

# It's Not Black and White

If you were looking for insight or intelligent analysis of the brutal Minneapolis police killing and its aftermath, television news has disappointed once again.

Most of the commentators are either frightened or angry, failing to provide desperately needed perspective. With lightening speed, the unnecessary death of George Floyd quickly became an opportunity for exploitation. Looters and anarchists stole and destroyed, creating even more human misery.

On TV and social media, anti-Trump people quickly blamed the President, while pro-Trump folks defended him, placing scorn on a hapless Minnesota mayor and street "thugs." A word, by the way, that President Obama used to describe looters.

Hour after hour, day after day, Americans learned little about the reasons behind a vitally important story. What readers and viewers did get was reinforcement of their own beliefs, as fallacious as many of them are.

So, let's get down to it beginning with the police. At present, there are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers on the job in the USA. Most are good, honest civil servants but perhaps 10 percent are not. And that's an army.

I use that number because human nature dictates about ten percent of every organization is corrupt. Always been that way. That's the reason almost all police agencies have Internal Affairs squads that investigate misbehavior or incompetence.

Some African-Americans believe a much higher number of law enforcement people are corrupt and actively target blacks. That belief is often based on negative, personal encounters they have had with the police or other white authority

figures. There is no debating personal experience – we all are shaped by it.

The essential problem between police officers of all skin colors, not just white, and African-Americans is crime. Blacks commit felonies and misdemeanors at a higher proportional rate than any other group. That means law enforcement confrontation is much greater, especially for young black males.

Also, African-Americans are the victims of crimes far more often than other groups and most of the time justice is not achieved. The horrendous, ongoing black on black murder rate in Chicago and Baltimore proves this beyond any doubt.

Therefore, there is bitterness in many African-American communities over the criminal justice situation. Add to that the fact that poor Americans cannot afford to hire experienced lawyers to defend them, and you have intense animosity towards the “white power establishment.”

The cacophonous, empty slogans and virtue-signaling about “race” are almost painful to endure. Yes, there are emotionally disturbed bigots who diminish minorities. They will always exist. Ask Jewish people. However, the vile embrace of prejudice is largely shunned in the American public square.

But that doesn’t stop idiot commentators from depicting the USA as a hateful cauldron of bias. Some of these pundits are even justifying the dangerous behavior of “protesters” who are attacking police officers and destroying property. Make no mistake, these violent rioters only want to tear down, not resolve anything.

There is only one real solution to deprivation, crime, and helplessness and that is to teach the children well. But that’s absolutely not happening in this country. Many schools are simply holding stations with little discipline and

standards of achievement.

If a child cannot read, write cursive, do math, speak properly, and does not understand that skills have to be developed so honest money can be earned, that child will likely become an impoverished adult without much hope.

Therefore, Americans fed up with “injustice” should focus on the only solution that provides a measure of protection against it: a disciplined and enlightened educational system. If good people begin to demand that for all children, then poverty and all the horrid consequences of it will be diminished.

If we don't, the race dilemma will continue to suffocate our society – one citizen at a time.

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## **Escape from New York**

In 1981, director John Carpenter released a movie that put New York City in a bad light, literally. Gotham was portrayed as a depopulated, dark prison where federal authorities dumped violent criminals to fend for themselves. Any attempt to “Escape from York” resulted in execution.

Today in real life, the pandemic has devastated New York City, bringing fear and grief to its eight and a half million residents. Even before the contagion, folks were getting out. According to the Census Bureau, 181 thousand people left New York state last year alone, an exodus that leads the country.

Many moved to Florida, land of sunshine and no state income tax. While New York ranks first in overall taxation, Florida is 47, and now has two million more residents than the Empire

State.

In spite of that, Florida will spend around \$93 billion this year, while New York's budget is an incredible \$177 billion. So the question becomes do New Yorkers get more services than Floridians?

No, they don't.

Do New York kids get a better education?

No, they don't.

Do New York drivers have better roads?

Nope.

And then there is the COVID invasion which could seal New York's fate, at least short term. A significant number of businesses and workers may flee, having experienced hell for months. That means tax revenue will plummet. So Governor Cuomo and his fun bunch of democrat legislators will have to raise taxes even higher or risk default. New York currently runs a six billion dollar yearly deficit despite bleeding it's workers for every cent.

After COVID, some folks will no longer use the squalid subway system so it will fall deeper into debt. Already the state has approved a new, punitive toll for driving into midtown. When does enough become enough? New York City is a tremendous cultural bastion but, for some, it has become painful to live and work there.

With so many residents packing up, city real estate prices will collapse, especially high end apartments. Restaurants and stores will shutter, and the city could approach the brink as it did in the 1970's.

The incompetent totalitarian mayor of New York, Bill de Blasio, is already demanding a federal bailout. The mayor has

a very weak case after allowing his wife to spend close to a billion tax dollars on “educational” programs which amounted to little.

Governor Andrew Cuomo is trying to leverage the pandemic into a White House bid, but he has to know the desperate shape his state is in. Because he is liberal, Cuomo is rarely challenged by the corrupt media but the stats speak for themselves. Many New Yorkers are fed up, fully understanding the chaos staring them directly in the face.

In the “Escape from New York” movie, a thug named Snake Plessken is sent to the decaying city to rescue a President who’s being held hostage there.

The current President, Donald Trump, is a life long New Yorker or was. Realizing that Plessken or Batman or Green Lantern or anybody else cannot rescue Cuomo-land, Mr. Trump recently said adios and moved to Florida.

Where he will have plenty of company going forward.

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## **Open Up the Entire Country – Now**

The United States of America has to open for business – now.

This pandemic is a war, and in order to fight a war, we must have a strong economy in motion. By opening the economy, and I mean everywhere – New York City, Los Angeles, everywhere – we are going to take casualties, people are going to hurt.

There's no way you can avoid that. I am not insensitive to casualties, but the greater good is served by re-opening the nation now.

Here's how you do it.

The governors of all states have to tell businesses they can open with logical regulations they must follow.

Then you have to encourage senior citizens, those over 65, not to go out. It's safer if you're an older American to stay inside. I'm not saying you can't go get some fresh air, you can. But it's better if you don't go to the restaurant for a little while. If you can get somebody to go to the grocery store for you, it's better for you.

There is no data that says when you open the economy in populated states, you get an immediate spike in the disease. That data does not exist and that's a good thing.

Now, if Vegas opens up and you see a big spike, that will be page one, and that might happen. If it does, then the governor of Nevada will have to shut it down.

Disney World and Disneyland are getting ready to open, and on top of the exorbitant entry fee, you will now have to sign a waiver that says you are not going to sue if you think you got COVID from Cinderella. Don't sign the paper, can't come in.

The house of mouse knows that the bloodsucking lawyers are lined up to sue them if anybody who visits Disney gets COVID. Pelosi and Schumer know it too, but they don't want a federal law limiting litigation, because these lawyers give the Democratic Party hundreds of millions of dollars.

How corrupt this is? I mean, it's just beyond belief corrupt. Again, this never gets reported.

Now, why is the press rooting against re-opening? Everybody knows it's because of Donald Trump, but not everybody will

acknowledge that.

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## **O'Reilly Editorial: It's Over – Open up the Country Now**

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## The Plan

Did you know that last year, Americans paid more taxes to the federal government than ever before?

Two reasons: the robust economy meant workers were making more money. And the Trump tax reform law eliminated deductions for state and local taxes above \$10,000. That means people like me have to fork over more federal income tax, because we can't write off what we pay to the state, which, in liberal places like New York and California, is a lot.

So, it was shocking to see that the new Nancy Pelosi pandemic relief bill, which passed the House on Friday, calls for eliminating the \$10,000 ceiling, thus putting more money in the pockets of the affluent.

Bernie Sanders, who pays property taxes on three homes, has not said a word. That's because the Democratic Party is heavily funded by fat cats in Silicon Valley, Hollywood, Manhattan and the Hamptons, as well as other wealthy, liberal precincts.

This Bud's for you, rich leftists.

Nancy P. gives back despite the phony rhetoric about the rich paying their "fair share." You might ask why a sop to the wealthy is included in a virus relief package in the first place. Or why quasi-amnesty for the undocumented is in there. Or major assistance to companies that legally sell marijuana. Or dozens of other things that have nothing to do with fighting the pandemic.

The answer is politics. Ms. Pelosi is signaling the updated Democrat platform leading to the election.

The Speaker knows the new relief bill will not be passed. Only one Republican congressman, Peter King of New York, voted for it and no GOP senators will. But Ms. Pelosi would like her party to understand where its future lies, and especially wants her fat-cat pals to realize that they will benefit financially.

This cynical and incredibly hypercritical game is not well understood by we the people and that's why I have written this column. And here's something else that is a hidden truth.

If the new pandemic bill ever did pass, the nation's debt would increase to \$28 trillion; money the USA can never fully pay. The Democrats have no interest in slowing down the massive government spending even though the gross fiscal

irresponsibility is a real threat to eventually crash the economy.

But that is exactly what the socialists and their sympathizers want. If the private marketplace collapses, the federal government will have to take it over – completely. Something Bernie and his bros yearn for.

We live in a country full of distractions, distortions, and dismal challenges like COVID. Many of our leaders are not interested in problem-solving and often bury their true agenda in legislation that, in the case of the Pelosi bill, runs more than a thousand pages. The folks are not going to read the thing and neither are most members of Congress and the press, so let me give you the true headline: the Pelosi bill uses the contagion danger to advance left wing power.

And now you know the rest of the story.