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How does one explain the following three stories as it relates to the future of our country?

Rikki Schlott, of the *New York Post*, wrote of the fact that six in ten Gen Zers like socialism, and that explains the popularity of **Zohran Mamdani**, expected to be the next mayor of New York. She writes, "Is it any wonder Gen Z has been seduced by socialism? When you don't know the first thing about the past or how the economy actually functions, then frozen rent, free bus tickets, government run supermarkets, backbreaking corporate taxes, and a \$30 minimum wage all sound like a totally cool idea."

Schlott blames Gen Z's fiscal anxiety, paired with economic illiteracy, as the source of their inability to reject the false promise of "free things." (I would also place blame here with their parents, grandparents, teachers, and socialist Democrats.)

Next up, the incredibly dire statistic revealed in an article published in *Evie* magazine by **Gino Florio**: "We're told by our culture," he writes, "that a woman who is unmarried and has no children is empowered and in charge of her own life. She has escaped the unnecessary burden of raising a family and being a slave to her husband. At least, that's what our society has convinced us. Sadly, many women have adopted the modern feminist lifestyle and have chosen to sleep around, abort their baby if they unexpectedly get pregnant, and swear off marriage. But these cultural trends are going to have a tremendous impact on the future of American society."

Morgan Stanley estimates that 45% of women in their "prime working years" (ages 25 to 44) will be single and childless by the time 2030 arrives. That begs the question, where are the men who aspire to be husbands and fathers?

Finally, we should all be aghast to hear that Senator **Tim Kaine** (Hillary's running mate in 2016) compared our nation's cornerstone belief that our rights come from God as enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and outlined in our Constitution to that of Iran's Sharia-loving dictators and terrorists. As reported by MSN and others, Kaine's incredibly stupid and insipid comments came during a confirmation hearing for one of Trump's appointees, **Riley Barnes**, who was tapped by Trump to serve as the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

God-Given Rights

Barnes quoted Secretary of State **Marco Rubio** in his opening remarks, telling lawmakers on the panel that "We are a nation founded on a powerful principle,

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The Sour Grapes Of Socialists

By Andy Caldwell

John Steinbeck's classic "The Grapes of Wrath," published in 1939, got its title from the Battle Hymn of the Republic. The hymn's line is, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord: He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored." The title serves as a metaphor for the wrath of God against those who exploit the oppressed. The book deals with the subjects of justice and oppression during the Dust Bowl as it affected the migration of "Okies" to the state of California.

Photographer-historian **Dorothea**

Lange photographed the famous "Migrant Mother" in Nipomo near a pea-picker's camp. In that photo, among thousands of others, you can witness the poverty of that era which was by today's standards unimaginable. The people were dirt poor. Most were clothed in rags. Their children had no shoes. They were all underfed. And they were all white Americans.

Tough times and poverty have historically been color-blind as it affects the plight of migrants looking for a better tomorrow. And that has been true since the beginning of time across *all* cultures and people groups.

Nonetheless, some labor organizers are demanding that migrant laborers get paid an artificially high wage as if money were no object. Try to imagine the idiocy of two activist groups, CAUSE and MICOP, demanding a \$26-an-hour wage for the people who pick grapes in our region, at the exact time that over half the grapes in Santa Barbara County have been pulled out of the ground because the market for wine grapes has collapsed.

Neglecting the Principle of Return on Investment

These labor organizers are now treading the grapes of wrath as they exploit the migrant labor class setting them up for failure. But that is only one-half of the story.

These organizations are socialists and in that, they are economic illiterates like all the socialists who came before them. They have no respect or understanding of profit margins and the principle of return on investment and, of course, they fail to calculate the value of labor as it relates to the cost of doing business.

In a letter to County Supervisor **Joan Hartmann**, and in a protest walk amidst the winery outlets in Los Olivos, these geniuses stated: "It is disheartening to realize that while we all get to enjoy the fruits of their



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labor, the very farmworkers who contribute to such a successful industry are only paid 20-30 cents to harvest grapes by hand for each bottle of expensive wine sipped by tourists and ourselves in our scenic and world-renowned wine country. All we ask today is for you to allow farmworkers to enjoy some of the benefits their hard labor generates."

So, supposedly, the farmworkers get paid the equivalent of 20-30 cents per bottle. Does anybody know the cost per bottle earned by the landowner? The vintner? The distributor? The retailer?

Not to mention Uncle Sam and the state of California?

More importantly, if the farmworkers want a bigger share of the profits, are they willing to contribute to rent the land? To pay to plant the grapes? To pay for the cost of water? To pay the property taxes and the payroll taxes? To contribute to the cost of building and operating a winery? How about the cost to operate a store front in Los Olivos? Are they willing to cover the losses in a down market?

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California's Ministry Of Truth: SB 771 Is Gov. Newsom's And Democrat's Plan To Ban Speech They Hate

By Katy Grimes

This isn't California Democrats' first rodeo – remember their 2018 attempt to create a 'Fake News Advisory Council'

California Governor Gavin Newsom and Democrats in the Legislature claim they want to regulate social media over hate speech. Senate Bill 771 by Sen. Henry Stern (D-Los Angeles) claims this is about “Personal rights: liability: social media platforms.”

SB 771 is an “anti free speech” bill, comes entirely from California Democrats, and is designed to silence opposing opinions. The bill is not about moderating hate speech; it's about banning speech Democrats hate.

This isn't California Democrats' first rodeo. In 2018, Democrat California lawmakers pushed legislation to create jack-boot agents of government through a “Fake News Advisory Council” – an Orwellian “Ministry of Truth” for the news they don't like, I reported. “After having my Capitol Press Credential revoked in 2015 and only reissued after an Open Records Act request of 10-years of press credential applications, and viable threats of a First Amendment lawsuit, it appears Democrats in the California Legislature still don't believe in making no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.”

That obviously stands today, 10 years later.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

In April 2022, the Biden administration announced it had created the Disinformation Governance Board – its own Ministry of Truth – a part of the Department of Homeland Security.

Americans from all walks of life were horrified. Fortunately for the potential enemies of the state, the board's executive director and disinformation czar Nina Jankowicz had already beclowned herself in videos that went viral, demonstrating her stunning bias and partisanship. Within three weeks the Biden Disinformation Governance Board was shut down, and many Americans heaved a sigh of relief.

But not California Democrats.

The Assembly Floor Analysis lays open the crux of Democrat's SB 771:

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form formerly known as Twitter, he rolled back its content moderation policies (that means they stopped shadow banning Conservatives). Rates of hate speech on the platform – including posts containing homophobic, transphobic, and racist slurs – spiked by about 50% shortly thereafter.¹ In 2025, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg followed suit. Citing the reelection of Donald J. Trump, he announced Facebook, Instagram, and Threads would “remove restrictions on topics like immigration and gender that are out of touch with mainstream discourse.”² Meta platform users soon thereafter reported a similar spike in harmful content.”

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Lies, Damn lies And Rob Bonta's Ballot Labels

By Jon Coupal

Texas Republicans are redrawing their congressional maps, so Gov. Gavin Newsom and his allies say they must do the same. But unlike Texas, California has a voter-approved Citizens Redistricting Commission constitutionally charged with drawing political boundaries, so the state Legislature is powerless to redraw the maps without amending the state Constitution. It has to go to the voters.

Enter California's hyper-partisan Attorney General Rob Bonta, who has just issued a deceptive ballot label for Proposition 50, the measure seeking to abolish the congressional district maps prepared by the Independent Redistricting Commission. Did anyone expect anything else?

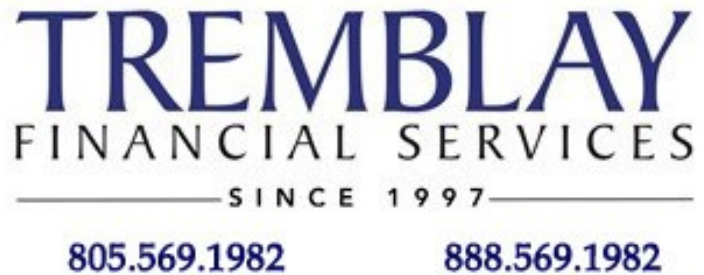
Here's what Bonta's ballot label provides:

"AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. **Fiscal Impact:** One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps."

Voltaire's famous line that the Holy Roman Empire "was in no way holy, nor Roman, nor an empire" seems appropriate here because these maps are neither temporary, nor in response to Texas nor going to cost only a few million dollars. Let's go through them in order.

First, regarding the notion that this measure makes "temporary" changes to existing congressional district maps is wrong because voters will logically conclude that the state would eventually return to the commission's previously drawn maps. Instead, this measure abolishes them. They will never return. Even if the state returns power to the independent redistricting commission in 2030 (don't bet on it), the commission would be tasked with drawing entirely new maps to align with the next census. There is nothing temporary about this.

Second, the label states that the ballot measure is in response to Texas. The governor has said repeatedly that this is about what Texas is doing and if Texas stopped, California would too. The problem is, they



removed that language from the bill. Previously, the bill stated that the maps only changed "if Texas, Florida, or another state adopts a new congressional district map that takes effect after August 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2031, and such redistricting is not required by a federal court order." That's gone. While it may have been their intent to respond to Texas, intent doesn't override the plain language of the law. Whatever happens in Texas now has no effect on whether the maps change if voters approve Proposition 50. Voters should know that.

Third, supposedly this measure will cost "a few million dollars." This is probably the most weaselly line of them all. That figure only considers the costs of changing the maps, not the special election needed to pass them. The Assembly Committee on Appropriations, the committee tasked with considering the costs of legislation, said that the fiscal impact was unknown but "likely in the low hundreds of millions of dollars." In a letter to the Legislature, the California State Association of Counties noted that the 2021 gubernatorial recall special election cost \$200 million. The true fiscal cost should be stated.

California law requires that the attorney general prepare an accurate, fair and impartial "ballot label" for any measure presented to the voters. Specifically, the Elections Code requires that the ballot label (and other ballot materials) "must reasonably inform the voters of the character and purpose of the proposed measure."

Once again, Attorney General Bonta has failed to perform his fiduciary duty of providing fair and impartial information to the voters. He, and other backers of Proposition 50, should not be rewarded for this deception.

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JFK, MLK, RFK And Now CJK – Charles James Kirk

By Andy Caldwell

Although I was a child when President **John F. Kennedy**, **Martin Luther King**, and **Bobby Kennedy** were assassinated, I vividly remember my own grief for their families and our country. What I don't remember is anyone openly celebrating the deaths of these three great Americans. Especially since they were shot in cold blood by assassins. These murders shook our nation to its core and rightly so.

Today, there is no doubt that too many Americans have lost their souls, their humanity, and their decency, in that they rejoiced to see **Charlie Kirk** gunned down in front of his own family and for what?

Charlie Kirk, armed with only faith and facts along with a genius IQ, respectively allowed all comers to challenge his faith, knowledge, and patriotism, in an open forum. And because he was extremely successful in the battle for hearts and minds on college campuses across America, he became the enemy of the left in America. An enemy whose death was worth celebrating by too many people.

Do any of these people still believe these words from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness"?

Is it no longer a self-evident truth that murdering somebody speaking in the public square is evil?

Apparently not.

The people who are celebrating Charlie's murder obviously no longer believe in free speech, the right to peacefully assemble, freedom of religion, nor the unalienable right to life and liberty.

That begs the question, what do these wicked people believe in? Certainly not the God who gave us our Divine rights along with such commandments as "Though Shalt Not Kill."

Thomas Jefferson rightly warned us that the tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants, as he emphasized that freedom is never free in our ongoing struggle against tyranny. And that is exactly what members of the left in America have become: tyrants. They don't recognize anyone's right to oppose their wicked ideology.

Regardless, Charlie Kirk's mission has now gone viral. And so, where do we go from here?

I, for one, plan to continue to call out the godless and



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un-American people who celebrated the assassination of a man who simply wanted to have a civil conversation to preserve our civilization. A man who believed from the bottom of his heart, and by way of the history of our great traditions, that talking with one another is our only chance to avoid division, and worse, violence.

Ironically, his murder was celebrated by some of the same political ideologues who believe words constitute violence, and who also rally against gun violence at schools. Go figure. In their opinion, Charlie's murder was justifiable homicide because of his words. So, while calling Charlie a fascist and a wannabe tyrant, the real fascists and tyrants are those who called for and condone his assassination.

The group of people that needs to be confronted – the very people Charlie Kirk was talking to – would include the bulk of American college students who Charlie gave his life to reach. As **Daniel Greenfield** pointed out in a recent column in *Front Page* magazine, a very large survey of some 68,000 students at 257 universities by FIRE (The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression's) revealed that 1 in 3 students believed that using violence and/or aggression to stop a speaker they disagreed with on campus was acceptable at least in some way, shape or form.

Unfortunately, a lot of Americans are done with talking. As one pundit on social media stated, "No, we don't need to have a conversation. You killed the guy willing to do that!"

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From Tell All To End All: Former Vice President Kamala Harris' 5 Big Career Mistakes

By Tom Del Beccaro

Her new book, '107 Days,' only damages her credibility as a leader

Former Vice President Kamala Harris has released her tell-all book about the 2024 campaign. While it may make for good gossip, it's a decided failure when it comes to her political future. Indeed, it is just one more major mistake that will keep her out of the 2028 campaign.

Keep in mind that Harris has had a charmed life. From her upper-middle class upbringing in California, to her silver-spooned resume as San Francisco district attorney, California attorney general, U.S. senator and vice president, she has acquired quite a resume.

What she hasn't built is credibility as a leader — and her latest book only makes that matter worse.

As the great Reagan biographer Craig Shirley recently reminded us, successful politics is a game of addition. With her latest book, "107 Days," which is a tell-all about her 2024 presidential campaign, Harris reminds everyone that she never understood that basic principle.

Here are five major career mistakes along those lines and why they spell doom for any 2028 presidential hopes.

5. Harris' "Political" Breakup With Willy Brown.

The world knows about Kamala Harris' romantic relationship with Willy Brown. However, many likely don't know that Brown used to provide Harris with sage advice for her career. Willy Brown was, and remains, a smart politician. As a leader in California politics, he got things done and never let ideology or partisanship stop him. He was a practical politician.

Brown essentially made her the San Francisco district attorney and while she listened to him, Harris was not too far left. Indeed, while she was campaigning in 2019, Harris had to distance herself from her middle of the road record as a DA.

The farther Harris has traveled from Brown, including an unceremonious political breakup, the farther left Harris became and the less practical — losing independents along the way.

4. Harris Never Properly Engaged in Retail Poli-



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Harris has always taken her good political fortune for granted. The field was cleared for her to run for California attorney general — so, she hardly campaigned. She had an easy go of it in becoming US senator from California (a one-media state with lopsided voter registration) — even though she lost a post-Senate debate poll to me, 38 percent to 32 percent, in April 2016 in that race.

What she should have done in those years was work within the state relentlessly to build alliances with voters, politicians and leaders — the game of addition.

By not developing those necessary alliances, when it came time to run for president in early 2020, she was placing fourth in California primary polling with candidates like Elizabeth Warren ahead of her.

By being weak in California, instead of the runaway leader in California and locking up its nearly 500 delegates, Harris was not taken seriously in Iowa and South Carolina in January 2020.

That is why I was the first in the nation to predict on national TV, (Fox and Friends), that Harris would not

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Rigged Report By National Academies Aims To Thwart Trump Energy Agenda

By Steve Milloy

The National Academy of Sciences just released its so-called review of the Trump EPA's proposal to rescind the endangerment finding for greenhouse gases. It is every bit the rigged and predetermined outcome predicted.

Not only does the report conclude that the EPA's 2009 endangerment finding was correct, it claims that the evidence now for greenhouse gas emissions causing harm is greater than it was in 2009. But what was the process by which the NAS committee reached this conclusion?

The Trump EPA formally proposed to rescind the endangerment finding on Aug. 1. The NAS announced that it would launch its own review six days later on Aug. 7. This was a surprise since the NAS generally only offers scientific advice to the federal government upon request of the federal government. But don't take my word for it. Here's what NAS president Marcia McNutt had to [say](#) about that in April 2020 when people urged the NAS to tackle the COVID crisis: "Y'all have it backwards. The charter states that the government calls on the Academies to conduct studies, not the other way around."

In its Aug. 7 announcement, the NAS set a deadline of Aug. 27 for the public to submit information to the committee and, perplexingly, a Sept. 11 deadline for comments on the composition of the proposed committee.

Yet in a stunningly disingenuous move, the NAS committee began meeting secretly weeks before the public comment deadline to flag any problems with the committee's composition. Its first meeting occurred on Aug. 20. There were more meetings on Aug. 25-26, a third set of meetings that began on Sept. 1-5 and a fourth set on Sept. 8-9. Again, all these secret meetings occurred before the Sept. 11 deadline. The committee met for a final time on Sept. 12.

So while the climate science watchdog group, the CO2 Coalition, flagged that all 15 of the committee's members subscribed to climate alarmism – and submitted their objections before the Sept. 11 deadline – the committee was already secretly off and running.

Although the CO2 Coalition's membership includes several NAS members, their comments and other public objections to the committee composition were apparently ignored. A mere six days after



the comment deadline, the final report by the originally proposed committee was issued.

And what a report it is.

The committee met secretly for a total of 10 days from Aug. 20 to Sept. 12. Per committee chairman Shirley Tilghman, the committee reviewed all the science published since the 2009 endangerment finding was made. This claim is astoundingly false.

There have been tens of thousands of climate studies published since 2009. But the 137-page report cites only 573 of them. On the one hand, the 573 studies represent just a sliver of the climate science literature. On the other hand, 573 studies is an immense number of studies for a committee of 15 – none of whom are atmospheric scientists – to review in only 10 working days.

The overall nature and quality of the report can be assessed from the first few sentences in the report's preface: "As the committee undertook this project, it was hard not to think about recent climate-related disasters: the heavy rainfall of Hurricane Helene that destroyed homes and roads in the mountains of North Carolina, the fast-moving wildfires that displaced thousands in Los Angeles and affected air quality for miles around, and the rapid flooding of the Guadalupe River in central Texas that led to at least 135 fatalities."

But none of those weather events are attributable to emissions or to "global warming." The heavy rains that

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Charlie Kirk And The Lost Men Of America

By Andy Caldwell

So, exactly how why did Charlie Kirk become so important to a generation of young men whose future is dim because they have been marginalized and forgotten by society?

It is because he pushed back against the radical feminist's decades-long war against so-called toxic masculinity. Of course, things become progressively worse over time, especially for those young men who are white, heterosexual, and patriotic.

The ones who go to college are told they must apologize for their white privilege and their gender. They have a target on their back by way of Critical Race Theory and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion bias that insisted on marginalizing them.

Moreover, too many young women have been seduced to believe they don't need a man nor marriage because they can find fulfillment in pursuing their career rather than forming a family.

All these things have left a significant majority of young men with no compass in life, no sense of value, and no obvious destiny. **Charlie Kirk** gave these young men hope by pointing them away from the ideology challenging their self-worth, while turning them to God, who has a plan and a fulfilling purpose for their lives, as he does for all of us.

The war that engulfs America is not best defined as a war between the left and the right. Instead, it all has to do with the conflict between those who want our nation to turn back towards God and his gifts such as marriage and family versus those who want us to keep turning away towards secular humanism, atheism, nihilism, and socialism/communism (where government is god with a little "g").

In that regard, perhaps the death of Charlie Kirk will prove to be the turning point for America's third great awakening. For as the saying goes, "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church".

For a further examination of these themes, back in 2022, I wrote a column "The Fall of Man in American Culture." It is worth reconsidering considering Charlie Kirk's mission:

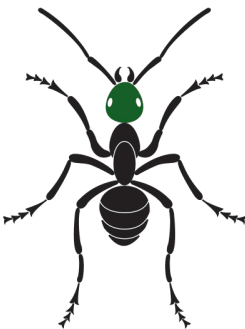
I have been tracing America's transition from a world of faithful pilgrims to nihilistic pirates, that is, discussing that which has caused cultures and civilizations to either flourish or meet their demise. It was British anthropologist **J.D. Unwin** who studied the fall of some 86 cultures and civilizations throughout history, only to find that the longevity, health, and well-being of culture was largely determined by their attitudes, customs, and mores having to do with sexuality, faith, and marriage.

Another brilliant scholar, **Carle Zimmerman**, a Harvard sociologist, studied the role of family in the rise and fall of civilization, determining that the one thing advanced civilizations had in common was the nuclear family construct. That is, tribal and clan-type family constructs never amounted to much and, on the opposite end, when men and women became so narcissistic and hedonistic that nuclear marriages fell by the wayside, the culture soon met its demise.

Some of the Issues Affecting Men

1. The feminist movement was a two-edged sword. As it sought to liberate women, it did so at the expense of men while it attacked "toxic masculinity." Along the way, it eviscerated the vital role of men as fathers,

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A Just Outcome

By James Hirsen

Tyler Robinson, a 22-year-old resident of Washington County, Utah, stands accused of the assassination of Charlie Kirk, which took place on September 10, 2025, during a speaking event at Utah Valley University.

Kirk, a 31-year-old nationally recognized free speech advocate and high school/college civic preacher, was brutally gunned down in a crowded campus courtyard. It was a brazen targeted attack that shook the nation to its core.

Robinson, who was arrested after a 33-hour manhunt, faces charges of aggravated murder as well as other related felonies, with prosecutors pursuing the death penalty.

The alleged assailant's crime, due to its premeditation, public endangerment, and assault on civil discourse itself, is one in which justice arguably demands the ultimate punishment available under the law.

Utah's capital punishment statute reserves the death penalty for only the worst criminals, i.e., those who commit aggravated murder with a callous disregard for human life.

Robinson's actions are clearly callous and demonstrate a flagrant disregard for the lives of Kirk, his family, and the attendees of the event.

The evidence shows overwhelmingly that this was not an impulsive act, but rather a calculated killing. It was planned and executed with alarming precision. Surveillance footage shows the defendant concealing a rifle and approaching the event with intent. He fired a fatal shot at Kirk prior to fleeing.

The county attorney has highlighted the premeditated nature of the attack, noting that Robinson, who was not a student at Utah Valley University, deliberately traveled to the event. Also noted were his actions afterward, including alleged attempts to both obstruct justice and tamper with witnesses.

In order to qualify for the death penalty, Utah law requires an aggravating factor of creating a "great risk of death to others." Robinson's alleged crime endangered scores of students, faculty, and attendees who were present at the college campus courtyard.

Adding to the death penalty case is the tragic fact that Kirk's own children, as well as other children, were present to witness the horror, something that



Robinson purportedly knew and yet went forward with his hideous actions.

A university campus is a place that has traditionally been looked upon as a bastion of free speech. Two of the major components of Kirk's public service mission were to encourage civil discourse and to promote free speech in the corridors of academia.

It is the height of bitter irony that in addition to ending Kirk's life, there was apparently a desire to extinguish Kirk's own right to speak, *forever*.

To allow such an act to go without the application of the appropriate measure of justice serves to embolden others who might take it upon themselves to target individuals, terminate their lives, and irrevocably silence their voices.

Utah's death penalty process is neither hasty nor arbitrary. It requires a unanimous jury finding of aggravated murder and aggravating circumstances, followed by a penalty phase that will weigh mitigating factors, such as remorse or mental health issues, against the crime's severity.

Prosecutors must prove these factors beyond a reasonable doubt during the determination of the guilt phase of the trial. Based on what is currently known, given the eyewitness accounts, video evidence, and family cooperation, a conviction on aggravated murder seems probable.

Because of Kirk's status as a high-profile national figure, jurors may be more likely to accept the suitability of the death penalty option. The strong evidence of aggravating circumstances, such as the public risk and premeditation, favors the use of the full extent of punishment.

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Trump's DC Crime Success Puts Spotlight On Chicago's Deadly 'War Zone'

By Charles 'Cully' Stimson

President Donald Trump's focus on crime across America is timely and necessary. It's epidemic in many blue cities in our country, and something must, and can, be done about it. His crackdown in Washington, D.C., proves that dramatic reductions in crime in cities acclimatized to perpetual lawlessness and violence are possible, but only if you have the political courage to do so.

Next up is Chicago, another city plagued by non-stop violent crime. Trump's focus there has forced local leaders to defend their lax policies and deny the reality of rampant crime in their cities—claims that ring hollow to terrorized local residents.

Before exposing the crime rates in Chicago and the lax policies that have caused them, let's look at the results of the D.C. crime crackdown.

In Washington, D.C., since the operation began on Aug. 7, arrests are up, homicides are down nearly 60%, and violent crime has decreased by 17%. In one two-week stretch, there wasn't one homicide, which is, sadly, remarkable.

Despite this impressive decline, more effort is needed. There have been 106 homicides, 984 reported robberies, and 3,157 car thefts this year alone. Those numbers are unacceptable in any city, especially the nation's capital.

Lax local laws passed by the D.C. City Council and local judges who give criminals a pass every day are major contributors to the city's culture of violence. To fix these gaps, Congress is considering several proposals to fix the criminal justice system in D.C. permanently.

As a developer who owns property in Chicago, Trump is quite familiar with the chronic crime carnage in the Windy City. The numbers speak for themselves, despite what Gov. JB Pritzker and Mayor Brandon Johnson declare.

To put this carnage into perspective, between 2003 and 2010, 3,481 Americans were killed in action in Iraq, an average of 435 a year. In the war in Afghanistan, between 2001 and 2014, 1,833 Americans were killed in action, an average of 141 per year. In Chicago, between 2017 and 2024, there were 5,220 homicides, an average of 652 per year. Chicago is a war zone, pure and simple.

Like in most big blue cities across America, there is a



stark difference in crime rates between the richest and poorest parts of town. White liberal elites in the safest parts of town are oblivious to, or at least immune from, the constant drumbeat of violent crime in their own city. Chicago is a perfect example.

District 3, which includes Hyde Park and Washington Park, had a homicide rate of 80.68 per 100,000 residents, according to 2024 Chicago Police Depart-

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Trump's DC Crime Success Puts Spotlight On Chicago's Deadly 'War Zone' *Cont.*

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ment data. District 6 (Englewood, Roseland, Woodlawn) had a rate of 73.43 per 100,000 residents. And District 11 (Humboldt Park, West Garfield Park, Near West Side) had a homicide rate of 72.86 per 100,000 residents.

Compare those killing fields to Jefferson Park (1.97), Lincoln Square (2.29), and Uptown (3.27)—home to doctors, lawyers, venture capitalists, and other professionals. Not surprisingly, liberal elites who live in those areas tend to be the ones who complain the loudest when Trump engages in increased federal enforcement, including offering much-needed assistance to state and local officials.

It's also no coincidence that the first George Soros-backed "progressive" prosecutor, Kim Foxx, was in Chicago. As I detailed in my book, Foxx was hoisted from obscurity into office in 2017 with almost \$700,000 of Soros-connected financial support. Foxx unleashed a tsunami of pro-criminal, anti-victim, anti-business policies on the city as its top prosecutor, causing a dramatic increase in violent crime.

In the six years prior to that, there was an average of 510 homicides per year (2011—2016). In the three years before Foxx was elected, 4,460 rapes were reported to the police, an average of 1,486 per year. During Foxx's tenure (2017—2022), 10,789 rapes were reported to the police, an average of 1,804 per year.

Two weeks into the job, Foxx announced that she had raised the bar for prosecuting felony shoplifting from \$300 per incident to \$1,000 per incident, even though the law in Illinois was clear: felony shoplifting starts at \$300.

When she made that announcement, there were 101 people in Cook County Jail on felony retail theft charges. Ali Abid, a staff attorney at the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice, said, "I think this is a really positive step." Abid's boss, Malcolm Rich, was on Foxx's transition team with then-Sen. Kamala Harris.

But Rob Karr, the president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, said he was "extraordinarily shocked and disappointed," adding Foxx's rewriting of the laws "sends a message that retail theft is victimless and not serious ... this is tantamount to declaring open season on retail stores."

By 2019, three years into Foxx's social experiment,



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Karr was proved right. Retail theft reports had skyrocketed across the city. In the ritzy Rush Street shopping district, reported incidents had more than doubled. And on State Street, retail theft cases were up 32%.

Trump's use of the bully pulpit to highlight the high crime rates of Chicago and other blue cities is welcome news. Gone are the days of feel-good slogans about "reimagining" reform and "mass incarceration." The Soros rogue prosecutor movement has failed, as has the "defund the police" and cashless bail experiment.

Americans of all stripes want and deserve to live in safe neighborhoods. Thankfully, the national mood has shifted in the right direction on crime.

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Democrats Can't Win On Merit, So They Try Redistricting *Cont.*

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hit and flooded Asheville, N.C. in 2024, had happened twice before in 1916 and 1940. The exact conditions that led to the recent Los Angeles wildfires were fretted about by local media in 1875. The tragic Guadalupe River flooding that struck on July 4 had occurred before in 1869 and 1987.

There is not enough room in this column for a comprehensive critique of the NAS report, but here is just one other egregious example. Citing an EPA graph, the report asserts that heat waves have increased since the 1960s. But the report studiously avoids another more complete EPA graph showing that heat-waves have dramatically decreased since the 1930s.

From process to substance, the NAS report is a travesty. Its purpose is to thwart the Trump energy agenda. While this particular report only applies to the fossil fuel part of the Trump energy agenda, you can bet that the NAS will be equally disingenuous when it comes to the Trump nuclear power agenda. It has a history of this.

Two-thirds of the NAS funding comes from the federal government. President Trump should terminate that funding and make the NAS decide between sound science and junk science.

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A Just Outcome *Cont.*

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Robinson's lack of remorse was illustrated in his alleged obstruction, among other things, allegedly attempting to convince various individuals to stay silent. His reported lack of cooperation with the prosecution exhibits a clear lack of contrition.

It is a general principle that the wheels of justice grind slowly, in Utah and elsewhere. Robinson's case may take years before a trial would actually begin, primarily due to pre-trial motions and competency evaluations. The state's process is stringent, with automatic appeals to the Utah Supreme Court as well as potential federal habeas review that may delay a potential execution for years.

Notwithstanding delays and obstacles, the pursuit of justice is, and always will be, worth the wait time.

Those who oppose the death penalty often cite life without parole as a sufficient enough deterrence.

However, as our society is witnessing in similarly brutal cases, allowing defendants to live out their days in prison, with the lingering possibility of future clemency, sends a message that even the most egregious acts of violence may have future flexibility in alleviating consequences.

The death penalty, in contrast, affirms that some crimes are so grievous, the perpetrators themselves have essentially forfeited the right to remain in society.

For Kirk, his family, and the nation, there is one outcome at this time that appears to surpass all others.

May the laws of our land "Take up the cause of the fatherless" and "plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:17)

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Charlie Kirk And The Lost Men Of America *Cont.*

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heads of households, providers, and protectors. Specifically, society at large encouraged men to get in touch with their “feminine side” as they abandoned their traditional roles in family and society in deference to the ability of women to supplant them as equals.

2. The attack on men, became a war on boys. Even though nearly all scientific literature indicates that boys and girls mature at different rates and are stimulated by different things, mothers in the home and teachers in schools began to push back against the things that little boys are made of, including boundless rambunctious energy. In the 1960s, with the dispensing of drugs like Ritalin, hyperactive young boys were diagnosed as having “Attention Deficit Disorders at twice the rate of girls and were deleteriously drugged accordingly.

3. Traditionally, one key God-given role of women in society was to domesticate men by way of withholding sex apart from marriage, and sometimes, in marriage. The free sex movement and the commensurate loss of the fear of God, made possible by way of the pill and abortion, served to throw chastity out the window, and men became somewhat free to roam before, during – and after – marriage, sans any personal moral constraints. Now at full throttle, the hook-up culture has replaced courtship, and porn addiction among men is epidemic.

4. Subsequent to number 3, no-fault divorce facilitated awarding primary custody to mothers, which means fathers ended up spending more time with their subsequent family rather than their first. The destructive and disruptive impact of this resulted in successive generations of boys who were raised without their nat-

ural fathers in the home to guide, mentor, and discipline them, that is, if a man was present at all. This has proved a disaster for society as nearly every social ill including drug and alcohol abuse, criminality, homelessness, and the like can be traced to boys who were essentially abandoned by their fathers.

5. There has been a massive loss of 7.5 million jobs among men, such as those found in manufacturing, logging, mining, and the steel industry. These sectors virtually vanished, including by way of environmental regulations, thereby destroying head-of-household jobs for men without a college education. The resultant wage loss put pressure on spouses to find work at the expense of family life.

Jordan Peterson said it best, “If you think tough men are dangerous, wait until you see what weak men are capable of!”

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From Tell All To End All: Former Vice President Kamala Harris' 5 Big Career Mistakes *Cont.*

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enter the Iowa Caucuses. She didn't enter Iowa and dropped out. No addition, no race.

3. Harris Never Cultivated Democrat Leaders.

Even though Harris didn't enter the presidential race, she was picked as Biden's vice president — she was the right identity politics choice at the right time among Democrats. Even so, she squandered that amazing fortune and opportunity.

Any vice president with presidential ambitions has a very clear path to follow. Go around the country and help other people in your party get elected. Vice presidents should add friends relentlessly so that when they run, they can use those relationships for help. Addition.

Harris was not famous for doing that. If you are not famous for that as vice president, you failed at that. Harris failed at that.

2. Harris Never Took Responsibility for Her Campaign.

The scuttlebutt about her book, "107 Days," is that Harris didn't take ownership for not winning in 2024. Instead of taking responsibility for why she fell short, Harris decided to blame others.

Nor has Harris ever taken responsibility for how money was spent wildly on her campaign, including the purchasing of celebrity endorsements. Donors like accountability and responsibility.

A billion spent, but no addition. Indeed, blaming others and attacking them is politics by subtraction.

1. Harris Has Never Established Her Vision For The

Future.

Finally, amidst it all, Harris has spent her time not establishing her vision for the future. Her first post-election book represented a huge opportunity for someone who wants to be considered a leader.

Her whole career she has been considered light on policy and she could have used this entire book to address that weakness.

Instead of using that opportunity to outline her vision of the future, Harris spent her time writing about the past.

Everyone knows, however, that elections are about the future.

Leadership is about addressing the future, not lamenting the past.

Willy Brown always knew that. Harris never learned that.

In the final analysis, Harris has never been up to the job of a leader. She was handed much of her success and didn't earn it. She doesn't have the instincts or drive to be president — no matter how many days she was given in the spotlight.

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California's Ministry Of Truth: SB 771 Is Gov. Newsom's And Democrat's Plan To Ban Speech They Hate *Cont.*

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Assembly Democrats cite UC Berkeley News and the Chicago Sun times to justify their claims of hate speech:

1 **UC Berkeley News**, Study finds persistent spike in hate speech on X (Feb. 13, 2025), <https://news.berkeley.edu/2025/02/13/study-finds-persistent-spike-in-hate-speech-on-x/>.

2 Barbara Ortutay, "Meta rolls back hate speech rules as Zuckerberg cites 'recent elections' as a catalyst" **Chicago Sun-Times** (Jan. 9, 2025) <https://chicago.suntimes.com/nation-world/2025/01/09/meta-rolls-back-hate-speech-rules-zuckerberg-election-trump-x-twitter-musk-immigration-gender>.

Under SB 771, people will be fined if the State Censors determine that their social media posts constitute "Violence, intimidation, or coercion... based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, or other protected characteristics."

This feels suspiciously like what is taking place in the United Kingdom right now – people getting arrested and jailed for social media posts deemed by some government flak "intimidating," "offensive" or "racially inappropriate."

Is the state of California attempting to censor the opinions of Americans on social media? Did Nina Jan-kowicz move to California?

According to the California Chamber of Commerce, the Computer and Communications Industry Association, and TechNet, which oppose SB 771:

"It is well established that the companies cov-

ered by this legislation have constitutional rights related to content moderation, including the right to curate, prioritize, and remove content in accordance with their terms of service. By exposing these companies to civil liability for content they do not remove, SB 771 creates a chilling effect on their editorial discretion. The significant, prescribed civil penalties – potentially amounting into the billions for each violation – would lead platforms to over-remove lawful content to mitigate legal exposure. Therefore, if this law passes, it will almost certainly be struck down in court (see *NetChoice v Paxton*) because it imposes liability on social media platforms for whether certain types of third-party content are shown to users, as well as the expressive choices social media platforms make in designing the user experience. This violates the First Amendment rights of users and social media platforms.

Moreover, the proposed liability framework likely conflicts with Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which provides strong federal protections for platforms against civil liability for third-party content and for good-faith content moderation. Courts (see *Twitter, Inc. v. Taamneh*, 598 U.S. __ (2023)) have consistently upheld Section 230 as preempting state-level attempts to impose liability for content hosting or moderation decisions."

Here is what SB 771 actually says:

SB 771, Stern. Personal rights: liability: social media platforms.

This bill would make a social media



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platform, as defined, that violates the above-referenced provisions of law relating to personal rights through its algorithms that relay content to users or aids, abets, acts in concert, or conspires in violation of those laws, or is a joint tortfeasor in an action alleging a violation of those laws, liable for specified civil penalties. The bill would declare its provisions to be severable and would declare attempted waiver of its provisions to be void and unenforceable.

Back in 2018, Democrats said the quiet part aloud, revealing their actual intentions:

Democrats are so unhappy with the outcome of the 2016 Presidential election, the only answer they can deal with over the election of outsider Donald Trump is that most of America was too stupid to understand that fake news was being pushed at them by Conservative news outlets. According to Sen. Bill Dodd, the author of SB 830 in 2018: "The prevalence of fake news garnered national attention in the recent Presidential election, where false and misleading stories from hoax websites outperformed actual news stories in terms of social media engagement. This flood of content can make it difficult for the public to differentiate between reputable news sources and false or misleading claims. The practice of advertisements masquerading as news has also seen an increase in recent years."

Democrats still can't believe that Americans actually willingly voted for Donald Trump in 2016, or in 2020, or again in 2024.

Political language... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.

George Orwell

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The Sour Grapes Of Socialists *Cont.*

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FYI: These costs add up to millions of dollars. And the fact that vineyard owners are now either selling their vineyards at a tremendous loss or worse, bulldozing the vines and trying to market the land to grow other crops, proves these ignoramus activists are entirely clueless.

Fleeing Socialist Disasters

Many of the Dust Bowl Okies fled to California upon losing their land and becoming homeless. When they came here, they were looking for work and, unfortunately, many of them were exploited and discriminated against in many ways, shapes, and forms. As the saying goes, there is nothing new under the sun. However, you would be hard-pressed to compare their plight to that of today's immigrants coming to America.

For instance, a farm worker who comes to America from Mexico receives a significant pay increase in that a farmworker in America makes more per hour than a farmworker in Mexico makes for a full day of work. These workers come here because they know they will be able to make more money than they could back home. They are therefore not coming here to be exploited but to take advantage of the opportunities America has to offer. Moreover, the disaster they are fleeing is not ecological, it is social, economic, and political. That is to say, the poverty in Mexico that these people are fleeing is endemic to Mexico and all other countries that have socialist influences and tendencies. Finally, the number-one motivation for

most all these migrants is to give their children a much better life than they could ever have in their home country.

Increased Opportunity

While the cost of living is high here for everyone, not just immigrant farmworkers, one can't ignore the fact that many immigrants are collectively managing to send home tens of billions of dollars every year. In 2024, the amount of money Mexican migrants sent home to their relatives amounted to \$64 billion and most of that money came from employment in just two states: California and Texas. According to the AP, Mexico receives more money from remittances than any other country except India. Indian migrants send home about \$125 billion each year.

In conclusion, the one thing missing from this discussion is the following. The lefties at CAUSE and MICOP, along with their progressive friends, are ignoring the real problem facing poor immigrants, as I am not denying the fact they are poor just as many American-born workers are. The missing element? The opportunity to become upwardly mobile by moving into manufacturing and industrial jobs that have been destroyed by environmentalists, thereby creating a permanent urban underclass, not just for immigrants, but also for our homegrown children.

Now, that would be worth writing about to **Joan Hartmann, Laura Capps**, and many other progressives.

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Gen Z Throws Out Baby, Bath Water, Marriage, And Civilization *Cont.*

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and that powerful principle is that all men are created equal, because our rights come from God our Creator — not from our laws, not from our governments. The Secretary went on to say that we will always be strong defenders of that principle, and “that’s why the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor is important. We are a nation of individuals; each made in the image of God and possessing an inherent dignity. This is a truth that our founders understood as essential to American self-government.”

The report by MSN goes on to say, “But Kaine, who is a Catholic, found Barnes’ sentiment to be ‘troubling.’ The notion that rights don’t come from laws, and don’t come from the government, but come from the Creator; that’s what the Iranian government believes, Kaine said.”

MSN also reported Senator **Ted Cruz**’s retort to Kaine, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, reacted forcefully to the comments: “I almost fell out of my chair, because that ‘radical and dangerous notion’—in his words—is literally the founding principle upon which the United States of America was created,” Cruz said. “The casual condemnation of America’s founding principle is exactly what is wrong with today’s Democrat Party. Government protects our God-given rights; it does not create or destroy them.”

The End of History

What do these stories portend for the future of America and Western Civilization itself?

“Family and Civilization,” a book written in the late 1940s by **Carle Zimmerman** (2nd edition by **James R.**

Kurth in 2007), is an exhaustive study of *family structure* as it relates to the success, stagnation, or disintegration of civilizations past.

Zimmerman outlined three types of family structure which determined the relative success of civilization. The most primitive type of family structure was the tribal/clan model. In this construct, the needs, wants, desires, and aspirations of the individual are subordinated to the tribe/clan, thereby limiting the ability and initiative of the individual to succeed. This type of family structure, while still prevalent in some parts of the world, was never optimal for advancing civilization.

The next structure, the nuclear family, comprised of a husband, wife, and children who are supported by, but not controlled by, extended family, was the secret of success. This type of family formation served to create a level of personal freedom, enterprise, and a standard of living that was unparalleled in history.

Unfortunately, in former civilizations which helped to give birth to the principles and precepts of the same (e.g., Greece and Rome), the success of societies that embraced the concepts therein became so successful that they drifted away from their historical, familial moorings. They forgot who they were and how they got there. Among other things, they eschewed marriage and children. Demography being destiny, they were doomed as they were subsumed.

Family structure #3: the atomistic, is no family at all. It is the selfish, narcissistic, hedonistic, nihilistic, materialistic individual that lives for itself while demanding that society, culture, and economy cater to its needs, wants, and desires (hence, the appeal of socialism among our youth). Unfortunately, in every civilization

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past, the atomistic was the end of the story.

Hence, all the things in our society, economy, and culture, which serve as an off-ramp or alternative to the nuclear family and the associated values and morals associated with Western Civilization, does not constitute evolution, but devolution. That is, the content, value, and goals of our society and culture in this present day does not mean we are evolving into something greater and superior. It means the exact opposite. As our foundations and values are destroyed, we (Western Civilization and the United States) will cease to exist.

Gen Z, *among others*, by rejecting the values, including family values, along with the principles and precepts of our constitutional government, and the faith that made our country what it was, indicates they are inclined to throw out the family construct and the civilization it built, along with the baby and the bath water.

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