



FRINGE DEMS WANT BLOOD

55% of left-leaning Americans think political violence is acceptable

(The American Spectator) - Several House Democrats are warning that the Democrat base has become increasingly radicalized in its resistance to the Trump administration. Democrat politicians are frightened by many of their leftist constituents whose growing anger has “morphed into a disregard for American institutions, political traditions and even the rule of law,” according to a new report from Axios.

In the eyes of some liberal voters, Democrats aren’t doing enough to counter the president’s agenda. One House representative said, “Our own base is telling us that what we’re doing is not good enough ... [that] there needs to be blood to grab the attention of the press and the public.” Some have suggested that they need to “be willing to get shot” visiting ICE facilities or federal agencies.



Data confirms that the Left has become increasingly warm to the idea of violence. One recent report found that 55 percent of left-leaning Americans thought political violence could be acceptable, responding

that “it would be at least somewhat justified” to murder Trump.

Of course, we don’t need polling to
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August 2025

- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **July 30**, August 27
Eagles Club, 3737 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **July 27**, No August Meeting (Labor Day)
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **August 4**, No Sept. Meeting (Labor Day)
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **August 5**, September 2
Pontiac Sportsman’s Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **August 6**, September 3
Coz’s Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **August 7**, September 4
Barrack’s Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6:30ish.
- **Danville:** Second Monday **August 11**, September 8
Ela’s Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **August 12**, September 10
Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **August 13**, September 11
The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **August 21**, September 18
Jamie’s Outpost, 602 Clark St., Utica

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.
Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.
Dinner is optional but we encourage attendees to eat to support the venue.

Meetings are free and open to all.



TW Houk of Round 2 Retrievers talks about dog training along with his daughter Avery in Decatur.



GSL's John Boch with DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick at Jamie's Outpost in Utica for our LaSalle County meeting.



Bill Oglesby, left, presented John Boch with a Ruger Single Six that had a extensive work done to it. Bill presented it to recognize Boch's decades of service to GSL and the noble cause of gun rights.



Bill Oglesby of Oglesby & Oglesby Gunmakers presented this Ruger .45 Colt to John Boch for his decades of service to GSL and the cause of gun rights. Thank you, Bill Oglesby.



Col. French MacLean (ret.) talks World War II history at SCHEELS.



Congrats to Bob who won a Henry lever-action .22 in Pontiac!



Dale won a S&W 659 at SCHEELS.



Bill won the Trump Derringer in Decatur.



A whole crowd came up for a closer look at the Japanese rifles at the end of Decatur's meeting.



Some of our veterans at the Decatur meeting hold a flag from the USS Nimitz, courtesy of Pastor Stephen Holden, for the Pledge of Allegiance.



GSL Sponsored event!

Central IL Project Appleseed Event August 2 & 3 - McLean, IL

Guns Save Life and GSL Defense Training are sponsoring an Project Appleseed event at the Holland Ranch in McLean, IL on the weekend of August 2 & 3.

We can't recommend this enough. It's outstanding safety and marksmanship training, along with great true stories about everyday heroes during the American Revolution.

Led by experienced instructors, you will learn the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship. You will develop the skills needed to hit your targets consistently with precision and accuracy. Our lessons include topics of rock-solid positions, sling use, effective dry fire, efficient sight adjustments, and more!

This two-day programs that teach the rifle marksmanship skills that were once commonly practiced

in America. Appleseed instructors teach the skills that will one day allow a Rifleman to be accurate out to 500 yards. This distance is known as the traditional "Rifleman's Quarter Mile" and has been part of America's marksmanship repertoire since our country's earliest days.

During breaks, you will hear true stories about the day the American Revolution began and changed the course of history. Learn about some of the real men and women that lived during those times and their unflinching bravery they showed fighting for the freedoms they held so dear. These stories will change the way you view marksmanship and liberty.

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and leaves the same. Join us for marksmanship and history, learn new skills, make new friends and be a part of an inspiring and life-changing event.

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Turn Left (East) at 2nd crossroad - 15000 N Rodeo Rd. Go 1/4 of a mi. - Range will be on the right.

Watch for signage.



We talked about casting bullets in Chicagoland. Here's an electric oven for melting lead.

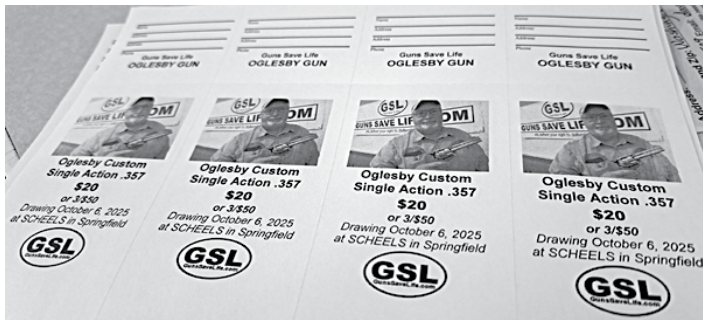


@trusttimm: David Timm at SCHEELS.



Great Guns 2025

Oglesby & Oglesby Gunmakers have furnished a Custom Colt .45 for GSL's Great Guns 2025 event. The gun started as a Taurus with a whole list of extensive improvements to make it shoot like a dream. The end product is a \$3,000 to \$4,000 one-of-a-kind shooter that will deliver more accuracy than most shooters can manage. Tickets are \$20 each or 3/\$50. See more on page 3.



'One-of-a-kind' that 'Shoots as fast as a minigun'

World-famous gunsmith & exhibition shooter Bill Oglesby introduces GSL's Great Gun 2025 .45 Colt revolver

Proceeds go to GSL and its mission to defend your right to defend yourself

Bill Oglesby introduced GSL's Great Guns 2025 Single-Action .45 Colt revolver at our meeting in Springfield. Oglesby, world-renowned for his exceptional gunsmithing skills, took a nice Taurus Single-Action and turned it into a modern masterpiece by pretty much reworking or upgrading the internals, accuratizing it and more.



Bill Oglesby.

Oglesby described it as a gun that "started" as a Taurus which has a good reputation for single-action revolvers and after extensive customization and improvements has become a one-of-a-kind that will outshoot 99% of shooters.

What's more, when asked about the ability to make it shoot all five rounds (it's a six-shot, but the sixth chamber is usually left empty for safety considerations) with a single report, Oglesby said yes, single-action revolvers can shoot as fast as a minigun... in the right hands.

What are the improvements you ask? Here's the list all noted on the certificate of authenticity that accompanies the gun.

Fitted oversized Colt base pin, hand-fitted bolt, custom Oglesby springs through-

out, "duo" tone finish (high polished hard chrome), long firing pin with soft action return, internal overtravel, polished bore, zero cylinder shake, fitted hardened bushing, numbered charge holes, size and polished chambers, frosted cylinder face, hard chromed screws, action & trigger job, "Rugerized" hand and spring.

He also wrote in his certificate that the silver "finish" on the gun is hard chrome, not nickel, which allows the parts to remain within spec even after hard use over time. The process is easily twice the price but "You expect the best from the best and that's what you receive."

The drawing for the Oglesby Custom .45 Colt will take place at the October 6, 2025 GSL meeting at SCHEELS in Springfield. Tickets are \$20 each or 3/\$50. All proceeds dedicated to Guns Save Life and our mission to defend your right to defend yourself.



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Indicate how many tickets you want for the gun you want (and city of drawing). Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Or 25 (plus a bonus) for \$100.

GSL's Secretary Tracy Bettinger will electronically notify the Regional Directors of the mail-in tickets sold for their meetings so they can get them into the drawing. If you're late, we'll return your check.

**Attn: Drawings
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PO Box 51
Savoy, IL 61874**

GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

Here are a few of the drawing guns!

Pontiac August: Glock 42

Pontiac Sept: Tisas 1911A1 Tanker .45

Sangamon August: CZ P10 9mm

Decatur August: Ruger 10/22 TALO

Mattoon August: Benelli Nova 20ga pump

Chicagoland July: Ruger Security 380

Chicagoland Sept: Ruger LCP II

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Membership application on back page of GunNews

Executive Director's Report

How our PICA gun ban challenge will likely be decided by next summer

by John Boch
GSL Executive Director

Obviously we aren't having much success legislatively in the Land of Lincoln. The radicals in Springfield continue to legislate poor public policy and have singled out gun owners for new exceptions to the due process provisions the Constitution demands. But when state and federal courts employ "interest balancing tests" so common in recent history to legitimize those unconstitutional laws, there's not a lot we can do about it.



GSL's John Boch.

Fortunately, it seems like the US Supreme Court has begun taking some of these judicial insurrectionists to task, slapping down their bad decisions and their ability to issue national injunctions to benefit their pet causes.

The Supreme Court's actions have tempered some federal court judges, but not all. But it's progress.

Not only that, as they say, elections have consequences.

There's a new sheriff in town and his name is Donald Trump.

President Trump has appointed some solid people to key posts in his administration. People like Harmeet

Dhillon, the new head of the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

When she laid down the law and told the attorneys there that they would enforce the rule of law, not their pet "woke" causes, most of them lost their marbles and ultimately resigned. A few tried malicious compliance and were fired or sent to the bureaucratic equivalent of a post to Siberia where they could answer phone calls.



Harmeet Dhillon.

In their place, Dhillon hired a whole new crop of freedom-loving, American patriots to carry out the rule of law on civil rights.

One of the new Civil Rights Division's first high-profile acts was to submit a "friend of the court" brief in our challenge to Pritzker's beloved "Protect Illinois Communities Act" gun and magazine ban. The US Government, through the Department of Justice, came down firmly on our side with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, saying the PICA gun ban was patently unconstitutional. The DOJ urged the Seventh Circuit not to screw up their decision.

I'm fairly certain we will win at the three-judge panel level.

Kwame Raoul will then ask for an *en banc* review where all of the active judges on the Seventh Circuit will look at the case and see if they want to second-guess the three-judge panel's decision.

Before this bunker-busting brief hit, I was equally certain we would lose that *en banc* review by a vote or two. Now, with the DOJ's involvement, I think we stand a fair chance of winning by a vote or two. That would mark the end of the gun ban.

Then, almost like a Biblical prophecy or miracle, hundreds of thousands of guns will wash up on the beaches and shores of all those bodies of water where tragic boating accidents happened upon the law's passage.



Yes, Grok needs a little help drawing rifles, but you get the idea.

Life will once more be beautiful and tranquil once we have our rights restored... without moving out of state to enjoy them.



Man still faces charges for carrying while intoxicated & DUI

Murder charges declined; SA cites self-defense in Springfield road rage homicide case

Springfield, IL (*State Journal-Register*) — First-degree murder charges will not be pursued against a Rochester man who was initially arrested for the crime after an April 1 shooting.

Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser said no criminal charges will be filed for the shooting death of Jerald P. Fahey, 51, of Springfield, because Nicholas J. Kammuehler, 46, of Rochester, was defending himself.



Nicholas Kammuehler, 46.

The shooting happened after Fahey entered Kammuehler's vehicle, started beating him and threatened to kill him, Milhiser said, which took place near the drive thru area of the McDonald's at 2100 N. Dirksen Parkway.

Milhiser cited evidence including video surveillance.

Officers arrested Kammuehler at the time for first-degree murder, driving under the influence, carrying a concealed firearm while intoxicated, and aggravated discharge of a firearm.

But Kammuehler acted in self-defense, Milhiser said, citing Illinois law that says a person can defend themselves and can use deadly force if they reasonably believe that deadly force will be used against them — or during the course of a forcible felony.

On the concealed carry charge, Milhiser said Kammuehler had a valid Firearm Owners Identification card, but Illinois law does not allow for carrying a firearm while intoxicated.

Charges are pending for Kammuehler for driving under the influence and for carrying a firearm with a concealed carry license while intoxicated.

Kammuehler's next court date is scheduled for Aug. 18.

Milhiser spoke with family members of Fahey and explained why he would not be filing criminal charges, he said.



Jerald Fahey.

"This is a tragic case where someone lost their life," Milhiser said about the case.

What led to the shooting?

A traffic collision ultimately led to the shooting.

An officer arrived at a traffic collision where people were hurt in the 2000 block of North Dirksen Parkway around 9:15 p.m., said Springfield Police Deputy Chief Sara Pickford in a news release on April 2.

Upon arrival, police heard several gunshots, and witnesses told officers that a man had just been shot near the drive-through area of the nearby McDonald's.

Officers found Fahey on the ground who was shot multiple times. He was taken to HSHS St. John's Hospital but did not survive.



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Illinois News

Oral Arguments set for September 22 in PICA gun and mag ban case

(GSL) – The Seventh Circuit US Court of Appeals set oral arguments in the consolidated *Barnett* challenge to the PICA gun and mag ban for September 22nd. The public will be able to watch the hearing via live-stream.

The three judge panel will decide the case following the oral arguments they will likely decide in our favor. Illinois Attorney General will then ask the court for an en banc review. That's where all of the active judges (roughly 13) take a look at the case and see if they

want to second-guess the three-judge panel.



Given the "friend of the court" brief filed by the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, GSL's Executive Director John Boch

believes that the en banc review will either be denied or come down in the favor of gun owners and freedom. At that point, the PICA law will be dead.

There's no way Illinois AG Kwame Raoul appeals it to the US Supreme Court. If he lost there it would stand as nationwide precedent.

What's the timeline? Probably about this time next summer give or take a couple of months. Just in time for the midterm election campaigns at that.

Pritzker signs bill to lengthen Prisoner Review Board Member terms to eight years

(The Center Square) – Changes are coming to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board that some Republicans say shields members appointed by the governor from oversight.

The PRB conducts parole and release revocation hearings, imposes release conditions, manages good conduct credits, and makes recommendations regarding executive clemency. Members of the board are appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate.



Senate Bill 19 was signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker Friday...

Before it passed in the Senate, state Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, said SB 19 extending the PRB members' terms from six to eight years has the governor's fingerprints on it...

Last year, in the wake of an early parolee who was arrested for allegedly stabbing his ex-girlfriend and killing an 11-year-old boy the day after his release, Republicans called for changes to the PRB.

In a murder that garnered national attention, Crosetti Brand is accused of attacking his ex-girlfriend and her son with a knife, killing the 11-year-old just a day after being set free. The attack occurred just hours before an order of protection hearing against Brand was to be held. PRB Chairman Donald Shelter and board member LeAnn Miller stepped down in the wake of the deadly attack.

After SB 19 was signed by Pritzker Friday, McClure and state Sen. Jason Plummer, R-Edwardsville, released a joint statement saying the enactment of the bill is driven by the governor to keep activists happy rather than prioritize the safety of constituents.

Federal tax on firearms suppressors gone, but Illinois' ban remains

(The Center Square) – The recently passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act scraps the \$200 tax on firearm suppressors and short-barreled rifles, a move gun-rights advocates praise. Critics say it's weak reform that keeps unconstitutional federal controls in place.



Firearm suppressors used to be regulated under the 1934 National Firearms Act (NFA) and the Gun Control Act (GCA) of 1968, enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The provision in the new law would remove them from the NFA but keep them under the GCA.

Illinois currently bans ownership of firearm suppressors, one of only a handful of states to do so. A federal lawsuit, *Anderson v. Raoul*, challenges the ban as unconstitutional, and is awaiting a ruling after being delayed pending a related case.



Chicago defending it's 'Murder City USA' title

(GSL) - Over the Fourth of July weekend, Chicago has continued to keep its title of "World's Largest Shooting Gallery" well-padded with murders and shootings. As of this morning (Monday) ABC News and the Chicago Police stats for the July 4th weekend currently shows 55 humans were shot and 8 killed in that 72-hour window.

Temperatures were hot and the shooters were hotter. It should have been a patriotic holiday, not an ER room triage event. The violence spanned multiple neighborhoods and included several mass shootings, with victims ranging in age from teenagers to those in their 50s.

The biggest event occurred late Wednesday night in the River North neighborhood (outside the July 4th stats), where a drive-by shooting outside Artis Restaurant and Lounge claimed four lives and injured 14 others. The attack took place during an album release party for local rapper Mello Buckzz. Two men walked up and started shooting into a crowd. Unsurprisingly, no

one is in custody.

It's the second "mass" shooting at that establishment in three years.

Elsewhere in the city, shootings erupted in neighborhoods like Back of the Yards, Little Village, and West Englewood. In one case, seven people were shot in a single incident on South Justine Street, including both men and women between the ages of 21 and 42.

Another shooting near the Cook County Courthouse left four men hospitalized, three of them in critical condition. These incidents just highlight the widespread violence prevalent in the city despite what the Mayor may say about "Crime is down in 2025."

Our heroes at Hey Jackass.com show the first 6 days of July has 74 wounded, 14 killed and 88 total people shot. Seems like a lot if you ask me, and hard to argue it is "less."

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Download an application at dewittcountysc.com or by mailing a request to DCSC, PO Box 322, Clinton, IL 61727.





The 2026 Election cycle begins in August!

As the 2026 election season begins, we know it won't be too long before candidates will soon be circulating petitions in early August.

As gun owners we'll have to again research candidates, ask questions and compare their campaign statements against a previous record of walking the walk in addition to talking the talk.

With that in mind, may I remind you, we need strong pro-gun folks to step up and fill not only the precinct committeeman positions, but to also run for office, whether it be for local, county, state or national office.

Good, pro-gun candidates are needed in every position - in both parties. It's way past time to pull ourselves out of the poor public policy ditch that our current state leadership has drunkenly steered us into.



With the strong need for more pro-gun candidates, the Illinois Freedom Alliance (IFA) is ramping up its support by offering classes beginning now through September to support citizens interested in getting more engaged in elections.

Whether you are interested in running for precinct committeeman (PC) or interested in running for Congress, the Illinois Freedom Alliance can support your needs, even when the official major parties can't or won't.

IFA is offering classes on topics that include learning more about elections from the "Vulnerabilities of Voting Machines" to "Signature Verification" and "Introduction to Handcounting" ballots.

If you are interested in becoming a PC, "Operation Precinct Power" is a great class.

These precinct committeemen slots serve as a grassroots representative of your neighborhood's voters to their political party. They inform their neighbors, engage the community, support solid candidates, and help turn out the vote.

Stepping into the role of a PC puts you at the center of the local party with a direct voice in shaping your local county's leadership.

If you are interested in running as a candidate for office, we encourage you to get involved in classes such as "Petition Building and Signature Collection", "Numinar Training" and even "Voter Registration" or "An Intro to AI". All great classes offered by grassroots activists in Illinois at no charge!

Did I mention that all the classes are offered through a "Zoom" meeting? That's right. You can attend a class in the casual atmosphere of your own home just by signing into a link.

Just visit the website of "Illinois Freedom Alliance" at www.illinoisfreedomalliance.us. Click the "Zoom link" or "Register here" button and get registered today! It's time to help turn Illinois away from failed public policies and towards freedom and prosperity.

If you are NOT engaged, then you don't have any right to complain! Get involved! Stay inspired! Stay educated!



At the Illinois Freedom Alliance, we help people get involved and make a difference in local government. We fight and work for free and fair elections. We help pro-freedom, pro-gun and pro-America first groups and organizations network together and share resources. We also educate and empower people through our educational programs online and in person. And we host seminars with great speakers too. Visit our website for more information.

Contact the Illinois Freedom Alliance (www.illinoisfreedomalliance.us or call 309-377-1776).

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JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Zoom Classes

<p>Tuesday, July 8, 6PM Zoom Meeting Vulnerabilities of Voting Machines George Weckbacher</p> <p>Tuesday, July 15, 6PM Zoom Meeting An Introduction to AI for Advocates Judy Zapp</p> <p>Tuesday, July 22, 6PM Zoom Meeting Numinar Training IL GOP</p> <p>Tuesday, July 29, 6PM Zoom Meeting Voter Registration Townhall Nancy Hayes</p> <p>Tuesday, August 5, 6PM Zoom Meeting Intro to Handcounting Jennifer Luebbers</p> <p>Tuesday, August 12, 6PM Zoom Meeting Petition Building and Signature Collection Judy Zapp</p> <p>Tuesday, August 19, 6PM Zoom Meeting Voter Registration Townhall Nancy Hayes</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 26, 6PM Zoom Meeting Operation Precinct Power Workshop Carla Simmert</p> <p>Tuesday, September 2, 6PM Zoom Meeting Roberts Rules of Order Instructor to be announced</p> <p>Tuesday, September 9, 6PM Zoom Meeting Operation Precinct Power Introductory Class Carla Simmert</p> <p>Tuesday, September 16, 6PM Zoom Meeting Signature Verification Workshop Christina Clausen</p> <p>Tuesday, September 23, 6PM Zoom Meeting Numinar Training IL GOP</p> <p>Tuesday, September 30, 6PM Zoom Meeting Intro to Handcounting Jennifer Luebbers</p>
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US patriotism among Dems crashes as Marxist demands grow louder

(ZeroHedge) - Ahead of the Fourth of July, new polling shows a sharp decline in U.S. national pride, driven mainly by crazed Democrats, some of whom have increasingly spewed anti-American rhetoric, with talking points that sound straight from adversarial regimes like the Communist Party of China.

Democrats are mostly in opposition to President Trump's "Make America Great Again" agenda that calls for strong borders, boosting domestic manufacturing (look at this!), reclaiming critical supply chains for technologies that will control the 2030s, stripping fraud and waste from the federal government, and resolving national security threats on the Homeland through the deportation of criminal illegal aliens.

These news findings are from a June 2-19 Gallup poll that shows a record-low 58% of U.S. adults are "Extremely/Very proud", 41% "Extremely proud", and 17% "Very proud" to be an American.

The drop in national pride has been led mainly by Democrats, with only 36% now saying they are extremely or very proud to be American, down from 62% a year ago. Pride among independents has also fallen to a new low of 53%, a seven-point decline from

last year. In contrast, Republicans' national pride has increased, with 92% expressing strong pride last month.

The broader picture of the Democratic Party's mindset can be summed up by leftist political commentator Elie Mystal, who openly despises America and, earlier this week, called for the international community to sanction the country. It's worth noting that Mystal has deep connections to the Democratic Party's NGO network... go figure.

While other Democrats are openly promoting communism, and this is an actual quote: "The end goal is seizing the means of production."

And yet, many of the Democrats who vocally denounce America have no intention of leaving. Why? Because their goal isn't to leave—it's to dismantle the capitalist system. They aim to collapse capitalism and replace it with a socialist reconstruction of the nation, consolidating control over land and power.

We are living in an information and cultural war—one between the 'America First' movement and a rising faction of Marxist-aligned Democrats. The Red Scare, it seems, may soon be making a comeback.

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In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member



“So you’re telling me there’s a chance?”

They are POWs and MIAs: Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. In the United States, Prisoners of War are our brothers and sisters, who were captured by the enemy – pretty straight forward. Missing in action, on the other hand, may be the most misunderstood casualty classification, as it can mean several different things. A soldier initially listed MIA, may have been killed, or captured by the enemy, or deserted. It can be transitory; a soldier may at first be declared MIA, but later the enemy announces that they have the soldier as a POW, and that could take a long time, or never come at all. It can even occur when a wounded, unconscious soldier, who has lost his dog tags, is evacuated to an American medical facility. His identity is temporarily unknown, and if his unit does not know what happened to him, they report him as MIA, even though he really isn’t.

At the end of World War II, 79,000 Americans remained unaccounted for; the bulk MIA. Many MIA had, in fact, been killed, but their remains never recovered. Knowing that each family must come to closure, after the war, the US military waited one year after the soldier was first declared missing in action, and, if remains still had not been found, the War Department declared that he was deceased, in part because both Germany and Japan were occupied and their POW camps no longer existed. Many families disagreed and spent decades hoping their loved one would someday walk through their door.

The War Department is now the Department of Defense. Within DoD, the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) was established to manage prisoner of war/missing in action personnel affairs. In 2015, DPMO, and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, merged into the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to streamline accounting for missing US personnel from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Gulf Wars, to recent conflicts.

They do an outstanding job identifying remains of US military personnel around the world, using DNA and other cutting-edge forensic technology, so that many families can finally reach closure. Part of the reason for that great work is that concerning actual identification of remains, politics takes a back seat. However, coming to grips concerning US military personnel, captured by America’s enemies, but who have never returned home and may still be alive, is riddled with inertia and political roadblocks. In fact, the way that America has dealt with her recent POWs is enough to make George Patton, Omar Bradley, Hap Arnold, and Bull Halsey wanna puke.

We talk a good game – speeches on National POW/MIA Recognition Days – pontificating “former foes that have become friends,” but let’s get real; Germany and Japan do not have any American POWs and haven’t since 1945. The bad guys, Russia (formerly

the USSR), North Korea, Vietnam, and the People’s Republic of China) have never been tight friends of America. How did they get our folks? In World War II, some US air crew flew “shuttle” missions into the USSR – then our ally against the Nazis – refueled, and flew back to England. But not all of them returned, so what happened to them? According to the Veterans’ Administration, we had 7,140 POW’s during the Korean War. Of these, 4,418 returned to the US, some 2,701 died in the camps, and 21 refused repatriation. How do we know 2,701 actually perished? We don’t.

DPAA lists that 684 POWs returned home alive from the Vietnam War. But a 1979 Defense Intelligence Agency account stated that a former North Vietnamese intelligence officer reported that about 700 Americans still remained in Vietnam as a “strategic asset.” That’s six years after the war ended. We can argue till the cows come home which of the thirteen US Presidents – Republican and Democrat – knew how many of our soldiers were clinging to life in hellholes in Russia (Vorkuta), North Korea (The Death Valley Camp), Vietnam (Briarpatch) and the PRC (Air Pirate Prison). Or didn’t want to know. Maybe they thought that the “greater good” for America was to say, “I know nothing; nothing personal – just wouldn’t be prudent.”

How many POWs are still alive? How many angels can dance on the head of a pin? People I trust, including physicians – who understand prolonged malnutrition, exposure to the elements, disease, etc. – offer that given their ages and situation, it is likely none are alive, unless they later assimilated into the area and made new lives. But I have seen an official report, that a repatriated American, “reported that, etched into the wall of Krasnaya Presnya Prison in Moscow, he saw the name of a Major Roberts or Robbins, with his American address and the inscription, “I am sick and don’t expect to live through this....” To borrow a famous line: “So you’re telling me there’s a chance?” Yes, I am. It may just be one POW, but that’s not the point.

The way I figure it, we have one last chance to maybe set things right – even if only one American POW remains alive to come home. Whether you love President Donald Trump or hate him, there are a set of facts that are demonstrably true. He is the most unconventional President the US has ever had. Many of his ideas are not just out of the box – they are light-years outside. He’s a dealer. What better time for the “art of the deal” than for the President to privately meet with these leaders to return all living POWs to us right now. We aren’t interested in assigning blame, or reparations, or shown where they are buried with some cock-and-bull story of how they died. It’s really simple, those still alive and held against their will – we want them home, now! So here’s the deal...

To Hell with the NFA:

The full auto Crosman M1 carbine air gun

(Shooting News Weekly) - We don’t typically talk a whole lot about airguns at *Shooting News Weekly*, but this is one I had to mention. For Father’s Day this year, my wife and kids snagged me a Crosman CFAM1, also known as a Crosman M1 carbine imitation that shoots standard 4.5mm BBs. Best yet is that it’s a select-fire BB gun. I didn’t know much about airguns, and I certainly didn’t know they make them in full-auto configurations.



Imagine my surprise when I read that on the box. The pedantic gun nerd in me thought they should have called it an M2 carbine, but I didn’t let that thought make it from my brain to my lips. I quickly cut through the tape holding it all together and opened my new treasure.

Overall, it looks and feels nice. It’s not the same as a real M1 Carbine, but it’s impressive for a BB gun, especially one that costs about \$120.

This was one of those things I couldn’t, and didn’t want to wait to shoot. Luckily, they provided me everything I needed to go out to the range, which amounts to a box of 12-gram CO2 containers and a ton of BBs...

The selector switch is located on the trigger guard, just like an M1 Carbine. It has safe, semi, and auto positions.

I swapped canisters, reloaded, and my boys and I flipped the switch to full auto. That’s a blast. It fires extremely fast. It’s tough to fire short bursts of three to four rounds. This thing just emits a stream of BBs. The Crosman M1 Carbine is an absolute blast to shoot on full-auto. I have two sons, aged 13 and seven, and they both had no problems controlling the BB gun on full auto.



One Awesome BB Gun

If I haven’t made it clear, the Crosman M1 Carbine is just a ton of fun, and it’s cheap fun. I expect my berm will be full of BBs sooner rather than later. The kids love it as much as I do, and it’s fun and quiet for the whole family. While eye pro is needed, ear pro is not. Plus, I don’t need to go to my range to shoot it. I can sit in the backyard and turn Chek strawberry soda cans into water strainers.

I’m eyeing a full-auto BB pistol next because I have a machine pistol need that can’t be legally satisfied. I’m impressed by the Crosman M1 Carbine, and it scores an 11 out of 10 on the fun factor scale.



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*SPOILER ALERT: As gun owners, NGOs are not our friends
Illinois has spend **billions** on them under Gov. Pritzker*

NGOs: What are they?

by Ken Frey

(GSL) - NGO. We hear this acronym thrown around all the time but what exactly is it? NGO stands for Non-Governmental Organization. What is it? I'll quote Wikipedia here. "An NGO is an independent, typically non-profit organization that operates outside government control, though it may get a significant percentage of its funding from government or corporate sources."

More from Wikipedia. "NGOs often focus on humanitarian or social issues..."

Do you need an example of the "humanitarian or social issues" involved? After Elon Musk and his DOGE crew cut off a whole slew of NGO funding through USAID, more than a few left-wing "non-profits" started laying off staffers.

Example: David Hogg's "March for our Lives" gun control "non-profit." They abruptly terminated 15 of their 18 staffers because of a sudden loss of funding.



Other gun control organizations, both state and national, put out desperate pleas for money to maintain their operations too. Take this one from Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence:

I'm reaching out to you today with an urgent plea for help. The new administration just issued a memo ordering a temporary halt to "all federal financial assistance" that puts Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence Education Fund (MPGVEF) in a dire position. As a small organization leading Maryland's gun safety work, a significant portion of our 2025 budget relies on Department of Justice funding.



Without these critical dollars, we face the very real threat of losing programs that provide life-changing support to communities across Maryland.

So yeah, NGOs have a lot to do with you, me and the rest of America's gun owners.

Hence why a whole lot of leftists lost their pooh when taxpayer funding for many NGOs abruptly ended. Because the funding went to benefit primarily their pet radical causes - like gun control.

Not only that but when government funded, these NGOs can spend tax money without the transparency required of government expenditures. Now are you beginning to understand the affinity of certain people in the Biden administration - and frankly the Democrats running the State of Illinois for funding these NGOs? More on the Land of Lincoln and NGO funding in a moment...

And then there are the corrupt NGOs, run by board members who have a relationship in one way or another with political leaders who send taxpayer money their way. Of course, those board members will need, ahem, generous compensation. And they'll have opportunities to hire their ne'er-do-well relatives and friends for generous salaries, too.

Obviously not all NGOs are corrupt but precious few are transparent in their spending.

The Illinois connection.

The State of Illinois sends money to NGO's too. In fact, as taxpayers in Illinois, we fund a lot of NGOs. You just didn't know it.

How many and how much? A cursory search by former Illinois State Rep. Jeanne Ives showed Illinois funded 2800 NGOs to the tune of over a billion dollars in 2024 alone. That's "billion" with a "B." Someone suggested the most recent budget may spend as much as \$2.4 billion on NGOs.

What has that given us? It's given us the so-called "violence interrupters" in Chicago. Felons, gangbangers and ex-cons paid \$100 or more per day to "interrupt violence" or some such poppycock. Of course, leaders and promoters of this dubious strategy get paid far more.



This story was from "The Trace" anti-gun news outlet funded by Michael Bloomberg.

It's given us organizations that fund programs to give away gun safes that corrode guns kept inside them. Then there's the funding for junk science reports that offer studies claiming gang violence is "gun violence" while downplaying or outright ignoring the proven benefits of firearm ownership to thwart criminal attacks and promote family safety and security.

Again, government funding of NGOs serves as a great way for government leaders to conceal how they're spending your tax dollars to promote America Last, anti-freedom political agendas. No doubt sometimes some of that money makes it back to the politicians to vote to approve these NGO expenditures too.

If learning about the true nature of government-funded NGO's made you mad, get the word out!



A Visit to the CMP North Sales Store

by Mike Keleher

(GSL) - A week ago I made a special point to drive over to the Camp Perry facility while I was in Ohio to visit the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) North Sales Store. I have heard of both sales stores in Ohio and Alabama but have never visited either.

The CMP concept goes all the way back to Teddy Roosevelt who was behind the idea of promoting marksmanship among American civilians and the program allows sales of retired government rifles and ammo in addition to sponsoring iconic shoots across the nation.

Located in the CMP headquarters building, the north store is more than just a retail outlet—more of a pilgrimage for me. I did not quite know what to expect, but it was small, like the inside of a 7-11 store! But it smelled much different than a 7-11. Stepping through the doors you are presented with racks of bolt action 1903 Springfield 30-06's and M-1 Garands and that inherent smell! Wood, oil and steel. Mmmm.

This store offers a hands-on connection to the firearms which helped shape the 20th century from pre-WWI through the Korean war. All are for sale if you are eligible via the CMP program, and they are in all different conditions and beg to be picked up and hand rubbed. Some are suitable only for wall hangers and others look brand new. I had to pick up and feel markings, stencils and dings on those wooden stocks which are traces from life in government service. What stories they could tell.

I held off looking up individual serial numbers in the store lest I present as a gun nerd... (I have a couple CMP guns one built in 1945 and another in 1944. Both could have been used during WW II. Pieces of American history in Walnut stocks.)

The store draws a unique crowd of shooters who love those old Garands and Springfields: collectors, veterans, competitive shooters, and history buffs alike. Some come in search of a specific serial number that might match a family heirloom or service date range, while others are simply captivated by

The IH guns are not as rare as an M-1 Carbine made by Rockola, but you don't see them very often in the open market. My friend's father carried a Garand through WWII and then was a farmer using International Harvester equipment his whole life. I helped his son and



the craftsmanship of a bygone era.

The staff, many of whom are veterans themselves, are of course experts on these rifles. Each rifle is inspected and measured and graded before being offered for public sale. Old guy conversations often drift into tales of boot camp, battlefield memories, or bullseye shooting on the Camp Perry range.



I did not see any ammo for sale, but they had quite a batch of chrome plated M-1 Bayonets for cheap if you needed one for your next backyard parade.

Of note, were a couple of racks of M-1's with the receivers made by International Harvester- yes the tractor and farm implement people. There were about 25 on the floor and may represent the largest collection of International Harvester guns all in one spot! Between WWII and the beginning of the Korean War International got a government contract to make 100,000 rifles beginning in 1952.

grandsons get access to some IH's of their own and they are proud to have and display them.

Beyond the rifles, the CMP North Sales Store is also a hub for education and community. It hosts marksmanship clinics, safety courses, and youth programs designed to instill discipline and responsibility in the next generation of shooters. The store is part of a broader mission: to promote firearms safety and training while preserving the traditions of civilian marksmanship. I wrote a story recently about CMP acknowledging they are running out of the old Garands and have partnered with an outside agency to re-barrel and add parts to make "new" Garands.

There were lots of shooting related small items hanging on the walls as well as logo, cups, water bottles, clothing and hats. I was sorely tempted to buy something with that CMP logo but held off with the satisfaction I would take away memories of the place and that made me happy.

The grounds outside the store are home to a number of tanks and a couple of helos permanently on display, and yeah, I had to go see them and touch them too.



Part of plan to ignore minor crimes that lead to bigger arrests
Watch for legislation to all-but ban traffic stops state-wide

It's legal, it works, and now CPD's gun-stop tactic faces possible ban

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - The Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA), the civilian panel responsible for overseeing the Chicago Police Department, is wrapping up a public comment period as it weighs major restrictions on the types of traffic stops CPD officers are allowed to make.

The group is taking public input through Monday but has already outlined a list of restrictions most of its members support. Among them: barring traffic stops for plates expired less than a year, improperly displayed or missing front license plates, improper rear license plate lighting, having a single non-functioning head-, tail-, or brake lights during daylight hours, and driving with a loud sound system.

A minority of CCPSA commissioners also support banning stops for failure to wear seat belts or failure to signal turns or lane changes. Some community members are pushing to go even further — calling for a ban on stops for tinted windows, among other minor violations.

Why? Because they believe traffic stops are disproportionately used against Black and Brown drivers, often as a pretext to look for guns or other contraband.

[Editor: Apparently three "free" traffic tickets each year isn't enough for some...]

Chicago's deadliest single shooting ever? Gang violence, not gun violence...

18 shot, four dead, no arrests

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Thursday's mass shooting outside a River North lounge, which claimed 18 victims, including four fatalities, marks Chicago's deadliest shooting in at least 12 years and it may be the city's worst ever.

Drive-by gunmen opened

fire on a crowd standing outside Artis Lounge, 311 West Chicago Avenue, as a record release party for rapper Mello Buckzz concluded around 11 p.m., officials said. The rapper, whose Facebook page includes references to a South Side street gang faction, claimed that her

boyfriend was one of the four people killed. No arrests have been made.

Conversations with veteran and retired first responders, along with searches of historical news reports, failed to identify any shooting in Chicago's history that claimed 18 victims.

Brandon's Bodies #49:

Man found dead after dozen shots unreported

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A man was found fatally shot on a Near West Side street this week—the latest gunshot victim to go unnoticed until it was too late in a neighborhood that could once rely on ShotSpotter to detect gunfire.

Officers responded to a call of an unresponsive person in the 2600 block of West Wilcox around 9:13 p.m., according to a Chicago police statement. They found a 44-year-old man on the ground with a gunshot wound to the head.

Paramedics took the man to Mount Sinai Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



No one reported hearing gunfire in the area; however, officers at the scene reportedly found 12 shell casings near the man's body, raising questions about how quickly first responders could have located the victim if the city's ShotSpotter technology had still been active.

It's GANG VIOLENCE, not gun violence
SAFE-T Act fails again

Police: Gang member on 'electronic home monitoring' killed another man

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A reputed Two-Six gang member was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet for a pending gun case when he gunned down a man in Little Village last weekend, prosecutors said Friday.

Daniel Alvarado, 20, was arrested in March after Chicago police said they saw him crash a car and



Daniel Alvarado, proud gang banger.

discard a firearm after shots were fired toward nearby CPD officers.

Since then, court officials say Alvarado violated the terms of his monitoring agreement at least eight times, including on July 5, the night 47-year-old Moises Juarez was shot and killed near 27th Street and Central Park Avenue.



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In the aftermath of a use-of-force incident...

Don't talk to the police!

Attacked and stabbed 19 times in his own front yard, then arrested by Normal PD

ISP slow-walks FOID & CCW reinstatement even after charges dropped...

(GSL) - Imagine getting stabbed 19 times in your front yard, and when police arrive, they arrest you - the homeowner on your own property! At our Mattoon meeting, GSL member Chad Berck described just such an incident May 2022.

It all started over a dog and a drunk neighbor named James. It escalated and despite multiple police reports, the problems grew. Ultimately, it culminated in a late night attack on Mr. Berck in his own front yard by a drunk James wielding a knife. The neighbor not only has a felony history, but he also reported stabbed two black ISU students. The students identified this James fellow as their attacker and said the attack stemmed from one of them dating a pretty white woman who was with them. See, James apparently really doesn't like interracial dating.

On the night of Chad's near-deadly interaction with James, the two fought for control of the knife. After a ten-minute life-and-death wrestling match as Chad tried to defend himself from serious body stab wounds, police arrived and cuffed up Chad. They claimed Chad should have retreated from a knife-wielding attacker in his front yard. Apparently Normal's "finest" were ignorant of *People v. Hammond*, an Illinois Supreme Court case that established that Illinois is a "Stand Your Ground" state via Illinois Supreme Court precedent.

Mr. Berck described the long and arduous process to clear his name, and then to get his gun rights restored by the State of Illinois. He also shared lessons learned the hard way - including don't talk to the police, have legal insurance and to have your gun on you when you're taking your dog out to pee.



Chad Berck talks about his arrest after getting stabbed 19 times in his front yard in Normal, IL.

As a subscriber to US Concealed Carry Association, Berck said they were great. They paid for the attorney and over the course

of about six months the tide turned. James the neighbor didn't take it well, cussing the judge and getting thrown out of court more than once for contempt. At the same time, countless neighbors testified in court to the problems and threats from James.

Eventually the special prosecutor dismissed the charges. Ultimately the judge apologized for the legal system failing to protect the real victim in this incident.

Now Berck has the order of protection against the neighbor - just renewed - and his gun rights restored even though they should never have been revoked without due process. He also has his carry license again. He thanked GSL for our help and John Boch for his assistance, guidance and contacts which proved very helpful. "John didn't even believe me at first, but I won him over with evidence and persistence. It is a very crazy story."

In Chad's case, like with many, video evidence proved crucial to his defense.

Lessons learned: **Never, ever give a statement to police without an attorney present, even if you were attacked on your own property or in your own home.** Have self-defense legal insurance. It's priceless. And find someone who will keep their mouth shut to talk with about your situation and your frustrations.



Stab wound went to bone.

Looking back, Chad sincerely believes his attacker is an evil man. "He was giggling as he stabbed me that night," he said. What's more, Berck later learned that James had a hand axe in his backpack.

Berck knew he had to win that fight that night because his front door was unlocked and his family were asleep inside. Now that it's over, Berck wonders if DeWitt had plans for the rest of his family that night.

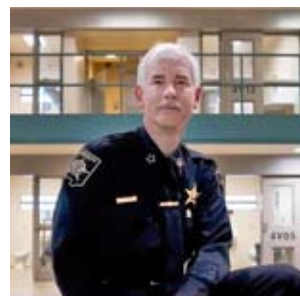
Sheriff Mendrick at GSL LaSalle Co.

by John Boch
(GSL) - Republican political candidates usually talk a good game at election time. Then sometimes their knees begin to wobble once they get into office.

Meanwhile others offer full-throated support and back it up with actions, before, during and after elections.

DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick has already proven himself one of those who will not retreat from his pro-gun beliefs just because of withering criticism from the media and Democrats.

He's done a lot in Illinois' second largest county. It's a huge operation.



Sheriff James Mendrick. He turns inmates into taxpayers with his jail's model rehab, education and vocational training program.

Known as "Sheriff Hug-A-Thug" to people who thought

they were smarter than everyone else in the room, Mendrick synthesized a program offering drug rehab, education and vocational training to those in custody.

Basically, he works to make inmates employable upon release, especially in the trades, turning them into productive taxpaying members of the community.

It's worked better than anyone imagined and has dropped his recidivism rate from 75% to 18%. And that's with 80% coming in as substance abusers and 60% coming from Cook County (because DuPage County's where the money's at). The cost savings are incredible too as a dollar spent in rehab services saves \$19 in incarceration costs.

When it comes to guns, the good sheriff was among the very first to reject Pritzker's gun and magazine ban, saying is department would not make arrests for PICA violations. He said that repeatedly, in public, and endured a whirlwind of scorn from the leftists not only in DuPage County, but also from adjacent Cook County. And the mainstream media. Yet he didn't back down.

He's also a huge fan of good

men and women packing heat in public.



GSL's John Boch with DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick at Jamie's Outpost in Utica for our LaSalle County meeting.

He's the only Republican in the race at the moment. He's well known in his part of the state and even critics generally respect the work he's done to lower recidivism rates while working with the other agencies in his county to provide better services for each of them.

He also noted how the so-called "SAFE-T" Act - otherwise known as No Cash Bail - and other misguided "criminal justice reform" laws have done nothing but embolden criminals by allowing them to commit crimes with a fewer consequences.

"It's lawless in Chicago," he noted.

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TEACHER CLASS!

Taking novices from nervous about guns to shooting fist-sized groups *from the hip* on day one of 'gun class'

Clinton, IL (GSL) - Can you imagine going from never touched a gun to shooting fist-sized groups from the hip on the first day of a two-day firearm training class? That's just what happened at DeWitt County Sportsman's Club in late June.

Guns Save Life, GSL Defense Training and the DeWitt County Sportsman's Club partnered to offer a free CCW class to educators. It isn't your average Power Point-intensive class where participants shoot thirty or forty rounds after watching endless slides for two days.



Instead, it was GSL Defense Training's intensive, two-day class on all aspects of the safe and effective defensive use of firearms. And these education professionals ate it up despite heat indexes over 100 degrees both days.



One woman in particular, one of the "never touched a gun before" demographic, grinned at the impressive fist-sized group she shot from "position two" from the holster (essentially, shooting from the hip). She had a little swagger in her step as she re-

turned to the table to prep more magazines. Others shared that newfound confidence in their ability to safely handle firearms and use them to thwart an attack if the worst happens.



The 17+-hour class covered everything from safety to legal to tactics when it comes to firearms. Additionally, it covered home and driving safety, situational awareness, mind-set, along with post-shooting interactions.



Look at this fellow. Never fired a handgun before.

All in all it proved a very successful weekend helping empower a new batch of shooters and likely future gun owners. Countless gun control myths were thoroughly laid to rest for these folks.



GSL-sponsored IDNR event

Middle Fork Wingshooting Clinic another big success!

by Terry Doyle

IDNR Master Wingshooting Instructor

(GSL) - I am pleased to announce we had another very successful Introductory Wingshooting Clinic at the Middle Fork SFWA this year.

welcome them and look forward to working with them at future clinics.

My sincerest thanks to all of you for your dedication and contributions, whether it be financial, promotion, meals, instructing, grounds/facility or coordinating/handling of equipment, etc. It is an investment of time, effort and money of many but the pay out is huge with the experience our participants receive learning the fundamentals of the sport of Wingshooting.

I am proud to have the support of and opportunity to work with such a quality group of individuals.



There were 20 shooters on Saturday and 23 on Sunday, consisting of 8 Youth, 15 Women and 20 Men for a total of 43 for the weekend. The youngest was 12 and the oldest was 83. We were very happy with the turnout of participants, particularly given the extreme heat temperatures, and three even participated both days.

We were also glad to have some of our newly-certified Instructors participate with us this year: John Lay, Phil Crackel, Luis Guzman and Justin Burzynski. We



Images courtesy Darrell Smith.

A gem in the rough: Vermilion County War Museum

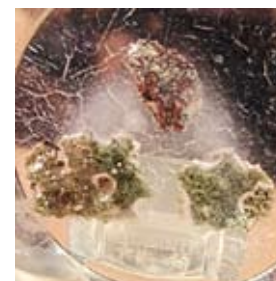
Did you know Danville has ties to a dozen Medal of Honor recipients?

Disposal Team for that specimen. But in general they take everything unless its moldy.

cheap at \$5 for adults and reduced rates for kids. Check the website vcwm.org for more info, hours and so forth.

Robert House, a volunteer at the Vermilion County War Museum joined us at the Danville meeting with a great presentation. The museum, located in the former 120+ year old Danville Public Library building has grown in the past twenty-five years. Lots of neat exhibits and rare artifacts abound, including a real Medal of Honor donated by a local award recipient and a host of other items.

He shared some of the history behind some of their items. One thing they don't have is the artillery shell some guy brought in one day. They called the UI Bomb



He also brought some Trinitite, also known as atomsite (pictured above). It's the glassy residue left on the desert floor after the plutonium-based Trinity nuclear bomb test in New Mexico. (No, it wasn't still radioactive - we checked.)

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Nearby gun-free zones contribute to 31% increase in car break-ins (and firearm thefts)

(Shooting News Weekly) - A new report from the Council on Criminal Justice revealing an increase in firearms thefts from parked cars over a five-year study period (2018-2022) overlooks one major component of the problem: the necessity for legally-armed citizens to leave their firearms before entering so-called "gun-free zones," the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms observed.



"While the report raises alarms about a 31 percent increase of gun thefts from vehicles," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, "it fails to mention a major reason people must leave their firearms in their cars, and that's the proliferation of 'gun-free zones' and 'sensitive areas,' all promoted by the same social justice extremists who complain about guns falling into the wrong hands.

"A legally-owned firearm is safest when it is in the possession of its owner," Gottlieb explained. "Armed private citizens should never be expected to leave their firearms just to have lunch, attend a meeting or public hearing, handle personal business in a government building, enter churches, synagogues or mosques, or merely to go shopping at a mall or market.

"Research indicates that mass shootings occur more frequently in so-called 'gun-free zones' than any other venue," he continued. "Legally-armed citizens have successfully intervened in such situations and prevented tragedies, such as the incident at Indiana's Greenwood Park Mall, where a young man neutralized a would-be mass shooter after he had opened fire in the food court area. Armed volunteers have stopped killers in places of worship in Texas and Michigan.

"Establishing laws that disarm honest citizens while creating risk-free environments for criminals and crazy people is not simply ineffective," Gottlieb stated, "it's insane. Such restrictions not only make it impossible for victims to defend themselves, they provide unparalleled opportunities for thieves, especially during the holiday season.

Incumbent appointed Sheriff Shirley Temple pledged to enforce PICA gun ban

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David Timm seeks Republican nod for Sangamon Co. Sheriff

What happens when political insiders appoint a woman to the position of sheriff and the first words out of her mouth are that she will order her deputies to arrest gun owners in violation of the unconstitutional PICA gun and magazine ban?

That earns the appointed Sangamon County Sheriff "Shirley Temple" a primary challenge from someone actually qualified to lead the department. Someone with the wisdom to know right from wrong and someone with the charisma to bring more than two applicants to a department's hiring process.

David Timm, a long-time deputy now retired, now seeks the Republican nomination for Sangamon County's top cop. As a training junkie and trainer during his time with the department, he seeks to restore trust in the department by hearing voices among the community and proactively training the deputies

in best practices.

He's also seeking to improve pay for the deputies who are badly underpaid compared to their peers in regional departments. Today the department has just over 50 sworn road deputies, down from seventy-some back in 1990. "The people deserve better. The deputies, corrections and court security people deserve better."



David Timm. @TrustTimm

Timm says FOID holders aren't the problem. It's the violent criminals and gang members who plague the local communities with violence. Not the guy or gal who refused to register his or her AR. Meanwhile Sheriff Shirley Temple said she would unequivocally order her people to arrest people for PICA violations - one of only a handful of counties where the sheriffs have expressed support for the law that's already been ruled unconstitutional twice. Bless her heart.

David Timm describes himself as a regular guy who grew up in the county west of Springfield with a single mom. He's not a political hack appointed by borderline elitist political insiders in Illinois' capital city. He seeks to bring his life experience and passion to the serve as a catalyst for change. That certainly beats sitting on the sidelines complaining about declining service.

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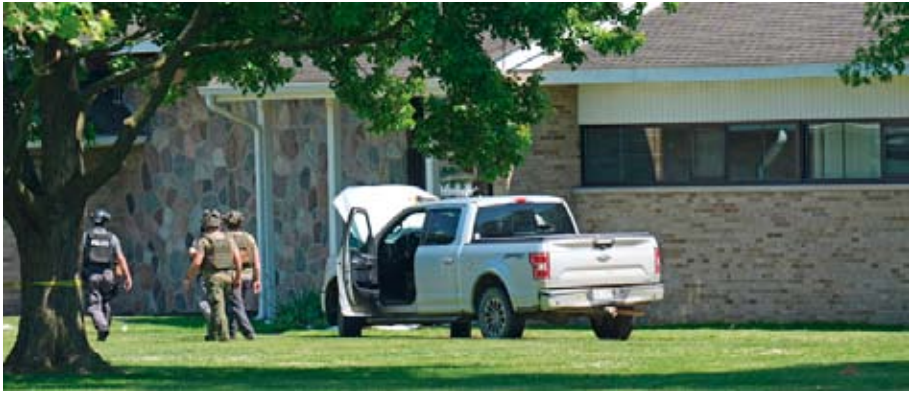
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Trained and Prepared: CrossPoint Church members had taken USCCA Church Security course days before attack

By Rob Chadwick
(Shooting News Weekly) - A tragedy at CrossPointe Church in Wayne, Michigan, was narrowly averted two weeks ago thanks to the swift, courageous actions of ordinary citizens who chose to take responsibility for their own security and that of their community. Last week, I had the privilege of visiting with several members of the security team, hearing firsthand about their experience and actions. This incident, involving a potential mass shooter who was thwarted before entering the sanctuary, vividly demonstrates the profound value of preparedness and proactive defense.

Remarkably, none of the heroes who acted decisively at CrossPointe had any law enforcement or military experience. Instead, they were everyday people who had simply taken the initiative to educate themselves and prepare for an unthinkable scenario. Three of these brave individuals had attended the USCCA training event, "Protecting Your Church," just days earlier. That session, held the previous Thursday, helped equip these volunteers with essential knowledge and skills that proved crucial in real-time.

The event at CrossPointe Church reminds us that a strong safety team does not need members with

military or law enforcement backgrounds to be effective. Commitment, education, and a willingness to act decisively are often enough. The safety team's rapid and coordinated response, informed by their training, undoubtedly saved lives, particularly considering that the sanctuary was filled with children who had just joyfully completed Vacation Bible School and were performing the songs they had learned for the congregation.



Jay Trombley, one of the heroes at the CrossPointe Church.

Additionally, the heroism displayed by the church's Deacon deserves special acknowledgment. Despite running late to church that day and initially encountering the would-be gunman alone, the Deacon immediately recognized something was amiss. Although he was unarmed and had no formal security training, he bravely confronted the threat head-on, utilizing the only effective weapon he

had. Realizing he needed to prevent the attacker from entering the church, he used his truck to attempt to disable the shooter before he could reach the congregation.

This extraordinary courage, combined with the preparedness of the safety team, showcases the power of ordinary individuals who step up to protect others. It also highlights an essential truth: effective defense relies not only on equipment or experience but most significantly on awareness, preparation, and decisive action.

The CrossPointe Church incident should serve as a powerful reminder for all congregations and community groups across the nation. Comprehensive and accessible training, such as that provided by the USCCA's "Protecting Your Church" program, empowers everyday citizens to act confidently and competently in critical moments.

Let's honor the courage displayed at CrossPointe Church by committing ourselves anew to being prepared, aware, and ready to act to safeguard our communities. Their bravery sets a powerful example of what is possible when ordinary citizens choose to stand prepared, united, and vigilant.

Contrast CrossPointe Church's safety team with a KY church that had none...

Suspect kills 2 women in Kentucky church after shooting state trooper, police say

Lexington, KY (AP) - Two women died Sunday at a church in Lexington, Kentucky, in a shooting rampage that began when a state trooper was wounded after making a traffic stop, police said. The suspect in both shootings was also killed.

The suspect carjacked a vehicle after the traffic stop near Lexington's airport and fled to Richmond Road Baptist Church, where he opened fire, city Police Chief Lawrence Weathers said. Killed in the shootings at the church were a 72-year-old woman and a 32-year-old woman, the local coroner said.

THE JIG IS UP: Everytown has just figured out that eliminating the \$200 Transfer Tax is just the latest step toward eliminating the NFA completely

(The Smoking Gun - An 'Everytown' Publication) - For over 90 years, the NFA has required that anyone interested in buying or building one of these weapons first submit an application to the ATF along with their fingerprints, a passport-style photo, and a \$200 tax stamp before undergoing an enhanced background check. As the ATF notes, the \$200 tax was "considered quite severe" in 1934 "to carry out Congress' purpose to discourage or eliminate transactions in these firearms," though it was never raised or adjusted to account for inflation. In today's dollars, the figure would be well over \$4,700.

gun industry to chip away at the NFA. While NFA applicants previously had to be approved by the ATF and the chief law enforcement officers (CLEOs) in their areas, in 2016 — after lobbying from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the gun industry's trade association — the ATF ruled that applicants only had to provide copies of their forms to CLEOs. The NSSF also lobbied for the ATF's revamped "eForms" application system, which has led to dramatically faster approval times. ...

Repealing the tax provisions may have been a backdoor attempt to invalidate the NFA. After the House passed the budget bill, GOA immediately announced that they were filing a lawsuit — dubbed the "One Big Beautiful Lawsuit" — along with the Silencer Shop, SilencerCo, Palmetto State Armory, and others to remove silencers and short-barreled firearms from the NFA, arguing that "once the tax is reduced to \$0, the constitutional justification for the law collapses." The NRA, ASA, Firearms Policy Coalition, and Second Amendment Foundation announced that they would file their own lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the NFA. In a joint statement, the groups applauded Trump's budget bill, which "serve[s] as a critical step towards our ultimate goal of dismantling the NFA once and for all."



But after January 1, 2026, those taxes will no longer be required for silencers, short-barreled firearms, or AOWs, making them significantly easier to obtain — jeopardizing public safety and resulting in an estimated \$1.7 billion loss in tax revenue over the next decade.

The move is the latest attempt by the

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Would-be home invader: 'You'll have to kill me'

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Scott County, MO (KFVS) - Scott County Sheriff Derick Wheetley calls a deadly home invasion shooting in his county a "clear case of self-defense."

Sheriff Wheetley says the shooting happened at approximately 11:30 p.m. Thursday at a home on County Road 244.

Deputies say they responded to the home to find 31-year-old John Fisher of East Prairie dead at the home.

According to Scott County investigators, Fisher arrived at the home of Austin Glastetter to find his wife, who was at the home with Glastetter.

Deputies say Fisher used brass knuckles to damage the door and break out the glass in an attempt to enter the house.

Investigators say Glastetter tried to warn Fisher that he was armed and to leave, but Fisher reportedly answered by saying, "You'll have to kill me."

Drunken intruder shot with pistol that works

Elkhorn City, Ky. (WOWK) - According to Kentucky State Police, troopers were called to the scene just before midnight after an intruder was shot by a homeowner. KSP says the man had entered a home on West 5th Street in Elkhorn City and started threatening the homeowner and their family.

Troopers say the suspect, later identified as George Standifur, had a firearm and allegedly attempted to discharge it in the home, but it didn't go off. During that time, the homeowner had grabbed their own firearm and shot Standifur in the leg, according to KSP. The homeowner then forced Standifur out of the home and called 911...

KSP says it took several hours to get Standifur into custody and says he resisted arrest. He was then taken to Pikeville Medical Center to be treated for his injury.



Mitchell Platt.

Florida burgler shot during July 4 fireworks

(WKMG) - A man arrested on the Fourth of July in Osceola County is accused of burglarizing a woman's house before being shot by the homeowner's son, according to the sheriff's office.

Deputies responded around 8:30 p.m. to the home along Deer Run Road, where the homeowner's son was holding the alleged burglar — Mitchell Platt, 37 — at gunpoint after shooting him in the leg.

The homeowner's son had noticed a rear door was left open and armed himself with a revolver after then entering the home and reportedly hearing strange noises, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office said in a news release.

After the man called out to see if anyone else was in the home, Platt allegedly emerged from a hallway and charged toward him, prompting the man to fire a single shot into Platt's leg, the release states.

Little Red Riding Hood had a gun

Woman shoots, kills alleged intruder in Skyway

Bryn Mawr-Skyway, WA (King5) — A woman reportedly shot an alleged intruder in front of her Skyway home early Monday morning.

The King County Sheriff's Office said deputies received a 911 call at around 2 a.m. from a woman who said she just shot a man who was trying to get into her home.

When deputies arrived at the home on the 2700 block of 133rd Street, they found a man with a single gunshot wound in the driveway. He was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, but died from his injuries.



FRINGE DEMS WANT BLOOD

Continued from front page.

confirm what experience has clearly revealed. From BLM's 2020 protests to two assassination attempts on President Donald Trump to Luigi Mangione becoming a viral "social media folk hero," political violence has become increasingly mainstreamed on the left. In a similar vein, several leftists responded to last week's devastating floods in Texas by focusing on the fact that many of the victims were white or saying that those who were MAGA supporters got "what they voted for..."

Responding to the radical demands of their base, numerous Democrat representatives have recently tried attention-grabbing antics. For example, Democrat Sen. Alex Padilla attempted to storm a Homeland Security press conference and got himself forcibly removed on camera. Likewise, Rep. LaMonica McIver was federally charged after she allegedly "forcibly impeded and interfered with federal officers" outside an immigration facility in New Jersey. By forcing incidents like these, Democrats may simply be trying to satisfy the demands of their base. As it turns out, he who pays the piper calls the tune. Elected Democrats feel the need to be seen fighting on the frontlines of the resistance to the Trump administration to keep their offices secure.

As Democrats frantically try to appease their constituents with feckless publicity stunts, the base is unenthused by lawmakers' efforts to defuse their militancy. A House Democrat told Axios, "I actually said in a meeting, 'When they light a fire, my thought is to grab an extinguisher.' And someone at the table said, 'Have you tried gasoline?'"

These developments may be concerning, even to staunch Democrat representatives, but they are

hardly surprising. The Left's radicalism is the obvious consequence of these very same representatives' disingenuous and irresponsible rhetoric. All through election season (and for years before), Democrats ran on the claim that Trump and those who support him are fascist Nazis. And Democrats even resumed their attacks that Trump is a Hitlerian "threat to democracy" just days after the assassination attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Now that Trump has won, they're surprised that their base considers themselves the resistance to the Nazis?

It may be the case that cynical politicians don't actually believe the things they say about Trump, but voters on the left were told that Trump is Hitler, and now they want their representatives to act as if they actually believe it. They envision themselves as the heroes of the resistance to Nazism who will take an honored place in history. If Hitler's reincarnation is actually in power, they reason, violent resistance is absolutely necessary.

Aside from the obvious conclusion that the "anti-Trump resistance" has embraced violence, another takeaway is simply how privileged the Democrats' real base has become. As the Democrat Party becomes increasingly the party of the college-credentialed urbanite, "many lawmakers," according to Axios, said the constituents who demand more radicalism "tend to be white, well-educated and live in upscale suburban or urban neighborhoods."

Another lawmaker recounted, "What I have seen is a demand that we get ourselves arrested intentionally or allow ourselves to be victims of violence, and ... a lot of times that's coming from economically very secure white people."

Increasingly, the Left's real base, and especially those who are going to show up to town halls and other events, are privileged elites. As the blue-collar Democrat is a rapidly declining demographic, the remaining Democrat base is simultaneously more radical and more trivial.

Simply put, pretending to resist the Nazis is not a working-class issue, because those with real problems are too busy to amuse themselves with play-acting. Working-class Americans are more likely to be concerned with issues like real wages than harrowing calls to "save our democracy." The view that elected representatives need to prepare for "violence ... to fight to protect our democracy" is a luxury belief.

Democrat lawmakers can lament their radical base all they want, but they, alongside the media, are the ones who created that hysteria. People often complain about "increasing political polarization," frequently with the implication that both sides need to meet in the middle. But the fact that Democrat lawmakers struggle to deal with the extremism of their base shows why Americans shouldn't take the bait.

At the beginning of the new administration, Trump referred to his presidency as "a revolution in common sense." As conservatives continue to critique the ineptitude of previous administrations, they ought to remember that the side of common sense cannot reasonably split the difference between sanity and insanity.

[Editor: If 55% of the "left leaning" folks said political violence is acceptable, what percentage of the hard-core are willing to commit political violence? 95%?]

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Political violence

We've seen a lot of political violence, including riots, looting and even assassinations and attempted assassinations of late. It's troubling, to say the least. Moreover, those committing the violence tend to fall on the far left fringe when it comes to political ideology. Their violent outbursts are like childish tantrums but with very far-reaching consequences for everyone involved.

This needs to stop. There is no room for political violence in civilized society.

If they can't self-regulate, then we have a federal Department of Justice that will help them learn self-control by prosecuting and incarcerating them.

Do these radicals think they are endearing people to their cause by rioting, looting and killing people?

Or are they too dim-witted to understand that their fascist violence is driving people away from the radical left and into becoming "Make America Great Again" voters?

Anything's possible.

For now, those of us caught in their crosshairs, enjoy life. Live it to the fullest. But remain prudent and prepared for the unexpected. Carry your safety rescue tool so you're harder to kill. Know the law and how to articulate a threat to make yourself harder to convict.



Hey Elon, 'Get your head straight about the Second Amendment'

by Eric S. Raymond

(X) - Elon, I have generally counted myself as one of your supporters and fans.

But I'm not going to support any political initiative by you until you get your head straight about the Second Amendment.

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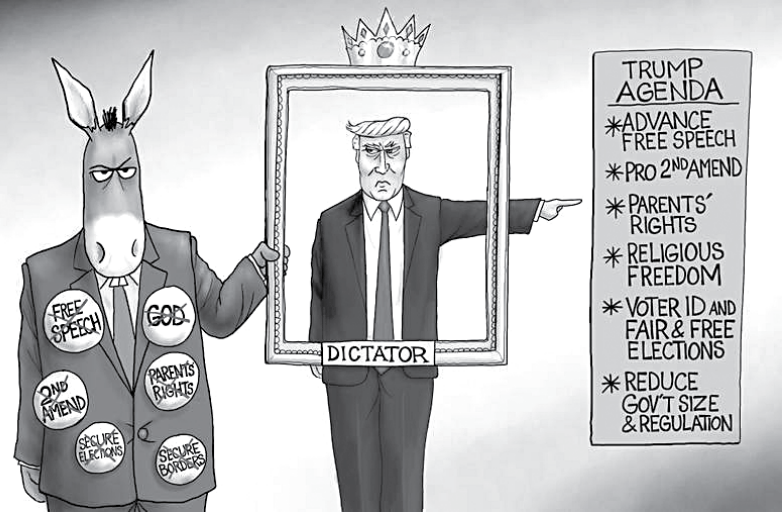
tion of all Federal and state "gun control" laws? Every single one?

When you can say "yes", I'll be interested.

You may think my position is crazy and wonder why I'm a single-issue voter. It's because a politician's position on gun control is a litmus test for how they feel about the relative power of the individual versus the state.

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Letter to Editor: We should all be troubled by riots

To the Editor:

We should all be troubled by the TV images of the rioting going on in LA.



Newsom and Mayor Bass immediately blamed Trump for this uprising, while a local ABC News stooge, Marc Brown, went on the air to describe this scene unfolding live before his eyes. He said:

"There's a large group of people - it could turn very volatile if you move law enforcement in there in the wrong way, and turn what is just a bunch of people having fun watching cars burn into a massive confrontation and altercation between officers."

A person that stupid has a bright future as a writer or producer for *The View*.

The most troubling part of this saga is knowing that people like Marc Brown

are freely roaming the streets with the normals.

The panty-wearing bedwetters over at NPR chastised Trump for the unforgivable sin of using the term "mob" to describe a mob.

MSNBC denied there was even a riot, and the geniuses at CNN called this little kerfuffle a "lawful protest."

We are only a few days into this riot, but Democrats and their media toadies have circled their wagons around the absurd narrative that it's all Trump's fault.

Newsom and Bass are two of the most incompetent boobs ever to hold office, and this little stunt should help shore up their lefty bona fides.

I hope AG Bondi is seeking arrest warrants for their roles in obstructing ICE Officers and harboring criminals. The riot is the direct result of their insane sanctuary city ideology. It's also directly at odds with US law and the will of the people.

Trump's intervention here cannot be too swift or too harsh. Remember the Alamo? I do.

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Death penalty: Each execution saves eight to eighteen lives; criminals fear death penalty more than life in prison

by John Lott, Jr.

(Town Hall) - Some people support the death penalty to deliver justice, while others argue it deters future murders and saves lives. But a simple proof shows the death penalty deters more than life without parole: look at the choices murderers make when facing trial.

Time and again, mass murderers plead for life without parole to avoid execution. Without the threat of the death penalty, they would have no reason to negotiate.

This week, Bryan Kohberger, accused of brutally murdering four Idaho college students in 2022, became the latest to want life in prison over the death penalty—just weeks before his August trial.

Prominent killers frequently take similar plea deals. Patrick Crusius, who murdered 23 people in a racially motivated 2019 Walmart shooting in El Paso, accepted a plea deal in March 2025. James Holmes, who killed 12 and injured 70 in the 2012 Aurora, Colorado, theater shooting, pleaded guilty in 2015 to avoid execution.

Others who also struck plea deals to avoid the death penalty include: Jared Lee Loughner, Dylann Roof, Eric Rudolph, Nikolas Cruz, [and others.]

Some killers, like Nidal Hasan (who killed 13 at Fort Hood in 2009), sought plea deals but couldn't get them. Military law blocked Hasan's deal.

While Democrats oppose the death penalty, Americans support it by a 3-to-2 margin. And their support would

rise to more than 2-to-1 if death sentences were carried out on a more timely basis. Those with the lowest incomes—who often face the most crime—back it most strongly.

These cases show that murderers fear death more than life in prison. But there is other research supporting its deterrent effect. Indeed, most peer-reviewed studies estimate that each execution prevents eight to eighteen murders. What is saving at least eight lives worth?



South Carolina's firing squad chair. The Palmetto State takes FAFO seriously.

Some point to the National Research Council's 2012 report that could reach a conclusion on the death penalty deterring crime, but they fail to acknowledge that the National Research Council virtually never comes to a conclusion on any topic except for claiming that more research is needed.

Some claim the death penalty is racially biased. But data suggests otherwise. From 1977 to 2011, whites made up 64.7% of executions despite committing only 47% of murders. In 2020, 64% of those executed were still white.

Concerns about executing the innocent are unfounded. Between 1989 and 2014, DNA evidence was available in about 12,000 murder cases. The Innocence Project identified 34 people wrongly convicted, 18 of whom were on death row—none were executed.

DNA exonerations remain extremely rare.

On his first day in office, President Trump signed a sweeping executive order reinstating the federal death penalty. He directed the attorney general to "take all necessary and lawful action" to ensure states had sufficient lethal injection drugs to carry out executions. Trump defended the order, stating: "Capital punishment is an essential tool for deterring and punishing those who would commit the most heinous crimes."

The murderers' own actions confirm Trump's point—deterrence works.

That is quite a switch from Biden who recently commuted death sentences to life sentences for 37 of the 40 men who are on the federal government's death row. Those spared included child killers and mass murderers, and many showed no remorse and horribly tortured their victims.

The death penalty saves lives and taxpayer dollars. When used strategically, it delivers justice, deters crime, and secures plea deals that spare victims' families from prolonged trials.

The State of Sleeper Cells

(Red State) - In recent days, a chilling warning came from one of America's top counterterrorism experts: Iranian sleeper cells may already be embedded inside the United States—hiding in plain sight, waiting to strike. With tensions climbing after the president's strike on Iran's nuclear capabilities, that warning has taken on new urgency. The threat isn't hypothetical. It's now a likely reality.

And while most states are coordinating with federal law enforcement, tightening security, and staying alert, California has done the unthinkable:

It's opted out.



California Governor Gavin Newsom.

California is the only state in the Union that has withdrawn entirely from the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force—the primary engine for federal, state, and local cooperation in detecting and disrupting terrorism. And they did it proudly, in the

name of "civil liberties."

Let's be blunt: the FBI's JTTFs have disrupted plots targeting New York, Boston, and cities across the country. They are essential to homeland security. Pulling out of that network—especially now—is the domestic equivalent of turning off radar at Pearl Harbor.

Add to that the fact that California is also a sanctuary state, where local officials are barred from cooperating with ICE or federal immigration authorities. That means someone could cross the border illegally, find refuge in Los Angeles or San Francisco, and never be flagged—no matter how suspicious they may be...

Let's remember San Bernardino. In 2015, two radicalized individuals opened fire in a California office building, killing 14 and wounding 22 more. They were American residents. They were radicalized online. And they executed their attack without ever triggering alarm bells—because back then, the systems weren't integrated enough.

Because the question is no longer if sleeper cells exist in America.

The question is how close they are...

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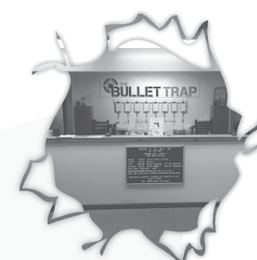
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Better firearms designs, and some vehicles have military service in their past. Get over it.

by Damon Williams
GSL Member

In the Southern District of Illinois Federal Court, a judge struck down the Protect Illinois Communities Act as unconstitutional. Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul appealed and the case. Oral arguments are set for September as the appellate court decides the case.

Interestingly, the US Department of Justice came down on our side, describing the PICA law as patently unconstitutional.

In our case, District Court Judge Stephen McGlynn made the analogy that comparing the AR-15 to the M-16 as the equivalent of comparing the H3 Hummer to the military Humvee.



I found this comparison brilliant. At the time of his ruling, we were amid an election season. Gun grabbers love to redefine our language to suit their tyrannical goals. They try to tar our homeland defense guns with scary-sounding labels. In reality, these guns protect children. They protect families. They protect our nation.



Please name for me any popular weapon design that didn't have a military applications in its history.

Cap lock muzzle loading rifles? The 1911 pistol? 98K Mauser bolt action rifle? The Winchester 1897 pump shotgun? They all have service in the military in their history. That doesn't make them scary or bad except to people ignorant of history.

At the same time, we should never refer to them or use the terms gun grabbers float. In the game of persuasion, you give weight to the other side's argument when you use their labels.

As much as they would like us to be as uninformed about the Art of Persuasion, who wants to be as ill-informed about important things as brain trusts like Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, Hank Johnson (Guam tip over) or the latest dimwit to grace Congress Jasmine Crockett?

Do we have any Jeep owners out there? Hummer H1, H2, or H3 owners? These vehicles are similar to vehicles that have been used by the military to defend America for generations. Does the Illinois Secretary of State refuse to license them?



Actually, the IL Secretary of State will not issue plates for a surplus "Humvee" because they consider it violent, or dangerous, or something.

While we don't (yet) have any arbitrary restriction on horsepower or fuel tank capacity, who trusts the brain trust in Springfield not to consider such restrictions - for our "safety" of course.

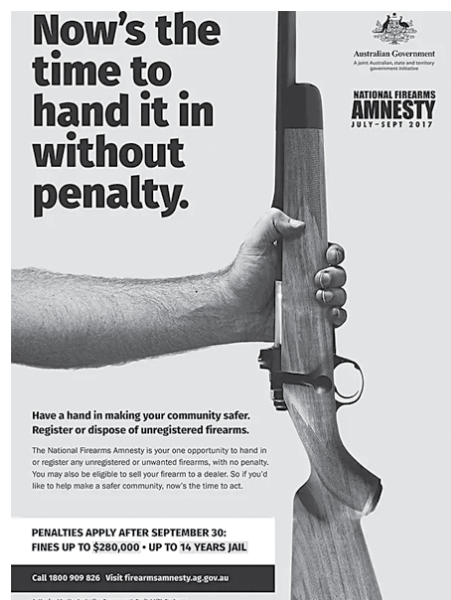
There's no requirement to display valid driver's license to purchase fuel (yet), but we must show a FOID to buy food for our firearms? That irritates me.

Gun-hating totalitarians continue to prey upon the ignorance of Americans using arguments like "We register our vehicles, then why don't we register our firearms?"

Why are these people such control freaks?

We don't register as church members to worship, nor do we have to register ourselves to buy or read books or newspapers. Why do these control freaks want us to register to own guns?

I'll tell you why. Registration leads to confiscation.



Governments fear gun ownership because they know that they cannot impose their tyranny on an armed populace.

As for me, I will continue to use my unregistered 1946 Jeep CJ-2A as a farm vehicle, and my son will continue to commute to work in his street legal H3 Hummer...

RACIST GUN CONTROL: New Jersey officials deny black CCW applications for 'subjective' reasons at twice the rate of white applicants

(New Jersey Monitor) - Paterson police denied Mahmoud "Mo" Ramadan's request for a gun carry permit after he hounded them — and the mayor — about their poky pace in processing his application. Sharon Palombi got denied in South Toms River because of her past police involvement as a crime victim. And Leonard Mirabal's extensive — but non-criminal — driving infractions prompted Carlstadt cops to refuse his carry request.



New Jersey law lays out several documentable reasons why police can deny carry permits, including if applicants have criminal convictions, histories of addiction or mental health disorders, or active restraining orders. But it also allows officers to make subjective judgments and reject applicants they deem lack "the essential character of temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm."

Consequently, a growing, disgruntled group of applicants — including Ramadan, Palombi, and Mirabal — have successfully challenged denials, which two recent studies found have disproportionately impacted people of color in New Jersey.

Now, a Republican state lawmaker wants

police to answer to the Legislature and the public on the issue, by mandating monthly reporting on permit denials. Municipalities would have to publicly detail their reasons for denying firearm purchaser identification cards and gun carry permits under a bill Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia (R-Sussex) introduced Monday. The measure also would require reporting on the age, race, gender identity, and ethnicity of denied applicants.

"There are barriers to exercising your Second Amendment — prior felonies, mental health concerns — that are valid concerns. But the color of your skin is not a valid concern," Fantasia said. "There should be no subjective measures. When you allow subjective measures into the conversation, that leaves it up to people, to personalities, to preconceived notions, and to bias, and that's what we want to remove. There should never be bias associated with your ability to exercise a constitutional right."

The attorney general's office already publicly reports applicant demographics but does no analysis of denials and attributes more than two thirds of them to unspecified "public health, safety and welfare" concerns or just "other disapproval reasons."

John Petrolino, a firearms instructor and freelance writer who focuses on Second Amendment issues, dove into the data last year and found that Black applicants were denied permits for subjective reasons at twice the rate of whites.

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CYA Can you articulate?

by John Boch
(GSL) - Self-defense is legal in America.
Even in Chicago, believe it or not.

But prosecutors may employ very antagonistic tactics in an effort to turn a righteous use of force into a conviction. Civil attorneys may do the same to score a big payday.

Remember the jury pool won't be a drawn from a regional Guns Save Life meeting's attendees. It'll contain a cross-section of the community including those who viscerally dislike guns and gun owners.

Hence why it's best to practice situational awareness. By doing so, you can avoid victimization and second-guessing by investigators, prosecutors and plaintiff's attorneys.

If you interrupt that bad guy's OODA Loop (Observe, Orient, Decide, Act) by doing the unexpected to thwart his plan for you, that's a win - without all of the nasty by-products of the use of force in self-defense.

If situational awareness fails you and you have to use force, you MUST act to the standard by which you will be judged.

You must also be able to articulate that threat and explain your actions while meeting the Reasonable Man standard:

Whether an objectively reasonable and prudent person, possessing similar skills, training, and knowledge, and in the same or similar circumstances, would have shared that subjective perception.

Here's the good news: the law does not require to people to make perfect use-of-force decisions, but we're required to make reasonable use-of-force decisions. Thank you *Graham v. Connor*.

If you, with the help of your attorney, can articulate the threat you will probably be fine. You and your attorney might even convince a prosecutor not to pursue charges.

On the other hand, if you can't articulate a threat, then you're on track to pick up a felony conviction and maybe even some prison time.

"But John, what do you mean exactly? This is kind of complicated!"

You must be able to articulate why you did what you did. Why did you carry hollow points, extra magazines or why your gun had a lighter-than-factory trigger. If you had a decent carry class or have been reading *Gun-News* for a few years, you know the answers to these traps.

You may face similar questioning about why you shot your attacker in the chest, face, head or groin. You better have an explanation that's reasonable and makes sense to others.

This also includes why you may have brandished a gun without firing. You didn't pull a gun on someone because they committed a trivial crime. You put them at gunpoint because they threatened to kill you if you didn't let them get away and wouldn't show you their hands after suggesting that they had a gun.

Good answers will make all the difference in more nuanced uses of force. For example:

You're on video in a defensive gun use. Bad guy has knife about 10 feet away, but you manage to distract him. When he looks away, you move off the axis of his attack, draw and fire six shots, give or take, until Mr. Knife crumples to ground.

But there's a problem: the high definition video clearly shows the knife guy drops his knife after the second or third shot struck his body. Yet you continued shooting and struck him a couple more times.



You darn sure better have good answers for these likely questions:

- Why did you shoot him? He only had a knife!
- Why did you keep shooting after he dropped his knife? Were you intent upon killing this man? You said you shot to save your life yet he was no longer a threat once he lost control of the knife and you continued firing.

Do you have answers in your comfy chair all relaxed and stress free? If you don't know them now, do you think you're going to dream something up under an interrogation by cops even with your attorney present? Or on the stand in a trial where your freedom is at stake? If so, you're delusional.

But alas, we won't leave you hanging.

So why did you shoot after the suspect lost control of the blade? Because it takes about six- to eight-tenths of a second to observe something, to process what's happening and to decide to act accordingly - and then for that command to stop to reach fingers. You stopped shooting as appropriate but it took several tenths of a second to implement the decision to stop shooting.

The same goes for a suspect who turns away after you began shooting. Shots to the back never look good to a jury, but if you and experts can attest those rounds were fired at the end before you could react to the stimulus of a suspect turning away, you'll probably gain an acquittal.

Of course nothing is written in stone. Which is why the best way to win a gun battle is to not be there in the first place.

While self-defense is legal, you better act to the standard by which you will be judged and be prepared to articulate the threat you faced.

You carry a gun so you're harder to kill. You know the law and how to articulate the threat so you're harder to convict.



The fall of the Mainstream Media

If it wasn't obvious before it's clear now; the mainstream media is done. Their viewership is dwindling to nothing. Certain outlets (like MSNBC) are about to be parceled out in a fire sale. Only a tiny percentage of the population watches or listens to corporate journalists anymore. They're about to be jobless.

The era of the Fourth Estate is over and the alternative media has won. The political left clings to the false legitimacy of the academic elite, the end of the establishment controlled media leaves them in a whirlwind of doubt. The "experts" have been exposed as impotent but the left refuses to move on with the rest of Americans. Their beloved gatekeepers have been crushed.

Brainwashing And Irrational Fears Of "Fascism"

For the past four years Democrats have been drowning in a sea of anti-conservative propaganda telling them that anyone who disagrees with them is a fascist, an insurrectionist and an enemy of democracy. The corporate media has been conjuring endless images of Nazi marches, genocidal purges and book burnings.



Even though Trump was already President for four years and none of these things

happened under his direction, leftists are convinced that he intends to resurrect the Third Reich in his final term.

Nationalism by itself is not a precursor to fascism and the system has nothing to do with conservative principles. In fact, fascism is a creation of the far-left. Both Hitler and Mussolini held up Karl Marx as the inspiration for the development of National Socialism. Hitler's efforts to expand control over the means of production was rooted in Marxist ideology and most industries were run behind the scenes by the fascist leadership. They also instituted price controls, wage controls and inflated the money supply to expand their power, just as Marxists do.

Leftists have spent decades trying to plant the association of conservatives as fascists into the collective consciousness, but as Adolph Hitler noted in 1934:

"National Socialism derives from each of the two camps the pure idea that characterizes it, national resolution from bourgeois tradition; vital, creative socialism from the teaching of Marxism."

Socialists and communists go to war with each other all the time. Leftists turn on each other all the time. It's not surprising that they turned against each other during WWII, and it's not surprising that leftists today have no understanding that they have more in common with Nazis than conservatives do. The defeat of the progressives in 2024 is forcing them to question if they're on the right side of history. Some of them are starting to wonder if they might be the baddies, and that revelation is devastating.

'The View' host Sunny Hostin Says CBP, ICE deserve violent 'Reckoning' coming for them

(Newsbusters) - Disney and ABC News seem to be fine with their hosts promoting violence and attempts to kill federal law enforcement officers. During Friday's episode of The View, staunchly racist Sunny Hostin responded to the recent attempt to kill Customs and Border Protection agents in McAllen, Texas by suggesting they had it coming because they wear masks. She also proclaimed that a "reckoning" was coming for them.

In a segment about Alligator Alcatraz, faux conservative Alyssa Farah Griffin blamed President Trump for the death threats immigration enforcement officials were facing. "What I am seeing is an uptick in rhetoric against CBP and ICE enforcers who are dealing with this problem because they're being told by the President of the

United States that they have to," she lamented.



Sunny Hostin.

Upon hearing the story, Hostin immediately launched into seemingly suggesting that the agents deserved it because they wear masks:

If they would do their jobs the way that I think they should be doing their jobs, which is unmasked without disappearing people from the streets, I don't think that the public would feel as endangered. Because if

someone approaches my loved one who is undocumented with a mask, how do I know that they're actual law enforcement and how do I know they work for ICE? So, that's one thing I'll say.

The threat seemed to solidify further when she declared that "in my world, if you mask yourself because you don't want to be seen... there will be a reckoning for some of the actions that law enforcement, actual law enforcement have done!..."

Hostin's warning to immigration officials was yet another instance of The View being a home for dangerous rhetoric. Rhetoric that could cause some serious problems for Disney and ABC News if it continued unchecked.

Insufferable woke staff should learn to code

Washington Post's new leader to 'woke' staffers: Ditch your 'woke' or GTFO

by Jonathan Turley

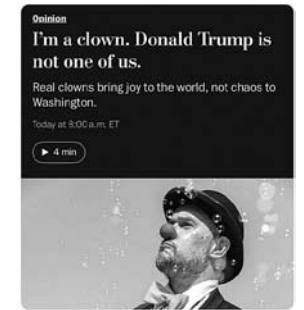
Since his arrival at the struggling newspaper, *Washington Post* publisher and CEO Will Lewis has fought to reverse the plunge in revenue and readership to save this great American newspaper. His greatest challenge has been the staff itself, which seems willing to embrace bankruptcy rather than give up its bias. This week, Lewis sent another warning to his intransigent staff: get on board or get out.

"We are going to turn this thing around, but let's not sugarcoat it. It needs turning around. We are losing large amounts of money. Your audience has halved in recent years. People are not reading your stuff. Right. I can't sugarcoat it anymore..."



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[Editor: A genuine Washington Post piece.]



[And another:]



WaPo: Will gun owners fight for stronger gun laws?

Remember this guy from just a couple weeks ago?

Washington Post editor arrested for kiddie pron

(Washington Post - June 27, 2025) - A video editor [Thomas P. LeGro, 48] for *The Washington Post* was arrested Thursday on a federal charge of possessing child pornography, according to prosecutors.

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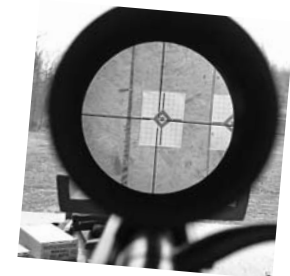


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German police target insulting Internet posts instead of 'immigrant' criminals

(RMX News) - On Wednesday morning at 6 a.m., a large-scale police operation was launched across Germany, targeting hundreds of individuals suspected of insulting politicians or spreading "hate and incitement" online.



The massive crackdown saw police launch morning raids against 170 individuals, which saw police seize computers, cell phones, and tablets, and conduct searches in multiple locations across the country.

The action, which was conducted by the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA), uses the new Criminal Code Paragraph 188 to target individuals accused of racism and hate speech.

North Rhine-Westphalia's Interior Minister, Herbert Reul (CDU), who has overseen a massive increase in crime in his state in recent years — including violent crimes and knife crimes committed by foreigners — celebrated the police raids.

"Digital arsonists must not be able to hide be-

hind their cell phones or computers," he said.

His state conducted 14 of the approximately 130 nationwide cases in a "day of action" against so-called hate postings.

In fact, even as the number of such raids has exploded in recent years, violent crime has also reached record highs in Germany, in large part due to mass immigration, which is a statistical fact. However, police resources have shifted towards targeting hate speech violations, including those complaining about rising crime in relation to mass immigration, with even politicians, such as Alternative for Germany's (AfD) Marie-Thérèse Kaiser, being targeted in such cases.

[Editor: Here is an example of such a case from Remix News.]



Germany: Man criticizes judge who fined Syrian for raping 15-year-old girl, gets fined twice as much

The judge even told the convicted rapist during the trial: "You are well on your way to becoming a completely normal citizen here"

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Leftists using lasers against innocents again

(Area Ocho) - Rioters in Oregon are again using fireworks and lasers to attack people. Lasers can cause permanent damage and blindness when aimed at the eyes. Sure, there are glasses for them, but at \$325, they are pretty expensive.

You know what else stops people from causing others permanent blindness by hitting them in the eye with a laser?

A person is justified in using or threatening to use deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that using or threatening to use such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony.

Yep, you guessed it. If you see people in a riot, and those people are tossing explosives and aiming lasers at people's eyes, shoot them in the face.



Rodney Davis says he's packing heat after Minnesota political assassination

(Politico) - In the aftermath of the assassination of Minnesota state Rep. Melissa Hortman over the weekend, members of Congress are increasingly worried about their safety and how to better protect themselves in a toxic political environment.

Former Rep. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.) is the rare figure who has been both a victim of political violence and a key player in overseeing the protection of elected officials. A survivor of the 2017 congressional baseball shooting where Majority Leader Steve Scalise was badly wounded — Davis was at home plate when the gunman opened fire from behind third base — the former Illinois congressman later became the top Republican on the House Administration Committee, which oversees security arrangements for members of the House of Representatives.



Do they have enough cops for this raid? Sending a message?

Police raid house of most-wanted violent criminal editor of 'right wing' magazine, and hundreds more

(European Conservative) - At around 6 a.m. this morning, hundreds of people across Germany awoke to police officers at their door. Their only 'crime' is to have openly made critical or offensive comments on the internet, many about specific politicians.



From left, top row: Elizabeth Soto, Maricela Rueda, Ines Soto, Savanna Batten, Seth Sikes. Bottom: Bradford Morris (trans name "Meagan Morris"), Cameron Arnold (trans name "Autumn Hill"), Joy Gibson, Zachary Evetts, and Nathan Baumann.

10 suspects charged in July 4 attack on Texas ICE detention facility

Alvarado, TX (ICE) — Nearly a dozen violent assailants equipped with tactical gear and weapons attacked U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Prairieland Detention Facility in Alvarado, Texas, on July 4, shooting a local law enforcement officer in the process. The officer is expected to recover.

The attack, which occurred just days before an armed activist shot a U.S. Border Patrol official in McAllen, Texas, was coordinated to vandalize the facility and disrupt operations there.

The FBI has arrested 10 of the 11 suspects, and the Johnson County Sheriff has confirmed that each

now face local charges of terrorism, aggravated assault on a public servant with a deadly weapon, or aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a peace officer. The final suspect is still at large.



State Prison Soap-on-a-Rope. (A real product). Do they have a federal prison model?

One year later, Secret Service suspends six agents on duty during Butler, PA assassination attempt

(GSL/Shooting News Weekly) - The U.S. Secret Service's multiple bumbling failures in Butler, Pennsylvania last summer have earned six agents suspensions without pay nearly a year later. A cascading series of incompetence by team DEI that day allowed a man to get a rifle to get within about a hundred yards of a former President while he was speaking at a campaign rally. The social misfit then took multiple shots at Trump, grazing his ear, wounding two bystanders, and killing another before being shot and killed by return fire from police and Secret Service snipers.

inclusion" in staffing and running the agency rather than hiring the best and most competent candidates. As a result, people died.

Meanwhile, the Secret Service's DEI culture conspicuously failed the nation and almost precipitated a political catastrophe. That included then-Director Cheatle. She had previously ensured the safety of soda and potato chips before being appointed Director, instituting DEI-grade hires, DEI-grade standards, and DEI-grade performance.



Biden's Secret Service Director, Kim Cheatle, prioritized "diversity, equity and



KARMA IS REAL

Queens mugging suspect, 15, on e-bike fleeing NYPD cops fatally struck by hit-run Lexus driver

A 15-year-old Queens armed mugging suspect on an e-bike fleeing NYPD cops was fatally struck by an unlicensed hit-and-run Lexus driver with an atrocious driving record after crossing into Long Island, police said Sunday.

Cops responding to a 911 call about a knife-point robbery in progress outside a corner pharmacy in Floral Park came across the suspect fleeing on the e-bike about 8 p.m. Saturday, police said. Officers pursued the teen for a little over a

mile from Hillside Ave. and 257th St. into New Hyde Park in Nassau County, just over the Queens border, an NYPD spokesman said.

The teen was headed east on his e-bike on Bryant Ave. when a 2015 Lexus GX 460 driven by 28-year-old Ruyan Ali slammed into him while going south on Lakeville Road, Nassau County police said. Ali, who had a suspended license and whose car registration had expired, crossed into opposing traffic to pass a car that was slowing to a stop

in front of him, according to a criminal complaint.

The teen died at the scene, and Ali tried to flee but was arrested nearby, Nassau County cops said.



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Antifa beauty queen seeks charges against driver who struck her; comes away with ticket instead

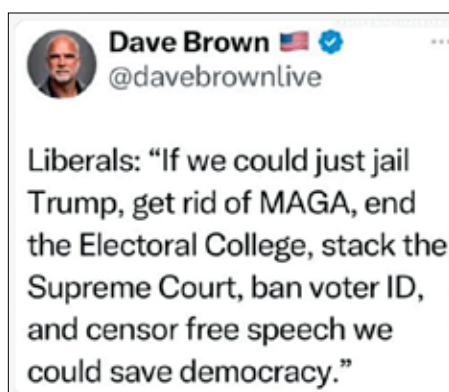
(Legal Insurrection) - It seems to me there's been a noticeable uptick in anti-ICE protesters getting hit by cars lately. Apparently, drivers don't particularly like it when demonstrators try to physically block their path and disrupt their day.

In the video below, Jennifer Tiernan — a woman who vaguely resembles Medusa, complete with snakes for hair — shares what happened after she tried to block a car at a "No Kings" protest in Catskill, New York, last Saturday. Tiernan claims to be "traumatized" by the treatment she received from both the police and the driver of the vehicle she attempted to stop.

"Hi. My name is Jennifer Tiernan. And on Saturday after leaving the "No Kings" protest, I was struck and injured by a motor vehicle," she says. "The cops here in Catskill, New York, took several days to get an accident report together. ... They never interviewed me."

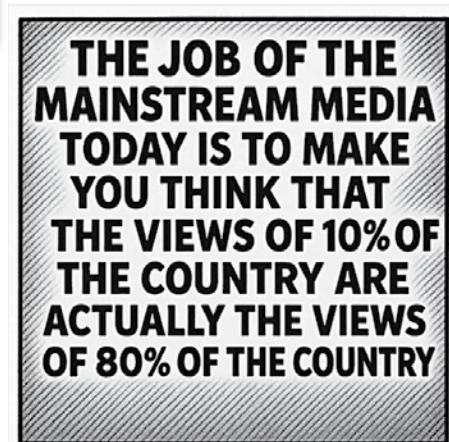
She continues, "I've been very traumatized by this event. And now, in order to retraumatize me, the cops here in Catskill are telling me that it's my fault that I put my human body in the street to be hit by a motor vehicle..."

"And now, they're giving me a citation for being in the road. So, honestly, I think that's a bunch of crap and I'm very, very upset because I want to press criminal charges against this person who hit me and the cops just handed me a f***ing citation saying that it's my fault."



Mamdani clarifies he is not a Commie

New York City (Babylon Bee) — In response to growing questions about his political leanings, New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani issued a statement to clarify that he is not a communist, but only wants the government to seize the means of production, abolish private property ownership, and put capitalists in gulags.



TSA: Passengers no longer have to remove their shoes before being fondled

Springfield, VA (Babylon Bee) — The Transport Security Agency has officially announced that passengers will no longer have to remove their shoes before being publicly fondled.

According to acting administrator Ha Nguyen McNeill, the agency had concluded that asking passengers to take off their shoes before being groped was time-consuming and unnecessary.



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