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Benny Lamanna, Program Director for the FBI's NEI program sent us the following message:

I wanted to take a moment and say hello and share some info for our NEI 40 Session in 2017. As always, I look forward to working with you all and appreciate any comments, suggestions and help you can offer. The NEI program is now part of the LEADERSHIP PROGRAM MANAGEMENT UNIT. I am currently also the Acting Unit Chief and we expect our new UC Joseph Garbato to join us mid-December.

The NEI staff was recognized for its great work by Director Comey and the TD Executive Management. Director Comey was at the FBI Academy on November 18, 2016 and took a photograph with us and thanked us for our great work. The dates/locations scheduled for NEI 40 are:

- **March - 19-24, 2017 at FBI Academy**
- **June - 11-16, 2017 Arlington/D.C. area**
- **September - 17-22, 2017 Charlottesville, VA**

The call for NEI 40 nominations is now open, and will close on December 12, 2016. We hope to have a final group of 40 to 50 in NEI 40. Once nominations are closed, and a final group of attendees are selected, we will survey that group to learn more about them and their interests. We intend on challenging our NEI 40 group by asking them to describe what "matters most to Law Enforcement?" and then share that information with our speakers for each of the three cycles. We also want to leverage the vast knowledge NEI 40 collectively has and ask them to provide a small group brief on current LE concerns [during cycle 2 and 3]. This will allow the class to focus on issues that they have identified and find significant. It will also help them to get to know each other and form close bonds. Please, let us know when you are available to meet or join us for NEI 40. We want to encourage your participation as much as possible.

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FBI NEIA RECEPTION AT THE IACP

Our annual meeting of the FBI NEIA, MCCA and PERF held in San Diego, CA, October 13 to the 16 from all appearances was successful. We had a first class turnout for the FBI NEIA Reception at the IACP conference. Over 150 NEIA members and other top law enforcement executives enjoyed the opportunity to network and renew relationships. It provided some additional opportunities for the attendees to engage and participate in conjunction with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) which dovetailed to some extent with our meetings. It wouldn't have been successful had it not been for the e sponsorship of Motorola Solutions, ecoATM inspired by Outerwall, and our newest sponsor Accident Support Services International. FBI Director James Comey made his usual visit to the reception, received a warm welcome, and made an excellent presentation citing his commitment to the FBI NEIA program referring to the NEI Program as the crown jewel of FBI Training. We appreciate that he referred to our organization as "family" in terms of its relationship with the Bureau.

I would like to add that Dick Ayres, our Executive director, was thrust into double duty at the conference given my absence due to the death of my daughter, Patricia, a mother of two small children, ages 7 and 11. I would like to express our appreciation for the numerous flowers and Mass cards and emails giving us comfort during a very difficult time. A few weeks later Micki underwent two operations for Lung Cancer. At this point, she is undergoing Chemo therapy in New York City and doing well. It's been said that "things" happen in sets of threes. On October 24th, probably in a quest for attention, I was hospitalized for a week with an infectious blood disease. The introduction of some powerful antibiotics and great medical care has restored me to my usual pain in the neck status. Again, I thank Dick for picking up the slack and my colleagues and friends for their condolences and care which was appreciated and solely needed. Sincerely, Charlie Connolly.

In the appreciation department I would be remiss were I not to again acknowledge Motorola Solutions Foundation for their grant in Phase II of the Police response to an Unthinkable scenario.

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS DOING?

LAPD Charlie Beck Receives MCCA 2016 Leadership Award

LAPD Chief Charlie Beck received the MCCA 2016 Leadership Award at the Fall Meeting in San Diego on October 15, 2016. Chief Beck was nominated by Mayor Eric Garcetti who concluded his nomination with, "Chief Beck has demonstrated a strong commitment to making L.A. the safest big city in America. While Chief Beck's sense of urgency and rapid deployment to daily crime spikes are critical, his commitment to long-term community engagement strategies is equally important. It is for these reasons that I nominate Chief Charlie Beck for the Major Cities Chiefs Association Leadership Award."

Op-ed by LAPD Chief Charlie Beck and Civil Rights Lawyer Connie Rice: How community policing can work

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/12/opinion/how-community-policing-can-work.html>

Remembering John Timoney

How true it is that bad news travels fast. By now, many of you have heard that one of Law Enforcement's Finest has died. John Timoney was not just one of the finest law enforcement executives, but a warrior as well. He was not afraid to oppose politicians, media or activists groups when he thought it was the right thing to do. John, probably more than many, knew how important policing was to any community. Sometimes, it required a police leader to speak truth to power. On occasion, I would remind John to be careful that, "you may give the greatest speech you will live to regret." Over time I realized he was more right than I was. His tough Irish persona would surprise his Harvard University audiences as well as other elites with his knowledge of literature, the result of achieving two master's degrees. He didn't tolerate fools, was fully supportive of police officers under his charge,

and never an apologist for those who failed badly in discharging their responsibilities. No obituary, nor news article, ever provides the full legacy of those they write about. John Timoney was an educated warrior but at some point in all our lives there is a fight that we can't win. But he did fight the good fight. John's legacy will be no different. If I recall correctly, when his father died, John was only in his teens. His mother returned to Ireland with her daughter and John elected to keep the apartment and take care of his brother. John worked nights at St. Clare's hospital and attended Cardinal Hayes high school. Most of us never had to be so responsible at such an early age. Whenever his friends and family get together, stories, many of which would be humorous, will be exchanged and John's legacy will continue. As it should be!

His New York friends and admirers got an opportunity to participate in the funeral services. Ironically, there was a funeral mass held in Miami and a final service in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

Sad News from David Weisz about the Passing of his Mother Barbara.

David please accept the condolences of Dick Ayres and myself as well the FBI NEIA Board of Directors in the passing of a great lady. Your mom had a legion of friends and admirers who enjoyed the time spent with her at our conferences, appreciated her friendship and will miss her. Your family has left quite a positive mark on the NEIA - your father's hallmark presentation on leadership is as relevant today as it was twenty years ago and your Mother was most gracious over the years in sponsoring conference speakers in "Memory of William J. Weisz". She was a classy lady who was dearly loved not just by you and your family, but all who she touched in her NEIA family. May she rest in Peace.

With warm memories and sympathy,

Dick and Charlie

Remembering Jack Rudin

It is with deep regret that I announced that the FBI National Executive Institute Associates have lost another great supporter of our organization and law enforcement. Jack Rudin was Chairman of Rudin Management Company and one of New York City's leading Real Estate builders and owners. He had been a friend of mine since 1977 and a most dedicated and generous philanthropist. Jack had been a supporter of the FBI NEIA for decades. Without taking anything away from president elect Trump they were in the same industry but completely differing styles of dealing with circumstances. Jack's stature as a business and civic leader was matched only by his dedication and devotion to improving the lives of the less fortunate leaving an indelible mark on the nation's largest city. As a builder, he oversaw the design and construction of New York's most iconic buildings. Jack Rudin's loss will be deeply felt not only by his wife Susan and his family but by decades of law enforcement personnel who had the good fortune to know Jack and his late brother Lew. There is a saying "to whom much has been given, much can be expected. Jack Rudin and his family not only built skyscrapers but a legacy of charity, clarity of purpose accompanied by a sense of ethics and a high standard towards compassion for others. Jack served his country in World War II during the Normandy invasion and was a recipient of the Bronze Star for heroic and meritorious service in combat. Truly Jack Rudin was a remarkable and honorable gentleman. May he rest in peace.

D.C. Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier Steps Down to Work for the NFL

Former Mayor Adrian M. Fenty (D), who promoted Lanier to Chief in 2007, said she "embodies everything that is great about Washington...." Lanier was not without her critics. She has frequently clashed with the police union, which complained she had a harsh management style that drove off many rank-and-file officers. And

some of her previous crime-fighting tactics, such as erecting roadblocks in high-crime areas, came under fire. Still, she has remained one of the city's most popular leaders. Lanier was ubiquitous in neighborhoods throughout the District, addressing residents angry over crime, hugging crying mothers of homicide victims and answering the most mundane questions on Internet bulletin boards. Community leaders had her cell phone number — and used it — and she ordered her command staff to be just as available. It helped her stave off disapproval, including criticism over a spike in homicides last year, which dinged her popularity. Supporters say Lanier's connection with the community helped the District avoid the turmoil that has embroiled American policing in the past few years, including in nearby Baltimore and most recently Milwaukee. Violent crime dropped 23 percent over the years Lanier was chief, and homicides plunged to a half-century low in 2012. Though they spiked in 2015, one of the more difficult years for the chief, violent crime pales to when Lanier joined the force.

Lanier will replace Jeffrey Miller, a FBI NEI graduate, and former state police commissioner of Pennsylvania, who resigned from the NFL in the spring. Commissioner Miller decided to accept an offer to join MSA Security. Jeff told us he will be working on the West Coast. The company is involved in risk mitigation business solutions ranging from Explosive Detection Canine, Vulnerability Assessments, Cargo Screening, SmartTech (mail, package and parcel screening), Cyber Intrusion (network security), Social Media Intelligence to Executive Protection. He mentioned that his company certifies all the explosive dogs that protect our US Embassies around the globe. In my dealings with Jeff, he came across as a competent individual willing to help when asked. While he enjoyed his time with the NFL, he mentioned that this opportunity allows him to live in the same place with his family and to improve significantly the family's quality of life. Jeff can be reached at JMiller@msasecurity.net

William J. Bratton: How to Reform Policing from Within

SEPT. 16, 2016 The New York Times. Commissioner Bill Bratton retired on September 16, 2016 from the NYPD. Bill's career spans six departments reflecting the quality of today's chief law enforcement executives.

I am a police reformer and have been since I was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Boston Police Department in 1975. There were many good cops in Boston in those days, but there was also an insular culture that had some racist, brutal, corrupt and lazy elements. I was motivated to advance in rank to get above the bad actors and to try to do something about them. I had a vision of policing, shared by others of my generation, that looked beyond the stultifying bureaucracy, the curdled cynicism and the sheer indifference that characterized a lot of police work then. A few years later, as a lieutenant, I helped to develop an early community-policing pilot project in the Fenway neighborhood. Those of us involved wanted to break out of the blue cocoon surrounding policing and work closely with neighborhood residents to protect their communities. I have carried those experiences and ambitions to the six police departments I have been privileged to lead. In each case, I have worked to change the culture and reach and motivate the officers, connect with the community and reduce crime. My best work in motivating cops was probably in the New York City Transit Police in 1990 and 1991; my best crime fighting, in the New York Police Department in 1994 and 1995; and my best community work, in the Los Angeles Police Department from 2002 to 2009.

The opportunity to come back to New York for a second time awakened the old ambitions, and working with a superlative team at the department and having the unstinting support of Mayor Bill de Blasio, I tried to fold everything I had learned over the years into a reform package that would revitalize a great police agency. There are police reformers from outside the profession who think that changing police culture is a matter of passing regulations, establishing oversight bodies and more or less legislating a new order. It is not. Such oversight usually has only marginal impact. What changes police culture is leadership from within.

You have to understand the police and their worldview. Officers now live in a transparent world, with continual monitoring by cellphones, dashboard cameras and body cameras, which sometimes reveal genuine wrongdoing but also can lead to second-guessing of officers' actions by politicians and the public. You have to show them you care about them, their safety, job satisfaction and careers. And you have to prove it by making fundamental changes in management, equipment, working conditions, training, discipline and operations.

Then you have to motivate other leaders in the organization to share your vision and sense of urgency. You have to reach out to the idealist who lives in the heart of many a cynical cop, the officer who joined the police to help people and make a better world. This is a profession in which you can have a life of significance, a life that matters. Here is how we have worked to reform from within.

We remade the training regimen. Instead of new officers patrolling high-crime “impact zones,” without introduction to those neighborhoods, new officers do six months of field training and work with more than 800 community partners citywide. For veteran officers, training now includes three full days of instruction in de-escalating confrontations and treating people, including criminals, with respect and fairness. In the subway and elsewhere, we are applying a less arrest-driven approach to calming and controlling emotionally disturbed people and agitated substance abusers, as well as matching the variety of homeless people with the services they need, rather than time in jail.

We have renewed and improved every aspect of police technology and taken the giant step of putting a smartphone in the hands of all police officers so they have faster and more complete information about breaking situations, thus cutting response times and greatly increasing situational awareness.

Challenged by the Islamic State and its bloody attacks in Europe and lone wolf attacks here at home, we have expanded the counterterrorism capabilities built by Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly. The new Critical Response Command fields more than 500 highly trained, fully equipped counter terror officers who can respond, if necessary, to simultaneous attacks all across the city.

Last, we are transforming the patrol model. The old one, with most officers running from service call to service call, left no time to work closely with residents. The public was alienated from the cops and vice versa. The neighborhood-based policing program, which will be in half of the precincts and all of public housing police service areas by October, is designed to set things right. Anchored in specific areas instead of answering calls across entire precincts, officers are being given the time, training, resources and encouragement to work with community members at problem solving.

By localizing police service, we are breaking down barriers and building trust with truly productive partnerships. We are also changing the police culture by orienting the daily work of officers toward service and communications. My successor as commissioner, James P. O’Neill, was the principal architect of this plan, and he will bring it to full flower. My youthful vision of neighborhood policing on the streets of Boston’s Fenway as I began my career is becoming a reality on the streets of New York as I end it.

Letter from a Former Board Member

I recently heard from a former member of our board, Kevin Beary, a retired sheriff from Orange County, Florida and an active supporter of law enforcement. Kevin come from a police chief family, dad who was retired and a brother still an active police chief. Obviously, Kevin speaks his mind. Given, the anti police sentiment that appears to be increasing we should be exercising our rights to give a shout out on the issues.

Charlie, I would like to thank you for keeping the NEIA personnel up to date on the various activities around the world. I always look forward to catching up with the NEIA personnel who continue to promote “professionalism” in law enforcement. I am writing this letter as I truly think we are in very “trying” times for LE today. The LE profession has not seen the hatred and attacks by liberal citizens and the media since the sixties and seventies.

We have too many Law Enforcement Leaders who continue to placate the media and left wing forces and do not stand up for the cops anymore. The liberal rhetoric of taking the “Warrior” out of the cop is absolute crap. If the “Warrior” mindset was not ingrained into the cop mentality in Chattanooga, Dallas, Baton Rouge and Orlando there would have been more civilians and cops dead.

I am a firm believer that we must have the Guardian mentality with the “Warrior” cop being able to switch it on and

switch it off.....it is called training and it worked for many years in the Orange County Sheriff's Office (FL). Law Enforcement leaders and agencies must have policies, procedures, and tactics that are tough on crime but have the outreach to the community. The Leader of the agency must be willing to practice community policing and instill those practices within his/her staffs and personnel. The community must be part of the solutions to crime and their needs to be a strong dialogue with their LE personnel.

I applaud PC Bratton on his Counterterrorism Police Unit and I support it 100%. I have suggested a similar concept to be used in Central FL around the tourist's attractions and the airport. It is funny that it is okay for NYPD to have this military style unit but for everyone else it is "to Military" per the liberal media and appointed self-interest experts with no background in law enforcement and tactics. The double standards of the Obama Administration and the DOJ are killing LE initiatives that were making great strides in dealing with the race issues and relationships.

Recently, the DHS decided to review and classify law enforcement SWAT Teams like the Fire Department SAR Teams that respond to emergencies around the country. The problem was that there were no SWAT Team practitioners on the review team. It was members of the National Tactical Officers Association that bowed up and called DHS on their unprofessional approach. This is another reason why Sheriffs and Police Chiefs must work with the NTOA to establish professional standards for SWAT/SRT/ERT/ESU Units around the country. Shamefully, we have been discussing these issues in vain since 2001 and we in Law Enforcement continue to take a back seat to the Fire Service in Emergency Responses countrywide.

I watch Chicago weekly on its violent crime issues. This city is a cesspool of crime and bloodshed because the liberal justice system won't lock up the violent thugs and keep them locked up. We had the same issues in Florida until we took the worst off of the streets and placed them in prison for long prison terms and life sentences. When this was accomplished our crime rates plummeted downward. I find it outlandish that our academic crowd wants to reinvent the law enforcement world by criticizing "old" practices that work. Locking the worst of the worst away in prison does work and it has no racial issues or overtones when you are focused on the violent offender who is preying on innocent victims regardless of race.

I am glad to be back from Afghanistan and working for Point Blank Enterprises protecting police, fire, military, security, and contractor personnel. However, the enemy in Afghanistan was Daesh (ISIS) and the Taliban and we knew what to expect and who the enemy was. Today, it is our own police organizations, Governors, Mayors, DOJ, DOS and Monday night quarterbacks that back bite and second guess the cops and spew the poison to the liberal media in attempts to discredit a proud profession.

Where this country is heading, we need no more gun control, we need leaders at all levels to stand up and speak out to the liberal left armed with the facts. If this does not work, then I guess I will be ordering more ammunition to protect my family and my home because those promoting civil disorder will go unchecked.

Respectfully,
Retired Sheriff Kevin Beary, Orange County FL

There's an old saying that "A policeman's lot is not always a happy one." For a while, I thought Sam Dotson, Chief of St. Louis Metro Police might have been reflecting on such. Sam announced in October that he was considering a run at the Mayor's job. The incumbent elected not to run for reelection. Apparently, every other elected official in St. Louis chose to run. Rather than run with the herd, Chief Dotson decided to stay with his first love, law enforcement. Sam has been a great supporter of the FBI NEIA. I am sure that Chief Dotson's choice was a wise one. I know it was a good one for law enforcement.

IN DEFENSE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Commission Tells Officers to Run Away, or Else

Note: This is the LAPD's police union speaking about a recent recommendation from the LA Police Commissioner. It appears that the police are now asked to run away from the possible use of deadly force. The police union sees this as a dangerous and discouraging opinion from a group of self important dilettantes who will endanger the public and put officers unnecessarily at risk. The union's report suggests that these decisions are encouraging anarchy in LA. According to their report, when the mayor appointed race-obsessed activists to the Police Commission, he puts every officer's life in grave jeopardy. Los Angeles police officers deserve support, but instead they are being targeted by the race grievance conspiracy that, at its core, is promoting anarchy and the breakdown of our civilization. This is their report"

LAPPL Board of Directors on 09/21/2016 @ 04:44 PM

Run away. If a police officer is confronted by a suspect with a weapon, those entrusted to set policies for the Police Department believe officers should run away. That's the recent finding from the Los Angeles Police Commission which has turned Monday morning quarterbacking into a weekly agenda item at the three-ring circus they preside over every Tuesday morning.

In the Commission's most recent decision on an officer-involved shooting, in which a suspect charged at two officers swinging an 8 to 9-inch knife, they faulted the officer for not "redeploying" to "create distance." In plain English: the officer didn't run away.

The key facts in this case are not in dispute. A female suspect, armed with an 8 to 9-inch knife, charged at officers, repeatedly ignored commands to stop, and was recorded yelling "shoot me" as she swung her knife from side to side.

The armed suspect quickly closed the gap between her knife and the police officers from 70 feet to less than 5 feet in under 10 seconds. That is when the first officer discharged his service weapon. The second officer involved had only three seconds to respond to the imminent threat. Even the Commission stated that "It was reasonable for Officer C to believe, in the moment when the use of force occurred, that the subject would imminently assault him with the knife." So where's the beef?

The officers didn't run away. The Commission, armed with video and their own political agenda broke down the footage frame by frame to determine that in the course of seconds, the first officer whose "position initially provided Officer C with a position of tactical advantage" lost the advantage as the suspect charged him. They wrote, "this advantage rapidly diminished as the Subject continued her advance, leaving him with neither distance nor effective cover as the Subject approached the space between two parked vehicles by which Officer C was located."

Suspect charging from the front. Vehicles on either side. Where do you "redeploy?" Run backwards. This is absurd and it's dangerous. What happens if the officer loses his footing with a charging suspect? What happens if the suspect runs into a nearby home or store and confronts its occupants with her weapon? What if the suspect also had a concealed gun? What is created when an officer turns tail and runs away is a large target. It's called a back. The officer would put their lives in further jeopardy by running away if the suspect had a gun. At this close range, running away would create a self-caused danger to the officers and the public.

Chief Beck, agreed with these officers' actions. The Commission, with a grand total of zero years of experience in law enforcement, overruled the Chief's decision. The Commissioners created an alternative set of facts that acknowledged that the officer was right to believe his life was in jeopardy but found fault with the officer shooting the knife-wielding suspect because the officer should have run away. Pathetic.

It sure must be easy to talk about “redeploying” an officer’s position while sipping a Diet Coke or bottled water while sitting in a police-guarded, air-conditioned room, in a cushy office chair, watching the events unfold in slow motion on a big-screen TV.

But that’s not reality. The Commission is becoming nothing more than a politically motivated rubber stamp for the warped worldview of a handful of activists that they pander to. In this instance, only Commissioner Steve Soboroff was willing to let facts and reason prevail.

The message the Los Angeles Police Commission is sending to officers confronted with a violent and dangerous suspect is clear: You can save your life or save your job, but you cannot do both. You choose.

Black Lives Matter lawyer fights NYPD, Manhattan District Attorney Agreement to Let Cops Prosecute Protest Cases

BY Shayna Jacobs and Rocco Parascandola — Wednesday, June 15th, 2016 ‘The New York Daily News’

Note: I found this interesting for several reasons. Obviously, every case involving summonses would not apply under these circumstances. But we are aware that often involving demonstrations summonses are the only police action taken. Groups whose intention is to sue the police come prepared to revise the police action often with a very favorable financial result. The article points out in many of these hearing the police officer and not the D.A.’s office is present. It would seem that the D.A.’s office and the police are just trying to put the appropriate balance given the officer is alone in the process facing a seasoned Attorney. On the other hand, if law suits in such instances are an issue for a large department, the police procedure might be worth employing.

The NYPD and the Manhattan District Attorney’s office have agreed to let police play prosecutor in what defense lawyers say is a blatant attempt to chill the right to protest. The Daily News in January reported the NYPD was fed up with the money the city paid out in lawsuit settlements to protesters after their summonses are dismissed. In response, police — citing a City Charter provision that allows them to have a representative at any legal hearing — had begun to send to court a department lawyer to prosecute a handful of cases. In some cases, the lawyer tried to get the accused protester to agree to a conditional dismissal of the summons — and admit police had probable cause to issue the ticket.

A month later, the NYPD and the DA’s office signed off on a memorandum of understanding codifying the practice. Under its terms, police must update the DA’s office monthly about cases it is handling. Lawyer Martin Stolar on Monday filed a motion, on behalf of a Black Lives Matter organizer, to block the NYPD’s prosecution of the case. Stolar said the police attempt to get his client to waive her right to sue “is unethical and was barred by the highest court in New York State many years ago.” In court papers, attorneys Stolar, Jonathan Wallace and Elena Cohen contend, “Attempts by the NYPD Legal Bureau to act as prosecutors in summons cases must fail because of a critical conflict of interest. By definition and under all applicable rules and case law, anyone acting as a prosecutor is required to represent only the interests of the People of the State of New York, and not those of any other client such as the Police Department.”

They also argue it is unlawful for the DA’s office to delegate the authority to prosecute summons cases and that it’s an equal-protection violation for the NYPD to cherry-pick the summons cases it wants to work on. “It is creating a ‘star chamber’ in which specially selected defendants will be handled differently than the rest of the population,” the attorneys contend. But a similar motion in another case was denied in March. Without the agreement, said Deputy Chief Edward Mullen, an NYPD spokesman, the introduction of evidence — such as video — too often would be left to an officer with no legal experience. “What you end up having is a cop going down there by themselves and the protester shows up with a seasoned attorney,” Mullen said. Defense lawyer Samuel Cohen said that if the NYPD wants to cut down on settlements it should better train cops to deal with protesters — not single out such cases. The NYPD only seem to be attempting to prosecute cases where individuals have been arrested for criticizing police,”

Cohen said, “and I find that very disturbing.” The DA’s office as a matter of practice rarely appears in court on summons cases. “With rare exceptions, the Manhattan District Attorney’s office does not prosecute summons cases, because those cases typically involve low-level violations, and the office determined not to expend its resources on those cases,” said spokeswoman Joan Vollero.

“It is appropriate for NYPD attorneys to prosecute cases that they believe are worthy of their attention, and the (agreement) allows them to do so.”

Is the Media Losing Public Trust?

You might have had a “duh” moment when you read the headline, but it’s human nature to believe that everyone thinks the way you and your associates do. But that comes crashing down when you look at President Obama’s approval ratings and realize that nearly 60% of Americans think he’s doing a bang-up job in the White House. Do you know anyone personally who likes Barack Obama? Sometimes it’s astounding to realize how vastly different others view the issues facing the country.

In this case, though, it appears that more and more Americans are catching on to the country’s biggest scam: The honesty – or lack thereof – in the mainstream media. A new Gallup poll shows that trust in the nation’s major news sources has eroded to its lowest point since 1972, when the pollsters first surveyed the country on this topic.

In 1976, trust in the media reached an all-time high, according to Gallup. Thirty years ago, 72% thought the media reported the news “fully, accurately, and fairly.”

The major networks and newspapers would love to see those numbers return in 2016. Unfortunately, they’re nowhere close. Today, only 32% of Americans think the news media is being straightforward with the public. That number shrinks even more when limited to Republicans: Only 14% think the media is being honest. That figure alone is astonishing; 32% of Republicans expressed trust in the media at this time last year.

Democrats, unsurprisingly, still think the media’s doing a pretty good job. Gallup reports that 51% of Democrats continue to put their faith in the mass media. Of course, why would they think otherwise. NBC, CBS, ABC, and the major cable news channels give viewers a non-stop diet of liberal nonsense; if you went by coverage alone, you would think that Obama was the greatest president of all time. They haven’t been quite so friendly to Hillary Clinton, but any criticism thrown at her has been drowned out by the endless landslide of negative Donald Trump coverage. And, considering the serious problems with Clinton as a candidate, they’ve been pretty damn soft on her.

But, as Gallup points out, this trend towards unethical bias didn’t start with the 2016 election cycle. The major networks and newspapers have been slowly but surely lifting the veil on their liberal tendencies for years now, driven to even greater extremes by the success of Fox News. They now blame their dwindling ratings and subscription rates on the rise of the internet. That’s part of it, no doubt, but is it the biggest part of the problem? These media titans will never examine themselves closely enough to find out.

Naturally the claims that police are perpetrating an inordinate number of “murders” of black youth is little else but a claim predicated on a lie.

Let’s take Chicago as a glaring example. In the Windy City there have been well over 500 murders this year—most of them of African Americans. Now, if we are to believe the lies from hotheads like Colin Kaepernick we’d expect that at least half that number was killed by Chicago cops, right? So, what is the real number? It’s six. That’s right. Out of over 500 shooting deaths in Chicago for 2016, only six were police-involved shootings. Six. That is hardly the avalanche of cases of police murdering blacks that the Colin Kaepernicks of the world are whining about, is it?

Staying on Chicago the following item from the New York Post’s Eric Fottmann titled “From the right: Chicago’s self Inflicted Crime Crisis”

With the 512 homicides already recorded this year – more than in all of 215 – Chicago is “experiencing a crisis of law and order”, one that is “almost entirely self-inflicted” says the editors of National Review. Indeed, “Chicago is

perhaps the most obvious example to date of the “Ferguson Effect” in which “police in minority neighborhoods have backed off interacting with residents when not absolutely necessary” But Mayor Rahm Emanuel “and the rest of Chicago’s left wing city government have only compounded the problem” by forming a task force that declared Chicago’s police department is racist and demanded “predictably ludicrous” accountability measures which he quickly adopted. Bottom line: “Chicago’s leaders seem to be more interested in accommodating left wing interest groups than in saving lives.”

When crime rates began to climb in St. Louis in late 2014, Police Chief Sam Dotson offered an intriguing explanation. A “Ferguson effect,” following the widely condemned killing of a black teenager by police in a nearby suburb, had led to trepidation on the part of some officers in enforcement situations, and to a feeling of empowerment among offenders. The theory provoked significant interest among law enforcement officials and academics who have since debated its merits in academic studies and in the press. FBI Director James Comey has given it further credence, suggesting police have become more cautious due to a fear of being caught on camera. But nearly two years after Dotson’s initial remarks, there is little agreement about what form the Ferguson effect is taking, or even if it exists at all. Nor is there consensus about whether a national crime wave is actually occurring. The latest research on the issue, conducted by University of Missouri–St. Louis professor Richard Rosenfeld for the Justice Department, found a spike in homicides between 2014 and 2015. The number of murders in 56 large cities rose an average of nearly 17 percent in that one year -- the steepest annual increase since at least the 1980s -- and 12 cities recorded spikes exceeding 50 percent. Most striking was the revelation that the 10 cities with the biggest increases were characterized by large African-American populations. “The increase is real and worrisome,” says Rosenfeld, who now thinks the Ferguson effect theory is plausible.

The findings come with several caveats: It’s not yet known just how widespread the increase in crime is; the one-year jump in the murder rate follows decades of decline; and recent national trends for other types of crime aren’t yet available. However, there is insufficient evidence to support the idea that “de-policing” has led to a nationwide crime wave. In New York, for example, no relationship has been found between crime rates and a reduction in aggressive stop-and-frisk police tactics. The city, which started to curtail the practice drastically in early 2014, has seen overall major felony crimes continue to drop near historic lows. One prominent official with a different view is Malik Aziz, who heads the National Black Police Association. Following the recent shootings, Aziz has seen and heard of officers not injecting themselves into situations that could provoke controversy. “It was only after the murder of Freddie Gray in Baltimore that police were being charged with crimes, and it set a new narrative,” he says. “They fear a type of engagement that may have some backlash to it.”

Meanwhile, a second version of the Ferguson theory, one that hasn’t received as much publicity, is gaining traction. It contends that heightened racial tensions and a distrust in police are contributing to higher crime rates. L.A. Police Chief Charlie Beck cited the lack of public trust in police as the “real Ferguson effect” in an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times earlier this year. Weaker links between law enforcement and the community make police less effective, he wrote.

Under this scenario, criminals might feel more empowered to carry weapons and take matters into their own hands, or residents might be less apt to assist in investigations. While the two versions of the Ferguson effect aren’t mutually exclusive, “If there is some kind of a Ferguson effect at work,” he says, “it has got to extend beyond de-policing.”

Ron Serpas, a former New Orleans police chief, doesn’t think the “declining trust” version of the Ferguson effect is any more valid than the de-policing argument. He points out that gaps in trust have remained consistent over time. “Over 30 years, we’ve made a lot of changes and haven’t really moved the needle much,” he says. Homicide spikes in some cities, Serpas believes, are more likely a result of factors like more children being born into disadvantaged families or repeat gun offenders not being locked up. The Justice Department report also considered the effects of falling imprisonment rates and expanding heroin markets, but these trends predate the recent rise in homicides. Any effects of recent high-profile shootings involving police are likely playing out differently across cities. It’s worth noting that just 10 of the 56 cities reviewed in the Justice Department study accounted for two-thirds of the surge in homicides. “Any increase in crime is driven more by local factors,” says Ames Grawert, an attorney with the Brennan Center for Justice.

NATIONAL NEWS

Boston police union challenges body camera program. Boston's largest police union renewed its fight against body cameras Friday, seeking an injunction to bar the city from forcing 100 officers to begin wearing the devices next week. The lawsuit filed Friday by the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association follows months of union negotiations and a lack of volunteers for a six-month trial to test the cameras.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/2016/08/26/cameras/9TTDBCwV0reVpw3I5UCh1H/story.html>

Assistant Chief Peter Newsham Chosen as Interim D.C. Police Chief

Assistant D.C. Police Chief Peter Newsham was named interim police chief Tuesday to take over for the retiring Cathy L. Lanier. Newsham has been an assistant chief for 14 years of his 27 years on the force and now serves as head of the criminal investigation division. Newsham, a lawyer and member of the Maryland State Bar Association, will take over Sept. 17, the scheduled last day for Lanier.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/asst-chief-peter-newsham-chosen-interim-dc-police-chief/2016/08/23/fd52f584-6939-11e6-8225-fbb8a6fc65bc_story.html

Law enforcement recruits' fitness requirements may change

A recent Supreme Court ruling required law enforcement agencies to have a job task analysis indicating why certain agility tests are included in recruit training if they want liability protection.

<http://www.kansas.com/news/local/article97132497.html>

Waze can now warn you about high-crime neighborhoods in cities. But is that a good idea?

<http://qz.com/764036/waze-can-now-warn-you-about-high-crime-neighborhoods-in-cities-but-is-that-a-good-idea/>

All police body camera bills have failed this year in California

Multiple measures to boost transparency or restrict access to the footage this year did not garner enough support from lawmakers, who have struggled to deal with the complicated privacy and accountability questions raised by the technology - even as police departments statewide have rapidly adopted body cameras as a way to increase community trust in law enforcement.

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-sac-essential-politics-updates-all-the-police-body-camera-bills-now-1471995313-htmlstory.html>

New Orleans program teaches officers to police one another

In the spring of last year, a group of New Orleans police officers began to develop a formal intervention program teaching officers how to intervene when they see fellow officers on the verge of unethical behavior. So far, roughly one-third of the force has taken the classes. Participants talk about the tactics of intervening: approaching, say, a partner who is getting heated with a suspect and telling the fellow officer, in coded language, that you will handle it from here.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/29/us/a-new-orleans-program-teaches-officers-to-police-each-other.html>

Judge upholds Cleveland's gun registry, strikes down several gun law provisions as unconstitutional

http://www.cleveland.com/court-justice/index.ssf/2016/08/judge_upholds_clevelands_gun_r.html#incart_2box

A reality check on crime: Rhetoric aside, new murder numbers are troubling

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/08/11/20065/reality-check-crime>

Justice Department wants to track all 'arrest-related' deaths in U.S.

The Department of Justice has an initiative it wants to make permanent: collect data on all "arrest-related" deaths. Under the program, which was proposed last week, some 19,450 state and local law enforcement agencies and about 685 medical examiners' offices would help catalog such incidents annually this year, and then quarterly starting next year. Each report would provide names, locations, whether or not the arrested was allegedly committing a crime, their behavior during the incident, how law enforcement responded, and the manner of death.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/justice-department-wants-track-all-arrest-related-deaths-u-s-n626751>

Who crime victims are and how they view justice reform

As policymakers debate criminal justice reform, it's worth considering who crime victims are and their views on laws meant to punish those who do them harm. A pair of national surveys sheds some light on the issue. Findings include: Age is the single largest predictor of crime victimization. Victims frequently don't report crimes. Most crime victims don't seek help. Groups experience the effects of crime in different ways. Crime victims favor rehabilitation over punishment.

<http://www.governing.com/topics/public-justice-safety/gov-national-crime-victimization-survey-data.html>

Atlanta police, GE to partner to enhance training for officers

<http://www.myajc.com/news/news/local-govt-politics/reed-announces-1-million-partnership-with-ge-to-tr/nsMQ7/>

USF study suggests Tampa police with body cameras less likely to use force

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/usf-study-suggests-tampa-police-with-body-cameras-less-likely-to-use-force/2290851>

Baltimore cops pressured to police differently, but also begged to clear the corners

Maj. Sheree Briscoe, who runs the police department's Western District, and other commanders are caught between two competing forces - curtail crime as the residents want, and change the very way policing is practiced as the Justice Department demands. "It's not easy," she acknowledged in an interview. On this night, Briscoe walked a delicate path, assuring frustrated residents: "Finding a way to deal with noncriminal but unwelcome behavior has to be addressed."

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/baltimore-cops-pressured-to-police-differently-but-also-begged-to-clear-the-corners/2016/08/25/9e2372da-631e-11e6-96c0-37533479f3f5_story.html

California lawmakers move toward limiting police seizures of property without a criminal conviction

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-deal-reached-police-seizures-20160804-snap-story.html>

Denver police chief changes mind, says the department will begin collecting racial data on traffic, pedestrian stops

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/08/07/denver-police-chief-collecting-racial-data/>

Is killing a police officer a hate crime?

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/killing-police-officer-hate-crime/>

Low interest in body cameras by Connecticut police

Only 12 of the more than 100 law enforcement agencies in the state have contacted the state Office of Policy and Management about receiving reimbursement for body camera costs under the \$15 million program, the office told The Associated Press.

<http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-ap-police-body-cameras-20160805-story.html>

<http://www.pe.com/articles/police-811588-department-officers.html>

Police, sheriff finalize body camera policy (San Diego County, CA)

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/aug/03/police-sheriff-finalize-body-camera-policy/>

Immigrants embracing technology to limit police encounters

Latino immigrants have embraced new Spanish-language mobile technologies that track police roadblocks in an effort to limit interaction with law enforcement.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Immigrants-embracing-technology-to-limit-police-9052844.php>

City may coerce police on body cameras (Boston)

Boston police are having trouble finding volunteers to wear body cameras for a pilot program, leading Commissioner William B. Evans to say Thursday night that the department is probably going to have to force officers to wear the devices.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2016/08/04/boston-police-body-camera-program-set-for-hearing-thursday/MXrf0TdHzX6GZPI1Tqs4jP/story.html>

Chicago Tribune editorial: Police video cameras can be a game-changer - if they're working

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/editorials/ct-chicago-police-video-rahm-laquan-edit-0805-jm-20160804-story.html>

A big idea on America's racial problem with policing worth noting

When the Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law, one section, Title VI, made John F. Kennedy's concept the law of the land: Federal funds can be withdrawn or withheld from institutions, agencies, cities, and states that repeatedly, knowingly or systematically violate the civil rights of U.S. citizens. That has been affirmed many times by many courts. And so on Wednesday, a collection of social justice and civil right activists gathered outside the Justice Department to press the agency to apply Kennedy's idea to police departments across the country.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/08/04/a-big-idea-on-americas-racial-problem-with-policing-worth-noting/>

INTERNATIONAL

Islamic Islamophobia: When Muslims Are Not Muslim Enough, What Does It Promise for the Rest of Us?

by Douglas Murray; August 14, 2016 at 5:00 am

Earlier this year there was a murder that shocked Britain. Just before Easter, a 40-year old shopkeeper in Glasgow, Asad Shah, was repeatedly stabbed in his shop; he died in the road outside. The news immediately went out that this was a religiously-motivated attack. But the type of religiously motivated attack it was came as a surprise to most of Britain. Asad Shah was murdered in Glasgow, Scotland by Tanveer Ahmed, a fellow Muslim who claimed Shad had "disrespected the Prophet Mohammed by wishing Christians a Happy Easter.

There is so much attention paid to the idea of "Islamophobia" in the country that many people -- including some Muslim groups -- immediately assumed that the killing of Asad Shah was an "Islamophobic" murder. It turned out, however, that the man who had been detained by police -- and this week sentenced to a minimum of 27 years in prison for the murder -- was also a Muslim. Mr. Shah was an Ahmadiyya Muslim -- that is, a member of the peaceable Islamic sect which is dismissed as "heretical" by many Muslims. Mr. Shah's murderer, on the other hand, was a Sunni Muslim, Tanveer Ahmed, who had travelled up from Bradford to kill Mr. Shah because he believed Mr. Shah had "disrespected the Prophet Mohammed." At this point the comfortable narratives of modern Britain began to fray.

While everyone would have known what to do, what to say and where to start hunting for connections if such an atrocity had been committed by a non-Muslim against a Muslim, politicians and others were uncertain what to do when it turned out to be a Muslim-on-Muslim crime. If, for instance, the crime, had been committed by a non-Muslim against a Muslim, political leaders such as Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, would have immediately sought to trace links to anyone who had called for, or approved of, any such act. But beneath this murder lay a whole iceberg that Sturgeon and others have still shown no interest in investigating. Usually after terrorist attacks, it is traditional for Sturgeon and other Scottish politicians to traipse off to the local mosque, to say that of course the attack has nothing to do with Islam, and otherwise to reassure the Scottish Muslim community. Yet the mosque most often frequented for this trip -- and the largest mosque in Scotland -- is the Glasgow Central Mosque. Sturgeon has met its leaders many times, including after the Paris attacks last November. Those leaders include Imam Maulana Habib Ur Rehman. Just a month before the killing of Mr. Shah in Glasgow, this Glasgow Imam gave his response to the hanging in Pakistan of Mumtaz Qadri -- the man who murdered Salman Taseer, the governor of Pakistan's Punjab province, for his opposition to blasphemy laws.

Reacting to the hanging of Salman Taseer's assassin, Imam Rehman said, among other things, "I cannot hide my pain today. A true Muslim was punished for doing which [sic] the collective will of the nation failed to carry out." The statement is a pretty clear justification of the actions of Taseer's assassin, and as close as you can get to advocating others carry out similar actions against people deemed to be outside a particular interpretation of Islam.

Of course, if Mr. Shah's murderer had been a non-Muslim, there would be a concerted effort by the entirety of the media and political class to find out what inspirations and associations the murderer had. Specifically, they would want to know if there was anybody -- especially any figure of authority -- who had ever, for instance, called for the murder of Muslim shopkeepers. Yet when a British Muslim kills another British Muslim for alleged "apostasy," and local religious authorities are found to have praised or mourned the killers of people accused of "apostasy," the same people cannot bother to stir themselves. There is talk of being "taken out of context" or there are warnings not to "generalise" or be "Islamophobic" or any number of other fatuous get-out clauses.

What happened this week in court when Tanveer Ahmed was found guilty and sentenced for the murder of Asad Shah was even more revealing. After the judge read out the sentence, Tanveer Ahmed raised his fist and started shouting in Arabic "There is only one prophet." Supporters, who made up around half the people in the public gallery, joined in with his cries. All of which made it understandable that the family of Mr. Shah had been too terrified to turn up in court during the trial of their relative's murderer, and are apparently planning to leave Scotland. Then, outside the court, a news reporter from LBC Radio confronted some of the murderer's family members. The video is worth watching. "Did Asad Shah deserve to die?" he asks the killer's family as they head to their car. They refuse to comment. When another supporter is asked whether he thinks it was "respectful" for the killer to do the chanting he did in the dock, he becomes threatening and says, "Yeah, he's respecting his prophet. He's saying 'I love my prophet'. What's wrong with that?" Asked if he thinks the sentence was fair, the man replies "No." Asked in what way, he replies, "No comment."

It is, of course, a good thing that the criminal justice system has done its job and done it swiftly. Asad Shah's murderer has been brought to justice and been given a suitably long sentence. But this case should have provided a learning moment for politicians, the media and wider society to finally understand the full threat to our society that this type of fanaticism poses, as well as a realistic awareness of how widespread that fanaticism actually is. Instead, on glimpsing for a moment how deeply this problem goes, it seems that the UK has decided once again to turn away and avert its gaze, for fear of what it might otherwise find out.

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Police under pressure: Who would be a French cop?

By Hugh Schofield BBC News, Paris -19 June 2016

French police are "on the verge of a breakdown", according to one of their union leaders.

They are physically worn out by their multitude of tasks, morally exhausted by the constant criticism, and now - more than ever before - anxious for their very lives."To the universal fatigue, there has been added a new element since Monday - fear," says Jean-Marc Bailleul of the SCSJ union. The lot of France's 240,000 police and gendarmes is certainly not a happy one. Since jihadist terror struck Paris in November they have been on extra duties for the post-attacks state of emergency. Holidays were cancelled, unpaid overtime is accumulating. Add to that the migrant camps near Calais, which have required several companies of riot police. Plus:

Three months of street demonstrations against the Socialist government's labour reform bill, many of which (as on Tuesday) descended into anti-police violence The Nuit Debout (Up All Night) protest movement, whose encampments in Paris and other cities need to be controlled

A massive deployment to ensure security at the Euro 2016 football championships, with the new threat of Russian "ultra" hooligans And then on Monday came the shocking news of two officers murdered by an Islamist in Magnanville, west of Paris. It is small wonder that many officers feel they are at the end of their tether.

Police held a ceremony for two colleagues murdered by an Islamist at their home near Paris

President Francois Hollande recognises the strains. At Friday's ceremony in Versailles for the murdered police couple, Jean-Baptiste Salvaing and Jessica Schneider, he paid tribute to the dedication of the service. And he said he would meet some of the demands of police unions to ensure their better protection.

Lone wolves - For example, even after the state of emergency runs out next month, officers will continue to be allowed to carry handguns when off duty. And there will be extra, so far unspecified, measures to safeguard police anonymity. The greatest fear after Monday's murders is that lone-wolf Islamists will target police officers whom they have come up against personally in the past as petty criminals. "We've all at one time or another had contracts put on our heads by robbers or gang-leaders," says Olivier Berton of the Alliance union. "Regularly they send out juniors to check out the cars parked outside the police station, to get the registration numbers." Officers are now understanding instructions not to wear uniform when off duty, not to travel alone on public transport and to remove as much personal information as possible from social media.

But in addition to physical exhaustion and the stress caused by fear, many policemen and women are exasperated by the conditions under which they work, and the abuse which they say is increasingly directed at them.



Image copyright AFP Image caption "The police mutilate, the police murder," said a banner at a Paris protest against labour market reforms



Image copyright AFP Image caption Violence erupted during the left-wing demonstration in central Paris on 14 June

'France Hates You'

In Tuesday's Paris protest, for example, at least 28 officers were injured by demonstrators throwing projectiles. Unions say the number was much higher. Slogans were chanted such as "One Policeman, One Bullet", "Police - France Hates You" and "Roast Chicken - Going Free". (The word for chicken - "poulet" - is slang for policeman.)

According to police representatives, anti-police hatred is at large in the land, reminiscent of some of the country's darkest days of social discord. Indeed, it was at a demonstration called by police last month to protest against anti-police violence that a police car was attacked and set on fire. The occupants escaped, but Shocking video footage of the incident went round the world. Critics of the police say they have themselves to blame, pointing to other videos that show officers acting with unnecessary force to control or beat protesters. But according to Jean-Marc Berliere, author of a history of the French police, "when a cop hits a kid, the video is immediately on YouTube with a million views. It all helps build the anti-police culture." But you never see videos of the daily violence that the police have to suck up." The police have a not entirely enviable place in French popular culture. From before the Revolution they have been associated with the imposition - often brutal - of central government authority. 'I embraced a cop' Every now and again there is an outburst of popular feeling in the contrary direction. At the liberation of Paris in 1944, the police were hailed for leading the anti-German insurrection. And last year - after the death of three officers in the Charlie Hebdo Islamist attacks - the police enjoyed a surge in support. Recruitment went up sharply and the ageing left-wing rocker Renaud - once the scourge of the French police - even penned a song called I Embraced a Cop. After this week's murders, sympathy for the force is once again growing. For the police, that is a small consolation for increasingly difficult times.

INTERESTING ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES

The study published by Harvard that gun-grabbers fear

By Thomas Lifson, October 14, 2015

http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2015/10/the_study_published_by_harvard_that_gun_grabbers_fear.html

A truly amazing study published in the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy debunks just about every argument of the gun-grabbers. No wonder the media have managed to ignore it ever since it was published in 2007. But Beliefnet (hat tip: Instapundit) summarizes its findings, and they confirm what gun owners know and gun-grabbers can't bear to learn:

The popular assertion that the United States has the industrialized world's highest murder rate, says the Harvard study, is a throwback to the Cold War when Russian murder rates were nearly four times higher than American rates. In a strategic disinformation campaign, the U.S. was painted worldwide as a gunslinging nightmare of street violence – far worse than what was going on in Russia. The line was repeated so many times that many believed it to be true. Now, many still do.

Today violence continues in Russia – far worse than in the U.S. – although the Russian people remain virtually disarmed. “Similar murder rates also characterize the Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and various other now-independent European nations of the former U.S.S.R.,” note Kates and Mauser. Kates is a Yale-educated criminologist and constitutional lawyer. Dr. Mauser is a Canadian criminologist at Simon Fraser University with a Ph.D. from the University of California Irvine. “International evidence and comparisons have long been offered as proof of the mantra that more guns mean more deaths and that fewer guns, therefore, mean fewer deaths. Unfortunately, such discussions are all too often been afflicted by misconceptions and factual error.”

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Then there is this:

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Harvard Study summary follows:

Harvard University Study Reveals Astonishing Link between Firearms, Crime and Gun Control

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In other words, more firearms, less crime, concludes the virtually unpublicized research report by attorney Don B. Kates and Dr. Gary Mauser. But the key is firearms in the hands of private citizens.

“The study was overlooked when it first came out in 2007,” writes Michael Snyder, “but it was recently re-discovered and while the findings may not surprise some, the place where the study was undertaken is a bit surprising. The study came from the Harvard Journal of Law, that bastion of extreme, Ivy League liberalism. Titled Would Banning Firearms Reduce Murder and Suicide? the report “found some surprising things.”

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“There is a compound assertion that guns are uniquely available in the United States compared with other modern developed nations, which is why the United States has by far the highest murder rate,” report Kates and Mauser. “Though these assertions have been endlessly repeated,” the statement “is, in fact, false.”

Norway, Finland, Germany, France and Denmark, which have high rates of gun ownership, have low murder rates. On the other hand, in Luxembourg, where handguns are totally banned and ownership of any kind of gun is minimal, the murder rate is nine times higher than Germany. Their source of information? The United Nations’ International Study on Firearms Regulation, published by the UN’s Economic and Social Council and the United Nations Commission on Crime-Prevention and Criminal Justice.

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“The same conclusion was reached in 2003 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control,” write Kates and Mauser. “Armed crime, never a problem in England, has now become one. Handguns are banned but the Kingdom has millions of illegal firearms. Criminals have no trouble finding them and exhibit a new willingness to use them. In the decade after 1957, the use of guns in serious crime increased a hundredfold. In the late 1990s, England moved

from stringent controls to a complete ban of all handguns and many types of long guns. Hundreds of thousands of guns were confiscated from those owners law-abiding enough to turn them in to authorities.” But crime increased instead of decreasing.

Ignoring these realities, gun control advocates have cited England, as the cradle of our liberties, as “a nation made so peaceful by strict gun control that its police did not even need to carry guns,” write Kates and Mauser. “The United States, it was argued, could attain such a desirable situation by radically reducing gun ownership, preferably by banning and confiscating handguns.”

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“Gun owners across America reading this right now will say: ‘Well, duh!’” writes Michael Snyder. Even so, the California state legislature recently approved \$24 million to expedite the confiscation of 40,000 handguns and assault weapons purchased legally, according to the Huffington Post. Gun registration records are being used to seize those California guns from owners who legally purchased and registered the guns – but who the state of California has now decided pose a risk to public safety.

“We are fortunate in California to have the first and only system in the nation that tracks and identifies individuals who at one time made legal purchases of firearms but are now barred from possessing them,” said Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco).

Senator Leno’s measure utilizes \$24 million from Dealer Record of Sale funds. That account holds fees collected during any transfer or sale of a firearm in California. Assemblyman Brian Jones (R-Santee) voted against the measure because he said the fees were intended to cover background checks – not underwrite confiscations, the Huffington Post noted.

“What we are seeing is ideology in collision with reality” writes Terry Roberts in California’s North Coast Journal newspaper. Confiscations are being made for all the wrong reasons, he says. “Recent mass shootings were all in places that were ‘gun free zones.’ The theater in Colorado was the only theater out of seven in the near vicinity of the shooter with ‘no firearms allowed’ posted outside. Ditto, for the other mass shootings. They were all in ‘gun free zones.’”

“Where have the worst school shootings occurred?” writes John Lott. “Contrary to public perception, Western Europe. The very worst occurred in a school in Erfurt, Germany in 2002, where 18 were killed. The second worst took place in Dunblane, Scotland in 1996, where 16 kindergartners and their teacher were shot. The third worst high school attack, with 15 murdered, happened in Winnenden, Germany.” The fourth worst? Columbine.

“Most often, the mere presence of a firearm is enough to stop criminal activity in its tracks,” writes Scott Bach, president of the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs. “To the woman whose clothes are about to be torn from her body by a knife-wielding rapist in a deserted parking lot, a handgun in the purse is a lifeline. It is a genuine equalizer that may mean the difference between her life and her death. It gives her a chance when she otherwise would have none.”

“Criminologists of all political persuasions, in over a dozen studies,” writes Bach, “estimate that firearms are used for protection against criminals several hundred thousand to 2.5 million times per year, often without a shot fired. This is a staggering statistic, but it’s not one you are likely to hear on the evening news. Why is it that you don’t hear about the homeowner who defended his family before the police could arrive; or the shopkeeper who saved his own life and the lives of his customers; or the woman who stopped her own rape and murder; or the teacher who stopped the school shooting?”

“Yet when a single criminal goes on a rampage, that’s all you hear about, over and over and over again, along with angry cries to ban firearms,” writes Bach. “Why? A study by the Media Research Center concluded media coverage

of firearms is overwhelmingly biased. In a recent period, “television networks collectively aired 514 anti-gun stories, to a mere 46 that were pro-firearm, a ratio of more than 11-to-1 against firearms.”

“And did you know that there is now an official propaganda manual that has been put out for gun control advocates?” asks Snyder. “This manual actually encourages gun control advocates to emotionally exploit major shooting incidents to advance the cause of gun control.” It’s a how-to manual on manipulating the public’s emotions toward gun control in the aftermath of a major shooting.

“A high-profile gun-violence incident temporarily draws more people into the conversation about gun violence,” asserts the guide, an 80-page document titled “Preventing Gun Violence Through Effective Messaging,” “We should rely on emotionally powerful language, feelings and images to bring home the terrible impact of gun violence.” It also urges gun-control advocates use images of frightening-looking guns and shooting scenes to make their point.

“The most powerful time to communicate is when concern and emotions are running at their peak,” the guide insists. “The debate over gun violence in America is periodically punctuated by high-profile gun violence incidents including Columbine, Virginia Tech, Tucson, the Trayvon Martin killing, Aurora and Oak Creek. When an incident such as these attracts sustained media attention, it creates a unique climate for our communications efforts.” In other words, they time their propaganda carefully. Just when it will alarm you the most.”

“We are only being told one side of the story,” notes Bach. “When we hear only one side, we assume that what we are told is all there is to know, and we do not inquire further.” The reality is that criminals “really, really, really don’t want to get shot,” writes Snyder. “When you pass strict gun control laws, you take the fear of getting shot away and criminals tend to flourish.”

In some American cities, “where strict gun control laws have been passed,” writes Snyder, “police are so overwhelmed that they have announced that they simply won’t even bother responding to certain kinds of crime anymore. The truth is that the government cannot protect us adequately, and that is one reason why millions are arming themselves and gun sales have been setting new records year after year.” He offers are “some little-known gun facts:”

Little-Known Gun Facts

1. Over the past 20 years, gun sales have absolutely exploded, but homicides with firearms are down 39 percent during that time and “other crimes with firearms” are down 69 percent.
2. Almost every mass shooting that has occurred in the United States since 1950 has taken place in a state with strict gun control laws. With just one exception, every public mass shooting in the USA since at least 1950 has taken place where citizens are banned from carrying guns.
3. The United States is Number 1 in the world in gun ownership, and yet it is only 28th in the world in gun murders per 100,000 people.
4. The violent crime rate in the United States actually fell from 757.7 per 100,000 in 1992 to 386.3 per 100,000 in 2011. During that same time period, the murder rate fell from 9.3 per 100,000 to 4.7 per 100,000.
5. Overall, guns in the United States are used 80 times more often to prevent crime than they are to take lives.
6. Despite the very strict ban on guns in the UK, the overall rate of violent crime in the UK is about 4 times higher than it is in the United States.
7. In one recent year, there were 2,034 violent crimes per 100,000 people in the UK.
8. In the United States, there were only 466 violent crimes per 100,000 people during that same year. Do we really want to be more like the UK?
9. The UK has approximately 125 percent more rape victims per 100,000 people each year than the United States does. 10 The UK has approximately 133 percent more assault victims per 100,000 people each year than the United States does. UK has the fourth highest burglary rate in the EU.

10. The UK has the second highest overall crime rate in the EU.
11. Down in Australia, gun murders increased by about 19 percent and armed robberies increased by about 69 percent after a gun ban was instituted.
12. The city of Chicago has some of the strictest gun laws in the United States. So has this reduced crime? The murder rate in Chicago was about 17 percent higher in 2012 than it was in 2011, and Chicago is now considered to be “the deadliest global city,”
13. After the city of Kennesaw, Georgia passed a law requiring every home to have a gun, the crime rate dropped by more than 50 percent over the course of the next 23 years and there was an 89 percent decline in burglaries.
14. According to Gun Owners of America, the governments of the world slaughtered more than 170 million of their own people during the 20th century. The vast majority of those people had been disarmed by their own governments. Why? It wasn't to stop crime.

Did you see where DOJ no longer use the terms felon and convict...now “person who has committed a crime” and “person who is incarcerated” or some such silly crap. We are so screwed. Never thought of this one ... Those left wing “elites” are just too cagey and smart for me. While we are paying law enforcement to prevent crime we also pay criminals to stop committing crime ... I suppose this is an extension of the idea that if only we would give jobs to everyone we would not have crime!

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/dc-abandons-plan-to-pay-criminals-to-stay-out-of-trouble/2016/05/05/6e4ad018-12af-11e6-8967-7ac733c56f12_story.html

I FIRST STARTED READING THIS EMAIL & WAS READING FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED AND STARTED OVER READING SLOWER AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD. THIS EMAIL IS VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING. MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK. READ SLOWLY!

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A

new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life....so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember... and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY ! HAVE A GREAT DAY Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

- Your kids are becoming you... But your grandchildren are perfect!
- Going out is good... Coming home is better!
- You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.
- The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really don't care that you aren't as interested.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "What?"..."When?"... ???
- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

But OLD is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

Lesson that can be continually learned

I've learned that....

- The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
 - Just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
 - Having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
 - Being kind is more important than being right.
 - I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.
 - No matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
 - Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
 - Money doesn't buy class.
 - It's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
 - Under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
 - To ignore the facts does not change the facts.
 - When you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
 - The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
 - Everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
 - No one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
 - Life is tough, but I'm tougher.
 - Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
 - When you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
 - I wish I could have told my Mom or Dad that I love them one more time before they passed away.
 - One should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
 - A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
 - When your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.
 - Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
 - The less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.
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Updated Terminology

Princeton University is banning the word “man” in what it calls an effort to foster a more “inclusive community” — a policy that conservative critics contend is aligned with its campus politics that caters to the LGBT community.

The acclaimed Ivy League university is readjusting its accepted campus terms to do away with words that could cause sensitive students, faculty members or school administration any bit of discomfort due to their gender preference.

“The first word on the chopping block is ‘man,’ because after centuries of it being used to describe the various socioeconomic factors associated with human civilization for centuries (and not offending anyone) the word is now ... problematic to some social justice folks, Townhall reports.

Just the beginning ...

Not stopping there, university officials are offering a new set of directives for those employed by the academic institution so that they employ proper terminology that should be used when communicating on campus at all times.

“Instead of using ‘man,’ employees are told to use words such as human beings, individuals or people,” The College Fix explained.

Also included in the newly prescribed terminology are swaps that must be made — so as not to offend the gender confused.

“Instead of ‘man and wife,’ use ‘spouses’ or ‘partners,’” the website’s report continued. “Switch out ‘man made’ with ‘artificial,’ ‘handmade’ or ‘manufactured.’”

Prohibited terms were also included in the LGBT-friendly lexicon — which is mandatory for designated school personnel to follow.

“Don’t use the verb ‘to man,’ as in to work something ... instead use ‘to operate’ or ‘to staff,’” the instructions read. “Throw out ‘workmanlike’ and replace it with ‘skillful.’”

Mandatory word swap

Switching out gender-specific words for gender-neutral ones is the name of the game on the prestigious New Jersey campus, as the university’s memo demonstrates how a number of occupational titles that routinely include the word “man” must be changed. Some of the replacement items on the list are:

- Use ‘firefighter’ instead of ‘fireman’
- Use ‘business person’ instead of ‘businessman’
- Use ‘ancestors’ instead of ‘forefathers’

The memo makes it clear that campus employees in Human Resources are expected to abide by the newly prescribed gender-neutral terminology in all verbal and written communications.

“Consistent with style guidelines issued by Princeton’s Office of Human Resources and Office of Communications, and as endorsed by the Institutional Equity Planning Group as a preferred University practice, HR has developed these gender-inclusive style guidelines, to be utilized by all HR staff members in HR communications, policies, job descriptions, and job postings,” the memo declares.

Princeton University Director of Media Relations John Cramer maintains that the school’s revised vocabulary mandate is indicative of the institution’s commitment to make the LGBT community feel accepted and comfortable on campus.

“[The guidelines] reflect the university’s initiative of fostering an inclusive environment,” Cramer told The College Fix.

Here are a number of terms listed under Princeton’s “Generic Terms and Expressions” sheet:

- Don’t use: “average man” ... Use: “average person” or “ordinary person”
- Don’t use: “best man for the job” ... Use “best person for the job”
- Don’t use “layman” ... Use “layperson” or “non-specialist”
- Don’t use “man” (when referring to humanity) ... Use “human beings,” “humanity,” “humans,” “individuals” or “people”
- Don’t use “man and wife” ... Use “spouses” or “partners”
- Don’t use “man hours” ... Use “person hours” or “work hours”
- Don’t use “mankind” ... Use “humankind”
- Don’t use “man made” ... Use “artificial,” “handmade,” “manufactured” or “synthetic”
- Don’t use “manpower” ... Use “personnel,” “staff workers” or “workforce”
- Don’t use “to man” Use “to operate” or “to staff”
- Don’t use “workmanlike” ... Use “skillful”

Spreading to a campus near you?

Princeton’s adoption of the new gender-neutral terminology is by no means a policy that is unique to its campus, as its politically correct agenda is alive and well at a number of other universities that also embrace the LGBT lifestyle.

“A number of other universities have established similar guidelines in an effort to promote gender-inclusive language, including UNC-Chapel Hill, the University of Tennessee and Marquette University,” Townhall’s Matt Vespa announced.

In fact, policies attempting to be more politically correct have also spread into school curriculum, as Princeton’s Ivy League neighbor to the north in Connecticut is being pressed to phase out certain literature because the authors belong to a particular gender and race that is no longer deemed by progressives as being representative of the new mindset sweeping America’s college campuses.

“Yale, another member of the Ivy League, has faced student-led efforts to reform its English literature offering because too many of the English authors studied in the courses are white men.”



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HUMOR

Irish Sayings

- **“His brother was worse.”**
When the priest at a Kerry funeral asked someone to say anything nice about the unpopular deceased and this was the only response.
- **“He’d jump over ten naked women to get to the bar.”**
Describing an acquaintance and his love for the hard stuff.
- **“Ah sure, you’re not the worst of them.”**
Usually uttered by Irish fathers to sons as their way to pass on a compliment.
- **“I love your hair color, especially the roots.”**
An Irish woman to another.
- **“You’re a very modest man. Sure, you have a lot to be modest about.”**
Comment aimed at a successful neighbor usually.
- **“We’re a fair race. We never speak well of each other.”**
Writer George Bernard Shaw on his own people.
- **“The problem with the Irish is when they are not drunk, they are sober.”**
Attributed to various writers including W.B. Yeats.
- **“So what first attracted you to the millionaire?”**
Comment made when a young woman bags a rich old guy.
- **“He’s just a little slow, it only takes him an hour and a half to watch ’60 Minutes”**
Usually uttered about a neighbor’s child.
- **“Your idea of romance is popping the beer can away from my face.”**
Woman overheard on a date with the local Irish bar fly.

LEARNING TO CUSS

A 6-year-old and a 4-year-old are raking the yard.

The 6-year-old says, “You know what? I think it’s about time we started learning to cuss.” The 4-year-old nods his head in approval.

The 6-year-old continues, “When we go in for breakfast, I’m gonna say something with hell and you say something with ass.”

The 4-year-old agrees with enthusiasm.

When the mother walks into the kitchen and asks the 6-year-old what he wants for breakfast, he replies,

“Aw, hell, Mom, I guess I’ll have some Cheerios.”

WHACK!

He flies out of his chair, tumbles across the kitchen floor, gets up, and runs upstairs crying his eyes out, with his mother in hot pursuit, slapping his rear with every step. His mom locks him in his room and shouts, “You can stay there until I let you out!”

She then comes back downstairs, looks at the 4-year-old and asks with a stern voice, “And what do YOU want for breakfast, young man?”

“I don’t know,” he blubbers, “but you can bet your ass it won’t be Cheerios!”

“Never Squat with Your Spurs On!” - Will Rogers

(Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot, Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political country/cowboy sages this country has ever known.)

Some of his sayings:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men:
 - The ones that learn by reading.
 - The few who learn by observation.
 - The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n than puttin' it back in.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

ABOUT GROWING OLDER ...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra ...

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about ageing is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eight ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

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