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## **History Erased; The 'Real' Dark Ages**

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*"Civilization hangs suspended, from generation to generation, by the gossamer strand of memory. If only one cohort of mothers and fathers fails to convey to its children what it has learned from its parents, then the great chain of learning and wisdom snaps. If the guardians of human knowledge stumble only one time, in their fall collapses the entire edifice of knowledge and understanding."*

Jacob Neusner

Zeal to rip every Confederate Battle flag from their pole has been superseded by piranha-like frenzy to topple, dismantle, and in some cases, smash statues memorializing great Confederate leaders and war heroes. How disgraceful the only ones who appear willing to come to their defense are men and women sporting Swastika tattoos, severe haircuts, and strange pointy hats whose agenda and ideology have nothing to do with the late Confederate cause. In a perverse way in a perverse world, this staged rage benefits conservatives, Republicans, Democrats, and the Left. Casting aside any semblance of gonadal attributes, conservatives and Republicans can join the great bonfire of cultural cleansing proving, by denouncing the last vestigial symbols of the Confederacy louder than anyone else, they really aren't racists. Democrats share winks and nods relieved this craven outpouring of abysmal historical ignorance buries remembrance they were the party of slavery, the Confederacy, Black Codes, Jim Crow, segregation, discrimination, and the Ku Klux Klan. They've convinced the great unwashed it was them, those guys, the Republicans, who were behind all that unpleasantness. Satan himself must smile with admiration, or grimace with envy, at one of the greatest shows of deception and hypocrisy ever pulled off in American history. How the radical Left must smile at this falderal of idiocy, puffed up with pride that they, a tiny band of lunatic extremists, now control America's historical narrative dictating accepted "truth." Today the mere hint of or accusations of racism can send creatures once called men into paroxysms of fear and self-loathing. Pulling strings with marionette-like power, Leftists laughed uproariously as Republicans trammed one another racing to microphones terrified they'd miss this chance to denounce that tiny band of racists in Charlottesville, Virginia, thus immunizing themselves from the automatic accusation of racism that comes with being a Republican. But they are doomed to fail. President Trump learned this when he told the truth, there were equally extreme and dangerous people on both sides at the Charlottesville melee, site of the latest puppet show. According to the pop-culture controlled Left, identifying as a Republican, or worse, a conservative, carries with it the presumption of guilt with respect to racism. The left writes and controls the public narrative and, with hegemonic control over public education, indoctrinates your kids. The Left wins not because they're right or promote popular ideas, but because the other side won't fight back. If this sounds like hyperbole, it's time for a history lesson.

This is how the story goes; symbols related to the Confederacy must disappear because they remind Americans of its slave owning past. So evil, obstinate and hellish were Southern slave owners, war was forced on the North in order to free the slaves. How many kids are taught this? But it's not true. Let's begin with the term 'Civil War.' It wasn't. "A civil war is a conflict in which two or more factions fight for control of a nation's government." Seceding states were parties to a compact between states, formed after the American War of Independence. They simply wanted to leave.<sup>2</sup> Had the North left the union instead of the South, as many abolitionists wanted, there would have been no war. What really happened through war was completion of a 'revolution,' the overthrow by force of arms, America's federal form of government in favor of a national system desired by Alexander Hamilton and his political descendants. Wait a minute you say, that's not true. The North opposed secession because how else could they free the slaves? Hold on a sec, we're getting to that.

Southern States were slave states, no question, but so were the border states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri. Yes, northern states had "emancipated" their slaves but, as freedom approached, Northern slave owners realized shipping them south was the only way to profit from the situation thus many remained slaves. What of those escaping this fate? Because business and labor opposed economic competition from freed blacks, Northern states passed laws prohibiting them from entering into contracts, owning land and businesses, voting, or having legal status before

courts thus forcing them out of the region.<sup>3</sup> That's why Lincoln the "Great Emancipator," wanted to end slavery, right? In a letter of 22 August 1862, to Horace Greely, editor of the New York Tribune, Lincoln wrote "If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it, and if I could save it by freeing all slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would do that."<sup>4</sup>

Lincoln wanted little to do with and rejected the abolitionist label. Their plan was to abruptly free millions of slaves with no

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transitional period or provision for their welfare, education, and integration into American society. Abolitionists smuggled tracts into the South urging slaves to rise up in rebellion, cut their master's throats, and kill every white person they could get their hands on as had happened in French controlled Haiti. But Lincoln shared some ideas in common with abolitionists. Hinton Helper, an abolitionist leader, wrote; *The Impending Crisis of the South: How to Meet It* (New York, 1857) urging "every vessel in America" be chartered, and freed slaves "herded" onto them, and then this vast "armada" would take them back to Africa. This Lincoln supported raising money for organizations with plans to recolonize freed slaves in Central and South America as well as Africa.<sup>5</sup> While Lincoln rejected ever granting citizenship to freed "negroes," both Confederate President Jefferson Davis and General Robert E. Lee saw slavery as immoral, evil, and a great sin whose end must soon come. In the North, slavery ended only because it was no longer economically viable<sup>6</sup> but guess whose statues are being toppled?

How many Americans are taught the War makes no sense to North or South if over slavery? Slavery was threatened by no one in the North, not public opinion, politicians, or especially commercial interests. Not only was slavery protected by the Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court had sided with the South declaring slavery legal and slaves property. Even if they escaped to a free state, they had to be returned to their owner.<sup>7</sup> Candidate and President Lincoln declared no intention of interfering with slavery instead supporting a constitutional amendment protecting slavery forever if to do so would preserve the union.<sup>8</sup> And Northern bankers, investors, manufacturers, traders, businesses, and politicians were making too great a profit on slave-produced agricultural products and raw materials to be in a hurry to cut their financial throats by supporting abolition any time soon. Claims that the war had to be fought to halt the spread of slavery west were also false. New Mexico Territory, west of Texas, which included modern day Arizona, had as of 1860, 21 slaves in an area four times the size of England. Labor intensive crops that sparked slavery in the first place, rice and tobacco for example, required a hot, wet, humid semi-tropical climate and couldn't be grown in the desert southwest.<sup>9</sup> In addition, Utah, controlled by Mormons, and California, had already rejected slavery. English and European leaders and journalists investigating the crisis hit the nail on the head. For Northern banking, business, and political power to compete with Europe, they had to build an empire. This required more land, control of western natural resources, and eviction of foreign empires from its continent. If the South was allowed to secede access for the North to the Southwest would be cut off. This region might form its own country or come under the domination and control of Mexico.<sup>10</sup> Is this taught in public schools? As the saying goes; follow the money.

Looking to build an empire, French monarch Napoleon III dispatched an army to conquer Mexico placing Austrian Archduke Maximilian on the "throne." In early summer 1863, even before the Battle of Gettysburg (July 1863), Northern political leaders threatened France with war if its army wasn't removed. Once the war was over, the U.S. began moving an army toward Mexico. France went home. In 1867, before the dust of war had settled, Secretary of State William H. Seward finally persuaded the U.S. Senate to buy Alaska. With this purchase the second imperial power, Russia, was driven from the northern hemisphere, America's hemisphere, according to American imperialists. Over the next twenty years the U.S. grabbed part of Samoa, Hawaii, tried to buy Canada from England, and intervened in a boundary dispute between Venezuela and British ruled Guiana in an ongoing scheme to drive another imperial power from "its" hemisphere. Remember the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine? This was followed up by the Spanish-American War in which the U.S. knocked Imperial Spain from this side of the planet snatching Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines in the process.<sup>11</sup> It takes no great imagination to realize how Southern independence would have wrecked carefully laid plans of America's Northern imperialists.

Certain Southern leaders did indeed claim threats to slavery as justification for secession. They lied. For various reasons they avoided explaining secession was for political and economic reasons. Others were more forthcoming. By 1860, the U.S. had evolved into two separate nations. The Northern economy was built on banking, manufacturing, business, and trade. Much like England had done to her American colonies, Northern financial interests, "convinced" politicians to enact tariffs, taxes on foreign goods, and trade regulations protecting domestic businesses and financial arrangements. But the burden for this fell on the South. Theirs was an agricultural economy dependent on trade to earn hard currency with which to buy goods from the North and Europe. Ships transported raw materials and agricultural products abroad returning to Southern ports with finished goods where they were taxed. These taxes cut into export profits and raised the price of consumer goods for Southerners. Taxes collected by the federal government went north and were used to promote railroad building, banks, investing, and land acquisition for favored businesses.<sup>12</sup> Senator John Sherman, chairman of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee during the Lincoln administration, said the Republicans chose Lincoln as their candidate because he was expected "to secure of free labor, it's just right to the Territories of the United States; to protect...by wise revenue laws, the labor of the people; to secure the public lands to the actual settlers...; to develop the internal resources of the country by opening new means of communications between Atlantic and Pacific."<sup>13</sup> Lincoln was the handpicked tool of Northern big-business and political interests. Not only was he to protect them from foreign competition, but new lands were to be reserved for whites only, and taxpayer money invested in land buying and railroad building connecting the two coasts insuring an American controlled continent setting the stage for empire.<sup>14</sup> Lincoln was not the old "rail-splitter" of Northern hagiography. Instead of cooking coffee from crushed acorns in his tiny log cabin, Lincoln was a business attorney. He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad, 1849-1860, one of the largest corporations in the world. His fee for defending them against McLean County, Illinois, was \$5000.00, a king's ransom in those days. Vice president of the company receiving Lincoln's bill was George B.

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McClellan who went on to become General of Lincoln's Army of the Potomac until fired. Lincoln became one of the most respected and feared lobbyist for railroad interests in the North, pushed for taxpayer subsidized railroads, and supported efforts to gain control of the Midwest and Western territories for those interests as a politician. Those same interests made certain he was elected president.<sup>15</sup> Disunion would wreck the plans of financial powerhouses backing Lincoln.

Republicans pushed the Morrill Tariff Act through the 1859-1860 Congress, greatly raising tariffs on trade and costing the South dearly. Lincoln "literally owed everything, politically, to his Northern protectionist supporters." They paved the way to and handed him the White House. As president, Lincoln lobbied hard for the Morrill Tariff and, in his inaugural address, literally threatened invasion of any state failing to collect the newly doubled tariff. Slavery wasn't even mentioned.<sup>16</sup> Isn't it clear what's going on here?

Southern leaders, watching all this and assaults on the Constitution by Northern politicians, had had enough. Jefferson Davis, like most Southern leaders, was steeped in the history and debates of America's founding period. Publication of Founder John Taylor's book had revealed what really was proposed and voted on at the Constitutional Convention (the so-called "Federalists" had lied for years), and contrary to claims by Northern leaders, a federal not national government had been created. Its authority was severely limited to the delegated powers (Article I, section 8). Northern interests had perverted the meaning of the "general welfare" to enact and fund all manner of unconstitutional schemes. On 24 May 1860, Senator Davis introduced resolutions declaring the Union was comprised of "free, sovereign, and independent states." The states had created the federal government and delegated to it limited powers directed toward foreign affairs. The federal government was prohibited from meddling in the political, religious, and economic affairs of the states but was guilty of doing so in the most egregious fashion. The Federalist Papers had provided relief for states in such an eventuality and one was secession.<sup>17</sup> It was the same argument and justification outlined in the Declaration of Independence. Once secession became a reality, Davis spoke before the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Alabama in February of 1861 declaring "If war should come, if we must again baptize in blood the principles for which our fathers bled in the Revolution, we shall show we are not degenerate sons, but will redeem the pledges they gave to preserve the sacred right, transmitted to us, and show that Southern valor still shines as brightly as in the days of 76'.<sup>18</sup>

Davis, like many Southerners, believed the North had irreparably violated the Constitution and voluntary compact among the states. Separation was the only remedy. In joining the union, states retained their right to leave should one party or another violate the terms of that compact (contract).<sup>19</sup> If Davis and the South were correct, Lincoln's invasion of the South was unconstitutional constituting a war crime of immense proportions.

Lincoln hoped if slavery was left alone, Southern and border-states wouldn't leave and those that did come back. When Lincoln invaded Missouri to deny it to the Confederacy, occupying General John C. Fremont ordered all slaves freed and property of Confederates confiscated. When Lincoln directed Fremont to rescind the order and he refused, Lincoln fired him and rescinded the order himself. In addition, Lincoln and his Generals, especially Grant and Sherman, opposed bringing freed slaves into the military. When compelled to do so, they tried limiting their access to arms using them to cook, wash clothes, and dig latrines. When armed, they served in separate all black units led by white officers. Not so in the south where a significant number served armed side by side with whites in the Confederate Armies. After the war, the over 100,000 slaves who fled the South, serving in the Union Army, were prohibited from moving North by the Black Codes created by Northern states to prevent them moving there after the war.<sup>20</sup> Okay, here it comes, I've been expecting you; "Well you know Larry that ship has sailed. It's too late to refight the Civil War and, what does any of this have to do with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment anyway?"

Wars typically are not decided in one large cataclysmic battle but rather a series of skirmishes, engagements, and small battles ultimately leaving the final outcome inevitable. Victory means first fighting and winning the small battles. For the past 60+ years, the left has waged war on America's founding principles. Beginning in the 1950s, and picking up steam in the 60s, Christianity and the Bible were driven from the public square to the point those still "clinging" (Obama's term) to them are objects of scorn and derision. Next the traditional family was turned inside out and then even the biological sexes were redefined. Public education and pop-culture were harnessed in this war. What's left? Destroy constitutionally limited government and notions of individual inalienable rights. Guess who preached those notions in 1861? It wasn't the North busy swearing in more than 200,000 German, 200,000 Irish, 90,000 Dutch, and 20,000 Scandinavian immigrants, speaking little or no English and promised citizenship if they fought for the Union, used as mercenaries against Americans who simply wanted to form their own nation based on the original principles of

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76'.<sup>21</sup> The truth about the war; it was a revolution implemented by those who wanted to create a national government, abolishing the rights of states and hence, in the process, the rights of individuals. But this cannot be taught. Each year as a teacher I asked students, grades 9 through 12, what was General Order No. 11 issued by Union General Ewing on 25 August, 1863, in Kansas City. Not one had ever heard of it.

Residents of Cass, Jackson, and Bates counties with a few exceptions, were given fifteen days to get out, abandon homes and farms, but get out. Those unable to establish their loyalty to the Union were subject to arrest and execution. And then the Union Army from Kansas moved in. Women, children, and old men were forced from their homes, often on foot because Union men confiscated their horses and mules, and sent packing with nowhere to go. Homes were burned and farms ravaged of everything that could be eaten or stolen. Wagon trains, miles long, crammed full of plundered goods and all the livestock Kansans could steal, headed west. Young men and even boys, suspected of being loyal to the Confederacy, were shot down without trial.<sup>22</sup>

Are efforts to remove icons of the Confederacy from the public square motivated by painful remembrance of slavery? No. The average American probably knows little about why let alone when the Civil War occurred. Maybe Robert E. Lee but Jefferson Davis, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Stonewall Jackson? Never heard of them. The Confederate Battle flag? Long ago it obtained secularized status like Christmas. So why now? Among those shrieking for the Stalin-esque airbrushing of Confederate symbols from history are ignoramuses and the stupid with others fad driven Cool Aid drinkers. Certain leaders within the black and white communities see it as a tool to galvanize and politically organize various factions by menacing them with hobgoblins, much like global warming and police brutality. For the far Left none of this is coincidence or a benefit accruing from membership in the *Outrage of the Month Club*. Their strategy is simple; identify all symbols of the Confederacy, including its great military heroes, with evil despicable slavery and racism. This is now occurring. Next associate America's founding political philosophies, which the Confederacy said it was reclaiming; state rights, limited government, Constitutionalism, federalism, individual liberty, and gun rights, with the Confederacy. Once linked, these principles become automatically de facto associated with slavery and racism. Game over.

So the myth of a war fought to end slavery by "*Father Abraham*" must be indoctrinated into all Americans lest anyone ever again ask questions about why the war? Topple statues, shred flags, erase history, and persecute as racists anyone daring to shine the light of truth on this period of history then on to the last vestiges of individual liberty as exemplified by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

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<sup>3</sup> Charles Adams, *When In The Course of Human Events: Arguing The Case For Southern Secession* (Lanham, Maryland, Rowman & Littlefield, Publishers, Inc., 2000), 133-134.

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<sup>6</sup> Crocker, 9-10.

<sup>7</sup> Adams, 2-4.

<sup>8</sup> IBID. 4.

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<sup>10</sup> IBID. 72-74, 80-83, 88-89.

<sup>11</sup> Daniel J. Boorstin and Brooks Mather Kelley, *A History of The United States Since 1861* (Needham, Massachusetts, Prentice Hall, 1990), 164-176.

<sup>12</sup> Adams, 4-6.

<sup>13</sup> Thomas J. DiLorenzo, *Lincoln Unmasked* (New York, N.Y., Three Rivers Press, 2006), 107.

<sup>14</sup> IBID. 107-108.

<sup>15</sup> IBID. 108-109, 110-114.

<sup>16</sup> IBID. 121-123, 124-127.

<sup>17</sup> John Remington Graham, *A Constitutional History of Secession* (Gretna, Louisiana, Pelican Publishing Company, 2002), 277-79.

<sup>18</sup> General Clement A. Evans, Editor, *Confederate History, Volume I* (Atlanta, Georgia, Confederate Publishing Company, 1879), 364.

<sup>19</sup> James Ronald Kennedy and Walter Donald Kennedy, *The South Was Right!* (Gretna, Louisiana, Pelican Publishing Company, 1991), 321-326.

<sup>20</sup> Clint Johnson, *The Politically Incorrect Guide to The South* (Washington, D.C., Regnery Publishing, Inc., 2006), 169-177. See also, Adams, 150.

<sup>21</sup> IBID. 125.

<sup>22</sup> Joanne Chiles Eakin, *Order Number 11*, (Shawnee Mission, Kansas, Two Trails Genealogy Shop, 1995), 1-18.



## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

A survey has found that officer-involved shootings have dropped 90% in New York City since the 1970's. Increased media coverage of shootings does not mean increased shootings.

A study of accidental shootings among police officers finds that it is usually a result of keeping their finger on the trigger. This is something that must be practiced (with an unloaded gun). The impulse is always to put the finger in the hole. It belongs on the frame above the trigger. Motion studies have found that the time involved from moving from the frame to firing is insignificant.

The September, 2017 issue of Guns Magazine has an article on preventing gun theft. The article emphasized locking guns up in cars or at home. On 15 October, 2017 the Kansas City Star had an article on gun theft. It focused on why gun thefts are up and where they happen. The parking lot of the stadium is a prime target, as is the KCI Expo Center during gun shows. Thieves go through cars in these lots on the chance there is a gun under the seat or in the glove box. The theme of the Star article was that guns are being stolen and it is our fault. If we do not lock up our guns it is our fault. If we do not lock up our guns a paternal government will step in to make our decisions for us.

My President's column goes on and on about bump stocks. The board has not voted on this subject but this piece expresses some of my concerns.

Dana Loesch, spokesperson for the NRA, is from St. Louis. She is even more *from* St. Louis now that she has been forced to move. Her home address and cell phone number have been publicized and the death threats have increased. When the death threats included her children she decided to move.

Today I witnessed the citizenship ceremony for 37 people from 24 countries. They all stood up. I urged my client to register to vote. He was astonished to find that voting was optional. He recognized that it was important. Many who were born here do not.

Some have speculated, or outright claimed, that the Las Vegas killer was a convert to Islam. This seems unlikely. He was a heavy drinker and gambler; both are forbidden in Islam. If he had suddenly given up these pursuits someone would have noticed. Converts do not keep their new belief a secret. The casinos keep track of gamblers and still treated him as a major player. Some have said that he "snapped." He did not. He spent months buying guns and ammunition, and was in the hotel room for a week before he opened fire. He had bomb-making materials in his car and there is some belief that he expected to escape the hotel. This massacre was going to happen with or without guns. The incident reminds me of the "Texas Tower" sniper of 51 years ago. The sniper hauled a footlocker full of guns and ammunition to the top of the tower in Austin Texas. He killed people with a 6 mm bolt-action hunting rifle until Texans, being Texans, shot back. A civilian and two officers entered the tower and killed him. He also left no written motivation. He had a brain tumor which many have assumed triggered his killings. I do not possess the medical background to have an opinion.

People keep saying that "Timing is everything." They never specify standard or daylight savings time.

There is a book, *Stranger in the Woods*, a true story. This is an interesting book for the fact that it teaches us nothing. The "Stranger" of the title drove his car as far into the Maine wood as it would go. He left the car and walked until he lucked onto a crevasse which gave him a hidden camp. He would not speak to anyone for 27 years. I thought the book would teach us something about survival, evasion and escape. It does not. From his camp he could hear people boating on the lake, but he never fished. He did not set traps or live off the land. He broke into isolated summer cabins and stole. He cannot even be said to have stolen only what he needed. He stole food, clothing, bedding, books and video games. Legends grew about the hermit in the woods. One of his favorite targets was a camp for disabled children. In Maine winters he never lit a fire. He cooked over stolen propane. Searches were conducted. He was never found, seeming out of luck. He must have had some skill at countertracking. Or it could have been that the searchers had no skill at tracking. Local police set a trap with a motion alarm at the children's camp and caught him. The author explores the hermit traditions of the world, religious and secular because the Stranger came out of the woods with no insights. The Stranger's brother had co-signed the loan on the car and got stuck with the payments. People projected their own expectations on the Stranger. There were offers of marriage and a home in the woods. He didn't want any of them. He wanted to be alone and live off of other persons. For some reason he spilled his guts to the author, at least up to a point, the point where he refused to see the author. However, nothing in his gut is of use.

A public defender in Columbia was overwhelmed with work and consequently gave a client bad advice. As a consequence he lost his license for a year. Public defenders are refusing to take new cases. This leaves indigent defendants hanging. Judges order public defenders to take these cases. This leaves public defenders with the choice or working themselves to death and risking their license or refusing new clients and going to jail for contempt. This may not affect working people until they are arrested. If a high bond is imposed they stay in jail and lose their jobs. Savings are quickly exhausted and they are thrown on a public defender system that is already overburdened. There is a web site [www.legalfeefinancing.org](http://www.legalfeefinancing.org) which loans money for legal services. I have never had a client use it. I am concerned about high-risk loan services, especially if they are used in an emergency. I frequently get paid by grandparents who empty their retirement fund. This is a good reason to have a self-defense insurance policy. Some of these policies are not underwritten by insurance. They are self-financed group benefits. There are advantages and disadvantages to

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both. I spend a week trying to convince an insurance adjuster that a shooting was self-defense and not an accident. If the worst thing happens, there is money. A group benefit is limited by the amount in the treasury. Like any contract it is essential to read the fine print. Such a contract must provide three things: 1) Bail money. Visit one of our jails and you will see how important bail is. 2) Immediate money for the lawyer of your choice. 3) Money for expert witnesses and incidental costs. Policies which are being aggressively marketed in Missouri do not provide all of these benefits. Some pay lawyers only **after** the person is found not guilty. Lawyers will not wait that long for payment, which makes the policy of little or no use. Getting paid only on victory is very much like a contingency fee; which is forbidden in criminal cases. I have settled many felony cases with a plea to a trivial misdemeanor. I don't know if such a plea would prevent me from getting paid. This is a conflict of interest in advising the client. Many policies promote themselves by criticizing other policies. This is a bad sign. My Dad was a great salesman and told me that you don't sell by running down the other guy's product; you make sales by promoting your own product. Read the fine print

We shall overcome.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### BUMP FIRE

Some poor lady called me asking for contributions to the NRA. The NRA had just come out in favor of restrictions on "bump stocks." I understood that the NRA was trying to manage the issue to prevent things from getting worse. However my impression was that they had rolled over rather quickly. Instead of being a speed bump they became a super-highway. I was a tad abrupt with the lady.

Worse; the usual suspects believed the NRA had rolled over as well. An editorial in the Kansas City Star rejoiced that the "NRA has blinked." It went on to say that the good and pure could now go on to further bans. Senator Benjamin Cardin is a co-sponsor of a bill to ban devices like the bump fire. He chimed in to rejoice that our betters can go on to ban other practices, specifically stating that "no one needs 1,600 rounds of ammunition." Of course, a person with several calibers can easily have more than 1,600 rounds. A competitor can run through 1,600 rounds in a week of light training. People who know nothing about us have the audacity to decide what we need. Senator Feinstein sponsored the bill to ban bump stocks. A reporter asked her if there was a danger that this might lead to a slippery slope of other bans. She replied, "I hope so."

These threats destroyed any impulse I might have to let this ban slide. The gun community went along with every gun restriction in the last century. Not only are we not given credit for being "reasonable" we are denounced as monsters for not embracing the philosophy of our own destruction.

When the NRA stated its support for bump stock restrictions the Kansas City Star published a cartoon of a death figure labeled "NRA Slaughter Lobby." Nancy Sinatra declared that all NRA members should be shot. Why should we not resist destruction if the wages are the same?

Bump stocks are a silly exercise. Their purpose is to allow the user to pretend he is firing an automatic weapon. It is inaccurate even by the standards of machine guns. Of course, when firing at 20,000 people in a confined area accuracy is not an issue. He may have done as much or worse using only his trigger finger. The best description of a bump stock I have seen is "a device which converts money into noise."

Colonel Jeff Cooper said that only accurate guns are interesting. I do not entirely agree. There are inaccurate and unreliable guns which are interesting from a design standpoint. Only accurate guns are useful. Their useful range may be one foot or one mile, but they must be accurate within their intended range.

The bump stock does not qualify as useful. Why should we defend it? It may inspire some other firearm development. It is certainly inspiring attacks on other firearms. The venerable 1897 Winchester shotgun does not have a disconnect in the trigger mechanism. One can hold the trigger back and fire by working the pump action alone. The Winchester 12, Remington 10 and Ithaca 37 can also be fired in this fashion. It would not take long for the usual suspects to declare them to be just like bump stocks and demand confiscation. Pump action shotguns were confiscated in Australia.

The Feinstein bill to ban bump stocks refers to any device which increases the speed of fire. This claim can be made for a trigger job or lightening a trigger pull. Such claims have been made in civil cases.

The Mandalay Bay hotel was a gun free zone. Another massacre in a gun free zone has not been recognized as a failure of the concept. They want to take from us and give up nothing. A ban on bump stocks will not make us safer. The killer had bomb making materials in his car. A massacre was going to happen one way or another. Until the Oklahoma City bombing the worst mass murders were arson attacks. The record in the United States was a Detroit School arson in 1958 which killed 92 children and three nuns. In the Happy Land fire an unhappy ex-boyfriend with a gallon of gas killed 86 people.

If we go along with a ban on bump stocks we get nothing in exchange. We do not get national concealed carry recognition, legalized suppressors or permission to import old M-1 rifles and carbines from the Philippines and Korea. We do not even get off Nancy Sinatra's hit list.

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

## About That 'Blacks Want New Gun Laws' Poll...

By Nate Jackson



"Black Americans want new gun laws to curb gun violence," The Washington Post headline tells us. "Trump offers more police."

And with that one statement, we have so much to rebut!

So let's start with the racist origins of gun control in the Jim Crow South. That's right; the first gun control laws were meant to keep guns out of the hands of blacks, leaving them defenseless against the KKK. The worst massacres in American history weren't Orlando and Las Vegas. As National Review's Kevin Williamson recounts, "That happened in — depending on who is doing the counting — 1917 in East St. Louis, or in 1873 in Colfax, La., or in 1921 in Tulsa, Okla., or in 1919 in Arkansas. All of those were mob-violence episodes in which white terrorists, often working under the leadership of Democratic politicians, massacred African Americans, hundreds at a time. Some were shot, some were hanged, some were burned alive." Unarmed and defenseless blacks.

Second, we'd call this an example of pollaganda. The Leftmedia repeatedly and falsely tells blacks that the problem with inner cities is guns. Then the Leftmedia asks blacks if removing guns would fix the problem. Lo and behold, people are able to regurgitate the position fed them by the media.

Third, among the Trump statements the Post takes issue with was his assertion that Democrats have "ruled the inner cities for 100 years. This is their rule." He's absolutely correct. As Mark Alexander noted Wednesday, "The 30 cities with the highest murder rates have been under Democrat control for decades." Even the Post sort of concedes this by noting how successful New York was at reducing crime ... under Republican Rudy Giuliani.

Fourth, speaking of reducing crime, that brings us to law enforcement. Barack Obama's war on cops has been deadly before, and it turned so again this week. A 19-year-old college fanboy of Obama and Bernie Sanders gunned down Texas Tech University campus police officer Floyd East Jr. on Monday.

Finally, a point about the NFL, which both Trump and the Post note because of the national anthem protests that began largely as an anti-police expression. USA Today compiled an arrest database of NFL players that is 870 records long. (The NBA is no better.) So the

National Felons League doesn't like cops? Who knew? Yet these thugs are the heroes of many inner city blacks — the same people who think guns are the problem.

So a memo to the Post and the inner city community: Guns aren't the problem, Democrat constituencies and policy are the problem.

Board member election was held at the September 26, 2017 General Membership Meeting. Kevin Jamison, Larry Swickard and Bob Hanson were elected to 3 year terms on the Board.

As provided in our By-laws, WMSA officers were elected by the Board of Directors at the October 4th Board meeting. Kevin Jamison was re-elected President, Carl Smart Vice-President, Bob Hanson Treasurer and Bill Bland Recording Secretary. The officers will serve for one year.

"Why do Americans own so many guns? Because they don't trust the protected elites to protect them. ... I think a lot of Americans have guns because they're fearful — and for damn good reason. They fear a coming chaos, and know that when it happens it will be coming to a nation that no longer coheres. They think it's all collapsing — our society, our culture, the baseline competence of our leadership class. They see the cultural infrastructure giving way — illegitimacy, abused children, neglect, racial tensions, kids on opioids staring at screens — and, unlike their cultural superiors, they understand the implications. Nuts with nukes, terrorists bent on a mission. The grid will go down. One of our foes will hit us, suddenly and hard. In the end it could be hand to hand, door to door. I said some of this six years ago to a famously liberal journalist, who blinked in surprise. If that's true, he said, they won't have a chance! But they are Americans, I said. They won't go down without a fight."

-- Peggy Noonan

"After a shooting spree, they always want to take the guns away from the people who didn't do it. I sure as hell wouldn't want to live in a society where the only people allowed guns are the police and the military."

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**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.

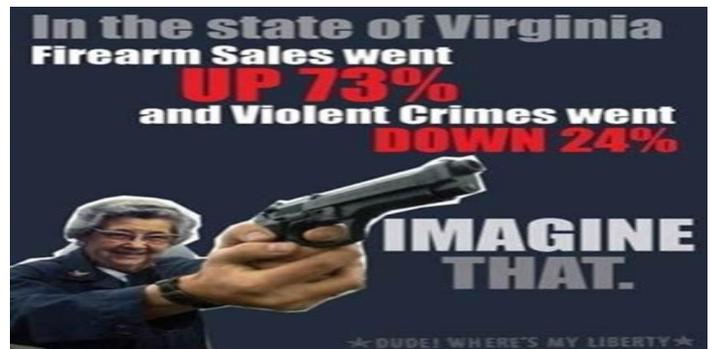
Today, the FBI is in possession of more than 3 million mental health records, which it has used to deny more than 6,000 firearm purchases, *Politico* reported in January.

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.



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