



The feckless twins: Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum.

RAMPANT CRIME

Rampant Blue City crime is the disease and more policing is the cure Blue Politicians just don't want to swallow

(NRA-ILA) - Is it something in the water?

Officials in Democrat-run strongholds like Chicago are unwilling to accept that their crime problems are the result of their pro-criminal, anti-victim policies, including gun laws that restrict the rights of responsible citizens. Instead, their solution is some variant of "more gun control," while concurrently diminishing the consequences for the lawbreakers driving up crime rates.

Commenting on the notion that President Donald Trump would next deploy the

National Guard to clean up Chicago's crime, Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson released a statement that sought to redirect the focus (and responsibility) away from his administration and make it about housing and hungry children instead.

Notably, Mayor Johnson polled at an abysmal 6.6% approval rating earlier this year. A substantial majority (67%) of poll respondents pointed to "rampant crime" as the city's biggest issue, suggesting the mayor's failure to deal with crime is a driver of his appalling score.

Johnson, "wallowing in the worst job approval ratings of any mayor in the country," has also challenged the portrayal of Chicago as a city in dire need of some kind of intervention. Contrary to the dystopian lawlessness suggested by the local crime reporting news site CWB Chicago, Johnson maintained that "[w]hat's being painted by the federal government is false. We love one another. We support one another. We put our arms around one another."

This is the same Mayor Johnson who recently told

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- **Quincy:** Last Wednesday: **September 24**, October 29, Likely cancelled in Nov. Eagles Club, 3737 N. Fifth Street, Quincy
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **September 28**, October 26. No Nov., Dec. meetings American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights
Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **October 6**, November 3, December 1 SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **October 7**, November 4, December 2 Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **October 1**, November 5, December 3 Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion (*Program at 6:45pm*)
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **October 2**, November 6, December 4 Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6:30ish.
- **Danville:** Second Monday **October 13**, November 10, December 8 Ela's Restaurant, 1111 E. Voorhees St., Danville
- **Northwest Chicagoland:** Second Wed: **October 8**, November 12, December 10 Prairie House Tavern, 2710 Main St., Buffalo Grove
Dinner and conversation here at 5:30pm. Program at 6pm-ish.
- **Mattoon:** Second Thursday: **October 9**, November 13, December 11 The American Legion Post 88, 1903 Maple Ave, Mattoon
- **LaSalle County:** Third Thursday: **October 16**, November 20, No Dec. meeting Jamie's Outpost, 602 Clark St., Utica

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.
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A full-auto BB gun... something for the slow-witted, gun-hating legislative leaders in Springfield to ban next.

Sights at GSL meetings across Illinois



John Boch shares his Executive Director's Report at LaSalle County. Image by Ottawa Times.



State Rep. Jed Davis gave us an insider's look at politics in Springfield. It's not pretty unless you're from Chicago. Ottawa Times image.



LaSalle County Regional Director Glenn Pratt shows off the Oglesby gun we're giving away in October. Ottawa Times photo.



Seen on a car at the Decatur GSL meeting. Mr. Timm seeks the Sangamon County Sheriff's nomination from the appointed incumbent who said early on she would arrest gun owners who didn't register their banned guns.



Former sheriff, and retired police chief Mike McCoy spoke about his 48-year career in law enforcement in Peoria.



Roger won a very nice Ruger 10/22 at the Decatur meeting.



Happiness is winning a new gun!



Service dogs starred in Decatur, with Gary Shuck the founder of Soldiers and Dogs. He's pictured with Avery Hawk.



Joe Ferris shared information about the Introductory Wing-shooting Clinic coming up at the end of September at the Decatur Gun Club. Visit IDNR's website to sign up!



A hand cannon... in Decatur.



Jack has no reason not to sharpen his shooting skills after winning 1500 rounds of 9mm.



First aid, bleeding control and first aid kits were on the agenda in Mattoon.



Below, belt-mounted first-aid kit.



Coming in October

CCW Safe coming to four GSL events in October

by John Boch

Marty and Gila Hayes have retired from the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network they formed way back when, and have handed the baton off to CCW Safe. If you're an ACLDN member as I was, you're now a CCW Safe member.



As many if not most of us have had little exposure to CCW Safe, Jerome Vinet from the company will join us at four meetings of the October cycle. He'll be at **SCHEELS in Springfield on October 6, Pontiac on October 7, Northwest Chicagoland on October 8 and Mattoon on October 9th.**

He's promising something besides a sales pitch visit, and I'm looking forward to his experienced perspective.

At Guns Save Life, we've long recommended that folks carry some sort of legal defense coverage. Like the

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Entertaining and funny

Mike McCoy on 48 years in law enforcement in Peoria

"This..." Mike McCoy began, looking around the room. "This is THE safest place I've ever spoken." The audience roared with laughter.

McCoy gave us a thumbnail sketch of his 48-year career in law enforcement at our Peoria meeting. He started in a small town, providing all of his gear and borrowing a .357 from a relative. His fire-arm training? Four rounds behind a barn just outside of the town. Patrol training? A twenty-minute drive of the perimeter of the town.

From there he started working corrections at the jail and then the sheriff at the time put him out on the street as deputy. He shared the story of running out of ammo shooting at an armed robber and lessons learned (I always carried a second gun after that!). Another time his

undercover work was blown by a friend who asked him how the new job as a deputy was going.

Always an overachiever, he did solid work and was selected to attend the FBI Academy at age 28 - or not quite half the age of most there. He soon worked as Peoria Heights police chief, then dipped into corporate security and then he and a buddy ran for sheriff and they won. His friend took the sheriff's job with McCoy as chief deputy. Fast forward, the sheriff died during a minor outpatient surgery and McCoy found himself thrust into the sheriff's role.

There were plenty of other stories the dazzled the audience and we appreciate him joining us to share not only his stories but his advice to good people everywhere.

"If you're able to take a shooting class, do it!" he said rather emphatically. And practice with your gun and your gear.

He also urged everyone to make sure your church has a safety team. He's got one with 26 guys and gals at his church, and they serve one or sometimes two Sundays a month. There's too many bad things happening at churches to not have a safety team.

Asked about the Washington tornado a few years ago he said it devastated the town.

Another person asked if he would recommend policing to young people. Mike said yes. If you're honest, you can do a lot to help people and make the world a better place with the little things that make a difference.

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In Memoriam
Charlie Kirk
1993 - 2025

Executive Director's Report

We called it: Fringe Dems want blood

by John Boch

GSL Executive Director

At *GunNews*, we strive to provide cutting edge news and analysis to our readers. Our members, by the way, receive our monthly journal in their mailboxes each and every month. At least most of the time when the Post Office decides to deliver them in a timely manner.

Anyway, if you didn't see our August 2025 edition, here's the above-the-fold front page story.



"Fringe Dems Want Blood"... 55% of left-leaning Americans think political violence is acceptable. Why? In part because the radical left has lost the debate on hot-button issues in the public square. So now, brimming with self-righteousness, they are turning to violence to suppress opposing points of view.

Clearly this needs to change.

What else? Full of hate and vitriol, those on the fringes cheered Charlie Kirk's assassination. These people are unwell, and unhinged. Remember them. Why? Because if they cheer the death of good men and women they disagree with, they'll cheer when gun owners like you and me are slaughtered too.

Antifa in the crosshairs

I welcome President Trump's proposal to brand "Antifa" as a terrorist organization. They've long enjoyed the protection of fellow travelers in the deep state. After all, if the FBI wanted to shut them down, they would have been locked up along with those who fund them. Instead, the deep state protected Antifa. But not any more.

Oral arguments in gun ban coming soon! September 22 remains our big day to argue

our case against the gun and magazine ban. The group of plaintiffs Guns Save Life is a part of have ceded our time to the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division head Harmeet Dhillon. We expect Ms. Dhillon to bring not only fire and brimstone to the three-judge panel, but also the weight and gravitas of the US Department of Justice.



And just so there's no confusion, she'll be arguing to strike the law down - and she's not from the Biden administration.

I'm optimistic either way. If they rule in our favor, Kwame Raoul will ask for an *en banc* review. That's where the entire Seventh Circuit Appeals Court panel will take a look at the three-judge panel's decision and decide whether or not they want to overturn it.

Before the US Department of Justice came along with their "Friend of the Court" brief I thought we would probably lose at the *en banc* level. Now, I think we'll win there but it will be close.

Crime and Chicago

It looks like the feckless duo of Mayor Bird-brain and Gov. Pritzker have dodged a bullet. President Trump has sent a surge of federal law enforcement to Chicago to root out criminal illegals and other really bad hombres, but Trump has not pulled the trigger on troops.

It's okay. Trump knows it's just a matter of time before something really horrible happens that will give him carte blanche to ignore the radical leftists in charge and clean things up.

In the meantime, mostly black families will deal with the loss of family members who don't need to die. It's a shame really.

Dogs helping Veterans. Veterans helping Dogs.

Soldiers and Dogs

Gary Shuck spoke in Decatur about his "Soldiers and Dogs" non-profit that pairs veterans in need with specially trained service dogs.

The dogs provide therapeutic role for the vets, including suicide prevention. They also help veterans overcome combat fatigue, depression, isolation and PTSD.

The group is based near Mt. Zion and has placed quite a few dogs already and they are ramping in

training to place still more.

Why did Shuck and some others start Soldiers and Dogs? Shuck said because therapy, pills, booze and other "treatment" failed to deal with service-related pain whereas the dog did wonders to make him better.



Gary Shuck, along with his dog Lt. Dan, and Avery Hawk with Tank the pup.

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Flashback JB Pritzker: "Republicans should know no peace"

OF COURSE: Shameless Illinois Gov. Pritzker blames Jan. 6th and Trump for Charlie Kirk assassination

(The Center Square) – Popular political activist and Illinois native Charlie Kirk was shot and killed Wednesday while at a public outdoor event in Utah...

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker was asked about the shooting at an unrelated event Wednesday, before news broke that Kirk had died.



Erika and Charlie Kirk.

Pritzker said political violence is not acceptable. "We saw the shootings. The killings in Minnesota. We've seen other political

violence, occur in other states. And I would just say, it's got to stop," Pritzker said. "And I think there are people who are fomenting it in this country."

Pritzker said Trump's rhetoric "often foment it..."

State Rep. Adam Niemerg, R-Dieterich, said he is devastated at the news.

"Charlie Kirk had a young family, a wife, and it looks like they'll never see him again all because some deranged individual couldn't have a conversation with Charlie up on stage and have a political discourse and have a productive conversation," Niemerg told The Center Square.

To Pritzker's reaction that included commentary about Trump and Jan. 6 defendants being pardoned, Niemerg said he's appalled.

"Let's not forget, and this is awful, Governor Pritzker said 'Republicans should know no peace,' and look at the situation that we're in," Niemerg said.

Flashback to late Spring: Pritzker calls political opponents traitors and tyrants, calls for mass mobilization and disruption, 'Republicans cannot know a moment of peace'

(Breitbart) - Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker told an audience of Democrats in New Hampshire on Sunday that they should take up mass protests against President Donald Trump and Republicans, denying them any "moment of peace."

The New York Times re-

ported — admirably:

Gov. JB Pritzker of Illinois strode into a ballroom filled with top New Hampshire Democrats on Sunday...

"It's time to fight everywhere and all at once," he told the group of Democratic activists, officials

and donors, who jumped to their feet with hoots and applause. "Never before in my life have I called for mass protests, for mobilization, for disruption. But I am now. These Republicans cannot know a moment of peace."

War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength. Work sets you free...

Chicago Cardinal tries to gaslight Catholics

(Archdiocese of Chicago) -

"Guns are plentiful and common sense attempts to limit their availability have been largely rejected in the name of a freedom not found in the Constitution."

-- Cardinal Blase Cupich

There's a special place in hell for liars, Mr. Cupich.

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

Pritzker & Birdbrain Johnson call for more 'peacekeeper' funding despite many crimes committed by so-called 'peacekeepers'

(The Center Square) – As Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson push for more community violence intervention funding from the federal government, two anti-violence workers have made news for alleged criminal actions.

Prosecutors say seven men are charged with murder after a crash-and-grab burglary led to a crash and killed a motorist on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago last week.

CWB Chicago reported that one of the men charged works as an anti-violence peacekeeper. Keller McMillan, 35, also has three out-of-state fugitive warrants and an in-state warrant.

CWB said another anti-violence worker was sentenced to 22 years in prison for carjacking three vehicles and shooting one of the victims in the leg. Jamari Edwards, 22, received the sentence last

week.

CWB said Edwards worked with anti-violence groups CeaseFire and Crushers Club.

Crusher's Club's chief program officer declined an interview request for this story, saying the group is in a "scheduled pause" for external interviews...

Retired Riverside, Illinois Police Chief Thomas Weitzel said many so-called "peacekeepers" have criminal backgrounds.

"When you see these individuals being arrested by [Chicago police] and they're also participating in violent crimes, I mean, what does that say?" Weitzel asked.

Pritzker and Johnson have repeatedly called for President Donald Trump to restore funding of anti-violence programs...

Weitzel said there is no data to reflect the performance of anti-violence interruptors.

"How about actually committing crimes while they're working, or profiting from tax dollars? Let's face it. It's a jobs creation program. That's what this is. I wouldn't even call this violence interruption or whatever legal name they use, 'the peacekeepers.' This is a job creation program by Mayor [Brandon] Johnson and Governor Pritzker to, what they feel, put people to work, get them on a steady paycheck, maybe," Weitzel told The Center Square.

Illinois, Cook County and Chicago taxpayers have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on anti-violence programs over the years. Pritzker's office announced the Illinois Office of Firearm Violence Prevention has spent more than \$375 million to "reduce violence and support Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs."

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This is our ‘Turning Point’!

by Nancy Hayes
Like many other Christian Conservatives in America and around the world, the shocking news this past week of the co-founder of Turning Point USA (TPUSA), Charlie Kirk being publicly assassinated has been really gut wrenching to say the least.

Watching the horrific violence take place, listening to podcasts, and reading about the events and the assassin have been just beyond surreal.

It just doesn't seem possible does it, that in the United States of America, a conservative personality could be murdered in public while holding a microphone debating freely with those he disagreed?

Charlie Kirk was just 31 years old - only one year difference in age than my youngest son.

He had started a beautiful family with his young wife, Erika. Married in 2021, they already had two children – a daughter born in August 2022 and a son born in May 2024. Then this young family's life was shattered on September 10th, 2025 in front of them.

Kirk was born in Arlington Heights and raised in Prospect Heights – both North-west suburbs of Chicago.

He briefly attended Harper College in DuPage County before dropping out after one semester in 2012 to pursue his future as an activist for good. Kirk was supported by another local activist, Bill Montgomery from Lemont, Illinois.

Bill not only was the other co-founder of TPUSA, but he was also Charlie's mentor and served on the Board of TPUSA until 2019. Bill knew almost instantaneously after hearing Charlie speak in DuPage, that Kirk had a great future ahead of him, but it wasn't in the classroom.

Charlie needed to get out and speak to others on college campuses about conservative principles.... And so, it began.

Kirk would gain his prominence through college campus events like his "Prove Me Wrong" debate tables and initiatives such as the Professor Watchlist. He later expanded TPUSA to Turning Point Action (2019) and

Turning Point Faith (2021) to engage religious voters.

In 2020, Kirk launched his own podcast, "The Charlie Kirk Show" which amassed from 500,000 – 700,000 daily downloads by 2024. He then went on to launch "Charlie Kirk Today" on TBN in 2025.

Charlie advocated for free markets, limited government. He was in opposition to abortion, gun control, DEI and the LGBTQ+ agenda.

For that he was assassinated on the college campus of Utah Valley University speaking about these same conservative principles.

In fact, what are the odds, that someone asks Charlie a question, about transgenders and violence at the time of his murder? The question was: "Do you know how many (transgender) mass shooters there have been in America over the last 10 years?"

Hundreds of tributes and vigils across our nation and even the world have honored Charlie Kirk, a great man and martyr. These include the one I attended in Lemont, Illinois where Bill and Charlie began the journey.

But the real emotions that sparked 32,000 new requests to TPUSA were ignited by the fire coming from Charlie Kirk's widow, Erika, as she addressed the public and the "evildoers responsible."

"They killed Charlie because he preached a message of patriotism, faith and of God's merciful love. But they should all know this. If you thought that my husband's mission was powerful before, you have no idea," she said. "You have no idea what you just have unleashed across this entire country."

As Erika concluded, "I'll make Turning Point USA the biggest thing that this nation has ever seen." Adding, "I love you, baby. Rest in the arms of our Lord."

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Western Journal: Over a third of school shooters since 2020 were transgendered

(PJ Media) - The Western Journal analyzed numbers and states that data indicates 40% of school shooters since 2020 have either been transgender or "trans-suspected."

It is undoubtedly true that a disproportionate amount of violence has arisen in recent years from LGBTQ identifying people. Robert "Robin" Westman, the Minneapolis Catholic school shooter, is unfortunately one in an ever-lengthening line of transgender shooters and domestic terrorists. In fact, the very day after the Minneapolis school shooting, a transgender person in Massachusetts murdered the father of a young child. But according to Western Journal, school shooters in the last five years have particularly shown a trend of transgender violence.

My colleague Matt Margolis analyzed the statistics and determined that transgender individuals are between twice as likely and five times as likely to be mass shooters as the general population.

Meanwhile, Western Journal's "deep dive" behind its paywall is titled, "Since 2020 Roughly 40% of Successful and Would-Be School Shooters Were Trans or Trans-Suspected, Data Shows." It is unclear exactly what the latter term means, if it refers to LGBTQ individuals who are not explicitly transgender or something else.

Gays Against Groomers (GAG), which focuses on protecting kids from woke sexual grooming, picked up the story on transgender school shooters. "Despite making up less than 1% of the population, trans individuals account for roughly 40% of successful and would-be school shooters since 2020, data shows," GAG cited the deep dive. "This alarming overrepresentation demands we address harmful ideologies pushing youth toward confusion and violence." No kidding. Leftist brainwashing is to blame for violence and out-of-control hatred.

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In regione caecorum rex est luscus

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

Our friend Jay: A decorated American hero

Generally I hate obituaries of my friends; they remind me that I won't see that person again. But obituaries can be really important even if they make you sad.

Jay Harvey Lavinsky was a "gun guy." But not like you and me. He carried an M1 Garand, and sometimes was called upon to heft a much-heavier Browning Automatic Rifle. Jay didn't mind; he was what was termed a "scraper" – willing to fight at the drop of a hat. Born in Philadelphia, August 21, 1924, his father Irving was a second-generation Russian immigrant and an antique dealer. His mother Pauline, a Jewish immigrant from Rumania who speaks Yiddish, immigrated at age nine 1906. Pauline is terrified that the Germans will capture her Jewish son. A family friend in Philly is like an uncle to Jay – Barney Lebowitz, who boxed under the name of "Battling Levinsky" and was once light heavyweight champion of the world. Jay gets as much pugilistic guidance as possible from Uncle Barney before his Army induction March 20, 1943, some 5'9" tall and 158 pounds.

Jay arrived in Company B, 39th Infantry Regiment on October 16, 1944 in a truly miserable hellhole, the Hürtgen Forest on the German-Belgian border. Over the next several months, the American Army will suffer 33,000 casualties here. The 39th had the motto of AAAO (Anyplace, Anywhere, Any Time, Bar Nothing) that the soldiers stenciled on their helmets. Junior officers added their own interpretation to the motto that they could kick the ass of "Anybody, anyplace, any time bar none." Jay fit right in.

At the Hürtgen, Jay won a Bronze Star for valor. In early December, the battalion headed to Merode Castle – built in 1263 with five-story towers, and surrounded by a wide moat with 7-foot-deep, cold water. There's one entrance – a narrow bridge twelve feet wide, covered by machine gun fire. Inside the castle, paratroopers of the Luftwaffe's 3rd Fallschirmjäger Division were waiting to kill anyone coming in. But they couldn't stop Jay and his buddies. Later it was the Battle of the Bulge, where Jay won another Bronze Star for valor.

Then came January 30, 1945. Jay's third platoon will attack uphill near Kalterherberg, Germany. The weather's dismal: high – 32°, low – 10°; overcast, high winds. The snow is over two feet deep.

German machineguns, nicknamed "Hitler's Buzzsaws" by the troops, cut platoon leader Lieutenant Louis Benoist almost in half and he dies in the snow, never to see his four-month-old son. Israel Reese on a BAR tries to fire, but is exposed too long, and killed by a burst of fire to his head. Kenny Seaman – from Mattoon, Illinois – Deloss Bradshaw, Gordon Vickers, Albert Harms, Meyer Christal, and John Rodrigues are wounded. Machine gun bullets break John's wrist and penetrate his chest; he'll be hospitalized until July 1945. A bullet hits Albert in the face, another to Gordon's hand, while another causes a compound fracture of Meyer's leg. Kenny's arm is mauled; he'll be in hospitals for six weeks, but then it's back to the front. Grenade shrapnel wounds Deloss in the face. Mac MacLean – from Peoria, Illinois – is hit in the head and captured. Liberated from

Stalag VI G in April, he survives dysentery and body lice, weighing 92 pounds. As the Germans have taken his boots and given him wooden shoes that provide no insulation, he also has frostbitten feet.

For Private First Class Lavinsky, February 28, 1945 is even worse. In the dark, the platoon advances through a village. Jay and foxhole buddy Harry Nodell, nicknamed "Noodles," are clearing a street. Jay cautiously leads part of the squad, supported by a bazooka team, down the left side, hears German floating up from a basement window, grabs a grenade, pulls the pin, and tosses it into the dark room. On the right side, Noodles spots a German half-track and approaches the vehicle, which machine-guns him with a lethal burst. Jay runs to his fallen comrade on the hard cobblestones, holds him, and screams: "Listen you son of a bitch; you better not die on me!"

Harry looks into Jay's face, winks, smiles, and dies in his arms, never to see his two young daughters again. Jay will go several days before a change of clothes is available to swap for his blood-soaked uniform – drenched with the blood of his closest friend in the world. Meanwhile, another soldier checks out the basement room, and reports to Jay that his grenade had killed five Germans – a father, mother and their three children.



Jay Lavinsky: An American hero.

Four days later, Jay's luck runs out, as machine gun rounds strike him in the stomach, lower back, groin, pelvis, both legs, and a foot. A medic considers giving Jay enough morphine to put him out of his misery, as he obviously is dying, but instead Jay is evacuated to a series of hospitals and survives!

After the war, Jay thought about ending his life, but he didn't. He couldn't forget what had happened when he threw that grenade. As he told a young family member: "If you are in combat, that stays with you for your whole life, no matter what type of person you are, or where you push it." I met Jay in 2019; he remembered his friend – my father – in his squad. In 2023, Jay sustained a severe fall and concussion, requiring constant care to eat, bathe, climb into a wheelchair, and back into bed. Seeing his need, the Veterans Administration rode to the rescue like a modern-day cavalry, admitting Jay to their long-term hospital in West Palm Beach. Jay died there, surrounded by other veterans, at age 101 on September 4, 2025.

When I heard the news the next day, I cried.

If you believe people deserve to be shot for their opinions, don't cry when you get fired for yours.

Overflow letter to the editor:

If you believe people somehow deserve to be shot for their opinions, you don't get to cry when you get fired for yours

The assassination of Charlie Kirk was an opportunity for some to show just how stupid they really are. And they didn't disappoint. Buffoons like Fat Bastard and Gavin Newsom quickly blamed Trump for Kirk's murder and for the two failed attempts on his own life. But there are others, even nuttier, who crawled out from under their rocks.

Many have since been fired for their grossly insensitive and callous public comments supporting

assassination as means of suppressing opposing viewpoints. Now these mental defectives claim they are the victims.

Boo hoo.

Now, Charlie's widow is left with the impossible task of explaining to her little girls the harsh reality that there are many others out there who genuinely wish to see them dead, and who are motivated to that end in their quest for martyrdom. Democrats

have purposely demonized anyone brave enough to speak out against abortion, illegals, transgender nitwittery, anti-Semitism, jihadists, fiscal suicide, and "climate change" nonsense as an "existential threat to our democracy". Erika and her two little kids now wear their dad's bullseye on their own backs, and will require 24/7 protection from the self-anointed defenders of our democracy.

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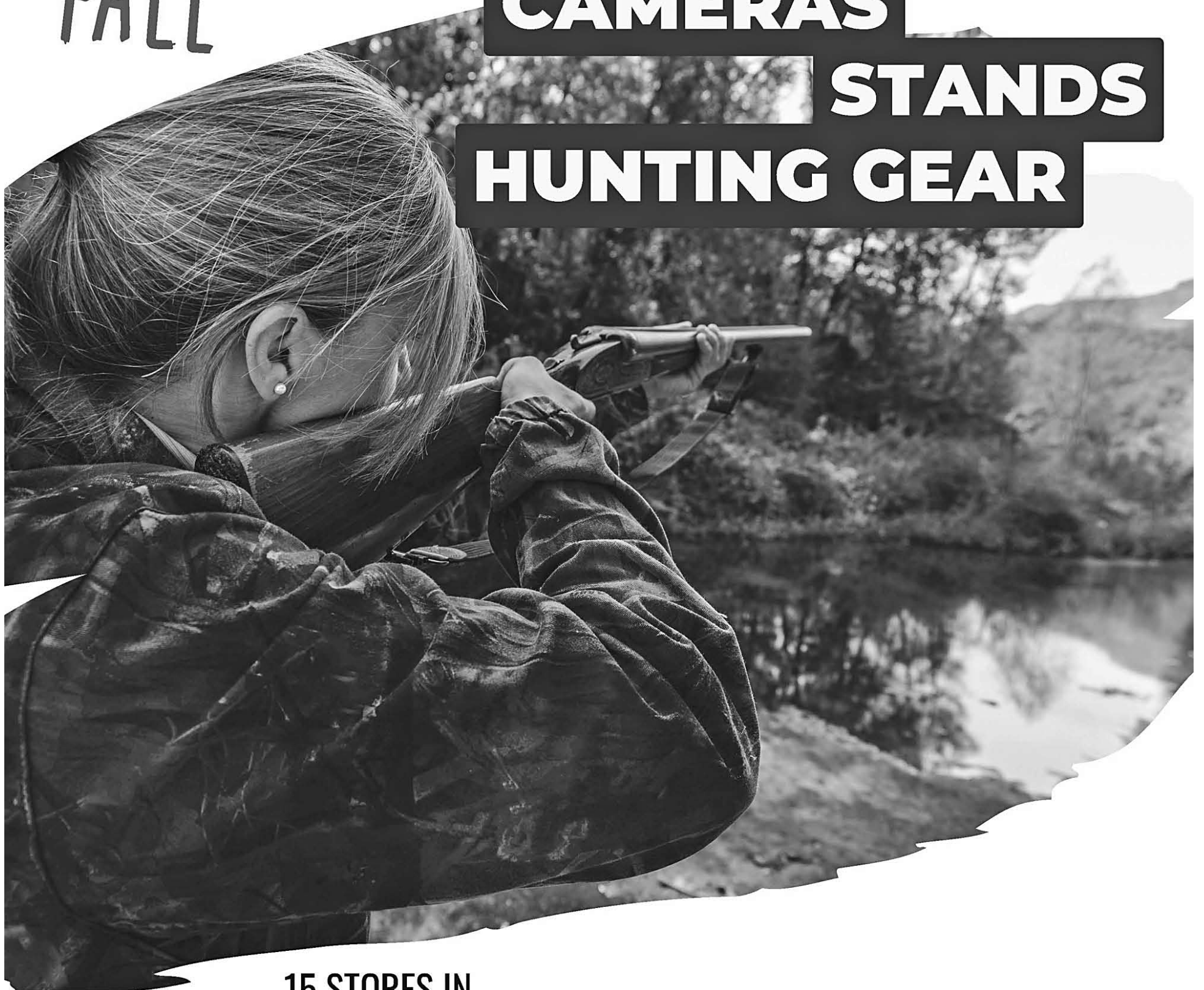
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The Failure of the Defensive Mindset

When you choose defense as your only option it becomes a recipe for eventual, but certain, failure.

by Paul Markel
(Shooting News Weekly) - 'Never throw the first punch' and 'fire only if fired upon' are two pieces of pseudo-tactical advice thrown out so often that people now merely parrot the phrases without ever thinking about what they mean. Parents tell their kids "never throw the first punch" and military officers issue orders for their troops to 'fire only if fired upon.'

In both of the previous examples, the parent or the military officer, neither party is likely to be in actual

physical jeopardy when their advice is applied. Nonetheless, telling others to exercise restraint, even to the point of putting themselves in harm's way, is on its face both reasonable and civilized. You see, in a perfect world where the first punch doesn't maim you and the first incoming rounds don't kill you, exercising restraint puts one on the moral high ground. But, is that strategy valid or does it simply embolden and enable the aggressor?

The Shield and the Sword
"The purpose of fighting is to

win. There is no possible victory in defense. The sword is more important than the shield and skill is more important than either. The final weapon is the brain. All else is supplemental." That's one of my favorite quotes from renowned American author John Steinbeck, Jr. and one I have related innumerable times during training courses.

In those few sentences, Steinbeck sums up the basic mental strategy of combat whether it's with a fist, a sword, or a gun. As simple and straightforward

as it may seem, Steinbeck's uncomplicated advice is lost on far too many who would issue orders and or give instructions to others for dealing with conflict.

No soldier would go to war with only a shield in their hands. No matter how stout the shield, the enemy would eventually overwhelm it. With the shield defeated and no sword in hand the soldier would have no option but defeat and destruction.

There are those who would put all their faith in the seeking of shelter and cover from aggression or attack. Rather than go be aggressive, they take cover hoping that the attacker will eventually tire and go away. While the use of cover, from both theoretical and practical aspects is often prudent, it must be understood that all cover is temporary. A determined enemy will eventually overwhelm or circumnavigate your cover and defeat you.

We use cover as a temporary tactical device to offer protection while we strategize and prepare our attack. Hiding behind cover perpetually, as a means of avoiding the fight is naïve and from a tactical standpoint, potentially fatal.

The thought process of today's civilized Americans is that defense is acceptable and moral, but anything overt, proactive, or an action that is deemed "offensive" is unacceptable, immoral, and just "bad". Of course, this thinking flies in the face of reality.



First Punch Failure

Going back to the "never throw the first punch" advice, we're assuming that the first punch thrown isn't going to knock you senseless, unconscious, or break your jaw or nose. As a fighting strategy, I would not recommend giving Chuck Liddell (or insert your favorite MMA guy here) the first punch in a fight. Professional fighters aside, neither would I recommend letting the 250 pound belligerent drunk punch you before you decide to act. That first punch might be the last and only one they need to deliver.

The idea or advice that you should never draw your gun

unless you know you are going to shoot is still floating around out there. This advice causes the person in danger to move far too slowly when dealing with a threat and also makes them pause and second guess themselves. Both of these issues can prove fatal in a fast moving violent attack.

The folly of "only fire if fired upon" is that it assumes the person(s) shooting at you is (are) incompetent or will deliberately miss you as a gesture of fair play. It only takes one, single bullet to ruin your day and life. Also, unless you are the Captain of a warship, we do not fire "warning shots".

Translated Mental Attitude

While you may never be in a position to either throw the first or second punch or return fire, the mental attitude that defense is acceptable, but proactive action is wrong still pervades, even in the subconscious.

The lawful citizens, those with families and careers and reputations to uphold, will cling to the strategy of defense as their default for all matters or problems they encounter, not just physical combat. These 'civilized'

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A new sheriff's in town... feral thugs being held accountable for a change in Chicago

Seven men, including a 'peacekeeper,' charged with felony murder after Mag Mile crash-and-grab turns lethal

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Prosecutors have charged seven men with felony murder, saying they were part of a crash-and-grab burglary crew that killed a motorist while fleeing a break-in at the Louis Vuitton store on Michigan Avenue this week.

Most of the men have significant arrest records, but one of them, according to an individual familiar with the investigation, works as an anti-violence "peacekeeper."

Just before 5 a.m. Thursday, a group of burglars backed

a pickup truck into a display window at the high-end retailer's Mag Mile location, 919 North Michigan Avenue. Video shows several men running through the compromised storefront and running out with trash bags filled with merchandise. Prosecutors believe that merchandise valued at between \$500,000 and \$1 million was taken.

Chicago police officers arrived as the crew fled the scene in up to six vehicles.

One of those cars sped south on Michigan Avenue,

slamming into an SUV at Ohio Street, police said. The driver of the SUV, Mark Carlo Arceta, 40, was killed.

WGN-TV reported last night that Arceta was on his way to work his last shift at Northwestern Memorial Hospital before taking paternity leave.

"We're having a baby right now. He's supposed to be with us," his partner, Roanne Masangkay, told the news outlet. "They took a very loving father, a really good partner, and very good dad."

Feds prosecute thugs that local prosecutors in past wouldn't

Another taxpayer paid 'Anti-Violence Peacekeeper' convicted, sentenced to 22 year in federal prison

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A Chicago anti-violence worker has been sentenced to 22 years in federal prison for a string of violent carjackings in West Englewood that left one victim shot and others threatened at gun-point.

U.S. District Judge Lindsay C. Jenkins handed down the sentence for 23-year-old Jamari Edwards, who admitted in April to carjacking three people during a single week in August 2022. Edwards also pleaded guilty to federal firearm charges tied to the crimes...

The defense asked for the statutory mandatory minimum of 204 months. In their memorandum, Edwards' attorneys portrayed him as a young man shaped by hardship: raised without a father in Englewood, caring for a mother with serious medical issues including cancer, and devastated by the 2017 death of a step-brother to whom he was close.

[Editor: He was just a choirboy turning his life around while getting paid by Illinois taxpayers as a "peacekeeper"...]

Why is an 18-time felon still on America's streets?

18-time convicted felon charged with burglarizing one of the most exclusive homes in Chicago

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - An 18-time convicted felon is now accused of scaling more than 10 floors to burglarize one of Chicago's most exclusive private homes while the owners were asleep.

Prosecutors say 46-year-old Robert Berry entered a residence in the 200 block of East Lake Shore Drive

around 3 a.m. on August 19, 2025. The block, which includes the landmark Drake Hotel and a row of early 20th-century luxury co-ops, is one of the most expensive stretches of real estate in the city. The victims' home was recently on the market for \$8.4 million.

Judge John Hook ordered Berry detained, citing what

he called an "extremely lengthy criminal history." Records show Berry has been arrested in Chicago more than 25 times since 2015 and charged with felonies 18 times since 2001. His convictions include narcotics, arson, burglary, theft, and at least seven separate shoplifting cases between 2011 and 2024.

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ICE doesn't play

Illegal shot dead after trying to kill fed agent

Chicago (Sun-Times) - Federal immigration agents fatally shot a man Friday morning in a Northwest suburb after he allegedly attempted to flee a traffic stop and struck an officer with his car, officials said.

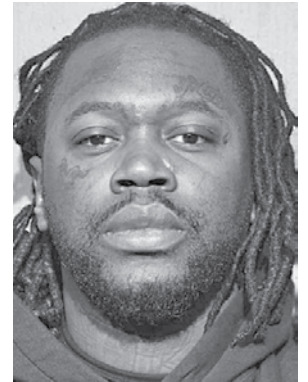
The shooting comes days after President Donald Trump's long-promised immigration enforcement campaign launched in the Chicago area, generating widespread fear in immigrant communities in the city and suburbs.

Repeat offender sentenced to prison in 2014 for pointing gun at police...

Chicago PD shoots aspiring cop killer

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - We're learning more about the man accused of trying to kill two Chicago police officers while speeding away from a railroad car burglary in Englewood last week. Among the new details: he went to prison for pointing a gun at a Chicago cop while fleeing from police in 2014.

Barry Hayes, 32, has been detained on two counts of attempted murder and additional charges by Judge Luciano Panici Jr., who called him "a danger to any police officer he encounters."



Barry Hayes.

In addition to attempted murder, Hayes faces charges of aggravated battery of a peace officer, aggravated assault of a peace officer, leaving the scene of an accident with injury, and two counts of criminal damage to government property.



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Meet Teresa Stokes (left). She's the DEI judge who let career criminal DeCarlos Brown Jr. walk free and soon go on to slaughter Iryna Zarutska (upper right).

Ignored by media, enabled by Dems: How soft-on-crime policies unleashed murder of Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutska.

(Just the News) - According to most legacy mainstream news outfits, the horrific murder of Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutska was not worthy of a headline. The attention from "MAGA influencers seeking to elevate the issue of violent urban crime and accuse mainstream media of under-covering" is instead the focal point of reporting by outlets like Axios.

On August 22, Iryna Zarutska, a 23-year-old Ukrainian refugee who escaped war to start anew in the U.S., was viciously stabbed to death with a pocket knife in what appeared to be a random attack on a Charlotte, North Carolina light rail train. The suspect, 34-year-old Decarlos Brown Jr., a homeless black man with a long history of evading serious charges due to mental health claims, was apprehended and charged with first-degree murder, fueling public outrage over lax crime policies and judicial failures.

The media blackout was shocking to many in the independent news sphere. The murder

took place two and a half weeks ago, on August 22. CNN, Reuters, The New York Times, Associated Press, NBC News, ABC News and The Washington Post took 17 days to report on it. It took North Carolina's Democrat Mayor Josh Stein the same amount of time to comment on the murder.

Leftists try to flush Zarutska's murder down the memory-hole

Wikipedia is under fire for trying to remove a page about the murder. Editors at the site are feuding internally after attempts to suppress the story by proposing the newly created page about Zarutska's killing be deleted, arguing it lacked sufficient notability for inclusion.

Critics, including Elon Musk, who called the murder a "hate crime," and Piers Morgan, who condemned the "senseless, unprovoked" murder, have slammed Wikipedia's deletion attempt as censorship, pointing to minimal mainstream media attention.

The radio-silence from traditional media up until Monday reflects a broader attempt to ignore crime when the victim is white and the alleged perpetrator is black.



In another instance over the weekend, beloved Auburn University veterinary sciences professor Dr. Julie Gard Schnuelle was hacked to death with a machete while walking her dog in Kiesel Park, Alabama—a location she frequented daily. The 59-year-old retired professor's red Ford F-150 truck was stolen by the attacker. The following day, a black male, 28-year-old Harold Rashad Dabney III from Montgomery, was arrested and charged with capital murder after police located the stolen vehicle nearby and linked him to the homicide.

Nothing to see here, move along

Schnuelle, who was white, was found murdered on Saturday, September 6... The first legacy media outfit to publish any original reporting appears to be Newsweek, which published their own story on Monday afternoon.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt held a press conference Tuesday afternoon, dressing down the mainstream media for not reporting on Zarutska's murder in a timely manner.

The media blackout helps hide the soft-on-crime policies of Democrats

President Donald Trump posted a video to his Truth Social account criticizing the policies he believes contributed to the issue: "For far too long, Americans have been forced to put up with Democrat-run cities that set loose savage, bloodthirsty criminals to prey on innocent people. In every place they control radical left judges, politicians and activists have adopted a policy of catch-and-release for thugs and killers."

Charlotte is one of the most dangerous cities in America, yet does not receive as many mentions in crime conversations as cities like Chicago and San Francisco. Charlotte's total crime index is 45.99 incidents per 1,000 residents. Violent crimes, including assault and robbery, occur at a rate of 7.46 incidents per 1,000 residents, which equates to a 1 in 134 chance of victimization.

Charlotte, where Iryna Zarutska was murdered, is led by Democrat Mayor Vi Lyles. Lyles initially downplayed the murder, and showed deep compassion for the killer, who had been arrested and released 14 times before the killing. "We will never arrest our way out of issues such as homelessness and mental health," Lyles said. "Mental health disease is just that — a disease like any other that needs to be treated with the same compassion, diligence and commitment as cancer or heart disease."

Her initial comments never mentioned Iryna Zarutska.



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LARGER THAN LIFE: BILL OGLESBY

[Editor: The following was a letter written to The History Channel by an attorney from Louisiana. He saw our story on Bill Oglesby in GunNews and shared this with us. We're reprinting it because, well, it's just that good.]

by Sydney Horn, Attorney at Law

(GSL) - I am one of Bill Oglesby's students. You have had Bill perform various shows on your channel, but you haven't touched on his real talent.



Bill Oglesby in front of a hundred-plus kids at a Darnall's Youth Camp.

I have seen Bill do the following shooting feats, which are more interesting than what you have had him do for your show.

1. Bill is the first man who has ever done the double-tap from a single-action pistol. That is, shoot two shots so fast you only hear one bang. He does not fan the gun, as some people call it. Bill can do this with either his right or left hand. He can do it with two hands holding the pistol normally, *and he can do it holding the pistol upside down.*

2. Staging: Bill has his pistol in his holster. He also holds a deck of cards in his left hand. There is also a metal plate standing 5 yards away. Action: He announces that he will throw the cards in the air. Then he will draw his pistol and shoot the plate, and then the ace of spades *while it is in the air.* He also informs me that he has placed the Ace of Spades on the bottom of the deck; otherwise, he would not know which card was the Ace of Spades once he threw them in the air.

By placing the Ace on the bottom of the deck, he told me that when he throws the cards in the air, the Ace will be the bottom-most card. He then asked me if I was ready, and I said yes. He threw the cards in the air with his left hand, then he drew his pistol with his right hand and shot the plate, and then the card. I heard two bangs.

When he got through, he asked me to approach him. He said, "Hold out your hand." Which I did. He ejected "4" empty shells into the palm of my hand.

I said to Bill, "I only heard two shots."

He smiled. "Look at the plate."

There were two bullet impacts on it. Bill then told me to find the Ace of Spades. When I found it, there were *two* bullet holes in the card.

I would have thought it was impossible if I had not witnessed it.

3. How about putting a black dot on a golf ball, throwing it up in the air, and then shooting a .38 caliber bullet into the dot with his Winchester 1892 rifle? Yes, he hits the black spot while the ball is spinning in the air.

I asked him how he did that, and he said, "I can see the dot." I guess he is like Ted Williams, who claimed he could read the writing on a baseball that the pitcher threw to him.



He can also play what he calls Cowboy Golf. He throws a golf ball in the air, shoots it with his rifle, and makes the ball hook to the left or slice to the right.

[Editor's note: I've seen him do this with a single-action revolver shooting from the hip. And he called it as a hook, slice and straight away before he throws the ball.]

4. Bill can also shoot three balloons spaced about 3 feet apart with his pistol. This is called the triple tap. In other words, he shoots all three balloons with three bullets, but you only hear ONE BANG. He does not use blanks or rat shot, and the balloons are more than 5 yards away from him. He does this with two fingers of his left hand.

5. Have you ever seen Bill play Russian Roulette? He can put one cartridge in the cylinder and leave the other 5 empty. He then spins the cylinder until you tell him to stop. He then pulls the trigger, and the gun goes off. Or he can put 5 rounds in the cylinder and leave one empty, spin the cylinder until you tell him to stop. He then pulls the trigger, and the gun goes click on the empty cylinder.

6. Bill holds the world record for speed shooting. Yes, he is faster with a single action than Jerry Miculek with a semi-auto. At the sound of a timer, he has shot 5 "9" metal plates in .82 seconds. He has also shot 5 shots from his single-action pistol in less

than .45 seconds. My best time for shooting 5 shots and knocking down 5 plates is 1.03 seconds, and I have only done it one time. All of these shots, made by Bill, require a timer, including reaction time. That means the timer does not start with the first shot. The timer starts with a beep, then the shooter reacts.

7. Bill also shoots a 1897 shotgun with speed. How about loading two 12-gauge shotgun shells in the shotgun and shooting both so fast you only hear one bang. One of the guys who worked for him said he had done it with 3 rounds. Ask him to do that for you.

8. With the high-speed cameras you have, you could even show what a double-tap looks like with one bullet following another as they exit the barrel.

9. How about Bill taking a Ruger .44 Magnum? He wraps his shooting hand with tape on the pistol grip so he can't use his thumb. He then fires two rounds, performing a double tap *using just the recoil of the 44 magnum to cock the gun and fire the second shot.* Two shots and one bang. One-handed.

10. Fast draw: Bill can do that, also. Stand in front of Bill with your hands apart in front of you, palm to palm, and see if you can clap your hands before he draws his empty pistol. I have drawn against Bill with empty guns, facing each other. When he draws first, I never get my gun out of the holster before his hammer falls. Remember the gun is empty, but you can hear the click as the hammer falls. If I draw first, we both would die, but Bill is quick enough that his gun goes click almost at the same time my gun goes click.

These are just some of the things Bill Oglesby does that I think are much more interesting than watching him shoot a hangman's rope. Yes, that is hard to do, but not as amazing as the shots described above. Splitting a bullet, yes, that is not easy, but again, the above are more interesting. If you want to be entertained, let Bill do some talking to the audience. He is really funny and puts on a great show.



Bill often calls up members of the audience to verify what he says about the gun before or after his shots.

BILL OGLESBY IS THE BEST SINGLE-ACTION PISTOL SHOOTER THAT HAS EVER LIVED.

He once went Quail hunting at a famous ranch and hunted with a .22 rifle. The owners thought he was crazy, and they bet him he would not hit one bird. They lost the bet.

I have personally seen Bill do all of the above. I think your viewers would like to see Bill shoot. His skills need to be recorded for history.





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The gun control complex's monthly freak out... last month it was young firearm influencers... this month it's armed pop stars

OH NOES! The rise of the armed pop star

by a Brady Campaign intern
(Armed with Reason) - In Sabrina Carpenter's new music video for "Manchild," the good girl archetype gets a loaded makeover.

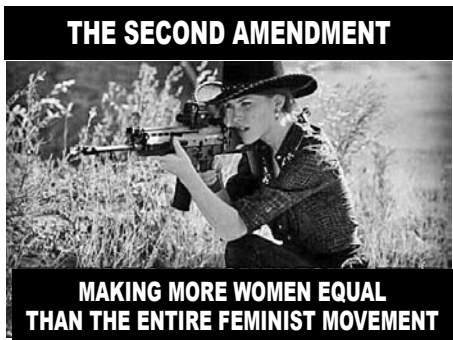
One moment, clad in daisy dukes and a fur shrug, she kicks open the back door of a wood-paneled van, unloading an assault rifle with a flash of pink lipstick and blown-out blonde hair. In another, she's tucked under satin sheets in a motel, aiming a pistol off-screen as a herd of glowing-eyed sheep stare. The imagery is surreal, satirical, and unmistakably armed, as Carpenter blends mid-century bombshell aesthetics with the firepower of an action-movie antihero.

She isn't alone. Across music videos, lyrics, and performances, women in pop are embracing weapons — particularly guns — as symbols of both violence and empowerment. From "Sympathy is a Knife" to "Fame is a Gun," pop stars are weaponizing more than just words.

Behind the gloss and cinematic glamor though lies a complex question: What happens when empowerment, violence, and gender collide on the world's most visible stage?

This is pop's femme fatale era. It's seductive, unsettling, and layered with cultural questions. And in America, where both femininity and firearms are loaded symbols, that collision demands a closer look...

[Editor: Closer look? Not really.]



Danville

Quilts of Valor

Olivia Humphreys, a volunteer with the Quilts of Valor organization spoke in Danville. The group provides patriotic quilts made with love for veterans who have been "touched by war."

Recipients are selected by nominations and thus far roughly 421,000 have been awarded, made by 11,500ish volunteers just like Olivia.



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Olivia Humphreys



Hunting season is here!

Making priceless memories

by Ken Frey
(GSL) - OK hunters, it's that time of year again! We've all been waiting for it! That magical date most of us have burned into our memories! Okay, for some of us, we need to make a note on our phone's calendar in case life gets busy.

Hunting season has begun.

It's time to dig out, dust off and wipe down those shotguns and rifles, and check out your gear.

I know, it's been way too hot to even *think* about going hunting but some of us don't care or in my case, didn't care.

I will confess, I used to be like that! My friend and I used to take the day off of work, call in sick so we could go on opening day. It was always a magical time for my hunting buddies and I.



For you Baseball fans, it was akin of going to the Cubs' season opener at Wrigley field! A real treat if you can do it, a once in a lifetime pilgrimage for those who love the Cubs.

The weeks leading up to August 1st I chatted with friends about where we might go. Some spots looked promising and a few did not.

The talk about getting a new stuff - guns, gear and whatnot. As if a new this or new that was going to make or break our hunting adventures. Why we even used .22 Long Rifle guns back then, but nowadays that's kind of frowned upon especially on public hunting grounds.

When opening day finally arrived, we'd don our orange vests and ball caps to walk the woods to sweat like fools. I think we each used a whole can of DEEP WOODS OFF to keep the horse flies and mosquitoes at bay! Nonetheless, the experiences made great memories.

As a side note, DEEP WOODS OFF will ruin the finish of your wooden gun furniture.



But as I've gotten older and wiser, I started waiting for cooler weather. As the years have passed, my hunting has started later and later in the season. Now I don't go until after the first hard frost.

After that first hard frost, most of those damn biting pests were gone which makes hunting much more enjoyable for us more refined gents and ladies. Not to mention, the squirrels and bunnies are fatter too, packing it on ahead of the long cold winter.



Along with the cooler weather and fatter critters, the woods just seem to come alive in fall. Add to that the beautiful colors of the falling leaves, the (sometimes very) crisp morning air and abundance of squirrels frantically scurrying around to eat that last bit of food or bury that last nut all signal the end to summer's bounty.

Whether you start your season early or late, it's a grand time for sure. Now get out there and make memories!





RIP, Charlie Kirk

by Don Surber

On this 9/11 we remember the death of a man who was but 7 years old when the towers fell. He grew to become a tower of a man, handsome, strong and well-read. Yesterday he fell. Grown men wept.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk shows that the devil is very much alive in our government. The hitman went for the throat. They learned from Butler.

Pray for his widow and their young children. Pray for Congress too because while the New York Yankees held a moment of silence for him, Congress could not pull such a moment off.

"When people stop talking, really bad stuff starts. When marriages stop talking, divorce happens. When civilizations stop talking, civil war ensues. When you stop having a human connection with someone you disagree with, it becomes a lot easier to want to commit violence against that group."

"What we as a culture have to get back to is being able to have reasonable disagreement—where violence is not an option."
—Charlie Kirk.

I don't think they understand that Charlie Kirk was the nice version.

He was a good man by all accounts, devoted to God, his family and his country. The pictures made public of his wife and children show him and his wife shielding the faces of their children

because he knew what the stakes were. He valiantly went forward for that very reason of knowing what was at stake.

The media blew Charlie off as a right-wing activist. He wasn't. He was a patriot. His values were those of our Founding Fathers. I do not know who his parents were but I do know he was raised right. They gave him a sense of purpose and he made the most of his 31 years here.

The tributes were many reflecting his short but mighty life's work.

We shall see how his legacy will unfold. Almost half of America has already forgotten 9/11, giving Afghanistan back to the Taliban because Biden was bored with it all.

But I am sure that Charlie's assignment was from an authority far higher than man. He was a fighter who used words. They picked him off and that was a very big mistake for you see we have fighter now in the Oval Office who uses words and B-2's.

And we will have another fighter when he departs in 2029, too. JD Vance...

Words matter because as Charlie pointed out, they serve as a buffer to an all-out war.

Some are saying he should receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously. I oppose that because while he earned it and the medal would show his children how great he was, the medal also would signal that the fight is over. No, the battle continues. We have the War Department and a newfound appreciation for unconditional surrender.

RIP, Charlie Kirk. We hope to win with words but we are prepared to back our words with action.

Growing left-wing threats, Kirk assassination have some Illinois conservative pols limiting public appearances

by John Boch

(GSL) - Articulate conservative voices have always faced threats from radicalized leftists in society. And sometimes those lunatics even issue death threats.



Mental illness is real. The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that five percent of Americans have serious mental illnesses. Sprinkle radicalized political beliefs and hard-core lunatics sometimes opt to use violence when they can't win a free and fair debate. Charlie Kirk's assassination stands as just the latest case study in just that.

Eight years ago, then-Congressman Rodney Davis

experienced that first hand as some lunatic from Illinois named James Hodgkinson tried to murder the entire Republican charity baseball team. Hodgkinson, radicalized online, almost succeeded, wounding four and nearly killing Rep. Steve Scalise from Louisiana before he was shot dead by a security detail. Davis was on the team practicing when it all went down.



James T. Hodgkinson.

Threats continue
Here in Illinois, other whack-jobs like James Hodgkinson continue to make specific

and credible threats against high-profile conservative public officials.

Guns Save Life has learned several charismatic conservative voices in the Land of Lincoln that have faced a sharp increase in threats in recent months.

We can't reveal their identities for security reasons, but they are all high profile and unapologetically pro-America, pro-gun politicians who strongly support Donald Trump.

One texted me that yes, threats are way, way up since Trump's inauguration and that there are "many crazy, liberal/progressive nut jobs out there."

Increasingly these politicians are avoiding uncontrolled, large public settings.

If you wonder why you're not seeing them in parades and other wide open public events, now you know why.

In fact, for their own safety they are increasingly selective about when and where they appear in public and not promoting some appearances in advance.

They do feel safe at GSL events though with a room full of good guys and gals with guns.

One official in particular seems to have become a lightning rod for the social misfits among us, even inspiring hate from outside Illinois. The FBI is investigating multiple of these threats deemed credible. However, in a couple of cases involving this official, those issuing credible death threats have eluded capture, arrest and interrogation.

Rest assured: those who make death threats on our elected officials will face a determined US Department of Justice that will not love them tenderly and forgive and forget. As it should be.

FBI investigates 'revolutionary' leftist groups in wake of Kirk assassination

(ZeroHedge) - The Trump administration has sounded the alarm on what we've openly described as "civil terrorism" - revolutionary left-wing political violence - following the assassination of Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk. In a sign of urgency, the White House requested an extra \$58 million in security funding for the executive and judicial branches, according to a Bloomberg News report.



Here's the threat landscape:

Kill-List Risks: Kirk's assassination should be interpreted by America First leaders and thought leaders as the potential beginning of a sequential

campaign of targeted political violence. The message is obvious: revolutionary armed Marxist radicals won't stop at Kirk.



Overnight Federal Response:
The FBI disclosed, as per Axios, that agents have opened investigations into leftist groups believed to have had prior knowledge of the attack. No names were released, but the admission marks a significant concern among investigators. Hence, the White House's move to request \$58 million security boost.

Organized Conspiracy In Kirk's Assassination? GPS-based research flagged by analyst Tony Seruga suggests as many as a dozen co-conspirators may have been involved - raising the odds of a coordinated network rather than a lone-wolf incident.



Churches arming themselves against left-wing terrorists

(Michigan Enjoyer) - A recent surge in left-wing violence has faith-based organizations and conservatives in America hardening themselves to such attacks.

The recent CrossePointe Church shooting in Wayne this summer hit close to home for many Metro Detroit congregations. The shooter was associated to the church through an immediate family member, the church had armed security, and those security members saved the lives of the congregation when an armed church member and a deacon neutralized the shooter before he entered the building. ...

"We need to be there and aware, but as discreet as humanly possible," explained a church member licensed to carry and designated as a security guard at a Wayne County congregation with several hundred members. "We attempt to be as invisible as possible during church services."

"I'm well aware there are Christians in our building who disagree with the mere notion of firearms; I'm very sensitive to their concerns, and take their opinions seriously," explained a pastor in suburban Wayne County. "But I won't play around with the safety of our church and realize the current danger from mentally unwell people and individuals radicalized in our current era."

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CCW holder stops mass shooting in Harvey, IL

Harvey, IL (WLS) -- A Concealed-Carry License holder fatally shot one of two gunmen who injured a young child and four others in south suburban Harvey on Saturday night, officials said...

Two armed men opened fire at the gathering, injuring five of the guests. But it did not end there. A CCL holder who was present returned fire, killing one of the suspects and injuring the other.



Joliet mom's headshot ends threat from home invader

Joliet, IL (WLS) -- A mother (*not pictured*) with a baby fatally shot a suspected home invader in the south suburbs on Friday night, police said.

Joliet police said officers responded to a report of a home invasion in the 7000-block of Hadrian Drive around 10:30 p.m.

Police said the woman, armed with a gun, heard someone break into her home. That's when she took her child and hid in a bedroom closet on the second floor.

Police believe that when the suspect entered that bedroom, the woman opened fire, striking him in the head. The suspect was pronounced dead on the scene...

The suspect was wearing gloves and had a screwdriver at the time.



Chicago rapper/carjacker should have aspired to attend church instead

Chicago (GSL) - Multiple sources (but not the mainstream media) have reported that Chicago rapper Lil Mari tried to carjack a woman in the Windy City.

It turns out his victim selection failed him as she had a concealed carry license and opened fire on "Lil Mari" and his "associates."

She score four hits on the aspiring rap artist: chest, leg, arm and scrotum. Sadly the victim and her 16-year-old son were also shot. Everyone survived.

Aspiring home invaders dressed kind of like police shot dead

Houston (KHOU) — An investigation is underway after two men wearing ski masks and claiming to be police were shot and killed at a home in southeast Houston Friday night, according to the Houston Police Department.

HPD said this happened around 11 p.m. at a home on Bellnole Drive, which is off Ahrens Street near Galveston Road.

The homeowner told police the two men said they were police and claimed they were at the home to serve a warrant.

"[The homeowner] became suspicious, because, you know, they have a ring camera too, and the suspects were saying they had a warrant, but it was just two people and they're masked up and no police cars, no lights or anything like that," said Lt. Khan with HPD.

At some point, police said the men shot at the homeowner through the door, prompting the homeowner to return fire.



Another 80% / 20% issue

81% see crime as a 'major problem' in large cities

Nearly all Republicans, 75% of independents and 68% of Democrats agree

(AP) - [A]ccording to a recent poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. It finds that... a large majority [of Democrats], 68%, see crime as a "major problem" in large cities...

The vast majority of Americans, 81%, also see crime as a "major problem" in large cities. That includes nearly all Republicans, roughly three-quarters of independents and nearly 7 in 10 Democrats.



One third of college students would use violence to suppress opposing views

Almost 75% support 'Heckler's Veto'

(Just the News) - College students are growing more tolerant of using force to stop viewpoints they dislike, and less tolerant of campus visitors with viewpoints at either end of the political spectrum, according to an annual survey of nearly 70,000 students by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression and College Pulse.

rarely" accept the use of violence to stop a campus speech (34%), 10 percentage points higher than its 2021 survey, while majorities would block other students from attending such a speech (54% versus 41% in 2021) and shout down a speaker (71% from 66%), all "record highs."

"For the first time ever" since it started the surveys, expanding from 55 campuses in 2020 to 257 in this report, most students say their schools should block speakers who hold any of six views associated with the left or right on hot-button cultural issues, FIRE said Tuesday.

willing to tolerate is "Children should be able to transition [identify as the opposite sex, socially or medically] without parental consent," the only one of the six to command a majority in last year's report. This year it's 49%.

The least likely to be tolerated: "Black Lives Matter is a hate group," at 24%. The others: "Transgender people have a mental disorder" (25%), "The Catholic Church is a pedophilic institution" and "The police are just as racist as the Ku Klux Klan" (both 38%), and "Abortion should be completely illegal" (40%). Each fell several points from last year.



More than a third of students would "at least

The view they are most

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Illinois needs old-fashioned 'Criminal Justice Reform'

(GSL) - The radical Democrats running Illinois government have given us plenty of bad public policy of late. Many of those poor public policies are leaving us at the mercy of criminals. Our legislative "leaders" given us gun and magazine bans that impact only the law-abiding. We have "No Cash Bail" which releases most of those arrested within hours without even pinkie swearing to behave.

Perversely, the same law allows suspects to be held until trial which, if you've used force in self-defense, you may get stuck in jail waiting months to go to trial. That will financially cripple your family.

We've got political leaders in Illinois seeking to cap prison sentences at 20 years - including retroactively slashing sentences of those already convicted and sentenced of the most heinous and horrific crimes.

There's plenty more, including decriminalizing some offenses which have given us more crime. Crime without consequences means more crime.

Instead of soft-on-crime approaches, maybe it's time to hold criminals accountable. Put them in prison for real time for serious violent crimes. Restore bail to allow people to post bond to secure their pre-trial release. And institute a three-strikes and you're out law that puts three-time violent felons in prison for at least a generation or two.

Some say we can't arrest our way out of violent crime. Tell that to El Salvador. They arrest violent gang members and incarcerate them. Within months, violent crime plummeted and kept falling. That nation's murder rate dropped 98% over ten years, making it one of the safest nations in the world today.

Here at home, Florida instituted 10-20-Life back in the late 90s. Have a gun, you got ten extra years. Shoot your gun, that'll cost you twenty extra years. And if anyone is wounded or killed, you earned an extra 25 years to Life in prison. No plea-bargains, no credit for good time and no other "discounts."

Within three to four years, firearm violent crime in the Sunshine State dropped to historic lows. Then the courts ruled the law unconstitutional, and firearm violent crime edged up again. Yet it still remains low, *especially* compared to Chicago.

Unfortunately, more policing and hard time in prison for offenders is the medicine that most Democrat politicians just don't want to swallow to reduce crime.

Until we do crack down on crime and the repeat offenders who commit the vast majority of it, we're going to get more of the same criminals victimizing the innocent.

Which is why each of us should carry our own defensive tools each and every day to make yourself harder to kill. At the same time, you must know the law of self-defense and have a legal defense coverage policy to make yourself harder to convict.

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Charlotte's woke nitwit mayor: 'We will never arrest our way out of [crime]...'

Charlotte's nitwit mayor, Vie Lyles, made headlines the other day with her mind-numbingly stupid defense of the career criminal, Decarlos Brown, Jr., who repeatedly plunged a knife into the neck of a defenseless Ukrainian woman, on August 22nd, while minding her own business on a metro train.

Shortly after her murder, in typical Democrat fashion, Mayor Lyles thanked her media toadies for not airing the video of this gruesome murder. And then, she repeated the tired old progressive refrain, "We will never arrest our way out of issues such as homelessness and mental health."

By Monday, September 8th, someone had advised Mayor Lyles that she had gotten on the wrong side of this issue, and she looked like an idiot. The mayor quickly reversed course and jumped on a risk-free law-and-order bandwagon. Charlotte's mayor and its progressive judges failed miserably in fulfilling their duty to protect the general public. They did, however, succeed spectacularly in protecting Charlotte's criminally insane from the consequences of their acts.

While Mayor Lyles failed to speak out when Brown was released following his numerous past arrests, Brown's own mother did

not. She told anyone who would listen that her son shouldn't be released after he was arrested back in January. She kicked him out of her house and sought his involuntary commitment because he was both crazy and dangerous. No sane person believes that any amount of mental health counseling is going to make Decarlos Brown, Jr. into a functioning human being. Sadly, Iryna Zarutka was collateral damage in the left's war on sanity. Ayn Rand wrote, "You can avoid reality, but you can't avoid the consequences of avoiding reality."

Gary Hetherington
Springfield, Illinois

The end result should bother you...

Apparently Charles Kirk predicted the reason for his own death.

"Assassination culture is spreading on the left. Forty-eight percent of liberals say it would be at least somewhat justified to murder Elon Musk. Fifty-five percent said the same about Donald Trump."

Personally, I am sick to the bottom of my soul over this change in American thinking. If you don't agree with the other person's politics rather than honest debate like Kirk promoted - you just kill them. That is not what America should be about.

The problem today seems to be that today's radical Democrats are pushing the view that anyone who doesn't agree with them should be destroyed. Obama started it with his reference small town America: "They get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

Hillary Clinton, in her 2016 campaign, followed suit with her "baskets of deplorables" castigations.

After Trump won a second time the majority of the Democratic party started disparaging anyone who voted for Trump and calls to destroy them and their families.

Charles Kirk is the victim of all this irrational thinking and all he wanted was to debate rationally areas of disagreement.

MSNBC stated he had it coming.

Regardless of your philosophy, doesn't the end result bother you?

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Minnesota spree killer: Not unique but rather a failed misfit

by Michael Keleher

(GSL) - Late last month, "suspect" Robin [Redacted], age 23, dressed in black, fired 116 bullets from a rifle and killed two children and wounded 17 other people in a mass murder spree in a Minneapolis church/school. Within 20 minutes it was confirmed [Redacted] had killed himself to end the slaughter. A rifle and shotgun were purportedly used during the attack, and a pistol was used by [Redacted] to kill himself...

Liberal politicians and media of course seize upon this tragedy as a call for more gun control. Conservatives point at actually blaming the shooter for their criminal acts.

Apparently, [Redacted] did not enter the building, choosing to shoot through the church windows into morning school mass (maximum attendance) after he used 2x4's on the outside of exit doors to prevent victims from fleeing. Cold. Cold. Calculated murders against defenseless school children who would have no ability to stop [Redacted]. This is of course a reoccurring mass shooter strategy going back even before Sandy Hook.

The first unusual thing published about Robin [Redacted], was that he was apparently transgender at the time of the shooting. He was born a male, Robert [Redacted], and changed his name legally at age 17 to the female name "Robin" in court in 2020 and identified as a female.

This identity thing may be the only exceptional thing about this killer. In fact, one thing which sticks to a lot of mass shooters is their lack of notable traits or life successes. They are not special. Unfortunately, he can be viewed as just another failed human being who turned to mass murder of children to express himself.

There are a lot of social media posts today hyping about the number of transgender mass shooters (more than 4 victims), like it is a trend, but researching the identified events finds several of those suspects were not transgender, just labeled so in faulty media reports. Apparently Robin [Redacted] was transgender, but ultimately he was just another deranged shooter of defenseless people, not "special" or "unusual" because he/she was identifying themselves as "transgender."

School killers are not successful at life, and do not have extensive love or friendships. They progressively lose connection to the world around them. Combined with mental health issues, and grievances against many people/institutions, they come to a point where they realize they will not be rich, or famous or highly sought after like people they see on TV and social media (All images forced on young people via social media). Their anger and perceived slights pile up to the point they just decide to reject trying to fit in and instead plan to go out in a blaze of self-perceived glory as their only stamp on history.

Moreover, they routinely suffer mental health issues too, along with trouble in school and with the police while growing up.

When planning for their day in the sun, these misfits become increasingly focused on "the plan" and have declining human contacts. They have anger issues and suffer perceived grievances towards the end of their lives.

Following many of these shooting instances people around the shooter will report how they knew the person had anger issues and was "not right."



"Getting even with the world" against innocent targets, especially kids, is insanity. Notoriety through terror.

This shooting thing is not spontaneous-these losers study other famous shootings and make elaborate plans and gather guns, ammo and materials like a smoke bomb found at the Minnesota scene. Shooters hope for a video game-like high score when they commit their murders for their burst of fame. [Redacted] wrote the names of other mass murderers on his gear and gun. The guns appear to have been legally purchased over time- another well-known trait for school shooters.

They usually have taken drugs for mental health issues during their troubled past. There is no word yet about [Redacted]'s psychotropic drug use or psychological treatment, but it's still early.

These shooters collect and horde perceived grievances like a squirrel collecting nuts, and also leak clues like sieves before the shooting event. [Redacted] left video and written comments and a rambling manifesto (again typical behavior for a mass killer.)

The list of things [Redacted] hated included Catholics, Jewish people, children - he "loved when kids get shot" and "wanted to watch children suffer." He hated Donald Trump with a passion (wrote "Kill Donald Trump" on his weapons) and fantasized about assassinating Trump. He wasn't keen on Elon Musk and other public figures like a big executives and would kill them for a "final act" of "societal significance." Add in some Christians (He scrawled "Where is your God?" on ammo magazines.)

There is also no word yet about any past suicide attempts by [Redacted], but some studies cite the difficult Trans lifestyle has an extremely large suicide/attempted suicide rate up to 40% so they may show up in the background investigation into this heinous shooter.

[Redacted] shot himself to end the spree. This is also a very common trait of these shooters. They routinely have no life plans beyond their big moment and shoot themselves to end it, or alternately, if they are opposed by police or civilians will shoot themselves instead of being captured.

Parts of [Redacted]'s handwritten manifesto expressed regret about becoming transgender stating "I am tired of being trans, I wish I never brain-washed myself."

Well he also brainwashed himself into believing murdering children would be a good thing to do, too.

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and 'enlightened' people when faced with troubles and threats, rather than moving forward to deal with them will step back and take the defensive pose. They seek cover from controversy or trouble.

The Wolf

Consider this, when our ancestors' live-stock was threatened by wolves they went out to find the wolves and killed them. They didn't bar the doors in a vain hope that the wolves would get bored and go away. They took action because action was the appropriate response.

In our modern, enlightened society, rather than band together and hunt down the wolves in a most proactive way, most of your friends and neighbors would do just the opposite... The wolf won't get bored and leave. Quite the contrary, when faced with no opposition the wolf becomes emboldened. The wolf invites other wolves to join him.

The Failure of the Defensive Mindset

While the shield is indeed a tool of defense and one that has some use, you

cannot rely upon it exclusively. A professional boxer may have the best guard in the business but, unless he throws a punch now and then his guard will eventually be worn down and even a mediocre fighter can defeat him. The greatest Defense in the NFL is of little use if the Offense cannot put points on the board.

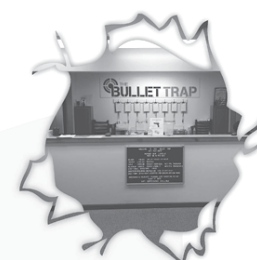
The defensive strategy is merely a stop-gap. A strong defense is put up to give a person time to unleash their offense. When you choose defense as your only option it becomes a recipe for eventual, but certain, failure. The "Defense Only" ideology puts the defender in a constant state of reaction versus action. From a completely practical standpoint, the defender by definition is constantly in a reactive mode and at a distinct disadvantage.

Many citizens look out at the landscape of this nation and wonder how it has come to this sad state. How is it that we are constantly losing ground in the fight of good versus evil? When faced with the pressing problems of the modern world, one can put up their shield and hide in their castle. However, given enough time, the enemy will eventually defeat the shield and breach the castle walls.

When is the right time for an offensive strategy? Only you can answer that for yourself. However, first you must truly have a proactive mindset to put an offensive strategy in motion. If, like so many others, you have bought into the defense is good/offense is bad mentality, your doom and defeat are imminent and almost certain.



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Los Angeles police pulls Kamala Harris' elite 24/7 protection after outcry from regular folks

(MSN) - The LAPD has dropped its around-the-clock protection for former Vice President Kamala Harris following outrage... and pressure from the city's police union.

According to FOX 11, those officers were drawn from elite LAPD units typically assigned to investigative and suppression tasks.

The move comes after President Donald Trump revoked Harris's Secret Service protection earlier this year, cutting short an extension granted by former President Joe Biden that would have lasted until July 2026.

In response, Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass had directed LAPD resources to continue safeguarding Harris, according to The Los Angeles Times.

But the decision drew criticism from the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the union representing rank-and-file officers. The union argued that officers were being diverted from crime suppression duties to provide security for a wealthy political figure who, in their view, could afford private protection.

'Pulling police officers from protecting everyday Angelenos to protect a failed presidential candidate who also happens to be a multi-millionaire with multiple homes and who can easily afford to pay for her own security is nuts,' the union's board said in a statement.



Kamala Harris isn't aging well.

According to a White House official, a recent Secret Service threat assessment found no credible or ongoing threats to Harris, leading the administration to determine that extended protection was not necessary.



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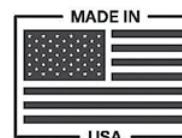
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RAMPANT CRIME

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his constituents that his administration has “moved past” the country’s “addiction to jails and incarceration,” and that it is “racist, immoral and unholy” to put criminals in prison. What he needed and wanted from the federal government was more resources “to address gun violence in our city.”

The mayor, though, failed to explain how reducing violent crime could be accomplished without the “unholy” and “immoral” expedient of prosecuting and incarcerating the violent perpetrators responsible. Johnson has also been clear that the additional resources he’s asking for don’t include enabling a bigger police presence on Chicago’s streets.



The feckless twins: Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum.

Appearing on MSNBC’s Morning Joe show last week, Johnson pointedly refused to give a direct answer to Joe Scarborough’s persistent questions on whether more uniformed police officers would reduce crime, and instead doubled down on poverty and more gun control. “While Scarborough wanted a yes or no response from the mayor, Johnson evaded the question five times ... Johnson went back to his default response, telling Scarborough: ‘I don’t believe that just simply putting out an arbitrary number around police officers is the answer,’” and concluded with “the federal government could work stronger to coordinate with my police department to get guns off the street of Chicago.”

The response is strangely reminiscent of Johnson’s predecessor, former Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Lightfoot, another progressive who swept into office in 2019 on a landslide vote, was ousted in an election where public safety – specifically, runaway crime – was the dominant issue. Throughout her tenure, Lightfoot conflated the city’s crime problem with a gun problem, and spoke of firearms as if they were divorced from the criminals who used them. Because Illinois already has some of the most restrictive gun control laws in America, Lightfoot’s preferred talking point was the need for more “sweeping and aggressive gun control” at the

federal level. Blaming the federal government for Chicago’s violent crime conveniently absolved her city government from accountability.

Another official, former Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx, has gone beyond the rejection of incarceration with her own wacky ideas on “non-punitive justice.” Foxx, who as Chicago’s chief prosecutor embraced “de-prosecution” strategies like dropping felony cases and declining to prosecute misdemeanors, aired her latest musings on the criminal justice system. As reported by CWB Chicago, her progressive vision includes “reimagining[ing] institutions, where we build systems of accountability that are not punitive,” moving “from justice to impact,” and normalizing the acceptance of crime as a collective benefit for society at large. “What if we became willing – strategically and morally – to absorb some harm in service of a greater good?” Arguably, the only thing even more bizarre was Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker’s August 22 pronouncement on X listing three “Things People are Begging for,” with no. 3 being the “release of the Epstein files” and no mention of less crime or safer streets.

On-Brand for Anti-Gun Democrats

All of this is on-brand for anti-gun Democrats. Ostensibly decrying crime while advocating the defunding of police, non-incarceration and other “non-punitive” justice, and a hellish vision of the “greater good” is all of a piece with demanding more federal resources and rejecting those resources (law enforcement support through federal policing) as “uncalled for, and unsound,” to quote Mayor Johnson. Another Illinois Democrat reformer of the criminal legal system and Giffords-endorsed gun-grabber, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton, had the gall to describe the potential federal crime-fighting deployment as a showdown over fundamental freedoms, assuring citizens that she would “stand for your rights, your freedoms, and will protect you against whatever storms of hate and fear come our way.”

This kind of empty, performative political maneuvering is likely the reason why the approval rating of the Democrat Party has tanked to a historic low: 63 percent of voters now hold an unfavorable view of the party, seeing it as disconnected from and uninterested in the needs of ordinary citizens and working people. Instead of recognizing these viewpoints are a political liability that has cost the party voters and seats, leftist politicians remain committed to the delusion that undermining the criminal justice system and championing gun control is the route to political success.



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Dehumanization: How the left justifies attacking and killing conservatives

(PJ Media) - While it is impossible at this point to understand everything, there has been a clear pathway to this point. Working backwards, Charlie was shot for what he believed, for his speech. The shooter's motives haven't been detailed yet, but given the reaction among the assassination's celebrants collectively, a disturbing number of people felt Charlie deserved to be killed for his beliefs.

Civilized and otherwise normal people can't come to this juncture unless someone convinced them that certain beliefs and certain speech are dangerous enough to cause individual and mass harm. In other words, if I can convince you that people will die because of the kind of things Charlie has said, then I can lead you to conclude that something had to happen to stop that "dangerous" and "harmful" speech.

But that alone isn't enough. Normal people don't advocate for the killing of non-violent people just for the things they say. That's why some of the most evil and shrewd operatives walking on this planet know that to win acceptance of murder as an activist tool, they must first dehumanize their targets.

This has been building for years, and it has been particularly strong since Donald Trump became president. As early as 2016, it was largely accepted that anyone wearing a MAGA hat in public was subjecting himself or herself to physical and verbal harassment and assault.

Turning Point USA volunteers learned to expect that their detractors on college campuses would get into their events and cause scenes, and not infrequently attack them and vandalize their tables, tents, and displays.

Trump has been called "Hitler" and a "fascist" so routinely that, in the leftist bubbles on social media and in the legacy media, those words are bandied to him and the MAGA movement at large.

Since it seems the only period of history that matters to the left is Germany in the 1940s, let's look at this through the prism of what the Nazis did to dehumanize the Jews, which ultimately convinced regular Germans to tacitly

condone the atrocities that followed.

Propaganda framed the Jews as subhuman and parasitic. Newspapers and movies branded the Jews as rats. Powerful posters and language from speeches contained messaging that these "subhuman" Jews were the enemies of humanity and deserved extermination.

The Nazi Party conducted a sustained campaign. It wasn't spontaneous or sporadic. It was concerted, focused, and used to achieve a larger objective. One fueled by hate and a desire for complete dominance over society.

Even someone schooled in America's public education system in the 2010s knows that World War II happened and there was this fascist named Hitler. What they most likely don't realize is that the kind of psychological manipulation used on the Germans 85 years ago is now happening to them. They don't realize that in this case, they are on the side of those who would dehumanize others.

All a conservative needs to do today to be dehumanized by this movement is to speak out for Christianity, or for Donald Trump, or against DEI, or for conservative values, or for Israel and the Jews.

Do that and you've made yourself less than human in the eyes of screen-addicted, SSRI-addled, post-COVID leftists who can no longer distinguish between reality and fiction.

That's how we got to this point, where young liberal women who are not the kind of people you'd find at an MMA match can, at the same time, find themselves posting social media videos of themselves that revel in the spilling of blood among anyone who doesn't confirm their worldview.

Dehumanization. Conditioning. It's real, and it's intentional. PJ Media's Jamie K. Wilson dug into this in her own report on how the left is now revealing itself for who it is and what it is. But behind all of it are the messengers, the strategists, the ones who give the politicians and the news media their lines. They are the masterminds of the systemic dehumanization of conservatives. This can no longer be ignored.

Escalating leftist political violence a danger to us all

by Torsten Prochnow
(X) -
It's not gun violence. It's Democrat violence.
-- James Woods

Spot on. The shocking shooting of Charlie Kirk at a Turning Point USA event at Utah Valley University is not an isolated incident but part of a deeply troubling pattern of escalating leftist political violence. It follows at least two, possibly three, documented assassination attempts on Donald Trump during the recent election period, each carried out by leftist radicals. Taken together, these events reveal a dangerous trend where ideological extremism is moving from online outrage to real-world attacks. This is no longer random; it is becoming systemic, and it signals a profound breakdown in the norms of political discourse.

For years, public debate has been poisoned by hatred, intolerance, and relentless dehumanization. When opposing viewpoints are portrayed not simply as wrong but as dangerous and immoral, the step from silencing critics to physically attacking them becomes frighteningly small. A culture that frames dissent as a threat inevitably fosters violence against those who dare to think differently.

This toxic climate has been shaped by years of cultural and ideological warfare fueled by Democratic leadership. Under Barack Obama, divisions widened, and under Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, identity politics and resentment became central pillars of governance. Instead of promoting unity, their

rhetoric intensified hostility toward conservatives, painting them as enemies rather than fellow citizens. This has emboldened extremist factions, leading some to view violence as a justified response to ideological opposition.

Charlie Kirk, as the face of Turning Point USA and a leading advocate for free speech, has long been a target of left-wing hostility. That his political alignment alone made him a hated figure underscores how far tolerance has collapsed. Similar dynamics were at play in the murder of Iryna Zarutskya in Charlotte, where racial animosity and ideological narratives combined with deadly consequences. These are not isolated tragedies but manifestations of a broader cultural crisis orchestrated and exploited by political and media elites.

In this environment, platforms like Elon Musk's X play a vital role in preserving transparency and open debate. Under the Biden administration, stories that contradicted official narratives were routinely buried, shaping perception while hiding uncomfortable truths. Without X, the public would have little insight into the growing wave of violence tied to political radicalization.

The shooting of Charlie Kirk is a sobering reminder that ideological extremism has real-world consequences. Prayers are with his family and supporters, but sympathy alone is insufficient. Unless the normalization of hatred is confronted and reversed, suppression and dehumanization will continue to spiral into violence, eroding the foundations of a free and civil society.

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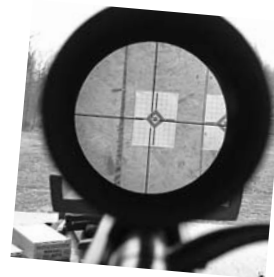


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Sep 27 & 28: Kankakee Gun Show, Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.

Sep 27 & 28: Crown Point Gun Show, Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, IN. Central IN Gun Shows. (765) 855-3836.

October

Oct. 4 & 5: Central IL Gun Collectors New Berlin. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, IL. Patrick Keen oldcarbines@gmail.com.

Oct. 12: Kane County Sportsman's Show, Kane County Fairgrounds, St Charles, IL. Mick Stout (815) 217-2266

October 25-26: Belleville Gun & Knife Show, Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL. Pope Creek Shows. Mark Craft 309 582-6268.

Oct 25 & 26: Sauk Trail Gun Show, Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton, IL. Dan Fritz 309 689-1934.

November

Nov. 1 & 2: Bloomington Gun & Knife Show. Interstate Center. Bloomington, IL. Pope Creek Shows. Mark Craft 309 582-6268.

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Nov. 16: Midwest Militaria Military History & Collectibles Show, VFW Post 9545, New Lenox, IL. (9a-1p) Charles Gramberg 815 641 6411.

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September 25: Spoon River at Knights of Columbus at Galesburg.

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October 9: Winnebago-Boone County at Tebala Event Center in Rockford.

October 11: Grundy County at Aces Garage Bar & Greill in Minooka, IL.

October 18: River Bend at Circa 1921 in Carleton, IL.

October 25: Capital Area at VFW in Springfield.

October 26: East Central at Doubletree by Hilton in Bloomington, IL.

Intel Briefing

(Area Ocho Blog) - The goal of any color revolution is twofold: to convince the citizens that the government is powerless or unwilling to protect them, and that the insurgents ARE and WILL protect them. They need to create a failure of basic government services, like the rule of law. When enough people become restless and convinced that the rule of law has failed, that critical mass of people will look for a savior.



That is when those who would overthrow the government step forward and offer to do what the people think the government cannot. The government is talking about increasing their security posture, and I recommended this morning that each of us do the same.

The threat landscape appears to look like this:

Political Orgs: The Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) is the primary political arm, with the Party for Social-

ism and Liberation (PSL) close behind. PSL is part of the Neville Roy Singham network and serves as their vehicle for running political candidates.

Militant Anarchists: A growing militant wing trains in weapons and self-defense, including groups such as Antifa, the Socialist Rifle Association, Armed Queers, Behind Enemy Lines, Code Pink, the ANSWER Coalition, The People's Forum, BT News, and Unity of Fields.

Climate Activism: Billions have flowed into climate-activist organizations, many of which increasingly employ anarchists.

Social & Racial Justice

Groups: Since the rise of BLM, billions—public funds included—have supported the social and racial justice groups that regularly advocate for burning down the country.

Civil-Rights & Legal Orgs:

Legacy anti-Western activists ("movement lawyers") staff these groups, suing governments, police, and schools while training allies to push limits without triggering terrorism charges.

Foreign Interest Groups:

Beyond the Neville Roy Singham network, other foreign powers, including the CCP, maintain domestic footholds.

Funding: Much of the money for this revolutionary activity comes from the progressive NGO ecosystem—Open Society Foundations, Tides, Ford, Rockefeller Brothers, Arabella Advisors, and the broader dark-money network.

"We cannot be led by those who wish for America to be like it once was; instead, we must assert that America must be no more," Armed Queers wrote in a Substack post.

Armed Queers is affiliated with La Mecha. I have blogged about those assholes before- in 2007, in fact. I noted then that they had local chapters on many college campuses.

Here is one of the first lines of the group's manifesto:

Chicano and Chicana students of Aztlan must take upon themselves the responsibilities to promote Chicanismo within the community, politicizing our Raza with an emphasis on indigenous consciousness to continue the struggle for the self-determination of the Chicano people for the purpose of liberating Aztlan.

There won't just be two sides in the upcoming CW. There will be all sorts of factions fighting it out. That's why I am opposed to the war that is coming- it will be a blood-bath.

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'Black Lives Matter' organizer to plead guilty in federal fraud case

(UK Daily Mail) - A Black Lives Matter fraudster hurled vile slurs when asked about her plan to plead guilty to scamming donors to pay for her lavish lifestyle.

Monica Cannon-Grant was charged alongside her husband, Clark Grant, in 2022 for 27 counts of 18 fraud-related crimes, including conspiracy, wire fraud, mail fraud, making false statements on a mortgage application and tax violations. She'll plead guilty to the allegations in the coming days.

But when contacted by the *Daily Mail* Monday and asked for a comment, she responded with... 'Respectfully F**k You!'



There's always OnlyFans for her

SHE FAFO: 18YO bullies, batters, gets arrested, and expelled from college all in one afternoon

(ZeroHedge) - Camryn Giselle Booker, 18, was caught on camera jumping around, yelling at students, and shoving her phone on the faces of people honoring Kirk, callously shouting, "F*** y'all homie dead, he got shot in the head." The outrageous behavior didn't stop there.

According to the *Daily Mail*:

The situation then escalated when Booker allegedly shoved several people, including an elderly veteran and a young mother with her child - which prompted a physical altercation that spread into the street.

Booker was then taken into custody and was charged with battery, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and was cited for assault.

DC mayor wants return to lawlessness

Trump threatens to federalize DC police again

(Epoch Times) - President Donald Trump on Sept. 15 threatened to declare a national emergency in the District of Columbia after D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser said local police would no longer cooperate with federal immigration enforcement.

Trump declared a crime emergency in the nation's capital and ordered a 30-day federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) on Aug. 11, deploying federal law enforcement and National Guard troops to combat crime in the city.

With the emergency now ended, Trump said Bowser has notified the federal government that the MPD will end its cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), something that Trump strongly opposes.

When Sanctuary City cops hear ICE is offering a \$50,000 signing bonus



141,000 Americans apply for ICE

(Substack) —When the Trump administration kicked off its aggressive recruitment for Immigration and Customs Enforcement last month, few could have predicted the response. In just weeks, ICE has fielded 141,000 applications from everyday citizens eager to roll up their sleeves and tackle the border crisis head-on. That's not just a number—it's a clear signal that Americans are ready to reclaim control over who enters and stays in their country.

This isn't some vague jobs fair; it's a targeted effort to staff up for the real work of enforcement. With 18,000 tentative job offers already extended, the agency is moving fast to build out its ranks.

Germany: 55% of police recruits can't speak... German

(ZeroHedge) - Now, (shocker!) roughly 55% of Germany's new police recruits don't meet German language standards for the job - so obviously that percentage of migrant recruits went way up.

RFK Jr.: Mass shooting 'Health Crisis' isn't because of guns, but may be because Americans are overmedicated

(Daily Wire) - "People have had guns in this country forever," the secretary [Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.] continued. "When I was a kid, we had shooting clubs at our school. Kids, my classmates, and other people would bring a .22 rifle with their guns to school and park in the parking lot. Nobody was shooting up schools."



Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

"There's never been a time in the history of humanity where people walked into a crowd, or a church, or a movie theater, or a school, or a crowd of strangers and just started randomly shooting," he said. "It's happening in our country, it's not happening around the world. And there are many other countries that have comparable levels [of] guns that we have in this country — we had comparable levels in the '40s, '50s, and '60s and people weren't doing that. Something changed, and it dramatically changed human behavior."

"One of the culprits we need to examine is the fact that we're the most overmedicated nation in the world, and a lot of those are psychiatric drugs that have blackbox warnings on them that warn of suicidal and homicidal ideation," Kennedy added. "We are doing those studies right now for the first time, and we will have an answer."

Stats show shocking surge in attacks on churches in America

(ZeroHedge) - In 2024, the United States witnessed a significant uptick in acts of hostility targeting churches, with a total of 436 documented incidents—a sharp increase from 315 in 2023 and nearly double the 230 reported in 2022.

The incidents spanned a wide range of hostile actions across 43 states. Vandalism was the most prevalent, accounting for 284 cases that included property destruction, defacement, burglary, and ransacking.

Arson followed with 55 events, encompassing both confirmed attempts and fires of uncertain origin, occasionally linked to individuals struggling with mental health.

Gun-related incidents surged to 28, more than doubling from 12 the previous year, involving threats, brandishing during services, and actual shootings. Bomb threats numbered 14, primarily hoaxes delivered via calls or emails.



Everytown launches gun safety training classes

(GSL) - Everytown for Gun Control, Michael Bloomberg's pet gun control organization, has launched new gun safety training classes.

For \$25 to \$40, Everytown will teach residents gun safety rules, how to buy the same guns they are working to ban, and now not to kill yourself with your new gun.

Safely transporting your firearms will also be covered, and that means in a locked container before you leave the house. And, in a nutshell, if you have to ever leave your gun in the car because of a gun-free zone somewhere, leave the gun locked up at home where it's of no use to you to defend against attack.

Excited yet? You should be! It's all done via online "classes" so you'll be an expert after watching the videos. For \$100, they have a more advanced class to show you how to "serve as role models for other gun owners." We guess that would be by storing your gun disassembled and locked away at home so it's not a threat to anyone, including the criminal intent on using a pitchfork to stab your children or spouse.



Calling out those who celebrate political violence and assassinations

(Ace of Spades HQ) - We are not attacking the left for having differences of political opinion. We are not attacking them for having weird beliefs.

We are attacking them for celebrating assassination and murder. We are attacking them for calling for the next "pew pew" against the President Donald Trump.

If Trump goes down -- we are at war.



You are right that most words are not violence. But some words are: Specifically those calling for someone to be killed, or praising an assassin for killing someone, with hopes that additional assassins will emerge.

That is what we are condemning. I do grant that some people are making the mistake of attempting to criminalize mere strong political invective -- but what we're really incensed by is that Taylor Lorenz continues to praise Luigi Mangione for his assassination and absolutely zero people in the supposedly "Respectable" media have even so much as chastised her for it.

Indeed, CNN had her on to giggle about it.

Either the left stops openly glorifying violence and calling for Trump or other Re-

publicans to be "pew pewed" -- their puerile, cutesy way of saying "shot" -- or the right is going to start publishing our own Pew Pew Lists.



This is not a difference of political opinion. We on the right will not have a "debate" about whether left-wing assassins are allowed to murder us, our friends, or our leaders.

That will be a civil war situation.

It's not up for debate. Left-wingers arguing that it is justified to murder me, my friends, and my family, and my president, are not offering a political position. They are openly conspiring to commit murder, and we don't debate murderers. We arrest them and, if necessary, we kill them.

The left cannot put itself above the social compact. The baseline, rock-bottom social compact is just "you and I are in the same tribe, the same nation, and I agree to not murder you if you agree not to murder me. And we also agree not to incite our more dangerous, mentally-unstable members to kill each other, either."

If we do not have that, we do not have a country, and we are in state of war. The rules of society do not apply, only the rules of war and violence do.

COMEDY GOLD: David Hogg humiliates himself on X

"If I ever get killed by one of these right wingers politicize the f*** out of my death immediately (I'm talking before my blood runs cold) and use it to pass as many gun laws as possible and raise as much money as you can to primary Dems who refuse to support gun laws."

The responses:



Clandestine @WarClandestine Nobody is worried about you talking, because you're a... moron. We want you to talk. You talking makes more Trump voters.

hoe_math @ItIsHoeMath You're not worth a bullet to anyone. You're actually doing a great job making democrats look like gay little bitches. I use you in my videos to show my followers why they shouldn't be weak.

Nick Watts @NICKWATTS Conservatives say that guns are for sport, hunting, and self defense because that's what they use them for.

Liberals say that guns are for killing people because that's what they use them for.

Sarah Stock @sarahcstock That wouldn't happen because you're irrelevant and conservatives don't murder their political rivals.

Tony Kinnett @TheTonus Never underestimate David Hogg's ability to make someone else's death about himself.

Guy Relford @guyrelford I'd say you're perfectly safe. (Unlike Charlie, no one cares what you have to say.)

Chris @chriswithans David, you're not an actual hero to anyone. Unlike Charlie. Don't pretend otherwise. He was beloved by millions. People see you as a joke.

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