

Gun Control and the Left's Continued Predictability, Hypocrisy and Disregard of Evil

I wouldn't bet we'll have three straight days of sunshine here in the Pacific Northwest, but I'd always bet on the Left's predictability, hypocrisy and disregard of evil when it comes to mass shootings. The Left's knee-jerk reaction will always be more "gun control."

Whether it is the Sandy Hook shooting, the Las Vegas shooting, or, now, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, the response is always the same. Chip, chip, chip away at the Second Amendment, as if more laws will prevent bad people from doing bad things.

So far this year, there have been 391 people shot and wounded and 91 killed in Chicago, a city with some of the toughest gun laws in the country. Where is the outcry for those shootings/killings and innocent lives taken? I never hear anyone on the Left talk about this to the degree that is expressed every time there is a school shooting. Considering the vast number of people involved in these shootings are black, can we then conclude the Left is racist, something the right is accused of on a daily basis?

At the time of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, the cable networks reported on the story 24/7. In sharp contrast, the armed resource guard who shot and killed the shooter as he began his rampage at the Great Mills High School in Maryland this month, preventing a far worse tragedy, was overlooked on the CNN and MSNBC websites and I saw about 15 seconds of lip service given to the story on Fox News.

The loudest cries for gun control come from the hypocrites in Hollywood who've made millions making movies depicting gun violence and have probably spent millions of dollars for their own armed security guards. Yet, they don't want me to defend myself. Most recently, these same loudmouths were the recipients of the valuable time of the Los Angeles Police Department – 500 strong – to protect them while they displayed their naiveté at the Academy Awards. Exactly how much money did these clueless celebrities donate to the police officers' benevolent society as a “thank you” for this protective manpower?

And, of course, there's the National Rifle Association, which the Left would like to destroy and everything it stands for – safety and the Second Amendment. Do they even know anything about the NRA? Exactly how many of the criminal shooters have been members of the NRA?

I have no doubt that the far Left would be ecstatic if there was no Second Amendment. Until they're able to accomplish that, I have absolutely no idea what goes on in the mind of someone who thinks that if you remove guns from society, we will automatically live in Utopia. Bad guys are bad guys for a reason. They don't follow rules. They commit crimes. They don't care about laws. The notion that removing guns will solve all of society's ills is either naive or just plain stupid. The idea we can legislate evil away is absurd.

When drunk drivers kill innocent people while driving, where is the outcry to ban cars?

When terrorists drive trucks into crowds of innocent people, where is the outcry to ban trucks?

When terrorists create bombs that kill innocent people, where is the outcry to ban fertilizer? Plumbing supplies? Nails? Pressure cookers?

When kids are bullied online and driven to suicide, where is

the outcry to get rid of Facebook?

When terrorists fly planes into buildings and kill thousands of innocent people, where is the outcry to rid the skies of airplanes?

When terrorists cut off the heads of innocent people, where is the outcry to outlaw machetes? Knives?

When arsonists kill innocent people, where is the outcry to ban matches?

What the Left in this country continues to disregard and fails to recognize is that EVIL exists and is behind all these actions. These are conscious decisions to act, and, if that's someone's intent, they will find the means to do it – no matter what the law says. EVIL does not exist in inanimate objects. EVIL exists in people.

In my opinion, EVIL is ignored because it requires a judgment call and, of course, the Left doesn't want to be judgmental. Belief in God is waning while moral confusion is on the rise, particularly among young people. Anonymity is protected on social media which has allowed incivility to increase and empathy to decline. Personal interaction has decreased. Does the notion of right vs. wrong even exist today? I'll leave all this to the sociologists and philosophers.

When EVIL has been eradicated from the face of the Earth, I'll gladly turn in my weapons. Until then...

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.

Can We Legislate Evil?

If you don't believe evil exists, you might as well stop reading and continue to believe that gun control will cure all of society's ills. I wrote about this at the time of the Sandy Hook shooting, and I'm writing again because the left doesn't seem to get the point.

Having worked as an attorney in the dependency field for over twenty years, I can tell you that evil does exist. Over my legal career, I saw the most unfathomable and unspeakable atrocities inflicted upon children by their parents that would give most people nightmares for the rest of their lives. Dependency laws do not stop the horror. Evil does exist.

Unfortunately, the left in this country either believes evil does not exist or that it can be legislated.

Enter Hillary Clinton, not twenty four hours after the horrific massacre in Las Vegas, who thinks the solution to this madness is gun control. And keeping with the lockstep mentality on the left, pundit after pundit, celebrity after celebrity, legislator after legislator, began the thunderous cry for gun control. Even Nancy Pelosi is hoping for the "slippery slope" that would eliminate the Second Amendment altogether.

What's different this time is the left's new mantra, and I've seen and heard it several times in the new from the pundits and on Facebook, "our prayers and thoughts are not enough – something must be done."

Well, what exactly should be done?

Does anyone actually believe you can pass a law and stop people from behaving a certain way? How many laws do we have on the books at this moment that people break every day? Why do criminal courts exist if passing laws stop illegal

behavior? Simple. Bad people do not follow the rules and definitely do not care about laws. You can see how well it works in Chicago, with one of the toughest set of gun laws – 58 homicides in the last month.

I'm sick and tired of hearing about gun control; get rid of guns; get rid of semi-automatic weapons; ban automatic weapons; get rid of bump stocks; get rid of the Second Amendment.

And then what? Will we be living in Nirvana? Utopia? Shangri-La? Sure.

In calling for the elimination of the Second Amendment, those advocating something so stupid don't realize that our brilliant Founding Fathers included this Amendment, not to allow us to hunt, but to allow us, the citizenry, to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government. Every tyrant in recent history, from Hitler to Stalin to Mao Tze Tung to Idi Amin to Pol Pot, disarmed their people FIRST in order to take control. And if anyone thinks democracy will protect us here in the United States, they are foolish. Just consider what's happening with the Catalans in Spain right now. Thank God our forefathers included the Second Amendment in our Constitution.

The loudest voices with the largest audiences come from people who live in gated communities, have armed bodyguards around them whenever they're in public, and those attending self-congratulatory events like the Academy and Emmy Awards all protected by, you got it, armed police personnel (paid for, no doubt, by the taxpayer) to protect them. I'd like to know how many legislators on the left appear in public without some type of security team around them. I doubt very many. Yet, they want to disarm me while they have the luxury of having armed protection for themselves. The hypocrisy is unbelievable.

What some don't understand or fail to recognize is that evil

will always find an outlet – be it with a gun, plane, car, truck, fertilizer, knife, machete, bomb or box cutter. Do we ban all these instruments of potential death because someone chooses to use them to do harm to others? To take this argument to the umpteenth level of absurdity – do we castrate every man because someone chooses to rape?

As I said, the current meme on Facebook is “Your Prayers and Thoughts are Insufficient.” Well, maybe there aren’t enough prayers these days. Some of you might not like to hear it, but perhaps more of us should be asking Our Father to “deliver us from evil” on a daily basis. Whether you want to believe it or not, the Lord is far more powerful than anyone in Washington D.C.

I don’t get it, but if you do, God bless you.

“The Cesspool at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave” and “Cruel & Unusual Punishment”

A friend of mine, after taking note of Obama’s approach to foreign affairs, has decided that his doctrine is to speak softly and carry a big grudge. But if you stop and think about it, that also sums up his domestic policies, which seem aimed at burdening the middle class with additional taxes; a health system that will be the envy of nobody on earth, including the folks in Bangladesh; and an EPA and IRS that are out to target anyone who didn’t contribute to Obama’s re-election campaign.

In other news, John Hinckley, 58, would-be assassin and would-be swain of lesbian actress Jodie Foster, is now a free man.

It's only a rumor that in his rush to appoint left-wing dingbats to the federal bench, Obama is considering appointing Mr. Hinckley to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, where he would be right at home with the other liberal nutburgers. After all, he established his bona fides by trying to off conservative icon Ronald Reagan.

As I appreciate anything that saves my doing heavy lifting, I'd like to share an email I received from a reader named Juan Motie. He was writing in response to a piece in which I stated that Harry Reid owed his political career to Nevada's unions and casino owners. He wrote: "You're not entirely correct. In the general election of 2010, the establishment GOP Party in Nevada abandoned its own candidate, Sharon Angle, and came out vocally and financially in support of Harry Reid. Those traitorous Republicans formed a PAC, calling themselves "Republicans for Reid." That was because these turncoats were upset that their fair-haired girl, Sue Loudon, had lost the primary election to Ms. Angle, the Tea Party favorite.

"In 2010, another unhelpful factor was Wayne LaPierre of the NRA sharing a stage with Reid at the grand opening of a shooting range in southern Nevada. There was LaPierre shucking and jiving with Reid, acting as if he and Reid were the best of friends. While it seems that the NRA made no formal endorsement of Reid, I'm sure LaPierre's actions swayed a large number of wavering voters."

So it would appear that Chris Christie isn't the only loony tune who doesn't think twice about betraying the Republican Party.

There's a good chance you missed the news about Benghazi, considering how disinterested the media is in exposing the truth about Obama and his stooges. Ironically, it seems there is finally a smoking gun covered in dirty fingerprints belonging to members of this rabidly anti-gun administration that sheds new light on the 2012 massacre that left four dead

Americans in its wake.

In a memo written seven weeks before the presidential election by the Deputy National Security Advisor to the President, Ben Rhodes reminded everyone in the White House that "...the purpose of the talking points" Susan Rice was to deliver on five Sunday morning news shows "were meant to underscore that the protest was rooted in an Internet video, and not a broader failure of policy."

A dozen senior members of Obama's inner circle were copied. Among them was serial liar Jay ("Don't call me Pinocchio") Carney, who looks like a choir boy, but lies like a sleazebag running for office.

Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) wants the government to track down hate speech wherever it can be found. One, I doubt if the senator and I would agree on what constitutes hate speech. But, two, I am quite willing to admit I hate Sen. Markey and every other self-appointed censor who is looking to trim the 1st Amendment to suit his partisan agenda, while pretending that they're just being sensitive to the bruised feelings of their liberal base.

But in the unlikely event that Markey is having a difficult time tracking down the haters, I would suggest that he pay closer attention to what the likes of Obama, Pelosi, Reid, Rangel, Durbin, Schumer and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, have to say about Republicans in general and Tea Partiers in particular.

It's possible that you are already aware that the U.S. pays the lion's share of the bills, between two and three billion dollars a year, keeping the U.N. afloat. As stupid and as essentially immoral as that is, considering what a gang of cockroaches and cut-throats inhabit the place, and that Russia has the authority to veto anything they like or, rather, dislike, that's only the tip of the scum-covered iceberg. It

seems we also send foreign aid to 145 nations, and that among those with whom we share this largesse are – if you're standing, please be seated, and if you're seated, please lie down – Cuba, Venezuela, Iran, Rwanda, Turkey, Mexico, Sudan, Pakistan, Iraq, Brazil, Cambodia, Yemen, Afghanistan, China, Russia, North Korea and those folks in Gaza who go by the name of Hamas.

It's bad enough when a little kid gets bullied out of his lunch money. But for America to voluntarily cough up tens of billions of dollars, especially, when we're already in the hole for 17 trillion bucks, you'd think someone in Washington would not only insist we stop digging, but would hide the damn shovel.

CRUEL & UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT

It's an odd paradox, but I understand those who commit cold-blooded murder better than I do those people who attend vigils outside prisons where killers are being executed. The murderers, after all, are evil, making their acts, along with those of rapists and child molesters, comprehensible. When such a crime is committed and people say, "How could anyone do such a thing?" conservatives know the answer is: "They're the evil spawn of Satan."

Liberals, on the other hand, assume that nobody, except conservatives are truly evil, and that bad behavior can inevitably be traced back to capitalism. If it weren't for money, they're convinced we'd all be living in condos in the Garden of Eden. They never bother explaining how money or the lack thereof motivates rape or the sexual abuse of children, but logic, as you may have noticed, is never their strong suit.

Therefore, it was no surprise to me that when the lethal injection given to Clayton Lockett wasn't as painless as advertised, the pinheads had a major hissy fit.

The fact that Lockett was guilty of murder, rape and burying a 19-year-old woman, Stephanie Neiman, alive was of no concern to the self-righteous loons, but they were morally outraged that the monster had experienced some discomfort while being executed.

Well, I'm outraged by their outrage. The fact that he took 43 minutes to finally die of a heart attack hardly compares to the time it took Ms. Neiman to suffocate in a shallow grave. The 15 years Lockett got to live after killing the only child of the Neimans is the thing that should offend the sensibilities of normal human beings.

If it had been up to me, Lockett would have been spared the chemical injection. Instead, if we were truly a moral society, he would have been locked away in a dungeon shortly after he was convicted, where he would then be gnawed to death by rats.

Speaking of immorality, it took about 70 years for elderly American G.I.s to finally receive the medals they were entitled to after being interned in a World War II POW camp. It seems the problem was that they weren't in a camp run by Nazis, but by the Swiss. Because we generally think of Switzerland, if we ever think of Switzerland at all, as the happy land of chocolate and cuckoo clocks, we tend to overlook the fact that they are as corrupt a nation as any place on earth.

When you consider their stringent banking laws, which, in the main, serve little purpose other than to safeguard the accounts of Nazis, drug dealers and various dictators – tyrants ranging from Idi Amin to Yasser Arafat, from al-Assad to Vladimir Putin – their death grip on the pilfered funds of Jews who were herded off to the German death camps; and their much-flaunted, extremely profitable neutrality, the only clean thing about them are their streets!

A reader, Tom Halleck, shared an item he'd come across on the

Internet: "The way Obama is slashing military defense, Putin might decide to take over New York City instead of eastern Ukraine. In fact, if he displaced Mayor Bill de Blasio, it would result in less communist control of that city."

With the current administration, just when you think it couldn't get worse, it gets worse. Ever since the 9/11/2012 attack on our consulate in Benghazi, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Susan Rice and the State Department, have told us one lie after another, trying to conceal their involvement in the massacre. Because the narrative, constantly parroted by Obama in his presidential campaign that GM was alive, but Osama bin Laden was dead and Al Qaeda was on life-support, they had to pretend that the assault was an impromptu response to an anti-Islamic video nobody had ever seen. Then, to better sell the charade, they sent an armed response to arrest and imprison the producer of the video, after refusing to lift a finger to save American lives in Libya.

Even after they lied about the cause of the bloody event and the reason they hadn't sent the additional security Ambassador Stevens had pleaded for, they lied to the parents of the murder victims in the presence of four flag-draped caskets, insisting that they would do everything in their power to capture or kill the Islamic jihadists responsible for the carnage. They not only knew they were lying, but compounded the sin by then concealing the truth from Congress.

It is only now that, thanks to Judicial Watch obtaining previously concealed and/or redacted documents and emails, that we are finding evidence that after the initial cover-up, Obama and his cohorts have been as busy as psychotic beavers covering up the cover-up.

To answer Hillary Clinton's plaintive question, it makes a hell of a big difference, and anyone who would still consider voting for the arrogant shrew in 2016 would be better off holding moonlight vigils for convicted killers.

Most of them, after all, only have the blood of one innocent victim on their hands, not four!

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Westboro Baptist Church: The Face of Evil

☒ I recently read a very interesting book entitled, "The Rite," written by an Italian journalist who accompanied a modern-day exorcist, Fr. Gary Thomas, during his training in Rome. (I haven't seen the movie.)

In the book, one of the parishioners asks the priest not to discuss evil spirits and demonic possession during his sermon because it was "frightening the kids." I found that very odd because, when I was growing up in the Catholic Church, the subjects of good and evil, Heaven and Hell, sin and the like were essential elements and commonplace in my life.

There's no doubt in my mind evil exists. I'm also aware that some people don't believe there's such a thing. But I've worked in the area of child abuse and neglect for over 20 years and there's no other explanation. I've seen things most people couldn't imagine in their worst nightmares. I seldom talk about my work because most people can't believe the horrific things that have been done to children. There's definitely something evil about those who harm children and I never forget the words of Jesus, "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the

sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." In other words, don't mess with the children.

After all I've seen, I'm still shocked when I read something that can only be described as evil. I haven't become immune and that's a good thing.

Just this week, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the vile Westboro Baptist Church. I deliberately chose not to accompany this article with a photo of its founder, Fred Phelps, or a picture of the disgusting signs these people carry at military funerals. You can google those yourself. What these horrible people claim is that the deaths of our brave men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan are God's punishment for America's tolerance of homosexuality and abortion.

The Supreme Court case resulted from a judgment obtained by the father of one of those courageous fallen heroes, Matthew Snyder, who was killed in Iraq in 2006. Matthew's father sued these vile creatures for emotional distress when he attempted to bury his heroic son in peace but was disrupted by these "church-goers" bearing signs such as "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" and "Thank God for 9/11." He won a substantial judgment at the state level which was overturned on the federal appellate level citing the Church's First Amendment grounds. He took it to the Supremes.

The Supreme Court, in an 8-1 decision (Justice Samuel Alito dissented), found that the First Amendment protects these "church members" despite the pain they cause grieving families.

Let me say that I haven't read the court documents or the entire decisions from the appeals court or the Supreme Court, so I won't comment on the legal arguments made or the Court's decision.

I'm talking, instead, of the despicable behavior exhibited by these people. It's easy to dismiss the WBC members as nuts,

whack-jobs and loons, but I, for one, think the problem is far worse than just being misguided or crazy. I truly believe these people are evil.

What I will say is that I honestly believe our Founding Fathers could not have even imagined this kind of behavior or would have condoned this type of display at military funerals under any circumstances.

I don't get how someone reaches a point in their life to become so warped in one's thinking to behave in such a manner. To deliberately cause the kind of pain and suffering to our military families – who have already made the ultimate sacrifice – is beyond my comprehension. I'll leave that to the theologians and psychologists but I must say I do take solace when I hear my husband say, "There's a special place in Hell for people like this."

Fortunately, the families of those massacred in Tucson were spared WBC's unholy presence at their loved ones' funerals. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed emergency legislation that barred protests within 300 feet of a funeral and within an hour from its beginning or end.

Without further legislation similar to that enacted in Arizona, and with the Supreme Court decision in hand, the WBC is now empowered to continue their disgusting displays of protest. But just because something is legal, doesn't make it right. And, in this case, the so-called "Church" and its members are just plain evil.

For the time being, I do have the perfect antidote. I look into the innocent faces of my six grandnephews and nieces and all the evil in the world disappears. And that is a blessing.