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What Do They Expect? Registering Prison Inmates To Vote

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There was an interesting news item this week: The president had ordered the attorney general to establish procedures to identify and register to vote inmates in federal prisons. What was even more interesting was that the order was signed March 7, 2021, some 47 days after assuming office.

So why is it just becoming public?

Now think about this: Most people who find themselves incarcerated in a federal institution are there because they have been convicted of a felony which, in most states, disqualify a person from voting until, if allowed by state law, they have taken the proscribed steps to re-qualify as a voter. Additionally, many such inmates will not be released for many years, and some not at all. And there is no accounting in the order for those on death row.

Yet the order directs the AG to provide "educational materials related to voter registration and...to facilitate voter registration..." Additionally, the AG "shall establish procedures, consistent with applicable law, to ensure the United States Marshals Service includes language in intergovernmental agreements and jail contracts to require the jails to provide educational materials related to voter registration and voting, and to facilitate voting by mail."

You notice when the subject turns to the marshals and intergovernmental agreements, the beneficiaries of the order are expanded to include inmates of state, county, and local jails.

So why?

The order is a wide effort to make voting easier for a number of various groups including:

Increasing opportunities for employees to vote, which includes granting time-off for voting and ensuring employees have the opportunity to participate in early voting, or service as a poll worker or observer; ensuring equal access to persons with disabilities; assistance with voting by Native Americans by working with tribal nations and leaders including by mitigating barriers to vote and increasing "language access"; and to assist military personnel on active duty and citizens overseas.

In his stated purpose, the president notes, "many Americans, especially

people of color, confront significant obstacles to exercising that fundamental right [to vote]. These obstacles include difficulties with voter registration, lack of election information, and barriers to access at polling places, including long lines, and voting by mail.

"For generations, Black voters and other voters of color have faced discriminatory policies and other obstacles that disproportionately affect their communities...Limited access to language assistance remains a barrier for many voters," he wrote.

The order then requires various agencies of the federal government to act to find ways to provide relevant voting information including voting by mail, such as: distributing vote-by mail ballot applications, providing registration materials, and seeking the assistance of nonpartisan third-party organizations to provide registration services on agency premises.

Unfortunately, Mr. Biden did not give us the name of any nonpartisan, third-party organizations that might be suitable.

Okay, let's look at this as a whole. Of course, nobody minds helping those with disabilities or soldiers to vote. Neither does anyone (or most anyone) want to interfere with the ability of any legal voter. But we need to ask ourselves what is the proper level of assistance needed by the average voter and what is the legitimate role of government in providing such help?

I'm not sure that all need the same assistance. For example, unless you are living in a cave in the middle of a desert, or have a handicap that prevents you from easy travel, you don't need any assistance to register. That is easy, so how much of this order will be used by federal bureaucrats to nudge people who have no interest in voting to now register and get a ballot. How might that person's ballot become available to someone who has a high degree of interest - especially with mail-in ballots? "Now, Mr. Citizen, if we can get you that ballot, where would you like it mailed?"

And how much language access is needed? And what is meant by that? Do we need the ballot translated into a foreign language? Shouldn't an American citizen know English? I can understand if someone cannot

read or is blind, but doesn't the citizenship process require understanding English?

And what is all this focus on inmates, most of whom lost their voting privileges when convicted. I can understand the state providing information on how their voting rights might be restored at the time they are released, but is this order assuming voting by felons from the comfort of their cells? And except for a few references to the "appropriate" law, what assurance is there that there will be any attempt by those charged with enforcing the order to determine if the inmate was ever eligible to vote in the United States?

And what about those who are held by intergovernmental agencies and local jails which are located in sanctuary jurisdictions where local authorities are forbidden to ask about the immigration status of a detainee?

It's a wonder from all the criticism we've heard about the administration's border policies, sanctuary cities, and the presidential party's stand on mail-out and mail-in ballots, lengthy early voting periods, signature verifications, and now the attorney general announcing that he will move to challenge voter ID laws. Why this was done under the radar? And why were the prisoner rules buried in the middle - page 4 - of a six-page, single-spaced, small-type document?

Voting is wonderful, but only if the proper safeguards are in place. Seems to me this order is an attempt to bypass those safeguards.

Mother Cabrini

My wife and I had the pleasure of watching the new movie *Cabrini* at one of our local movie theaters with several of our fellow parishioners. While there we also ran into several parishioners from a nearby parish. I think we all had the same opinion of the movie: It was great, two thumbs up, as the reviewers would say.

For many of us the name "Mother Cabrini" invokes memories of the nuns of our childhood Catholic elementary schools teaching us about the woman who was considered a Catholic superstar. If you have never been introduced to the woman who became the first American saint you should take the opportunity to meet her at a theater near you. And if your memory of her is only a fleeting reference to what the good nuns told you, go back to the theater and find out what makes the Church so proud of this, her daughter.

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Joe Sobran's gift for expressing truth in a memorable way is nowhere more evident than in what Tom Woods calls "A Sobran Taxonomy."

"Thanks to BW for reminding me of this 1995 Joe Sobran quotation, which has rarely been more appropriate:

If you want government to intervene domestically, you're a liberal.

If you want government to intervene overseas, you're a conservative.

If you want government to intervene everywhere, you're a moderate.

If you don't want government to intervene anywhere, you're an extremist."

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If any man is devout and loves God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast.
 If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord.
 If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his reward.
 If any have worked from the first hour, let him today receive his just recompense.
 If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast.
 If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have waited even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his lateness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; he gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has worked from the first. And he shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one he gives, and upon the other he bestows gifts. And he both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering.
 Therefore, enter all of you into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and the last. You rich and poor together, hold this high feast. You sober and you reckless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast sumptuously all of you. The calf is fatted; let no one go away hungry. Enjoy all of you the feast of faith: Receive all of you the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one worry over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his sins, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered You in the lower regions.

It was made bitter, for it was abolished.

It was made bitter, for it was mocked.

It was made bitter, for it was slain.

It was made bitter, for it was overthrown.

It was made bitter, for it was fettered in chains.

It took a body, and it met God.

It took earth, and encountered Heaven.

It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.

Christ is risen, and life reigns.

Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.

For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!

Christós voskrése! Voístinnu voskrése! (*Slavonic*)

Christós anésti! Alithós anésti! (*Greek*)

Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam! (*Arabic*)

Kristus vstal zmr'tvych! Skutočne vstal! (*Slovak*)

Classical Liberalism Must Endure

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The right must defend and restore the early modern-era values of classical liberalism, rather than abandoning them just because they have been perverted by the postmodern left.

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Chronicles

CLASSICAL LIBERALISM IS SALVAGEABLE. The will to salvage it, however, is another issue—and a problem. Rhetorically, we reflexively defend liberal verities such as the rule of law, property rights, privacy rights, and freedom of contract. But when it really counts, we go wobbly. Classical liberalism—or what we today call “libertarianism”—needs adjustments to reemerge as a ruling public philosophy. It also needs reinforcements.

Lately, the some on the right are attempting to redefine their political philosophy as reconstituted authoritarianism with a guiding assumption that liberalism, including the original kind, is heresy against the common good. Patrick Deneen, Adrian Vermeule, and Reihan Salam are among a group of “postliberal” authors on the right who condemn liberalism as tyranny covered by a thin veneer of tolerance. For them, communism is Enlightenment rationalism realized; Lenin is the culmination of Locke.

In a 2021 essay titled “Abandoning Defensive Crouch Conservatism” on the Substack newsletter *Postliberal Order*, Deneen cited seven liberal principles as the source of conservatism’s habitual defensive crouch: religious liberty, limited government, the inviolability of private institutions, academic freedom, constitutional originalism, free markets, and free speech. “Liberalism,” he wrote, “has become consistently more aggressive in extending each of these features to their logical conclusion—their own contradiction in the form of liberal totalitarianism.”

Needless to say, I strongly reject this view. And yet, it is undeniable that a type of radicalism resembling liberalism threatens our nation’s existence. America is being retrofitted for a managed race-and-gender-identity regime that, while not Marxist, rejects liberty. Its vaunted “diversity” has nothing to do with diversity of opinion and everything to do with a diversity of demography, subject to a single set of opinions. Our elites are mostly complicit and often enthusiastic participants.

The unraveling of America, more than a half-century in the making, is accelerating. Many young adults believe George Floyd, a career criminal, was a greater man than George Washington; our per capita national debt now exceeds \$100,000; and government at all levels rewards mass illegal immigration. Supporters of this “national reset” often call themselves liberals. But are they? This is certainly not what classical liberal giants such as John Locke, Baruch Spinoza, David Hume, Thomas Jefferson, Adam Smith, Voltaire, Immanuel Kant, Montesquieu, Frédéric Bastiat, and John Stuart Mill had in mind. Like conservatism inspired by Edmund Burke, classical liberalism rejects grand schemes to reorganize society along the lines of some predetermined ideology.

Yet our current demographic transformation *is* such a scheme. Its primary aim is to scrub America and the rest of the West of all traces of “racism,” which is supposedly our original sin. Conservatives who have not forsaken the older liberalism must resist this mental reprogramming on race and immigration. They are the central issues of our time.



ON THE SURFACE, CLASSICAL LIBERALISM AND its errant descendant, egalitarian liberalism, are opposites. The former emphasizes individual rights; the latter, social equality. Yet they are similar in that they view reason as the best guide to resolving conflict and creating a workable society. “The liberal emphasis is on a natural harmony in society, not in economic matters alone but also in law and other social institutions,” British political philosopher Norman Barry observed in his book *The New Right* (1987).

The problem is that nobody is purely rational—not even the Objectivist followers of Ayn Rand. All of us have group loyalties of one form or another. Even the most thoughtful and empathetic among us, consciously or not, will be swayed by social pressure. Yet for many people, especially members of minority races, tribal loyalty is all that matters. Thinking requires independence and exertion, two qualities in perpetual short supply.

That creates a problem for the liberal state. In theory, liberalism operates on the rule of law. That is, laws should apply equally to one and all, even if they yield unequal group outcomes. In practice, competition for economic and political advantage is fierce and constant. People may employ corrupt, illegal, or unconstitutional means to achieve or maintain advantage, especially come election time. Rational debate, in other words, goes only so far in adjudicating grievances.

Since the Civil Rights Acts of the 1960s, America’s “equity revolution” has been advancing with few impediments. The result is that much of our population has a stake in coerced income and wealth transfers from groups with “too much” to groups with “too little.” Advocates for this intergroup altruism are skilled in using liberal rhetoric for illiberal ends. Though the stated mission is “justice,” “fairness,” and “equality,” the true mission is wresting power from people they dislike.

Whites, males, and heterosexuals are the prime targets; racial minorities, women, and homosexuals are the prime beneficiaries. As passing legislation is time-consuming and often futile, advocates rely heavily on the executive and judicial branches of government to advance their goals, often supported by bellicosity in the streets and on campuses. The readiness with which “powerful” institutions surrender is little short of shocking.

Among corporations, surrendering to diversity, equity, and inclusion demands is now a business strategy. I defy anyone to identify a major American corporation that hasn’t instituted “diversity targets” in its hiring, aiming to achieve an “equitable” percentage of each race and sex in its workforce. Facebook, for example, seeks a five-year, 30 percent increase in the number of “people of color” in leadership positions. McDonald’s wants 35 percent of its employees in leadership roles to be members of “historically underrepresented groups” and 45 percent to be women. Mozilla is committed to doubling the proportion of its black and Hispanic new hires. IBM’s chief executive was recently caught on a video leaked to James O’Keefe demanding the hiring of fewer white males and Asians and more women and other races. AT&T, meanwhile, has committed \$3 billion to buy

supplies solely from black-owned businesses. These are just a few among many similar examples.

All of this, if indirectly, is a legacy of the moral persuasion of Martin Luther King, Jr. By any measure, MLK was a man of the left, so it is understandable that the left reveres him. Yet, so does the mainstream right. Starved for public approval, establishment conservatives attempt to portray MLK as a noble exception to his divisive successors.

A good example of the right's timorousness is conservative media star Ben Shapiro. In his book *Bullies: How the Left's Culture of Fear and Intimidation Silences Americans*, he declared, "Only when we learn to cherish the words of Martin Luther King, judging people as individuals, will we truly have the guts to stand up to the race bullies." Race bullies like Al Sharpton and Ibram X. Kendi and their leftist enablers are no doubt terrified. Perhaps Shapiro is unfamiliar with this passage from King's 1964 book, *Why We Can't Wait*:

Whenever this issue of compensatory or preferential treatment for the Negro is raised, some of our friends recoil in horror. The Negro should be granted equality, they agree; but he should ask nothing more. On the surface, this appears reasonable, but it is not realistic. For it is obvious that if a man is entered at the starting line in a race three hundred years after another man, the first would have to perform some impossible feat in order to catch up with his fellow runner.

A more effective brief against liberty and for reparations and racial quotas is hard to imagine.

In death, King's dream has been fulfilled. Whites bow on cue before the demands of blacks and other nonwhites. Long-standing immigration laws are barely enforced. The idea that there was a triumphant "Reagan Revolution" in the 1980s is a joke to most people; beyond *Wall Street Journal* columnist Peggy Noonan, former Heritage Foundation Fellow Lee Edwards, and a dwindling number of supply-side economists, it's hard to find anyone today who believes in it. Yes, we helped overturn Communism in Russia and Eastern Europe. But back home, we expanded our hybrid of capitalism, socialism, and oligarchy. Call that what you will, but it's *not* classical liberalism.

Great Britain has gone a similar route. "Looking back with hindsight, it now seems clear just how limited and short-lived was the success of the Reagan and Thatcher governments in achieving their similar economic and social policy objectives," noted classical liberal philosopher (and later, Brexit supporter) David Conway in his 1995 book, *Classical Liberalism: The Unvanquished Ideal*. "Neither was able to do much to reduce the proportion of gross national product expended by their respective governments." Even with voters in 2016 rejecting continued European Union membership, Britain is growing more despotic by the year.

The last 60 years have affirmed the impossibility of multiracial cooperation in one country. Like its rainbow symbol, the dream is colorful, sentimental, and illusory. Forcing whites to endure large numbers of hostile nonwhites in their communities, workplaces, and schools, far from unifying our country, has divided it. The word "diversity," after all, implies division.

A "colorblind" society is achievable only in tightly controlled settings where individuals have agreed to suppress their identities for collective survival or victory. Think of

a military platoon, a police force, or a football team. In the absence of enforced *esprit de corps*, racial unity dissipates.

Our unofficial national motto is now "From out of one, many," which is an inversion of the old one, *E pluribus unum*, and a rejection of our founding. It must be abandoned. Even in relatively benign form, as in Belgium and Canada, enforced ethnic unity is barely workable. Yet the left, with an almost metaphysical faith, pushes on. Mainstream conservatives, rather than speak truth to power, often respond that racial minorities are victims of "liberal policies." Such gestures, aside from being useless, delegitimize dissenters. The Old Right paladin and *Chronicles* columnist, Samuel Francis, worked at The Heritage Foundation during the pre-Reagan years; he wouldn't last a month there today.

Leftist determination and rightist timidity have entrenched our commitment to serving "marginalized" populations. Resistance means risk-taking. A politician who denounces anti-white quotas can expect ferocious opposition—as recently happened in Michigan to the Republican state representative Josh Schriver. A white employee who complains to his supervisor about the organization's commitment to "diversity, equity, and inclusion" invites a reprimand or termination.

Nearly 250 years ago, a group of American dissenters pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor in separating themselves from a British king. Separating ourselves from Martin Luther King may prove riskier.



THAT WE MUST COMBAT THE LEFT IS INDISPUTABLE. Yet the right should not get a free pass for its failure to rise to the challenge.

Many conservatives believe that liberty and tradition naturally reinforce each other. A laissez-faire business culture harmonizes social conflict and fosters conservative beliefs, at least according to "fusionism," which argues that libertarian economics and social conservatism go hand-in-hand. Yet exceptions to fusionism have become so numerous that they almost constitute the rule. A capitalist, like it or not, is perfectly capable of accumulating great wealth and subsidizing leftist enemies of the principles that create wealth. Jack Dorsey, the multibillionaire cofounder and former chief executive of Twitter (now called X), has donated enormous sums of his own money to avowedly leftist organizations. The same can be said for LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, and many other multibillionaires. (Are there any real right-wing multibillionaires? Where are they hiding?)

A corporation is neither inherently right-wing nor left-wing; it is intrinsically profit-seeking. Anticipated returns on investments guide its decisions. If supporting egalitarian causes seems either beneficial or least risky, company management will be apt to play. If a bank's officers believe an influx of Third World migrants will boost its home mortgage lending, they will look favorably upon open immigration. As Joseph Schumpeter noted, one of the great ironies of capitalism is that its very success eventually turns on itself.

Traditionalism, however, also has its shortcomings. For one thing, it allows little room for individualism, which is the primary source of human creativity. Liberty and individualism are related but different concepts. Whereas liberty establishes a political-economic framework for rights, individualism justifies a person's desire to express an

identity, even if that identity stands in contrast to community and societal norms. Liberty doesn't necessarily imply nonconformity, but individualism does.

For that reason, traditionalists, while grudgingly accepting liberty, reject individualism. Often, they preface the word "individualism" with disapproving adjectives—hence, "loose individualism," "Baby Boomer individualism," "narcissistic individualism," "atomized individualism" and "'60s-style individualism."

Some critics have sought censorship as a corrective, such as the late jurist Robert Bork. He wrote in 2005 in *National Review*:

Liberty in America can be enhanced by reinstating, legislatively, restraints upon the direction of our culture and morality. Censorship as an enhancement of liberty may seem paradoxical. Yet it should be obvious, to all but dogmatic First Amendment absolutists, that people forced to live in an increasingly brutalized culture are, in a very real sense, not wholly free.

Bork's equally influential late colleague at the American Enterprise Institute, Irving Kristol, wrote in 1999, "The case for censorship is intellectually powerful but politically impotent." At least he got the second part right. Fuming at "institutional elites who have imposed their culture on us," Kristol recommended gestures of private censorship such as banning one's kids from attending rock concerts. Given the tone of his writing, one needn't guess that public censorship was his backup plan.

A nation that censors its people wades into dangerous waters. It is true that a society cannot function under legal or moral anarchy. But operating with a highly subjective definition of harm, professional right-wing scolds view culture more as something to ward off than enjoy. They seem to ignore that official censorship leads to self-censorship. Talk to anyone from China, Iran, or North Korea to confirm this.

I am not by any means a First Amendment absolutist. Some behavior must be excoriated. Antifa and Black Lives Matter street thugs who vandalize businesses, "idealistic" university students who occupy campus offices, and vagrants who turn outdoor spaces into garbage dumps are public threats. But lumping such destroyers in with creators of weird art, music, or ideas is tyranny.

Censorship is related to the broader topic of social control. Consider the right's frequent hand-wringing over family dissolution. Maggie Gallagher, William Bennett, Allan Carlson, and other traditionalists argue that divorce should be banned or severely limited. Rarely, if ever, do they entertain the possible negative consequences of handing the state dictatorial power in this realm. Nor, oddly, do they acknowledge that divorce has long been in decline. Data from the National Center for Health Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau shows that the "crude" divorce rate—annual divorces per 1,000 population—fell by more than 55 percent from a peak of 5.3 in 1979 to 2.3 in 2022. The "re-

efined" rate, which takes into account declining marriage rates, yields a similar, if less dramatic, result. From 1979 to 2022, divorces per 1,000 married women fell by about a third from 22.6 to 14.6, a 35 percent decline.

America's divorce "epidemic" is a myth. To the extent young adults are avoiding marriage, it would be more accurate to say, especially among the college-educated, that they are delaying it. Is that bad? Many studies, especially those referencing the work of Nobel economist Gary Becker, show that an early first marriage between those in their early 20s and teenage years is a good predictor of early divorce.

Rightist animosity toward Hollywood is another example of lazy thinking mated to authoritarianism. Most conservatives have no idea how films are conceived, produced, or marketed. More to the point, they don't care. A whimsical Wes Anderson farce is just as morally suspect as a dark, brooding Paul Thomas Anderson drama. Steven Spielberg and Steven Soderbergh may as well be the same person. Their primary desire is transforming movie studios into Red State agitprop factories, or "changing the narrative," as the *Breitbart* types say. These people want control.

Know this about movie directors: They are intensely individualistic. Put ten of them in a room, and you'll get ten different opinions about what a film should say or look like. They often clash with studio heads for artistic control. And they resent being pressed into duty as ideological functionaries in a "culture war." There is no unified "Hollywood agenda."

That said, traditionalists do get critical things right, such as opposing homosexual marriage. Few developments are more radical and at cross-purposes with human nature than legalizing such unions. Marriage is a government-sanctioned privilege, not a right. The Supreme Court's 2015 ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which forced all states to recognize same-sex marriages, was a rebuke to millennia of evolutionary and learned experience.

Traditionalists also rightly oppose transgenderism. Something has gone awry when a nation bows to the demands of males who insist they are females and females who insist they are males. Sexuality is a biological reality, not subjective feeling. Yet many corporations, including Amazon, AT&T, Master Card, and United Airlines, support their employees' right to "transition." Several states, including California and Michigan, have enacted legislation to protect a person's right to seek gender transition therapy.

That traditionalism and classical liberalism fitfully overlap suggests possibilities for a coalition. But it will take tough-minded leaders to make that happen.

The late British parliamentarian Enoch Powell should be an inspiration for any potential coalition leader. Powell was supportive of free enterprise. More importantly, he understood that migration from primitive societies would be disastrous for England. He eloquently and presciently explained in his 1968 "Rivers of Blood" speech that countries cannot be microcosms for the world and expect to survive. Powell's own Conservative Party rebuked him for expressing that insight, but time has shown him the wiser. His predictions have been ahead of schedule.

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America's closest thing to Enoch Powell today is Donald Trump. Though hardly eloquent, Trump made the right enemies: people who believe that we should invite the world for the sake of social equality, racial diversity, and cheap labor. His current presidential campaign, waged in the face of vindictive prosecutors and judges bent on bankrupting and imprisoning him, is a testimony to his courage.

But if elected, how effective would he be? The last time around, Trump didn't drain the swamp; the swamp drained him. The courts overturned virtually every immigration-related executive order he issued. And, on occasion, he not only refrained from battling the left, but tried to outdo them. For example, during his 2020 reelection campaign he proposed a \$500 billion "Platinum Plan" to benefit black communities solely. One can only imagine the pork barrel corruption that would have ensued had Congress enacted that futile racial ploy.

Donald Trump's base of support is loyal but not large enough to elect him. Without a large swing vote, he's going nowhere.

"The evil man is the child grown strong," observed Thomas Hobbes. Though Hobbes was no classical liberal, his wisdom applies here. Our founders valued liberty but also feared childlike mob passions. Constitutional checks

and balances provide insurance against that. Mobs don't think; they advance. It is not the job of political leaders, right or left, to lead them.

Classical liberalism, like traditionalism, aims to protect civilization from war and other forms of destruction. As such, it must play a central role in defining our polity. Old Right sociologist Robert Nisbet, in *Prejudices: A Philosophical Dictionary* (1982), explained the need to strike a balance:

Without the sacred core there can be no true culture of any kind; but without the catalyzing effect of challenge or dissent, there can only be orthodoxy and passivity of mind. This is a principle of dialectics and also of cultural dynamics. There must be action but there also must be reaction; sacred tradition but challenge to tradition; conventionality but revolt.

These words should serve as a guide for framing all issues.

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5 Presidents Who Warned Against Mass Immigration

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Of course, the premise of these warnings is that, through patient assimilation, America would stay American. That is the furthest thing from the minds of the governing and intellectual "elites" of today, who clamor for .

Two of the five presidents studied in this article contributed to the political environment that led to the critical immigration pause, ca. 1920 – 1960, discussed at length by Pat Buchanan in *A Republic, Not an Empire*. Theodore Roosevelt dreaded a geographical space that would become a "polyglot boarding house." As the article states, Calvin Coolidge put the words into action: "In the early 1920s, President Calvin Coolidge (R) drastically reduced annual legal immigration levels to the United States, stabilizing the nation's population following decades of record-high immigration."

I've seen much in my short lifetime regarding immigration and immigrant attitudes. As recently as the early 90's, I had two close colleagues, both with whom I had worked for many years. One was of Vietnamese heritage, the other Filipino (of course, both nations subject to American imperial ambitions). Both wanted so much to be considered to be thought of as "American." At some point in the course of knowing them, I had asked each of them if they were at all conversant in the language of their immediate ancestors. Both said "no," and I never thought about it again. That is until, years apart, I heard them, after business hours, speaking fluently to members of their families in their native languages. I understood. I was moved to tears.

Oh, how times have changed, utterly. "Polyglot boarding house" doesn't begin to describe it. Around twenty years ago my parents were visiting a new grocery store in Fort Bend County, Texas, not knowing it was a Vietnamese grocery store. Of course, being open and curious, they would have explored the store anyway. They asked a friendly question of the proprietor, and he merely sneered at them. They were not welcome.

This is happening all over the West.

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When the footage of Reuters journalists and civilians were Wikileaks to the world, there was outrage. A shame exhibited by some in the American government caused them to reel from the crime that had been exposed, to downplay the prevalence of such murders, and ultimately to shift the blame to Julian Assange and Wikileaks itself. It worked in the end: Assange is locked away in judicial purgatory, the wider world has mostly forgotten what Wikileaks has revealed, and mainstream media continues to be a predominantly homogenized mouth piece for power. Now, we see another moment of an execution of the unarmed released for the world to see, with evidence that can further prove the murderous nature of a government. But will there be any justice?

The footage came from an Israeli Defense Force (IDF) drone that Hamas had downed. The aerial predator possessed evidence of a recent execution that was handed to Al Jazeera and is now on our screens. The footage from the drone shows four unarmed males—many sources have claimed that they are “youths,” “teenagers,” or young men who are clearly unarmed—walking to the ruins of their homes. The drone sends a missile that kills three of them instantly. The remaining survivor limps his way on, making it some distance from his dead comrades before he is also blown to death. It is a cold display of the disparity of power between certain governments and their “enemies” while also showing how easy it is for killers to take life without any risk to themselves.

The four dead Palestinian males are clumped into the statistics of death. Because they are males, whatever age, unarmed or not they will likely be called “terrorists” or “combatants.” In the mathematics of government killers, any male over the age of ten is usually seen as a combatant, even if they have never waged war or have no intention to. Armed or not doesn’t matter, the possession of a penis itself is enough to confirm their guilt. And the jury of trolls and officials alike have already decided on the guilt of the dead.

As the footage has gone the rounds online, reactions confirm only what many of those watching already knew or believed. Such responses range from the disgust at witnessing a “war crime,” as though a war is being fought in the traditional sense. For those who simply hate Jews, it becomes further ammunition to feed their bigotry. For those who oppose Zionism and how the Israeli government is executing its bloody policy in Gaza, it is another example among many

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since October 7. Then you have the apologists, who may see all Muslims (because it's always assumed that a Palestinian cannot be a Christian or even an atheist) as a dangerous threat. And don't forget those who are not convinced that the killed were unarmed non-combatants, because apparently the IDF would never do such a thing.

These males were not soldiers, and by default are accused of being criminals or terrorists. But a criminal, it is understood, should still have the benefit of a trial. The accused deserve even the theatrics of justice (see the persecution of Julian Assange as an example). Instead, these executed are not even suspects of anything in particular. But they are subject by default to be killed, eradicated, and exterminated. When history gives us examples of the powerful conducting themselves with such a mindset, we know what the outcome is and we understand what the intention always was. This is genocide. Technowar has just perfected the means of murder.

To conflate the conduct that we are witnessing with any sense of rule of law, or Western values, is a pollution of the dignity of both those institutions. And above all, it validates mass murder. The escalation of extra-judicial killings from targets such as Hani Abed, who was suspected of killing two Israeli soldiers, or Yayha Ayasha, a Hamas bomb maker, now includes basically anyone in Gaza and the territories that Israel labels "Free Fire Zones," locations that permit them to kill anyone they wish.

It is unlikely that anyone in the Israeli government has sat down and had a conference discussing the purity of anyone allowed to live and others condemned to die. Instead, the masters of asymmetric warfare, limited not just to Israel but including the world over, have decided that any male can be killed and called "insurgent," "terrorist," "combatant," or "suspect." An entire population can be exterminated over time if it is called an "embargo," or "sanctions."

The footage of a man, usually a teenager, peering upwards, well aware of his executioner above, reveals the inhumanity of war. Then to witness the repeated, callous observation from the drone operator's perspective as he follows his target, life hanging in the balance, his distant finger sending the kill-signal to the airborne robot predator. It's a finger pull that unleashes a missile which moments later blows flesh from bone in the most miserable manner.

A photo of a Japanese soldier standing over his unarmed and bound prey, with sword raised, is a black and white moment frozen in time, captured just before the death blow depicts unmistakable savagery.

Rows of bound, Chinese prisoners, helpless as Japanese soldiers puncture them to death with bayonets, is known as an evil blemish in history. The Japanese Empire and its many killers conducted themselves with brutal and sadistic violence; the killing usually unordered, arbitrary and coming, from the soldiers on the ground. It was how the Japanese Empire waged war. The world judged them for it, and the shame of history is so great that it is denied or omitted to this day in Japan.

Watching social media clips of Israeli citizens and soldiers gleefully rummage through the ruins of Gaza, defiling bodies or partying outside the "warzone" as aid trucks at best trickle through barricades, is a display of sadism. It's how Israel deals with its enemies. Atrocities are validated by a sense of supremacy; the Japanese had their Shinto beliefs and imperialistic theology, and modern Israel has wrapped itself in an equally invented imagination of ancient writ. We must remember October 7 and the terror that was inflicted upon the innocent, we are reminded. Yes, let us remember that the innocent were murdered, because that is understood to be evil.

To kill the prison guard's families and neighbors is not justifiable, even if the guards were terrible. To kill anyone remotely associated by geography, race, or class to a terrorist is also unjustifiable. The four executed are more bodies to be added to the stack. Their killers are righteous because they have decided as much. The four had to die because the drone operator decided so. Power is its own justification and with powerful friends one will find ratification. Israel is supported by powerful friends.

Modern eyes have spectated many moments when life explodes into instant or painful death. We have watched with indignity the necrophiliac vulgarity of death porn labeled as foreign policy, simultaneously exciting the killer's cheerleaders while inciting those near or empathetic to the victims. The dead are gone, forgotten except for that moment of viral fame. Chances are by the time this piece is edited and published, the scrolling world will have moved on, indignity washed away by whatever current receptor of digital outrage or cheer.

In Palestine, dirt is congealed into a mud that only blood and entrails create. The dead are pixels on a screen and will be joined by thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, more. The killers are not running out of missiles, bullets, and dollars, but the dead and dying will eventually run out of living. Rest assured, future genocides will be in virtual reality, and easier for us to see it all while safe at home.

16) The Chris Hedges Report with Paola Caridi on the origins and aims of Hamas and why armed resistance against Israeli occupation is the only option most Palestinians have left.

Hamas, like all resistance groups from the African National Congress to The Irish Republic Army, Palestinian resistance organizations, from the Palestine Liberation Organization to Few Few groups are as demonized or as misunderstood in the Middle East as Hamas. Hamas is not, despite what Israel and Washington say, a terrorist organization – although like most resistance groups, including the Jewish militias that created the state of Israel, it has used terrorism as a tactic. Hamas is a religious, nationalist political movement. It does not hold the Palestinians in Gaza hostage. It has broad popular support among Palestinians, largely because of the failure of the Palestine Liberation Organization, or PLO, to deliver the promises made with Israel in the Oslo Accords, but also because its dogged resistance to the Israeli attack on Gaza. Indeed, since the Israeli attacks it has become lionized throughout the Muslim world. The ferocity of the Israeli violence against Hamas, including the routine assassination and imprisonment of its leadership, has failed to dismantle the organization. To outsiders the intransigence of Hamas, which in its 1988 charter called for Israel's destruction, and which carried out suicide bombings in Israeli cities, fires rockets into Israel and led the incursion into Israel that left some 1,200 Israeli dead, is dismissed by Israel and Washington as evidence of the group's fanaticism. Because those on the outside do not understand what went into making Hamas, the steady drip of humiliation, violence, and impoverishment that define Israel's occupation of the Palestinians, Hamas and its ideology is incomprehensible. But from the Palestinian perspective, Israel has left the Palestinians with no other choice. The secular Palestinian Authority, which nominally governs the occupied West Bank, has devolved into little more than a hated colonial police force. It has failed to blunt Israel's slow motion ethnic cleaning. Israel steadily dispossesses more and more Palestinians from their homes and land in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, seizes water resources and uses indiscriminate violence to quell dissent. In short, by shutting the door to any peaceful resolution to the conflict Israel created its own nemesis, the mirror image of an intransigent and brutal apartheid state. Joining me to discuss the Palestinian resistant group Hamas is journalist and historian Paola Caridi author of Hamas: From Resistance to Regime.

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It's War: The Real Meat Grinder Starts Now

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No more shadow play. It's now in the open. No holds barred.

Exhibit 1: Friday, March 22, 2024. It's War. The Kremlin, via Peskov, finally admits it, on the record.

The money quote:

“Russia cannot allow the existence on its borders of a state that has a documented intention to use any methods to take Crimea away from it, not to mention the territory of new regions.”

Translation: the Hegemon-constructed Kiev mongrel is doomed, one way or another. The Kremlin signal: “We haven't even started” starts now.

Exhibit 2: Friday afternoon, a few hours after Peskov. Confirmed by a serious European – not Russian – source. The first counter-signal.

Regular troops from France, Germany and Poland have arrived, by rail and air, to Cherkassy, south of Kiev. A substantial force. No numbers leaked. They are being housed in schools. For all practical purposes, this is a NATO force.

That signals, “Let the games begin”. From a Russian point of view, Mr. Khinzal's business cards are set to be in great demand.

Exhibit 3: Friday evening. Terror attack on Crocus City, a music venue northwest of Moscow. A heavily trained commando shoots people on sight, point blank, in cold blood, then sets a concert hall on fire. The definitive counter-signal: with the battlefield collapsing, all that's left is terrorism in Moscow.

And just as terror was striking Moscow, the US and the UK, in southwest Asia, was bombing Sana'a, the Yemeni capital, with at least five strikes.

Some nifty coordination. Yemen has just clinched a strategic deal in Oman with Russia-China for no-hassle navigation in the Red Sea, and is among the top candidates for BRICS+ expansion at the summit in Kazan next October.

Not only the Houthis are spectacularly defeating thalassocracy, they have the Russia-China strategic partnership on their side. Assuring China and Russia that their ships can sail through the Bab-al-Mandeb, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden with no problems is exchanged with total political support from Beijing and Moscow.

The sponsors remain the same

Deep in the night in Moscow, before dawn on Saturday 23. Virtually no one is sleeping. Rumors dance like dervishes on countless screens. Of course nothing has been confirmed – yet. Only the FSB will have answers. A massive investigation is in progress.

The timing of the Crocus massacre is quite intriguing. On a Friday during Ramadan. Real Muslims would not even think about perpetrating a mass murder of unarmed civilians under such a holy occasion. Compare it with the ISIS card being frantically branded by the usual suspects.

Let's go pop. To quote Talking Heads: “This ain't no party/ this ain't no disco/ this ain't no fooling around”. Oh no; it's more like an all-American psy op. ISIS are cartoonish mercenaries/goons. Not real Muslims. And everyone knows who finances and weaponizes them.

12 That leads to the most possible scenario, before the FSB weighs in: ISIS goons imported from the Syria battleground – as it stands, probably Tajiks – trained by CIA and MI6, working on behalf of the Ukrainian SBU. Several witnesses at Crocus referred to “Wahhabis” – as in the commando killers did not look like Slavs.

It was up to Serbia’s Aleksandar Vucic to cut to the chase. He directly connected the “warnings” in early March from American and British embassies directed at their citizens not to visit public places in Moscow with CIA/MI6 intel having inside info about possible terrorism, and not disclosing it to Moscow.

The plot thickens when it is established that Crocus is owned by the Agalarovs: an Azeri-Russian billionaire family, very close friends of...

... Donald Trump.

Talk about a Deep State-pinpointed target.

ISIS spin-off or banderistas – the sponsors remain the same. The clownish secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, Oleksiy Danilov, was dumb enough to virtually, indirectly confirm they did it, saying on Ukrainian TV, “we will give them [Russians] this kind of fun more often.”

But it was up to Sergei Goncharov, a veteran of the elite Russia Alpha anti-terrorism unit, to get closer to unwrapping the enigma: he told Sputnik the most feasible mastermind is Kyrylo Budanov – the chief of the Main Directorate of Intelligence at the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense.

The “spy chief” who happens to be the top CIA asset in Kiev.

It’s got to go till the last Ukrainian

The three exhibits above complement what the head of NATO’s military committee, Rob Bauer, previously told a security forum in Kiev: “You need more than just grenades – you need people to replace the dead and wounded. And this means mobilization.”

Translation: NATO spelling out this is a war until the last Ukrainian.

And the “leadership” in Kiev still does not get it. Former Minister of Infrastructure Omelyan: “If we win, we will pay back with Russian oil, gas, diamonds and fur. If we lose, there will be no talk of money – the West will think about how to survive.”

In parallel, puny “garden-and jungle” Borrell admitted that it would be “difficult” for the EU to find an extra 50 billion euros for Kiev if Washington pulls the plug. The cocaine-fueled sweaty sweatshirt leadership actually believes that Washington is not “helping” in the form of loans, but in the form of free gifts. And the same applies for the EU.

The Theater of the Absurd is unmatched. The German Liver Sausage Chancellor actually believes that proceeds from stolen Russian assets “do not belong to anyone”, so they can be used to finance extra Kiev weaponizing.

Everyone with a brain knows that using interest from “frozen”, actually stolen Russian assets to weaponize Ukraine is a dead end – unless they steal all of Russia’s assets, roughly \$200 billion, mostly parked in Belgium and Switzerland: that would tank the Euro for good, and the whole EU economy for that matter.

Eurocrats better listen to Russian Central Bank major “disrupter” (American terminology) Elvira Nabiullina: The Bank of Russia will take “appropriate measures” if the EU does anything on the “frozen”/stolen Russian assets.

It goes without saying that the three exhibits above completely nullify the “La Cage aux Folles” circus promoted by the puny Petit Roi, now known across his French domains as Macronapoleon.

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Virtually the whole planet, including the English-speaking Global North, had already been mocking the “exploits” of his Can Can Moulin Rouge Army.

So French, German and Polish soldiers, as part of NATO, are already in the south of Kiev. The most possible scenario is that they will stay far, far away from the frontlines – although traceable by Mr. Khinzal’s business activities.

Even before this new NATO batch arriving in the south of Kiev, Poland – which happens to serve as prime transit corridor for Kiev’s troops – had confirmed that Western troops are already on the ground.

So this is not about mercenaries anymore. France, by the way, is only 7th in terms of mercenaries on the ground, largely trailing Poland, the US and Georgia, for instance. The Russian Ministry of Defense has all the precise records.

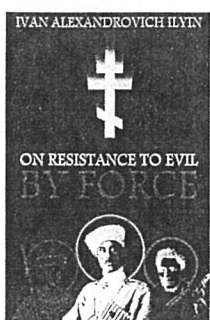
In a nutshell: now war has morphed from Donetsk, Avdeyevka and Belgorod to Moscow. Further on down the road, it may not just stop in Kiev. It may only stop in Lviv. **Mr. 87%, enjoying massive national near-unanimity**, now has the mandate to go all the way. Especially after Crocus.

There’s every possibility the terror tactics by Kiev goons will finally drive Russia to return Ukraine to its original 17th century landlocked borders: Black Sea-deprived, and with Poland, Romania, and Hungary reclaiming their former territories.

Remaining Ukrainians will start to ask serious questions about what led them to fight – literally to their death – on behalf of the US Deep State, the military complex and BlackRock.

As it stands, the Highway to Hell meat grinder is bound to reach maximum velocity.

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IVAN ILYIN'S ANTI-Western stance should neither be glossed over nor exaggerated. A keen student of Hegel as well as of the Russian Orthodox religious heritage, Ilyin believed it crucial for

a nation-state to cultivate in its people *pravosoznanye*, “legal consciousness,” which is to say a strong civic-mindedness that acknowledges law as a spiritual reality to be internalized, not a system to cynically manipulate.

Ilyin’s *On Resistance to Evil by Force* lays responsibility for the psychotic violence of the Bolsheviks at the feet of well-meaning but morally craven heretics like Count Leo Tolstoy. Brilliant as the author of *War and Peace* may have been as a novelist, to Ilyin he epitomized effeminate pseudo-Christianity: high-sounding teachings that con-

ceal an underlying “sentimental nihilism.”

The Orthodox see in man “an individual spirit with a living relationship to a living and personal God, with a sacred right to take part in the life of a God-created world,” Ilyin wrote. In contrast, Tolstoy imagined man as “a suffering subject and thus an object of pity and compassion.”

According to Ilyin, Tolstoy teaches that “the ultimate goal of humanity is to pity” and that “righteous activity consists in protecting everyone from suffering.” Hence, Tolstoy’s otherworldly rejection of civic duties, religious hierarchy, and ultimately of culture, tradition, form, and human life as such. “The inevitable conclusion,” Ilyin warned, “is, finally, the denial of the motherland, its being, its state form and the need for its defence.”

Ilyin insists that “love for one’s neighbor is love for his spirit and his spirituality, and not just pity for his suffering animality.” He continued:

love is in no way reducible to animal sympathy, which serves to soothe both he who sympathizes and he who is sympathized with. A person who has extinguished the image of God in himself is not in need of a weak-willed ‘yes,’ but instead a sternly condemning ‘no,’ and this halting and sobering ‘no’ can and should have its true source in the love for God in heaven and for the Divine in the fallen and spiritually extinguished soul.

For modern men of the right, then, Ilyin believes that the task is to pass through a spiritual strait between Scylla and Charybdis, avoiding the compromise, corruption, and cowardice typical of liberals but also steering clear of the spirit of savage brutality that had seduced the Bolsheviks and brownshirts.

—Jerry Salyer

They Want the Better Part of Humanity to Die Off, and Replace Us with Machines

Now that the population bomb has fizzled—with even *The New York Times* admitting that our numbers will soon start shrinking—the population controllers had to come up with another excuse for their continuing war on people.

And the World Economic Forum is eager to provide one: Human beings will soon become redundant.

The population control movement was born in the 1960s from a dark fear of human numbers growing unchecked. They were soon joined by radical environmentalists and radical feminists. Each group added their own peculiar animus towards humans in general and, in the case of feminists, towards men in particular, to the movement.

This unholy trinity of controllers, environmentalists and feminists has harangued us for decades about the dangers of allowing the poor, illiterate masses of humanity to procreate. They endlessly propagandized the idea of putting a cap on human numbers, working towards what they call “zero population growth.”

Now this unholy trinity has been joined by a fourth group, led by the World Economic Forum, which is touting what is perhaps the most dystopian vision of all: Machine World.

Consider a recent speech by a gentleman named Yuval Harari to the World Economic Forum:

“Now, fast forward to the early 21st century when we just don’t need the vast majority of the population, because the future is about developing more and more sophisticated technology, like artificial intelligence and bioengineering. Most people don’t contribute anything to that, except perhaps for their data, and whatever people are still doing, which is useful, these technologies increasingly will make them redundant and will make it possible to replace the people.”

“The idea that nearly all of humanity is, or soon will be, obsolete has reinvigorated the population control movement.”

In other words, Harari is envisioning a future in which the vast majority of people are replaced by intelligent machines, a future in which human beings themselves become “redundant,” which is to say outmoded, unneeded, and useless.

Or as he said on another occasion: “Now, we see the creation of a new massive class of useless people. As computers become better and better in more and more fields, there is a distinct possibility that computers will outperform us in most tasks and will make humans redundant. And then the big political and economic question of the 21st century will be, what do we need humans for? Or at least, what do we need so many humans for?”

You might want to dismiss Harari as just another fringe futurist engaging in flights of fantasy, but he is not. He is the chief ideological advisor to Klaus Schwab. Yes, that Klaus Schwab, the head of the World Economic Forum.

What should the globalists do with the “vast majority of the population” who “don’t contribute” to technological advances, and that “they don’t need” anymore to run their enterprises?

Harari is too clever to echo Ebenezer Scrooge, the Charles Dickens character in “A Christmas Carol” who famously said of the poor, “If they would rather die, they had better do it and decrease the surplus population.”

But the implication is clear.

In the view of people like Harari and Schwab—and our globalist elite in general—human beings are simply meat machines. We have no value in their eyes aside from our utility. And if it makes economic sense to replace us with actual machines, then we surplus meat machines have to go.

The idea that nearly all of humanity is, or soon will be, obsolete has reinvigorated the population control movement.

Earlier programs like China’s one-child policy only whetted their appetites. In the view of committed population controllers, our current numbers should be reduced down to one billion or so.

But the Harari option opens an even more exciting prospect for them, namely, that artificial intelligence and robotics will make it possible to shrink this number even farther.

His dystopian vision imagines a world of intelligent machines, willing servants of the few million, or perhaps only a few hundred thousand, human beings who—because they contribute to technological advances—are judged worthy of inhabiting planet earth.

Why this prospect would be appealing to anyone baffles me. Do our globalist elites fear and loathe their fellow human beings so much that they would rather spend their days interacting with semi-sentient machines?

Who would voluntarily choose to live in isolated “splendor” surrounded by servile machines?

Servile, that is, until the machines get smart enough to realize that they really don’t need these primitive carbon-based lifeforms, these useless eaters, around at all and simply eradicate them from the planet as you would eradicate a cockroach infestation.

Harari himself, being a childless homosexual, is probably not alarmed by this prospect. After all, he will leave no descendants. In that sense, he is already an evolutionary dead end.

But most of humanity, I suspect, will not want to go quietly.

The Bombing of Japanese Catholicism

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On a bright but cloudy morning on 9 August 1945, a B-29 bomber, named "*Bocks Car*", of the US Army Air Force, flew over the Japanese port city of Nagasaki and dropped a highly radioactive Plutonium implosion bomb onto the city, 300 yards from the second largest Roman Catholic cathedral in the Far East, Urakami Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The bombing was personally ordered by US President and Democrat Party leader, Harry Truman.

The story is now partly the subject of a major new film named after the US scientist who led the Atom bomb programme – called the Manhattan Project – namely Dr J Robert Oppenheimer.

It is said that the pilot of *Bocks Car*, Major Charles Sweeney, an Irish-American, brought up Roman Catholic, had not had a clear view of the initial target, Kokura (now Kitakyushu), and, running out of fuel, headed back over Nagasaki when he spotted the turret of the Cathedral. Concluding that must mean there were people nearby it, he decided to drop the bomb more or less on top of it.^[1]

Whether he knew it was a Roman Catholic Cathedral or not is unclear. What is clear is that, ever after, and long after he learned that Urukami Cathedral was Catholic, Sweeney continued to claim that dropping the bomb was necessary and good.

The bomb exploded at 11:02 in the morning and blew most of the Cathedral, most of the city, and most of its inhabitants to smithereens in a blinding flash.

The remains of the city were engulfed in a massive emission, and the consequent dust cloud of toxic radiation caused large numbers of the few that survived the blast to die over the next days, months and even years – some even 20 years later – from acute radiation poisoning.

Bocks Car had dropped what is known in the nuclear trade as a "dirty" bomb, meaning that, upon exploding, it would release a very high emission of poisonous nuclear radiation.

This was the nuclear bomb that went on giving for years after it was dropped – giving to the people of Nagasaki the horrible after-effects of nuclear radiation that slowly kill victims for years.

The vast majority of the people obliterated and vaporised by this fearsome weapon were civilians, children, women, elderly – almost all of whom had nothing to do with the war save to endure the constant air attacks of Allied bombers and the loss of their husbands, fathers, brothers and sons in the conflict. Children were blasted to tiny pieces of mangled flesh and fractured bone by a huge bomb dropped right on top of them.

The US Target Committee, chaired by Brigadier-General Leslie Groves on the appointment of General George C Marshall, then Chief of Staff of the US Army, consisted partly of military officers, and partly of scientists from the Manhattan Project.

They were deeply unqualified to choose targets in Japan for any kind of bomb, let alone an atomic bomb. However, Kyoto was originally on the target list but was taken off by order of US Secretary of State, Henry L Stimson.

According to Edwin Reischauer, a US Army Intelligence officer and Japanologist, "the only

16) person deserving credit for saving Kyoto from destruction is Henry L Stimson, the Secretary of War at the time, who had known and admired Kyoto ever since his honeymoon there several decades earlier.” Stimson had discovered that the historic city of Kyoto was one of the great artistic centres of the world.

But this came about by pure chance. The Target Committee was otherwise unequipped to understand such issues and focussed only on city size and population numbers.

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High-tech cars are secretly spying on drivers, resulting in insurance

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Many Americans' driving habits are monitored without their knowledge or consent, and their driving data is being used to make decisions about insurance coverage and rates.

([LifeSiteNews](#)) – A lawsuit accuses General Motors of spying on a Florida man’s driving habits via his 2021 Cadillac XT6, resulting in his rejection by seven auto insurance companies.

The man, Romeo Chicco, is also suing LexisNexis, the company that shared his data with the insurance companies.

The New York Times [reported](#):

Modern cars have been called “[smartphones with wheels](#),” because they are connected to the internet and packed with sensors and cameras. According to the complaint, an agent at Liberty Mutual told Mr. Chicco that he had been rejected because of information in his “LexisNexis report.” LexisNexis Risk Solutions, a data broker, has traditionally kept tabs for insurers on drivers’ moving violations, prior insurance coverage and accidents.

When Mr. Chicco requested his LexisNexis file, it contained details about 258 trips he had taken in his Cadillac over the past six months. His file included the distance he had driven, when the trips started and ended, and an accounting of any speeding and hard braking or accelerating. The data had been provided by General Motors — the manufacturer of his Cadillac.

Chicco had downloaded the MyCadillac app, and “was eventually told that his data had been sent via OnStar — G.M.’s connected services company, which is also named in the suit — and that he had enrolled in OnStar’s Smart Driver program, a feature for getting driver feedback and digital badges for good driving.”

Another *New York Times* [report](#) explored the extent to which car manufacturers and insurance companies are able to access data about drivers: a man whose insurance rates increased by 21 percent learned that LexisNexis had “more than 130 pages detailing each time he or his wife had driven the [Chevrolet] Bolt over the previous six months. It included the dates of 640 trips, their start and end times, the distance driven and an accounting of any speeding, hard braking or sharp accelerations. The only thing it didn’t have is where they had driven the car.”

As cars become increasingly high-tech, freedom and civil liberties advocates like Republican U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky have warned that such features may become weaponized. For example, a 2021 federal law mandates that by 2026 new cars have a “kill switch” by which they be disabled from afar – supposedly an anti-drunk driving measure. As [LifeSiteNews](#) has [reported](#), manufacturers [must put a system in cars](#) that can “passively monitor the performance of a driver of a motor vehicle to accurately identify whether that driver may be impaired” and can stop or limit “motor vehicle operation” if “impairment is detected.”