America Failed the Usurpation Test
The communist Chinese plague broke our backs
by Frank Lee

Far more than 9/11, the Chinese plague tested America’s mind, heart, and soul. The test question was:

When Americans are told there is a danger to their health, will they protect their fundamental values while working together—or will they drop their values and run to the arms of all-powerful government?

When the news of the Chinese plague trickled into America, there was little immediate reaction. However, as soon as the ill-fated presidential impeachment process ended in shambles, the media, some supposed experts, and many politicians suddenly trumpeted massive death rates in America and worldwide. To date, the end-of-the-world pandemic has scored fatalities in the range of annual influenza pandemics in recent years—the doomsday predictions were universally wrong. The American government reactions, however, have been top-down and invasive like none before in living memory.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC WAS TRAMPLED

Almost immediately, not the state and local governments but the federal government took center stage. The Constitution does not empower the federal government with such power to address viral diseases. Almost no one, however, objected to top-down command and control from the Executive Branch.

The suggestions and guidelines came down from the central government on the East Coast, acting as federal commands that local governments, businesses, and individuals had to obey. That spelled the end of American Federalism, the idea that the States have primary authority to promote the health and safety of their citizens.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL BECAME UNIVERSAL

The federal commands came to effectively lock people into their homes (effectively gutting the Bill of Rights due process and right to assemble), and to close businesses regardless of whether they pose any measurable danger (usurping power not delegated at all). A small diner in Shelby, Montana was treated the same as a stadium in New York City or a walk on the beach (demonstrating stupidity and a reason for federalism). So much for having a nation where local people and governments tailor solutions to their local needs, concerns, costs and benefits.

Few took up arms to stop the usurpations, for reasons unclear at press time. No one doubts the public remains armed, though ungrounded edicts crimped off supply stores and the “right” to possess in public. Media humiliated and castigated those who did. One might hope those armored by the First Amendment would show sympathy for those bearing the Second Amendment, but, no. Armed government agents quelled local uprisings, or not. Federal government and its tentacles fed mass media information calculated rather obviously to engender fear and panic, unrelentingly, trumpeting worst-case scenarios. Mass media swallowed without checking, profited from hysteria. Blaring horror headlines sell newspapers, attract eyeballs, boost ratings, bait clickers.

Federal directives were soon followed by state

WHEN CAN YOU SHOOT SOMEONE?

Alan Korwin, Sentinel Editor
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With all the riots, looting, arson, rape, murder, mob assaults and no police—or cops watching the mayhem and gawking, afraid to act or with orders from Democrat leaders to stand down, Americans are rushing out to buy guns and preparing to protect themselves. Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, http://www.jpfo.org has warned you about this forever. You must rely on yourself. Relying on government is a formula for disaster, or even genocide. Get armed. Get trained.

You’ve heard it over and over. Now, they have orders not to show up at all:

When seconds count, police are just minutes away.

We have members of Congress who barely believe there were riots at all. Portland suffered civil unrest for more than 100 days. CNN was chastised for saying it was peaceful in Kenosha, from in front of burning buildings. Networks suppressed footage. Gunfire and death was in the air.

So, “When can you shoot a person?” It’s the most common question I get. And the degree of ignorance surrounding it is stunning. People either don’t know—as in zero idea, or they have every fercoktab notion imaginable: You better drag him inside or it’s murder! Fire a shotgun blast through the door (that’s from Joe Biden). Fire a warning shot into your ceiling afterwards for proof it’s self-defense (say what? OMG!). Dragging a body is obstruction of justice and easy to spot. Biden’s stupidity is hard to categorize (know your target for starters, and save your doors), and warning shots of course are illegal discharges, waste time and ammo, and prove nothing.

The pure naked answer: You can always shoot someone. Hearing this, people reframe their question: “Can I shoot someone if I find them in my house?” So I help them out: “Is this someone you know? Did you invite them? Did they just walk in drunk through an unlocked front door? Is it the milkman (we used to have those)? Is the person here to see your spouse—with or without your knowledge or best wishes?” And of course, “Does the person pose a real and immediate threat to you?” Right. You’re starting to get the picture. It’s complicated. In your house is not some sort of magical dividing line.

What people are really asking is: “When can I shoot someone and expect to get away with it?” Or maybe, “When can I shoot someone and expect not to be charged?” Or even, “When is it legal to shoot someone?” Ah, now we’re getting closer. How about, “When would I be legally justified in using deadly force against another person?”

If you ever shoot someone (in Chicago most murderers are never found), and authorities find it was you who did the shooting (i.e., they are not at home), you won’t know if it was OK (“legally justified”) typically for years. Sometimes you learn right away in a “perfectly clean shoot” (extremely rare, a “no bill”). But often it’s in a courtroom, from a jury of your peers (rarely your peers), or from a judge, people you don’t know and have never met, who may not like you, or guns, and these days, the races of who’s involved.

So c’mon, man! What’s the answer already? All right, all right, I’m getting to it, but the build-up is important. The legal part is this, basically, in most states (they’re all a little different, you do need to know your own): “It is justifiable (‘legal’) to use deadly force to defend your life, if you reasonably believe you face an immediate risk of death or serious bodily injury, you had absolutely nothing to do with creating the risk, and you have no other option.” In other words, you are in a place where you had every right to be and you did not instigate the

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imminent assault in any way. And, the people evaluating the situation (police, witnesses, judge, jury, prosecutors, media, neighbors, friends, relatives yes relatives) believe that’s the case, whether it’s true or not. But wait, there’s more.

This rule applies in Texas. Notice, I said, if you reasonably believe it is so. In Arizona, it’s if a reasonable person would reasonably believe it’s so. Right, it’s complicated. The reasonable-person standard (Arizona) means someone else (basically the jury) has to decide if they feel it would have been reasonable if they were in your place. But in Texas, the jury must be convinced that you believed it was reasonable at the moment you acted. How they might have felt doesn’t matter (theoretically). The two standards are subtly different, but very different. Did you learn that in permit class, or school? How convincing are you? Does it matter in another state? Did you reasonably believe at the moment, or would someone reasonably believe it was reasonable, or believe you did—the different standards.

And it may not come down to that. In Arizona we passed a law that says if there is physical evidence of a break-in (the person in your home wasn’t invited and didn’t just stroll in), there is a binding presumption of a reasonable risk to your life or limb. That part of your legal obligation is already on your side. Good law to have, eh? The Arizona Citizens Defense League (AzCDL.com) got that enacted in 2012. Every state needs that protective statute. Keep in mind that if you drop the hammer, there’s a chance you will spend your life’s savings defending yourself in court. Don’t tell me that’s not fair. I know it. I’ll quote comedian Lenny Bruce. “In the halls of justice the only justice is in the halls.” How dare the United States run a justice system like that. Right. It’s complicated. I know one man in Texas who recommends revolvers, because they don’t leave shell-casing evidence behind. Texas DPS is not real fond of the guy. Imagine that, but it’s a point.

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- Your questions accepted during the 90-minute session

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 EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW
Whatever arms police need for their safety
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Red-flag laws are designed to disarm you based on hearsay. Stop the left-wing political movement to void our rights, under their irrational rubric of stopping psychotic schoolkids and other psychos who seek to commit mass murder for glory.

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You will not recognize

The Red Flagged States of America

“Red flag your neighbors for safety!”

JPFO says: Are You Too Dangerous For a Gun? — Then You Are Too Dangerous To Be Out In Public.

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This edition we’re looking at core issues the nation can’t seem to resolve. We’re pushing the envelope on whether there are answers or not, we don’t have a clue. It’s usually obvious, when we have our tongues so far in our cheeks our fillings hurt. You tell us.

☐ T ☐ F It doesn’t matter who votes. It matters who counts the votes.

☐ T ☐ F The results of the American election in 2020 is a clear clean result and everyone agrees on that.

☐ T ☐ F The Democrats are right, there is no vote fraud and no way that can occur, even with 40% of the vote coming from letter carriers and not the ballot box.

☐ T ☐ F No matter who wins, everyone agrees to get behind the winner and support the programs the winner supports, bringing the nation together at last.

☐ T ☐ F If the winner of any race, national or local, supports the right to keep and bear arms, and introduces legislation that embraces and expands those rights, that’s fine, because that’s what the winner gets to do.

☐ T ☐ F If the winner of any race, national or local, doesn’t support the right to keep and bear arms, and introduces legislation that doesn’t embrace and expand those rights, that’s fine, because that’s what the winner gets to do.

☐ T ☐ F The American courts are not political, have no bias, and decide strictly on the rule of law.

☐ T ☐ F The fact that courts have ruled in completely opposite directions over time doesn’t matter.

☐ T ☐ F You can get convicted for a gun crime in one jurisdiction, say, for possessing a gun, or a certain type of gun, that is not a crime in another jurisdiction. This is fine and is known as, “The rule of law.”

☐ T ☐ F The principle described above is fine, but it is called, “Equal justice under the law.”

☐ T ☐ F That rule above would be called, “Equal justice under the law” only if black people were arrested at the same rate as people of other colors along with white people of privilege for carrying the same gun the same way.

☐ T ☐ F There is no equal justice under the law.

☐ T ☐ F There is no rule of law, it is a convenient fabrication, invented by the legal system, to give a semblance of meaning to what they do, and is handled arbitrarily, with law students taught to argue any side of a case, and use precedents to defend their position convincingly, and win no matter what, which they can do.

☐ T ☐ F A good lawyer knows the law.

☐ T ☐ F A great lawyer knows the judge.

☐ T ☐ F In the halls of justice the only justice is in the halls.

☐ T ☐ F The Ku Klux Klan is a group of people in white robes that scares crap out of black folks. The Supreme Court is a group of people in black robes that scares crap out of white folks.

☐ T ☐ F The rules of evidence frequently force the exclusion of exculpatory evidence (evidence that would let you off) but when you think about it long and hard that’s OK. For example, if you shoot some really bad dude, known to be violent, with a long long rap sheet and multiple murders, who had just escaped, you can’t bring it up, because you didn’t know that when you shot, and it would bias the outcome. Only the threat you faced from the homicidal maniac can be considered. That makes sense, right?

☐ T ☐ F When underprivileged people pillage and plunder after being on lockdown by edict because of disease, it’s OK to discharge them from custody without criminal charges, because they’re disadvantaged.

☐ T ☐ F Police cannot be charged for standing by and watching entire car dealerships get torched, if the town’s mayor tells them to do so.

Extra point bonus essay question: If the owner of the car dealership were to shoot arsonists dead while in the act of setting fires, if the dealership has people present, what should happen to the owner? Should laws protect the arsonist, or the owner? What if the owner is a capitalist person of privilege and employer? Should there be a restriction on gun type or ammo limit? Would you support use of any weapon approved for police, why or why not?

Do you think the right answers are worth a million shekels? ☀️

Lessons Learned from the Summer of 2020

—Neland Nobel, JPFO Member

We now know extreme views of race and gender, once isolated in crazier confines of universities, are now mainstream on streets of America. We know violence against people and property are no longer routinely banned. It can be condemned and encouraged. We have actually seen law enforcement, backed by their leaders, publicly state they would not risk their members to protect property. Cities have abandoned whole swaths, allowing them to burn, in the insane belief that providing areas for rioters “to act out and vent” would end rampages. “Woke” bigotry gives no explanation why favored groups require tolerated destruction as part of political expression or emotional therapy. Who qualifies for this privilege? With riots running over 100 days in Portland, tolerated-destruction theory is proven false.

The so-called Black Lives Matter movement has a high percentage of White rioters and unusually high numbers of angry women of all colors. The movement is overwhelmingly leftist, brags of Marxist roots, is openly anti-Semitic and is allied with Islamic extremists. Numerous players have criminal records, released from incarceration due to the communist Chinese plague. Antifa, and gargantuan corporate financial and logistical support help stage the “spontaneous” uprisings. The rioters are largely progressive democrats, socialists or anarchists, some are right-wing extremists—and decent Americans, however defined, want it stopped.

Public officials have demonstrated lack of willpower, or staff in some areas, to protect life and property. Too many openly refuse deploying force. If arrests are made perpetrators aren’t prosecuted or even held.

We have learned by example—we are on our own, as it comes to protection of life and property. Slow response times to emergency calls is a standing joke, but we rarely have seen officials simply abandon whole precincts to looting, burning and murder.

This all should bring home to you the message of JPFO for years. It is not so much about guns. It really is about the G-d given right to protect yourself, family and your property, the work of a lifetime. “It’s insured” is little comfort. Many Jews must rethink their politics. The vast majority who foolishly detest guns need to wake up and smell the accelerants. It is time to be armed and competent with your weapons.

You must acquire arms before unrest. Know proper gun handling techniques, and the laws, before danger strikes. Are you in an urban setting, and feel violated and frightened by the violence? Good. Get woke. Blind confidence in public officials is over. Too many are “with them.” Not you. ☀️

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CRIME IS ILLEGAL
It's crucial to recognize that all criminal activity is already illegal under federal, state and local laws. Killing, stealing, assault, harmful deceit, malevolent destruction, arson, looting, any crimes you can name have been banned, with punishment assigned. Every new “criminal” proposal from politicians, especially concerning guns, are just restrictions on freedom. Look closely, whatever is banned is already banned—or isn’t inherently illegal. The new bills do nothing to keep you safe. That’s just a power-mad excuse from corrupt, inept or evil people in positions of power.

Please answer this Q: If Congress enacts and gets a statute signed that infringes on the free possession of my firearms, which on its face would be an unconstitutional act, I will:

It bears repeating: Disarming an innocent person is an act of violence. —Craig Lindsay

Hear the Ambassador
“The world is full of stupid people. Trying to cozy up to your enemies is hardly new. George Soros (and many like him) curried favor with the Nazis in hopes of ‘being last.’ All we can do is carry the torch forward and spread whatever truth we can to those who’ll listen.” –Duke Schechter, JPFO Ambassador

Blaming Men Isn’t Inclusive
Murderers are not gunmen even if they use guns. That’s sexist, inaccurate and offensive. It demeans guns, which leftist media bigots don’t mind, and in fact encourage every chance they get. It falsely singles out men, so fricking #MeToo and you should call bullshit on that, plenty of women are murderers. Murderers are murderers, killers, criminals, perpetrators, suspects, psychotics, homicidal maniacs—gunman is a term of art, used prejudicially by “news” media bigots. And since so many more men than women are murderers, does that suggest men and women are not equal? Your Moyel is calling for a government study to determine the cause of this grotesque lack of diversity and unjust inequality between women and men.

Police Keep Criminals Safe
Ultimately, police aren’t there to protect the public from criminals, but to protect criminals from the public. Before the invention of modern police, according to Robert Peel, in London in the early 19th Century, the public dealt with criminals largely on its own, and usually harshly. Arrest by the police and trial before a court was big improvement over its own, and usually harshly. Arrest by the police and trial before a court was big improvement over mob justice.” –Glenn Harlan Reynolds, U. of Tenn. Law Professor 8/16/2020 E&J Today

Academia’s Unifying Theme
“Fealty to ‘diversity’ and denunciations of ‘white privilege’ have been a unifying theme in academia for decades, of course. What’s different this time is the sheer venom of the denunciations,” said Heather McDonald, in City Journal. This plays out in preservation of gun rights, as vicious anti-gun slander has increased in frequency, vitriol, and illogic. Left-wing uncolusted Marxists empty pris-

ons, attack gun owners, crime skyrockets, and leftists can’t, don’t or won’t connect those dots. Keep your guns well lubed and ready. This is what they’re for inevitably.

#enjoy-it
The classic female gun-hate excuse for felony confrontations just doesn’t work for feminists: “I would just have to let them rape me.” #enjoy-it. If that doesn’t move you to gun ownership and self-reliance, you can’t call yourself a feminist. You won’t get educated, trained, self-sufficient, won’t touch a gun? That’s some kind of open-minded feminist. And you’re certainly not “woke.” You’re a “Sleepy Jo Ho.”

Gunlessness Aids Anti-Semitism
It is not a coincidence that anti-Semitism and so-called “gun control” tend to grow hand in hand. So-called “gun control” disarms its victims. Anti-Semites (and all bullies) prefer unarmed easily victimized Jews (or whoever) to torment. These parallel features (benefits to all haters) are self-evident, not a coincidence. Today it is anti-Semitism, tomorrow it is Christians to the lions. Communists (and “socialist democrats”) do not brook religious peoples, too much chance for resistance and righteous principled revolt. Marx knew it. Lenin knew it. Stalin knew it. Mao knew it. Pol Pot knew it. Castro knew it. Our American commies in democratic-socialist sheep’s clothing know it, so they’re taking G-d out of the pledge, schools and everything else. They may be dangerous villains but they’re not idiots.

Using Covert Racism to Ban Civil Rights
“Historically Black Colleges” is just another way of saying racist, segregated, unequal, divisive, separatist, non-diverse, apartheid society, and getting away with it in the covertly racist, segregated, unequal, divisive, separatist, non-diverse, apartheid mess media. The ones who put “of” in a phrase and believe colored people are now people of color, so there’s nothing racist about it. “They” can murder each other by the thousands, in communities “of” color, and use that madness to attack the civil right (“of” the people by the way) to keep and bear arms.

If Blacks Get Reparations...
Shouldn’t Jews get them too? We’ll take ours as guns and ammo.

Newthink: Woke discrimination
“Liberals see racism where it doesn’t exist, fabricate it when they can’t find it, and ignore it within their own ranks.” –Michel Malkin “And liberals control mass media, where they promote that sick approach, and use it to argue for disarming Americans—for oppressed minorities, who are so little oppressed they are armed, flock here by the millions, gain entry legally and otherwise, grow rich, attack police without consequence, and plead for free stuff which they get from their oppressors.” –The Moyel.

Cages for Kids
The left is so beside themselves about “caging” kids at the border, when we catch them crossing illegally and they’re separated from their parents also “immigrating” illegally. What would you do with an armed desperado, wanted on multiple felony warrants re-entering the U.S., bringing youngsters with him, what he claims are his? When any adults are caught breaking in, do you put the little children in with the general prison population? The “news” media should bring up the point. If America is so terrible, why do so many want to get here? Why doesn’t the media harp on that? The Moyel will tell you—freedom to arms plays a distinct role.

WHO’S THE ENEMY?
History books and traditional wisdom easily identify “the enemy.” Our struggle here for preservation of the right to keep and bear arms doesn’t have it so easy. JPFO’s Mission Statement speaks of preserving “...all of the Bill of Rights for all citizens,” an even more inanimate task with larger adversaries to define. Stop and think for a minute. Who, really, is the enemy of your right to arms? Who poses a risk to the Bill of Rights? When you think you have an answer, become part of JPFO by sending it to us.

“Be warned, or be mourned, tomorrow.” —Klaatu

Smart Guns
While California and others keep this dreamscape alive, the very bottom line on smart guns is this: It’s an invention and approach solely of gun controllers. They’re seeking a way to develop guns that won’t work. It is based in hatred and fear of guns, not a desire to make gun use more safe, as gun owners strive to do. “Smart guns” is a misnomer. You want “smart gun owners.” The people pitching the former and pouring money into it are adamantly against any form of gun-safety education or funding. If they would change, everyone would be safer. If they would do that, or at least get out of the way while searching for their holy grail, everyone wins. Don’t hold your breath. Instead, they want to prevent teachers from learning about guns and manliness—that on Joe Biden’s website. And though never openly admitted, a “master switch,” to turn off guns at a distance, is always on the designers’ minds.

Jewish Lives Matter
Anti-Semitism is discriminatory. Anti-Semitism is a misnomer for Jew hating, as illegal as discrimination and hate crime. Of course, discrimination and hate crimes are dubious legal theories if freedom of association and free speech are meaningful concepts. •
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and local orders that have ground the American economy to a crawl. On a plea of saving lives, “officials” who faced no loss of business or bread, insisted on shutdowns and commanded, “Obey!” They were and remain tone deaf to widespread damage to Americans’ lives and well-being they have caused the nation. Usurpation does that. Did the public miss a crucial opportunity to enforce its necessary will by might?

America failed the Chinese plague test in a way that suggests the right to keep and bear arms will not survive a federal power grab. Local entities, private entities, educational entities … nobody could or dared think for themselves and weigh risk-benefits in addressing the virus concern. Americans surrendered by the millions to big government control of everything.

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Who do you bring up on charges? Who goes to jail for rights denied? Rights delayed are rights denied. If you’re alive.

This is why it is imperative to ensure that all new laws include punishment for government officials, right down to line staff workers, if they don’t follow the letter of the law. If they end up violating the privileges and immunities of white people, and people of color (formerly colored people, now disguised to assuage politically correct sensitivities) and all other humans legitimately in the country, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof. All of the Bill of Rights for all of the citizens!

Because bringing up the responsible parties in government for their malfeasance is an impossible task, and would not gain support from the individuals (let’s be real), given the state of government and its natural proclivities, this angst and needed change must manifest as a percent decrease in allocated budget when, for example, each day of delay or some other reasonable yardstick occurs. Work on it. ✡

Anti-rights gun banners have not seriously thought about their positions—because they are acting emotionally out of fear, loathing, follow-the-lemmings, ignorance and bottom line hatred of what they don’t understand. When confronted with facts and reality they cry, hide, call names or shut down. Their arguments are illogical or based on mythologies. Guns are good and have enormous social utility. Anti-gun people live in a utopian dream and deserve pity, or are power hungry and only want guns for themselves.

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The Good Gun Pledge

Guns are widely recognized as among the most honorable human inventions of all time. Guns protect the weak and the innocent, are a basis for the enforcement of just laws and preserve the traditions and values of civilization. Firearms were a linchpin upon which the abundant freedoms of this great nation were established that became a model for the entire world. Guns are why America is still free, and they continue to serve to defend our borders and our allies, stop crime, save lives and preserve the peace every day of our lives.

As a gun owner I earn the respect of the community by always handling and using my personal firearms in a responsible and safe manner. I endeavor to learn about firearms from those who know more than I do, and to assist those who have yet to reach my level of understanding and competence. I encourage firearm safety education at every level in my community as a responsible course of action for civil participation.

As a responsible American gun owner, I strive to enhance the public perception of gun ownership through my personal conduct, community work, conservation awareness, charitable giving, ongoing education, diligent practice and through cooperation with law enforcement officials to reduce criminal activity. I proudly and publicly represent myself as a gun owner and work to make gun ownership a respectable position of honor and good citizenship within our nation.
What happened?

By John Marshall

I was born in 1939, generally accepted as the last year of the Great Depression, and pretty much grew up with guns. My Dad and I split the cost of a Winchester Model 60A .22 rifle when I turned 11. I learned its mechanisms, could take it completely apart and put it together again. At 25 paces, with open iron sights, I could shoot the centers out of pennies, which earned me a measure of respect when I’d take those to school to show off my prowess.

I joined the Army Jr. ROTC unit at West High in Phoenix. This gave me access to the M1 rifle and Carbine, the Browning Automatic Rifle, the Thompson submachine gun, the M3 submachine gun, even the Model 1917 heavy machine gun and the .60mm mortar! I was ecstatic, learning how their intricate mechanisms worked. We had a rifle range on campus, and it was not unusual for me to check out an M1 rifle to shoot on weekends. Back to school on Monday mornings, I’d prop it up in a corner of my first class until ROTC opened up. No one batted an eye. I took first prize, assembling a completely stripped M1 and firing a blank into the air faster than any cadet in any of the Phoenix high schools! I won awards and progressed through the ranks.

The point I’m making is that I grew up with guns, and never considered a gun an evil entity per se. Schools allowed students to have guns on campus, unloaded and handled properly. Even airlines allowed guns carried on board with no restrictions. Guns could be mailed to individuals directly.

But then something happened. Some misguided individuals were using guns to commit crimes, most notably hijacking flying aircraft. The cry to “do something” resulted in hastily enacted laws demonizing guns to the point where today a young person cannot point at someone with a first finger out and a thumb up without causing a huge row.

A gun is not evil. To think otherwise is a belief in animism, the middle-ages theory that inanimate objects have wills of their own. I personally reject them up or shoot them in the act, you don’t get to shore. If criminals misuse guns, you lock them up or shoot them in the act, you don’t appeal to desperation. You can’t just do something, you must do the right thing if you want a desirable result. If you’re stranded in a life boat and all you have is a drill, you don’t start drilling holes, you turn it into a motor and get to shore. If criminals misuse guns, you lock them up or shoot them in the act, you don’t disarm the innocent.

What happened was that self-serving politicians, in hopes of being elected, sought to gain votes by “doing something” about the “gun problem.”

In many locales, thanks to “let’s do something,” you now have to ask permission to own, carry or transfer a gun. Now think about that — the Second Amendment to the Constitution, the supreme law of this land, specifically prohibits that. Our right to keep and bear arms “shall not be infringed.” And yet it’s infringed all over the place. Hardly anyone except a few pro-gun groups put up so much as a squeak of protest.

More and more restrictions on our freedoms were implemented. I submit that we never had a “gun problem.” Certainly, we didn’t when I was a youth. What we have is a criminal problem.

Today, lenient courts and misguided lawmakers just let ‘em go free, or give ‘em slap-on-the-wrist sentences. We see it today on the streets of New York City, Portland, Detroit, Chicago and other major cities. Hoodlums know they can get away because there is not much to stop them. The fact that most of these cities with runaway crime problems have administrations that owe their allegiance to the Democrat party is not lost on most of us.

That’s what happened. I feel we have reached the breaking point. Support for law and order must be restored if it isn’t too late. Government control over almost everything in our daily lives (not just guns) must be reversed. Who is to blame? We are, for letting it happen.

I’m getting old. I saw much better things decades ago. Some people today never saw that, and are constantly told that more laws, not fewer, are the answer. It seems nearly half our population believes that which is the only answer is more government control. I do not count myself among them. I’m hoping you don’t either.

(Editor’s Note: The “do something” mindset is a seductive error of logic known as appellare desperadum, appeal to desperation. You can’t just do something, you must do the right thing if you want a desirable result. If you’re stranded in a life boat and all you have is a drill, you don’t start drilling holes, you turn it into a motor and get to shore. If criminals misuse guns, you lock them up or shoot them in the act, you don’t disarm the innocent.)

A JPFO Member Writes

(Name withheld by request)

I am positively livid! Sadly, I doubt there is anything we can do other than get in a debate with a taking head on FOX or a fair media outlet if you can find one.

A majority of Jews are frozen in their Kool-Aid and aren’t going to listen to reason! Too much invested, for too long, in far too many lies swallowed hook, line and sinker.

This absolutely sickens me to my Jewish core! BLM hates Jews, Israel, and Trump (the very POTUS that has done more for Jews and Israel than all the presidents put together). I am ashamed of this collective stupidity.

The money given to BLM goes right to the DNC. It’s on their website as ActBlue. ActBlue = DNC. BLM is Bigots Lives Matter, the Jew-hater Reverend Farrakh, and so many more.

This really hurts and is a horrible disgrace! Instead of Karl Marx’s rich against poor, here in the U.S. the poor can improve themselves with education, hard work and talent! So in 2020, they need more, something surefire. So now they’ve switched to black against white, which is a permanent condition. If you argue and don’t kneel and kiss the ring, you are branded a racist. Submit or be punished and cancelled. Lose your job, house burned down. Lose everything. G-d forbid.

That’s the new plan. And the Dems are allowing it all to happen: cities in ruin, all to win an election, gain power, and rebuild things their way. And so many are uninformed, therefore ignorant Jews are just falling for it! Shame on them!

One would think that Jews—the one group of people who have been hated more than any other through human history—would understand the part of Never Again! That is not to hate. But when it comes to our beloved president Donald Trump, they make the exception and hate away. For one don’t hate those that do. But I am ashamed of what they don’t know, refuse to listen to and how they are part of what G-d forbid might happen to our country: loss of rights including our Second Amendment, liberties, our constitutional system of checks and balances, and so much more is on the line. It’s a coup d’etat against President Trump, our country and way of life. And tragically, the majority of Jews are falling for it!

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Who is the Most Dangerous Enemy of the Jews?

Hint: It’s not the “usual suspects”

By Aaron Zelman, Founder, JPFO (1946–2020) From the archives

Abraham Foxman, former national director of the Anti-Defamation League, condemned a new atmosphere in the Mid-East and Europe that “gives anti-Semitism . . . a strength and power of seduction that it has never before had in its history.”

But angry Arabs aren’t Jews’ most dangerous enemy. Neo-Nazis aren’t Jews’ most dangerous enemy.

Mr. Foxman is right when he says there’s an ominous current of hatred for Jews flowing through the world. There has been for centuries. The current grows turbulent any time some group needs a scapegoat on which to blame its troubles. These are especially dangerous times, as the ADL notes.

But bitter anti-Semites aren’t Jews’ most dangerous enemy, even though the world is rife with them and their threat to us is very real.

Mr. Foxman is a prominent leader of the Jewish people. He is in a position to lead Jews into greater strength and safety against potential threats. He has the power to inspire us to protect ourselves.

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THE “LEADERSHIP” OF HELPLESSNESS

Would troops follow a general whose “leadership” consisted merely of crying, “Oh look, what a ‘leadership’ disaster!”? It makes no sense.

But what if the man among men were a leader who leads by doing? He does. And he does so much hand-wringing they should open up a hand laundry.

What nation would look to a “leader” who could only say, “Oh, my! Things are just rotten and getting worse. Poor us!”?

Can a person be a leader if he offers no solutions? It may be that the world will never love Jews.

“The world,” after all, hates a lot of people and we Jews, with our history of achievement, make an exceptionally convenient target for envy and blame. You can’t always make your neighbors love you. But there’s one thing you can do. Make them respect you. Let those who want to annihilate you know that you will meet with fierce and unhesitating armed self-defense. Let them know that you—as an individual and as a people—won’t stand for your own destruction. Make it clear to the world that you have the attitude, the training and the tools to stop any enemy who assaults you.

Would some pathetic neo-Nazi misfit dare attack a synagogue or a Jewish home if he knew he risked his life to make his cheap little statement? Hardly. Although desperate suicide bombers may plague Israel, individuals who want to go on living rarely dare to attack that heavily armed populace. Countries who don’t want to face swift military retaliation have stepped carefully, respectfully, around Israel. (This is a strength Israel seems to be losing in its current, unfortunate spirit of appeasement.)

We Jews have a long tradition of heroic self-defense. In the article “Do Jewish ‘Leaders’ Want Us All to Be Victims?” I wrote about men like:

- Asser Levy and Jacob Barsimon, who had to defend themselves against a mob.
- The eight Jewish generals and six Jewish Medal of Honor winners in the Union forces in the War Between the States.
- Judah Maccabee (once described as “Arnold Schwarzenegger wearing a yarmulke”), the brilliant warrior who captured Jerusalem from the Greeks and rededicated the Temple.

Unfortunately, the Abe Foxmans of the world have tried to bury our Jewish warrior traditions. They’ve replaced them with a new tradition of passivity and victimhood. Mr. Foxman urges upon us the ghetto mentality once fostered by the Judenrat, the Hitler-era Jewish councils: a mentality of fear and dependence.

In the new tradition of Jewish “leaders,” whining replaces warriors, ghettos replace guns and fear replaces fierceness. Who, then, is the worst enemy of the Jewish people? It’s the so-called Jewish “leaders” who want only to mire us in helplessness, fear and dependence.

It’s their kind of thinking that encourages Jews to lie down passively or protest ineffectively while ruthless enemies rampage over them. This is “BOHICA thinking” at its worst—bend over, here it comes again—and again, and again.

In the 1950s and 60s, black people, inspired by courageous leaders, stood tall against a hostile world and demanded their rights. If you’re a Jew who wants to stand tall, then show that same kind of spine. If you want to protect your home, family, country, religion and culture from annihilation, there is one thing you should do before all others: Reject everything this modern Judenrat wants you to feel, think or do.

Reject complicity, cowardice and compromise. Choose the one great strength that commands respect even from those who hate you. Choose intelligent armed defense.

Here’s a reading list we can highly recommend.

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