem. Less than two weeks later, as Trump was vowing big reelection rallies, Mayor Cooper and

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Simply an excuse: In Minneapolis, the riots and chaos sparked by the death of Floyd were planned well in advance, as was the call to “defund the police,” by socialist and communist groups funded by billionaires.

other Democrats announced extensions of the coronavirus lockdowns on businesses, supposedly to keep everyone safe.

Now, after the economy was burned down by COVID lockdowns, large swaths of America’s cities are literally burning, too. Billions of dollars in damage have been counted. Social distancing is a distant memory for many of those in the streets. Instead of cowering at home, countless numbers went out to protest, with many of those protests turning violent. Police were shot. Protesters were killed by other protesters. Thousands of businesses that barely survived the COVID lockdowns were destroyed by the unrest. And the end is nowhere in sight.

Supposedly, all this carnage and outrage was triggered by the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the alleged systemic racism it revealed. But

obviously, there is much more going on behind the scenes than meets the eye. The fact that all is not as it seems has been hidden in plain sight all along. Until literally the day before the riots, establishment media personalities and politicians were scolding and threatening Americans with arrest for just being in public, equating going outside for “non-essential” reasons with murder.

But suddenly, they were all fine with going out and rioting. “I can’t imagine what it would look like if we said to people, ‘Actually, you have to stay in. You have to ignore systemic racism — I’m sorry, just ignore it. Stay in,’” declared New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy after imposing one of the most strict lockdowns on citizens, churches, and businesses.

Indeed, all over the country, Democratic politicians were encouraging people to

The movement sweeping America (and even Europe) is about setting people against each other, fomenting unrest, and attempting to crush America's system of local policing, while moving toward nationalized and even globalized police and centralized governance.



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Funding the unrest: Billionaire globalist George Soros, who said China had a “better functioning government” than America, is one of the major financiers of the groups orchestrating the unrest.

gather against alleged racism and police abuse — especially in cities and states long run by Democrats, who claim to be against all the things being protested against. Highlighting the fact that the riots were not about justice for George Floyd is the fact that the police officer who killed Floyd, Derek Chauvin, was arrested and charged with murder shortly after the killing became national news. Clearly, something is amiss. This chaos is obviously not about “equality,” or “police brutality,” or “racial justice,” or “black lives,” or “reparations for slavery,” or anything of the sort.

If the unrest were about those issues, the rioters might be concerned about David Dorn, the black former police officer who was murdered by looters while protecting his community. Or they might speak out about the thousands of black lives snuffed

out daily by abortion. They might also be concerned about the data published by Heather Mac Donald in the *Wall Street Journal* showing that over 7,000 black men died at the hands of other black men last year, compared to nine unarmed blacks who died at the hands of police. Indeed, the data show “a police officer is 18 times more likely to be killed by a black male than an unarmed black male is to be killed by a police officer,” the *Journal* reported. Studies have also revealed that police are *more* likely to shoot white suspects than black suspects.

What Is Really Going On?

In reality, all of these slogans and issues are simply the cover story. Leftists have long used the infamous slogan, “The issue is never the issue, the issue is al-

ways the revolution.” That could not be more obvious today, as those seeking to remake America use the longtime communist strategy of applying “pressure from below” and “pressure from above” to trap Americans in their pincer grip to reconstruct America. As this article will prove, the Deep State figures behind the scenes, and the dangerous extremism of the communist revolutionaries they are funding, are barely even concealed. And they know exactly what they are doing.

The revolutionists and their backers — billionaire globalists such as George Soros and the Rockefeller dynasty — are attempting to undermine civilization, limited government, the rule of law, Christianity, traditional morality, free markets, and individual liberty by equating them all to “white supremacy” and “structural racism.” Of course, the idea that those concepts are inherent only to “white” people, rather than civilized people everywhere, is self-evidently ridiculous, and potentially racist. Yet anyone and everyone who might dare to defend any of those bedrock principles of American society, including the founding ideals such as “all men are created equal” and are “endowed by their Creator” with God-given rights, are by definition racist defenders of white supremacy who must be destroyed, according to the narrative.

Obama’s “Green Jobs” czar Van Jones, who was ousted after being exposed as an actual communist revolutionary, went so far as to indict all whites recently in his role as CNN commentator: “Even the most well-intentioned white person has a virus in his or her brain,” declared the failed “czar” turned commentator on CNN, adding that a “white, liberal Hillary Clinton supporter” is more to be feared than a member of the KKK. Jones did not explain how the supposedly racist American people became the first nation with a European-descent majority to elect a president of African descent. Nor did he address the fact that America was the first nation in human history founded on the premise that “all men are created equal” and are “endowed by their Creator” with God-given rights, helping to make America one of the least-racist societies in all of human history.

Even at the highest echelons of government, analysts have recognized and exposed the true nature of what is going on. “Global-

ists and Islamists recognize that for their visions to succeed, America, both as an ideal and as a national and political identity, must be destroyed,” explained then-U.S. National Security Council Director of Policy and Planning Rich Higgins in a memo for President Trump about the Deep State assault on his administration. “Atomization of society must also occur at the individual level; with attacks directed against all levels of group and personal identity. Hence the sexism, racism and xenophobia memes.”

The movement sweeping America (and even Europe) is about setting people against each other, fomenting unrest, and attempting to crush America’s system of local policing, while moving toward nationalized and even globalized police and centralized governance. Also on the agenda, as this article will show, is advancing a “New World Order” by discrediting even the founding ideals upon which America was based — the very ideals that abolished slavery, ubiquitous throughout human history, and achieved full equality under law for all people. Simply stated, the riots aim to dismantle American and Christian civilization, and replace them with something new.

The Revolutionists: Pressure From Below

At the street level, cities from Minneapolis to Los Angeles to Chicago to New York to Jacksonville were rocked by violent protests, looting, Molotov cocktails, murder, and mayhem that seemingly began spontaneously all over the nation in Democrat-controlled jurisdictions. But the planning and the laying of the foundations began long ago. And many of the groups are openly socialist and communist.

At the center of the unrest and protests that swept through thousands of U.S. cities is “Black Lives Matter (BLM).” The group, which officially organized many of the protests that spiraled into chaos, was founded in part to glorify convicted cop-killer Assata Shakur (aka Joanne Chesimard), one of the FBI’s most-wanted terrorists. After robbing banks to fund the “revolution,” Chesimard and her comrades murdered New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster in a shootout. The Weather Underground terrorist group — more on them later — helped her break out of jail. From there, she fled to Communist Cuba for refuge.

Across BLM websites, events, and

social media accounts, the murderous terrorist is celebrated as a hero and an inspiration. And in an article explaining why she created the Black Lives Matter movement, BLM co-founder and self-proclaimed “queer” feminist Alicia Garza cited Shakur. “When I use Assata’s powerful demand in my organizing work, I always begin by sharing where it comes from, sharing about Assata’s significance to the Black Liberation Movement,” Garza said in the piece, speaking of the “lineage” from which the efforts are derived.

The group has gone on record praising the late mass-murdering communist dictator Fidel Castro, too. When he died in 2016, BLM said it felt an “overwhelming sense of loss” over the man they lovingly referred to as “El Comandante.” “It is the lessons that we take from Fidel,” the BLM Global Network wrote. “From Fidel, we know that revolution is sparked by an idea, by radical imaginings, which sometimes take root first among just a few dozen people coming together in the mountains. As a Black network committed to transformation, we are particularly grateful to Fidel for holding Mama Assata Shakur, who continues to inspire us.”

International allies of BLM such as the Nelson Mandela Foundation (NMF) encouraged BLM to use violence as a means

to “fundamentally restructure our societies.” “As we have seen in South Africa during the democratic era, violent protest is often the result of a careful calculation by communities who have come to see that only such action elicits the desired response from the state,” the NMF wrote in a memo to BLM recommending violence. “The use of violence can be rational and carefully targeted as part of a strategy to counter structural and other forms of violence against Black lives. And, of course, it ought always to be so.” Mandela’s wife Winnie was also a firm believer in those ideas, being caught on tape promoting “necklacing” (placing a gasoline-filled tire around a person’s neck and setting it on fire) to “liberate” South Africa.

South African historian Harry Booyens, who wrote a comprehensive book about his homeland called *AmaBhulu: The Birth and Death of the Second America*, told THE NEW AMERICAN that the parallels between current events in America and what happened in South Africa are clear. “My standard statement to Americans bears repeating,” Dr. Booyens explained. “Between \$1,000 and \$1,500 will get you a ticket to South Africa to go see your future.” Though the major media is largely ignoring South Africa’s tragic plight, the country is collapsing into an orgy of violence, rape, torture,



Background check: Black Lives Matter regularly glorifies communist and socialist mass-murderers while demonizing America using demonstrably false claims and narratives.

murder, racial killings, economic collapse, plummeting life-expectancy, unfathomably savage farm murders, confiscation of private property without compensation, endemic corruption, and full-blown communism. And yet, the tactics and deception that brought it all about in the 1980s and '90s are remarkably similar to those now being witnessed in America, Booyens said.

Another key organization in the mix is Antifa, which styles itself “anti-fascist” and was recently declared a terrorist organization by President Trump. In fliers distributed in Seattle, where the group and its armed allies seized control of six city blocks and declared it an “Autonomous Zone,” Antifa said police should be defunded as they “will always be racist because capitalism requires inequality.” Their ideology is clear, too. All across America, Antifa cells openly display communist flags and symbols, including banners with images of mass-murdering dictators such as Mao Tse-tung and Vladimir Lenin.

Leading Antifa figures have also made the group’s agenda clear. City University of New York Law Professor Mike Isaacson, a self-proclaimed Antifa leader, put it like this: “Anti-communism is code for fascism.” In short, in Antifa’s view, opposition to a totalitarian form of government responsible for hundreds of millions of deaths over the last century is tantamount to supporting fascism — an ideology that, ironically, is not all that different from communism in terms of destroying individual liberty and empowering government. Isaacson also regularly encourages violence against police. “Off the pigs,” he recommended on August 29, 2017. In a Twitter message posted by Seattle’s Antifa chapter, the group said: “We need more people with guns at the CHAZ [Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone].”

A close ally of Antifa is the Democratic Socialists of America, which is also working to organize Floyd protests and train protesters. On May 28, the Twin Cities DSA in Minnesota tweeted that it was “so proud of all the Minnesotans fighting back against the police tonight.” And on June 1, the

national DSA Facebook account chimed in: “Defund the police.” The group claims to have 60,000 mostly young activists nationwide ready for revolution. It also has major financial backers.

And as leading analyst Trevor Loudon pointed out for an August 5, 2019 article in *THE NEW AMERICAN*, DSA has operatives up and down the Democratic Party hierarchy and in elected office — and even in Congress. Their goal, as the name implies, is socialism. That means overturning the U.S. Constitution and the principles America was founded upon. And despite attempting to distance itself from some of the socialist mass-murderers of the past, DSA continues to openly stand with brutal tyrants such as Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela.

Another one of the key groups involved in orchestrating the violence in Minneapolis and beyond is known as the Sunrise Movement. Long before Floyd was killed, the organization, which boasts on social media that it is “building an army of young

people,” had been plotting riots and even a plan to “defund the police.” And those plans are part of a broader socialist agenda that includes using global-warming alarmism to generate support for their causes. “This fight against climate change exists alongside the fight against white supremacy and colonialism,” the group says on its website, adding that a “Green New Deal” is needed for “visionary change.”

The naïve young protesters, who have been indoctrinated in government schools to hate America, have been duped into literally waging war on their own nation and freedom. They are extremely radical in their hostility to private property and civilization. A two-year investigation into the group by Millie Weaver (aka “Millennial Millie”), a young reporter with a large following among young conservatives, revealed determination to use violence to achieve radical goals. “These, like, escalations, these actions, can be really, really dangerous,” explained Sunrise organizer Sarah Abbott, sporting a half-shaved head and a nose ring, in video obtained by Weaver. “Uprisings, including actions like burning buildings, are legitimate and powerful forms of resistance.”

Another Sunrise organizer, Ashley Green, celebrated the burning of taxpayer property. “So last night, when that police station went up in flames, me and my girlfriend, we, we poured shots,” said Green. “We were happy.”

Interestingly, witches and Satanists were openly involved in the demonstrations and even publicly casting spells and hexes on the police. Using the hashtag #witchesforblm, the practitioners of the occult garnered over 10 million views on TikTok. The hatred for God has been on full display, too. When a street preacher entered the Antifa-controlled “Autonomous Zone” in Seattle, he was violently attacked by a mob as homosexuals attempted to sexually assault him. “You’ll die out here,” said one man who violently confronted the evangelist. “Do you want to die out here?”



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A killer held high: BLM was founded in part to honor the legacy of convicted cop-killing terrorist Assata Shakur (aka Joanne Chesimard), according to one of the co-founders.



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Communist cadres: The self-proclaimed “anti-fascist” group Antifa has been a key player in the violence and unrest sweeping America, and its communist leanings are on open display — such as its flag, which is modeled after the flag of the original pro-communist Antifa group in Nazi Germany.

There are plenty of other organizations comprising the “pressure from below” that are involved in the unrest: Indivisible; the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA; the Communist Party USA; California Forward; Color of Change; and many more. But unbeknownst to the naïve “useful idiots,” as Lenin reportedly described his followers, they are being manipulated by powerful elites not to seek justice, but to tear apart America and enable their own enslavement under total government control.

Funding for Revolution

Interestingly, despite the riot leaders’ blatant affinity for totalitarians and communism, their groups have been showered in money by some of the world’s leading “capitalists.” Billionaire George Soros and other globalist Deep State elites have long been financing movements designed to apply the crucial pressure from below, especially BLM. In 2016, for instance, documents obtained by a hacker revealed why Soros’ Open Society Foundations had been pouring money into the group. The document touts an “Inside strategy,” which involves lobbying and pressure from above, combined with an “Outside strategy” involving funding for phony “grassroots” movements such as BLM.

The communist tactic is actually tried and tested: create pressure from below and above at the same time, with left-wing politicians and deep-pocketed insiders such as Soros pushing to destroy American society from the top while creating the illusion of popular support on the streets. The stated goal: exploit the “unrest” to “accelerate the dismantling of structural inequality generated and maintained by local law enforcement” and “create a national movement,” a 2015 report from Soros’ Open Society’s U.S. Programs Board showed. To that end, Soros provided \$650,000 to “invest in technical assistance and support for the groups at the core of the burgeoning #BlackLives-Matter movement,” the report showed.

Even before that, almost \$35 million in Soros money was provided to groups involved in the 2014 Ferguson riots, documents cited by the *Washington Times* and other media outlets showed. Recently released undercover footage from Project Veritas of Antifa leaders also revealed that they had received a “grant” from Soros. Indeed, Soros has backed dozens of organizations ranging from Occupy Wall Street to the Center for Community Change. The goals are always the same: to subvert America and erect a new socialist state.

Soros, whose firm was funded early

on by the ultra-establishment Rothschild banking dynasty, claims to support an “Open Society” with his billions. However, his own statements and admissions against interest prove that tyranny is truly the goal. For example, Soros has openly and repeatedly praised the mass-murdering communist regime enslaving China, even claiming it has a “better functioning government” than the United States. “I think you need a new world order, that China has to be part of the process of creating it and they have to buy in, they have to own it in the same way as the United States owns ... the current order,” he said in an interview with the *Financial Times*. (Soros also admitted on national television that he felt no guilt about having helped the Nazis steal Jewish property as a child.)

Many of the other organizations involved in the unrest are funded by Rockefeller money. The Sunrise Movement, for example, which played a crucial role in fomenting the unrest, has been funded largely by the Rockefeller Family Foundation, according to an investigation by Insider Philanthropy. Many of the other organizations involved in the unrest are also funded by Rockefeller money.

Like Soros, the late globalist billionaire David Rockefeller, a key Deep State leader and patriarch of the family, was in love with the barbarous tyranny of the Communist Chinese. “The social experiment in China under Chairman Mao’s leadership is one of the most important and successful in history,” he wrote in a 1973 op-ed for the *New York Times* after a trip to the communist-ruled nation.

Also, on page 405 of his autobiography, *Memoirs*, he admitted to conspiring against America with a “secret cabal” to create a one-world order “Some even believe we [the Rockefellers] are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as ‘internationalists’ conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will,” he wrote. “If that’s the charge, I stand guilty, and I’m proud of it.”

Ironically, in light of the fact that the Rockefeller dynasty is funding race agitators and the young revolutionaries applying the pressure from below, it also has a long history of support for racism and eugen-

ics. In fact, so extreme was the oil family's support for eugenics that the Rockefeller Foundation helped to found the National Socialist eugenics program and bankrolled Nazi "doctor" Josef Mengele's work prior to his human experimentation and torture at Auschwitz, according to historian Edwin Black, author of several books on eugenics, Nazis, and the Holocaust. By 1926, the equivalent of many millions in today's dollars had been given by Rockefeller entities to Nazi racial "scientists."

Super "capitalists" funding communists? None of this is surprising to those who study the Deep State. Georgetown University historian Carroll Quigley, whom Bill Clinton referred to as his mentor, revealed these machinations in his explosive 1966 book *Tragedy and Hope*. "There does exist, and has existed for a generation, an international Anglophile network which operates, to some extent, in the way the radical Right believes the Communists act," he wrote. "In fact, this network, which we may identify as the Round Table Groups, has no aversion to cooperating with the Communists, or any other groups, and frequently does so." Read that again: The power elites "frequently" cooperate with the communists.

Plenty of other evidence confirms Quigley's claims, including the book *Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution* by Stanford

historian Antony Sutton, which proves that Wall Street elites literally funded the enslavement of Russia under communism. The tactics used then in terms of funding unrest in the streets against existing authorities are remarkably similar to those being used against America right now.

Quigley said he knew of the network and how it worked because he studied it for 20 years and was allowed for two years to examine its papers and secret records. The goal of the conspirators, he said, was global feudalistic control of the planet, the economy, and humanity through governments and privately owned central banks. "I have no aversion to it or to most of its aims," Quigley said, adding that his chief difference of opinion was that the network wished to remain secret. "I believe its role in history is significant enough to be known," he said.

Numerous other establishment billionaires have also poured money into subversive movements to use brainwashed young Americans to wage war on their own nation. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg poured millions into creating a movement to disarm law-abiding Americans. Bill Gates poured billions into an educational scheme, Common Core, that drastically dumbed-down America's youth, making them susceptible to the sort of manipulation and irrational hate now being witnessed in the riots.

Pressure From Above

The rioting by radicals in the streets, by itself, would never be enough to bring down a free, prosperous society such as America. Instead, the communists and their Deep State backers have long understood that pressure from above would be crucial, as explained by Czech communist strategist Jan Kozak, who developed and successfully used the tactics to help enslave his own nation under communism after World War II without firing a shot. And so, major media outlets, celebrities, politicians, billionaires, United Nations officials, and other bigwigs must apply the "pressure from above" to make the chaos effective in bringing in a new order.

On CNN, commentators openly defended the violent revolutionists and their tactics. "Too many see the protests as the problem," said Chris Cuomo, one of CNN's leading talking heads. "No, the problem is what forced your fellow citizens to take to the streets: persistent and poisonous inequities and injustice. And please, show me where it says protests are supposed to be polite and peaceful."

The UN intervened to apply pressure from above, too. UN "High Commissioner for Human Rights" Michelle Bachelet, another fan of Castro and an actual communist who defected to the brutal dictatorship enslaving East Germany, issued multiple statements condemning America for alleged "structural racism." She also called for massive and systemic reforms in America to address the grievances of protesters and rioters. "The anger we have seen in the U.S., erupting as COVID-19 exposes glaring inequalities in society, shows why far-reaching reforms and inclusive dialogue are needed," she claimed, calling for "socio-economic factors and deep-seated discrimination" to be addressed as well. In short, communism and socialism are the answer.

Media around the world parroted her criticisms without mentioning Bachelet's background in the subversive communist network known as the Foro de São Paulo, a cabal founded by Castro, the Sandinistas, the Marxist terrorist group FARC, and others. Nor did the media trumpeting her attacks on America mention the UN's disgraceful "human rights" record, which includes persecuting whistle-blowers such as Andres Kompass for trying to stop the sys-



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Providing pressure from above for remaking government as socialist: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democratic leaders took a knee to honor BLM while vowing to pursue "transformative structural change" for America.



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Globalist celebrities selling the masses: New Age TV guru Oprah Winfrey, a member of the shadowy population-control group for billionaires called the “Good Club,” is pushing systemic change by applying “pressure from above.”

temic rape of African children by international “peace” troops. Bachelet’s superior, former Socialist International chief Antonio Guterres, even took the extraordinary step of allowing UN staff in America to protest against America in violation of UN policies.

Domestically, the American Civil Liberties Union, founded by actual communists, exploited relatives of Floyd to demand that the UN Human Rights Council “urgently” convene an emergency session to investigate and punish America. “As communities in the United States call on their leaders to divest from policing and end structural racism, the United Nations must support these domestic demands by holding the United States accountable for its human rights violations,” said ACLU “human rights” program boss Jamil Dakwar, blasting the alleged “violent law enforcement responses to protests.”

More than a few members of Congress are applying pressure from above, too. For instance, congressional Democratic leaders put on African neck scarves and made a public spectacle of themselves by kneeling in the Capitol. Lawmakers also introduced a bill to federalize the police and even create a federal certification process for all law enforcement. “We cannot settle for anything less than transformative structural change,” said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, pointing to slavery in America as an example of why

this “structural change” was needed. Apparently she never got the memo that the Civil War ended, along with slavery, over 150 years ago. Former Vice President Al Gore went further, suggesting that even opposition to “climate action” was rooted in “white supremacy.”

Hostile foreign regimes, including those ruling Russia, China, and Iran, all jumped on the bandwagon.

Celebrities have gotten in on it too, with actors, singers, and others frantically trying to draw attention to themselves while demonizing the nation that made them rich. New Age TV guru Oprah Winfrey, for instance, a member of the billionaire “Good Club” founded by the late David Rockefeller and Bill Gates to reduce the global population, hosted a town hall on Floyd’s killing. “Is this the moment we finally change our country?” she wondered. “Where people recognize systemic racism for the problem and the evil that it is?... We find our nation on a precipice, a true tipping point, I believe.”

Another entertainment billionaire, Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson, is demanding almost \$15 trillion in “reparations” from white Americans to

black Americans over slavery. No word on whether the hundreds of thousands of families who paid for slaves’ freedom in blood by losing loved ones in the Civil War would be exempt from having to pay. Also no word on whether the descendants of black slave owners or immigrants who arrived after slavery was abolished would have to pay. Finally, no word on whether the descendants of African chiefs or Islamic slave traders who engaged in the slave trade would be expected to pay reparations, or whether the descendants of white Europeans enslaved by North African slavers would be entitled to compensation.

Efforts to Exploit Black Americans Not New, But Failing

Even as most Americans with lighter complexion remain confused by the chaos, Americans of African heritage are increasingly seeing through the deception. Despite the endless barrage of fake news painting Trump as a racist responsible for Floyd’s death, the latest Rasmussen poll, released weeks after Floyd’s death, showed black voter approval ratings for Trump at over 40 percent.

“No people of African heritage anywhere on earth are more free or better off than we who are blessed to be Americans. America is still the last best hope for all of us, regardless of race,” said Bishop E.W. Jackson, a prominent black Christian leader, in response to the unrest over Floyd’s death. “It is time to come together across all racial and cultural lines to renew the American vision of ‘one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.’ It is within our grasp if we do not allow the radical elements among us to destroy it forever.”

“There are those who would like to push us over the cliff into chaos,” Bishop Jackson continued. “They think they will be there to pick up the pieces and create a socialist utopia, but history proves it will be a totalitarian nightmare. Let us, as free black Americans,



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pull back from the precipice, push back against the anarchists and embrace the legacy of freedom, justice and hope for ourselves and the generations to follow.”

Even black Americans with no sympathy for Trump or even traditional America are waking up. In a 2017 video that has gone viral in recent weeks, black activist Chaziel Sunz explains that far-left elites who do not care about black people are hoping to manipulate the black community into doing their “dirty work” and joining a civil war against America on U.S. soil. He also points out that Black Lives Matter is a front for Soros, the Clintons, and other elites, while Antifa is a “terrorist” group. They are setting black Americans up to be slaughtered, Sunz warned.

What to Do

Most law-enforcement policy and even criminal law — including murder — is handled at the state and local level under America’s constitutional system of government. That is where it should remain. These are questions for local communities and state legislatures to consider, not

communist activists at the UN or statists in the federal government. In fact, many of the problems in local policing stem from federal and UN intervention to begin with.

Halting the ongoing destruction of American society and culture must involve getting the foundations that are bankrolling the revolution under control. As Congress found in the 1950s through its Select Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations, these entities were literally funding “subversion” in a bid to replace America’s constitutional republic with “oligarchical collectivism.” The head of the Ford Foundation even admitted to Norman Dodd, the chief investigator for the committee, that the goal was to “so alter life in the United States that it could be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union.” It is way past time for Congress and law enforcement to rein this in.

Taking action against the pressure from above, Trump has already withdrawn the U.S. government from the discredited UN “Human Rights Council,” a parody of an agency that includes many of the most murderous regimes on planet Earth on its decision-making body. The U.S. govern-

ment should go all the way and withdraw from the UN “dictators club” altogether.

The orchestrated attack on America has left hundreds of millions of Americans dazed, angry, ashamed, and confused. That was the plan. Remember, the issue is never the issue — the issue is *always* the revolution. Between the pressure from above and the pressure from below, ordinary Americans are quite literally caught in the Deep State’s pincer grip without understanding what is going on. And it will prove deadly if not stopped.

After years of demoralization and indoctrination of children in establishment-controlled government schools, Americans today generally do not know their own history. They also know little about the forces seeking to enslave and destroy them. That makes them easy prey. In fact, according to Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu, it means they will lose every single battle. Only by educating the American people about what is happening will it be possible to neutralize the enemy and stop the plot from succeeding. Liberty and civilization are literally at stake. ■

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Outspoken Black Commentator Denounces the Lionization of George Floyd

“Confession: #GeorgeFloyd is neither a martyr or a hero. But I hope his family gets justice.”

In a powerful Twitter video carrying the above caption, commentator and political activist Candace Owens explains why she does not believe George Floyd should be held up as a hero or martyr, despite the injustice done to him by police. She describes Floyd as a “career criminal” and asks her viewers to “imagine” being the pregnant black woman who was robbed at gunpoint when Floyd and accomplices forced their way into her home. “George Floyd takes a gun and points it to your stomach threatening you,” Owens recounted. “You are screaming and crying for your life.”



Candace Owens

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Small Business-owner in the Bronx Victimized by Looters

“I’m 100 percent with people who are protesting for justice. But is this justice? Black lives matter; all lives matter. But what about my life and my family’s life? You cannot justify doing something wrong because something wrong happened.”

Looters smashed their way into his modest jewelry store and took off with \$150,000 worth of jewelry and laptop computers. An immigrant from the Dominican Republic, Francisco Araujo was appalled by what happened to George Floyd but wonders how he will be able to fix his store.



Star Parker

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Victim of 1992 Violence in Los Angeles Speaks Out Against Current Mayhem

“But what we now know is there are people who have a vested interest in overturning America. They don’t believe that America is inherently good.... They think America is inherently evil and this country that had slaves has to pay forever. So they’re going to insist to rewrite America.”

In 1992, a black American, Star Parker, saw her small publishing business in Los Angeles destroyed by rioters protesting the acquittal of policemen charged for brutality in the arrest of Rodney King. Now a syndicated columnist and author, she is looked upon by many as a

spokesperson for conservative Americans. After the death of George Floyd, she met with Vice President Mike Pence and black leaders to discuss a proper response to recent rioting.

Columnist Labels the Widespread Destructiveness as a Revolution

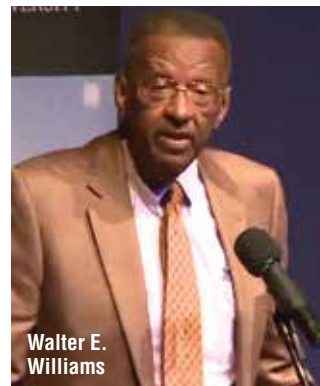
“When protests that turn into riots happen everywhere at the same time, using similar tactics and slogans, it is not the work of a small number of lawbreakers. When pallets of bricks allegedly appear near places of looting, this is not the work of random opportunists. When the bailed-out radicals enjoy the universal support of the liberal media, politicians, celebrities, business leaders and clergy, something bigger is at play. It is revolution against the established order.”

The vice president of the American branch of the Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property, John Horvath, II, is also an author and speaker. His book Return to Order predates the recent burst of anarchy in America.

Noted Author/Columnist Says Poor in America Are Better Off Than the Rest of Mankind

“The poorest 20 percent of Americans consume more goods and services than the national averages for all the people in the world’s most affluent countries. If the U.S. poor were a nation, it would be one of the world’s richest.”

Columnist Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. ■



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RIOTING AGAINST RACISM RAVAGES BLACK BUSINESSES

Riots about the wrongness of the treatment of George Floyd by police have led to the destruction of black businesses and lives.

by Michael Tennant

When Korboi Balla arrived at his Minneapolis sports bar the morning of May 28, he broke down. Just days before it was set to open, the bar, into which the firefighter, husband, and father of four had poured his life savings, was destroyed by rioters protesting the death of George Floyd seemingly at the hands of the Minneapolis police.

“I don’t know what we’re going to do,” Balla told *CBS This Morning*. “It hurts, man. It’s not fair, it’s not right. We’ve been working so hard for this place. It’s not just for me, it’s for my family.”

That night, Balla’s dream went up in smoke as protesters burned down the building. Upon arriving at the fire station the next morning and learning the news, Balla “had to leave work

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Nondiscrimination policy: Rioters supposedly protesting racism paid little heed to signs telling them that they were destroying minority-owned enterprises.

because the emotional toll was too substantial,” according to a GoFundMe page he set up to raise money to rebuild.

“To find out that the countless hours, hard work, late nights away from my kids, and family had all been for nothing was soul shattering,” he wrote.

The irony in the situation is that while the rioters were supposedly standing against racism, they were obliterating a business owned by a black man.

Giving Blacks the Business

“The riots and arson that followed protests of George Floyd’s death have devastated organizations and businesses that serve communities of color,” reported the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*. “Destruction from the south side’s Lake Street to

West Broadway in north Minneapolis has hit immigrant- and minority-owned businesses already struggling amid the pandemic-induced shutdown. Now, ethnically diverse neighborhoods are grappling with the loss of jobs, services and investments.”

“Our dreams are being destroyed,” Faatemah Ampey, the black owner of the vandalized SuiteSpot Salonspa on Lake Street, said through tears in a Facebook video. “I cry for George, I cry for justice, and I cry for peace. But right now I’m crying for my community.”

On her block, she told *Forbes*, there are at least three black-owned businesses and one Asian-owned. “So just on that block, they destroyed three people of colors’ lives, our dreams,” she said.

In North Minneapolis, Trevon Ellis’ barbershop, Fade Factory, burned for more than 12 hours after rioters set it on fire. Ellis, too, is black.

“There’s a way to protest positively for George Floyd,” Ellis told *Forbes*. “You’re fighting someone that destroyed and took

someone’s life, why would you do the same thing? People’s lives count on their business, like mine.”

Blacks weren’t the only minorities whose life’s work was wiped out by protesters. Hispanics, Indians, Asians, and American Indians suffered similar losses.

Seven years ago, Ecuadorian immigrant Luis Tamay sank a decade’s worth of savings into his Lake Street restaurant, El Sabor Chuchi. The one night during the protests that he didn’t guard it, thinking the National Guard would get things under control, rioters burned it down. “Seventeen years of work is gone,” he lamented to the *Star Tribune*.

Even posting a sign notifying protesters that a business is minority-owned, as many owners did, wasn’t always enough to save it from destruction. Ghandi Mahal, an Indian restaurant, was torched despite its notice. Migizi, an American Indian nonprofit that had “native youth center” written on the window of its practically new, \$2-million building, was also burned.

The pattern was repeated in cities across the country, where rioters, interested not in justice for Floyd but in destruction and pelf, smashed windows, looted stores, and set them ablaze.

Philadelphia’s acting commerce director, Sylvie Gallier Howard, told the *Wall Street Journal* that “possibly more than a thousand businesses” in the city were affected by rioters. Especially hard-hit was the 52nd Street corridor, which largely consists of small businesses owned by blacks and other minorities.

Atlanta’s award-winning Wilbourn Sisters Dress Shop had its windows smashed on May 30. The owners, Janice and Carolyn Wilbourn, had posted signs saying the business was black-owned to no avail.

“This is devastating,” Janice Wilbourn told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. “We’re here for God. This is our ministry. This is our family legacy.”

A deli in Brooklyn, New York, was trashed by protesters. One of the store’s co-owners, an elderly black woman, was captured on a video uploaded to YouTube doing to the miscreants what they had done to her store. “‘Tell me black lives matter?’ she said. ‘You lied. You wanted to loot this store. You needed money. Get a job like I do!’”

And the list goes on.

Misery’s Company

Business owners won’t be the only ones to suffer as a result of the destruction. Their employees will lose their jobs, at least temporarily, and their neighbors will now have fewer shopping options.

As a result of the rioting, Ampey said in her video, “There’s no place to get gas within a five-mile radius [of SuiteSpot]. There’s no place to get food.” People without vehicles — or without fuel for their vehicles — are “in trouble,” she added.

The negative consequences are likely to go far beyond these inconveniences, Zaid Jilani observed in a *Quillette* column:

All in all, the evidence suggests that violent protests and rioting ... provide an opportunity for gangs to enrich themselves and exploit destabilized local populations, impoverish property owners, and harm long-term economic fortunes. And so it’s worth



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Halo, neighbor: While protests often showed humans’ ugly side, cleanup efforts brought out people’s better angels as neighbors pitched in to help devastated business owners.

asking whether the well-intentioned progressives who are doing their best to cast the Minneapolis rioters in righteous terms are truly doing these underprivileged residents any favors.

They're certainly not doing the cause of justice for Floyd any favors. Morgan Pieper, owner of a Dallas organic convenience store that was vandalized in the rioting, told KTVT, "I actually think this is deflecting away from the real message and the point of this, and the poor man's death, George Floyd! I mean, the media can't talk about George Floyd when they have to talk about all of this destruction. It needs to stop."

Rebound Percentage

Bouncing back from the devastation of the riots would be difficult anytime, but it will be even harder in the wake of COVID-19. "African-Americans were disproportionately sickened or killed by the new coronavirus," noted the *Wall Street Journal*. "And black people and Latinos were more likely to lose their

jobs than white workers as the economy shrank in March and April." Numerous businesses were shuttered by government orders and even now, in some jurisdictions, are only allowed to open if they abide by strict protocols.

Scraping up enough money to rebuild will be a struggle for many business owners. Those with insurance may recover more quickly, but many small, minority-owned businesses aren't insured, in part because insurance rates in their neighborhoods are high — and likely to climb after the riots.

"A lot of them, unfortunately, won't be able to weather the storm," Allen Riddick, director of supplier inclusion at Philadelphia's Drexel University, told the *Journal*. "The timing is horrible."

Even insured business owners may find it difficult to recoup all their material losses, and no amount of money will be able to heal the emotional damage they have sustained.

"Someone asked me, did I have insurance? Of course I have insurance," said Ampey. "But can insurance" — she began

sobbing again — "bring back all the hard work I put into building a brand that is successful?"

Still, there is some hope in the midst of the chaos. Ampey made a point of showing in her video the people from her community — of all colors and ages — who had come to help clean things up. Balla, likewise, was grateful for all the strangers who showed up to help with his bar after it was vandalized. "The amount of gratitude in my heart right now is outweighing the sorrow and heavy-heartedness I feel," he wrote at the time.

Even after the building burned, making all that cleanup for naught, Balla's positive attitude remained. Of course, it helped that his story made national news, bringing in well over a million dollars' worth of contributions, including some from staffers of President Donald Trump's reelection campaign.

"COVID-19 and a fire cannot stop what plans I have to open my dream," Balla declared, "and I cannot wait to open the doors and serve all the people who have supported us and will continue to do so." ■

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JAILBREAK

HAMSTRINGING THE POLICE

Leftist politicians and their laws and policies are guaranteeing a revolving-door “catch and release” justice system that rewards criminals and endangers the innocent.



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Legal jailbreak: NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea denounced the state's new “bail reform” law that is releasing rioters, looters, and other dangerous criminals faster than the police can arrest them.

by William F. Jasper

A pattern of revolving-door injustice and public endangerment has been on display with regard to the riots in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Boston, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, and dozens of other Democrat-controlled cities. Although liberal-left, soft-on-crime politicians and judges in these jurisdictions have contributed greatly to the crime problems that have plagued our inner cities for decades, the recent addition of Soros-backed “social justice”

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prosecutors and “bail reform” laws sends disturbing signals that these areas are heading toward complete social disintegration.

New York City — On June 3, amid continued violence, rioting, and looting in New York City, Police Commissioner Dermot Shea denounced the state’s newly enacted “bail reform” law that eliminated cash bail for most crimes, putting thousands of rioters and looters back on the streets faster than the police could arrest and book them. “We cannot have people entering a system and being released before the police officers,” Shea said. On the same day, New York City District Attorney Cy Vance called on Governor An-

drew Cuomo to use his emergency powers (which he has exercised mercilessly with his COVID lockdowns against law-abiding citizens) to give judges authority to set bail for those posing danger to society. “This is about people who are taking advantage of this moment when people want to come out and protest peacefully,” Vance said. “I’m calling for more judicial discretion.” Also on June 3, the Associated Press reported that “at least 9,300 people have been arrested since the protests over George Floyd’s killing began.”

The vast majority of those arrested were released without bail and without even being charged, while prosecutors and police were outraged that even some of the most egregious offenders were released, though they should have been kept in custody to protect public safety. Consider, for instance, the case of activist lawyers Colinford Mattis and Urooj Rahman, who were caught on video handing out Molotov cocktails to rioters. Rahman, age 31, who was a “human rights” attorney for Bronx Legal Services, is even seen on the video throwing a lighted Molotov cocktail at an NYPD patrol car. Mattis, age 32, is a graduate of Princeton University; Rahman is a graduate of Fordham University. Meanwhile, hundreds of police officers throughout New York state were attacked, many seriously injured, and several killed.

St. Louis, Missouri — “In a stunning development, our office has learned that every single one of the St. Louis looters and rioters arrested were released back onto the streets by local prosecutor Kim Gardner,” Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt tweeted on June 3. “Folks are back out on the street and I think it’s shocking,”

Schmitt stated regarding St. Louis, where retired black Police Captain David Dorn was murdered defending a store from looters, and at least four other officers were shot. Gardner, an ultra-left-wing activist, has ignited a St. Louis crime wave since she was put into office in 2016, as one of the key district attorney races across the country targeted by George Soros. The leftist billionaire's super PAC contributed "at least \$190,750" to Gardner's campaign, according to the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, which dwarfed all contributions to her competitors' campaigns.

Philadelphia — Even prior to the riots over George Floyd's death, the U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, William McSwain, was pointing out that Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner's "social justice" activism was endangering public safety. In March, McSwain blamed Krasner for the fatal shooting of Philadelphia PD Officer James O'Connor, allegedly murdered by Hassan Elliott, whom McSwain described as a dangerous "gangbanger" with an extensive violent record, but who had nevertheless been released repeatedly. Krasner, who has been praised by leftists as "the most progressive DA in the country," is another of the radical attorneys put into office with funding from

the Safety & Justice super PAC backed by Soros and fellow Democratic billionaires of his Democracy Partners. As rioting engulfed Philadelphia, Krasner released equivocal statements that seemed to excuse the violence in the name of "this righteous & urgent movement #BlackLivesMatter." McSwain accused Krasner of "not showing any concern for the safety of the community" and of "essentially fanning the flames" of the city's rioting and looting.

Washington, D.C. — The *Washington Times* reported on June 4 that the federal Department of Justice, which handles prosecutions in the District, had dropped charges against many of the rioters. More than 400 people had been arrested by then in connection with D.C. disturbances since May 29, according to police and court records, the *Times* said. Of the 104 people arrested over the May 30-31 weekend, the paper noted, "50% of them were charged with rioting, but most had that charge dismissed or lowered to violation of curfew, a misdemeanor." This seems to be a replay of the DOJ's dismissal of charges against the violent rioters and arsonists who disrupted President Trump's inauguration. Instead of getting prison time, they were given "get out of jail free" passes by the Obama holdovers at DOJ. It appears there are still plen-

ty of the same social-justice warriors operating out of the Justice Department swamp.

Catch and Release

In addition to liberal-left, soft-on-crime activists already mentioned above, Soros-funded radical prosecutors include Rachel Rollins (Boston), Kim Foxx (Chicago), Chesa Boudin (San Francisco), and Kim Ogg (Houston), as well as new sheriff Paul Penzone in Phoenix, whom Soros backed with an astounding \$2 million to unseat Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. In addition to defeating Sheriff Arpaio, who had developed a national fan base for his tough stances against crime and illegal migration, Penzone appointed left-wing attorney Stephanie Fleischman Cherny as his chief of staff and special counsel. Fleischman Cherny had filed on behalf of the National Council of La Raza, the radical Hispanic group, in its lawsuit against then-Governor Jan Brewer and then-Sheriff Joe Arpaio, and she has been carrying out a purge program to force out deputies who are not lockstep Penzone lackeys.

A big part of the national catch-and-release phenomenon is the stealth "bail reform" agenda that has swept the country over the past couple of years, with devastating results. Financed by Soros and like-minded "philanthropists," proponents for eliminating cash bail for a large number of crimes have hailed the move as an "equity" issue to remove a feature of "systemic injustice" that discriminates against poor people. Many states have eliminated bail, and a number of them — New York included — have denied judges the authority to take into consideration whether the person poses a threat to public safety when making a decision to release, or not release, an individual. "When you have individuals that are standing before a judge and immediately being released, and essentially everyone in the room knows that this person is a danger to the community, I think we need to look at the system and make sure that judges can make common-sense decisions," Police Commissioner Shea said in a radio interview last December, prior to the no-bail law going into effect.

It did not take long for his warnings to be validated. On January 24 Commissioner Shea announced that already "we are seeing significant spikes in crime. Either



Support for the lawless: Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner (center) leads the new breed of ultra-left prosecutors who have been boosted into office with huge campaign contributions from George Soros and his Democracy Partners.



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Lord of chaos: Billionaire leftist George Soros not only bankrolls Black Lives Matter and hundreds of other riotous groups, but also funds the “bail reform” laws and prosecutors that are releasing the criminals.

we have forgotten how to police New York City or there is a correlation.... If you let out individuals that commit a lot of crime, that’s precision policing in reverse and we’re seeing the effects in a very quick time, and that is why we’re concerned.”

The website LawEnforcementToday.com summarized the commissioner’s report: “Through Jan. 19 of this year compared with the same period last year, statistics show that robberies are up 31.5%, burglaries are up 15%, grand larceny is up 5.6%, and auto thefts, which had been in a sharp decline recently, have spiked up 67%. The total for all serious felonies was up 11% year over year compared to 2019.” “Put another way,” the website said, “since percentages do not tell the whole story, a total of 233 more robberies have occurred this year compared to last, 159 more car thefts and 125 more burglaries, in only three weeks.”

LawEnforcementToday placed the blame for the skyrocketing crime squarely in the laps of Governor Cuomo and the state legislature. It’s not like the governor and legislators were blindsided by unfathomable consequences that no one could have foreseen; there were plenty of critics who pointed out the obvious pitfalls of the scheme and warned precisely — in vain,

as it turned out — what would happen if the dangerous plan were implemented.

“I’ve read social-media posts, I’ve read editorials in newspapers who believe the new reforms are not that bad, because they only apply to non-serious crimes,” said New York State Senator Pam Helming, at a November 15, 2019 press conference supporting crime victims’ rights. “I challenge anyone who has this view to look at this list of crimes, to read the legislation and tell me that you believe that manslaughter, aggravated vehicular homicide and rape in the third degree are minor offenses. Tell me, how is promoting obscene sexual performances by a child a minor offense? How is that? How about arson in the third and fourth degrees, selling controlled substances near our schools? Making terrorist threats or committing burglary and robbery in the second degree?” All of those crimes, and more besides, are included under the law’s “non-serious” offenses that qualify the offenders for the Cuomo “get out of jail free” pass.

In addition to such obvious craziness, critics pointed out, New York City’s court system was already drowning in more than 1.2 million outstanding arrest warrants for people who failed to show up for court appearances.

Nevertheless, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a fellow Democrat, decided to do the governor one better, and to jump out in front of him with a jailbird release of his own. In November 2019, the mayor announced a \$12-million program to entice good behavior from criminal miscreants to show up for their appointed court dates by rewarding them with movie tickets, Mets tickets, cellphones, and gift cards from Applebee’s, McDonald’s, Subway, and Target.

Revolving-door Violence

The Cuomo-de Blasio schemes have not worked out so well for the law-abiding (whether working-class poor or middle class), but the criminal element sure loves them. “Cuomo for president!” Jose “Cattano” Jorge proclaimed in Spanish as he hustled out of Manhattan Supreme Court, on November 14, 2019. Jorge, a 47-year-old drug dealer who was being held without bond at Rikers Island and facing a possible 96 years in prison for multiple drug charges, including selling drugs to a man who died from an overdose, was overjoyed to be turned loose, along with several members of his drug crew. Jorge’s attorney attempted to hush up the accused felon, but the liberated gangster couldn’t repress his joy. “It’s in my heart man,” Jorge said in front of news cameras. “It’s in my heart, bro.” Prosecutors argued in vain that he is a flight risk; the judge insisted he had to let him go until his court date.

Among the many notorious cases of instant recidivism under the new justice “reform” is Tiffany Harris, who was arrested on December 28 for slapping three Orthodox Jewish women in the face on Hanukkah and yelling “F*** you, Jews!” She was charged with assault and a hate crime, then released without bail. The very next day she was arrested again for slugging another Jewish woman in the face.

But Tiffany Harris is a piker compared to career criminal Charles Barry, 56, who brags he “can’t be stopped” — and publicly thanks the Democrats for it. Barry’s criminal record reportedly includes six felony convictions, 87 misdemeanor convictions, and 21 skipped court hearings. He has served six sentences in state prison for drug dealing and grand larceny. He was arrested for the 140th time on February 19, 2020 for scamming



“Everybody’s trying to shame us”: At a June 9, 2020 press conference, Mike O’Meara, president of the New York Association of Police Benevolent Associations, defiantly called out the protesters, politicians, and media for vilifying the police.

a Belgian tourist on the New York City subway. But Barry was not in the least bit worried about the new charge, since he had already been arrested a total of seven times in New York City since Cuomo signed the bail reform law — and skated free each time. He brazenly crowed to a reporter: “I’m famous! I take \$200, \$300 a day of your money, cracker! You can’t stop me! Bail reform, it’s lit! It’s the Democrats! The Democrats know me and the Republicans fear me. You can’t touch me! I can’t be stopped!”

New York, however, does not have a monopoly on recidivist-reward insanity. Many of our cities have their own Charles Barry equivalents. In an online article last year entitled “Seattle Is Dying: Radical ‘Progressivism’ Is the Reason,” this writer reported on one Travis Berge, Seattle’s most notorious, in-your-face criminal. Berge, a 34-year-old “musician” and admitted methamphetamine abuser, has been arrested numerous times for disturbing the peace, theft, attempted rape, assault on police officers, resisting arrest, and more. A Seattle ABC News television program shows incidents from police body cams of various encounters where officers are attempting to arrest a violent and obviously high Berge, who screams,

rages, spits on them, and attempts to bite them. During the interview, Berge is not only completely unapologetic about his criminal behavior, he is absolutely ebullient, ecstatic even, upon hearing that he rates among the Top 100 of the city’s most infamous offenders. He openly admits that he steals to feed his drug habit and says he tries to use meth “at least once a day.” Asked if he will continue his disruptive behavior, Berge exclaims, “Oh, I’m having a blast now. It’s so much fun!” He praises the so-called criminal justice system of Seattle. “They’ve really, like, exalted me,” he says, “and shown deference and love towards me.” Then, in a statement that indicts the city’s governing leaders even more than do the complaints of its citizens and police officers, Berge says: “I don’t feel like I’ll ever be arrested again. I haven’t been in jail for like a year and three months or so, you know.” All of this, he cheerfully explains, “definitely shows that I have conquered the criminal justice system.” Indeed, as have many other miscreants, thanks to the degenerates we have allowed to usurp control of our political system.

Even more serious than the case of Travis Berge was the case of California man Mason James Lira, who opened fire on

police and deputies in San Luis Obispo County on June 11, 2020, wounding three officers and killing a fourth man. Lira was killed by return fire from police. He reportedly had previous arrests and had been arrested in May for making terrorist threats in Monterrey County.

Demonizing the Police

As if the danger posed by criminals who know the system is rigged in their favor is not bad enough, police officers today are facing an intensity of vilification from politicians, radical activists, the media, and the public that exceeds even the viciousness of attacks leveled at law enforcement following previous incidents such as those involving Rodney King, Trayvon Martin, and Michael Brown.

At a June 9 press conference, president of the New York Association of Police Benevolent Associations Mike O’Meara defiantly delivered a passionate defense of the police and denounced as “disgusting” the piling on by politicians and the media. “Everybody’s trying to shame us,” he said. “Legislators. The press. Everybody’s trying to shame us into being embarrassed of our profession.” Holding up his badge, and then gesturing to the rows of police officers behind him, he said, “You know what? This isn’t stained by someone in Minneapolis. It’s still got a shine on it, and so do theirs.”

Referring to Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, who is charged with killing George Floyd, O’Meara said: “We don’t condone Minneapolis. We roundly reject what he did as disgusting. It’s disgusting! It’s not what we do! It’s not what police officers do. I am not Derek Chauvin; they are not him! He killed someone. We didn’t! We are restrained.” He noted that, nationally, police officers have 375 million interactions with individuals each year and most of them are “overwhelmingly positive.”

Three-hundred-seventy-five *million* interactions, with most being “overwhelmingly positive”! Yet, the politicians and the media bloviators who ritually absolve the rioting with the blanket claim that “the vast majority of protesters are peaceful,” have no problem defaming the vast majority of heroic police officers who are standing between us and chaos. ■

DISBANDING THE POLICE

Riding a new wave of anti-police sentiment and activity are the dual errors of defunding and outright disbanding police departments — look for crime to skyrocket.



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Told to watch from afar: In Seattle, as in other cities, police have been told to “stand down” as “protesters” riot, loot, and burn businesses and public property.

by C. Mitchell Shaw

In a plot twist that seems to belong in the *Twilight Zone*, liberals who have previously behaved as if the solution to every problem is to throw more money at it have reversed course 180 degrees, demanding that police in cities across America be defunded. In some cases, they are even calling for abolishing police departments.

Under the pretext of the death of George Floyd, anti-American groups such as Black Lives Matter (BLM) and Antifa waged war in the streets of America in the form of riots, looting, vandalism, and violence against police officers and citizens alike. And as the violence increased, po-

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lice departments and their officers across the country came under fire. In many cases the response of those police departments was to back down and give up ground.

Take, for instance, the city of New York, where “city leaders” told cops to “stand down” during rioting and looting — even as officers were violently attacked by rioters, as seen in viral online videos. Ed Mullins, president of the Sergeants Benevolent Association, told Fox News host Laura Ingraham on June 2, “Our hands are being tied,” adding, “The rank and file members of all ranks have sent me numerous emails, letters, text messages, photos of New York City ... being destroyed. We have no leadership coming from City Hall. We are being told to stand down.” Mullins went on to say that he has received “videos, photographs, license plates of looters from citizens of the city of New York while cops are being pelted.”

New York is not the only city where police have given up ground. Other cities are even worse. Because while “giving up ground” is figurative in New York, it is literal in Seattle. On June 8, after repeated violent clashes with BLM and Antifa forces, the East Precinct of Seattle was abandoned to the enemy. Police officers (vainly) boarded up the precinct and decamped. The station itself and the surrounding six city blocks were immediately taken over by BLM/Antifa and the “Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone” (CHAZ) — a “no cop co-op” — was formed. Barriers around the CHAZ, now renamed “Capitol Hill Occupied Protest” or CHOP, inform those entering that they are leaving the United States and that police are not allowed. The placard over the door of the precinct building has been amended to now read, “Seattle People Department East Precinct.”

As this is being written, a six-block section of Seattle is an enemy-occupied territory, with armed guards patrolling the streets and keeping the perimeter.

And while President Donald Trump has called for taking back the area, he has been met with typical liberal vitriol from the very “leaders” who allowed this to happen in the first place, showing — by their actions and inaction — that they want this to continue and spread.

On June 11, the president tweeted, “Radical Left Governor @JayInslee and the Mayor of Seattle are being taunted and played at a level that our great Country has never seen before. Take back your city NOW. If you don’t do it, I will. This is not a game. These ugly Anarchists must be stopped IMMEDIATELY. MOVE FAST!”

The mayor of Seattle, Jenny Durkan, replied with her own tweet the same day, saying, “The Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone #CHAZ is not a lawless wasteland

of anarchist insurrection — it is a peaceful expression of our community’s collective grief and their desire to build a better world. Given his track record, it’s not hard to believe that Trump is wrong, yet again.” She added another tweet the next day, saying, “Lawfully gathering and expressing first amendment rights, demanding we do better as a society and provide true equity for communities of color is not terrorism — it is patriotism.”

Is Durkan missing her dictionary? Because there is no definition of “peaceful,” “lawfully,” or “patriotism” that includes an armed insurrection chasing police out of an area of a city and establishing a communist co-op with armed guards. Period. The chief of police in Seattle, Carmen Best, is not helping matters, either. She met with “leaders” of the insurrection on June 9, and — on video captured by a local news channel — promised not to send in police unless police are attacked. This, of course, defies logic, since police who are not there cannot be attacked. Her action (and inaction) plays right into the hands of the insurrectionists. Their actions are right out of the communist play-book. AS THE NEW AMERICAN’S William

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In many of the other violent incidents littering the landscape of the ongoing cultural revolution in our midst, agents of the RCP, WWP, SWP, and CPUSA [all communist organizations] can be identified in photos and videos as key participants and leaders. However, their identities often are not officially revealed because they are protected from arrest by left-wing city and county governments that tell police to “stand down,” as we have seen in Baltimore, Portland, Berkeley, and elsewhere. This too follows the script written by Mao, who ordered the police and military to stand down, allowing the Red Guards to carry out their rampage — until they had completed their purpose. Then they too were brought low and subjected to the iron fist of the Communist Party.

What Jasper wrote in 2017 could be writ-

ten today. The tactics and the outcome are the same.

And riding this new wave of anti-police sentiment and activity are the dual errors of defunding and outright disbanding police departments. Given the violence and anarchy taking place in more than 200 cities and all 50 states in the wake of the Floyd murder, it is beyond the realm of reason to consider yanking the budgets of police departments or abolishing them entirely. But then again, reason and hard-core leftists are hardly on speaking terms.

Starting at “ground zero” of this latest wave, let’s look at what has happened in Minneapolis. In the wake of continued violence there after videos showed Derek Chauvin kneeling on the neck of George Floyd, the city council is moving to “begin the process of ending the Minneapolis Police Department.” AS THE NEW AMERICAN’S Luis Miguel reported online on June 8:

The push to abolish the law-enforcement system in Minneapolis in the wake of George Floyd’s death has cleared a new hurdle, with nine of the city council’s 13 members giving a public pledge to “begin the process of ending the Minneapolis Police Department.”

On Sunday afternoon, the nine city council members took to a stage at the city’s Powderhorn Park to support the advocacy group Black Visions Collective, which is calling for the end of MPD. Among the nine elected officials present at the event were Council President Lisa Bender, Vice President Andrea Jenkins, and Jeremiah Ellison — the son of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison.

While this was a public statement and not an actual vote by the city council, the measure seems a foregone conclusion. After all, even if liberal Democratic Mayor Jacob Frey — who bent over backward in conciliation to the criminal insurrectionists who terrorized his city for more than two weeks — keeps his commitment to veto the measure, the city council will simply override his veto. And his veto itself is not assured. Frey was cursed out, booed at, and evicted



The Capitol Hill Occupied Protest (CHOP) — comprising six blocks in Seattle — is a “No Cop Co-op” where anarchy reigns supreme as local and state officials shirk their duty to retake the “occupied zone.”

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Does this make sense? In the wake of the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, “protesters” there commenced to destroy and burn their own city, proclaiming that until they have what they call “justice,” no one will have peace.

from a BLM rally June 5 for refusing to go along with the plan. He was asked point-blank by one “leader” whether he would support the measure. “Jacob Frey, we have a yes or no question for you,” the woman — wearing a “Defund the Police” COVID mask — asks him from the stage. “Yes or no, will you commit to defunding the Minneapolis Police Department?” When Frey attempts to answer with more than a simple yes or no, she asks, as if speaking to an errant child, “What did I say?” She follows that with, “We don’t want no more police. Is that clear?” and reminds the crowd that “he’s up for reelection next year, and if he says ‘no,’ guess what the f*** we gonna do next year?” Frey finally answers clearly enough, “I do not support abolishing the police department.” The woman on stage then screeches at him, “Then get the f*** out!” Frey then does a long and uncomfortable walk of shame to a crowd chanting “Go home, Jacob, go home” and throwing things at him.

The political lesson he likely took away is simple: Once you begin bending over backward to please the lowest common denominator, you have to keep doing it to keep them pleased. Because after giving BLM and Antifa free

rein to riot, burn, and pillage for two weeks, and after dancing with them at their rallies, he was sent home with his tail between his tight-jeans-clad legs. Frey will likely cave to the pressure and get on board.

Other cities may not have gone as far as Minneapolis, but the result will not be measurably different.

Liberal politicians in Philadelphia; Baltimore; Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles; New York; San Francisco; and other cities have supported the defunding of police departments to one degree or another. Again, how much sense does that make given the unprecedented level of violence and destruction seen in recent weeks?

Los Angeles is leading the “defund police” race as of this writing, with Mayor Eric Garcetti (D) announcing on June 3 that he plans to cut up to \$150 million from the Los Angeles Police Department and “reinvest” the funds in the local black community. This is a reversal of his planned increase of \$120 million, amounting to an actual cut of \$270 million.

Whether abolished or “merely” defunded, police will not be able to do the important job of protecting the law-abiding citizens of America’s cities if this plan

succeeds and continues to gain ground. And — to put in the for-what-it’s-worth column — advocates of the plan know that. They just don’t care.

At the Black Visions Collective in Minneapolis, those nine city council members addressed the pressing question of what happens when a crime is committed and there are no police to answer the call. As THE NEW AMERICAN’S Luis Miguel reported:

“We recognize that we don’t have all the answers about what a police-free future looks like, but our community does,” they said. “We’re committed to engaging with every willing community member in the City of Minneapolis over the next year to identify what safety looks like for you.”

If the answer to what will replace the MPD lies in the community, the question to ask is: “What exactly lies in the community?”

Is it criminal gangs? Is it Black Lives Matter and Antifa? In the absence of police, these violence-wielding organizations will be perfectly positioned to fill the resultant power vacuum. Anarchy will give these left-wing street gangs control of the city.

Nature — particularly *human* nature — abhors a vacuum. The answer to Miguel’s question is that, yes, at least initially, it will be the BLM/Antifa cadre that will “fill the resultant power vacuum.” After all, the ones who create the vacuum are best positioned to fill it. But that will only be allowed to last for so long. Anarchy, after all, is never a permanent situation. It is a transition phase from the old order to the new (and planned) order. That new (and planned) order will mean national or — even worse — international control over America’s cities.

Of course, the other direction this could go would be that while shooting for the stars (of abolishing and defunding police), the real architects behind this would be satisfied to hit the moon (of civilian review boards and police forces without any real power to keep the peace or enforce laws).

Again, this is right off the pages of the communist playbook and a favorite tactic of the New World Order. ■

NATIONALIZING THE POLICE IS NOT THE ANSWER

Because of supposed police injustice against blacks and cities burning from riots, some are calling to nationalize local police forces, but that just takes away local control.



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by Steve Byas

Using George Floyd's death as a rationale, some Americans want to transfer more police authority away from local and state government, and into the hands of the federal government. This supposed solution to any problems of local law enforcement is as dangerous as it is nonsensical, and it would lead to less, not more, respect for the rights of individuals — of all ethnicities — in our country.

Exacerbated racial tensions have caused the diversion of attention away from the fundamental question as to what level of government has the primary constitutional

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responsibility for law enforcement in our federal system of government. Those who favor increased power for government at the federal level, at the expense of state and local government, use accusations of racism and "police brutality" to argue for transferring law-enforcement responsibility to government officials in Washington, D.C.

First of all, there are real cases of police misconduct. Anytime a person is handed governmental power, whether federal, state, or local official, citizens must be aware that there is potential for abuse of that power. But checks on the police do exist, which can keep police wrongs reduced to a minimum.

What is *not* the answer is abolishing local control of police. Neither is placing all police power in the hands of federal officials.

Police usually are good: George Floyd's death while being arrested by the Minneapolis Police was tragic and has led to protests, many turning violent, all over America. But police interact with citizens tens of millions of time a year, most often without incident.

Yet, in response to the death of George Floyd and the ensuing riots, many in Congress are seeking federal legislation to give greater federal control over local law enforcement. Among the measures being considered are changes to laws that protect the police and creating a database of police use-of-force incidents. Congress is also looking at federal training requirements for local police.

The point is not whether such requirements are good or bad per se, but whether the regulation of police powers should be federalized.

One might note, too, that no such training is proposed to rein in *federal* law-enforcement agencies, such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF); the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA); or the Federal Bureau of Investigation — all of which have been involved in egregious violations of the rights of American citizens and gross abuses of power.

The United States Does Not Need a Gestapo

Neither history nor logic supports the position that police misbehavior would be reduced if the badge an officer wore said “U.S. Police” rather than “Minneapolis Police.” In fact, it should be self-evident that centralization of police power and removing that power from the local level to the control of distant politicians would automatically lead to more politicization, corruption, and oppression, as there would then be almost no influence of the public on their local police. Fully aware of that principle, America’s Founders wisely placed policing powers in the hands of state and local governments.

In many countries with nationalized police forces, the liberties of the people are regularly ignored. When Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany, he made every effort to reduce the power of state governments, including their historic and constitutional control over law enforcement. Hermann Göring first suggested to Hitler that he transfer all law-enforcement authority to the national secret police — the infamous Gestapo.

On June 17, 1936, Hitler unified all police forces under the control of Heinrich Himmler. The Gestapo (shorthand for *Geheime Staatspolizei* — literally, Secret State Police) operated without judicial review and had the power to place individuals in “protective custody.” Under such custody, the person being held actually signed a request to be jailed, supposedly to be protected from bodily harm. Of course, failure to sign the request form led to such harm — from the nationalized police force.

In an article at jbs.org, John Birch Society CEO Art Thompson argued that it is important that we support the continued independence of local police. “Actually, the United States is one of the last countries, if not the last, to have widespread



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Those who favor national police: Heinrich Himmler, seated second from National Socialist dictator Adolf Hitler’s right, was the chief of the nationalized police force of Germany, known as the Gestapo. Dictators such as Hitler do not favor the independence of local police forces.

local police power instead of the types of national systems that exist elsewhere.”

Of course, some readers would protest that America is not Nazi Germany. But human nature is no different in our country than in totalitarian regimes such as Hitler’s National Socialist dictatorship, or Joseph Stalin’s dictatorial communist government. That is why our Founders wisely placed checks and balances on the federal government they created with the Constitution.

We could cite multiple examples of how *federal* law enforcement has abused American citizens. The “war” on drugs is an example of how federal law-enforcement officials can abuse their power every bit as much as a local police officer. If someone objects to abuse in this “war” on drugs, he is often accused of being “for drugs.” Numerous drug raids have gone wrong and innocent people have been killed, which should caution any person who wants to transfer such authority to federal officials.

In Manchester, New Hampshire, for example, 49-year-old grandmother Lillian Alonzo was shot by an agent of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency during a raid on her home to locate “drug money.” DEA agent Michael Connolly said his foot got caught in her bedroom door after he

kicked it in, causing him to lose his balance, whereupon his Glock 9 mm fired, and Alonzo was hit. Regardless of the questions surrounding Connolly’s story, the point is that the DEA had risked the lives of three agents, children inside the home, and an innocent woman, simply to retrieve “drug money.” No drug money was ever found.

Many other instances of abuse of American citizens by federal law enforcement can be cited, but two illustrate the dangers especially well — Ruby Ridge and Waco. Randy Weaver moved to Ruby Ridge in northern Idaho to live as a recluse with his family. After losing a lawsuit to Weaver, his neighbor Terry Kinson told federal authorities that Weaver wanted to kill the pope, the president, and the governor. Federal agents interviewed Weaver, but made no arrest.

Unfortunately, those allegations brought Weaver to the attention of federal law enforcement. An informant with the ATF made the claim that Weaver sold him two sawed-off shotguns. Weaver had no criminal record, and claimed the informant sawed off the barrels himself, after the sale. Federal agents raided Weaver’s property, killing his teenage son, his pregnant wife, and his dog. Weaver’s wife was shot while stand-

ing in the doorway, holding their youngest, still-nursing child in her arms. Weaver was never found guilty of any crime.

Even more infamous was the raid staged by the ATF and FBI on the Branch Davidian compound a dozen miles northeast of Waco, Texas, in 1993. The Davidian leader, David Koresh, had been accused of physical abuse of children, statutory rape, and polygamy, but Texas officials found no evidence with which to charge him after an investigation.

Despite this, supposed concern for “the children” inside the ranch complex known as Mount Carmel was cited as a reason for an ATF raid on February 28, 1993. Of course, federal authorities lacked any jurisdiction over any such alleged crimes, and Texas officials had already concluded their own investigation and had taken no action.

When Koresh was informed that the

ATF had heard he was dealing in illegal automatic weapons at Mount Carmel, he offered to let the ATF come out and inspect both his weapons and his paperwork. Koresh did make money at gun shows, and always kept the required paperwork. One Davidian, Paul Fatta, was a licensed federal firearms dealer.

Despite all of this, the ATF staged a military-style raid on the compound rather than simply walking up to the front door and serving the warrant. It was a raid almost certain to lead to the deaths of some Davidians and some agents, and it did. After the raid’s failure, the *Federal* Bureau of Investigation took over, and after a 51-day siege, during which time the FBI shot flammable CS tear gas into the compound, they brought in tanks and began knocking down the walls of the compound. Americans looked on in horror on TV as a gigan-

tic fireball engulfed the buildings, taking the lives of 76 people, including multiple young children, on April 19, 1993.

Later, the jury foreman hearing the case against some of the few survivors of the FBI assault said that it was the people who conducted the raid who should be on trial.

The DEA drug raids “gone wrong.” The Weaver raid “gone wrong.” The Davidian raid “gone wrong.” All ended in disaster, and all are examples of failures of federal law enforcement, not local police work. To these could be added many more recent, notorious examples of criminal abuses by federal law-enforcement agencies, including “Operation Fast and Furious,” the ATF’s infamous “gunwalking” scandal trafficking guns to Mexico, and the FBI’s “Crossfire Hurricane” coup effort to overthrow President Donald Trump.

Yet, in response to the death of George Floyd and the ensuing riots, many in Congress are seeking federal legislation to give greater federal control over local law enforcement.

The Push for a Federalized Police Force Continues

Following the 2014 Ferguson, Missouri, riots, Al Sharpton, the perpetual race hustler, called on the federal government to “take over policing in this country.” The “Reverend” Sharpton has been a key instigator of racial turmoil for decades, mobilizing mobs to create pressure from below, while the globalists funding him, along with the globalist-controlled media and radical Democratic politicians, provide pressure from above. His National Action Network has received millions of dollars from establishment foundations and corporations, even as the “protests” he promotes destroy thousands of black-owned businesses. Similarly, Black Lives Matter has received over \$30 million from globalist billionaire George Soros, and pledges of \$100 million from other foundations and corporate elites. Do Sharpton and the BLM leaders who are demanding that local police departments be defunded (or even abolished) really intend to do away with police altogether? Or do they intend to create a state of anarchy, knowing that anarchy is never a permanent state, but serves as a transition to a form of totalitarian rule?

During the Obama administration, Sharpton served as a high-level “confidant” and was a frontline cheerleader for President Obama’s efforts to federalize our police, as a means of addressing the



Stoking racial hatred: Al Sharpton spoke at the funeral of George Floyd on June 9, using the opportunity to promote the narrative that the killing of black men by racist police is a widespread problem. Sadly, demagogues such as Sharpton are always ready to use grievances, both legitimate and illegitimate, to promote left-wing causes, including the effort to nationalize our police forces.

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“systemic racism” that allegedly permeates our society.

This drive to nationalize all law enforcement continues. One suggestion — or typically, a “demand” — by anti-police groups is for the creation of civilian review boards. Not surprisingly, local anti-police leftists who wish to undermine legitimate police work dominate these boards. And, when these “review boards” predictably find real or supposed examples of local police misconduct, the cry for a federal take-over will become even louder.

Sometimes the method used to control local law enforcement is through bullying, with proclamations from the U.S. attorney general or statements from presidents such as Barack Obama, who once declared that local police “acted stupidly.” Other methods are more subtle. The federal government uses funding, training, and outfitting of local police departments, even handing over military equipment to local police departments (blurring the lines between law enforcement and the military).

Local officials, always hungry for the

“free” money coming from the federal government, should beware. As has been seen in highway and education funding across the country, with “federal” money comes increased federal control. If we are not vigilant, the day might soon come in which local police departments exist in name only — any real power will be in the hands of federal authorities.

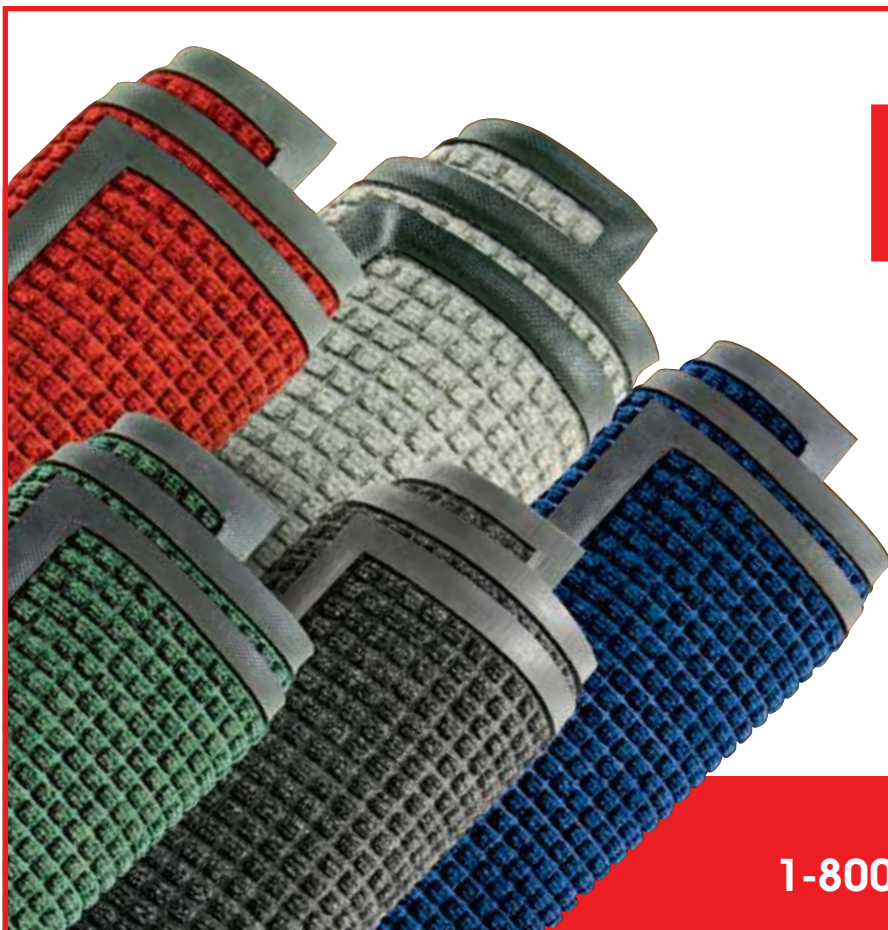
It should be remembered that tens of million interactions occur each year between local police and members of the public — of all ethnicities — which end peacefully, tens of millions of times. Times when a police officer behaves in a manner that results in the death of an unfortunate citizen such as George Floyd comprise a tiny minority of those cases. When it does happen, it is tragic. We can strive to reduce such incidents, but we can never eliminate all injustice, because we must continue to recruit police officers from the human race.

But turning over law enforcement to the federal government would mean turning over control of our lives to officials who are also flawed human beings. Ask

yourself this: Is there any solid basis for believing that transferring police power to politicians and bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., will make police more accountable, more responsible, less abusive, and less corrupt?

The “Support Your Local Police” effort was among the most successful campaigns ever of The John Birch Society (JBS), dedicated to less government, more responsibility — and with God’s help, a better world. A popular movie starring actor, James Garner, even did a take-off in a comedic western, *Support Your Local Sheriff*. The Law Enforcement Assistance Agency (LEAA), a federal agency that dealt directly with local police, was eventually abolished, largely as a result of the tireless efforts of the JBS. Many of the local review boards across the country were terminated as well, as the campaign proved highly successful.

Certainly, there should be opposition against any abuse of power by local police, but turning over control to a federalized police force would be a cure worse than the disease. ■



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We should support our local police, but that also means holding them accountable whether they kneel on necks or kneel in support of ideological movements and rioters.



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by Duke Pesta

Across history, nations that allow local control of community police forces are more free, stable, and liberty-driven than societies that have national or centralized systems of policing. Over the long, eventful history of the United States — a history that has routinely witnessed large, peaceful rallies and protests, turbulent and violent riots, and frequent urban disorder, including acts of well-funded and highly organized “anarchy” — independent, community-controlled police departments have been a key factor in preserving the peace and countering dangerous and anti-constitutional demands for a national police force. Never in our history has the concept of local policing been so under assault, from progressive politicians to socialist utopians, and from lawless movements such as Antifa and Black Lives Matter.

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Statistics from the FBI and other watchdog groups demonstrate that the roughly 700,000 local police officers and almost 18,000 police agencies in this country are not rife with brutality, racism, and the wide-scale trampling of civil rights, especially the rights of African-American citizens. This false narrative of police persecution, driven by an intemperate, politicized, and frantically anti-Trump media, has nevertheless been embraced by academia, Hollywood, athletic elites, major corporations, activist groups, and even some churches, all of which are demanding a complete defunding of local police forces nationwide. Of course, bad apples exist in the ranks of America’s police forces — how could they not? And while a greater emphasis on training in arrest tactics and community relations might be beneficial, the idea of defunding police departments — moving instead to progressive models of “community safe-keeping” — is not just absurd, but deeply perilous to the survival of our constitutional republic. That many of these baseless attacks are coming from

Nobody likes the police until you need the police: Though Minneapolis police officers often work lots of overtime because there aren’t enough police to do the job, City Council members want to defund the police department.

elected leaders at the federal level is altogether alarming. And while hardly anyone is talking about it, the replacement of locally controlled, independent police departments with community organized models of security would quickly give rise to a national police force, disconnected from the communities they police and taking orders from the federal government.

The John Birch Society and the Need to Protect Our Local Police

The irony of this current irrational attack on local police is the reality that today’s independent police forces have never been more culturally and racially diverse, more highly educated and credentialed, and more involved in public relations and community outreach at any time in our

history. And yet this anti-law-enforcement turmoil continues to roil, even though local police are scrutinized more than ever before, sheriffs remain accountable to the local voters who elected them, and police chiefs continue to answer directly to those locally elected officials by whom they were appointed.

More than a half century before this outbreak of reactionary anti-police scapegoating, The John Birch Society, sensing the coming countercultural shifts of the 1960s, created the “Support Your Local Police and Keep Them Independent” project. The initiative was partly started to foil a plot against local police revealed by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee of 1961.

One long-standing member of the Society mentioned to me in passing that during the early sixties, before the youth counterculture movement began its assault in earnest on traditional American values and structures, many JBS members were initially confused by the creation of the “Support Your Local Police” action item, wondering if there were not more pressing issues to address. Why not, for instance, launch a campaign to support motherhood? This was an age where trust in and support for local police were as deeply ingrained in American citizens as reverence for the flag and the need to defend

and control our borders. And yet we see how those pieties have been gutted over the decades in the same way that progressives and anarchists are now gunning for (and gunning down) local police.

Nevertheless, the Society encouraged the creation of *ad hoc* Support Your Local Police (SYLP) committees that would bring together members and supportive non-members to protect local police in the communities that they served. The emerging plot to discredit local police in 1961 reads like an Antifa training manual, urging crowd-manipulation techniques, “spontaneous” riot creation, and false charges of police brutality to undermine trust and support for officers. The Society’s SYLP movement continues its vibrant and urgent call to arms to this very day, helping to keep calm and offer perspective across all the upheavals, riots, and social decay we have experienced since the early 1960s. And now more than ever the Society seeks your participation in the program, whether you are a member or not. More information can be found at: <https://www.jbs.org/sylnp/>.

In a NEW AMERICAN article from October of 2003 entitled “Projecting the Lines,” Jack McManus, now president emeritus of The John Birch Society, verified the anecdote recorded above:

In 1963, [JBS Founder Robert] Welch launched the “Support Your Local Police” campaign. At the time, many Americans wondered why such a project was needed, since policemen were already highly respected by their fellow citizens. That, of course, was before the civil turmoil that rocked the country during the Vietnam War era. But Welch understood even then that the “thin blue line” would have to be vilified as a stepping stone to supplanting independent, local police forces accountable to the communities they served with a national police state accountable to a central government in Washington. In 1967, he added “And Keep Them Independent!” to the already famous slogan he had coined.

The effort is well under way to erase that “thin blue line,” a result that would undoubtedly bring much greater levels of crime and chaos to American communities. Out of that orchestrated and manufactured chaos, calls would immediately go out from citizens of every quarter to reinstate police and reassert lawful control over our neighborhoods and communities. But instead of a return to the many dismantled local levels of police oversight and bureaucracy, the “easier,” more “cost efficient,” more “controllable,” and ultimately more “socially just” solution would be to assemble a highly regulated and utterly centralized national police force.

Already, that “thin blue line” — which has helped keep us safe not just from criminals, but from the criminal class among our own politicians and elected leaders — has been put on the defensive. Supporters of local police are naively sheltering under the hope that “Blue Lives Matter” might rally Americans behind the cause of local police. It is disturbing and monitory to recognize how successful the anarchic Left has been in demonizing the phrase “Blue Lives Matter,” juxtaposing it negatively and with extreme prejudice against their own rallying cry: “Black Lives Matter.” Never mind that Black Lives Matter is for all intents and purposes limited to the remarkably small number (relatively speaking) of unarmed African-Americans killed by police officers. The millions of aborted black babies, black lives lost to black-on-black violence, and black lives



Blue Lives Matter: Though left-wing radicals have effectively made out supporting the police to be “racism,” many Americans realize that police have a very dangerous job and that the anti-police movement is making their lives more dangerous.

sacrificed to drugs appear outside the provenance of the BLM movement, and predictably so. To acknowledge the overwhelmingly, exponentially larger numbers of *those* victims might suggest that black culture itself has some role to play in this panoply of misery and death.

No, America's local police forces, in some medieval ritual of collective guilt and atonement, must be identified as the avatar of the nation's original sin — slavery — and sacrificed in some meaningless act of ritual racial rain-making. In the Orwellian times we now inhabit, just to say the phrase “Blue Lives Matter” is enough to get you cancelled and fired, your personal details doxed, and your family threatened. To fly the Blue Lives Matter flag becomes a racial provocation more sinister than the waving of the Stars

and Bars of the Confederacy. But to call such inquisitorial scapegoating *medieval* is to ignore a godless form of collective guilt and atonement in more recent times — which has characterized socialist and communist states since the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917.

Mandatory Apologies Summarily Rejected and the Rituals of Wokeness”

It is now and has always been a hallmark of socialist and communist nations to reject everything about religion that is redeeming and uplifting, while clinging tenaciously to those aspects of communal religious experience that are destructive or humiliating. The treatment of local police we have watched during the protests and riots — it is not possible to neatly pretend the two have nothing to do with each

other — does in many ways resemble the kind of discipline and punishment rituals enacted in Marxist and Maoist countries over the last century.

I still have not found anyone else in the mainstream media who has made the following observations. Why on Earth were battalions of American police officers — and then National Guardsmen — assembled along the lines of conflict in places such as Minneapolis, Los Angeles, New York City, Seattle, Chicago, and Atlanta (to name just a few), by big city Democratic mayors (and with the exception of Atlanta, big state Democratic governors) who made it crystal clear that under no circumstances were they to intervene, or stop looters or arsonists, or intercede when people were beaten well-nigh to death, or defend the First Amendment right of journalists to cover the mayhem, or even respond in any way to bricks and bottles and incendiary cocktails heaved in their own immediate (non) peace-keeping direction? (By the way, it's more than a little ironic that Amazon cancelled *Gone With the Wind*, a film replete with looting and burning as palpable consequences of ending slavery, at the very same moment that Jeff Bezos was praising and promoting Black Lives Matter in all their burn-y, loot-y glory.) It was further repeated over and over as a kind of exculpatory mantra by politicians, academics, celebrities, and activists that property was only property, so let it burn. These familiar enablers contorted themselves into linguistic pretzels to justify the faculty-lounge double-speak that looting is the logical extension of the peaceful civil disobedience associated with Martin Luther King.

Given that Democratic officials made it clear — implicitly and explicitly — that the burning and looting of their cities was a wholly appropriate response to the killing of George Floyd, why bother forking out all that overtime pay to assemble the troops? The only answer is that they were assembled in full riot gear to pay penance — to endure collective psychological and spiritual shaming as a kind of reparations for the white supremacist sin of being police officers in the first place. What else could it be? Even the Soviets disarmed Red Army soldiers who failed party purity tests before shooting them in the back

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Why doesn't his life matter as much? Since the Black Lives Matter protests started, police officers have been ridiculed, harassed, beaten, shot, and killed — actions that have as yet not been condemned by the leftist majority or leftist influencers.



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Virtual punching bags: During the riots, leftist politicians and police chiefs have made their officers stand down as rioters attack them and destroy and loot cars, buildings, and more. Question: Is this so officers are made to feel impotent and unwanted?

of the head. But not the white supremacist American police! Oh no, they must stand stock-still in full uniform, with gun and night stick and taser, armed like soldiers and restrained like eunuchs.

The rioters (my name for rioters pretending to be protesters) knew they had *carte blanche* not just to burn and steal, but also to insult, curse, threaten, and belittle those cops — not just the cis-gendered white male ones, but the Hispanic, Asian, and African-American ones, too. From the footage I watched, the rioters were much harder on the minority cops, as if the Caucasian officers were simply garden variety white supremacists, while the minority cops were something much worse — Uncles Tom, Tomas, and Tāngmū sī.

The hardest part of watching the riots was seeing scrawny, pasty-white, rickets-riven, college soy boys suddenly entitled to hurl the “N-word” in the faces of politically neutered black cops, all because a white policeman killed George Floyd. (They didn’t even bother to add the courtesy “a” to the end of the “N-word,” which allows rappers and identity-studies professors to claim that the word is unspeakably horrible, while simultaneously using it

with the same frequency as a sorority girl uses the word “like.”) Minneapolis mayor Jacob Frey went so far as to allow a police precinct building to be occupied by rioters while police and staff *were still in the building*. Unlike their front-line brethren, they at least had the freedom to flee the edifice rather than stand passively by and surrender their lunch money in the name of racial healing.

Stockholm Syndrome and Your Local Police: Accountability Is a Two-way Street

During this time of unrestrained emotion, when civic leaders condone the senseless destruction of private and public property, the looting of local businesses, and physical violence unleashed on police officers, it is critically important to vigorously support the overwhelming percentage of hard-working cops who do their jobs with little fanfare. But supporting local police also means holding them accountable when they individually and in groups break public trust. Not only does this happen when they engage in unnecessary force, it occurs when on-duty police officers, manning posts of respon-

sibility during highly incendiary events such as riots, abandon their posts to engage in political activism, kneeling before protesters, marching alongside them, and in (one case) prostrating themselves in misguided and inappropriate acts of solidarity. Nothing is stopping these officers from joining the protests in their off-time, if that is what they wish to do. But to cross the line to placate lawless and rioting mobs is dereliction of duty, and dangerously close to the willful rejection of their oaths of office and civic mandates.

One worrisome aspect of quasi-fascist movements is the coopting of law-enforcement agencies, making them complicit in anarchistic riots that ultimately undermine constitutional governance. It is telling that despite the shows of police solidarity, the anarchists nevertheless commandeered six city blocks in Seattle, emboldened no doubt by the conciliatory and craven non-action of authorities. Among their conquests in Seattle, another police precinct repurposed into a utopian community ashram. No cops allowed, despite the groveling.

It is somewhat understandable: Local city councils and mayors turn on police, joining with agitators and looters to condemn them collectively for what a statistically insignificant number of them on rare occasions do. The local media, hometown sports heroes, and city colleges all participate in stigmatizing the police, while elevating masked cowards who burn and loot and assault into folk heroes. Even their own administrators abandon them, as in Miami, where an entire SWAT team quit the elite force to protest anti-police comments made by their chief.

Stockholm syndrome is real, and creating situations where police are only supported when they renounce law and order — walking away from their posts to placate irrational mobs whose only response is an even greater fervor to abolish police — is a recipe for the kind of orchestrated chaos that ushers into power the latest iteration of progressive fascists. Just ask the gun-wielding, extortionist separatists in Seattle’s cop-free zone (CHOP, aka CHAZ) who bully “residents” and repurpose Black Lives Matter rhetoric to demand an end to Western culture, one prostrate or dead cop at a time. ■

The Worst Racists IN AMERICA

Whites are said to be so racist that the entire culture rests on “systemic racism.” While it’s true whites are the worst racists, it’s not for reasons you might think.



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The meme of “white privilege”: In our country it is said that whites have built-in privileges; however, all such built-in privileges seem to pale in comparison to government-provided privileges for blacks, such as cheap or free college for black students who have high-school grades and test scores that wouldn’t get a white person any type of college discount.

by Kurt Williamsen

It seems that every day now there are marches for George Floyd. Floyd’s death has been labeled by many as a “hate crime,” though no words about race were uttered, two of the officers involved were non-whites, and Derek Chauvin was married to a Hmong woman. Chauvin was arrested and faces three separate charges: second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter (the multitude of similar charges by prosecutors is so that Chauvin is found guilty of something). The three other officers involved, including a black officer and an

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Asian officer, were also fired and charged with crimes. Despite the arrests and the system seemingly working to right a wrong as it should, the incident has blown up, and it’s being called evidence of systemic racism in police departments and of whites in general.

As to the charge of whites being racist, it’s true that whites are the worst racists in America — but not in the way most think.

Being able to whip up protests and riots throughout the country — for weeks — in response to wrongdoing against another person of your own race is an example of effective use of racial demagoguery: Because a white cop killed a black man, though the cop *has been charged* with murder, rioters destroyed millions of dollars in property across hundreds of cit-

ies in this country. Racial tensions have been so inflamed by the appeal to racism that at least two police officers have been killed and hundreds of others have been seriously wounded, with a handful of officers being shot. The civilian death toll is reportedly more than 10 in the turmoil. (Many of the victims were black, yet no major protests have marked their deaths.)

In just one weekend in New York, it’s estimated that three-dozen NYPD officers were seriously injured, with officers being beaten, hit by a vehicle, and more.

Whites Killed by Blacks

On the other hand, when whites are killed by blacks or by police, there aren’t usually even marches, let alone riots, arson, and looting. When famous black athlete/commentator O.J. Simpson was acquitted of murdering his white wife, Nicole, and her friend Ron Goldman, though evidence was overwhelming that he was guilty, whites didn’t fill the streets. When five blacks repeatedly raped, sodomized, tortured, brutally killed, and mutilated white Knoxville college students Christopher Newsom and his girlfriend, Channon Christian — throwing her body in a trash can after pouring bleach into her mouth and crotch while she was alive to cover evidence of rape, and burning his body next to a railroad track — the crime hardly made a blip in the news, let alone lead to riots. When white woman Justine Damond, who did nothing more than approach a police car after calling the police to report a sexual assault near her residence, was killed by a black police officer named Mohamed Noor in Minneapolis in 2017, her killing barely warranted vigils.

Black-on-white murders aren’t rarities

either. Blacks kill approximately double the number of whites than whites kill of blacks. According to a 2011 study by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics entitled “Homicide Trends in the United States, 1980-2008,” murders by blacks on whites make up about seven percent of all murders, while white murders against blacks make up about three percent of all murders. This is true even though in 2008 blacks made up only about 13 percent of the population, while whites (including Hispanics and Latinos) made up about 80 percent of the population. Of murders committed by people who didn’t know the victims (strangers), about 18 percent were committed by blacks on whites, versus five percent committed by whites against blacks — three times more.

In other words, whites are far more likely to be killed by blacks than blacks are to be killed by whites. American whites must be the worst racists in the world, given the fact that they can’t manage to murder, maim, riot, or destroy to defend their own kind nearly as well as their “victims” do.

As to cops killing blacks, Heather Mac Donald, who is an attorney, researcher, and author, investigated the deaths of civilians at the hands of the police and found police *do not* kill blacks at a rate greater than they kill whites. About cops killing civilians, Mac Donald says:

In 2019 police officers fatally shot 1,004 people, most of whom were armed or otherwise dangerous. African-Americans were about a quarter of those killed by cops last year (235), a ratio that has remained stable since 2015. That share of black victims is less than what the black crime rate would predict, since police shootings are a function of how often officers encounter armed and violent suspects. In 2018, the latest year for which such data have been published, African-Americans made up 53% of known homicide offenders in the U.S. and commit about 60% of robberies, though they are 13% of the population.

The police fatally shot nine unarmed blacks and 19 unarmed whites in 2019, according to a *Washington Post* database, down from 38 and 32, respectively, in 2015.

So, if one considers the number of violent crimes each race commits when examining officer-involved killings (and to be intellectually honest, you need to do that), blacks seem to be statistically *under-represented* as victims, rather than over-represented. The claim of systemic racism made against police rings false. (Yet it is repeated *every day*, by left-wing media,

politically correct politicians, religious institutions, and rioters.)

Moreover, Mac Donald writes about cops shooting civilians:

The latest in a series of studies undercutting the claim of systemic police bias was published in August 2019 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The researchers found that the more frequently officers encounter violent suspects from any given racial group, the greater the chance that a member of that group will be fatally shot by a police officer. There is “no significant evidence of anti-black disparity in the likelihood of being fatally shot by police,” they concluded.

As well, she noted, this is true across the spectrum in law enforcement: “A solid body of evidence finds no structural bias in the criminal-justice system with regard to arrests, prosecution or sentencing. Crime and suspect behavior, not race, determine most police actions.” Yet claims of unjust law-enforcement treatment against blacks go on. (Where are the leftist calls to be guided by science and facts?)

The Failure of Whites

The strikes against whites keep piling up. Since one of the criteria for racism is the belief in untrue negative stereotypes of one race by another, whites fail the racism test again. Not only have whites, as a group, *not* believed and spread malicious lies about blacks, they, to a large extent, believe the malicious lies about whites and cops being proclaimed by black activists and left-wing mouthpieces who are fanning the flames of hatred, and many whites are getting on board the race train, joining the “Black Lives Matter” crowd in claiming systemic racism and joining the protests and riots.

Whites’ self-recrimination about perceived white racism highlights another failure to be good racists: Only whites as a group typically scorn and ostracize other members of their own race for being racist. In 1988, a sportscaster named Jimmy Snyder, known as Jimmy “the Greek,” felt white wrath for racism. He stated that blacks are naturally better athletes than



Black lives: In places such as Chicago, more defenseless blacks might be killed on a single weekend by other blacks than unarmed blacks are killed in a year by all cops, yet blacks not only don’t riot over that fact, they often won’t even cooperate with the police to catch the killers.

whites because of the selective breeding that slave owners did in the slave days, and that if blacks took over the coaching jobs in sports, which he said was alright with him, there wouldn't be any jobs left for whites. For that, he lost his job and became persona non grata.

When sportscaster Howard Cosell, a person who was a co-founder of the Jackie Robinson Foundation (the first black baseball player in MLB), was on air praising the performance of a small black wide receiver named Alvin Garrett, he said, in admiration of Garrett's wily moves, "That little monkey gets loose, doesn't he?" He lost his job, too.

And in June of this year, Sacramento Kings TV broadcaster Grant Napear was forced to resign his position and was fired from a sports-talk radio program for saying, when asked about what he thinks of Black Lives Matter, "All lives matter...every single one" — though no statement could be less racist. And Gordon Klein, an accounting professor at UCLA, has been suspended from teaching and has had threats made against him because he wouldn't make final tests for the year easier for blacks because of the Floyd incident.

Yet last year black writer Jemele Hill could get an article published in *The Atlantic* magazine entitled "It's Time for Black Athletes to Leave White Colleges," and in

1992, a movie entitled *White Men Can't Jump* was the 16th highest grossing movie.

Even false accusations by blacks against whites are accepted by many whites at face value: When members of the Duke lacrosse team were falsely accused by a black stripper of raping her, the young men were considered guilty from word one. Protesters banged pots and pans outside the house where the rape supposedly took place; other Duke students, faculty members, and administrators made clear they assumed the boys were guilty, including a group of faculty members who published an ad in *The Chronicle*; and negative coverage of the boys was on *60 Minutes* and in *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, and many other news sources.

Considering these truths, how all-encompassing can white racism be?

On the other hand, other racial groups often practically even worship race-baiters and haters. The Black Lives Matter crowd even riots for thugs: Michael Brown, the young, powerful black man of "hands up, don't shoot" fame, was determined by investigators of the Obama administration not to have been surrendering when he was shot, but was actually attacking the police officer who shot him. The reason the cop was chasing Brown was that Brown had just committed strong-arm robbery. Yet rioters tore

apart and burned Ferguson, Missouri, in solidarity with Brown.

When Trayvon Martin, a drug user who was kicked out of school and was prone to getting into fights, attacked a neighborhood watchman named George Zimmerman for following him and began smashing Zimmerman's head into the concrete (which was validated by bloody photos taken at the scene), Zimmerman shot him. Riots ensued.

And while I don't know of a single mainly white neighborhood where it would be unsafe for a black man to walk at night (though I'm sure there is one somewhere, since every race has its embarrassments), I know of quite a few predominantly black neighborhoods where it wouldn't be safe to be white at night, or even during the day. For instance, my Italian mother-in-law grew up on the South Side of Chicago beginning in the 1930s, and it was an idyllic neighborhood where people walked the lakefront at night. When blacks moved into the neighborhood, many families moved because they feared the change. (The white-flight you might have heard of.) My mother-in-law's father refused to move, believing folks are folks. But when blacks were in the majority in the area, their house was repeatedly vandalized, and the family was threatened and told to leave. They moved. This pattern happened to her family more than once. A dozen or so years ago, she decided to show guests from out of town her old house. She weaved her car through neighborhoods of wrecked houses and burnt-out hulks of cars to her past home to take a picture of it. No sooner had she stopped and gotten out of the car with her camera than two little black boys picked up rocks and threw them toward her and yelled something to the effect of "Get out of here, you white motherf**kers." Obviously, she fled. Whites have a long way to go to equal that level of hate.

Also showing whites' ineptness at being racists, think about a few other factoids: Not only has the country previously elected a black president, more than a few political commentators don't believe Joe Biden can win the presidency unless he has a black running mate. And though whites are supposedly extremely racist, blacks routinely get rich in fields with mainly white fan bases: Talk-show hostess Oprah Winfrey is a billionaire. So is former basketball



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Self-fulfilling prophecy: Blacks are told by liberals that they can't get ahead because whites keep them down, even as schools in predominantly black neighborhoods don't kick out violent, disrespectful, and disruptive students, leading to a poor education for nearly all the students.



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Racism didn't cause black poverty: As noted by the Heritage Foundation article "Marriage: America's Greatest Weapon Against Child Poverty," single motherhood leads to poverty, yet it was encouraged by welfare. Single motherhood, especially among poor blacks, led to less schooling, less wealth, more drug use, more violence, higher crime, and more, for generations of blacks.

player Michael Jordan. Top box office stars include Denzel Washington, Eddie Murphy, Will Smith, and Morgan Freeman. In country music, a field whose audience is deemed "redneck" because the fans are generally so pasty white that they always get sunburnt, Darius Rucker has a huge fan base. And much of the music scene today is populated by black stars.

Black men make up only about six percent of the population, yet they make up approximately 76 percent of NFL rosters, even though 83 percent of the fans are white and 64 percent males. (Wait, aren't blue-collar whites supposed to be the biggest haters in the country, if not the world?)

And not only do white-dominated countries, especially the United States, allow the most legal immigration of people of all races, the United States is the most desired destination for the world's poor — who are often non-white. (Why do non-whites want to flood here if whites are so racist?)

Even more pointed is the fact that when NPR examined data from a dating site, "All men," including white men, "seemed to be more interested in people outside their race." (Shouldn't racist men feel ashamed at choosing the wrong race and avoid such stigmatization at all costs? What am I missing here?)

White Privilege

Because there is so little overt racism by whites, we now hear about "microaggressions" against blacks, such as mispronouncing a name or not remembering a black person after previously meeting him or telling a black person she is very smart or saying you believe the most qualified person should get a job (there should be no preferences) or saying there is only one race — the human race. Basically microaggressions are any actions or words that a minority might construe as putting them down.

The obvious ludicrousness of such a thing should be apparent to anyone and everyone, since *every single thing a person does or says* could be construed as derogatory by "a minority." Some blacks don't like being called blacks; others don't like being called African-Americans (and, believe it or not, you can't tell the different groups apart by looking at them), and even the term "minority" could be taken to mean "socially unacceptable." As mentioned above, even praising a black person for being smart or doing a good job is considered aggression — because the person being praised might believe that the speaker is being condescending to an "inferior."

At the same time, groups not on the politically correct protected list are fre-

quently faced with real put-downs by the same people who are now claiming the microaggression racism fiction. Christian kids are told every day in school and via the media that what they are taught to believe about homosexuality — that God is against it — is homophobic, mean, and hateful, with the intent to make them feel bad about themselves. And constant commercials on TV and in magazines about weight loss, thinning hair, and acne all have the side effect of making people with those problems ashamed. But those are somehow OK.

Then there's the "white privilege" meme, wherein Americans are told that simply because someone is white, he has built-in advantages in this country, despite the fact that in this country nearly every major company, government institution, and college has hiring and admissions preferences for blacks. A friend who worked for Johnson Controls in Milwaukee noted that though the company had stringent standards that must be met by candidates for most jobs (because the standards reflected the minimum knowledge needed to even do the jobs), the company regularly hired blacks without the requisite skills, though whites had applied who had the required skills. And when I finished my student teaching at an inner-city school in Milwaukee, though I had a hard time even getting interviews for jobs, the only black student teacher (who was also an English teacher, like me) was flown to another state for an interview — for a job he didn't even apply for; they found him.

And it's odd how whites' privilege helps whites come out ahead, as compared to blacks, unless the blacks are married. In 2018, the poverty rate for married blacks was 7.1 percent; for whites as a group, it was 8.1 percent, according to the website Statista.

Even the basis of the entire "whites are racist" narrative is based on a lie: Americans are told repeatedly that black poverty is caused by a legacy of slavery, and that blacks can't cut it in today's world and that they need welfare and special privileges, such as lower acceptable test scores to get into colleges, because they have been held back by racist whites. (Stop, again, isn't that a microaggressive sentiment about black inferiority, especially since Asians in this country — minorities — are by far

the highest wage earners in this country, indicating another race has leaped whites' racist hurdles?)

In truth, after the Civil War, a time when blacks faced real, outright racism in much of the country, including lynching and exclusion from many jobs, they continually improved their lot and became better off, steadily catching up to whites economically. In the 1920s, according to the *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, about one in 1,000 blacks were college educated. By 1965, before the vast expansion welfare under Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" took effect, 4.7 percent of blacks were college educated (as compared to about 9.8 percent of whites). More than 40 years later, blacks in the United States had 19.6 percent of degree holders (versus 32.6 percent for whites), a slight improvement from 1965 but a truth that is diminished by the fact that black immigrants in this country have the *highest educational attainment in this country*, even beating out Asians, meaning *American-born* blacks haven't continued to catch up to whites since the mid-1960s. As well, black

economist Walter Williams pointed out in 1960 "black male labor force participation in every age group was equal to or greater than that of whites," and the black poverty rate was cut in half between 1940 and 1966. (As Williams said, if blacks suffer from poverty because of a legacy of slavery, it must have somehow skipped a couple of generations.) In short, when welfare began in earnest — with extra money being given to women who had kids but no husband — black women (the women most incentivized to take the welfare because they were the poorest) began having lots of kids by various men to boost their welfare checks, and generational poverty for blacks began. So did misbehavior in school, rises in crime, and so on, problems, studies show, that are a direct result of fatherless homes.

The expansion of welfare has had the same effect on white women, only at a slower pace because they were better off financially to begin with than blacks and didn't as often collect a welfare check. Black economist Thomas Sowell has shown that similar legislation in other

countries has had similar effects on other races. (So much for the blacks-being-held-back-by-whites meme — unless you mean the holding-back done by patronizing white liberals who designed and instituted the welfare programs in the first place.)

The truth is that blacks actually persevered and prospered during the time *when they were being held back by racist whites*, but floundered during the time that white racism not only dissipated, but even began to provide blacks with legislated advantages.

So while it's true that there definitely are some white, anti-black racists in America (a fact that governments can't change, any more than they could stop drug abuse), the racists are a small minority. Systemic white racism against blacks is a myth or, more accurately, a lie. And since it's a truism that one of the most obvious signs that someone does not respect you is that the person lies to you, all the left-wing lies recently should make blacks wonder who the real racists and haters in America are.

Actually, the answer should be obvious. ■

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THE DEATH OF DAVID DORN: TO BLM, BLACK LIVES MATTER NOT

As the protests and riots go forward — often instigated by Black Lives Matter — the rioters have taken at least a dozen lives, mainly of blacks. Ironic and sad.

by *Selwyn Duke*

The Black Lives Matter revolutionaries and their allies kill who they claim to save and are the threat they claim to combat. Just ask the family of David Dorn.

Dorn, murdered by rioters in June 2nd's wee hours while defending a friend's business, was a 77-year-old retired black police captain, but also much, much more. Friends and family describe him as a leader and larger-than-life man of virtue who mentored youths and emphasized strict ethical conduct among the officers below him.

Dorn's death was live-streamed on Facebook, as he lay bleeding on St. Louis' Dr. Martin Luther King Drive at approximately 2:30 a.m., in front of Lee's Pawn & Jewelry. The man filming the scene was heard on video repeatedly pleading with Dorn, "Stay with me, OG."

Dorn could not do so. Yet he was a man who was always there for his family, friends, and community — including the criminals with whom he dealt.

"The Rev. Richard Jackson of the Manasseh Ministry said he knew Dorn back when Jackson was a 17-year-old shoplifter," reports the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. "Dorn was the police officer who caught him, and also the one who talked to him." The paper continues:

"He was a very honest police officer and an honorable gentleman," Jackson said. "He would talk to me outside the store. 'You go to school? You doing OK?'"

Dorn's niece, Tandy Stewart, stood near the front of the pawn shop where Dorn was killed and looked down at the sidewalk, among the crushed memorial candles. She bent down and touched the pavement with tears in her eyes.

"My uncle's blood," she said, her voice breaking. She sat down next to dried traces of blood and stared.

"He was a great man," Stewart said.

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As for the far different man who took Dorn's life, surveillance "video shows at least seven men burst into the store with their faces covered," reported New York's *Daily News* June 7. "The footage shows one of the men pointing a handgun toward the shop's entrance." That man, allegedly 24-year-old Stephen Cannon, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder and other offenses.

But then there are those who are responsible, albeit indirectly, but will never be arrested: #BlackLivesMatter (BLM), Antifa, and figures in media, entertainment, politics, and elsewhere who've fomented unrest in the wake of the death of arrestee George Floyd.

One mourner said it well. Accompanying flowers and a teddy bear that sat outside the scene of Dorn's murder was a handwritten sign reading, "Y'all killed a black man because 'they' killed a black man???. Rest in peace," reported the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

"Diane Davis knew Dorn and brought the flowers June 2. She said he was like a father to many," the paper continued. "'He was a kind man, he was a great man, he is a missed man,' she said."

Black lives matter?

IN MEMORIAM

Dorn isn't alone, either. While police shot 10 unarmed black suspects in 2019 (and 19 unarmed white ones) — eight of which incidents were found justifiable; officers were charged in the other two — the George Floyd riots alone claimed approximately a dozen black lives. Of course, these killings received scant media coverage.

Black lives matter?

Dorn's sure did — at least to those around him if not to BLM. His "personality was 'bigger than life,'" Breitbart quoted former St. Louis County Police Chief Tim Fitch as saying. "He was a fun guy, a happy guy. You never had to wonder what he was thinking when somebody did something incredibly stupid like a crime because he would just say it as he saw it."

The latter can also be said about another BLM-inspired violence victim, one far luckier than Dorn. They "tell me 'Black Lives Matter.' *They're lying.*," said 69-year-old Lucy Hosley, standing outside her Bronx business, the Valentine Deli, after thugs ravaged it during June 2's early

morning hours. "You wanted to loot the store. You needed money," she bluntly exclaimed, making her comments in a video posted to YouTube. "Get a job like I do. Stop stealing."

"You said 'Black lives matter' — why don't you choke me!?" Hosley asked rhetorically, after a night of cleaning up the miscreants' damage. "I'm black; look what you did to my store!" "This is our neighborhood," she later pointed out. "We're trying to build it up, and you tear it down."

Hosley was joined in speaking truth to anarchist power by black African immigrant Nestride Yumga. "Black Lives Matter is a joke! You are the racists!" she told BLM protesters May 31 near her home in Washington, D.C. "When black people kill black people, they don't come out and do this cr*p," she pointed out, referencing the protesting and rioting. "The only time they do this cr*p is when a white person does it."

Yumga, seen in a Breitbart News video dated June 1, was calling "out the hypocrisy of Black Lives Matter for refusing

to acknowledge the exponential amounts of black-on-black crime, particularly in Chicago and other liberal-led cities," explained WND.com.

In reality, approximately 90 percent of black homicide victims are murdered by other blacks. Moreover, studies show definitively that police are *more likely* to shoot white than black suspects.

Black lives matter?

"The Ethical Society of Police, which represents black officers in St. Louis, mourned Dorn as 'the type of brother that would've given his life to save them if he had to,'" the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* also informs. Meanwhile, #BlackLivesMatter — with its Orwellian, "War is Peace" name and Luciferian bent — is willing to sacrifice black lives for its ultimate goal: power.

As a Students for a Democratic Society radical once put it, the "issue is never the issue. The issue is always the revolution." And now the revolutionaries claim they want to save black lives as they claim black lives.

Hashtag that. ■

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THE GOODNESS OF AMERICA

The violent backlash and destructive riots in response to the in-custody death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25 would have even the most optimistic among us questioning humanity, but, thankfully, there are good people all across America who continue to prove that good will always defeat evil.

Communities Band Together to Clean Up

Peaceful protests have turned into violent demonstrations in cities throughout the country as outside agitators and criminal opportunists have used Floyd's death as an excuse to loot businesses and attack innocent civilians and police officers.

But while the criminal element overruns the cities at night in the purported name of "justice," good people have come out during the day to try and undo some of the damage caused by the violent demonstrations.

Following destructive riots in downtown Reno, Nevada, on May 30, community members and local officials came together to paint over graffiti, board up buildings after windows were smashed, and clean up the trash that was thrown about the area, KOLO 8 News Now reported.

"You want to see the real Reno, it's right there," said Governor Steve Sisolak at a noon press conference. "It's those folks painting the building, cleaning the curbs, picking up the trash, that's what Reno's about, that's what Nevada's about, that's what really matters."

WMUR 9 reported that an "army of helpers" came out in Kansas City after a night of violent protests.

"When we look at the people that are cleaning up the debris this morning, the folks that are saying we want to bring our community together, you're seeing the essence and the spirit of Kansas City," Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas said.

Dozens of volunteers took to the streets of Atlanta after demonstrators rioted and clashed with police. Atlanta resident G.J. Hawkins said he took to social media to organize a cleanup and received a number of responses.

"We feel like it's our duty as Christ followers to not only stand up for justice but to also stand up for our city," Hawkins said. "One of the ways we get to express that is by helping to clean up and rebuilding."

A group of volunteers came together on June 1 to clean up parts of downtown Indianapolis, where more than 100 businesses experienced some type of vandalism. Downtown Indy, an organization that represents the downtown merchants, focused on the state monuments that were vandalized during the protests, RTV6 Indianapolis reported.

Volunteers in Seattle came out to scrub graffiti off buildings, pressure wash paint off of various structures, and help board up smashed storefronts, KIRO 7 reported.

"I was crying probably most of the night watching the news, seeing the streets that I walk nearly every day and knowing that there's some people out there willing to destroy that. That really broke my heart," said volunteer Carly Birkey.

One volunteer, Zach Daniels, brought his five-year-old daughter Mia to assist with the cleanup. He said he wants her to understand that they can support the idea that black lives matter without destroying property or businesses.

"We're here to support our community," he said.

These are just a handful of the many stories to have come out of the violent protests and looting that followed Floyd's death.

High-school Student Rewarded for His Cleanup Efforts

Eighteen-year-old Antonio Gwynn of Buffalo, New York, was moved to act after he saw destructive protests ravage his community on Facebook Live on the evening of June 1.

"I felt disgusted. My nerves were bad. They're destroying a city that could actually be very beautiful," Gwynn said.

Gwynn decided to leave his home at 2 in the morning to head to the protest areas

and begin cleanup efforts. Before he knew it, 10 hours had passed.

As other residents began to arrive the following morning to clean up the area, they were shocked to discover much of the work had already been done by Gwynn. It was then they decided to turn their attention to helping the young man who gave so much of himself to help their community.

When Buffalo resident Matt Block caught wind of it, he decided to gift Gwynn his 2004 red convertible Mustang. "This was a good way for me to get rid of it and know someone that gets it is going to appreciate it, I think," Block said.

Bob Briceland of Briceland Insurance Agency then volunteered to cover Gwynn's insurance for one year. "I just felt compelled to help him out. We just need to get together our whole city and show people how there's so many good people here," he said.

Perhaps best of all, Medaille College in Buffalo offered him a full scholarship to attend school after hearing his story. Until recently, Gwynn had planned to attend trade school until he could save up for college. Now, he has decided to study business in the fall at Medaille.

Gwynn was shocked by Block's and Briceland's incredible generosity, and was ecstatic over the scholarship. "It doesn't feel real," he told CNN. "It feels like this is a movie going on."

Gwynn said his motivation to help his community was inspired by his mother, who died in 2018. He said he only did what she would have done. ■

— RAVEN CLABOUGH



Antonio Gwynn

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Guns Don't Discriminate

The riots occurring all over our country are allegedly in response to discrimination, but one obvious fact that can be drawn from the following story is that guns don't discriminate when it comes to self-defense. Twitter account @ZoomerClips shared a video on May 28 showing heavily armed black men standing outside a business in an area plagued by riots that had a sign placed on it which read "black-owned." The video was only 12 seconds long and has already been viewed 6.4 million times as of the writing of this column. The man doing the recording walked along the group showing how well-guarded the business was and dared looters to target the business. "Run up in here and see what happens," the man says while laughing.

And it isn't just black Americans who are demonstrating that being armed can mean the difference between destruction and safety; there are also immigrants who are exercising their Second Amendment rights. Thirty-six-year-old Ike Gazaryanan, who emigrated from Russia to the United States in 1998, told the *San Diego Union Tribune* on June 4 that he needed to do something to defend his business.

Gazaryanan is a co-owner of Pushkin Russian Restaurant in downtown San Diego, and he said his business already had been hurt by the coronavirus lockdown. The business had innovatively transitioned into a "grocery delivery business" after the 12-week lockdown prevented them from operating as a restaurant, but they were grateful to finally begin opening again.

Then came the riots, and Gazaryanan had concerns that his business would be harmed in the resulting chaos. He told the *Tribune* that "it took me a while to get to where I am and losing everything to someone else is not something I'm going to do."

Gazaryanan recounted the turmoil he experienced in his youth in Azerbaijan, when his family had to flee to Russia: "I've seen a lot of things in my life that made me the person I am.... I'm not easily scared. And I will protect what's mine." He explained how he contacted friends who likewise were immigrants from all parts of the former Soviet Union, and they

voluntarily joined together to defend his business with their firearms.

The men accomplished their goal, as the Pushkin Russian restaurant sustained no damage due to the riots, but Gazaryanan complained that the economic damage might linger. "Buildings are boarded up all around me.... Locals see this walking around, and they don't want to go out. There are no tourists, no conventions, and no appeal to downtown. It looks like Baghdad in 2003.... I'm right back to where I was with the coronavirus."

Media & Politicians Who Defend Looters Attack Gun Owners

As our country descended into chaos during the Black Lives Matter riots, an incident on May 31 in the city of Snohomish, Washington, reminds us all how quickly the media and left-wing activists will demonize gun owners, even as the same media defend looters.

The *Daily Herald* reported on June 6 what should have been a positive story about armed citizens standing up and sending a message that they won't let their city be terrorized by anarchists and racial agitators, but the media instead twisted it into a hit piece on lawful gun owners.

The underlying details involved protesters who had gathered in the city to partake in the national Black Lives Matter rallies, and some local citizens who wanted to prevent the wanton destruction they saw occurring in other cities. The May 31 event went off without any violence, as the two sides peacefully coexisted. The pro-law-and-order side featured many men carrying their guns, which is completely legal under state law as Washington is an open-carry state.

Snohomish Police Chief Keith Rogers described the event to the *Daily Herald* as "a festive night of tailgating and celebratory pleasantries."

But left-wing activists did not agree and disingenuously cried that it was an act of intimidation. In a Zoom meeting that was held online by the city council the following week, local left-wing activists called in

to whine about how horrible it was seeing armed men and women standing in public. Local teacher Rochelle Feil Adamowsky went on a tear-filled diatribe in which she said, "I went ... for a walk, and I was scared, honestly.... I saw what was going on downtown, and I was scared. I live here, I teach here, and I thought, 'What mistake did I make moving to Snohomish?' I bought a house here. I've started a life here, and I'm afraid to live here.... I was afraid one of us was going to get shot, because somebody was trigger-happy and wanted to just shoot somebody.... And I stood across from people blocking the sidewalk with their guns."

It's not clear what brought this woman to tears so easily, but other leftists made accusations that "white supremacists" were among the gun owners, even though no evidence was provided other than people possibly making the okay hand gesture and one man displaying a confederate flag. This smear was rejected by Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney, who interacted with the armed locals and said they were Snohomish parents and business owners and definitely "not white nationalists, they were not extremists."

Mayor John Kartak supported the demonstration by armed residents in a letter: "The men and women of our community came together to protect the city they love." He later decried what he said was a coordinated effort by left-wing activists to vilify both him and the city's chief of police. In a Facebook post on June 6, he wrote, "I have recently listened to an organized and focused attack on our community, on our police chief, and on myself during the last two Snohomish City Council meetings and have seen the very same campaign continue to be launched all across Facebook.... If 50 to 100 people in and around this community wish to paint me as disrespectful, a hater, a bully, and a racist, then so be it."

Karnak acknowledged there was some drinking among the armed counterprotesters and that the local police force reacted quickly to quell it, but he was adamant that those claiming outrage were part of a coordinated campaign.

This is a common left-wing tactic: to act

like a vulnerable victim in an effort to suppress opposition. It's clear that the leftists' goal is to make it so only their ideological fellow travelers are allowed in the streets, and anyone who disagrees with them will be smeared as “white nationalists” or “far-right extremists,” which then will be amplified by a complicit media and reported as fact for a gullible public. The intended consequence is to scare people away from opposing them and also to make politicians so terrified that they cater to the leftists' every whim. This type of tactic and biased media reporting is being repeated throughout the country, which is laughable when you consider how these same leftists go to great lengths to excuse the violent actions of rioters. Time will only tell if the public eventually sees through this totalitarian plan to eliminate all dissent to a far-left agenda, but their tactics have already claimed one scalp. The Daily Beast reported on June 9 that the police chief was demoted and is now only a lieutenant with the sheriff's office.

Second Amendment Supporters Scare Away Looters

One positive story where the media didn't rush in to smear patriots was reported on by THE NEW AMERICAN on June 3 in an online article entitled “Armed Citizens Defend Town: ‘Rioters, Looters KEEP OUT!’” TNA reported that a group of armed patriots organized to defend Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The group came together after receiving credible intelligence that left-wing radicals were targeting their area for the same type of violence and rioting they inflicted in nearby Spokane, Washington. The violence never arrived, as the large presence of Second Amendment-supporting residents made it known that such behavior would not be tolerated on their watch.

A person who witnessed their presence told TNA that “It was incredible.... After seeing all the terrible destruction in Spokane, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, and everywhere else, it's so reassuring and refreshing to see all these people coming out peacefully — but armed — to tell

these thugs, ‘NOT IN OUR TOWN!’... There were HUNDREDS of people, men and women, patrolling the streets, and none of them were bothering the ‘protesters’ but they let it be known they weren't going to let things get out of hand. The police were cool and didn't get uptight with either side and everything remained peaceful.” It is reassuring to see there are still some places in this country where people can exercise their Second Amendment rights and protect their hometown without being smeared by a biased media with a far-left agenda.

Riots Illustrate the Case for an Armed Citizenry

Amidst the looting and criminal violence engulfing our nation, Americans are witnessing in vivid detail exactly why people need to be armed in order to be safe. As cops were spread thin and mob violence took control, it was up to armed private citizens to protect their own stores and communities when police couldn't be there to help.

The CBS affiliate in Los Angeles reported on June 1 about an incident in Santa Monica in which a liquor store owner and some of his closest friends defended his store with guns. The owner of the store carried his AR-15 outside the business, which he said was a strong deterrent for potential looters and kept his business safe. The owner, who went by the name Joe, told CBS that it “was a good thing I had my customers and friends by my side, because it was pretty scary,” and he even said that he and his friends were able to protect nearby businesses as well.

While that story showed that being armed with the appropriate type of firearm can actually prevent violence and crime, an upsetting incident in Texas showed that trying to defend a business without a firearm is just not that effective and can be extremely dangerous. The *Daily Mail* reported on May 31 that a man armed only with a sword tried to scare off looters from a local business, but he was quickly overwhelmed and brutally beaten. Dallas Police did an investigation afterward and stated that the man

was trying to defend businesses in the area. The crowd surrounded the man, stomped on him, and ruthlessly beat him, leaving him in a bloody heap. The man was later taken in an ambulance to a nearby hospital for treatment.

On the night that the video of the savage beating went viral, radio personality Mancow Muller tweeted out, “The question of ‘why would anyone need an AR-15?’ is being answered in every city tonight!” One of Mancow's followers immediately commented that these riots show exactly why people need 30-round magazines.

The truth of the matter is that if you're dealing with multiple assailants in close quarters, you should have a good amount of ammunition at the ready and a higher-caliber firearm such as an AR-15 to scatter the crowd; otherwise, you might end up lying in a bloody pile like that poor gentleman with the sword.

Observers of the violence are realizing that this is why we have the Second Amendment, and many are now flocking to gun stores to stock up. The ABC affiliate out of Philadelphia reported on June 2 that residents lined up outside the Founding Fathers Outfitters off Ridge Pike in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

ABC interviewed Sal Salhiah of North Philadelphia about why he was there, and he explained that rioters broke in to homes in his neighborhood. “If somebody walks into my house, he's done. That's the only thing I can say.” “My daughter is sleeping upstairs in the next room. It's not about watching. Anything that you see on the TV is a mess but when you see it in real life, that's scary,” Salhiah told ABC.

Another man who works in private security was interviewed, and he told ABC that he was stocking up on more guns and ammunition, saying, “It's definitely because of what I witnessed the last couple days, the more the better.”

Indeed, if the Left gets its way and police departments across the country are disbanded, Americans all over the country must be armed and ready to defend themselves when the inevitable crime wave comes their way. ■

— PATRICK KREY

This Is What Mobocracy Looks Like

“This what democracy looks like! Whose streets? Our Streets! This what democracy looks like!”

You’ve no doubt witnessed some of the televised “protests” and heard these chants emanating from Seattle’s own “people’s republic,” which has dubbed itself the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone, or CHAZ, (although some residents of the barricaded six-block area prefer to call their “liberated” zone CHOP, for Capitol Hill Occupied Protest, or PRCH, for People’s Republic of Capitol Hill).



Following days of protest and rioting, BlackLivesMatter/Antifa militants took over the area around the Seattle Police Department’s East Precinct and demanded the police leave their new “Cop-Free Zone.” Seattle’s socialist mayor Jenny Durkan (a militant lesbian and former Obama DOJ appointee), who had encouraged the mayhem that was devastating the city by having police stand down, once again capitulated to the mob: The Seattle PD was ordered to abandon their precinct HQ — and the area’s citizens — to the rioters. Mayor Durkan described the mob takeover as a festive “block party” and positively compared it to San Francisco’s 1967 “Summer of Love,” when tens of thousands of hippies and “peace” activists descended upon that city. Of course, the Fake News media were quick to take up the same theme, describing the CHAZ/CHOP/PRCH seizure as “peaceful” and “festive” — a benign mini-Woodstock!

John McDermott, owner of an auto shop, does not view his new CHAZ “rulers” so benignly. They set fire to his business, and when he and his son stopped the arson, the CHAZ mob came after them. He called 911 repeatedly — 19 times. He was told help was on the way, but it didn’t come. When a police patrol car did arrive, the officers merely “observed” from a block away — as ordered by Durkan and Police Chief Carmen Best.

However, kowtowing to the frenzied mob invariably encourages even more audacious demands, as history abundantly proves. Soon came “THE DEMANDS OF THE COLLECTIVE BLACK VOICES AT FREE CAPITOL HILL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,” a list of 30 demands issued by the CHAZ mob leaders. Among their demands: abolition of the police department; release of all “protesters” (i.e., rioters); voting rights for imprisoned convicts; “dissolution” of the “extant justice system”; “Socialized Health and Medicine”; “Free” housing;

and “free” services for illegal migrants. And much more, such as, “we demand that the use of armed force be banned *entirely*. No guns, no batons, no riot shields, no chemical weapons.” Interestingly, these demands are being made at the same time that CHAZ is being ruled *at gunpoint* by an armed (and masked) “police force” that apparently follows the orders of BLM warlord rapper Raz Simone. And the leftist politicians and media who hyperventilate and faint at the sight of guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens have no problem with heavily armed

Marxist-led “protesters” in the service of chaos and destruction.

What Raz Simone and the rest of the anarchist occupiers most likely do not understand is that their days are numbered. They will be disposed of when they are no longer needed. They would do well to read “Bolsheviks Shooting Anarchists,” the desperate letter by anarchist leaders Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman written in January 1922 from Stockholm, Sweden, where they had fled to escape death at the hands of their erstwhile communist “comrades.” Goldman and Berkman, the most famous anarcho-communists of their day (and still lionized by the Left today), lamented, “The prisons of Russia, of Ukraine, of Siberia, are filled with men and women — aye, in some cases with mere children — who dare hold views that differ from those of the ruling Communist Party.” In fact, they wrote, “it is not at all necessary to express your dissension in word or act to become subject to arrest; the mere holding of opposing views makes you the legitimate prey of the de facto supreme power of the land, the Tcheka” (Lenin’s secret police).

Goldman and Berkman, who had participated in the persecution of Russian Christians, whined, “it is the Anarchists who now suffer the most ruthless and systematic persecution.” They charged that the Bolsheviks “by the use of machine guns and artillery ‘liquidated’ the whole [Anarchist] organization.”

Yes, *that* is what “democracy” looks like. Which is why our Founders denounced democracy and gave us the rule of law in a constitutional republic. Alexander Hamilton said: “We are a Republican Government. Real liberty is never found in despotism or in the extremes of Democracy.” James Madison, the “Father” of our Constitution, wrote that “democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security, or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.” ■

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