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## Law and Order: Western Society Under Siege

Part 1

By Larry "Lorenzo" Swickard

A teachable moment. There are various ways to define this experience. In the classroom it results from the serendipitous confluence of an opportunity to teach a concept with an extrinsic factor sparking student interest driving a heretofore un-manifested desire to learn that concept.<sup>1</sup> In short, a lightbulb comes on. What could cause students, generally apathetic toward learning, to suddenly sit up and take notice? For an English class it might be a guest speaker, author J.K. Rowling explaining the secret of her success (Harry Potter) while others failed. Perhaps a notable personage drops in on a socialIST studies class explaining his rise from humble origins to political prominence or, in Phys-Ed, becoming an Olympic athlete. At that moment teachers enjoy rapt attention from their charges hoping it inspires seemingly average students to reach their full potential. How true must this be for science teachers beholding a once in a lifetime celestial event; a solar eclipse. As totality approached, the happy faces of kids conducting experiments under the beaming guidance of science teachers, appeared on television in the Kansas City metropolitan area. A teachable moment. But not so in Lee's Summit. Alleging concern for student safety, its fearless administrators, shepherds of your children, *Henny Penny* like shut down the entire district, added an extra day to the end of the school year and...hid.

The pros and cons of writing this series were carefully weighed. On the one hand, racists might distort and misuse research provided herein to promote noxious agendas. Today it seems people in general consider hatred of others based on race irrational and repugnant. But the reality remains; hatred of those not members of one's "tribe" stretches back to the dawn of mankind. The wrong events at the wrong time might transform ancient animosities into violent action. No reasonable person wants that. But on the other hand, there are those who, for political and personal reasons, have declared any observation reflecting negatively on ethnic, racial, sexual, or religious groups, regardless of how scientific and true, as beyond the bounds of discussion. To do so constitutes unacceptable "hate-speech" the trade of extremist racial supremacists, never to be countenanced.

Discussing race and crime is to enter a metaphorical no-man's land laced with tripwires, landmines, and booby-traps. Automatic accusations of racism, hatred, and intolerance, regardless of how baseless, are to be assumed. Even for those making good faith attempts at mutual understanding may, if failing to recognize and validate other points of view, find themselves talking past each other leading to hurt feelings, rancor, and confirmation the other person holds racist attitudes. For example, many if not all whites probably reject the idea they are racists. When apprised of the epidemic of young black males killing each other in cities like Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia, some respond with indifference. After all, it's not happening in their neighborhoods and what can they do anyway? Fair enough but lack of concern can be interpreted as stemming from racism toward those not like them. Still others, perhaps desensitized by media coverage of urban bloodbaths and Hollywood's glamorization of gang violence, shrug their shoulders saying, "that's what *those* people do," or "there's nothing we can do, it's a *black thing*." For them the film *Escape from New York* is probably desirably prophetic. Ignorant and callous, the latter attitude can justifiably be interpreted as racist by the black community. No genetic predisposition toward violence exists among any race. It is a learned behavior (think Vikings and modern Swedish males for example). How could anyone calling himself a Christian embrace such attitudes? Who can claim to love God and hate his brother?<sup>2</sup>

Indifference and ignorance provide no starting point for dialogue. They consign victims of violent crime to ongoing misery. Americans in general are probably familiar with the Jonbenet Ramsey case. She was a six year old blonde haired blue eyed beauty pageant queen, killed sometime on 25 or 26 December 1996. Her case remains unsolved. How many, even in the Kansas City area, know who Machole "Coco" Stewart was? Aged 10, she was sitting on the couch with her family watching the 2014 World Series when a gunman sprayed their house with bullets. Her murder was also unsolved.<sup>3</sup> Regardless of the Ramsey case's celebrity status being driven by Americans obsessed with living vicariously through others, to some degree blacks believe the lives of little white kids, especially Scandinavian in appearance, matter more than those of black children. Blacks to some degree embrace the notion of "white privilege" believing because of their race, whites automatically have a leg up on everyone else when it comes to employment, professional advancement, and especially social acceptance.<sup>4</sup> In my last year as a teacher, a black senior, one of the coolest most intelligent kids I ever had the privilege to teach, told me he, his family, and every black person he knew didn't consider themselves "Americans" because white society rejected and excluded them. My point is not to argue whether any of this is true or to what degree it might or might not be. Instead, it's to demonstrate races come to the table with uniquely different experiences and perspectives. If we categorically

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reject each other's viewpoint from the start, any hope of dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation is lost. Prejudices on all sides become reinforced. This serves no one's interest.

When I was a young man at the university, Jim MacAlister, a friend and brilliant student now a prominent Baltimore attorney, postulated the "Axe-to-Grind" theory of historical interpretation. Before reading books on history and politics, he examined their dust jackets. Autobiographical information can unmask biases affecting an author's historical interpretation or reveal they wrote simply to "deconstruct" another historian's work hence, "an axe to grind." No historian is objective, neutral, or unbiased. The collection, sifting and assemblage of historical evidence and data is naturally designed to validate the author's interpretation shaping final analysis and conclusions. The same holds true for groups defending the police against accusations of profiling and racism and those making the accusations. *MacAlister's Postulate* requires full disclosure on my part. I was a policeman but I also grew up partly in Baltimore and Philadelphia's inner cities, attended predominantly black schools, was poor, and have sported a "natural tan" from birth. I may be in a better position to take an objective as possible look at race and crime than lily-white liberal journalists whose only encounter with minorities is the one cleaning their Five-Star hotel room. This brings me to the central question of this series; as claimed by Black Lives Matter (BLM) and certain Leftist professors, do white police officers represent the tip of the majority race's spear in waging a war to oppress, suppress, and even murder black people? Are police officers the greatest threat to black men in America? Or, is this pure fiction crafted by the radical left and members of the black community who benefit politically from this claim?

According to Black Lives Matter, (BLM) a loud aggressively confrontational organization, white cops are indeed waging a war of terrorism against the black race.<sup>5</sup> Their webpage credo under the section titled "*We Affirm That All Black Lives Matter*" is, "Black lives matter is an ideological and political intervention in a world where Black lives are systematically and intentionally targeted for demise. It's an affirmation of Black folk's contributions to this society, our humanity, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression."<sup>6</sup> Make no mistake about it, BLM believes cops, assassins for white America, are engaged in a conspiracy to murder innocent black people. Because white America is engaged in genocide, resistance by any means, including preemptive action, is warranted. This begs the question; if BLM believes this genocidal campaign is sanctioned by the U.S. government, how might they ultimately respond?<sup>7</sup> Clicking on text-boxes exposes what BLM is really about. Under "*Black Villages*" it reads; "We are committed to disrupting the Western prescribed nuclear family structure requirement supporting each other as extended families and 'villages' that collectively care for one another especially 'our' children to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable."<sup>8</sup> These Marxist code-words comprise a root and branch assault on Judeo-Christian values and principles including the family unit as ordained by God. BLM wants to destroy this order, including the biological distinctness of the male and female sexes, in favor of fluid *Hermaphroditicity*. Children are to belong to the "collective" ultimately meaning the state...like North Korea. Rather than recreating a notional semi-communal African village living in harmony and with the rhythms of nature (descriptive for all peoples at one time), they envision a neo-Marxist female dominated pagan fertility cult.

BLM believes America is ruled by the white race solely for its benefit. Traditional "Western" institutions identified with the white race include: Christianity, the family, law, schools, military, police, and government. They constitute hierarchical structures erected to preserve white rule and suppress challenges to this arrangement. Any institution or belief deemed "*Western*" is by nature de facto racist, oppressive, and must be overthrown. Don't scoff or sneer at this idiocy for it's what they are teaching your kids at the university. Arguing the contrary self-identities and condemns a student as guilty of racism. BLM and Leftist professors believe police and the criminal justice system are the agents of enforcement for the white hierarchy. Because racism is considered inherent in all whites, as if genetic, regardless of what they do in support of "black" causes, it won't matter. Nothing can purge their "guilt." BLM and like-minded groups believe to compete with whites in the social, economic, and political arena is a waste of time because, until white dominance is eliminated, there can be no level playing field. Leftist white professors have been teaching this view as contemporary social reality for decades. Is it any wonder young whites graduate from college feeling guilt over their middle and upper class backgrounds? They fail to realize it's not really about race it's about seizing political power which is done through inculcating a Leftist world view in the minds of America's young. Race-guilt renders them impotent to challenge Marxist paradigms.<sup>9</sup> They have been taught that to criticize or oppose any aspect of any movement dominated by blacks and other minorities, no matter how extreme their behavior and rhetoric, flows from supremacist colonial white attitudes. How many young Millennials breathed a sigh of relief voting for Obama because it proved they weren't racist?

Since BLM came to the fore, people from all backgrounds have insisted all lives matter regardless of race. But BLM, the "New" Black Panthers, and their allies reject this claim contending people who say this are typically white, live in predominantly white areas, and associate only with other whites. BLM's counterattack against universal brotherhood, supported by young white Millennials writing for liberal publications desperate to prove they aren't racists, claims all lives do not matter because there is "demonstrative evidence that black lives matter less than white lives to the criminal justice system (and the American government as a whole)." This assertion is based on comparisons between white and black incarceration rates as well as grandstanding relatively rare police shootings of black men as routine, the norm.<sup>10</sup> Comparisons without context can be used to shape and mold desired narratives. For example during an in-service at Lee's Summit High school, an assistant principal upbraided teachers for a disparity in office referrals

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for rules infractions, behavior problems, and classroom disruptions between black and white male students. The inference was, blacks were written up more often than whites due to racism. The message was clear, teacher's whose office referrals demonstrated a statistical disparity between black and white students, might be considered racist. Teachers faced two options: Find ways to write up way more white kids, or, look the other way with respect to the misconduct of black students. I wanted to ask the administrator, "suppose that, for whatever reason, black males are simply committing infractions and engaging in disruptive behavior at a greater proportion than their white counterparts?" A teacher, who said such was the case, nevertheless told me pointing out the truth would be career suicide.<sup>11</sup>

BLM claims it is concerned with the plight of the black community and especially those being murdered [by white cops] but completely ignores the thousands of blacks killed each year at the hand of other blacks. This is because their agenda is really political and disingenuous. "Hands up don't shoot," is an exemplar of this strategy. White liberals, hostage to a racial "Stockholm Syndrome" implanted in their psyches by liberal public education (should be called "indoctrination"), and the university, work off their shame and guilt through arguments justifying black violence [riots and looting] and hatred of whites. It's cathartic cleansing of their racist-stained souls. BLM, the New Black Panthers and other Marxist groups see these pathetic liberals as Lenin's proverbial "useful idiots" doing their bidding and discarded later. Paradoxically, caught in the middle are the many if not most blacks, neither Marxists nor haters of anyone who, manipulated by inflammatory rhetoric, will also be discarded this time by white Marxists once achieving their goals. While living in California's Bay area, I observed white liberals worked up into hysterical lathers over Rhodesia and South Africa's system of racial separation known as Apartheid. Palo Alto's city government (for which I worked) as well as many others including states and corporations, removed investments and contracts in these countries pressuring them to end Apartheid and white minority rule. Once successful, Rhodesia became a Marxist hellhole known as Zimbabwe ruled by murderous thug Robert Mugabe. But white liberals no longer cared. It was wrong for the white minority to imprison and murder several hundred blacks but okay for the black majority government to imprison, rape, and murder hundreds of thousands of blacks through forced starvation, hacked up by machetes, and shot by guns acquired from North Korea and other communist regimes?<sup>11</sup> Acceptance of oppression and mass murder by blacks against blacks seems to be a recurring theme among Liberals.

Is BLM a civil rights movement comparable to those of the 1960s? For the most part the latter, led by Martin Luther King, preached passive non-violent protest and resistance to denial of Constitutional rights. Their end goal was not revenge, retribution, or racial separation. It was full inclusion of black people among all the races of the earth as equals under the ideals laid out in the Declaration of Independence. They understood America's history and Judeo-Christian founding principles were on their side not those wearing bedsheets and strange pointy hats. Their leaders claimed the "equality that belongs to them as human beings by natural and political right." Who could oppose this? Americans of all races understood that, until blacks enjoyed full inclusion, the principles upon which this nation were founded could not come true.<sup>12</sup> How did America go from struggling to bring this dream to fruition, including election of America's first black president, to accusations of a war against blacks?

Black political activist, author, and filmmaker Taleeb Starkes charges that when a black person is killed by a white person, especially a policeman, certain members of the black community dash to the scene and politicize the tragedy in support of their own agenda. "Their mission is to start racial infernos. In other words, they racialize not harmonize."<sup>13</sup> He notes "calls to action" following police shootings of black men are not spontaneous reactions from a local populace. "They're calculated maneuvers promoted by an ever present Race Grievance Industry [RGI], whose only product is victimhood and it's manufactured without pause." Racial healing does not serve their agenda. Instead the RGI works to convince blacks that they are "permanent victims of racism" and nothing they can do will ever change this.<sup>14</sup>

Absent blacks to buy-in to the notion of eternal victimhood, the RGI would lose power, influence, and fat checks sent in by blacks, white liberals, and Hollywood celebrities. The same holds true for political parties and organizations who derive support from the same clientele. Therefore it is in the best interests of the RGI to promote the boogeyman theorem that a Klansman lurks beneath the surface of every white skin, that whites are not and can never be their friends, and to enforce and discipline political support rendering blacks immune to calls of racial healing and uni-

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ty. As long as blacks buy into such notions, liberal white politicians are all too eager to fan the flames of racial animosity knowing it can generate support and buy votes with no regard for what it does to the nation as a whole.

<sup>1</sup> This is my own definition. There are many others, certainly better than what I came up with.

<sup>2</sup> Editors, New American Standard Bible, The Open Bible Edition (Nashville, Tennessee, Thomas Nelson, Publishers, 1977), 1 John 4:20, 1202. Check out Matthew 25: 34-46 on one's Christian duty toward others.

<sup>3</sup> Betsy Webster, "1 Year Later, Machole Stewart's family still searching for answers as police search for killer," KCTV5 news at <http://www.kctv5.com>

<sup>4</sup> When I was a teacher Black students asked me this on many occasions. I explained that the danger in seeing life through a racial prism was it might short circuit avenues to success by automatically concluding their dreams were unattainable because of their race. However, I didn't summarily reject the notion either especially in the social spheres of life. In addition, not one white-liberal, who claim to be the champions of civil rights against racist conservatives, in my SocialIST Studies department ever heard of "White Privilege" or "Blonde Privilege" yet I, a conservative have and so did my many of my minority students.

<sup>5</sup> David French, "The Numbers Are In: Black Lives Matter Is Wrong About Police," National Review (December 29, 1015), at <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/429094>

<sup>6</sup> Black Lives Matter at <http://www.blacklivesmatter.com>.

<sup>7</sup> IBID.

<sup>8</sup> IBID. BLM was started not by men, but three black women: Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi whose bio is listed under "Herstory..."

<sup>9</sup> Nadra Kareem Nittle, "5 Examples of Institutional Racism In The United States," About Race Relations, at <http://www.racerelations.about.com/od/historyofrace>. See also: Vernellia R. Randall, Professor of Law (DyingwhileBlack.org) "What Is Institutional Racism?" University of Dayton Law. Ohio. At <http://academic.udayton.edu/race/relations>.

<sup>10</sup> Jesse Damiani, "Every Time You Say 'All Lives Matter' You are Being An Accidental Racist," The Huffington Post, at <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jesse-damiani/ever>. Damiani accuses anyone who says "all lives matter" of being an "ignorant racist." This claim, incarceration rates proves racism, will be dealt with in subsequent installments.

<sup>11</sup> The beauty of this strategy is it self-validating. Anyone claiming differences in behavior problems based on race will be confronted by school administrators waving handfuls of teacher office referral forms for rule infractions and disruptive behavior "proving" (sic) no statistical difference in behavior problems between white and minority students. But can they really be considered valid when teachers, disciplining students, know to write up, or even "fail" black and minority students will lead to increased scrutiny (and pressure if they are an athlete)? A teacher deemed "racist" by students is in for a very unpleasant career. If considered the same by administration, soon they will be gone.

<sup>12</sup> Martin Meredith, The Fate of Africa: A History of Fifty Years of Independence (New York, N.Y., Public Affairs, Perseus Book Group, 2005), 309-344, 617-675.

<sup>13</sup> Allan Bloom, The Closing of the American Mind (New York, N.Y., Simon and Schuster 1987), 33.

<sup>14</sup> Taleeb Starkes, Black Lies Matters: Why Lies Matter to the Race Grievance Industry (Lexington, Kentucky, Starkes, 2016), 1.

<sup>15</sup> IBID. 1

### Random Quotes

"To me, conservative means believing in a minimum amount of government and a maximum amount of freedom—and keeping government out of people's lives and business—and leaving people alone."

—Lyn Nofziger

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## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

I am not crazy. The voices in my head say so. Of course, there is that invisible guy in the corner who is, I think, unnecessarily critical. I'd say "off with his head" if he had one.

WMSA has a member who throws a quarter in a coffee can every time he hears gun rights reviled, insulted or lied about. It appears to add up quickly. At the July meeting he donated a ziplock bag containing over \$110 to WMSA. I neglected to ask how long he had been collecting quarters. The next donation can be measured from the evening of 25 July, 2017.

Mexico had an 8.1 earthquake. Houston and Louisiana share a hurricane and the Caribbean and Florida share another, a new one is headed for Puerto Rico; and Hillary Clinton put out a book. It is as if God is reminding us that we are not in as much control as we thought.

The Governor of the US Virgin Islands greeted the hurricane with an order authorizing the National Guard to seize weapons and other supplies. It looked very much like an order to confiscate weapons. The Governor insists that he never meant anything of the kind. The Governor says that it only authorized seizing such supplies as the Guard needed. I'd like to believe that but if that is what the order meant it was poorly worded. The NRA filed a restraining order and the Governor backed off.

In Missouri we have tornadoes, Joplin saw a savage one. There is also the possibility of earthquakes. A year ago there was one in Oklahoma that was felt in the Kansas City area. In 1808 the New Madrid fault shifted so badly that the Mississippi River ran backwards. The land was so badly twisted that property lines could not be determined and people were given land to the west in exchange. Many of the deeds in this area can be traced to New Madrid land grants. Today this is the sort of thing that would disrupt local services and government. My geology professor was very clear; fault lines do not heal and if the pressure is not periodically released with small earthquakes it means they are saving up for a great one. Missouri law prohibits the government at any level from confiscating guns during a disaster. However, (there is always a however) I can see a FEMA camp offering us food and water if we disarm.

When the hurricanes hit the government responded. More importantly Americans responded; or a certain type of American. Rednecks showed up with their bass boats to ferry supplies and rescue survivors. Churches and businesses organized relief supplies. No one asked; they just did. A volunteer group calling itself the "Cajun Navy" was fired on while conducting rescue efforts. It is believed that looters wanted their boats. I am sure that we shall hear of local people defending themselves as we did after Katrina devastated New Orleans.

Due to the disasters there was a critical need for blood donations. Americans responded. In a month or two the donated blood will be exhausted and the need will continue. Make a point of donating blood. Some blood goes to cancer patients. I remember my brother getting transfusions and it making a new man of him right up until the end. When you donate be sure and wear one of our "Guns Save Lives" buttons or read a gun magazine. We want them to know who the Americans are.

September 5 of this year is the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of WMSA. September 17 of this year is the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the US Constitution. It is also the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my admission to the Bar. December 15 will be the 226<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights. We should have more National Holidays.

Reverend Jeff Booth has written, *The Cost of Carelessness*. The Reverend went to Okinawa on a religious mission. When he was leaving, Japanese customs found a single 9mm cartridge in his suitcase. He was arrested and thrown in jail with a man who appeared to be a member of the Japanese Mafia. The prosecutor told him that she did not know if he was a terrorist or a mobster but she would find out. He was constantly reminded that Japan has a 98% conviction rate and he was facing five years in prison. Being a member of the clergy meant nothing. Being on his way out of the county meant nothing. He says that he "humbled himself" to the prosecutor and court and apologized for breaking their law. He says that humbling oneself is a hard thing for an American and he is right. Rights, as we know them, do not exist in other countries. Even in this country I have taken plea offers to a client under which he would plead guilty to something he did not do, but was too good a deal to pass up. Sometimes he would get out of jail immediately, but if he maintained his innocence he would remain in jail for months pending trial. Justice is a hard thing to catch, and expensive. Even if some part of justice is caught the expense and time dims its glow. Still, we have to struggle on or we get nothing.

It is reported that a serial rapist is preying on college women in Lawrence. The rapes occurred off campus and it is possible that he is not specifically targeting college women but the number of college women in Lawrence makes it more likely a student will be attacked. I do think it statistically interesting that this rapist was revealed to the public only after the Kansas legislature compromised on campus carry to exclude hospitals.

A reporter from "The Trace" had a guest editorial in the local paper on 17 September, 2017. The Trace is a newspaper which declares itself to be nonprofit as if that is synonymous with neutral. It is a front for former New York Mayor Bloomberg's anti-gun efforts. It is a propaganda organ pretending to be news. The author advocated "gun violence restraining orders. These, he gleefully says are civil orders and therefore not bothered by that pesky "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard of criminal courts. In civil courts a preponderance of the evidence is all that is required to

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ever so slightly tilt the scales. Under such orders, anyone can bring a petition claiming a person is unfit to possess guns. The person does not have to possess any credentials to support such a diagnosis. It is an easy law to abuse. That is why they want it. If one reasonably fears an individual the probate courts exist to find them incompetent after hearing expert testimony. A finding of incompetency removes the person's right to own or buy guns. I remember a woman who took out an adult abuse order. The respondent of such orders is disarmed by federal law. The judge took the additional step of disarming both sides. The Trace may rejoice that no gun violence ensued. The woman was stabbed to death.

On a regular basis a deer appears in the yard behind my office. This would be more impressive if it was Bigfoot. There are so many deer, and the occasional report of Bigfoot, because of sportsmen. We demanded game laws, insisted on an ammunition tax devoted to the Department of Conservation and established the Department of Conservation as part of the Missouri Constitution. There would be far fewer trees to hug if it were not for us. If the anti-hunting crowd really wants to preserve wildlife, they should all buy a hunting license; every penny goes to the Department of Conservation.

Pamela Anderson, an actress and spokesperson for the animal rights group PETA, tells us that a dog is just like a boy. That woman is not babysitting my grandchildren.

We shall overcome.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kevin Jamison

### Demonstrations and Open Carry

There has been the usual hysteria about demonstrators carrying guns. Editorialists wail, "Why would anyone want to carry a gun to a demonstration." I would say mostly because a gang of thugs is likely to attack opinions not shared by the thugs.

There is a danger that police will fall back and let the resulting riot burn itself out. This is valid police tactic, but a little hard on the people caught in the riot. There was hysteria when a group called the "3 Percenters" appeared at a demonstration bearing rifles. Commentators wailed that the police were sufficient to protect us. This is normally true but certain events are not normal. We have seen riots get beyond the ability of the police. The "3 Percenters" are said to take their name from the 3 percent of Americans who took up arms during the Revolution. I don't know anything else about them.

During the Ferguson riots the members of the "Oath Keepers" appeared to protect people and property. They were denounced as dangerous, but not by the people they protected.

In August, Kansas City police forced left-wing demonstrators to unload openly carried guns. My guess is that the leftists saw the 3 Percenters with guns and decided they should carry too. My guess is also that someone in the Police Department saw the 3 Percenters and looked up the law on the subject. They could have asked me, it would have been quicker.

State law allows open carry; but also allows cities to ban open carry. Kansas City has a law against open carry. But, and there is always a "but," State law allows open carry even in cities which ban open carry IF (there is frequently an "if") the person has a license to carry concealed.

To sum up. You can carry openly everywhere, if you have a license to carry concealed. It doesn't have to make sense, it's just the law. It appears that certain open carry advocates were the subject of hysterical 911 calls. The officer appeared, introduced himself and asked for the gun-owner's name. "I don't have to give you my name!" was the usual answer. This is true, but it does not win friends and influence people. The police officer had to fill out a report and without a name he could not check to see if the armed person was the subject of some official interest. He also could not determine if the person matched conduct claimed by the hysterical caller. This caused a lengthy period in which the officer tried to gain rapport with the armed person and determine if there was a real danger. The armed person would insist that he knew his rights and the officer had better not violate his rights, he was educating the officer, and by the way the entire encounter was being uploaded to the internet. This is all legal, but a little rude. The officer would bring in his superior for guidance. This took two officers away from real problems. Officers cannot fill out his report with the joy that someone is exercising his rights. We all know that certain individuals show up in public and start shooting. We have police departments to limit these events.

This was handled by making it legal to carry openly in a city banning open carry if one had a license to carry concealed. If one has a license, one must show it to police on demand.

If the left-wing demonstrators had concealed carry licenses, they could have continued to carry openly. But they would have had to produce their license when asked. This would have defeated the purpose of their masks.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.



### American College of Physicians encourages doctors to 'counsel' patients on guns and report data to third parties

The American College of Physicians, the second largest physician group in the U.S., is pushing doctors to question patients about firearm safety, as shown in a new report published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. The report reminds doctors that the law doesn't prevent them from asking patients about firearms, and encourages them to inquire more about firearm ownership.

"Yes, You Can: Physicians, Patients, and Firearms" sends a loud and controversial message to doctors, suggesting that they "counsel" patients about firearms just as they do other health related matters, and that "when necessary," they disclose the information to third parties.

Doctors have "unique opportunities" when it comes to preventing gun violence, the report reads, adding that despite what you might think, no state or federal laws prevent you from discussing firearms with your patients.

However, that is not exactly true.

#### Doctors told they should ask patients about seatbelt use, sexual activity and GUNS

Florida's "Docs vs. Glocks" case ruled that physicians are limited in terms of what they can say about a patient's gun ownership. The law prevents doctors from putting that information into a patient's medical record, if the physician agrees it's irrelevant to the patient's medical care or safety. This is for good reason, as gun registries make it a lot easier for the government to confiscate firearms.

Outside the state of Florida, physicians are able to ask routine questions about patient firearm ownership, including "when the patient provides information or exhibits behavior suggesting an acutely increased risk for violence, whether to himself or others, or when the patient possesses other individual-level risk factors for violence, such as alcohol abuse," says the *ACP*.

Doctors aren't involved in these conversations often enough, the reports adds. "Asking about firearm access is an issue of health - just like asking about car seats, alcohol use, sexual behavior, and smoking," said coauthor Dr. Megan L. Ranney, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Assistant Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice at Brown University.

Ranney's reasoning is completely illogical. Questions about sexual activity cannot be compared to firearm ownership, since the latter is a Constitutional right. Doctors can't stop people from having unsafe sex or drinking booze, but through gun registries they could certainly threaten an individual's right to own a firearm. In fact, this is already happening.

#### Using mental health records to refuse firearm sales

Following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, back in 2012, President Obama vowed to implement "common sense" gun control, which included the creation of a registry that would report the names of people diagnosed with mental illnesses to the FBI.

Today, the FBI is in possession of more than 3 million mental health records, which it has used to deny more than 6,000 firearm purchases, *Politico* reported in January.

Based on the American College of Physicians' report, it appears that the government is looking to expand the program even further.

"Once you've put information in a computer, then it's anybody's game," said Larry Pratt, Executive Director for Gun Owners of America, hinting that the information could end up in anyone's hands.

"I would say a 14-year-old would be able to obtain that data. The Canadians had a registry for long guns for several years, and they found the thing was being hacked, typically by younger people because they're so good at computers. They finally took the registry down. So if the Canadians have learned that you can't put this kind of sensitive information in some central pot, then hopefully we'll learn from them," he added.

A poll completed by NPR three years ago found that only one-third of participants believe healthcare providers should question patients about the presence of guns at home. About 44 percent said they supported banning doctors from asking about guns, while 37 percent said that they were against preventing physicians from asking about guns.



"Nothing then is unchangeable but the inherent and unalienable rights of man." -- Thomas Jefferson



## Random Quotes

"No compact among men ... can be pronounced everlasting and inviolable, and if I may so express myself, that no Wall of words, that no mound of parchment can be so formed as to stand against the sweeping torrent of boundless ambition on the one side, aided by the sapping current of corrupted morals on the other."

—George Washington

"Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one; for when we suffer or are exposed to the same miseries by a government, which we might expect in a country without government, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish the means by which we suffer."

—Thomas Paine

"Violence, naked force, has settled more issues in history than has any other factor, and the contrary opinion is wishful thinking at its worst. Nations and peoples who forget this basic truth have always paid for it with their lives and freedoms."

—Robert A. Heinlein

"In the formation of our constitution the wisdom of all ages is collected — the legislators of antiquity are consulted, as well as the opinions and interests of the millions who are concerned. It short, it is an empire of reason."

—Noah Webster

"The struggle is always between the individual and his sacred right to express himself and ... the power structure that seeks conformity, suppression and obedience."

—Justice William O. Douglas

"Our society — unlike most in the world — presupposes that freedom and liberty are in a frame of reference that makes the individual, not government, the keeper of his tastes, beliefs, and ideas; that is the philosophy of the First Amendment; and it is this article of faith that sets us apart from most nations in the world."

—William O. Douglas

"In totalitarian societies, cities change their names regularly. Statues go up and are torn down. Words, as the historian Thucydides warned 2,400 years ago, habitually change their meanings to reflect passing political orthodoxy — and thugs, commissars and brownshirts oversee the charade. For an antidote to these statue-smashers and name-changers, Americans seek just one honest public official who dares to say 'no more' — and arrests rather than appeases those who destroy public property, or shames those who ruin people through guilt by association."

—Victor Davis Hanson

"The Founding Fathers knew a government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they knew when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose. So we have come to a time for choosing."

-- Ronald Reagan

"Stay informed — because stupid people are ruining America. God blessed me with a voice and a big mouth and I'm going to use it to try to wake people up and convert some of the stupid people."

—Herman Cain

"The Democrats are the party that says government will make you smarter, taller, richer, and remove the crabgrass on your lawn. The Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work and then they get elected and prove it."

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