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## Never-Trumpers Harm Innocent Victims

As Democrats announce their plans to run against President Trump next year, the partisan hysteria against the president grows more intense. Opposition to Trump now justifies, in the eyes of some, a vicious drive-by smearing of innocent high-school boys wearing MAGA hats.

The students were attending the 46th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., after riding the bus all night from Covington, Kentucky. Despite the grueling 36-hour trip to D.C. and back, the boys were in high spirits, and their faces were ruddy from a day outside in the winter cold.

As they waited patiently at their designated pick-up location for the overnight bus back to Kentucky, the boys were rudely accosted by a group that even the leftwing Southern Poverty Law Center has condemned as “racist” and “black supremacist.”

The aggressive protesters, who call themselves Black Hebrew Israelites, taunted the boys for nearly an hour with vile insults against them and their Catholic religion. The boys were singled out because they were white, Christian, and wearing President Trump’s favorite hat.

Anti-Catholic taunts peppered the inhumane heckling, which has been underreported but can be found online. Had those same insults been lobbed against any other ethnic or religious group, liberals would have defended the students.

The boys “turned the other cheek” throughout the unexpected encounter. Eventually, they asked their adult chaperones for permission to sing their school cheers as a break from the protesters’ profanity.

Despite the vile insults hurled at them, the young men admirably remained polite and peaceful in response. Then an Indian “elder” invaded their space and began beating his war drum right in the face of one of the high school students, who held the Indian’s gaze with a pleasant, peaceful smile.

To describe the behavior of the drum-beater as impolite would be an understatement. If he was merely trying to defuse the situation, as he claimed later, why didn’t he beat his drum in the face of one of the anti-Trump instigators?

The ultimate injustice was then inflicted by the liberal media, which excoriated the boys nationwide. Anti-Trumpers savaged the boys and their families on social media, to the detriment of the entire Covington Catholic High School including students who were not even there.

Kentucky Republican congressman Tom Massie heroically defended his young constituents from the onslaught, but Democrats and some Republicans were too quick to unjustly criticize the students. Massie’s Democratic colleague John Yarmuth tweeted, “I am calling for a total and complete shutdown of teenagers wearing MAGA hats. They seem to be poisoning young minds.”

Criticized for his call for unconstitutional censorship, Rep. Yarmuth then claimed it was merely a joke. But he continued to pile on against the students from his own state of Kentucky, saying that “I believe these kids acted inappropriately, whether they were provoked or not.”

The full video revealed that the young men had acted properly throughout the afternoon. But if the additional videos had not fortuitously emerged, the lives of these students could have been destroyed by the rush to judgment in the fake news media.

In a since-deleted tweet, Never-Trumper Bill Kristol decried “the behavior of #MAGA brats who have absorbed the spirit of Trumpism.” Other Republicans, such as those running the once-conservative *National Review*, were also incredibly harsh in their criticism of the young men in posts that were later removed.

President Trump was not fooled by the fake news that smeared the young men. He tweeted that “Nick Sandmann and the students of Covington have become symbols of Fake News and how evil it can be.”

In a refreshing rejection of the guilty-if-the-media-says-so mindset of his critics, President Trump observed that the students “have captivated the attention of the world, and I know they will use it for the good.” He added that this unfair treatment of the students may help “even to bring people together.”

The March for Life leadership disgracefully abandoned these volunteers who attended at significant hardship. The event organizers should have been the first to stand up for their own participants, but instead initially sided against the students.

The Covington high school had to close due to a torrent of threats. Meanwhile, the Catholic diocese there fanned the flames of injustice by initially posting a statement threatening expulsion of the boys and even apologizing to the Native American activist who beat his drum relentlessly in a student's face.

The Mayor of Covington should have stood up for the students from his own area. Instead, he referred to the conduct by the students as somehow being "appalling."

The contrast is stark between President Trump and the Never-Trumpers. Unlike his critics, President Trump defends those who are unjustly smeared by the media.

## **Liberals Censor Free Speech about Diversity**

Another day, another innocent person is destroyed by the social media mob for an innocuous expression of free speech. The apostles of diversity police our speech and aggressively enforce a speech code according to "politically correct" liberal dogmas.

First it was Congressman Steve King (R-IA), who was wrongly ostracized by his colleagues for wondering when the term Western Civilization became offensive. A week later it was 16-year-old Nick Sandmann, a junior at Covington Catholic High School, who was confronted at the March for Life by a "tribal elder" banging a drum.

Next in the hot seat was the president of the University of Notre Dame, Father John I. Jenkins. He kowtowed to the Native American Student Association by agreeing to cover up 12 large murals that depict Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World.

The latest victim of self-appointed guardians of diversity was the 78-year-old liberal journalist Tom Brokaw, the longtime NBC anchor. Brokaw, an icon of television news, is also known for chronicling the "greatest generation" of Americans who won World War II and came home to build the greatest country in the world.

In a rare appearance on Meet the Press last month, Brokaw commented that "Hispanics should work harder at assimilation. They ought not to be just codified in their communities, but make sure that all their kids are learning to speak English."

The response to Brokaw's good advice was fast and furious, to borrow a phrase from the Mexican gun-running operation approved by former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. That improper operation, which was politically motivated to justify gun control, instead resulted in the

2010 murder of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry.

Aura Bogado, who is described as an investigative immigration reporter at Reveal, said Brokaw was "arguing classic white supremacist talking points in a deeply racist rant on national television." Julio Ricardo Varela, the founder of LatinoRebels.com, said "It really was a punch in the gut to a lot of people."

"It was not only factually incorrect, it was also xenophobia in action," Varela added in his criticism of Brokaw. Liberal commentator Maria Cardona called Brokaw "a little out of touch."

Cardona also insisted, unpersuasively, that "Latinos absolutely assimilate." If that were really true, Latinos would be speaking English, but many of them aren't.

Brokaw's fellow commentator on Meet the Press, PBS NewsHour's Yamiche Alcindor, said: "We need to adjust what we think of as America. The idea that Americans can only speak English, as if Spanish and other languages wasn't always part of America, is in some ways troubling."

People who cannot speak, understand, read and write English will never be able to advance socially, economically or politically in our country. It's not true that "Spanish and other languages" were "always part of America," given that none of the Founding Fathers spoke or wrote in Spanish.

Within a few hours the liberal Brokaw went on an apology tour on Twitter, tweeting that he is "truly sorry" for his remarks, which he said were "offensive to many." "I never intended to disparage any segment of our rich, diverse society which defines who we are," Brokaw continued.

Brokaw even apologized to fellow panelist Yamiche Alcindor, saying she's a "wonderful colleague and an important voice," despite the fact that Alcindor's views were directly contradictory to Brokaw's. Like many Hispanic activists and lobbyists, Alcindor rejected the whole idea of assimilation.

On Fox News, Geraldo Rivera took a different tack, claiming that Hispanics are actually "assimilating at a rate that's faster than any other ethnic group in our history." But the official numbers from the Census Bureau show otherwise.

The American Community Survey enables the Census Bureau to track the number of households who self-report that they speak a language other than English at home. The fraction of U.S. households answering yes to that question has risen steadily over the last three decades, reaching 22 percent in 2017 (the last year numbers are available), which is double the 11 percent in 1980.

Most of the non-English speaking households are concentrated in a few areas close to our southern border, plus a few of our largest northern cities. In 39 U.S.

counties, a majority of residents report that they speak a language other than English at home.

Many of those who speak another language at home claim they also speak English well or very well, but further studies have shown that is not the case. Nearly half were found to speak English at a level below basic, also known as functional illiteracy.

Spanish is presumed to be the common language south of the border, but among the people who arrived most recently, many did not speak or understand Spanish. They spoke only indigenous languages such as Q'eqchi', which meant that U.S. officials were required to find translators to provide medical care.

## **The High Cost of No Wall**

There is no moral high ground in opposing the border security wall sought by President Trump to protect Americans. Yet that is the script which Democrats use to stonewall our President to prevent him from building the Wall Americans want and need.

"No, no, nothing for the wall," Nancy Pelosi said in her first TV interview after accepting the gavel as the new Speaker of the House last week. "That sends the wrong message about who we are as a country."

Pelosi's San Francisco colleague Gavin Newsom, newly sworn in as governor of California, stunned many by promising to provide "sanctuary to all who seek it." He declared that under his leadership California would become "the first state in the nation to cover young undocumented adults through a state Medicaid program."

"A wall is an immorality," Pelosi stated further to another group of reporters who gathered outside the House chamber. "It's not who we are as a nation."

Have you noticed how often liberal Democrats claim they represent "who we are" and that anything President Trump supports is "not who we are"? The same phrase was a verbal tic of Barack Obama, who used it at least 46 times during his first 7 years as President, according to a video montage collected on the internet.

A different viewpoint about "who we are as a nation" was given by Rajnil Singh at the tragic funeral of his brother, Ronil, at the CrossPoint Community Church in Modesto, California. Ronil Singh, a police corporal in nearby Newman, California, had been shot to death at 1 a.m. on December 26 by an illegal alien from Mexico.

"We both view serving our country and communities through law enforcement as important to who we are," a grieving Rajnil said to the 4,000 mourners, who included 2,000 uniformed officers from more than 100 agencies in California and other states. "It is our way of giving back to a country that has embraced us and our families."

Growing up in Fiji, a small island nation in the South Pacific, the Singh brothers watched the American TV show COPS, and Ronil decided he wanted to become one. After immigrating legally to California in 2003, Ronil studied criminal justice at the local community college in Modesto before landing his dream job with the Newman Police Department.

After tweeting a picture of himself in front of his Christmas tree at home with his wife, their 5-month old son, and his police dog Sam, Cpl. Singh volunteered to patrol the empty streets of Newman on the normally quiet evening of December 25. Just after midnight, during a routine traffic stop of a driver who appeared to be intoxicated, Cpl. Singh was shot multiple times by the driver who then sped off in his unlicensed pickup truck.

Murder and mayhem by illegal aliens is rampant but rarely makes national news anymore, even when the victim is a uniformed officer on duty. What makes this case especially heinous is how the murderer was protected by a network of other illegal aliens who helped him elude capture and try to make a run for the border.

After 55 hours on the run from the law with the assistance of at least 7 other illegal aliens, the suspect using the alias Gustavo Perez Arriaga was arrested December 28 in Bakersfield, which is 200 miles away and nearly halfway to the Mexican border. The 7 other Mexicans have been charged with being an accessory after the fact, aiding and abetting, harboring and shielding from detection, and similar offenses.

One of Gustavo's accomplices provided him with changes of clothing; another helped conceal his vehicle and drove him to multiple locations to hide; another provided shelter; another drove him to a store to buy a prepaid cell phone. Yet another accomplice disposed of the murder weapon, a 9mm pistol that had been reported stolen in another state, in a trash bin.

An additional accomplice accepted a wire transfer of \$500 from an unknown source and used the money for a human trafficker to transport the murderer back to Mexico. Police determined that it was the same human trafficker who had brought the killer across the border illegally in the first place several years ago.

California brags it is a sanctuary state, and this is what sanctuary means: a place where an illegal alien can kill a cop and then disappear into a vast community of other illegal aliens willing to defy our laws in order to protect their fellow aliens from justice.

Nancy Pelosi was right: a wall does send a message. The message is that this is our country, and we have the right to close our doors to unwanted visitors, and decide who we will allow to enter.

## Gov. Northam as Poster Boy for Abortion

The scandal of Virginia's Democratic Governor Ralph Northam has peeled back the curtain on a little-known corner of the abortion industry. What happens when the infant survives an abortion to be born alive?

You've heard about late-term abortion, which occurs when the infant is far enough along to survive outside the womb with proper medical care. You've heard about partial-birth abortion, where the infant is partially delivered feet first before being killed with a sharp jab to the base of his skull.

What Governor Northam approves, however, is infanticide. Speaking with the authority of a board-certified pediatrician, Northam said, "If a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen."

Governor Northam is not just a politician, he's a medical doctor with a specialty in pediatric neurology. Even after 12 years as an elected official, Northam remains a member of the medical staff at a children's hospital in Norfolk.

The pro-abortion Dr. Northam continued: "The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired. And then, a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

That "discussion" would not be whether to wrap the baby in pink or blue. Not about whether to start a college fund. Not about teaching the new mother how to breastfeed her new baby.

No, the discussion would be whether to leave the baby on a table without care or sustenance until it stops breathing and turns cold. The practice of abandoning a newborn to die is known as infanticide, which the civilized world has prohibited since Christianity took over the Roman Empire in the fourth century A.D.

Northam pretended that "When we talk about third-trimester abortions, it's done in cases where there may be severe deformities. There may be a fetus that's non-viable."

In fact, severe fetal deformity explains only a small fraction of late-term abortions. This is confirmed by the Guttmacher Institute, which is a spinoff of Planned Parenthood.

The *Washington Post* let the cat out of the bag, reporting that the uproar over Northam's comments "has disrupted carefully laid plans to bolster abortion rights across the nation after President Trump elevated Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court."

In other words, the spate of pro-abortion legislation in Virginia, New York, and several other states didn't just happen. It was part of a national campaign by the abortion industry "to push state laws that would maintain access to the procedure if the national protections are knocked down" by the Supreme Court.

"More concerning to abortion rights advocates," the *Post* continued, "the abortion debate is now fixed on the least popular aspect of the measures in Virginia and elsewhere." The "new attention" to late-term abortion is "not helpful" to their cause.

The mystery is why the abortion industry chose "to push measures that would loosen restrictions on late-term abortions," which we're told are very rare. Actually, they are not that rare: Guttmacher estimates over 10,000 a year, which is about the same as the number of people shot to death each year.

A late-term abortion, by definition, is performed after the point at which the unborn child can survive outside the womb, provided it receives appropriate care. Late-term abortions are typically done by injecting a poison intended to cause cardiac arrest, which results in "fetal demise" before it is delivered.

But sometimes the lethal injection fails, and the baby is delivered alive. That's where Dr. Northam's cruel position kicks in.

Some years ago Hadley Arkes, the retired professor of Jurisprudence and American Institutions at Amherst College, asked a prophetic question. Does a woman's constitutional right to terminate her pregnancy necessarily entail the right to a dead baby?

"If you go with what Hillary is saying, in the ninth month, you can take the baby and rip the baby out of the womb of the mother just prior to the birth of the baby," candidate Donald Trump said in the third presidential debate in 2016. "Now you can say that that's okay, and Hillary can say that that's okay, but it's not okay with me."

"That is not what happens in these cases," Hillary replied, seemingly flustered by Trump's forthright declaration. "And using that kind of scare rhetoric is just terribly unfortunate."

A fact checker for the *Washington Post* predictably came to Hillary's defense, claiming that "only" 1.3 percent of abortions occur after 21 weeks, when the infant can survive outside the womb. But that 1.3 percent is more than 10,000 people, which is still a shocking number.

As the new poster boy for late-term abortion, should Ralph Northam resign as governor of Virginia? No, he should remain in office until it's time to fill the next vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court.

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